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The path to spiritual perfection

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God's address is a great grace....

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The grace you receive is immeasurably great when you hear My direct address from above, when you are called to hear the father's voice Who wants to testify to His love for His children.... This grace is immeasurably great, for all of you humans are still far too distant from that degree of love which justifies such an address, which makes you worthy to hear Me Myself.... But My love for you is also immeasurably great, and it expresses itself because it cannot help but give itself away, but to make the one happy who is still in adversity and misery. And you humans are in this adversity, you are in danger of getting lost, i.e. of languishing at a distance from Me for an infinitely long time again, when you have already come so close to Me that you only need to cover a short distance in order to reach Me. Yet this knowledge is alien to you if you are not informed of it through My love.... And whether you then believe it is still a matter of your own free will.... For you yourselves determine the path you take until the end of your earthly life. But whatever I can do to guide you onto the right path I will truly still do so that you will not get lost. And therefore My love is constantly concerned about you, and it expresses this concern in the direct address.... The father does not cease to admonish and warn His children, to instruct them and to make His love known to them in every way. For I don't want you to get lost, I want you to be blessed and only ever increase your bliss.... I want to win My children for Myself who were already eternally distant from Me. Yet this is difficult because free will must remain with you, otherwise My might would have reached its aim long ago but then you would never be able to attain the perfection which free will can achieve.... And thus I want to tell you that My love will never stop helping you to walk the path to perfection.... I want to tell you that My love is too great to give you up.... And if I don't achieve it in one redemption period, then I will certainly achieve it in several, but I will reach the aim of once being able to draw you to My heart as My 'children' in all perfection.... But to you, My living creations, I want to shorten the duration of your return to Me, because you will have to travel difficult, thorny paths until you have reached the aim if you misuse your will again and disregard My great gift of grace.... you cannot be lost if you make use of My grace.... You cannot go astray if you let yourselves be addressed by Me, if you willingly listen to Me, if you let My words go to your heart and then lead your way of life according to My word. Then I will recognize your good will and I can take care of you Myself and be your rightful guide on your earthly path. I want to grant you every help, I want to guide your thinking correctly, I want to create all opportunities for you to serve with love.... I will provide you with spiritual nourishment so that you will muster the strength to ascend. And thus I manifest Myself to you in an unusual way, I truly bring you bread from heaven, I Myself descend to you in the word, I make My presence so clear to you, and your faith could become so alive through it if only you lived in love at the same time and were thereby receptive to My direct address.... But I want to prove Myself to you, for you need such powerful aids in your spiritual adversity, and I truly do not hold back because I want you to recognize Me, because I want you to experience My love, wisdom and might, which will be revealed to you at any time if only you want Me to reveal Myself to you. Just believe that you were created by a 'power' and try to make contact with this power.... and truly, It will reveal Itself to you and you will also be allowed to experience Its love and wisdom, for I want My living creations to learn to love Me,

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because then they will also strive towards Me and I will then certainly achieve My aim that they will reach perfection and return to Me as My children, from Whom they once originated....

Amen

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The nature of God

God's address proves His presence....

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nd when you hear My speech you know that I am present to you, that I am not a God Who is to **1** be sought in the distance but that I am like a father with My children and speak to them because My overwhelming love urges Me to do so.... And then you, too, should come to Me trustingly like children, listen to Me and return My love for you by doing everything I advise you to do, so that you will become blessed.... You should only submit yourselves to My will, and truly, you will now no longer do anything which would not be pleasing to Me, for My spirit within you impels you to always fulfil My will and you will also listen to it. You, who experience this love on a daily basis, can justifiably speak of My presence, and you should only once consider what it means that I Myself am present to you.... You should know that I am the most perfect being in all of infinity, that everything that exists has come forth from Me and that you have therefore also taken your origin from Me.... You should often think such thoughts within yourselves, you should consider that you yourselves are the same as Me in your original element, only that you no longer recognize yourselves correctly in your present state because you lost perfection due to your former apostasy from Me.... But when you walk the earth as a human being you are close to perfection, and you can also reach it if this is your free will.... And as soon as you yourselves make it possible for Me to be present to you.... which happens through a conscious life of love, through your serious will to enter into My will.... then you will also be allowed to experience proof of My presence, you will be able to hear Me, for your father Himself speaks to you who desire to hear Him.... And then you will be able to rejoice and be glad, for My infinite fatherly love has seized you in order to never let you go again.... You have come back to life, you who had spent eternal times in a state of death that was agonizing and miserable. For the most part you will not be able to grasp this great grace of My direct address. For I Myself take away your full understanding of it so as not to make you unfit to fulfil your earthly task until the end. For you would be filled with immense bliss if you were able to measure the grace of My presence.... But I want you to complete your earthly journey unaware of the bliss My presence means for a human being.... And therefore you are still going through earthly life burdened in some way.... Nevertheless, you should constantly occupy yourselves with the thought that I am present to you when you hear My word. And you should always glow more in love for Me, your God and creator of eternity, Who proves Himself to you as a loving father through His address, because He also wants to be loved by you, for this is My bliss that My children long to return to the father from Whom they originated. You will never grasp My great love because you yourselves are not capable of love to the extent to understand that My whole being is only love.... But love gives itself away, it wants to make people happy, it hands out unmeasured blessings, it is constantly ready to help and redeem the unhappy, bound person who languishes in My adversary's bonds.... And I express My great love by speaking to you because you need help and a supply of strength which is now granted to you through My address. Because I long for you, because I want to promote My children's return to Me in every way, that is why I address you, that is why I delight you with My presence and bestow gifts of grace upon you which shall prove your father's love to you. And thus the highest and most perfect being of infinity bends down to you, His children.... Can you measure this great gift of grace? Can you measure My infinite love, which applies to you and will apply to you for all eternity? Try to move this thought within yourselves time and again and believe that you will achieve everything with Me if only you sincerely believe that everything is possible for Me and that My love will not deny you any request.... Seek to gain this profound, unshakeable faith in My love and you will come ever closer to Me until

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you completely unite with Me, until the father can draw His child to His heart and now prepare all beatitudes for it because He loves it as only a father can love his child....

Amen

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The eternal deity....

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Regornize the deity.... as It expresses Itself in every work of creation, as the starry sky bears witness to it and all life on earth.... There is nothing in the universe that does not reveal His power and might, and nature is like a great riddle that can only be solved by recognizing this power. The most peculiar phenomena of earthly existence likewise reveal the highest perfection of the eternal deity, His unsurpassable wisdom and His all-encompassing love. The deeper a person's spiritual knowledge, the more meaningful every experience around him becomes. He realizes that every event is just a piece of the mosaic that must not be missing if the work of art of divine love is not to remain unfinished. The eternal deity is the most luminous being in highest perfection.... it unites unsurpassable spiritual power, and it is, so to speak, the union of everything that emerged from it, likewise reached the highest degree of perfection and has now become one again with its creator. And so the deity again harbours innumerable most mature beings in Itself and is incomparable in Its unfolding of power and strength. Anyone who looks at nature with all his attention will realize that unimaginable power must be at work which brought the work of creation into being in such perfection and constantly ensures its existence....

Amen

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Love, wisdom and power of God....

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here My love and wisdom is active, where My might can become effective, My blessing will also be recognizable, for I only ever endeavour to help you humans to perfect yourselves on earth.... And I bless those who support Me in this endeavour, who enter into My will as a human being, who make it possible for My love, wisdom and might to express itself.... who establish a close bond with Me, their God and father of eternity.... For deep darkness is spread across the earth, people walk in spiritual darkness, they are wrongly guided in their thinking and therefore their way of life does not correspond to My will either, and it would never be possible to lead them towards perfection if a light could not shine for them which leads them out of the darkness of night.... If you humans walk in the light then you will clearly recognize the path which leads to perfection.... And you will also walk it if only you ignite the spark of light within yourselves in free will. For this spark is light whose ray can intensify if only you are of good will. My love for you is boundless, My wisdom recognizes your state, and My might can and will truly seek to improve this state if you don't oppose Me. And therefore I convey My word to earth and bless every person who prepares himself such that he can hear My voice, that he can hear My word, which is truly the greatest means of grace for you to mature in your souls, to perfect you as long as you live on earth. You should never forget that My nature is love, that this love applies to you, My living creations, and that it wants to help you.... And this love of Mine will not let you walk in error if you seriously desire the truth. My wisdom, however, recognizes that you lack the truth but that you can only attain perfection through the truth. So what could be more obvious than for My power to express itself because My love and wisdom would like to supply you with what you lack? If only you seriously try to imagine My nature, if you first believe in My infinite love for you, then you need never fear that this love will deny itself to you.... Thus you need not fear that you, who need the truth, will be deprived of it... because this would not correspond to My wisdom, which only wants to promote your perfection but not error, confusion and your decline.... And I truly also have the power to push away My adversary who would certainly like to counteract

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but cannot do so as soon as you are devoted to Me, as soon as you only want to comply with My will, as soon as you entrust yourselves to Me without reservation. Only believe in Me, believe that the father will not let His children run into ruin who trust in His protection and His love.... do not believe that My might was not sufficient to resist My adversary when he wants to oppress you.... when he tries to prevent My working on you.... Love, wisdom and power.... that is My Essence.... Love protects you, wisdom knows all means and power carries out what love and wisdom decide. And thus My 'essence' is always expressed in My word which I convey to you from above and which you can therefore also always recognize as My word.... For I want you humans to attain eternal life, beatitude, light.... For I am the truth, the way and the life.... Whoever entrusts himself to Me unconditionally will also truly reach the light, the truth will be presented to him, he will take the right path and irrevocably reach the life which lasts forever.... Only open yourselves to the light from above which wants to shine upon you, don't close your hearts when My word sounds to you, when it is given to you, because you need My flow of strength of love in order to attain life....

Amen

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God is inscrutable....

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You, My living creations, will never be able to fathom Me, even when you, as My supremely perfect children, are able to work and be active next to Me. You are the product of My eternal creative power.... I, however, Am the source of strength Itself, Which is inexhaustible, Which knows no limit, Which constantly pours Its flow into infinity.... But I Am also a Being, i.e., I Am a thinking Spirit of most profound wisdom Who works according to His will with inconceivable love and makes everything He creates infinitely happy.... I Am a thinking Entity Who constantly lets new creations arise, since the strength flowing forth from Me cannot remain inactive because it is life and constantly creates life. And when you, My living creations, reach highest perfection of your own free will so that you can work and create next to Me as My children, then you will indeed have penetrated the most profound wisdom, you will have light and strength at your own disposal which will make you tremendously happy and of which you can make infinite use in order to be creatively active for your own happiness, and this strength will constantly flow to you from the Primary Source of eternity.

He Himself, however, will be and remain inscrutable for you, yet the awareness that you will always be nourished by Him is utmost bliss, and your love for Me will continually increase, you will yearn for Me and forever sense My presence, you will be able to behold Me in Jesus Christ.... and yet, I will remain an enigma for you, since it is not possible for a created being to totally ascertain the Entity which is and will remain from everlasting to everlasting, because the created being is but a tiny spark that was externalised by My love's sea of flames. But the fact that this created being knows that it is forever nourished by My strength of love, that the being is aware that it is united with Me.... that it can constantly associate with Me like a child with its Father, that it can speak to Me and be active with Me in absolute blissful togetherness, is continually increasing its bliss and lets its love become ever more profound.... And love is bliss.... love is light.... love is strength.... love is the divine which makes every being become a god in its own right, because love always grants ever greater perfection.... Yet the fact that there is no limit, that is the unimaginable beatitude which I bestow upon My living creations time and again and which can only be understood in the state of perfection, when the being which I emanated as a living creation has deified itself and become My child.

Then it knows that I Am forever inscrutable, and yet it adamantly keeps striving towards Me, it feels the bliss of approaching Me and finds its happiness in My reciprocated love.... of which you humans lack all understanding as yet because you are still imperfect. But you are only intended to receive a concept of eternity which will be comprehensible to you one day, and therefore you shall also know that this supremely perfect Being will certainly reach His goal of being able to make everything that was created by Him infinitely happy. And it shall only be an incentive for you to keep striving towards

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your perfection, for it will bring you beatitudes in abundance.... Yet it is and will remain incomprehensible for you that I draw close to you, My living creations, and speak to you.... that I Am and eternally will remain unattainable for you and nevertheless embrace every single living creation with deepest love and draw it close to Me, that I try to make Myself and My Nature explicable to you in order to win your love, because I can only merge with love and this unification is needed in order to make you infinitely happy one day.... The most perfect Being.... the greatest Spirit in infinity.... the Eternal Source of strength and light.... is seeking the union with you, His living creations, and therefore He is speaking to you.... He bends down to the smallest being in order to aid its ascent. And His love will never diminish, because love knows no limit and tries to make everything blissfully happy that once had emerged from this love....

Amen

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The fall of the spiritual beings and their return

The transformation of the original spirit into creations....

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Word shall bring you clarity, it shall answer questions and solve problems which you are unable to solve intellectually yourselves. You shall become knowledgeable if you desire to know, you shall be educated in all truth, for I want to give you light and illuminate your spirit, so that you do not continue to live in darkness and damage your soul, for I want to save it for all eternity. My immense love only ever wants your soul's salvation because I long for your return, for unity with you, which requires the perfection of your soul. You once came forth from Me in all perfection, for I created you as My images, as utmost perfect beings, as miniatures of Myself and yet of the same quality, because your fundamental element was love since you came forth from the original source of Love, Which created vessels for Itself in order to emanate Itself into the vessels.... in order to let this strength of love continually flow into these created beings....

These beings, My images, were pure love. They were My radiated strength of love which could indeed perceive and behold each other but they were unable to behold Me Myself from Whom they originated, because I was the original fullness of strength of love Myself which they could not see or they would have ceased to exist. For I had externalised them as tiniest sparks, as independent beings.... as I have already explained to you several times.... although, as a purely spiritual process it will never be quite understood by you humans on earth. But since these beings were independent entities endowed with free will and a lot of strength and light at their disposal due to the fact that they were constantly permeated by the flow of My love's strength, I could not prevent them from misusing their free will such that they turned away from Me, that they.... when faced by their test of will to acknowledge Me as their God and Creator.... denied Me this acknowledgment....

They turned to My first created being.... Lucifer.... who was visible to them and whose beauty stood out in brilliant radiance, and rejected the emanation of My love's strength, which meant that they distanced themselves ever more from Me as the primary source of light and strength.... This process, too, has been explained to you humans time and again as far as I could make it understandable to you.... But now you should know that although My externalised living creations could indeed change themselves into the opposite.... they could not perish but continued to exist and will continue to exist for all eternity.... The beings' fundamental substance was love, thus strength which, according to eternal law, has to be active.... it cannot remain inactive forever. Due to the ever increasing distance from Me as a result of rejecting My emanation of love, My created original beings' spiritual substance became solid, and thus these beings became incapable of working and becoming active.... And so I dissolved the original spirits, I transformed the beings which were My once externalised emanated strength, and creation came into being, in which the strength could work again, thus become active in accordance with My will.

Consequently, you can rightly say that the whole of creation consists of original spirits transformed by My will, the same strength which I emanated in form of self-aware beings were now changed into other forms, into works of creation of every kind.... I then assigned a task to every work of creation, and thus the original spiritual substance, dissolved in particles, now passes through all creations and serves Me in the law of compulsion. The strength becomes active in relation to My will, because strength must become effective in line with fundamental law.... Always consider that the first created spiritual entities were My emanated strength, irrespective of whether they were dissolved or joined together again after an endless time.... the first created spirit will not cease to exist, but it will return to Me again one day without fail, but then it will be the same being again that had originated from Me....

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On its path of return to Me it passed through all creations and finally enters the form of the human being.... as his soul.... the last brief stretch of the path when it has to achieve unity with Me again, when it has to consciously accept the emanation of My love again, because voluntary return to Me requires the original spirit to relinquish his resistance to the emanation of My love's strength.... Then it will once again be the Godlike living creation, My image.... the fallen original spirit.... the perfectly created being, but now it will have achieved its perfection again entirely of its own free will, and therefore it will be able to unite with Me again and remain united with Me forever....

Amen

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Did the human being evolve or was he a new creation?....

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There can be no contradictions in the spiritual knowledge you receive from Me Myself, which My spirit has imparted to you who are of service to Me and who have the task to pass on the pure truth from Me to your fellow human beings, to spread My Word which should enlighten you. Because I want to shed light onto the spiritual darkness in which people live and especially when you desire an explanation yourselves:

It took an infinitely long time for the creation work 'earth' to become what it is now.... a creation which should enable people to achieve final perfection. And during this infinitely long time the original spirits, having been dissolved into the tiniest of particles, passed through countless works of creation in order to evolve ever more. The solidified spiritual substance gradually became alive, as you have been told several times already. It covered the infinitely long way in a state of compulsion, i.e. all creations fulfilled the purpose and task given to them by Me.... no constrained being could make its own decisions but gradually matured.... Forms were created for spiritual substances of all degrees of maturity aspiring to ascend; the forms of the mineral, plant and animal world were infinitely diverse, and they all were brought to life by the minute particles of the fallen original spirits, which progressively united and finally became smaller and larger living organisms. On leaving their forms they united again and finally were embodied into forms which already rather resembled the shape of a human being.

The whole lengthy course of development was subject to My law, in other words, all events in this creation which emerged through My will took place in accordance with natural law. As a result of their fall into the abyss the original spirits had lost their self-awareness. However, one day they should regain this self-awareness again and embody themselves in the last form as a human being, in order to then bring the path of higher development to a close. The final forms in the compulsive state therefore became increasingly more human-like but they had no self-awareness as yet, they acted instinctively in accordance with My will.... although they already performed functions which resembled those of a human being.... However, they were unable to think, they lacked reason and free will and were therefore not accountable. They were impelled into action by spiritual intelligences, just like every spiritual being still constrained within the form was subject to supervisors, who likewise transferred My will onto the constrained spiritual being through natural law. And then came the time when free will could be returned to the matured original spirits by which they then should be tested as to whether they wanted to return to Me or remain with My adversary.... And for those original spirits I created the form of the human being....

All works of creation, especially the ever larger created living beings, originated through My will, in as much as My thoughts took shape.... And for this reason these living beings were represented in the most varied forms, yet every form was different.... There were the most diverse species bearing no resemblance to each other, which continued to reproduce themselves but always remained the same creatures.... When the first original spirits had attained a level of maturity which required the form of the human being, My will once again brought forth a work of creation which was truly a work of wonder in the whole of My creation.... This being was structured incredibly intricately; it was created

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in accordance with My will so that it could fulfil its earthly task.... a being which I 'created', but which did not 'evolve' from the already existing human-like creations.... Because it was intended for this form to shelter an original spirit, a being which was once externalised by Me in My image and which was to become what it used to be once again.... And therefore it had to be equipped with intelligence, free will and self-awareness, and these did not gradually evolve in the animal-like beings but they were given to the human form when the original spirit took possession of the first form.... and they will always be given to every human being as part of his **soul** when, as divine breath, it gives life to the human being at birth....

Afterwards people indeed reproduced themselves again in accordance with My law of nature but they will always remain the same living creations as the first human being, Adam, was. They will not change into other living creations, but any change will always purely be an act of the soul which at first can still be disinclined towards Me and during its time as a human being achieve highest perfection.... The human body, however, will remain as I created it when Adam's soul took possession of it.... Although the act of creating earth with everything in, on and above it, with all dead and living creations, certainly required an infinitely long time, but at the same time a phase of higher development had come to an end for the fallen spiritual essence when the minute particles of an original spirit had gathered again and the last process of return to Me began....

And this existence on earth as a human being also required a new work of creation by Me, a form which could do justice to all demands in order to take the last test of its own free will. And thus the human being can consider himself a special creation by Me, because he is the only being on earth with the gift of intelligence, reason and free will.... the marks of divine origin. He is therefore also able to recognise above himself a God and Creator Who gave him life, and therefore he can also achieve final perfection on this earth if his free will genuinely strives for it....

Amen

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Process of return....

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Tothing can be lost forever once it has arisen from Me and My strength.... It continues to exist L N because it is everlasting and will infallibly return to Me as the eternal source of strength, because this is based on My law of eternal order. However, the being which came forth from Me as a perfect and divine being was also able to voluntarily reverse its nature into the opposite, it was able to relinquish its perfection and shape itself into an anti-divine being.... And so it did and was not stopped by Me because I pursued a plan, because I had a goal in mind for all 'created' beings: that they would become My 'children' which I was unable to 'create', instead, they had to shape themselves into it of their own free will.... Thus I did not prevent their apostasy from Me but prepared a process of return for all once fallen beings: I reshaped the **strength** I once emanated as a **being** into all kinds of works of creation.... I dissolved the beings into countless minute particles, which animated the works of creation and thus the strength became active again according to My will.... that is, every work of creation had to fulfil its designated task as a matter of natural law, for I created nothing without reason and purpose.... Each work of creation had its function and thus My love and wisdom and might created an earthly world which sheltered all these fallen tiny particles of soul which gradually increased in maturity because they were intended to one day come together again as individual beings, and this is because they were intended to embody themselves in a human being as the once fallen original spirit in order to pass the final test of will: to voluntarily turn to Me again, just as it had once voluntarily turned away from Me.... And this infinitely long path of higher development signifies a path of service for the tiny particles dissolved from the original being.... in contrast to the fall, which was based on the being's arrogance and thirst for power.... The return can only take place by way of constant service which, admittedly, happens in the state of compulsion until sooner or later, in the state of a human being, the being shall voluntarily be of service, driven by love.... which then will

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guarantee its certain perfection on this earth. The path the once fallen being has to take until it can make its final decision in the state of free will as a human being is infinitely long.... This path is so excruciatingly painful that his past memory has been taken away from the human being because he should make a free decision and the knowledge of the agony and suffering in the bound state would enslave his freedom of wanting and thinking as a human being.... For fear would impel him into making the right decision, but this would be utterly worthless for the soul and its perfection....

The human being should freely want to be of service for the sake of love and attaining maturity himself, this is why he lives on earth.... For the human being is the once fallen original spirit to whom My infinite love opens up all possibilities in order to become again what he had been in the beginning: a supremely perfect being but which has attained perfection of its own free will which I was unable to give to the being and thereby the 'created work' has become My image, My 'child'.... This is the goal had I set Myself from the start, which required an infinitely long path of development and which is to be understood as 'My eternal plan of Salvation'.... And now you humans know that you are these fallen spirits and have almost reached the goal of voluntarily uniting yourselves with Me which, in turn, means that you should change yourselves into love in order to be able to unite with Me, the eternal Love.... Now you know that your existence did not simply start as a human being but that you already existed for a very long time.... You know that you did not originate from Me in the state that cannot be called perfect, for as humans you have weaknesses and faults, you are not perfect creatures and therefore cannot have come forth from Me in **this state**, since I can only create something perfect.... And this knowledge should make you think and also lead to the realisation that your earthly life must have a purpose: to achieve the perfection again which was yours in the very beginning and which you voluntarily gave up.... Thus you also know your task which consists of changing into love, which is your fundamental element, for you are the same as I Am in your fundamental substance.... Admittedly, as a human being you are still far removed from perfection, nevertheless, you are and remain divine living creations which can never cease to exist anymore and whose perfection I will take care of time and again, who I will never let fall and who one day will very certainly reach the final goal of being and remaining intimately united with Me for all eternity.... The fact that you know little about it is only due to your weak degree of love, otherwise you would be fully enlightened and also close to perfection. Nevertheless, the knowledge of it is given to you by My side as long as you are merely willing to accept it.... as long as you merely **desire** to know the correlations concerning you, your God and Creator of eternity and the whole of Creation.... Then you really will be instructed in all truthfulness and also consciously travel your path on earth with the goal of final union with Me.... You will attain perfection and a life in beatitude which will last forever....

Amen

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God's will

Perfection.... divine order.... consequences....

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recything must go towards perfection. This is divine law, thus the will of God, which must be complied with now and in eternity. For a short time this divine will is opposed by the free will of man, who can now submit to the divine law or also act contrary to it. The latter, however, is a sin against the divine order, which can never lead to perfection but favours imperfection and increases the distance from God. God is the most perfect being who can never be reached in His perfection. Nevertheless, whatever wants to unite with Him must reach a degree of perfection which makes God's nearness bearable for the being, because the imperfect would inevitably perish in union with God. But the strength which once flowed out of God must return to the original source again, thus the beingness, which emerged from this strength and became imperfect of its own free will, must walk the path of perfection.... It has to constantly progress upwards, it has to become ever more perfect or it will never be able to enter into a bond with God as the original strength. Thus it must subordinate itself to divine law, it must fulfil God's will and constantly reduce the distance from God.... it must strive for perfection. According to God's will there is no regression but only an upward development. Where regression takes place, there the human being's will is active, which God does not hinder in order not to prevent its becoming perfect. Therefore, the free spiritual can oppose divine order, but then it becomes unfree and cannot redeem itself from its bondage. A violation of the divine order always results in distance from God, and distance is powerlessness. Thus the beingness itself bears the consequences of disregarding the divine will, it separates itself from the original source of strength and makes itself incapable of returning to Him. It falls into another world which is completely separated from the kingdom of God where everything strives towards perfection.... The return into this kingdom is extremely difficult and only possible through God's grace, Who in His love also descends into that kingdom and full of mercy offers the fallen being His hand to raise it up. But then the will of the being must have seriously submitted itself to God's will, it must have given up all resistance and be willing to travel the path of perfection once again in order to find union with God. Then God's merciful love will come into action and give the being the opportunity to once again walk the path of ascent development, which can bring it success if it lives within the divine order....

Amen

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God's will: fitting into the eternal order....

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Od's will is fully complied with when the human being lives a life of love. For the human being's ungodliness only has its cause in unkindness, and as soon as the human being is in love again his nature also corresponds to God's will, thus it is divine, as it was from the beginning. God's will is therefore only **the integration** into the eternal order, which therefore requires constant loving activity. The fact that the human being is on earth, that he is in an imperfect state, is only the effect of unloving thinking and willing.... As a result the divine order was overturned, and this also means distance from God, since His nature is pure love.... But God does not want to leave you at a distance from Him, so He makes you.... as uncognizant beings.... familiarized with His will, which you should fulfil in order to come closer to Him again. He informs you what His eternal order consists of and how you can restore it.... He gives you the commandments of love for Himself and your neighbour.... And if you are now willing to fulfil these commandments you will enter the divine order again. As a supremely

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perfect being His will must also apply to the perfection, to the deification of the beings created by Him.... Thus He will also reveal this will to you so that you can act in accordance with it if you want to reach perfection. The will of the supremely perfect being can only ever be good, full of love and wisdom.... And therefore God will only recommend to you what is a blessing for you, what brings you close to perfection. Anyone who is now willing to live on earth in accordance with this will will enter the state of eternal order again of his own accord. He cannot help but shape himself into love, because God Himself draws a willing will to Himself.... As soon as the human being inwardly desires to do what corresponds to God's will, God takes possession of the human being and constantly pushes him towards the aim of becoming perfect again through loving activity in order to re-establish the union with God, from Whom the being had once voluntarily separated itself. He only requires the concordance of the human will with God's will in order to help the human being again.... for initially the human being has to overcome himself in order to change his selfish love into unselfish neighbourly love.... But as soon as the spark of love is ignited in him it quickly spreads, and it becomes the human being's innermost need to only ever distribute love, for he is filled by God's strength of love, and that means thinking and wanting the same as God, it means that what he thinks and wants is in accordance with the law of eternal order.... He is permeated by God's spirit of love and completely absorbed in His will.... This aim is set for you.... But it can only be achieved if the human being submits to God's will, if he submits to the commandments which God gave to people in order to show them the path to perfection. God's nature is love, God's activity is love, and God's will is love.... As soon as the human being tries to conform to Him, his nature, his activity and his will must likewise be love, then he too will move in the eternal order.... He has then re-entered his original state, he is perfect again as he was in the beginning....

Amen

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Earth life task

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

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

Amen

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School of the spirit....

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

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

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

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

Amen

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Highest perfection possible in the short earth time....

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You will achieve the highest possible perfection on earth if only you are of good will.... For the earthly lifetime is completely sufficient to shape you into love and thus to assimilate you to My fundamental nature, which eliminates every imperfection. But since your free will is decisive you can also extend this change into love for an infinitely long time, and the alignment with Me can still be so far away at the time of your demise on earth that you will need several periods of development, for I truly do not curtail your will when it concerns the attainment of your soul's maturity, which can only

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be acquired through free will. Your path of development before the embodiment as a human being was endlessly long and your state agoniszing and laborious.... But only in the short time of earthly life can you be given information, only in the short time of earthly life can you be instructed about the meaning and purpose of life and about your task, for only as a human being do you have the ability to grasp the context and to deal intellectually with your being.... If you now draw your benefit from these teachings by seriously thinking about them and trying to adjust your earthly way of life accordingly, you will not live unsuccessfully but will soon be able to record a spiritual ascent.... You will make an effort to fulfil My commandments of love and your redemption from the bondage of matter will begin.... the change of life in love will completely redeem you from all bondage, from spiritual darkness and from lack of strength.... The being must first be able to think before it can use its free will, and so that the human being uses it correctly he must also be instructed correctly. This is why it is absolutely necessary for people to be instructed by proper teachers if they want to achieve their aim in life, if they want to become perfect. And I instruct every seriously willing person as I have promised.... as it is beneficial for him. And therefore I gave the human being intellect, I gave him the ability to think which he can utilize according to his will. But if a gift is left unused, success must inevitably also fail to materialize, and the human being will end his earthly life as the same imperfect being as he started it. But both are open to him, highest perfection or a state of deepest darkness and ignorance, the state of imperfection. And either eternal life in light and strength, thus beatitude, is his share or a renewed course of development on this earth, if the being has sunk so low that the ascent development in the spiritual kingdom cannot continue but necessitates a banishment in matter. Again and again the human being must be reminded of the great responsibility he bears towards his soul, how he can create supreme bliss for himself through his will on the one hand and let it go through endless torments on the other hand if he uses his will wrongly.... And such instruction requires willing teachers who know the fullest truth and therefore can also truthfully inform the human being about your earthly task, about the consequences of a right as well as a wrong direction of will. And this will also make it understandable why I Myself appear as the giver of truth, why I Myself take care that people are given correct knowledge and that it finds access to them. And if the human being is to answer for himself he must first be given the opportunity to use his intellectual thinking and to let his will become active.... He has to get to know My commandments of love and then take a stand on them of his own free will.... His success and the duration of his development upwards will be correspondingly. But once he reaches his aim.... whether it will last for eternities or he will reach perfection after his short earthly lifetime is up to his free will....

Amen

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Consciously working towards perfection

God and nature Consciously working at attaining perfection

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y child, write down what the Lord in His love has prepared for you Life as a whole is based Lon a sequence of divinely devised lawful processes which you simply describe as nature each individual stage of development is, so to speak, a process of lawful course of action which should make you recognise the Creator, the whole regularity must be subject to a will and particularly life in nature testifies to divine influence Everything that was created around you is a miracle. It is a constantly upwards pointing event which you earthly human beings merely allow to bypass you ineffectively because, as a result of its ever repeating regularity, you lack all understanding for such miracles. Divine will alone animates everything and ordains that these miracles will continually take place in the world, yet the human being, who should tremble at the sight of these miracles and every day look up in reverence to the Creator of all of this, tries to find an explanation which is more appropriate to his life, to his thinking and uses the word 'nature' instead of 'God' yet the meaning is the same the only difference is that he acknowledges with this word what eternally repeats itself in the universe but not the intervention of a higher Power in the fate of every individual being and that a connection can be established between every, even the smallest, being and this higher Power by using its own will All this is not acknowledged by them even though they forever observe the events in nature and must acknowledge them This also explains the diversity in faith The personal intervention the help given by God's love as a result of heartfelt prayer the cautioning of unbelieving earthly children all this they don't want to see They only believe what they can see every day and therefore cannot deny for in daily occurrences and in the lawful repetitions of all natural events they cannot acknowledge that a higher will is at the bottom of it that everything has been arranged in this way for a specific purpose and that this purpose is once again merely the perfection of each individual being. Thus, the human being only ever recognises what he can see and touch, but where faith should help him overcome his lack of knowledge he rejects it. Nevertheless, in regular intervals a continuous growth and decay can be observed in nature and the human being can expect exactly the same Is the thought therefore not far more likely that the divine Being, Who is in charge of all events in nature, also takes care of the human being and that his growth, his development, is likewise subject to His will?.... And if the human being is guided by a divine will why does he then maintain his opinion that a connection with this Divinity is impossible for him?.... Only when he consciously looks for this connection will an aspiration towards perfection be conceivable Making a conscious effort in order to advance higher is the actual purpose of earthly existence and precisely this consciousness is lacking in the earthly children. For this reason they so easily reject the gift from Heaven the Word of God for this reason they find it so difficult to acknowledge something that deviates from daily events and yet is so easy to believe if only they would bear in mind that not a single being is capable of shaping its life from beginning to end of its own will it will, time after time, be subject to strokes of fate it will always sense the intervention of a higher Power, even if it tries to deny the same. For is any human being capable of protecting himself from such misfortunes? If only you would think about it, you would have to waver in your conviction that you are the sole master of your destiny in that case you must also acknowledge the eternal Deity, Who holds your life and fate in His hands and then you must also believe only then will you be certain that you are subject to divine will and also feel like children of this Deity You will take refuge in prayer which unites the child with the Father and also experience the blessings of prayer on yourselves and only then will you consciously work at attaining your perfection.

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Knowledge of the spiritual necessary.... consciously working towards perfection....

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The course on earth requires a certain knowledge of the spiritual, for this stimulates his endeavour without forcing the human being to ennoble himself. Ignorance of it does not exclude that man also develops spiritually higher, only then the being must have extraordinary desire for God and be extraordinarily lovingly active. Both must lie dormant deep within him, i.e. the being in him must already be aware of its origin from God and, without any knowledge of the divine essence, unconsciously unite itself with God through deepest love and therefore cannot help but be good. But this already presupposes a rather high degree of maturity which is extremely rare in an earthly being. This is why people who lack all knowledge of the spiritual will usually be at a lower level; they will only ever regard their earthly existence as an end but not as a means to an end. Only the knowledge of the spiritual changes their view, and only then do they live consciously on earth... aware of their task and also aware of the consequences of a right or wrong life on earth. He makes a distinction between right and wrong earthly life and this is the beginning of the striving for ascent....

These are often grave thoughts which can make a seriously striving earthly child waver if they are not dispelled from the spiritual side and a clear answer is given to the person. On the one hand, man believes himself to be free from guilt, and on the other hand, the feeling of unworthiness weighs him down, so he also regocnizes a certain guilt. Both the former and the latter are now an obstacle to the right realization.... For he who feels himself blameless does not utilize the opportunities offered to his soul.... he does not feel needy, therefore he does not accept what is offered to him.... And the feeling of unworthiness again makes him sometimes despondent and timid.... He does not dare to desire what is available to him in abundance. And so these reservations must first be dispelled. The earthly child must certainly regocnize his still low spiritual state, however, the spiritual working, which is made visible to him through spiritual teachings, must also take away his own despondency, he must now also make use of the spiritual strength and do everything to become worthy of this grace, which is the working of spiritual forces in the beyond for him. If he opens his heart to those teachings which inform him of spiritual working he will also immediately feel the strength and help of those beings and consciously accept them.... Yet this strength can hardly be conveyed to someone who is completely ignorant because he does not open himself and thus does not want to receive it. And everything divine has to be desired because receiving it without desire would judge the being and lead it to a state of maturity which is not the result of its free will.... But in order to desire something, the human being must have knowledge of it and then be free to ask for it or to reject it. This is why the concern of all beings in the beyond is to initiate the completely ignorant human being into everything spiritual, only then can he consciously work on himself and his perfection....

Amen

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Means of completion – acknowledging the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

Process of development to perfection.... Jesus Christ....

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ll things press towards the perfection.... An eternal law will be fulfilled and the power and glory A of God will be revealed. A work of redemption is taking place over an infinitely long period of time which you humans cannot even begin to comprehend but which nevertheless justifies all becoming and passing away, all creating and existing, because it is a matter of making imperfections perfect, of returning the power once emanating from God back to the original power.... to shape what has become ungodly of its own free will back into divinity as it was in the beginning. This transformation, the attainment of the original state, requires an endlessly long path. But God's love and wisdom recognized from eternity both the necessity and the means to achieve the aim.... And thus His plan of salvation has been determined since eternity, according to which countless periods of development serve to bring the imperfect spiritual substance, which once fell away from Him, back to perfection. Infinitely great is His power, unsurpassable His wisdom and inexpressibly deep His love for that which He has created.... This overwhelming love determines Him to make new attempts at salvation again and again when the spiritual resists God through its own will and threatens to fail on the path upwards. Then He ends one redemption period, so to speak, in order to let a new one begin. He is a God of love but also of justice, He cannot withdraw His love from any being, yet the strength of love diminishes in the beings which resist Him, otherwise free will would be in danger. And therefore it is an exceedingly lengthy process which shall bring the imperfect to perfection.... it can take eternities but it can also be completed in a short time with the success of the spiritual being's complete divinization, which inevitably has to take this path of development in order to reach God again as its origin.

All of you humans are such spiritual beings destined for perfection, you have all travelled the path and still have to go further until you reach the aim of being reunited with God. This path can be very long for you, yet as soon as you yourselves desire to give yourselves to God as the recognized father and creator of eternity, you already cover the last stretch of the path.... You are on the verge of perfection, for your will of resistance has been broken, the cause of your apostasy from God. God as the eternal love will not let you fall, no matter how much you are in sin; but you yourselves are walking a dreadful path as long as you wade in sin. And therefore you must call upon Him to lift you up out of an abyss which makes it difficult for you to ascend.... you must be free from a burden of sin which presses you to the ground and makes the path of ascent impossible for you, you must shake off your burden of sin and, because this is not possible for you alone, call upon your saviour, Jesus Christ, Who takes your sins upon His shoulders and adds them to humanity's great guilt of sin for which He died on the cross. You must call upon Him.... for He alone is your salvation, He alone helps you to perfection.... One day you will truly stand above in the light, but how long you need to do so is for you to decide. Alone you will never reach the aim, but with Jesus Christ you will reach it very quickly.... It is He Who has bridged the deep gulf between you and God, it is He Who helps all people to attain perfection and Who can still save in the last hour those who faithfully call upon Him for help. That is why He calls to all sinners to come to Him, to free themselves from their guilt in order to easily cover the path of ascent. He is close to everyone who acknowledges Him, who believes in Him and prays to Him in his adversity. He wants to be the redeemer for everyone, He wants to show every person the path, He wants to bring the truth to everyone so that everyone will find eternal life before a period of redemption comes to an end which signifies spiritual death for all who have not found their way to Him, to Jesus Christ....

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Christ problem.... visible God....

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You confess Me, and thus I also confess you before My father.... One day you will experience for yourselves what this means when you enter the kingdom of peace, where love emanating from Me radiates towards you, where the father embraces you with His love because you have found Him through Jesus Christ.... because you have received strength from the treasure of grace acquired on the cross and have accomplished your change of nature with this strength and thus have become love. But without acknowledging My act of salvation you would never find the path to eternal love, for you are too weak of your own strength and irrevocably need My help, My grace and My strength, but I can only give it to you if you acknowledge Me as redeemer of the world.... as God's son, Whom eternal love sent to you humans in order to save you....

A being, which came forth from Me, ascended to earth and received Me, the father, in all fullness within itself. It allowed itself to be completely permeated by My strength of love and was now also able to show the earthly children the path to Me, but it only leads via this being, via Jesus Christ. You cannot switch off Jesus Christ, bypass Him and believe that you can also reach Me in another way. You have to join Him, you have to follow Him, you have to confess Him before the world.... Then you will also safely reach your aim.... Jesus Christ leads you to Me, He brings you to the father, Who has taken on form through Him, Who now presents Himself to you visibly in Jesus Christ, the redeemer of the world.... You will find this difficult to understand but only as long as you still don't know that My fundamental nature is love, that I am a spirit Who fills the whole of infinity and Who thus manifested Himself in Jesus Christ in order to be a visible God to you humans, to Whom you can entrust yourselves like children, Who is your father from eternity and also wants to be loved by you as father.... I and He are one, for it was My infinite love which drew Me to My earthly children, which rescued them from the deepest night, from satan's bonds through death on the cross. The fact that I used a human form was necessary because I, as a spirit, could neither suffer nor offer you a visible work of salvation on the cross as long as you were unable to see spiritually yourselves and only that which was accomplished humanly was impressive to you. Yet this human form was also My work, the soul sheltering in it was My work, only it was externalized as independent in order to bring itself to the highest possible perfection, which the man Jesus also achieved on earth through His love for His fellow human beings and His death on the cross. But love was I Myself.... Who therefore sheltered Himself in Him as the eternal deity until Jesus ascended to heaven transfigured....

You humans cannot separate Jesus Christ from Me, for I was in Him and therefore He in Me.... Jesus Christ was love Himself, therefore He was also God, Who is love in Himself.... And all beings which shape themselves into love are likewise merged with Me and will be allowed to behold Me in Jesus Christ, Who received Me on earth in all fullness, Who already accomplished the merger with Me on earth and can no longer be apart from Me eternally....

Amen

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Self-salvation?.... Jesus' work of redemption....

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o man can redeem himself, no man can become blessed by his own strength.... Consider that you are **powerless** when you enter the earth as a human being.... You are indeed given the vitality for your existence as a human being with which you can create and work according to your will. But in order to become blissfully happy you must be in possession of **spiritual** strength, and this is lacking in you who are still part of My adversary, who dragged you down into the abyss and, due to your past apostasy, rejected My strength of love, thus you became completely powerless. You were bound by

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My adversary and he did not let you go. Although I had already released you from his bondage when you were.... bound by Me.... through the creations of earth in order to slowly ascend again. But during your human existence he has control over you again insofar as he can influence your will, for you are still his share until you voluntarily approach Me. But for this you need spiritual strength which you do not yet possess. But the purpose of your earthly life is your release from him, the redemption from his control, from the fetters he had placed around you.... And because you therefore don't possess the strength to do so, you cannot redeem yourselves.... You need help, which only one can provide: Jesus Christ, the redeemer of the world.... In Him I Myself came to earth in order to accomplish the act of salvation for you, in order to redeem you from My adversary through My blood.... in order to acquire the strength for you which you need and which will be supplied to you if you acknowledge Me as the divine redeemer, if you want to avail yourselves of the blessings of the act of salvation. again and again I try to make the significance of the act of salvation clear to you; I try to make it understandable to you humans why you have to acknowledge Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and that it is not possible for you to become free from My adversary's power without Him, the divine redeemer.... that it is not **possible** for you to redeem **yourselves...** that you need **Me** in order to become blissfully happy. You are unable to do so by your own strength, for you first have to acquire it, and therefore you have to muster the serious will to release yourselves from My adversary's power, and this will is weakened by your past apostasy from Me because you lack love.... You rejected the divine strength of love, you are without love yourselves, and love is the strength which would enable you.... Yet as long as you still belong to My adversary he will do everything to prevent you from working with love, and you do not have the strength to resist him.... You have to request strength from Jesus Christ and therefore also acknowledge Him as the one Who alone can redeem you from the enemy's power.... But then your redemption is also certain.... Then you will only ever use your available life force to work in love, you will receive strength and constantly increase it, and you will be able to resist My adversary, you will turn to Me, Whom you recognize and acknowledge in Jesus Christ, and his power is broken from the moment you entrust yourselves to the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, confess your guilt to Him and ask for His forgiveness.... For then you willingly turn to Me again, from Whom you once separated yourselves. And My strength of love can now radiate through you again, you will receive strength and now be active according to My will.... And your spiritual strength will grow, you will mature in your souls, you will strive for perfection on earth, and you will also be able to do so because you have become free from the power which kept you bound until Jesus Christ Himself loosened the chains and you can now live in spiritual freedom again. And then you will have attained true life, which you will not be able to lose again, for through Jesus Christ you have truly been redeemed from sin and death....

Amen

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Only through the work of redemption is "divinisation" possible....

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The fact that you can shape yourselves into My 'children' on earth is My eternal plan which will also be carried out, only the duration of this transformation is determined by yourselves. It has become possible through Jesus Christ's act of salvation, for you can request strength from Him at any time, you can ask for the strengthening of your will at any time. For this is why the man Jesus died on the cross, so that He acquired graces for you without measure and all these graces can accomplish the return to Me. In order to reach the degree of childship to God the being once **created** by Me had to go through the deepest depths and, by overcoming them until its existence as a human being, reach a degree which it shall now increase in free will until its perfection.... i.e. until it has assumed its original nature again, which I brought forth in all perfection out of My might and My love.... But now My **might** is no longer the cause of your perfection but your free will has striven for it, and consequently you have become God's 'children' from 'creatures', you have shaped yourselves into gods, as this has been My plan from the beginning. And in the only exceedingly short time of earthly

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life as a human being your free will is tested.... The time of your human existence on earth is but a moment in eternity, and this moment can suffice for you to perfect yourselves, for your transformation back to your original nature to be accomplished, if only you direct your will correctly.... For this is not determined in any way, yet the human being will always be helped to direct it correctly.... My measure of grace is inexhaustible and every person can request and evaluate grace, he is not limited in any way.... But the greatest grace is the redemption through Jesus Christ, which takes away all weakness from him, for to surrender to Him means to be introduced into the kingdom of light by Himself.... the Son of God and redeemer of the world, in Whom I Myself accomplished the work of redemption.... to be introduced into the kingdom of light and bliss. For anyone who hands himself over to Him now also acknowledges Me, and he is forgiven for his original sin which plunged him into the abyss, and at the same time he is provided with the strength to cover the final ascent, to reach the final goal, to accomplish the change back to his original nature, which then is also the attainment of childship to God, the change from My living creation to My child. However, no human being can achieve this transformation on his own, without the help of Jesus Christ, for he is under My adversary's control as long as he is still burdened by his original sin, and for that long he will not be able to perfect himself either, because My adversary prevents it and does everything in his power to prevent the human being from recognizing Jesus and His act of salvation.... And yet, this is only ever decided by the human being himself through his will, and earthly life is given to him for this purpose because in it he can use his free will again, because My will and My might withdraws and leaves the human being fullest freedom.... But the goal is so exceedingly high and significant, for being a 'child of God' guarantees unlimited beatitude, which My might cannot grant to the being which, as 'created', has not yet reached the highest degree of perfection. It is your own work which you should and can accomplish because My love assists you, yet always respecting your free will. But love gives you means of grace in abundance, My love does not make any demands on you which would **not** be possible for you to fulfil..... My love illuminates you, and the more you open yourselves to this illumination the easier your ascent will be, the more surely you will reach your goal.... For nothing else is required of you but a transformation of your nature, which initially as a human being is strongly self-loving, into right, divine love which is completely unselfish, which only wants to please and give and which the human being therefore has to let flare up in himself in order to achieve the complete transformation of his nature. And it is **possible** for every human being to practise this unselfish love, thus every human being can attain childship to God, because nothing else is required of him but love.... Once his original sin has been redeemed through Jesus Christ, his selfish love, the sign of his belonging to My adversary, has also been overcome.... He is free from his opponent's power and will only ever turn to Me in Jesus Christ with love, and this love will clarify and illuminate the soul, this love will grow and completely fill the soul and now the change back is also accomplished and I have reached My goal....

Amen

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Forgiveness through Jesus Christ.... increase of the degree of love....

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If you openly confess Me in Jesus, then you also belong to Mine, over whom I watch and whom I protect on all their ways. If you have accepted Jesus as divine redeemer then you will also have turned to Me Myself again, Who became man in Jesus. And since Jesus has atoned for your original sin through His crucifixion and you acknowledge Me again as your God and creator, you now also return to Me again, your free will has become active, which completely hands itself over to Me and which has subordinated itself to Mine.... And you belong to Me.... the release from My opponent is accomplished because Jesus Christ has ransomed you from him with His life, because He has redeemed your sin guilt with His blood. And anyone who has become Mine can now also fearlessly end his earthly life, he will no longer fall prey to My adversary, for his power has been broken through Jesus death on the cross. I Myself have won over him in a man, Who was so filled with love that He won the superiority over the opponent, who is powerless against love. What man now has to endure on

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earth are only purification means of his soul, which is to purify itself, so that it can be radiated through with light to a high degree, when it enters the kingdom on the other side. The original sin is therefore redeemed through the acknowledgement of Jesus and the request for forgiveness. But the soul still has to work on itself to reach the highest perfection, because through the endless long separation from Me, its God and creator, it had stepped out of its state of perfection, it had become a completely love-less being, which has indeed reached a certain degree of maturity again through service in the state of compulsion, which however has to consciously acquire the illumination of love from Me again in earth life, which has to consciously increase its degree of love through its own love activity in free will.... And this degree of love can still be low, and that is man's work on his soul to increase it, through which the soul becomes crystal clear and can now receive stronger and stronger light radiation. You therefore have to make a distinction between 'forgiveness of your guilt of sin' and 'perfection of your soul', which every person can achieve himself on earth precisely through conscious activity of love.... The **forgiveness** of sins is given to you through Jesus' work of mercy, but **love** must be kindled by the human being himself and flare up into the brightest flame, and that is why a soul which has found Jesus can certainly enter the kingdom of light because He has redeemed its guilt of sin.... but the degree of light can be completely different. And that is why the human being must make good use of his earthly life for works of love in order to increase his degree of love (light), and the more blissful he will be after the death of his body.... Love and suffering bring about the purification of a soul; love and suffering earn it an ever higher degree of light, and that is why you are also to bless suffering, because it is an effective aid, which brings you to maturity. People who have not yet found Jesus also often have to suffer, and then their gaze is to be turned towards Him Who took upon Himself the **greatest** suffering voluntarily and out of love for people whom He knew to be in greatest spiritual hardship and wanted to help them. For the thought of Him will once arise in every person who knows about Him, especially in great suffering.... but whether the thoughts are accepted is again determined by the free will of man, and that is why such thought waves can also be rejected. And the soul remains further in greatest trouble. And again, people who reject the divine redeemer Jesus Christ will also perform few works of love because love would already earn them a brighter degree of knowledge and they would then not be open opponents of the divine redeemer.... Because those men are influenced by the opponent and also prevent them from love work. And still opportunity enough is offered to all where they could practise love. But the acknowledgment of Jesus and therefore the acknowledgment of Myself.... earns every person increased strength, for I take care of all those who want to return to Me, which proves their acknowledgement of Me Myself in Jesus. I truly leave no man without help, without protection and without power, because I am infinitely much concerned about the return of every single soul, and what can be done for its rescue out of the fetters of dark power, that will truly not be omitted.... For My love pursues all My creatures who once voluntarily departed from Me, and My love was the cause that I Myself accomplished the work of salvation in the man Jesus, for this love was embodied in the man Jesus.... The eternal deity Itself had ascended to earth, It completely filled the man Jesus and accomplished the greatest work of mercy in Him for the sake of people who languished in the adversary's fetters and were unable to release themselves from him.... He loosed those bonds, He laid down His life to restore life to those who had fallen.... to those who had perished.... He has redeemed the great guilt that was the cause of your being on this earth. And He has cleared the way for you again to your God and creator, to your father from eternity....

Amen

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Living fath

"He who believes in Me...."

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gain and again you will be informed that My promise will be fulfilled which states that anyone who believes in Me will attain eternal life.... but that you must live in a living faith in order to partake of this promise. And this in turn means that you have to live in love if you want to attain a living faith.... Love therefore guarantees you eternal life, for it gives birth to a living faith. But I must demand such faith from you, for if this firm inner conviction is not within you then you cannot understand the significance of the act of salvation either.... Then you will only be guided by words, you will speak of faith but in truth you will not possess it.... because you lack the knowledge of all correlations, a knowledge which only earns you a life of love.... Without love you can only speak of a dead faith, of words which lack the deep inner conviction.... You just don't dare to contradict a doctrine of faith which is offered to you, but it gives you no enlightenment, and thus you would also never be able to stand up for such a doctrine if this was demanded of you. I have given you the promise: 'He who believes in Me has eternal life...." But you first have to deal with what I want to be understood by 'faith in Me'.... You have to think through what you are told about Me and My act of salvation and take a stand on it, and only then will it become clear whether you are able to believe everything, whether you are fully convinced that it is as you are taught or whether you have inner doubts. And this examination must be undertaken in all seriousness on your part. And then the degree of love plays a major role in what you are able to 'believe'.... Anyone who lives in love does not doubt, for the significance of the act of salvation and the mission of the man Jesus on earth is clear to him.... He knows that Jesus sacrificed Himself for the sake of humanity's sins and understands the divine redeemer's act of mercy.... He acknowledges Him as his redeemer and also knows that he cannot become blessed without the act of salvation.... He himself makes use of the graces of the act of salvation.... he believes in Me and can therefore come into the blessing of My promise.... for his faith is alive, it is not a dead form.... it is not a figure of speech, it is not words uttered only by the mouth.... It is felt alive in the heart, and such faith will also have an effect, it will be expressed in works of love, because love does not let the human being remain inactive but again and again expresses itself in works. And beatitude.... eternal life.... I can only give to someone who has changed to love and whose faith is also alive. All My words are spirit and life.... And thus the promises are truth and will be fulfilled, but I also require the right **spiritual** attitude towards them.... I cannot give beatitude and life to those who have not yet seriously striven for it, who have no inner contact with Me but which love establishes.... Then faith will also be right, and then the human being will also strive for perfection on earth, for he will have recognized Me by virtue of his love and faith and will long to return to Me again, from Whom he once originated. And then every promise I made to people when I lived on earth will truly be fulfilled in him. But a dead faith will not result in spiritual success, in a dead faith the human being will not strive spiritually on earth.... Although he does not contradict the doctrines of faith which are brought to him, he will not be able to convincingly uphold them as truth either, because he lacks the spiritual knowledge to do so as long as he lacks love. Without love, however, there is no life either, because love is the strength which allows for activity, and because 'life' means being able to be constantly active in God's will.... to be able to work in light and strength as My child and to be immeasurably happy....

Amen

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Only ever believe in Me with a living faith, that is, don't be satisfied with words or other people's assurances but closely unite with Me in thought and speak to Me like a child speaks to its father, plainly and simply and full of childlike trust; always let Me walk beside you as your friend and brother, and tell Me everything that inwardly bothers you, always appealing for My assistance to help you reach perfection while you are still on earth. You should no longer lead a single life, you should always request My presence and feel it too, for every sincere thought draws Me to yourselves, and if you establish this bond with Me yourselves then strength will always flow to you as well, which you can use for deeds of love again.... thus through love you join with Me ever more closely. Hence anyone who does not exclude his God and Creator from his thoughts is also daily and hourly under His Fatherly care, and his earthly life will always proceed such that it will benefit his soul.... For anyone connected with Me in thought already leads a spiritual life, and his soul will constantly ascend....

But how many people spend their lives without considering their God and Creator, they only ever entertain earthly thoughts and just anxiously worry about their physical wellbeing.... And although they call themselves Christians because they belong to a religious organisation they only occasionally establish a relationship with Me, and this is not sufficiently alive in order to generate spiritual achievement.... Much has become a formality which, however, is only of value if it is carried out with a living faith, just as prayer is not what it should be.... a child's heartfelt dialogue with the Father; instead people are satisfied with empty words which don't come from the heart and are merely voiced by the mouth.

I, however, Am a living God, everything has to be truthful before Me, and therefore I want a living contact established by you with Me, but this also guarantees higher development and leads the soul to the goal. For would I leave a child or consider it poorly, be it spiritually or even earthly, once it has made heartfelt contact with Me, to whom I Am truly the Father it can unreservedly trust? But where this intimate bond is missing there still exists a broad gulf, the human being looks for Me in the distance, he speaks of Me as a Being Which is unattainable to him and Which he indeed acknowledges because of Its might which he cannot deny in view of the creations, who also admits to Its wisdom which is demonstrated to him through the creations, but who does not know anything about the love of a God Who wants to be a Father to all living creations because he has not spent serious thought on the Being Who had brought him into existence. And as long as I Am merely the distant God for people they will live their earthly life without spiritual achievements, for they lack the flow of strength to travel the path of ascent which, however, requires the living creation's heartfelt connection to Me in order to enlighten him.

This is why every human being will achieve his goal if he is able to establish this close relationship with Me, if he expresses a living faith in Me through a constant desire for My presence.... And such desire will be granted by Me, and forthwith the person will no longer walk any path alone, I will always guide him, I will always direct his thoughts, and because I no longer meet any resistance the person will also completely enter into My will and improve himself ever more. Where I have found the entrance into a human being's heart My adversary will have lost his power, albeit he will still try everything to win him over for himself again, but My strength, which the human being constantly receives due to My presence, will resist him.

Just let your soul come to life, which will always happen when I can take effect on it Myself, when I can illuminate it with My strength of love, and you always enable Me to do this through a heartfelt bond with Me.... Then you will ask for Me, and the danger will have passed that the adversary can take possession of you, who will take flight from Me and is unable to besiege you so long as I Am present in you.... And you will soon not undertake anything, nor walk anywhere, without having asked for My blessing, and then you can also be certain that I will walk by your side wherever you go, that I will mentally instruct you and let My strength and light flow to you in abundance.... Yet all this is not

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possible when a person only mentions his God and Creator with his mouth without being inwardly urged to establish contact with this God.... His earthy life will not bring him much spiritual success unless he still changes his thoughts and actions, so that he will learn to recognise Me and then believes in Me with a living faith....

Amen

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Awakening the spirit spark – working spirit

God's gift: the spark of love, a part of Himself....

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Vou are lacking light and strength because you are still imperfect. However, without light and strength you will not attain perfection either and would hopelessly have fallen prey to a wretched state were you not granted help and first given light and strength, which subsequently enables you to reach the state of perfection. Hence, at the beginning of your life on earth you are oblivious of the correlations, of the meaning of your earthly life and your task, you are completely without knowledge.... you are lacking **light**.... And if this is brought to you by way of being instructed of your earthly task then you, on the other hand, lack the **strength** to attain your spiritual perfection as long as you don't acquire the strength for yourselves, which can only ever happen through kind-hearted activity. And for the acquisition of this strength.... thus for being lovingly active.... you usually lack the will, because your imperfect state also signifies an exceedingly weakened will.... So this is how you are at the beginning of your earthly life which was only given to you to shape your imperfect nature into becoming perfect. Your life on earth would therefore be incredibly hopeless had God's love not granted you something to help you attain perfection again: He placed a minutely small spark of His infinite spirit of love into you This tiny spark of love is His share, it is inseparably united with Him, it is spirit from His spirit, light from His eternal essence of light and strength at the same time.... This tiny spark is capable of achieving a change in you so that all imperfection will fade away and enable you to leave this earth as radiant beings of light. But this requires you to kindle this tiny spark yourselves, that you provide it with nourishment so that it can spread out.... it requires you to allow the divine spirit of love to impel you into activity of love, for that is its task, it is God's help that this spiritual spark constantly tries to influence you from within to do works of love.... because 'love' equals 'light and strength', because ignorance and lack of strength fade away as a result of activity of love.... because love is the only mean to become as perfect again as the being was at the start. Without this spark of love no-one would reach this goal in earthly life, for the being had once completely rejected all of God's illumination of love of its own free will and was no longer able to love correctly, which is its legacy of the one who was the first to renounce God's love....

Thus the human being is this once-fallen being which believed itself capable of existing without divine illumination of love.... Admittedly, it could no longer perish again but the state of a **fallen** being became a completely different one than as it was originally created.... For only love is the invigorating strength which enables the being to be blissfully active, **without** love the being is dead and in spiritual darkness and therefore must also feel tremendously wretched. Yet despite having formerly rejected His love God placed this minutely small spark of love into every human heart and so established contact between Himself and the person, which, however, must also be utilised by the person, because even this spark of love, the part of the divine spirit, does not coerce the human being's will. Nevertheless, with gentle urges it tries to influence this will to practice love, which then can ignite a flame in the person's heart spreading light and at the same time providing the person with strength to change his nature. Therefore it is **possible** for every human being to obtain light and strength for himself in earthly life, but since free will must not be excluded God's spirit of love remains in the background and does not compel a person into activity which causes his perfection.... on account of which countless people fail to make use of the great gift of grace and thus remain in darkness and weakness from which only activity of love can release the soul....

Amen

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nce you, as a human being, know about your origin, about your starting point from Me and about your voluntary apostasy from Me with the subsequent fall into the abyss, your spirit will have come alive, for you can only receive and understand this knowledge if My eternal Father-Spirit conveys this knowledge to the spiritual spark in you.... thus the spirit in you must have been brought to life, and that presupposes a life of love according to My will.... It presupposes that you have complied with the inner urging by My spiritual spark, which is part of Me, and thus entered into My will, which requires you to live a life of love. The previous state of ignorance, which every human being finds himself in at the start of his earthly life, is evidence that a connection between this spiritual spark with Me, the Father-Spirit, has not yet taken place, that he is still completely detached from Me, that he is still in the isolation he placed himself in through his past apostasy from Me.... For the separation from Me also signifies complete lack of light, since My strength of love was no longer able to permeate the beings which grants them light and realisation. Not a glimmer of understanding remained in you when you deserted Me of your own accord, and in this utter darkness you enter this world as a human being, but you can gain realisation again, you can draw this knowledge, which is offered to you in every way by Me, your God and Father, from within yourselves when you live on earth.... Merely the bond of the spiritual spark with the eternal Father-Spirit must have been established, which then will also assure you the influx of light, that is, an unlimited measure of knowledge which will be imparted to you by the never-ending love as long as you fulfil the condition which I associated with it.... And a person who becomes enlightened, who increases his knowledge of the kingdom which is not of this world, can consider himself fortunate. For he has already started his ascent, because he will only ever receive light as a result of a life of love, which is the purpose and goal of earthly life because it leads the human soul to perfection.

A small amount of knowledge which corresponds to the truth is always a sign of divine union, because love unites the human being with Me and love, in turn, guarantees truthful knowledge.... This is why the human being should, from the start of his life, look for the association with Me through a life of love, then his will shall be directed correctly.... since he once directed it wrongly and therefore descended into darkness.... And a will that is directed correctly will always strive towards Me, but it must pay attention to the delicate voice, the expression of the spiritual spark in him, which tries to persuade him to live a way of life that is righteous before Me.... He will not be compelled to follow this spark's inner urging, for in the embodiment as a human being the soul receives its free will again which, however, would never be able to choose Me had I not provided him with the spiritual spark as a little helper, which tries to influence him from within to steer his will into the right direction and thereby advance in his higher development until he has reached his goal, the unification with Me.... which this very spiritual spark.... because it is a part of Me.... will constantly strive for. And as soon as the human being is granted just a little light, as soon as the truthful knowledge about his origin and his goal is presented to him, he will use his knowledge correctly; he will live his life accordingly, for he recognises the will of his eternal God and Creator Who wants to unite Himself as Father with His child again, Who wants to grant the original state to His living creation again, in which it was infinitely happy. But as long as the human being still lives in spiritual darkness his life on earth is at a standstill, for he neither recognises his beginning nor his end, he neither recognises the purpose and goal nor the reason for his earthly existence, and thus he does not direct his will correctly either, that is, according to My will. His ability to do so is simply ailing, because he lacks all knowledge and his will, kept down by My adversary, is extremely weak as well and only strength of love would be able to strengthen it, but this can only be gained by a person if he listens to My spirit in him which proclaims My will to him, which only ever expects loving activity from you so that you will ascend again. And thus, you should only try to attain knowledge about My will and live up to it, and truly, you will become enlightened, your strength will grow and you will also be able to resist My adversary. For then your spiritual spark will constantly strive towards the Father-Spirit of eternity, and it will also establish the union with Him and never want to let go again, because light and strength makes it

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immensely happy and the soul will inseparably unite itself with Me once more as it was in the beginning....

Amen

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Work of the spirit in man....

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

Amen

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Desire for truth

Truth is necessary for perfection....

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y spirit guides you into truth.... Can you assume that I, your God and father of eternity, want to ■ withhold the truth from you, Who is full of love and created you out of My love? Can you assume that I want to keep you in a state which cannot be called perfect when, on the other hand, I have given you earthly life as a human being so that you may attain perfection? As you are human beings you are still far from perfection, and then you are also far from the truth; yet this is never My will, instead you yourselves do not want to escape this imperfect state. But since it is My aim to change you into perfect beings, everything must also be done on My part which helps you to achieve this.... And the most important thing to achieve the state of perfection is the transmission of truth, the realization of truth and then living according to this realization.... You cannot become perfect as long as you are in wrong thinking, for then you would never do what is right, which would result in perfection. The truth must first be conveyed to you. Only then will it be possible for you to get to know and love Me as the eternal truth, and only then can you approach perfection. But you determine the degree of your power of knowledge yourselves through the degree of love you kindle within yourselves. And therefore the degree of knowledge can be very different according to the degree of love, but it will always correspond to the truth if only you want to walk in truth. Only your will determines whether you think right or wrong, whether you receive truth or erroneous knowledge. But you can be certain that I will never let you think wrongly if you deeply desire the truth. For as soon as you desire the **truth** you desire **Me Myself**, and I will always comply with this desire. I want you to become perfect because only then can you be blissfully happy.... And I want to prepare bliss for you because you are My children whom I love, because you emerged from My love.... I want you to become perfect.... Do you believe that you can achieve this perfection with wrong thinking? By thinking which My adversary transfers to you in order to keep you away from perfection? Error and lies are darkness.... They are signs of ignorance, consequences of your former apostasy from Me and signs of belonging to My adversary who has turned all light within himself into darkness. You are therefore in his sphere as long as you are far from the truth, in wrong thinking. If I want to guide you back to the light, if I want you to be full of realization again, if I want you to escape from darkness, I must therefore supply you with the most illuminating truth, and you can receive this truth from Me in abundance, I will always hand it out to you as soon as you want to receive it.... Only your will determines the degree of light in which you stand. The basic truths you now receive will teach you how to attain further knowledge.... But the basic truth is the law of eternal order, the love for Me and for your neighbour.... And as you now adjust yourselves to this law, so will be the degree of your realization, which you can now increase unmeasured, thus you can penetrate the deepest knowledge, with My support, because through love you assimilate yourselves to Me, i.e. to My fundamental being, and thus you will always recognize brighter and more brightly what you are, where you come from and what purpose you are to fulfil one day when you are perfected. You can obtain everything that serves you towards perfection from Me if it is your will to become perfect.... And thus you will also receive unlimited truth, for the eternal truth will not withhold anything from you so that you will become again what you have been since the beginning: beings of supreme light who were immeasurably blissful and therefore shall attain beatitude again....

Amen

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The human being's destiny is the perfection of his soul on earth.... You humans were given the goal of spiritual maturity, which you should strive for and accomplish voluntarily, so that you will be suitable for the spiritual kingdom at the end of your earthly life. However, this irrefutable truth is only accepted by a few who will live their earthly lives accordingly.... Most people's thoughts are still deluded, they are spiritually blind and will not allow themselves to be disturbed when they are confronted by the truth.... They are only able to demonstrate their soul's low degree of development but do nothing in order to improve it.... they do not believe.... neither in a purpose of earthly life nor in accountability. Nor do they believe in a connection between creation and Creator.... and do not look for any clarification of what is tremendously important: what will happen to them after they have left their earthly body.... since they do not believe in life after death either....

Nevertheless, their unbelief will not protect them from their responsibility because they have free will and are not forced into unbelief, into their attitude towards God.... to Whom they could have given themselves voluntarily in order to then be constantly guided in their thoughts and actions as a result of their right attitude for God.... Because every person can turn to God, and he has no valid excuse for turning away from him other than that he doesn't want to.... Because as soon as he wants to know the truth it will be given to him by God, and then the human being himself will establish the right relationship with God.... That people's thoughts and wants differ is their own doing since the desire for truth assures correct thinking. Hence everyone should scrutinise himself as to how much he himself wants the truth.... If he indifferently accepts everything given to him as credible he will have no desire for truth himself or else he would scrutinise it.... And if he rejects everything given to him it could equally be an indifference to truth, which he is not seeking and which he therefore will never be able to recognise as truth either.

It is a person's own fault if he is ignorant, if he walks in spiritual blindness, because there is no desire for truth in him.... And no person can use the excuse that he does not know what truth is and could never assess it himself either.... on account of which he will reject everything. It is undeniably impossible for him to examine whether any information is based on truth, because he has to request God's support for it.... since his intellect alone is unable to carry out such an investigation. However, as soon as he turns to God Himself for support, for spiritual enlightenment, he will clearly know and be able to differentiate between truth and error.... But this requires faith in God.... And even the intellect will be able to affirm this faith if the person's will is good.... because all of creation is witness to the existence of a wise, omnipotent Creator and every intelligent human being wanting to penetrate the truth should be able to call upon this creative Spirit of eternity for help.... And he will soon receive clarification about his task on earth; he will give the right meaning to his life on earth and no longer live carelessly. He will be conscious of his responsibility for his soul and enable it to achieve the highest possible level of perfection....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God wants to free people from error....

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It shall be said to all of you that truth alone is the right path to perfection, to a safe return to Me.... For how are you to reach your aim if you go astray, if you are not given correct knowledge of your purpose of existence, or if wrong advice is given to you, if means are suggested to you which have no influence whatsoever on the maturing of your souls? How can you expect spiritual success from wrong explanations of My nature and My will when no truthful image of Me is developed for you and you do not strive for the one thing in your earthly life: to cultivate love for Me and your neighbour within you, which alone brings your soul to maturity. You can believe it, mankind has everything wrong and above all truth; far more erroneous than right teachings have taken root in the thinking of

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men, and these erroneous teachings can never lead to Me.... That is why it is My constant effort to guide you men into truth, to give you clear knowledge about purpose and aim of your earth life, but for which explanation must also be given to you about the cause of your being of man on earth. The knowledge, which is passed on from man to man, is not safe from deformation, because men's thoughts cannot always be influenced by Me, but far more often by My opponent and he will always deform pure truth. Hence only error and lies will ever emanate from him, but just as truth can only ever emanate from Me and must therefore also be requested from Me. For you must desire it as you once resisted all light and thereby sank into darkness, into confused thinking and completely wrong concepts, which My opponent transmitted to you. But light alone gives happiness, and light is every truthful knowledge; light goes out from Me and illuminates the way back to Me.... And that is why I again and again seek to bring pure truth to you men, to enlighten you about error and therefore to enlighten your spirit, which can never feel well in darkness. Truth will make you happy, and as I love you, because you are My creatures, I also want to help you to happiness, which lasts for ever. And this can only be achieved on the way of truth. You must know about My nature so that you give love to Me, but love connects you with Me, and love also secures eternal life for you, because love is power, and only he can live who stands in full possession of power and can be active all the time. You men must desire to move in truth.... you must not be satisfied with all spiritual knowledge which you receive from fellow human beings.... you must always ask yourselves whether the guarantee for pure truth can be given to you when you are taught by fellow human beings.... And you must earnestly desire to stand in truth. Then you can expect with full certainty that it will be supplied to you and that you will then also feel it yourselves whether truth or error is supplied to you. Only this desire for truth must be your innermost wanting; not only words or shallow wishes are allowed to express this, but you must **desire** truth in all seriousness, and you will be protected from all error. Because I Myself am truth, and I Myself want it that My creatures move in truth, but I do not determine your will, which is free. But unmeasured I will consider a man who strives for Me Myself.... and he will see the way to Me brightly illuminated and now also cover it in the certainty that it leads to the right destination. For this reason you humans should all ask yourselves whether the spiritual knowledge you possess corresponds to the complete truth.... you should seriously examine the spiritual knowledge you have adopted as to whether it testifies to a God of love, wisdom and omnipotence, and you can reject as erroneous any teaching which causes you to doubt this, for the truth will always reveal My nature to you as supremely perfect, as infinitely loving, immeasurably wise and supremely powerful.... And you will also be able to love such a being.... But I want to win your love because it leads you back to Me again; your love towards Me will also always fulfil My will, and you will yourselves mature in your souls, what only love achieves. But as long as you walk along in error, your maturing will be questionable, because error is part of the adversary, and he will always seek to prevent your maturing during earth life. You seriously have to come to terms with the thought that you cannot achieve spiritual success as long as you lack truth, and that your earthly progress can then be in vain, for you are only on earth for the purpose of reaching your aim, the final perfection, and become blissfully happy.... and become blessed....

Amen

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The human being's duty is to scrutinise spiritual information....

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December 28th 1962

he fact that you had been wrongly instructed cannot be used by you as an excuse, for you have been placed by Me into the position of using your intellect and therefore it is also your duty to scrutinise what you are being taught.... As soon as you receive the information of a God and Creator Who created and sustains everything that you can see around you, and also you yourselves, you only need to turn to this Creator in thought and, truly, I will also guide your thinking such that you will be able to understand, if only you want to understand. And you will always be sent such thoughts from the spiritual kingdom which relate to Me and to yourselves, which make you question what kind of

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relationship you have in regards to Me, your God and Creator. And such thoughts ought to be picked-up by you and reflected upon....

You should at all times be conscious of the fact that every person who only uses his intellect can be mistaken.... Thus you must also ask yourselves whether the people who are instructing you, who present you with knowledge which they, in turn, receive from other people or which they have academically acquired, are free from error.... For doubts will certainly arise in you and then you do well to contemplate them. But in that case it only depends on your own will whether you yourselves desire the truth.... since only this will shall determine that pure truth will be imparted to you.... If you, however, accept everything that is presented to you without thinking about it, you will never find the path to Me, for then you will only possess pure intellectual knowledge which will never be able to touch your heart and will not benefit your soul in the slightest, since it will neither lead to the correct realisation nor motivate you to seriously improve yourselves.... It is and will remain mere worldly knowledge, even if it concerns spiritual problems. For only your intellect is affected and this is not being used to think about the information so that it can deal with it, and subsequently it won't be able to recognise what it was offered.

And if you are prevented by law to reflect on it, then you should also recognise the foolishness of such law and become wary and on account of this alone start to doubt the truth of the teachings imparted to you. Not everything needs to be wrong, yet you should obtain clarity by starting to think about it and turn to the One Who is your God and Creator and Who alone can grant you clarification. Hence you ought to try to attain living knowledge and not content yourselves with dead knowledge, which remains dead as long as it doesn't influence the human being's soul by stimulating it into improving itself eagerly, which first and foremost consists of kind-hearted activity.... For as soon as a person lives a life of love his thinking will also be enlightened, and then he will no longer be satisfied with teachings which do not completely correspond to the truth.... The light of love within himself will no longer let him unreservedly accept everything he is offered but will cause him to scrutinise it, because love is a divine principle and can never tolerate error or untruth beside itself....

Hence, at that moment an active desire for truth will set in and the truth will subsequently be imparted to the person, no matter in which way.... For anyone who desires the truth will receive it.... Anyone who desires the truth will also ask for Me, Who is the Eternal Truth and I will also reveal Myself to him, that is, I will convey the truth to him in some form or other, which he then will accept and make use of without hesitation....

Every person has to aspire towards his own perfection, and he also has the ability to do so, for truly, it only requires the connection with Me and a prayer in spirit and in truth for My help to successfully travel his earthly path. And this prayer will be granted to him.... he will constantly be inwardly urged to do deeds of love and he will also gain the light which will let him recognise the right path that leads to perfection....

Amen

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Detachment from the enemy.... feeding the truth....

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It is enough for you to know that I take care of you in every earthly and spiritual distress, that you are never lonely and abandoned or dependent on yourselves, if you just do not resist My loving care. And so I will also protect you at any time from attacks of My opponent when you let your will be known to stand close to Me. There is only one thing I demand of you: that you draw a line between Me and My adversary.... that you inwardly decide for Me or for him.... For he is and remains My adversary for eternities to come, and his aim can never also be Mine.... Therefore you must make this decision: to reject him and to acknowledge Me, and then you have passed your earth life test, and nothing more stands in the way of your return to Me. But as long as you now live on earth he will do everything to win you for himself, and therefore the everlasting temptations, which are to bring you

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down.... And his best weapon is to confuse your thinking, to put error before you and so to block the way to Me for you, which alone can be found through truth.... But likewise I will counteract and convey the pure truth to you, and now it is only up to you whether you accept My gifts or his.... If you are now already in contact with Jesus Christ that redemption has taken place in you, then you will also possess the strength to resist the adversary, then you will also recognize error as such and reject it.... But it will be difficult for all of you if your will is still weakened because you are not yet redeemed through Jesus Christ.... and then again and again you fall prey to My adversary.... Only the redemption through Him gives you the strength of will and then also the right success.... But of this you can be assured that your desire for Me, your will turned towards Me, will also soon earn you the redemption through Jesus, because I Myself can then provide you with power and this power now has an effect insofar as that you are now open-minded towards every enlightenment, which concerns Jesus and His work of redemption. If you want to go to Me, then you will also find Him, Who now shows you the right way to Me, home into your father house. And so that now your earth life brings you the last perfection, I give you a light.... I give you truthful knowledge so that you again attain the knowledge which you once possessed but had voluntarily given away. Only this knowledge will contribute to you living your earthly life consciously.... that you strive for an aim which you now recognize because you stand in the light. The truth will be given to you if you sincerely desire it..... This applies to all men, in which way they also get supplied with truth.... But I always emphasize that My spirit guides you into all truth, that therefore My spirit also works when pure truth is supplied to man through My messengers, because only then they accept pure truth when My spirit can work in them.... And My spirit speaks to the heart, but the heart decides what it accepts or rejects. But if the intellect now switches itself on, then it can also make a wrong judgement, if man lets the intellectual thinking speak and then is not able to recognize pure truth as truth.... Understand this: A man can be supplied with My knowledge acquired through spirit work, but he himself prevents his spirit from the acceptance of that knowledge, because he first questions his intellect and this can also be worked on by My opponent.... so that the human being begins to doubt and opposes it with his intellectual thinking.... Then therefore My spirit's work is prevented and man hardly reaches the right knowledge because he does not devote himself fully believingly to Me and My work through the spirit.... I always have to present to you the condition for the attainment of pure truth, because truth is divine spiritual good, which is so valuable and therefore also has to be acquired under consideration of that condition.... because you once carelessly gave it away.... Who now earnestly longs for union with Me, he will also long for truth just as earnestly, because I am the eternal truth.... And this desire for truth is the most important condition, and it also presupposes that man frees himself from spiritual knowledge, which My adversary offered him as long as man still belonged to his following.... And whether he also took his knowledge out of the book of books.... it does not protect him from the fact that he has no understanding for the meaning of the word as long as his spirit is not yet awakened.... That is why his heart must completely empty itself and let itself be filled by Me Myself, then he will be able to receive truth guaranteed and no longer need to fear to walk along in darkness, but brightest light will now illuminate his way. For the stronger the desire for unification with Me is, the less resistance the human being will offer to the influx of spiritual knowledge, which flows to you humans as My spirit's working in the form of My word.... He will accept it fully convinced that it is truth and now also draw benefit from it for his soul; he will stand in the light, all spiritual darkness has fallen away from him.... he stands in brightest knowledge and is as happy as in the beginning....

Amen

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Light and power supply must be coveted....

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y flow of grace shall always be accessible to you as soon as you want to let it flow into you. I never set limits to this flow of grace, but you yourselves, i.e. your will, determine the strength with which it can touch you. And therefore you will be allowed to receive unlimitedly if you desire

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My flow of grace. And My flow of grace always means the supply of strength which your soul feels beneficially and which helps it to mature. For the soul is addressed by Me and My address can never remain ineffective, the soul feels My love and reciprocates it, and this always means approaching Me, it means taking a step further towards the height.... This is why you are always the recipients when you let yourselves be addressed by Me, this is why you must irrevocably ascend through every connection with Me which My address earns you. But I also want you to increase in knowledge, and therefore every address is also connected with an instruction.... I seek to impart knowledge to you which you once possessed but which you lost through your own fault when you consciously turned away from Me and headed towards darkness.... I want to return this knowledge to you if you desire it of your own free will, for possessing a light of knowledge also enables you to consciously change your earthly path, always with the goal of finally uniting with Me and being blissfully happy again, as you were in the beginning. Thus My address brings you strength and light.... The soul gains knowledge and now also applies the strength flowing to it correctly, i.e. it uses it for its perfection. My address can never remain without effect, provided, however, that it is desired and made possible by the human being himself through his will.... And therefore you can do nothing better than contact Me as often as possible and appeal for strength and light. I will never ignore such a request, and I will never deny Myself to you, after all, you belong to Me for all eternity, and I also long for the bond with you. Yet you must establish it yourselves because you once severed it yourselves.... Yet no human being will call to Me in vain who wants to be united with Me. His will is always the guarantee that I will draw close to him, that I will be so close to him that he will be able to hear Me if only he listens inwardly in faith and love for Me.... And then his earthly life will never be idle either, for the strength and light flowing to him will be beneficially felt by the soul and also utilised correctly, the soul will mature and fulfil the purpose of its earthly life, the soul will recognize its outcome and strive towards it again with all its strength, and it will be supported by Me in every way. And therefore you should also know what an unheard-of gift of grace your father bestows upon you when He addresses you Himself; you should know that without My help you are weak and without light, that your soul would neither see the path nor have the strength to travel it. But I show you the path and enlighten it, and I provide you with the strength to walk it, even if it ascends.... But you yourselves must give Me the opportunity, you must seek contact with Me of your own free will and desire to be addressed by Me. And truly, your desire will be fulfilled wherever and whenever it may be, for this bond with Me is your purpose of earthly life which will truly also lead you to the goal.... to the final union with Me, your God and father of eternity....

Amen

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Change of will and nature

The earnest will to accomplish....

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he fact that you are imperfect does not prevent you from becoming perfect, for you all have the ▲ abilities within you to do so. You can all reach an aim if you only strive for it. This imperfection of yours is indeed a state of powerlessness and lightlessness, but this evil can be remedied by virtue of your will to request from Me what you lack.... Nothing is so easy to achieve as precisely this supply of strength and light, because I am constantly willing to give and only require you to approach Me for My gifts. And this only requires your will. But once you seriously consider your imperfect state and at the same time imagine that you could work in abundance of light and strength, that you would be able to accomplish everything, that you could see through everything and thereby experience inconceivable happiness, and now you are given the assurance by Me that you can thus create this state for yourselves, then you should nevertheless summon all your will to turn to Me and request support, that is, the supply of strength, from Me. And you will truly not have made this call in vain, for I am only waiting for it in order to be able to provide you abundantly. You should not be content with your earthly existence which often enough makes you aware of your own weakness and ignorance. You should have the desire to come out of that deficient state.... but you remain in your indifference, and if you can detect such a transformation from the state of weakness into the state of light and strength in one of your fellow human beings, you are far more inclined to portray that person as abnormal, and you know and don't believe that he is close to having entered his original state where he was able to create and work with Me and in My will. The distance from the former perfection is too great and therefore it is not believed that it can be reached during earthly life by every person who only seriously wants it. And people also lack the knowledge about the cause of their own imperfect state and therefore also about the significance of Jesus Christ and His mission.... otherwise they would turn to Him in their weakness of will for help, i.e. strengthening of will.... And since I and Jesus Christ are one, it is once again only about the 'call of God'.... which every human being can send up and which will then always result in him becoming ever more enlightened about the correlations, about the cause and purpose of earthly life as a human being.... But every call necessitates the human being's will, and since this is free it is therefore up to you humans yourselves whether and to what extent you rid yourselves of your imperfection; it is up to you yourselves whether you take the path to Me, whether you let yourselves be helped where you are still too weak. Yet help is always assured to you and you should understand what you are offered, you should just seriously think about it for once, and this will alone would earn you the right thoughts which you only need to follow. For I do everything for you, I am ready for any help.... only one thing I cannot do: to lead you to perfection against your will. It is certain that your will is extremely weakened, especially in the last time before the end.... But precisely in these end time I have an unusually gracious effect on humanity, and thus it is not impossible for you to find the path to Me. And you will find ever more unusually gifted people in the end time who have taken the path to Me and now receive light and strength from Me to an unusual extent.... And many more could take their cue from them and take the same path, for you are all destined for perfection, and you can all reach this aim on earth if only you sincerely want it....

Amen

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God-turned-will secures perfection....

nd I will put My will into your heart if you strive to fulfil My will. Then you need only let your inner urge and will determine you and it will be right how you think, speak and act. My love is with everyone who strives to come close to Me, and guide him on the right path.... My care applies to him at every hour, and thus every day can be lived safely, it will always contribute towards the soul's perfection, and earthly life will not have been lived in vain, for the will which applies to Me is a guarantee that I will take care of the human being and lead him to perfection. You should all know that you need not do without My care, you should know that nobody can get lost who believes in Me in earthly life and wants Me to accept him, that he is united with Me. Every thought that applies to Me is proof of his faith in Me and a desire of his soul for its creator and father from eternity. Every thought which departs from the earthly world, which is directed into My kingdom, also proves the soul's will which strives towards its original state again because it is aware of its origin and wants to return to it again. And I know every thought and truly promote this will like a loving father.... I let the soul feel My love in order to increase its desire for Me and thereby also strengthen My strength of love. I take care of every person who has once turned his will towards Me, who has recognized Me as a loving God and father from eternity.... who believes in Me.... For this person will also feel love for Me, even if this initially takes a back seat to the deepest humility, because the human being recognizes his own inadequacy and unworthiness.... And humility is the human being's dearest confession to Me, for it is the opposite of the original sin, of the arrogance which once caused the being to fall. The human being recognizes Me as the highest and most perfect being, Whom he does not feel worthy to love, and therefore all My love belongs to him.... Therefore only ever direct your thoughts into the spiritual kingdom, let them take the path to Me and I will know that your will is meant for Me.... And then I will be able to take hold of you, and I will truly no longer leave you out. It only concerns your will in this earthly existence, for at the beginning of your embodiment as a human being this will is still in bondage to the one who caused your fall into the abyss. And you shall change your will, away from him and towards Me.... Therefore you can also believe that I have already seized you if you want Me to look after you, that you will find grace with Me if you consciously turn your will towards Me, if you want to be and remain My own.... Then your fate will truly be sealed, I will no longer let you fall back, I will draw you to Myself and will not rest until you have found your way home to your father's house, until you have found union with Me, your God and father of eternity, Whose love applies to you and will apply to you because you are His children, whom He has now won for eternity....

Amen

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Transformation of the will in freedom....

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It is up to you humans to perfect yourselves. My will indeed reigns in heaven and on earth and everything takes place in such a way that it is **conducive** for you to attain perfection.... Yet **My will** never intervenes in your decision, you will never be **determined** by My will to think, to want or to act, for you must accomplish your perfection **yourselves**. And for this very reason it is questionable whether you will reach the aim of attaining perfection on earth, even though it is very possible for you to do so. And it is a great responsibility which weighs upon you, because the short earthly lifetime can destroy everything which an exceedingly long path of development had already achieved before.... But on the other hand you can enter blissful realms after leaving your body if you pass the last test of will.... I Myself cannot determine your will, I can only present to you everything that awaits you as a result of your way of life.... I can only ever warn and admonish you, I can forcefully present the terrible fate of the banished as well as the blissful fate in the spiritual kingdom to you, but I must leave the free decision up to you.... And I find little faith in you, although I repeatedly come before you in the word in order to awaken or strengthen the sense of responsibility in you.... You don't believe that I speak to you, which is why you pay little attention to My word. And thus the short time of earthly life

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for you very often passes without any progress for your soul, and it only leaves the body very undeveloped or even deformed as it had taken it.... And a time of grace has passed by unsuccessfully, it has not been evaluated, because this has to be brought about by the human being's free will itself.... And yet, it could be easy for you if only you would believe.... if you would listen to My word when I Myself address you.... You can think about everything I tell you and you would undoubtedly come to the right realization, because My word contains this strength and its effect is precisely a light-filled realization.... but always has to be willingly listened to and lived out in order to be effective.... This is why it is certainly possible for you to attain perfection, I do not demand anything impossible from you but never ever influence you against your will.... Only My word will sound ever more insistently, and where no effect can be achieved I will let My voice become loud, and I will let the forces of nature speak for Me just as insistently and warningly, and this voice will truly be heard by all people.... but neither will I force you into a change of will. Whatever you do for your perfection has to be done **voluntarily,** otherwise it is without advantage for the soul. But for this reason I bless every person on earth who seeks to transfer My will to his fellow human beings, who represents the same as a human being to human being what I say to him through My word.... who is therefore redeemingly active and speaks on My behalf, who offers himself to Me as a cover through which I can now speak.... Serving as a mediator is truly a redeeming activity, because a person would rather let himself be taught by a fellow human being than believe My word, the origin of which he is not convinced of as long as he lacks faith.... But I don't want to let a person go astray, and therefore I still allow many things to happen which can lead to a change of the human being's will.... I truly rule in heaven and on earth, but I leave people their freedom, for they can only attain perfection if they profess Me with conviction, if they listen to Me and voluntarily do everything that is My will.... if they keep My commandments which are proclaimed to them through My word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Subordination of will.... responsibility....

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Y ou are no longer responsible for your earthly life once you have handed yourselves over to Me.... as soon as you have granted Me the right to influence you as soon as you have relinquished your as soon as you have granted Me the right to influence you, as soon as you have relinquished your will and fully subordinate it to Mine. Then I can act on your behalf, then My will can take effect in you, then My spirit can work in you, which will truly always guide you in a way which is beneficial for you.... But this requires a strong faith, a convinced belief that you are My children and can confidently hand yourselves over to your father because He loves you and is powerful and wise. Once you have established this relationship with Me, then you will be blissfully happy already on earth.... Then you will only go your earthly path in order to be able to help others attain the same realization, for you have recognized Me yourselves and have become My own of your own free will through the surrender of your will to Me. Your thoughts, will and actions are now determined by Me and yet you have free will.... You yourselves think, want and act in accordance with My will, because My will has already become so powerful in you that it fills you and you cannot act against it.... But then you need not fear that you can grieve Me either, then everything you undertake will be good and right.... as long as you maintain the intimate bond with Me.... yet you will always be exposed to temptations.... i.e., My adversary will always want to disturb this intimate bond with Me by trying to direct your eyes and thoughts towards things which belong to his kingdom.... And if he succeeds in making you fall prey to his wishes then you will loosen your bond with Me yourselves, and then you will have to be on your guard.... Therefore commend yourselves anew to My love and grace every day and want Me to guide and look after you, and then you will always give Me the right to put Myself between you and My adversary when he wants to seduce you.... This is your sure weapon against him, that you make Me your guardian.... that you want to be Mine and surrender yourselves to Me. Then all attempts will bounce off you, then you will close your eyes to the attractions of the world, then you will only live for Me and in Me, then all your thoughts will be directed towards your spiritual perfection, then you

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will only be tempted by intercourse with Me and your work will only be devoted to spiritual aims.... And then you erect a strong wall around yourselves which My adversary is no longer able to tear down.... You cannot even measure the blessing of devotion to Me.... but when I tell you that you will then be free from all responsibility, from all concern for your spiritual well-being.... when I tell you that you will then no longer be **able** to fall because I will hold you and safely guide you upwards.... then you should not concern yourselves with anything but securing My love, you should want to belong to Me and now leave everything to Me.... And it will turn out right.... Therefore do not worry about earthly things, for everything is included if you devote yourselves to Me, so that I will take care of you.... Spiritually and physically you will now be in My care, and spiritual and physical needs will be covered by Me, for you will have given up all resistance which once separated you from Me, if you now unconditionally hand yourselves over to Me.... Then the separation is lifted and being united with Me again is a sure guarantee for thinking, wanting and acting according to My eternal order.... For you yourselves are now only executors of My will, yet in full freedom, for you no longer feel any compulsion from any side because you carry the same will within yourselves and now belong to Me for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The right will guarantees the transformation of beings....

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C ecure your right to eternal beatitude through everlasting striving for spiritual perfection.... If you want to reach your aim, if this will is serious, then you are already aspirants of My kingdom, and then I will help you to reach Me. Only the right will secures you the strength to carry out your intention, whereas without this serious will you will never be able to change your nature.... Thus the change of being never takes place against your will but first requires this very will. For the will is the sign of conscious devotion to Me, from Whom you once turned away. But it can never be understood that you only express your will through words.... I look into your heart and take pleasure in it if I see the serious will in you.... And then I will always be ready to give you strength, and you will now also carry out what leads you to perfection.... you will perform works of unselfish neighbourly love. A person who seriously strives for perfection can no longer help but be active in love.... for this activity of love is already the expression of the strength he receives from Me after he is seriously willing to ascend. But the will is free.... No earthly and no spiritual power can force the will into a certain direction, for even if the human being were forced to outwardly manifest a certain will.... if he were also compelled to carry out certain deeds.... his innermost will.... disgust or pleasure in the required action.... cannot be determined; he will be and remain free and yet be evaluated by Me.... And therefore be mindful of your will.... give account to yourselves how you think and want in your innermost being, ask yourselves whether your thinking and wanting corresponds to My will, whether it is such that you can come before My eyes at any time without fearing that I will condemn you. Pay attention to your will and judge it right.... Only ever let Me Myself be your aim and nurture the desire within you to become perfect, just as your father in heaven is perfect.... Strive for spiritual perfection and you will also be assured of a blissful life, for I will not let an earnestly striving person fall back into the hands of the one from whom he tries to escape. As soon as he turns his will towards Me he will be seized by My love and endowed with My strength which will then also enable him to accomplish what he wants and which will surely bring him to perfection. Therefore you should often go into silence and reflect on yourselves, you should always subject your will and thinking to serious criticism if you strive to enter My kingdom and become blissfully happy, if you seriously strive for unification with Me....

Amen

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

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Taking advantage of God's grace

"You shall be saved by grace...."

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Remain deeply united with Me, and I will pour out My favours over you unlimitedly. You are just to gratefully accept them, and you will also not reject My gift of love when you join Me yourselves, when you pray to Me or carry out works of love and are thereby closely connected with Me. Everything that helps you upwards I give to you, and these are favours, because they are gifts of love, which are not your own merit, because you once rejected My love and therefore have no more right to it..... But My love is exceedingly great, and it wants to give itself away, and that is why it pursues you and offers you gifts of favour, which are truly significant for you, because they are the means, which make your maturing possible. And your course of life is so directed by Me that every event can serve you to the best. Therefore everything is favour, what you meet in life, because it can promote your ascent development. But how you evaluate all these favours, that is left to you, because compulsion is excluded from My side. I bestow gifts upon you but do not force you to accept My gifts, your free will must decide on this. But without My help you would be completely incapable of maturing while still on earth; but if you seek contact with Me of your own accord, you will also certainly evaluate the gifts of grace I bestow upon you, for the bond with Me demonstrates your will which is turned towards Me, and it will then also subordinate itself to Mine and thus also recognize My love in everything it encounters.... And he will become blessed out of grace.... The whole earthly life as man is a grace, because I open up the last possibility for him to return again as a perfected spiritual being into the kingdom, which he once had left voluntarily.... And what can happen from My side during earth life to help man to perfection, that also happens. These are all favours, which My love gives to My creatures, which no being can claim, because they once left Me voluntarily, but which prove My great love, which I feel as father towards My children. I want to remedy the great weakness of men, their shortcoming, and give them so much favour and power that they can carry out the return to Me themselves, and I also want to strengthen their will, which must tackle the work of transformation itself.... I will not omit anything that could contribute to the soul's ascent to Me.... only one thing I cannot do.... make your will unfree and forcibly pull you up.... That is why you men yourselves also set limits to My supply of favour, because as soon as you do not voluntarily evaluate them, they remain without success, and no matter how deep My love is and would like to win you for Me. But I will not make free unfree; I will not curtail a man's free will.... And that is the reason for the spiritual low of men, who leave all My gift of favour unused and unnoticed and therefore do not get any step further in their development and therefore are also once again put before the decision in the last faith struggle.... where their responsibility will be presented to them. Because it also then again depends on them themselves how they adjust themselves to Me, to their God and creator, whom they once did not want to acknowledge and therefore became unhappy. Also now only the **right** decision of will is necessary that help is given to man in great measure.... that also now again graces without measure are at his disposal and that he truly can also reach the aim to establish the final union with Me, which makes him again to My child, to the original being, which it was in the beginning.... In every way I seek to change the will of man, which is still directed towards Me; in every way I bear My love to man, and he only needed to feel touched by it to now also give Me his whole will.... But everything has to happen voluntarily.... And this is to be helped by My word, which sounds down from above to earth.... My word is to stimulate man to live out My love commandments, and truly, man will now voluntarily turn towards Me, because with every work of love he also establishes the bond with Me and I now also seize him and eternally no longer let him fall.... That is why My word from above is the greatest and most effective gift of favour, which you are all allowed to receive and only need to

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open your heart when you are addressed by Me, because then you give your will to Me, and I no longer let you go from Me; I accompany you on all your ways, and you will establish the connection with Me more and more often, because you will no longer leave Me out of your thoughts.... Then you will also evaluate all blessings correctly, you will take every opportunity where you can carry out works of love, for My supply of blessings also means the supply of strength which you will always use for works of love. And then you will truly have become happy out of grace, and you will return to your father's house as My children....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Term "grace"....

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creatures eternally and unchangeably. For what has emerged from Him also takes the course of perfection, and without divine grace the path can never be travelled. Therefore, everything is arranged so infinitely wisely that the being is seized by the flow of divine grace, if only the being itself does not rebelliously distance itself from the flow of grace.... He who lives in grace will be able to cover the path of perfection without effort, but he who rejects it will have to overcome obstacles upon obstacles... his soul will not find the strength to liberate itself and the spirit will slumber powerlessly within it, unawakened for self-development, because without divine grace the work of liberation is too difficult for the beings. If, therefore, God's grace is the basic condition for redemption, i.e. it is indispensably necessary, then it is also understandable how much the deity's activity aims to explain the concept of grace to the beings in detail, for the beings striving for perfection are to a certain extent offered unlimited possibilities in order to reach their goal. The eternal deity, in Its infinite love and wisdom, has very well considered the extremely difficult struggle it has to endure, yet this struggle cannot be avoided if a development towards a God-like being is to take place, which is to be as perfect in everything as the father in heaven Himself is perfect.... A struggle of one's own strength to reach this state of perfection would not be very successful given the counter-influence of the evil power, for the latter is stronger and the being would not be able to offer sufficient resistance. And thus God stands by those who profess Him, who consciously or unconsciously harbour the desire for union with God in every way. The help to ascend to God.... this is what everything that is made accessible to people under the term "grace" should be called.... Man does not grasp the meaning of the word in its full depth.... Everywhere and at all times God's help comes to meet the being and only wants to be grasped. A heartfelt prayer for God's help allows it to be granted to him in all fullness, and therefore the human being can devote himself to his soul's work with complete confidence, for if he is faithful and turns to the father in heaven for help he will be so full of grace that supreme success is assured to him. Standing in the divine sun of grace, he will easily circumnavigate the most dangerous cliffs and effortlessly cover the most arduous paths.... his soul will feel the loosening of the shackles, the spirit will become lively and break through the shell and finally unite with the spirit of love from God.... and all this only through the divine grace which every being can ask for.... which can never be distributed by God in a limited way but can be received unmeasured by anyone who only desires it. The divine creator demands a great deal of higher development from His creatures, but at the same time He gives them the instructions and means to fulfil the creator's wish. Thus, again, the work itself is not difficult if only the will strives for the same, for the lord does not command the will of the being... it is entirely up to the being itself to shape it, yet even then prayer for God's grace can grant powerful help, for God's love is active wherever a being turns to Him and distributes unlimited blessings so that the imperfect being will always and forever know of a lifeline which it can seize in adversity and danger, and a requesting being longing for divine grace will never be left without help....

(8.1.1939) And countless beings will feel God's grace in themselves as long as they are willing to receive it. Living faith and active love let rivers of God's favour flow to them.... God will always helpfully approach the being in order to facilitate its path upwards, to protect it from the power of evil

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and to ensure its union with the eternal spirit of love, for "truly I say to you", says the lord, "your suffering on earth will be little if only you make use of My grace.... you will be able to reach the highest height and enter into direct contact with Me, and your soul will float in the light...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual rebirth.... grace....

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he 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

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Exploiting the graces of the work of redemption....

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nd if you don't make use of the blessings of the act of salvation then your earthly existence will Inot be evaluated, for only as a human being can you freely use your will, and no matter how much it is weakened it is still possible for you to call upon the one Who brought you salvation through His crucifixion.... And this call alone is a request for the blessings acquired from Him. Such a call to Him requires recognition, which every human being can also achieve if only he uses the gift of his intellect insofar as he reflects when he receives knowledge about Jesus Christ.... Then the divine redeemer can already take hold of him and convey the right thoughts to him, and then the connection is also established.... The graces can become effective in the person.... But it is different when the human being has a negative attitude towards every teaching concerning the work of redemption.... In that case he closes himself off from the source of grace of his own free will. But then he also only lives a purely earthly life, he does not strive for spiritual progress, he merely regards earthly life as an end in itself, and his will is and remains wrongly directed.... He still belongs to God's adversary and cannot become free from him without the help of the divine redeemer Jesus Christ. Admittedly, you will not lose your existence, for even if you leave earthly life unexploited you will still exist after the death of your body, but no state of life, no state of blissful activity awaits you, instead, you will then be subject to spiritual death because you are still burdened by sin, from which Jesus Christ brought you redemption if you had accepted this redemption yourselves. Your will cannot be circumvented, just as it aligns itself with the divine redeemer, so also is your state.... free or bound.... For you cannot expect redemption without acknowledging Him Who purchased this redemption for you on the cross. He took all your guilt upon Himself and atoned for it on your behalf.... But how can you expect a free lot, you who set yourselves apart from Him, who do not accept the graces He purchased for you?.... How can you be blessed as long as you are still devoted to another lord whom you first have to renounce by acknowledging Jesus Christ?.... You can only be blessed when your guilt of sin has been paid off. You yourselves are eternally incapable of doing so, therefore He bore your sins for you and atoned for them. And you must turn to Him in earthly life and appeal to Him that He may also have redeemed the guilt for you.... And then you will receive grace upon grace, for then His love will take hold of you and no longer let you fall. And only then will you properly evaluate earthly life, which was only given to you for this purpose, to return to God through Jesus Christ, Who embodied Himself in the human being Jesus in order to die for you on the cross. Earthly life offers you the opportunity to ascend freely and brightly into the kingdom of the blessed after your death, for only the acknowledgement of Jesus as redeemer of the world is necessary in order to also be able to make use of the blessings which guarantee your perfection, but you can also, by virtue of your free will, let this great opportunity pass you by and remain in darkness and bondage again for an infinitely long time.... You must open yourselves to the gifts of grace, you must acknowledge Him in free will.... Then your earthly life will not be an idle one, then you will progress in your development, and then there will

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also be a blissful life for you, because Jesus Christ alone can lead you out of the night of death to life in light and glory....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Means of grace.... Walking with God....

B.D. No. **6340** August 27th 1955

As yet it is still a time of grace.... I still try to persuade you humans by various means to turn around or to lead you into perfection.... only your will must not be entirely in opposition to Mine. If you humans rebel against Me, against your destiny and everything that is still intended to benefit your soul, then My means of grace will be ineffective, and then your life will also be at risk.... the life of the soul.... for then it will succumb to spiritual death. You humans ought to fit in with My will, you ought to realise that you are powerless by yourselves and passively surrender to the One Who rules over heaven and earth.... Only through such passive devotion will you improve your earthly life.... and then also allow the means of grace take effect and achieve progress for your soul.... It is the time of the end and therefore a time of great adversity because I still want to help people turn around or achieve perfection.... It truly would not be love on My part were I to leave you to your destiny and thus provide you with an unrestrained, carefree earthly life without misery and tribulation, for then your souls would definitely go astray, since the inner drive for ascent is only present in very few people.... I must support you because I love you, but I can only grant My support in a way which I regard as a blessing for your soul.... by being strict with you in order to bring you to your senses, since you are close to the end and haste is essential....

Yet every person can improve his earthly fate himself by walking his earthly path in unison with Me, by joining Me more closely and thereby making every downfall impossible.... And then I will also guide him such that his earthly life will be more bearable.... For then he will no longer need harsh means of help because I will have won him over for Myself.... Yet as long as the human being still resists Me he only feels the burden and not My help.... However, My love also applies to him and tries to win him over, only it uses different means which are nevertheless means of grace, because they only intend to achieve My living creations' return to Me.... But how insignificant are these sufferings and adversities compared to the torments of a renewed banishment into solid matter.... which, however, will irrevocably happen to you humans if you don't bow down to My will in these last days before the end.... Through suffering and adversities I want to achieve nothing other than your return to Me, Who can and will help you at all times....

You labour and are heavily laden.... Yet you know One Who calls you to Himself.... Follow His call 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest....' And there is nothing I will not give you if only it benefits your soul. Join the group of My children, don't keep apart in wilfulness or defiance but come to Me as well, you who are still distant from Me, and relinquish your resistance. For travelling the path with Me is truly easier and more pleasant since I will guide you such that you will effortlessly reach your goal.... but My path leads away from the world.... For My kingdom is not of this world.... yet it is your true home which will receive you when you have to leave the earth one day.... Only a short stretch of the path is still ahead of you but it is enough for you to reach the right goal.... But if you hand yourselves over to Me and My guidance without resistance you will not regret that you followed the One Who is the Father of all of you, Who wants to guide His children to eternal beatitude....

Amen

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Work of the higher development of the soul

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

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

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

Consequently, if the human being wants to become perfect he will also have to request the strength to live in accordance with God's will, that is, to accomplish deeds of love.... which then will surely be granted to him. He has to live life consciously, always aiming to perfect his still imperfect nature, and make every effort to do so. Then he will be impelled from within to act with love.... he can't help himself but do kind deeds, and thus he will also be able to progress spiritually every day.... And then he will not let himself be held back by worldly enticements either.... For once he is serious about accomplishing his goal of achieving perfection he will always put his work of improving his soul first, and then he will also always receive help from the spiritual beings guarding his earthly life.... who time and again try to influence his thoughts such that he thinks, speaks and acts in accordance with God's will.... For the only purpose of earthly life is the maturing of his soul which, however, is rarely recognised, and therefore the soul's fate is often an unfortunate one, albeit due to its own fault, for the human being is time and again informed why he lives on earth.... if he doesn't want to believe it, his soul will have to pay for it one day by taking the darkness across into the kingdom of the beyond, with which it had come to earth as a human being....

Amen

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promise My blessing to those who follow Me, who do everything that corresponds to the Learning commandment of divine love and who completely subordinate themselves to My will. And thus he will be able to enjoy My constant benevolence who unconditionally gives everything on earth in order to receive spiritual possessions. He will be certain of My constant blessing and need not suffer hardship, for if the soul is offered to Me then the body shall not go hungry either, so that the work on the soul will not be impaired. There must be no end to the endeavour on earth, for as long as the human being remains on earth he is offered opportunities which serve his perfection. The end of earthly life is set for everyone in wise foresight of what is to come, and since no-one knows his end in advance, the time on earth is to be utilized so that the recall can come every day without frightening him. And all endeavours should be directed towards the higher development of the soul, but concern for the body should be put second. It is incomparably more valuable for the soul to think of the welfare of one's fellow human beings than to constantly consider one's own welfare. The human being in his outer shell is transient, this only serves the purpose of harbouring the soul within itself, thus the soul should also always be considered first and the human being should only use all opportunities as such which can serve the well-being of the soul. And so man's life on earth is only of value when the life of the soul is cultivated, when every thought of man is for his spiritual good.... The ailments of the body are often necessary to support the soul when it begins to become lukewarm and careless. The work for the salvation of the soul must be constant and uninterrupted if the earthly path is to bring it the final maturity. The short time on earth, which seems difficult to you, will seem insignificant to you in view of the glory which you may receive in return when earthly life has brought you perfection. And if you now follow Me, if you make an effort to become perfect and fulfil all My commandments with a joyful heart, if you do nothing without Me and ask for My strength for everything you do on earth, you will remain in My love and I will bless you. And life will become easy for you if you put your spiritual well-being before everything else and live earthly life according to My will. And so always ask for My blessing, for My grace, so that the path on earth will seem easy for you and you will reach your goal....

Amen

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The soul knows beforehand its earthly course....

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hy do you humans doubt My love which embraces all My living creations with such tenderness that I truly don't want to let any of them suffer but only ever want to grant happiness and bliss to the beings which once emerged from Me? Yet not only love fills Me but also profoundest wisdom determines Me to impose restrictions on love where it would only cause harm and therefore has to be contained, even if only temporarily.... But I alone know what serves a soul to be able to enjoy unlimited happiness one day.... I alone know how every soul is made up and what it still lacks for perfection.... But I also know how little time is still available to every individual soul until the judgement takes place.... i.e. the classification of all spiritual into the external form which is suitable for it, which guarantees further development.... But I also know that a soul can become completely free from every material form and what unimagined bliss it can then receive and feel.... And if a soul is now shortly before its perfection and the time granted to it has almost expired, then a great favour can still be granted to it, in that this earth time still remaining to it makes exceedingly great demands on it or can also be exceedingly sorrowful, but then it is also the guarantee that all dross is cast off and it can now enter the kingdom of light and happiness.... What seems to be long to you men in terms of time is like a moment in the period of your ascent development upwards, but once the soul has reached its aim then it also knows that it was a work of mercy for My part when it had to go through exceedingly great suffering for the purpose of the last purification. Since it was allowed to see it beforehand and yet voluntarily took up its last embodiment as a human being, this is proof of its

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approval, of its willingness to take upon itself everything, even the most difficult.... because it saw the aim.... For it had complete freedom before its embodiment as a human being, thus it consciously entered its earthly life as a human being.... It took up a battle with the forces of darkness, which also required great strength of soul.... thus it is mostly not weak souls which are exposed to exceptionally hostile activity, for these would fail and succumb to the evil forces and be drawn down again into the abyss by them, which would also result in a rapid change of their torment into the opposite and thus be equal to a failure of the soul.... You men know too little about the connections, you do not know about the guilt of a soul, which embodies itself on earth, and about its state of maturity, when it is allowed to embody itself as man.... But one thing you will understand and be able to believe is that a soul which has to suffer a great deal in earthly life will approach an all the more beautiful life in the spiritual kingdom and that it will one day be grateful to Me Who enabled it to become free through great suffering.... I allow satanic powers to have an effect, for these powers will also be judged one day and fall back into deepest darkness.... The closer now the end is the more the work of evil will also come to light, and still unheard-of things will take place, which let you men doubt My love and mercy.... But they, too, will find the explanation in the ever shorter time of grace where unusual trials, suffering and hardship can still bring about the maturing of a soul and then this soul will have reached a high aim.... But you are always to ascribe love, wisdom and power to your God and creator, Who wants to be your father. I can prevent everything, thus also such encroachments of satan, but when My wisdom sees the success which arises for a soul through excessive suffering, then only My love is ever decisive, which wants to prepare the soul for the great happiness of entering the spiritual kingdom as perfected.... Therefore do not let your faith in My love waver, but trust Me that I only ever have the spiritual wellbeing of My living creations in mind and that I do or allow everything to happen that contributes to the perfection of a soul, but that I also give every soul the strength to persevere and to resist the opposing force, which can indeed weaken the body but which is unable to harm a soul which has already matured to such an extent that it knows its final aim and therefore voluntarily entered into an embodiment which forms the conclusion of an eternal development, of an infinitely long path of return to Me.... It has reached the aim and is now united with Me for all eternity....

Amen

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Purification of the soul through love....

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t contributes a lot to your purification if you only keep reminding yourselves of the commandments Lof love for God and your neighbour and ask yourselves how far you comply with these commandments. For if you are honest with yourselves you will never be satisfied with yourselves and your way of life, because you could always be more eager in your activity of love and often miss an opportunity. But already the will to act right and already the fact to carry out this self-examination is an advantage for your soul, for every good will has a beneficial effect. And during such a serious examination you will also become aware of your weaknesses, which every person still has, even if his will is good, until he is so eagerly active in love that he is now filled by the strength of love which also gives the will the right strengthening. Just never believe that you no longer need to purify your soul; never believe that you have already reached the degree which secures your entry into the kingdom of light. You must strive and work on yourselves as long as you live on earth, and you will only do well if you often devote yourselves to such inner reflections and try to fathom your faults and weaknesses. And your will will also be strengthened to constantly carry out the work on your soul, because such introspections already testify to your serious will to become perfect. Every omission of a good deed will come to your mind during self-examination, every failure or disregard of the divine commandments of love will come to your mind, and then you should only ever firmly resolve to improve yourselves and use every opportunity to make up for what you have neglected, and it will only result in a blessing for you that you will always fulfil the commandments of love for God and your neighbour more easily, because you will receive strength if your will is serious. The human being

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should once consider his duties towards his neighbour if he wants to fulfil this very commandment.... He should always remind himself that he should help his neighbour in every adversity and distress, be it of an earthly or spiritual nature.... And therefore he should not close his eyes to his neighbour's adversity, he should always remember how helpful help would be to him in the same adversity and how gratefully he would accept it. And he should always consider what his fellow human being is in need of, be it spiritually or physically.... For he should also try to remedy spiritual hardship where possible, because this is a work of love with a special effect on his fellow human being's soul. For this reason the human being cannot go into himself often enough and think about everything God requires of him through His commandments of love, for these are always the guideline for a correctly lived earthly change, he can always keep to these commandments if he wants to live his earthly life correctly and according to God's will, always as a blessing for himself and his fellow human beings.... For God requires nothing else of the human being than that he change into love, He only requires that he fulfils His commandments in order to grant him a blissful life in light and strength and freedom, which, however, is inconceivable without love.... And all perfection of the soul solely depends on the transformation (of selfish love) into unselfish love, which then also guarantees love for God and establishes the union with Him, on which all beatitude in the spiritual kingdom depends....

Amen

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The soul will reap what it has sown....

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You should not entertain deceptive ideas that you can gather treasures for your earthly life because you will lose them faster than you had acquired them. I caution you not to strive after earthly possessions and get attached to them, and time and again I will show you the transient nature of worldly possessions. You spend much time and effort when it comes to collecting worldly treasures and rarely consider that you cannot keep them, that you have to let go of them when you leave this earth, but that they can also be taken from you by other means if this is My will. You only appreciate what belongs to the world and yet is temporary; but you ignore the eternal.... you only take care of your body and ignore your soul.... And thus you use your energy of life wrongly, you only use it for your physical well-being but inconsiderately prepare a wretched fate in eternity for your soul. Because during your earthly life you do not give to the soul that which serves its perfection alone, you let it starve, whereas you excessively provide for your body without ever gaining from it. Because even your earthly life can end from one day to the next, and then you will enter the kingdom in the beyond poor and empty-handed and will have to suffer much pain.

For once you should think about the fact that you yourselves have no control over your life, that your life on earth could be short and that death could approach you any day without your being able to prevent it. And you should think about the 'thereafter'.... but you do not believe that you are not obliterated at the moment of death, you do not believe in the soul's continuation of life and that this life will then be in accordance with your life on earth and your concern for your soul's salvation. And on account of this unbelief you live thoughtlessly and do not question the meaning and purpose of your earthly life. You are content when you get what you like on earth, when you provide the body with a sense of well-being and collect many earthly possessions for the future.... And you do not actually know whether you will still have a future. However, you all know that you will have to die one day.... And this knowledge should make you want to evaluate your earthly life consciously. But you lack faith, faith in a God and Creator, Who will hold you accountable for your conduct on earth one day. And because you do not believe, you are indifferent.

But you can all be certain that the hour of your accountability will come and that your regret will be bitter when you find yourselves in great spiritual poverty in the kingdom of the beyond and eventually realise what you had neglected on earth due to your own fault. Because it is by grace that you were allowed to become embodied on earth, and not to have used this grace will be bitterly regretted by the

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soul one day since it will never be able to make up for its neglect, although in the kingdom of the beyond it will also receive help to ascend from the abyss, but the circumstances are far more difficult than they are or were on earth. You should not live so thoughtlessly because the hour will come for every human being when he has to leave the earthly body and then the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom.... Although this hour can bring much pleasure and joy it can also bring great darkness and pain.... but always in accordance with the human being's own will which he had demonstrated by his conduct during his earthly life.... He will reap what he has sown, he will enter the kingdom of light and bliss, or he will be received by darkness which will not release him again until the soul has changed its attitude and then, with loving support, it will walk the path of ascent....

Amen

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Serving love

The condition to attain perfection on earth....

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

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

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

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

Amen

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Only servant love leads to perfection....

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

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sorrowful, but you certainly reached ascent through it, because you were prompted by natural law to be of service.... But in the stage as man it is far more difficult for you, because you must overcome yourselves, your free will must become active to do what you were forced to do before through natural law.... You must serve.... but are no longer forced to do so, but your will alone decides.... And therefore you also bear a great responsibility for your earthly life as a human being.... you can sink back again but also reach the highest height.... you can unite with the eternal love Itself through serving love, and then your aim will have been reached on earth, you will have found union with your God and creator, you will return as children to the father from Whom you once originated as creatures....

Amen

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Loving activity means transformation of being....

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I ou should all only make an effort to live a life in which unselfish neighbourly love is expressed. ▲ Then you will all still have to discard many faults, you will still have to fight against your selflove, you will have to overcome yourselves, make sacrifices and renunciations in order to help your fellow human beings in their adversity. But step by step you will reach the heights, for only a life of love will ensure your ascent. A life of love therefore also means your change of nature, the change of self-love to neighbourly love, the transformation to the former nature, it means the path to perfection. Nothing else can fulfil the same purpose, nothing else can bring you to the aim than only a life change in love. And you constantly have the opportunity to do so, for living together with people creates such opportunities for you where you can be active in serving love. (7/6/1957) Again and again you will see hardship and help your fellow human beings, you will support them through good encouragement and loving sympathy and also be able to awaken counter-love in their hearts, and again and again you will find yourselves in situations where you can prove your willingness to make sacrifices.... where you have to put self-love aside and think of your neighbour more if you want to comply with God's will. And thereby you will ascend yourselves, for then you will fulfil your earthly task, you will change your nature into love.... This change is certainly difficult for some people and requires a strong will, yet you need only make an attempt, you need only once have the serious will to ensure that your earthly life is not lived in vain.... and it would become increasingly easier for you to put your 'I' aside and take care of your neighbour, for every act of love provides you with strength and strengthens your will. And soon it would no longer be a sacrifice for you but you would find your own happiness in your activity of love, because with every deed of love you come closer to God, Who is love Himself, and because you experience your approach to God as bliss. A person who is absorbed in love for his neighbour will live in quiet contentment and inner peace, he will not know any earthly desires because he will also have what he needs; the love within him will not allow any unpleasant thoughts to arise in him either, he will go through earthly life with a cheerful mind and also exude a good influence on his surroundings, for a loving person is already close to his aim because he has found unity with God through love.... Yet this is only slightly obvious to his fellow human beings, who are also supposed to carry out this change of nature without any compulsion of will. But his example, the teaching of love put into practice, will inspire far more imitation than words alone can. In earthly life it is always only about this change of nature, about shaping oneself into love, about fighting one's own love and becoming absorbed in caring for one's fellow human beings.... But works that lack love are not enough.... For it is not the 'works' that do it, but the love that must underlie the works. And a truly paradisiacal earthly life can therefore only be expected by a human race which is absorbed in love for each other. And every work of love carries its blessing within itself, it has an effect on the neighbour as well as on the person himself who gives away his love.... whereas all thinking and striving, all activity and creation is worthless if it is not based on love. And this is what people lack in the last days, what they can only ever be taught but which they must try out on themselves in order to experience the blessing of unselfish love.... Humanity is particularly addicted to selfish love, and this

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is synonymous with standstill or decline but can never result in ascent.... which is why love has to be preached again and again and also exemplified to fellow human beings as a good example, for without love no human being can attain perfection....

Amen

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The bond of love shall connect everyone without distinction....

B.D. No. 8711

December 30th 1963

Only love will always and ever lead you to perfection.... And this love has to flare up deep within your heart, it has to fill your whole being and motivate your every intention and action, then you will come ever closer to perfection, then you can say that you have been reborn, for you will have changed yourselves into your fundamental nature again. But only few people achieve this high degree of love while still on earth, yet I already accept their will as evidence of love.... the will to reach Me, the desire for My presence, always proves their love for Me already....

You humans are unable to muster this burning love for Me and all created beings, which deifies you on earth already, you live in a world devoid of love, and that also has an effect on those who themselves are willing to love but who, due to recurring unkindness, are inwardly inhibited from loving actions which, however, would awaken reciprocated love. And yet you should carry out this work on the soul, you should even love when you are hated, and you will rise above yourselves and become capable of ever greater love. And you may well believe it, as it is possible for you to do.... if only you would always appeal to Me for strength when you are too weak yourselves.

There is no special merit in loving something that is good and beautiful.... Yet to show love to a person who treats you badly or has many shortcomings and faults is far more difficult but also far more commendable, and then your degree of love will rise indeed and you will draw ever closer to Me, the Eternal Love. In order to be able to do this you have to open yourselves to My ray of light.... you have to appeal to Me to soften your hearts, to work in you Myself as soon as you cross the path of people who don't mean well or who do not appear amiable to you. Consider the fact that **all** human beings are My living creations, that I want to regain all people as My children, that you all have the same Father, but that not all people have achieved the same degree of maturity which they should and would be able to achieve on earth. But the bond of love should connect all of you, for only by way of love can you also help these less mature people to achieve a higher degree of perfection, for no ray of love sent forth by you will be without effect, it will always have a beneficial effect on the soul which is still surrounded by dense layers.

You are able to show love to such persons if only you consider the poor quality of their souls, which still have to struggle and fight for a long time until they are spiritually fully mature. And if you.... as soon as you are confronted by such a person.... immediately remember Me and My emanation of love, which is available at all times and only wants to be seized by your hearts.... thus just a brief call to Me in Jesus is enough for Me to illuminate you and enable you to love your fellow human being, whom I do not send without reason to cross your path, for he as well as yourselves should mature through such meetings, which you inwardly dislike....

You should never put your own interests first, you should never ask whether such meetings are beneficial for yourselves but always take notice of the other person's situation and try to help him, for would I let something happen to you that would be harmful for your soul? Love should glow ever more brightly within you, and My ray of love will always flow to you.... But if you consider and evaluate any human encounter and take earthly measures to avoid it then your action, at that moment, is not in contact with Me and you cannot expect any help from Me either.

Everything you encounter in earthly life only happens to you for the sake of maturing your soul, and you should not avoid it but rise to the challenge by using My strength, and you will be able to derive rich blessings for yourselves as well as for your fellow human beings. You are truly able to develop a

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high degree of love in you if only you call upon me mentally and appeal for My flow of strength, thus for My illumination of love, and open yourselves to receive it. And therefore it also requires that you do not exclude Me from your thoughts.... And this is the key, it is the only explanation you need to reach your state of perfection while still on earth.... For as soon as your thoughts constantly embrace Me the flow of My strength of love also has to affect you constantly, and then I can always be present with you too.... My presence, however, gives you the evidence of your union with Me, which is only ever achieved by love. Hence love could totally deify you on earth already, yet as you are rarely able to raise it to a high degree you will also have to suffer and through suffering dissolve the soul's cover.... Still, no matter what happens to you, everything is well considered and will only ever be in your best interests as long as you are willing to return to Me and enter into final union with Me, which will guarantee you eternal life in blissful happiness.

Amen

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Distress should inspire love....

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verything helps you to perfection that stimulates love activity.... There must, therefore, of Inecessity, be miserable situations in life which cause the fellow human being to intervene in a helping way.... There must be need and misery, sorrow and suffering, so that serving neighbourly love can be practiced.... One must need the other, so that man can develop upwards through serving neighbourly love. Serving in love is the fundamental law which must be fulfilled if the human being wants to perfect himself. The human being first has to be educated to love on earth, because his actual nature is without love as a result of his past apostasy from God.... but the divine father's love has lowered a spark of love into every human being, which is now to be ignited in free will and kindled into a great fire of love.... But the human being's will first has to be stimulated, which therefore happens through the neighbour's adversity, which is meant to compassion him and cause him to work in love.... There is no compulsion whatsoever, the human being himself must feel touched by his fellow human being's adversity, and he must want to provide help of his own free will, which strengthens the inner fire of love and constantly seeks new nourishment.... In order for his own heart to be touched by his fellow human being's adversity, he will often be placed in the same situation in order to experience the adversity himself, and as soon as help is given to him, reciprocal love for the helper will also awaken in him.... Where there is love, there can be no need.... Unkindness, however, causes hardship.... Although love will never be practiced on earth to such an extent that the adversity could be completely remedied, because people's fundamental nature is precisely poor in love, if not entirely devoid of love, and the earthly life as a human being only serves the one purpose of educating people to love, because only love can reshape the being back to its original nature.... into the image of God.... Nevertheless, people could also create an easier earthly life for themselves by working with love.... through constant service in love.... because then they would also have much strength at their disposal to master everything now.... But every adversity serves you to perfection as long as it stimulates your activity of love. Wanting to help already proves the divine principle of love, then the human being has stepped out of the spell of the one who, devoid of all love, only wants your downfall.... You humans will all bless the adversity which prompted you to work with love, which gave rise to the ignition of the spark of love in you, and one day you will regret every missed opportunity which could have meant progress for you.... Only servant love will help you to ascend, and you would only rarely practice it if you did not see hardship around you and thereby felt addressed.... But you will not be forcibly influenced, only through your own adversity and help will the benefit of timely help be proven to you. And from this you will also see that adversity and suffering are also means of grace, that they have to be so that the human being will practice helpful neighbourly love, for the spark of love in you needs nourishment so that it can flare up into highest embers.... And only a bright flame of light connects with the original light of eternity.... which is the purpose and aim of your earthly life, that you unite with eternal love....

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

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

Amen

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Enduring suffering to mature the soul

Afflictions and trials are means to attain perfection....

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he trials and affliction imposed on a human being are rarely recognised as a means to attain highest perfection. God knows every individual person's degree of maturity, He knows their hearts, and He truly does not miss the slightest movement which speaks for or against Him. And therefore He also knows which degree of development each human can still reach, and accordingly He will bestow suffering or strokes of fate upon the person if the possibility still exists to thereby raise the soul's maturity. Before its embodiment as a human being the soul knew full well what would happen to it during its life on earth, it entered its final embodiment in full agreement by hoping it would emerge from it victoriously. It beheld its pleasures as well as its sufferings on its path of life and yet did not let them frighten it from going, since, on the other hand, it also knew of God's help and His grace and foresaw the possibility to completely outgrow matter and dispose of its shell for good. For this reason so many a soul accepts a particularly difficult earthly fate, because it also foresaw the consequences of a correctly lived earthly life and knows the final goal and deems it reachable. Yet in earthly life it loses its past awareness, and therefore it fails to make use of the opportunities and is in danger of not reaching its goal. And therefore God provides it with help by creating opportunities on earth which enable the soul to mature fully. And then the human being will have to surmount greater opposition, as suffering and sadness are given to him on earth for which he has to appeal to God for strength in order to overcome them. A life without battle would always keep him at the same stage of development and he would have lived his life in vain. It is not that he has to atone for his sins on earth, like it is wrongly taught, but it only matters that he moves from the abyss, in which he still finds himself, to higher spheres, that he transforms himself into a being of light, that he works at improving himself by discarding everything which still prevents him from receiving an undreamt of abundance of light.

He must effectively purify a still opaque shell through suffering and misery, he must remove every impurity from it so that the light will then be able shine through it, for this purification has to take place of a person's own will, it cannot be implemented by God without the human being's will. Suffering and love are the only means to be cleansed from all impurities, and a great extent of suffering is the expression of great divine love at the same time, which wants to help the person to become such that God can make him infinitely happy in eternity. Sorely afflicted people on earth are therefore especially seized by His love, even though it seems incomprehensible to them. Life on earth is short compared to eternity, and one day the soul will look back with gratitude and praise on its short time on earth in which the suffering resulted in its higher maturity which it would never have attained without suffering. A person on earth has immeasurable blessings at his disposal so that he can endure even the worst suffering if, in heartfelt prayer, He draws strength from God, for He has assured him of this. He will let no-one leave Him without having strengthened him who confides his adversity to Him in firm faith so that He can and will help him. For the suffering is never greater than the One Who imposes it, Who has truly enough power to help people in every need. Therefore, always keep His love, wisdom and omnipotence in mind if you are burdened by severe suffering and you will feel comforted and patiently wait for His help....

Amen

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Joy and suffering serve to perfection....

ecognize the father's love in everything, in joy as well as in suffering, and also thank Him for the Relatter, for it serves you for future joys in the spiritual kingdom. Whatever happens to you in earthly life serves your soul's perfection, and often it is precisely the difficulties of life which promote its maturity, because joys very easily lead to a turning away from spiritual striving. But the father's love also wants to make His children happy, which is why He also provides joy if the soul is not threatened by it. But the spiritual development of the human being is always the cause of joy and suffering. And people's destinies are so different because of their spiritual development, but this should never cast doubt on the father's love, for earthly life is only short compared to eternity, and an earthly life, no matter how difficult, will be amply rewarded in eternity if it has enabled the human being to mature on earth. But the latter is the human being's free will, not inevitably determined by fate. What helps you to mature spiritually first has to be evaluated by your will, and therefore suffering and joy can contribute to beatitude, since both can be endured earthly but have a beneficial effect spiritually. Whatever directs the thoughts to the heavenly father has been successful for the soul and demands thanks from you humans because His love gives to you as your soul requires. But if it draws you away from the spiritual and drives you towards the world again, then God's blessings will be wrongly evaluated, yet always in free will. The father sends you joy and sorrow because His wisdom recognizes what is helpful to you and His love always applies to your eternal fate.... whatever comes upon you.... The father's love prepares it for you, and therefore you should gratefully accept everything from His hand which helped you to attain spiritual maturity, and you will experience His love because it helped you to attain perfection....

Amen

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Cross-bearing for the purpose of maturing the soul....

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It is truly better for you to live a sorrowful earthly life and then enter the kingdom of the beyond ▲ richly blessed than to be fulfilled on earth and arrive poor and miserable on the other side where the gates into the kingdom of light are closed to you. One day you will realize how short your earthly life is compared to eternity and you will have to realize how unwise it was to have forfeited the joys of the spiritual kingdom for the sake of this extremely short earthly lifetime, for it can take an infinitely long time until you have at least reached the stage in the beyond where you can be struck by a glimmer of light.... And likewise you will look back with gratitude on the difficult fate in earthly life which led you towards your perfection.... But that it should not be too difficult for you to bear is why the man Jesus died on the cross, in Whom God embodied Himself as eternal love, in order to atone for your guilt which would have irrevocably caused you eternal suffering.... And thus you can call upon Him in every adversity of body and soul, and He will truly help you to bear the cross under which you are in danger of collapsing. But always bear in mind that He has called upon you humans to follow Him with the words: "Take up your cross and follow Me...." He certainly walked the way of the cross for you, He took your guilt of sin on His shoulders and thus carried it for you.... He bore the original sin of your former apostasy from God and died the most bitter death on the cross to redeem it. But you humans do not only walk your earthly path in order to atone, but in order to develop upwards.... You have to reach a certain maturity of free will, you have to transform yourselves again into your original being, and that also means working on yourselves.... a work which is most successfully done by working in love. And you often neglect this work on yourselves, on your soul, and therefore you do not progress in your development. Admittedly, you can be released from your original sin through Jesus Christ's act of salvation, and then you will also be **able** to develop upwards.... But if you default you will be reminded through all kinds of suffering and hardship that you walk on earth for the purpose of perfecting your soul.... Then a cross will be imposed on you to carry, and you must take it upon yourselves and follow the divine redeemer.... You must take the path of love and suffering in

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order to mature your souls.... You once became guilty, and this guilt was redeemed for you through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. But with His help, which you will certainly experience, you must now also try to remedy your still deficient state.... You must do what the divine redeemer Himself taught you on earth: fulfil His commandments of love for God and your neighbour. You must serve in unselfish neighbourly love and thereby shape your nature into love again, as it was in the beginning. Without the redemption through Jesus Christ you would be too weak to live such a life of love as He Himself exemplified to you, but this weakness will fall from you if only you want Him to have died for you too. But now you also have to use His gift of grace.... the strengthened will.... by also living a life of love, because this alone will also change your nature, thus it will bring you spiritual ascent. Then you will shed your shells and your soul will be receptive to light. But often you have to get rid of these coverings in another way, you have to go through suffering, which is also a means of dissolution. And then you will have to carry 'a cross'. And you may not grumble and complain but devotedly carry this cross in view of the life of the soul, which lasts forever. For the maturity of your soul is your own work, even if all guilt is taken away from you, precisely through God's great act of mercy, Who knows about your weakness which arose through guilt.... He gives you your strength back again so that you yourselves can now take part in the transformation of your soul back to its former blissful, powerful and light-filled state. You yourselves must do the work, love and suffer, just as Jesus suffered for you out of immense love for you. But it is far better if only your body has to suffer than for the soul to enter an otherworldly kingdom where its fate is an agonizing state.... The sufferings of the body are to be called small compared to the torments of the soul, but you humans can also banish the sufferings of the body with firm faith in the strength of the name Jesus.... For then He will be willing to carry the cross for you, then your soul will already have matured to such an extent when this faith is inherent in it, for this strong faith has been eternalized through love.... And then the human being will also be released from his physical suffering, because the soul will no longer need such means, because it will have attained the maturity which secures its entrance into the kingdom of light. Then the cross will be taken from the human being's shoulder, then the divine redeemer's love will have come to the human being's aid and freed him from his burden....

Amen

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Bearing suffering for fellow human beings....

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will also give you an explanation as to whether you can bear suffering for your fellow man or Let whether every person must bear the burden himself which was assigned to him for the salvation of his soul.... You humans must consider that your soul is supposed to mature fully during your earthly life, that all still immature substances should spiritualise themselves, which happens through love or suffering, for this dissolves the layers which still prevent the light of My love from radiating into the soul. And at the same time such substances of the body which are still immature are also a problem for the human being by causing him all kinds of diseases and thus, with patience, love and in submission to My will, they should be calmed and therefore spiritualised which is, after all, your real earthly task, to help your soul towards the greatest possible level of perfection. And this spiritualisation of soul and body must be accomplished by every person himself, this work can never be done by someone else on his behalf, and one day he will be grateful to Me that, by way of suffering and adversity, I helped him gain perfection. Consequently you can understand that you should not really try to avert anything which can benefit your fellow human being's soul.... If, however, love is impelling you to offer yourselves to Me asking to bear your fellow human being's suffering then I will not stop you in your love.... It will be temporarily taken from the person and placed upon you, and thus you raise your soul's maturity because you are willing to accept more suffering and are motivated by love to do so.

One has suffered for all of you in order to release you from the immense suffering you would have had to take upon yourselves as penance for your guilt of sin, which was the reason why earthly life is a valley of tears and suffering for you humans.... But now all you humans can turn to this One Who will

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also take your suffering upon His shoulders and help you carry it.... Whose substituted atonement was accepted by Me and to Whom you should go if your suffering weighs you down, and he will help you carry it or take it from you depending on what is best for you.

However, the love of a fellow human being who is willing to suffer on your behalf is very highly valued, and this love will also guarantee you a flow of strength, for love is strength which will noticeably affect the sufferer.... And if someone offers loving intercession for you who have to suffer, the strength of this love can so permeate you that you will no longer feel the degree of suffering.... that your pain and agonies temporarily disappear, and your souls benefit from the strength of this love.... and thus mature and become less sensitive to pain.... The degree of love always determines the benefit the sufferer derives from such a prayer of love for him. And since the maturing of the soul is the purpose of earthly life and there are many possibilities to achieve this, it should be recognised first and foremost and not be prevented. True love, however, knows why a person has to suffer and will help him endure and make it easy for him to accept God's will.... And then I will take the cross from him and his soul will have moved a step forwards again....

Love and suffering help the soul to reach the goal.... If a person still has a low degree of love then greater suffering often occurs in order to hasten his soul's purification.... But this purification of soul can never be achieved by another person's conscious suffering on behalf of the former. Every soul is responsible for itself, and every soul has to reach its own maturity, which happens through love and suffering.... And the degree of suffering depends on the degree of love. I will certainly answer the prayer of someone who offers himself to bear suffering on behalf of a fellow human being because he loves him.... I will let him partake in the pain which he then has to endure. Yet he endures it for the purification of his own soul.... he indeed relieves the other person of the suffering for the sake of love, yet it serves him for his own perfection, whilst his fellow human being must likewise take care of himself and his psychological state of maturity, even if he is temporarily released from his suffering. No labour of love remains without result, yet where and how it takes effect remains My decision, Who knows every person's state of maturity and whom I will always consider accordingly.... And I give to every person what he is able to bear, and it is enough that he calls upon Jesus, the bearer of the cross, if he deems his burden too heavy for him.... And as long as the human being lives on earth he has the option to reach the goal of perfecting himself through love and suffering.... through following Jesus....

Amen

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Severe suffering can result in childship to God....

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You have been told several times already that you can only attain childship to God if you surrender to Me with love and also humbly bear the sorrow which you have to experience in order to purge the soul from all impurities, so that, on entering the kingdom of the beyond, you can be completely permeated by My light of love, for every ailment, every suffering the human soul still has to endure on earth dissolves the layers, and then the full light ray of My love can touch the soul, because it has relinquished all resistance....

Therefore, don't be discouraged by a difficult earthly life but believe that it will be a blessing for you which fully offsets all suffering, and be patient, for the reward will be greater than great and the time of the human being's suffering on earth is but short compared to the glorious fate awaiting the soul throughout all eternity. This is why you should gladly accept a life of suffering; you should know that such an earthly life is imposed on you by My immense love so that you soon will be able to reach the goal set by Me since eternity. For what follows your earthly life cannot be explained to you, it is the most magnificent fate which is only destined for My 'children', who will be invested into all the rights of the Father, able to work like Him.... without difference, because they have attained the highest goal.

Yet even for these very children I Am unfathomable, that is, they incessantly strive towards Me.... they long for Me and their longing will always be fulfilled.... And the essence of their bliss rests in the

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fact that they will never cease yearning for Me, that they thus can never be entirely satisfied because I Am and remain eternally unfathomable. For this reason you have to take the most difficult conditions in earthly life upon yourselves, you will be tested time and again, and you have to remain steadfast even in utmost suffering and always know that only your great love for Me and your neighbour can alleviate your suffering, but that you are incapable of such love which could entirely eliminate suffering.... and thus you should be grateful that you are allowed to bear sorrow as it only serves to perfect you. I did not say to you without reason 'Take up your cross and follow Me....' For I knew that only a path of utmost suffering will result in your childship to God, because as human beings you are incapable of the love that also leads to childship of God, and also because earthly life is too short unless you accept suffering at the same time.

Therefore, do not ask why I let a human being suffer.... Rather, think of the benefit of suffering, bear in mind that it dissolves all layers which prevent the soul from receiving the full illumination of love.... and that it is always just a temporary state which is then replaced by eternal happiness, for which you would have accepted even more suffering if only your physical strength would allow for it. Thus you who have to suffer so much should remember that it is the longing for 'children' which motivates Me to put you into this state.... and that you yourselves will be grateful to Me one day for all the adversity you had to endure in earthly life.

Yet this always presumes firm faith in Me, faith in life after death and faith in My infinite love, then you regard every happening as a return of the once fallen spirit to Me.... with the goal of childship to God, which I cannot achieve in any other way but by means of the path across earth. And if you have this faith then you will also patiently endure every suffering, you will only ever see one purpose in it and accept everything that you, as a human being, cannot change anyway, but you will humbly bear it as imposed on you by My wisdom and love in order to guide you to the highest goal.

But only few will reach this goal, yet they can nevertheless be happy if they don't (even **those** people can be happy who don't) enter the kingdom of the beyond entirely without light, for they will still be able to enhance their degree of light there. They will also be able to rise ever higher and experience infinite beatitude but they will no longer be able to achieve the 'childship to God' which necessitates a life on earth.... Nevertheless, they will be able to repeat this life in order to fulfil a mission, and even then they will not be spared all kinds of suffering in order to achieve utmost maturity.... in order to enter the spiritual realm as the Father's true child, in order to then be able to eternally create and work at His side, in accordance with His will and yet in all freedom, as it was His intention from the start....

Amen

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Path to perfection.... earth.... beyond....

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There is a long way to go until perfection for the spiritual, which has distanced itself so far from God that it has to cover this path in the bound state to approach God. However, it can shorten this path considerably through its willingness to comply with God's will, and this especially in the last stage as a human being, where it can also, in contrast to its embodiment before, bring its will to fruition. However, the last period of earthly life, life on earth as a human being, can bring the spiritual to the highest perfection if the human being's will is active itself, if he seriously strives to come close to God and does everything that earns him the final union with God. The opportunity to do so is offered to him but it is entirely up to him how he uses it. No external means can bring about this final perfection, but only a life of love for God and neighbour.... unselfish neighbourly love and constant desire for God, which the human being demonstrates through the former and through heartfelt prayer, through striving for perfection, through fulfilling the divine commandment of love and thus shaping himself into gentleness, peaceableness, patience, mercy and humility. Nothing else earns the human being spiritual progress, and if he does not seriously strive towards these aims then his path is very

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long until perfection, for then life on earth is not enough but he has to continue it in the beyond, however under far more difficult conditions....

Then the soul has to travel a path of suffering in the beyond which is extremely difficult because it lacks the strength it had at its full disposal on earth. And in order to spare it this God gives it every opportunity to perfect itself while it is still on earth, and He helps where the human being does not seriously strive. And therefore the great suffering which is intended to change people into God-turned, loving beings.... God wants to shorten their path because He knows about the agonizing upward development in the beyond. Life on earth as a human being is so short compared to the infinitely long time before and also in the beyond that even an earthly existence filled with suffering is easy to name against it if the human being thereby reaches his final perfection.... to be able to enter eternity as a being of light. Earthly life is a short phase which the human being will look back on gratefully one day if it has helped him to transform his nature through suffering. But if the human being is active in love, that is, if he fulfils his actual task in life, then suffering will not oppress him so much, for then he will come closer to his aim, and he will not need the suffering means of education to the same extent as people who do not recognize God, who are far from Him because they live without love. And this explains the great suffering which is going over the earth, which seems unbearable for all those who are not God-connected and draw strength from this connection. It is still God's last means of mercy, Who can no longer change people in any other way because they are hard-hearted and do not want to bow down before Him. It is the only means which can determine them to voluntarily return to Him if they are thereby driven from within to prayer, thus they seek contact with God through hardship of their own accord. For God will not compulsorily direct people's mind to Himself, because then every becoming perfect would be excluded, for only striving of free will leads to this aim. But people's will is still too much turned away from God....

And He seeks to transform this will through suffering.... If suffering brings about the change of will then the soul will have gained an unspeakable amount, for even the most severe suffering on earth can be called small compared to the suffering in the beyond, because earthly life is only a very short phase, whereas the state of suffering in the beyond can last for eternities if the soul is too weak or hardened of will. For its final aim always remains perfection, only this can take eternal times, but it can also be achieved in the short time of earthly life. And God constantly stands by the human being's side to help, and He seeks to stimulate him into the right use and, if he fails, to guide him onto the right path through painful events. And thus the time on earth always remains a time of grace because it enables the liberation from every form. But the human being will never be forcibly transferred into the state of perfection because this would be against God's order and could not result in anything perfect. And depending on the human being's will, which is turned towards or away from God, events will approach the human being. And therefore there will be suffering on earth as long as people's will is turned away from God and they do not change this will despite admonitions and warnings. Then God will resort to painful means to spare the souls the far more agonizing state in the beyond or to shorten it. For His love is eternally meant for His living creations, whom He wants to lead upwards, whom He wants to make happy with eternal life, whom He wants to receive into His kingdom as perfected....

Amen

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Resignedly accepting fate

Everything that happens serves to perfect the soul....

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There is purpose and reason in everything that happens, because everything depends on God's will and is therefore also wisely considered by Him and arranged by His love in a manner that benefits the soul of the human being. The decisive factor is always the effect on the soul, which can certainly be negative if the person's will so decides, but it is always possible to be positive too. The body often has to accept various kinds of suffering and ailments; but as long as the soul's spiritual development is progressive these afflictions are insignificant, because they only last a limited time, whereas the soul's state of immaturity can last for an eternity and will cause it appalling torment in the spiritual kingdom. The human being should always be conscious of the fact that God's love, wisdom and power determines his destiny, that nothing happens to anyone arbitrarily, that nothing is coincidental, that a kind, devoted Father at all times wants to help His lost child to find its way back to Him.... And therefore the human being should at all times call upon God as his 'Father' and thereby show Him that he wants to return to Him. He should always humbly accept God's will, even when he has to carry a cross which appears to be almost unbearable, because Someone will come to his aid and carry his cross with him, if only He is asked to do so.

But whatever the human body endures in this life will be gratefully understood by the soul one day, when it can leave the body in order to enter the kingdom in the beyond in a pure and clear state. Although divine love wants to spare every living creature suffering it cannot be avoided because the human being on earth does not consider his soul enough to do whatever it takes to remove its impurities. And thus help is needed which is frequently painful but which nevertheless promises success. But the certainty that everything is God's will, Who is love Himself, should enable you humans to bear everything with greater ease and it should be a comfort to you too that you are never left to your own devices, that there is always Someone Who cares about your spiritual maturity and wellbeing. And He will never allow that anything should happen to you without reason and purpose, because His love, wisdom and power is limitless, and His love and wisdom will forever be the decisive factor when His will and His power express themselves.

For this reason every minute can be of benefit to you, you can derive spiritual achievement from every experience, from every event, from every physical adversity which you encounter. Because as soon as you learn to view it as a means of help for the maturing of your souls you will also do whatever it takes to help the soul to mature. Your cross will soon be taken from you, since it is only a burden to you until it has served its purpose. If, however, you want to live your earthly life entirely without suffering, you will also have to be pure love.... and only few people will reach a level where their souls will purify themselves through love. More often than not they will require suffering as a means of help, because the time of their earthly life is only short and yet should yield the greatest possible perfection for the soul. Hence you should bless the suffering too, surrender to it and thank your Heavenly Father for His love for you, which only ever wants the best for you....

Amen

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ow your earthly life turns out is entirely determined by My will, because I have known from the Very beginning which direction your will is going to take during the time of your earthly life as a human being. And according to this will all events will happen to you such that they can influence you to direct your will correctly. So even if you apparently shape your own circumstances of life you will nevertheless be affected by the same measure of suffering and adversities, by destined experiences, regardless of what kind of living conditions you have. And therefore you can go through life with a certain composure since I will, after all, always provide you with the greatest possibility to reach your goal of attaining perfection on earth. Consequently, it is entirely irrelevant for your soul's development as to whether you are poor or rich, whether you are nicely shaped or have physical defects, for all advantages as well as your disadvantages can contribute towards your eager work of improving your soul, just as they can equally be the reason for you to neglect this psychological work.... For it always depends on yourselves, on your will, as to what extent you allow yourselves to be influenced by everything that approaches you externally in the form of experiences, strokes of fate, illnesses and all kinds of adversities but also of wealth, fame, honour and earthly power.... Everything can be detrimental and everything can be beneficial to you.... It depends entirely on what kind of attitude towards Me you find in earthly life.... It depends entirely on whether you allow yourselves to be spiritually influenced, whether you are able to look upon your earthly life as a test of your will, as a means to an end, as a gift of grace by the One Who brought you to life.... It depends entirely on whether you not only place importance on your body or are seriously concerned about your soul.... If the latter is the case then everything will be a blessing for you, no matter what comes upon you, and you will climb the ladder which leads to ascent step by step which helps you to reach higher spheres until you reach the goal when your soul will leave the earthly body.... This is why you should unperturbedly accept everything, always in the knowledge that I thereby intend to attract those of you to Me who are still distant from Me and yet need to find the right attitude towards Me in order to subsequently live your life on earth according to My will, which lets you achieve perfection....

And when there is a risk of people being entirely distant from Me, then I must indeed use means which are described as an unusually severe destiny of life, yet they are always based on the fact that an unusual resistance towards Me still exists, which I cannot forcibly break but which can recede in view of the immense earthly adversity, which can subsequently push the human being onto the right path to Me and thus show a correctly inclined will, which signifies everything for the person, for then I Myself will be able to take evident charge of his earthly life, and the human being will be truly relieved from all responsibility if he completely hands himself over to Me and lets Me think and act on his behalf.... So everything that can contribute towards a change of will is good, even if it appears to be distressing and unbearable, yet it is not distressing for the soul but fortunate and a blessing, for it matures and reaches that goal which, on its own.... without My indirect help.... it would hardly be able to attain. For I know every individual person's will. And thus I also know to whom I can bestow exceptional gifts of grace, who will use these correctly and derive the most blessings from them.... In that case, I will win this soul over to Me with less severe means, because the resistance, which in the beginning of the embodiment as a human being still firmly controls the soul, will have already considerably lessened.... In that case My means of help need no longer be so painful, slight impulses will suffice that the person will take the right paths, that he will recognise his purpose of earthly life and makes an effort to do justice to it.... And the suffering or adversities which are still imposed on him will be easy to endure, for then the person will already have established the connection with Me and through this connection he constantly receives strength from Me, which makes his ascent considerably easier.... Thus, a person's external circumstances of life are irrelevant for the shaping of his soul.... In fact, difficult situations in life often have more favourable effects on his soul than an easier and worldly-blessed life on earth, which is more likely to be a danger to its maturing.... However, no destiny is so severe that it could not be endured by a person who believes in a Power Which is love, wisdom and might in Itself, for if he believes he will turn to this Power for help, and he

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will indeed receive it.... For then he will already have the right attitude towards Me and that will certainly guarantee his full maturing on earth....

Amen

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Shaping earth life fatefully....

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wever your earthly life may turn out, you will be held by My love and always guided such that Tyou will be able to successfully cover it for your soul. People's different destinies are also due to their different predispositions, everyone needs different aids, and the different situations in life therefore offer enough of them. But since you humans are used to seeing with earthly eyes you pay far more attention to physical than to spiritual success, and a difficult earthly fate rather appears to you as a lack of love on My part where it nevertheless testifies to increased love from Me. For I know where an evenly carefree life free of strokes of fate can lead to: to a flattening of the soul, to indifference towards everything, thus to a standstill of spiritual development. But I have given you life as a human being on this earth so that you should reach the ultimate aim of becoming free from every cover which still burdens the soul.... And therefore I also give you the possibilities to reach this aim which, however, you don't recognize as such because your body often has to suffer or go without if the soul is to win. And in the last days before the end you will have to suffer particularly many harsh strokes of fate, for you will completely forget the purpose of your earthly life, you will only live for your body, for your earthly well-being, and you will completely ignore the soul. It has to live in want if I don't come to its aid. But as soon as you humans also see (long for) My will, My fatherly care in suffering and hardship, in hard strokes of fate or in difficult situations in life, you will not feel everything so difficult, for then you will already be on the right path: You turn to Me in every adversity of body and soul, and then your soul will also derive the right benefit from all events which painfully affect the body. For whatever comes upon you, you can always feel safe in My love, you can know that you are cared for by My love and also fully trustingly expect that I will lead you out of every adversity.... For I truly neither lack love nor power, I only want to see the aim achieved that you direct your thoughts and eyes spiritually and not just pay attention to the world alone. For you can recognize clearly enough that I try to kill worldly desires in you through all kinds of strokes of fate.... And I know every individual person's will, I know what he most longs for, and I also know what dangers threaten his soul if he is taken captive by the world, if he only lives for the world. And I know from eternity how every soul's will is directed, and its earthly existence is determined according to this will, but without forcing this will in this or that direction.... Again and again he can use it freely and thus, as it were, also shape his earthly life according to his will.... Nevertheless, I will always let every event take effect in such a way that the soul can derive its advantages from it. The human being can certainly shape his earthly life and believe that he is in control of his own destiny. But he will never be able to determine the effect of his actions, because I Myself have reserved the right to help where the soul is in danger of falling completely flat. Yet even My plans of salvation, My visible guidance or even fateful interventions will never force but only guide or help the human being to remember his actual purpose of earthly life and his associated task. Therefore all difficulties of earthly life should not frighten the person who has already entered into a bond with Me, for they only serve him towards perfection, and he always knows a master Who can straighten out everything that is crooked. And the others shall learn to turn to that master, and they will only then desire or accept My help when they recognize their own lack of strength in great adversity. As long as people's eyes and thoughts are not yet spiritually directed they often have to be touched harshly, it has to be proven to them that they themselves are not master of their life's fate, that it is rather determined by another, and to this other they now have to hand themselves over.... Then even the most difficult earthly life need not frighten them, after all, it is only imposed on them by Me because I want to win their soul for a life of beatitude, which will make everything.... even the most difficult earthly fate, and will last forever....

Amen

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Overcoming oneself

Fighting and wrestling leads to the goal....

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By fighting and struggling you reach your goal on earth, the perfection of your soul. This perfection cannot be given to you out of My love, but you have been given the task to shape yourselves such that you can enter the spiritual kingdom as perfected. And this task requires your will to fight and overcome everything which characterises you as imperfect beings. Thus, you have to wrestle.... with all your strength, you have to fight a battle with yourselves.... And this battle is often more difficult than fighting an enemy which confronts you from the outside. For you still love the enemy you have within yourselves, otherwise it would be easy for you to displace him.... The love for your faults and weaknesses does not allow you to proceed seriously enough, and therefore you are required to wrestle and fight seriously in order to emerge victorious, in order to reach your earthly goal, that your soul has attained the maturity which is the condition for entering the kingdom of light. And it will be understandable to you that the less you still love your flawed ego the easier the battle will be for you. You must therefore try to recognise yourselves in order to also detest that which still clings to you, which you should overcome. Only when you recognise that you are imperfect will you seriously strive to become as it is My will, and then you will consciously fight and struggle, you will strive for perfection, and the strength will also flow to you that your battle will end victoriously. But he who still has too much regard for the world does not recognise himself either and therefore makes no effort to undergo an inner transformation. His life will seemingly be an easy one on this earth, he has no inner scruples and reservations, he considers what he does to be right, because he only considers the earthly advantage, but not the damage his soul will suffer as a result of his actions. For he does not recognise his state, his destiny and his earthly task. Man must seriously come to terms with himself, only then will he fight against his wrong love, against all instincts and faults that still rest in him as consequences of his former sin. Fighting and struggling are indispensable if the human being wants to attain perfection, yet with a serious will he will be victorious, and his fate will be a marvellous one.... Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Fighting against oneself, desires and overcoming them....

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December 6th 1954

Ill your body if you want to give life to your soul.... This is not to be understood that you should ill-treat your body, that you mortify yourselves or disfigure yourselves, for such only testifies to a defective intellect, an aberration of human thinking and a disregard of what I as creator have given you, it signifies a disregard of the work towards its creator.... What I ask of you is that you kill the desires of the body, that you overcome yourselves, that you don't fulfil the desires of the body, which only apply to its well-being, and thereby cause your soul excessive damage. This fight against bodily desires is truly difficult, it demands your entire will to renounce, it demands a voluntary renunciation, a denial of that which seems appealing to you. It is truly a struggle for which you need strength, yet this strength will come to you if only you are serious about your perfection.... if you truly intend to reach the aim on earth, to become perfect. For your perfection depends on the state of your soul but not on the state of your body. And the body and its passions were given to you for the testing of your will.... For the time on earth the body therefore comes to the fore, it wants to assert itself in its demands, and all its desires and cravings are suitable to displace the soul's desire, for again and againit comes forward and seeks to determine the human being's will, to grant it fulfilment. The soul,

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however, cannot express itself obviously, and if it makes itself known in the form of thoughts these thoughts are quickly suppressed again, and it requires great strength of will to listen to it and to neglect the body for its sake.... This requires strength of will, thus the human being must fight against the desires of the flesh, against everything that is beneficial to the body but detrimental to the soul. I call you to this fight against yourselves, against your desires.... I call upon you, for it is only the struggle of the soul against the body.... But the soul is imperishable, and one day it will have to accept its fate according to its state of maturity, which, however, is a very low one if the human being considers the body first and lets the soul starve.... Fight the battle against your desires, kill your body, only give it what it needs to sustain its life.... but turn everything else to your soul, which can only mature if it is thought of more in earthly life than the body.... I will bless such a battle, and it will certainly require all your willpower in the beginning but it will also always become easier the more you overcome yourselves, for I constantly provide you with the strength to overcome if only you seriously want to do so yourselves.... and then you will surely reach your aim....

Amen

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Everlasting battle against the world....

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nd if you crave for the pleasures of this world only remember that you will forfeit spiritual pleasures because you cannot possess both at the same time, the spiritual and the earthly kingdom, for My kingdom is not of this world. The pleasures offered to you by the earthly world will only ever satisfy the body but not the soul, which needs something different in order to attain beatitude, which cannot be fobbed off with earthly enjoyments but needs spiritual nourishment in order to become happy. And therefore always take care that your desire will not get out of hand and stifle the soul's desire; always take care that earthly pleasures will not stop you from spiritual striving, that they are, as it were, contrary to them.... that the person's spiritual striving diminishes to the same extent as he tries to provide for himself, that is, his body, physical pleasures. And always remember that 'My kingdom is not of this world....' Consequently, whatever you enjoy or deem desirable and which still belongs to this world will always signify a small obstacle on the path of ascent, into the spiritual kingdom. Not everything is denied to you by Me, it just should not include the danger of straying from the path to Me.... As long as this risk does not exist, you may also give to your body what it requires.... And it is up to you to establish whether and to what extent you will be prevented from your contact with Me, from your earnest striving for My kingdom and its righteousness. And if you then let an opportunity pass you by which might have been able to provide your soul with spiritual saturation merely in order to gratify your body then it will be an injustice to your soul, which is equally famished and in need of strengthening.

The spiritual aspirant will never shelve the spiritual kingdom or his soul, he will always place it in the forefront, he can't help but consider his soul first and will not pay too much attention to his body until he first has taken care of his soul. And whatever he then will give to the body is right before My eyes, for he first considered My kingdom and My will before he considered his earthly existence, and this is right and also in accordance with My will. For I placed you into this world because you can fully mature in it, and your soul will indeed mature fully if you always bear My will in mind and live on earth accordingly. And it will always be My will that you should lift your eyes up to Me, that you strive towards Me, that you look for the connection with Me, that you are therefore held captive by the spiritual realm and don't bury yourselves again into matter for the sake of the earthly world, which is your demise. And if you are attracted by great earthly temptations then be always careful that you do not forfeit the treasures of your soul.... that you voluntarily relinquish that which your soul had already taken possession of.... that you disregard its desire and leave it to suffer hardship for the sake of earthly possessions or earthly pleasures. The world is your enemy, try to become its master, you can certainly make it compliant but don't allow it to become your master to whom you subjugate yourselves and thereby suffer defeat instead of gaining victory. Remain constantly in contact with the

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kingdom which is not of this world and you will truly be victorious over the earthly world; it will serve you to reach perfection, because this is your only goal....

Amen

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Attainment of sonship with God requires detachment from the world....

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You can achieve everything if only you muster the serious will, for then you will also be able to receive unmeasured strength to carry out what you want.... Yet precisely your will is weak and the world still holds you too captive to be willing to surrender everything.... But if you want to attain childship to God while still on earth, this requires a complete overcoming of the world.... You must have completely detached yourselves from matter, which, however, does not mean that you should withdraw into the desert as a hermit.... You can also stand in the midst of the world and yet have completely overcome matter, for to deal with it does not mean to desire it. For the earthly fulfilment of duty need not be an obstacle to the soul's ascent if it is a service to fellow human beings and if this service is not carried out solely for the sake of earthly gain, that is, if the human being's activity is motivated by the acquisition of material goods. Even a person's possessions are no obstacle to complete spiritualisation if they are used again for serving, unselfish neighbourly love.... But if selflove is satisfied first, then the path to spiritualisation is still very long, then the striving for the highest goal is not yet serious and thus the will is too weak, which also results in a lack of strength.... It is therefore up to you humans yourselves whether you still reach the goal in a short time.... You can have a whole life at your disposal and not get any further.... But you can also complete yourselves in a very short time if this is your serious endeavour, because then you will truly not lack strength. And as soon as you are given knowledge which also assures you an abundance of blessings you can now also consciously strive for perfection, which, however, always requires you to detach yourselves from the world. The extent to which you are willing to do so is also determined by your ability, for the serious will assures you the supply of strength. You humans, however, still expect too much from your life, you still harbour various desires and are not willing to relinquish them.... Nor do you trust Me unreservedly as yet, otherwise you would not doubt that I will also guide you through earthly life, that you need not suffer hardship.... if I recognize that your soul's salvation is of utmost importance to you and you distance yourselves from earthly desires.... For it is I alone Who can give to you but also take away.... Who also provides for you most abundantly if you are willing to make a sacrifice to Me.... For you will truly not come to any harm, for what the body voluntarily relinquishes the soul gains a thousandfold.... And if you consider that you have to give up all earthly goods when your soul relies on your body.... that you cannot take anything over but only your spiritual gain, then you will also realise the worthlessness of earthly goods and try to free yourselves from them for the sake of spiritual advantage. But I cannot force you to renounce, I can only help you by taking away what still hinders you or by placing so many obstacles in your way that you voluntarily give up what is not helpful for your soul's salvation. And you must seriously try to establish this difference between 'fulfilment of duty' and 'your own desire for the world's goods', and if you feel completely free of the latter then you can truly also reach the final goal on this earth, to attain childship to God, for the course of your life will then also be shaped according to the seriousness of your will and striving, always offering you the highest opportunities to reach the highest goals.... But you will not lack strength because then you will enter into My will and your return to Me will be assured....

Amen

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You ought to practise patience and make an effort of cultivating a life of peacefulness and gentleness in mercy and righteousness and humility, in which case you will also always live a life of love, for love alone will shape you such that you will acquire all these virtues, that you will endeavour to treat your neighbour with love and therefore live according to My will. And precisely that which I expect of you will be lacking in you as long as you are still controlled by My adversary. And you can also recognise to whom you belong if you seriously scrutinise yourselves as to what you still need to become perfect. For you possessed these virtues in your perfect state when you still belonged to Me and were blissfully happy.... By turning away from Me you changed yourselves into the opposite, all the bad characteristics awakened in you when you accepted My adversary's nature who lacked all love.... You shall reach perfection again in earthly life and therefore must also cast off all negative attributes and adopt your fundamental nature again; you must live a life of love which will awaken all virtues in you so that you will become divine living creations again. Yet this will always require an inner battle until you discard your initial nature, for time and again you will be provoked by My adversary into impatience, contentiousness and a quick-tempered nature, time and again he will want to harden your hearts, to obscure your sense of justice and prompt you to become arrogant, for he does not want you to become perfect but keep hold of you as beings like himself whom he can dominate. Yet you will have to wage this battle, for every ascent requires force towards the one who keeps you constrained. And you can become victorious if you hand yourselves over to Me in Jesus, if you appeal to Me to help you become again what you were in the beginning.

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

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Connection with God through thoughts and prayer

Asking for God's blessing.... power and impact....

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gain and again you must be told that you are unable to do anything without My strength and that Lyou must therefore constantly appeal for it if you want to be earthly and spiritually blessed, i.e. if you want to achieve success in your endeavour. For you should also appeal to Me for strength for your earthly activity, so that this, too, will be blessed by Me and also bring you advantage for your soul. But spiritually you cannot accomplish anything without My blessing, without My supply of strength which, however, will never be denied to you because it pleases Me if you strive towards Me and I support you in every way. With Me you are able to do everything, without Me nothing.... For as soon as you achieve earthly success without having asked Me for blessing, you may put this success on My adversary's account, who will then provide you with abundant strength if you forget Me, if you turn away from Me. Therefore don't let yourselves be deceived into thinking that your strength alone is enough but be warned of his support, for it is your downfall, it is the purchase price for your souls.... Turn to Me that I will bless every beginning, and this blessing will truly be beneficial for you, you will ascend spiritually and also be thought of earthly as it is beneficial for your soul. And understand that your call to Me establishes contact and that My strength can then be transferred to you; but understand that the contact has to be made because the bond with Me is indispensable for your spiritual development. Even if you only ask for earthly success you have nevertheless entered into contact with Me, and thereby you give Me the right to influence you, because I respect your free will and do not impose anything on you which you do not request. Through your call to Me you consciously place yourselves in the circle of My receivers of strength, whom I constantly provide because I love them and want to facilitate their path upwards. Everything will go well for you, for now I Myself can be active, I can provide you with strength which, because it is of divine origin, will have a favourable effect on everything you touch.... be it the work of your hands, be it earthly or spiritual care. Every work will be successful for you if you only do it in remembrance of Me and with the request for My support. But you cannot yet measure what you create spiritually with the help of My strength, yet you will be amazed at the extent of your spiritual work when you look back on your work in the spiritual kingdom one day, which will have a tremendous effect through My blessing for which you will be eternally grateful. Don't start anything without Me and often let your thoughts wander upwards, let Me be your spiritual and earthly co-worker so that everything will go well for you, so that you can demonstrate rich success which will then always have a spiritual effect because My strength has brought it about and My strength will ultimately return to Me again in the form of beings which have reached perfection and become blissfully happy through My strength....

Amen

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Bond with God guarantees ascent....

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The human being on earth who walks his earthly path in constant contact with Me and whom I can therefore guide Myself, as it serves his soul best, will be able to record a tremendous ascent. It cannot be soon enough to establish the bond with Me, for his will will then have turned to Me of its own accord and given Me the right to look after him as My share, to send him strength and grace without My adversary being able to prevent this, who has now lost his right to this soul. Nevertheless,

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he does not cease again and again to influence the human being's will in order to win him back. But

every thought which now applies to Me gives Me the right to push it away from the human being. Once a being has freely decided in favour of Me I will no longer let it fall into My adversary's hands, it just cannot be spared battles since these contribute towards the soul's maturing and constantly push it towards Me anew so that My strength can take effect in it, for every bond with Me also signifies an overflow of My strength of love, it signifies constant ascent upwards. However, establishing the right bond with Me will always be a matter of the heart; this bond is not established by acknowledging and affirming with the mouth, which is easily possible if people are certainly taught about a God and creator in their earliest youth and they only accept these teachings intellectually, they don't contradict them and thus believe in Him. Then the heart has not yet spoken, and only the heart's speech is valid before Me. Then the prayers will only be spoken with the lips but they will not be prayers in spirit and in truth, they will not be addressed to Me from within and therefore I will not hear them either.... The right bond only takes place when the heart speaks, when the human being's thoughts seek Me and want to communicate with Me, when the human being speaks to Me like a child to its father, when it knows no inhibitions yet surrenders to Me in profound humility that I may look after and guide it, that I may take care of it forever and ever.... The right bond with Me is truly already an entry into the spiritual kingdom, for the human being's thoughts wander into a completely different realm than the one where he physically lives.... And he acknowledges Me or he would not unite with Me in thought or prayer. And thus he has also passed the test of will, for once the being fell away from Me because it did not want to acknowledge Me as its God and creator.... The only thing that matters in earthly life is that the being returns to Me again of its own free will.... And the sooner it acknowledges Me the sooner I can also have a direct effect on the human being, give him strength of resistance against My adversary and support him in every way so that he covers the path of ascent.... that the soul works on itself with success, that it spiritualizes all immature substances still clinging to it so that it departs from earth clear and loud and can then be permeated by light and strength in the kingdom of the beyond. It needs strength for this purification process, for My adversary will constantly try to prevent it from living in My will, but this strength also constantly flows to it, or it can flow to it, because it repeatedly unites with Me and thereby can receive strength... because this strength is divine strength of love which will also stimulate it into constant activity of love, and because then its transformation into love will also take place, which signifies spiritual perfection, spiritual progress, for the purpose of which the human being lives on earth. However, this spiritual progress is impossible without the influx of strength from Me, and the influx of strength necessitates a close bond with Me.... therefore you can consider yourselves blessed if you acknowledge Me in your heart and send your thoughts to Me.... For I seize you and then will never let you fall again, for then your return to Me is guaranteed, your free will has decided in favour of Me and you will never leave Me again, you are Mine and will remain so forever....

Amen

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The voice of conscience....

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September 13th 1960

Your strength and became weak, lightless living beings which had to remain in the abyss until My love took hold of them and helped them to ascend again. Although you now have acquired a certain level of maturity it is not enough to guarantee the path of ascent which you still have to cover during your earthly life. You need My strength and guidance for this. And if you are conscious of your weakness, if you look around for help, then I Am already by your side just waiting for your request for help.... but you have to make this request to Me of your own free will because I will not force your will by any means whatsoever.

Yet I Am always willing to give you the help you ask for, just as I will always provide you with strength as soon as you desire it. And in order to awaken this desire within yourselves I occasionally will let you feel your weakness and darkness particularly strongly. This is only a sign of My love for

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you because I want to win you for Myself, because by this means I want to persuade you to voluntarily ask for My help. And for this reason you have to believe in Me first....

The knowledge of a God and Creator will certainly be passed on to you, which you only need to accept and think about and with good will you can also believe it. You can rest assured that I will help you to acquire firm faith if only you have the will to think and act **correctly**.... if only you will listen to your inner voice which will always guide you correctly.

And My voice will express itself in every person as their voice of conscience.... but it can be heard or ignored, which is entirely up to the person's own will. Hence their voice of conscience will inform the human being of right and wrong; the voice of conscience will teach him about the fundamental law, about love, because as a human being he knows exactly what gives him joy and a sense of well-being and what causes suffering and misery.... Therefore he can also behave towards his fellow human being such that it serves his well-being and protects him from physical harm.... And thus love can arise in him, and due to his love the light of knowledge will illuminate him too....

Every human being **can** learn to think and act correctly because the delicate feeling expressed by the voice of his conscience was given to him by Me. As soon as he takes notice of it, his nature, which at the start of his incarnation as a human being was still greatly steeped in selfish love, can change into love for other people. This then will guarantee a strong, living faith in Me, his God and Creator, and then he will soon recognise his Father in Me, Who loves him and wants to draw him close to Himself.... And he will strive for this bond of his own free will. I will be able to guide him into perfection, because I will grant help to every human being, I will leave no person in weakness and ignorance, I Am and remain his guide for the duration of his earthly life as long as he does not oppose Me, as long as his will consents to being influenced by his voice of conscience.... which will always happen when the soul is willing to achieve the purpose and goal of its life.... Then the human being can always be certain that I will do everything on My part to help him achieve perfection, that he will never be left to himself and that he will accomplish his goal without doubt....

Amen

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God wants to be the subject of our thoughts....

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o matter which path you want to take, it has to aim towards Me or you will go astray. If you are inclined towards the world you will hardly ever direct your heart and mind towards Me, and then you can be sure that the path you are taking is wrong. But if you turn away from the world your thoughts will most certainly drift into spiritual realms, you will mentally occupy yourselves with things which are beyond the earthly world, you will want to discover what is still hidden from you because you will yield to the light beings' influence, who try to steer your thoughts into the spiritual kingdom and will always succeed when the human being looks for Me....

I have to be your goal, you have to mentally occupy yourselves with Me, and then you will surely take the path which leads to Me. And thus you humans can only ever be cautioned to be wary of the world.... Not that you should escape from the world into which you were placed by providence to test your will. But you should not dedicate yourselves to it with heart and soul, you should learn to control it, you should do justice to the demands it makes on you for sustaining your earthly existence, nevertheless not grant it more rights than necessary.... You should master the world and not be its servant.... And thus destiny can make a variety of demands on you, yet you should not exclude Me from your thoughts, you have to let Me guide you and determine your every thought and action. And I will truly do everything to gain influence over you if you are of good will. But a person whose will belongs to the world will go astray, he will have a different goal, he will be completely taken in by the world and never get away from it.

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Therefore I will cross everyone's path time after time, and often painfully so, if he ignores my gentle admonitions and warnings and has hardly any or no connection to Me. In that case My Fatherly hand will often have to deal with him harshly, I will often have to make him painfully aware of the transience of earthly things, I will have to **take from** him what his **heart** desires, and I will often have to forcibly divert his eyes from the world without, however, forcing his will, which has to make its own choice after all. But he cannot become happy without Me, and this happiness concerns his eternal life, the state of his soul after his physical death. If he has not found Me on earth already he will scarcely achieve unification with Me, even though it is still possible in the kingdom of the beyond. But the goal has moved infinitely far away if he has concluded his earthly life without Me and then laboriously has to be guided in the beyond, where it is far more arduous than on earth, to find Me. But anyone who looks for Me on earth will find Me, since I will come to meet him Myself and not leave him again until he has united with Me. For I Am and remain the goal That has to be attained if you humans want to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Whatever you ask the Father in My name.... '

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October 10th 1955

And you will truly receive whatever you ask for in My name.... You have to call upon Me in Jesus Christ.... Only someone who acknowledges Me, the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, who recognises his God and Father in Him and thus prays to the 'Father', will find his request granted, for he will be guided by My spirit to the One from Whom he once originated.... Whoever does not acknowledge Jesus, the Son of Man, as the heavenly Father's representative.... whoever does not believe that I embodied Myself in Jesus the human being, will not send a prayer to Me in complete trust either.... even if he doesn't deny a 'God', but instead his belief in a God and Creator was purely acquired and did not come alive in him.... For a living faith is the result of love, but love also acknowledges Jesus Christ as God's Son and Redeemer of the world, Who merged with His Father of eternity.... Thus he will no longer separate the Redeemer Jesus Christ from the Eternal Deity, he will have been enlightened by his spirit that He and I are one.... And his prayer will always be granted, for he will only ever request something I can give to him without damaging his soul....

You humans will only be able to understand the true meaning of My Words if My spirit can work in you.... My spirit, however, can only work in you if you allow it to do so, if you, through a life of love, provide it with the opportunity to express itself to you.... But then you will accept My Word as if it was directly spoken to you, for then I will address My children and with My Word will also simultaneously give them the understanding for it.... And then you will be able to consider yourselves blessed, for your soul will receive light.... it will begin to understand, it will mature, for then you will also do everything I ask of you. You will comply with My will and shape yourselves increasingly more into love, and your soul will perfect itself while it is still on earth....

Call upon Me in Jesus Christ and first of all pray to achieve this perfection on earth.... And truly, you will not make this prayer to Me in vain.... For hearing a spiritual request is most pleasing to Me, a spiritual request will be fulfilled, because the Father won't deny His child anything and because the human being already demonstrates his childship by appealing to Me for help to become perfect.... And always pray that you become and stay aware of My presence.... Then you will constantly walk your earthly path in company with your eternal Father, then you can never go wrong, then you will mentally dwell increasingly more in spiritual spheres and your progress will be assured. You could achieve so much if you remember My Word and conduct yourselves in accordance with My Words.... if you 'ask the Father in My name....'

Earthly and spiritually you cannot make an inappropriate request, I will always grant your wishes, for I made this promise to you and I keep My Word. Call upon the divine Redeemer with Whom the Father united Himself.... Call to God in Jesus Christ.... Then you, too, will belong to the redeemed,

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then you will have penetrated the mystery of God's human manifestation.... For unredeemed people completely lack the belief that I embodied Myself in the human being Jesus.... But you demonstrate this belief when you ask 'the Father in My name'....

Amen

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Responsibility in life on earth

Importance of being responsible....

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very human being is solely responsible for his soul. And therefore it is of utmost importance for him to know what he has to do in earthly life in order to save the soul from falling into the abyss, from eternal darkness and torment, in order to prepare a blissful fate for it, an eternal life.... He has nothing more to do than to free his soul from dense shells which surround it, to create the possibility for it again to let itself be radiated through by the divine light of love, as once before the being fell.... The human being must be aware that earthly life was given to him for this purpose, and thus he must also use this life for this purpose. And every day, every hour gives him the opportunity to do so, for he need only constantly practice unselfish love.... He has to try to free himself from selfish love, which let those dense shells grow around the soul. Whatever the human being undertakes on earth is completely worthless for eternity, for the transformation of his being, for the maturing of the soul, if unselfish love is not the motive of his activity. And everything that arises from the motive of self-love is only of use for the time of earthly life but not of lasting value for eternity. The human being should always observe which feelings dominate his thoughts and actions. And he will be able to ascertain that self-love still emerges powerfully and unselfish neighbourly love is rarely only the driving force in his actions. But with good will he can change himself and his feelings, he can consciously work on himself by forcing himself to put aside himself and his desires in order to help those who are in need instead.... And he will always see hardship around him, he will always have the opportunity to be of service, and it will also always give him more pleasure the more consciously he works on himself.... yet not for the sake of a reward but out of his own conviction to be inadequately shaped and to use earthly life in order to become perfect. He must strive upwards, then strength will also be supplied to him from above.... He must want that his earthly life is not lived in vain at the end of his days, and then he will certainly also reach the aim. As soon as the human being has succeeded in putting his ego aside for the sake of his fellow human being he has already become a victor, and the soul's shells dissolve and can let in the divine ray of love, and then he no longer needs to fear having travelled the earthly path in vain.... But he must also do this very work on himself and know that he himself bears the responsibility. But the knowledge comes to him through the word of God.... If he allows himself to be touched by God's word, if he thinks about it and tries to follow it, then the work on himself already begins.... But anyone who does not listen to the word of God, who only lets it ring in his ears, who does not feel addressed by it, walks through life irresponsibly, even if he acts responsibly in earthly matters.... For he is only driven to this action by his self-love, which seeks earthly success, honour and fame but does not result in any spiritual transformation.... And such people will also hardly believe in the soul's continued existence after death and its torments in the kingdom of the beyond. For self-love makes it impossible for him to believe.... And therefore love for God and one's neighbour cannot be preached diligently enough, because only through such can the human being attain faith and the light of realization. Yet the human being cannot be forced into love either, it has to develop in him freely, but every human being is capable of it, because every human being has been given a spark of love for this course of his earthly life, thus only every human being needs to ignite it.... for which only his will is necessary. And the will is free but can be stimulated by the consciousness of responsibility. And the awareness of responsibility can also be awakened in every human being as soon as he seriously reflects on himself, on the creative power which brought him into being and on the purpose of his existence.... For anyone who seriously reflects on these questions will also receive a mental answer, and this answer will prompt him to live a conscious life with the purpose of the past perfection. And furthermore, every person will also receive enlightenments from outside which he can accept or

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reject.... But his own attitude is required, because only he himself can accomplish the work of changing his nature. But since every human being knows the damaging effects of an earthly, irresponsible life, he also knows the importance of a sense of responsibility.... And he can also value this for his soul.... and the transience of all earthly things should strengthen the awareness of responsibility for the eternal and imperishable even more.... Without love, however, man remains blind in his spirit and completely inactive. For the human being's work on his soul consists precisely of works of unselfish love, and as long as the human being's will is not willing to do so, the purpose of earthly life will not be fulfilled either, and the soul is and remains in greatest adversity, and the danger of sinking into the abyss again is great if it enters the kingdom of the beyond in this dark state.... unless the completely unselfish love of a human being on earth follows it into that kingdom and helps it to achieve a little light there.... But she will never be able to catch up or achieve what she was able to achieve on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

State of responsibility.... Receptive hearts....

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November 21st 1958

ou passed through countless stages.... Thus you are looking back on an infinitely long path of development, on a time span which you are unable to measure because you are incapable of grasping such infinitely long periods of time. Still, they are behind you now or you wouldn't live on this earth. Although a retrospection of the time behind you would certainly make you better understand the importance of your life on earth, it would not help your soul as it would only travel its earthly path driven by fear if it were able to remember the past and became conscious of the endless agonies it previously had to suffer during the time of higher development. Nevertheless, the fact cannot be denied that you had to live through such a period of development and that this period has almost reached its end now.... But the latter is determined by yourselves.... The gravity of your earthly progress rests in the fact that you can end an infinitely long lasting state of torment or prolong it again endlessly.... that you shape your future destiny yourselves during the time of your life on earth. For an infinitely long time you could not be held to account, since during that time you had to live according to divine will, you were subject to the law of compulsion, you were subordinated to the law of divine order and had to act according to God's will. And in this law of compulsion you moved upwards again to the point that the embodiment as a human being could take place. But now your life is no longer free of responsibility, for you determine its course and the success of your free will yourselves.... And this time is only very short and every person could live it expediently and gain the highest possible perfection from it, for all means are given to him, nothing impossible is expected of him, instead, he is helped in every way, his weakness and imperfection are in every way accounted for, so that all means which enable his soul's full maturing in free will are at his disposal. However, he is expected to rise above himself.... A personal effort is expected of the human being which neither another person nor a spiritual being of light can provide for him.... otherwise there would truly be no unredeemed soul on earth anymore, because the love of these beings would already have redeemed everything that is still wretched.

The final perfection, however, must be accomplished by the person **himself**.... And he can certainly do it, for God's love is so great that it pours unmerited blessings over all his living creations in order to fetch them back into the Father's house, in order to win them over for Himself and to save them from the adversary, who had held them captive for an infinitely long time. But His greater than great love cannot work unlawfully.... it must, in order to become effective, find open hearts into which it can flow unimpeded. And this 'opening of the heart' must be done by every person himself, free will has to become active, the person must consciously desire God and His illumination of love, then he will also become voluntarily receptive to the divine flow of love, and then there cannot be any other way but an ascent to higher spheres, to the light, to God, for the love of God is so strong that it will draw everything to itself that does not resist. The very short lifetime on earth is intended to achieve the

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human being's return to God, it is intended to eliminate the resistance, the human being is meant to overcome himself, since at the start of his embodiment as a human being he is still in opposition and strongly holds onto God's adversary who uses every influence in order to reinforce the person's opposition. And this opposition consists of the fact that the human being nurtures selfish love, which totally contradicts the love of God and which is like a closed door which does not allow anything through it, because selfish love believes itself to be self-sufficient and thereby only proves its own arrogance, which is part of God's adversary. Humility, however, recognises its Lord and God.... a humble heart pleads for mercy and widely opens its door for the One Who wants to favour it with His love.... The point of earthly life is that the human being should relinquish his resistance, which irrevocably ties him to God's adversary.... that his free will seeks his God and Father and appeals to him for grace. Then it will truly be granted to him in abundance and his life on earth will not be in vain, for divine love will flow to him in profusion, and since love is light and strength, the soul must become bright and strong and mature during its lifetime on earth, regardless of how short it is compared to the infinitely long time before. A receptive heart is the guarantee that it will attain perfection, for where the love of God can shine darkness can no longer exist; there will only be light and happiness, the entitlement of perfection, the entitlement of beings who voluntarily attained perfection on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Responsibility in earthly life....

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s soon as you take the path across earth you will exist in undreamt of heights, compared to the Labyss you found yourselves in after your apostasy, after your fall into deepest darkness. Truly, only a few more steps have to be taken by you, compared to the infinitely long path you have covered already.... You only need to take a short stretch of path ahead of you in order to reach the goal that was given to you an eternity ago: to be permitted to stay in close proximity to Me as a child of God, to be able to blissfully enjoy the glories of heaven, to be intimately united with Me as it was in the beginning. You are close to your perfection when you may enjoy the grace of the final embodiment as a human being.... and after a short time of testing your will can enter this very kingdom of glory which I promised you when I said 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him....' You can reach your last goal in this very short earthly life, compared to the time which lies behind you.... But you can also fall abysmally low again.... you can return to the places you left an eternity ago with My help in order to travel the path of ascent. If you consider that the long path of your preliminary development might have been futile, that you will have to take the same, infinitely long lasting path again.... if you consider that you will be forfeiting My kingdom and its magnificence for the sake of short physical pleasures by allowing your soul to starve in favour of your body.... then a great sense of responsibility should make you strive twice as hard in order to reach your goal while you are still on earth. You should do whatever it takes in order to attain My kingdom and its glory, in order to escape the fate of a renewed banishment and to conclude your process of development, so that you will be released from the form and able to enter the kingdom of the beyond.... Only a few more steps need to be taken and you will have succeeded.

Gather all your strength once more and don't regret the difficult ascent.... comply with My Words, do whatever I say to you, try to fulfil My will, and you will thank Me forever that time and again I convey this serious admonition to you in order to protect you from a repeated fall into the abyss. I incessantly appeal to you and try to awaken your sense of responsibility; strength will continually flow to you through My Word, My love is constantly striving to help you to progress, so that you will cover the last short path with My support, so that you will not become too weak in order to complete your pilgrimage.... Time and again I will guide you to a source from which you will be able to draw from My water of life to gain strength and vigour on your pilgrim's journey.... Time and again I will

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make you aware of the agonising state of a renewed banishment, only to encourage you to follow your goal, to establish the bond with Me and to venture the last short rise at My side, which will surely not be in vain but will truly lead to the goal as long as you make a serious effort to reach this goal. It is not My will that your earthly path should have been futile, it is My will that you should soon be able to enjoy total freedom in light and strength.... I want you to return to Me as My children, to desire with all your heart to escape the abyss and to belong to Me, Whose children you will have become once you have overcome the abyss. I want to know you as blissfully happy, I want you to work in light and strength and freedom, so that you fulfil the purpose that was designated to you from the very start but which presupposes your change from a 'living creation' into a 'child' of God, which you should thus accomplish in earthly life. This is why I constantly speak to you and exhort you to heed My voice. And I will pursue you with My Words until the end. For I don't want My living creations to be wretched. I want them to become and remain blissfully happy forever....

Amen

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Utilizing the end times for the salvation of the soul

Stream of grace in the last days before the end....

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February 12th 1949

n earthly life rich in grace can bring you to the highest level of perfection, and therefore every **1** person shall open himself to the influx of grace in the last days, which will flow exceedingly abundantly in order to compensate for the short earthly time people are still granted until the end. I Myself will approach all people in various ways and offer them My gift of grace. The more distant they are from Me, the more often they will be given indications from above; the less they direct their senses spiritually, the more often they will be offered the opportunity to contact messengers from the spiritual kingdom; the strangest coincidences will cooperate in order to also inform them of supersensible activity, and the threads which originate from the spiritual kingdom will be guided everywhere. Every person will be able to establish contact with spiritually awakened people, and no one will be able to say that he has remained without knowledge. All those whose way of life is not right will receive warnings and admonitions, and I will especially take care of those who are misguided but not opposed to Me. And what gentle admonitions and advice cannot achieve, adversity and suffering will still bring about where My adversary is not already completely ruler. I woo every soul and know every person's innermost disposition, I help and lift the fallen from the depths, I try to guide it upwards and am always and constantly ready to distribute My blessings which are expressed in the form of My word, in spiritual and earthly help and which everyone can request and use if he only wants. You humans can still reach a high degree of maturity if you make contact with the spiritual kingdom, if you request the influx of My grace and allow yourselves to be considered by Me and all beings of light who look after you and stand by your side, as soon as you call upon them to help you on the path of ascent. The time until the end is only short, and therefore your earthly life will be rich in inner struggles, in adversity and suffering of all kinds, because you should raise your eyes to Me so that I can let Myself be found. As soon as you establish contact with Me in prayer or in thought you will open yourselves to the influx of grace and then you need no longer fear the end, then you will also recognize Me in suffering, you will believe in Me and no longer turn your thoughts away from Me; then grace will already have taken effect on you and you will consciously strive towards Me. As soon as you include Me in your thoughts you will already be on the path upwards and you will no longer sink back because I will hold you. And you will long for My word.... Then you will no longer be in danger, for My word is the greatest means of grace which never remains without effect. The greater your desire for My word the further you will progress in your development, for the desire for My word is equal to the desire for Me Myself and also results in unification with Me, which is the aim of your earthly life. The end time will still bring much suffering and affliction, but also consider this as a means of grace of inconceivable value.... endure everything and come to Me in every adversity, then you will be able to achieve the greatest success, and the short earthly life will result in the maturity of your soul so that you need not fear the end....

Amen

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Indicating the end of an era....

B.D. No. **6812**

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You will all enter a new stage of development, for one period of Salvation will come to an end and a new one will start again. It has been said to you many times already without finding credence amongst people. And yet it is of greatest significance that you believe in it, because you will decide

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for yourselves as to whether you will advance or regress in your development, and because you will be affected by two entirely different destinies: exceedingly lovely and glorious or incredibly painful. Life will no longer go on as monotonously as before.... the upheaval approaching you will be so great that you will be unable to imagine it and thus you will live on indifferently although it is pointed out to you time and again. But you won't believe what My messengers proclaim to you and one day will bitterly regret that you did not accept and comply with the advice given to you. My Word is the only way to draw your attention to it, consequently I keep talking to you through a human mouth and only want to find enough belief so that you will become thoughtful and give account to yourselves about your way of life. But who listens to My Word? Who recognises it as the Father's voice Who wants to save His children from ruin? People's spiritual pride is so great that they overestimate their own thinking, that they don't want to accept anything, they don't believe to need any instructions and are satisfied with dead teachings which have lost all sanctifying strength. And those who claim to be My representatives on earth have too little contact with Me themselves, otherwise they would be able to hear the same Words from Me and would let Me speak through their mouths, in which case they would proclaim the same to their listeners as I announce time and time again: that you are facing a significant turning point, earthly and spiritually....

You humans plan far in advance, you create and work as if you had an infinitely long time at your disposal.... You don't want to believe in the conclusion of an era which is nevertheless approaching you shortly. Thus you are tirelessly active in an earthly sense.... But what are you doing for your souls? Why don't you consider it in the same way since you know, after all, that you will have to die one day and you cannot take any of your earthly possessions with you into the kingdom of the beyond? But since I tell you that all people's lives will come to a **sudden** end it should prompt you into working harder at improving your souls and make you realise the futility of earthly hunting and striving.... But you do not believe and cannot be forced into this belief. Even so, you shall hear it time and again from Me through My messengers who bring you My Word.... You shall not be able to say that you remained without knowledge; you shall not be able to say that you were taken by surprise, thus time and again people will cross your path admonishing and warning you, and the happenings surrounding you will also contribute towards making you thoughtful.... And blessed is he who takes notice of it and prepares himself for a change that will occur.... He will truly thank Me one day that I pointed the forthcoming out to him.... for the time granted to humanity to attain spiritual perfection has come to an end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

A forthcoming natural event....

B.D. No. 8033

November 5th 1961

In the forceseable future you will experience the truth of My Word, for I will express Myself through the forces of nature, as I have constantly forewarned.... And you will not be able to ignore My voice, for it will resound powerfully and throw the world into chaos.... Although the region of the event will indeed be limited it will still be of such enormous proportions that everyone will be alarmed once he is informed of it.... For, at first, all communications to the affected areas will be cut off.... An eerie silence will engulf the disaster zone because all contact is lost until the first horror has passed. And then the world will be informed of what has happened, before it receives the news of the disastrous details.

However, people have to be sharply spoken to by Me because they refuse to listen to My gentle voice, because they don't believe My Word which is sent from above and conveyed to them by My messengers. Hence, I have to express Myself such that My voice cannot be ignored.... And I have to send a judgment on humanity to which many people will fall victim but who may nevertheless receive My love and grace due to their untimely death. And thus you shall recognise the truth of My Word and activate your will, for even after the disaster you can still make a free decision since I force no one to

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turn to Me.... Yet the appalling natural event can contribute towards people finding their way to Me, because the adversity is extreme and there is no obvious rescue from any side. But what appears to be impossible is possible to Me.... And if a person remembers this and calls upon Me in spirit and in truth he may also experience miraculous help.... I will so manifestly reveal Myself to him, that he will recognise the might and also the love of his God and Creator and then turn to Me in profound faith and humble submission.

Anything that can still bring souls back to Me will be done by Me, but I also know how difficult it is to win them over and therefore extraordinary means of deliverance have to be used, which seem cruel to you humans and yet are only an activity of love on My part in order to save the very souls whose state is known to Me. I don't want to let them fall into My adversary's hands, who will provide them with a far worse fate than the greatest earthly suffering could ever manage.... Believe Me, no matter what happens, no matter what is permitted by Me, I Am only ever motivated by My love.... I watch over every person's fate, no one is too unimportant or too immature for Me, I care for all of you who are presently living on earth as human beings, because I want to help you reach final perfection on earth, because I want to protect you from the fate of a new banishment and only ever want you to turn your thoughts to Me, so that you will escape the final downfall.... to be placed once more into the creations of the new earth.

And irrespective of how disastrous My intervention is for the people of the affected regions.... it is justified by My love for you, for from a spiritual point of view it is just a rescue mission and not an act of condemnation.... Your earthly loss is irrelevant compared to the gain which your souls can achieve.... And if you have to lose your life then you may also depend on My mercy, which provides you with the opportunity in the kingdom of the beyond to become enlightened and to ascend.... For on earth you would, with certainty, have fallen prey to My adversary, and from this I want to protect those of you whom I recognise as still being capable of change. For there is only a short time left before the end, and this end will come soon afterwards. Yet, prior to this I still want to give you a sign, a final admonition and warning which, although it will painfully intervene in untold people's lives, shall strengthen the faith in My Word, so that they can prepare themselves for the end, which will not take long to follow....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Declaration of sufferings and afflictions of the last days....

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give you to consider that you can use every day for your perfection, which is still granted to you.... And even if you are still so far away from Me, you can bridge the wide gulf yourselves as soon as you pray to Me intimately.... Then you have voluntarily walked the path to Me, and I truly come to meet you and draw you to Me.... And even if the time is only still short when you stay on earth, as long as you possess free will, you can turn it towards Me, and from that time on you also give Me the right to take you by the hand and to lead you. Only this free will must become active from you, which you give to Me when you pray to Me as your God and creator, whom you acknowledge as powerful, and appeal to his love that it helps you. I only demand an intimate prayer to me, and truly, you are rescued for time and eternity. Because through this prayer you again acknowledge Me as your father, from whom you once went out, and through this prayer you also again seek the union with Me, and then also My power can again radiate into you, and every relapse to the deep is now impossible, because I now also assert My right towards My opponent, because you are also My share, which I no longer give away, when it has once decided for me. And you still possess the I-consciousness; you still walk over earth as man. And you only still need to make good use of the short time to complete yourselves, because you can now also be sure of My support for it, because I still wrestle until the end for every soul, that I win it for me. Only I cannot take possession of you as long as you yourselves still turn towards My opponent and he therefore also has the right over you, which I do not dispute with

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him. However, I cannot impress you humans very much with spiritual warnings and admonitions; earthly worries and hardships must weigh you down, then there is more of a chance that you will remember Me and take the path to Me with the request to help you.... And that is why I cannot turn away hardship and worries from you men because they are the last means to cause you to change your thinking.... For this reason suffering will also be rampant in the last days, every person will be affected by it himself or will have to experience it in his fellow human beings, for love is to be kindled in people's hearts, and every earthly adversity can be the cause for hearts to soften and willingly help their fellow human beings.... And where just one spark of love glows I will help and provide people with the strength to continue to be active in love.... And then they already establish a quiet bond with me, which they deepen according to their degree of love. Until the end opportunities will present themselves to the human being where he can help unselfishly.... whether he takes advantage of them is decided by his will, which is free... but precisely for this will he is responsible, for his will is influenced by My side as well as by the adversary's, and he must now decide. But he can think, and mentally My light beings will assist him, but always have an effect on him without compulsion, as also My opponent cannot direct them compulsorily. But My love does not let him fall; My love pursues the soul until the death of the body, and it is touched by Me so often that it can truly decide for Me.... And as soon as it only carries out works of love, I have won it, because now it approaches Me and again and again receives power for love work. And love joins us together.... this soul can no longer get lost.... But without hardship and suffering I will no longer achieve anything on this earth, and that is to be an explanation to all of you why the end-times often seem to be unbearable.... What My love no longer brings about can only still happen through trouble and suffering that I Myself am called upon in suffering and am asked for help. And this call will be assessed by Me as recognition of Myself, and man will also be considered accordingly; I will announce Myself so obviously that man now first learns to recognize Me and he also shows love towards Me.... And I will still accept him in the last hour.... He will remain protected from the lot of the new banishment, and even if his degree of maturity is still so low he will still be able to increase it in the kingdom on the other side because the danger of a fall into the abyss now no longer exists.... Because who once has recognized Me, he no longer gives Me up for ever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Confessing before the world....

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f you stand up for My name before the world you openly testify for Me and My kingdom, you Lonfess Me as My followers and thus consciously place yourselves on My side. And then you will have fully and completely fulfilled your earthly task, you will have become Mine of your own free will, you will have accomplished the separation from My adversary, the path of return to Me will have ended, even if your perfection has not yet been achieved on earth, but a relapse into the abyss is eternally no longer possible, for the kingdom of light has already received you and the light can no longer be eternally obscured. Whoever has found Me will now no longer let go of Me, just as I will not let go of him because he now belongs to Me.... The open confession of faith in Me has taken all right from My adversary, for the decision has now been made as to which lord you have chosen, and he can no longer do anything against your will. And thus you now also know how highly this decision of faith, which you all still have to make, is to be valued, and you recognize from it that it is necessary for humanity to experience a time of faith struggle which forces it to make an open decision. For there are many people who are not yet clear themselves as to whether and what they believe, who only then seriously take a stand on the doctrines of faith and struggle through to confess or reject when they are completely without faith. For spiritual questions are discussed less and less, and rarely are they the content of conversations or serious debates.... And therefore people will then have to deal with such questions when a clear decision for or against Me is demanded of them. Many will be anxious, many will be determined to reject Me, but My name will also be joyfully known by those who have always

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been in contact with Me, who have recognized Me and My guidance during their earthly life and who feel My presence so strongly that they testify loudly and joyfully and profess Me. All fear will be far from them and they will still recognize in it a sign of the approaching end that people will be required to confess their faith. And thus they also know that My coming is near, and in this certainty they will also remain steadfast in the face of all threats because they believe in My might and strength, in My love and in the truth of My word, which was conveyed to them and which they may also constantly receive until the end. And as fearful as the weak believers will be, so courageous and steadfast are those because they draw strength from My word, because they are certain of My presence and therefore know no fear and worry in My presence. Neither earthly promises nor threats can deter them or make them waver, for they do not fear for their lives and no longer pay attention to earthly goods, for they had already tasted spiritual goods and thus no longer desire the world. But for the sake of their fellow human beings they have to be drawn into this battle so that the weak can still lift themselves up by them, so that the strength of faith will be revealed in My own. As soon as you humans confess Me before the world you are Mine and are now also under My protection, and I truly have the **best** in store for you, but you need not worry about what could be best for you.... I will consider you in such a way that you will be blissfully happy, regardless of whether on earth or in the spiritual kingdom.... But I demand the open decision from people, I am not content with the inner acknowledgement of Myself if the outward appearance remains that the person is not My follower.... I demand a testimony for Me and My name even before the world.... For only then will you believe in Me alive, and only then will you experience the blessings of such faith.... My promise will be fulfilled that I, too, will confess you before the father as you confessed Me before the world, so that you will return to the father again as children, from Whom you once wanted to separate and also did so willingly because you denied Me your acknowledgement.... which you must therefore now testify to before all the world....

Amen

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Separation of the spirits.... The end of an earthly period....

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he path as a human being through earthly life is the once fallen original spirit's last phase of development on this earth.... it is the conclusion of the time this spirit was granted for its higher development, it is the conclusion of the period of time during which the original spirit is able to attain perfection again if it makes good use of the last phase, the stage as a human being, if it turns its will in the right direction during this time. Thus it is able to achieve its goal of entering the kingdom, from whence it originated, in a completely spiritualised state again; it is able to return to the light, to the Primary Source of eternity, to the Father, from Whom it formerly emerged as His living creation. But although this earthly life is short, compared to the infinitely long period of time of preliminary development, the great risk nevertheless exists that the human being will **mis**use his will again, that he will not strive to attain his perfection but descend into the abyss again.... And since this is his free will he cannot be prevented from doing so, just as he, vice versa, cannot be forced to turn his will **correctly.** Hence it is a matter of testing his will for the second time, and he has to pass this test as a human being or his course through earthly life will have been unsuccessful.... which might also result in a renewed banishment into matter if he is not granted the last grace to gradually ascend in the kingdom of the beyond under far more difficult conditions than on earth. This possibility still exists for as long as the earthly period has not yet been concluded because the realm of the beyond is still open to the souls which depart from this earth in an immature state. Yet the gates to the beyond will close as soon as this period of Salvation comes to an end and a new one starts again.... For the end of an old era also means the complete separation of the spirits, it means a reintegration of all spirits into external covers or creations which correspond to their degree of maturity.

And for the purpose of a renewed banishment hell will also spew out everything during the last days, then every possibility to advance further in the kingdom of the beyond will also be over, on account of

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which considerable redemptive work is still carried out in order to still save souls from below from a repeated banishment into matter. Substantial sifting will take place in the beyond and on earth. And if people on earth would consider how far they have already progressed and how near they are to attaining their perfection they would truly muster all their strength in order to still make good use of the time they have left until the end.... Yet no matter what is said to them they take nothing seriously; they don't use the time in order to reach their goal and the last grace of their embodiment as a human being is passing them by ineffectively, for even all other means of grace bestowed upon them during this time are either not accepted or used incorrectly, and an infinitely long process of development is coming to an end without have reached the right outcome for the human soul.... for the once fallen original spirit, which is intended to return to God.... However, people can only be admonished and warned, and that happens to a large extent through the divine Word which God's greater than great love conveys from above to people on earth as an exceptional means of grace.... And all people will be addressed by it and need only open their heart and ears in order to feel the strength of the divine Word and to assuredly ascend. Thus every human being has the option to obtain strength for himself, he only has to be of good will and strive to fulfil the purpose of his earthly life.... He must live the short time until the end of his life consciously, he must want to comply with the will of the One Who had given him his life, he must hand himself over to Him and appeal to Him for strength and grace. Then he will also reach his goal, for this appeal will always be granted to him, and God will bless everyone who turns to Him for strength and grace, and his earthly path will not have been in vain....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Admonition to make use of the end time for the salvation of souls....

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nly few people seriously strive for perfection, most are satisfied with externalities and are not aware of their purpose of existence. They value **earthly life** as the highest and only ever strive to make it as pleasant as possible for themselves without considering what advantage the soul derives from it and what they owe their souls. The soul wants to be nourished just as much as the body, the soul needs nourishment even more urgently, for it is what remains when the body passes away, when the human being's life is over. And the state it is in at the end of its earthly life is decisive for eternity. It can be glorious but also very bleak.... the soul can dwell in supreme bliss in the spiritual kingdom but also ruefully remember the unused time of earthly life when torment and darkness is its lot. And people do not remember this.... They live out their days and let their soul starve, they first look after themselves, i.e. their body, before they think of supplying the soul with good nourishment which enables it to mature, which helps it to reach perfection. Sudden death in their surroundings often draws people's attention to the fact that their own life can also end very quickly.... people are often taken away from the circle of their loved ones through death, and then they certainly also temporarily think of their own death, but only a few make a serious change in themselves, only a few live their earthly life consciously and still prepare themselves for the life which comes afterwards. For only a few are strong in faith.... Only a few enter into living contact with God and thereby attain inner realization of the purpose and aim of earthly life. And therefore only a few will reach the degree at their demise which secures their entrance into bright heights, but most will still have to struggle and fight for a long time in the kingdom of the beyond in order to just reach a small glimmer of light which makes their fate more bearable. For their strength will not be great and yet an ascent is still possible for them if they are not completely hardened in spirit, if they accept the guidance and instructions in the kingdom of the beyond which will still be offered to them through God's merciful love but which also presuppose their own will to still achieve spiritual progress. And therefore only a warning and admonition can be called out to people: Make use of the time on earth for your soul.... Don't let it pass by unused but remember that the actual life still lies ahead of you, that earthly life is not the first but that it is decisive for eternity. For you can achieve much on this earth if only you

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seriously strive for perfection.... But you can also fail, and you will bitterly regret not having heeded the admonitions and warnings on earth....

Amen

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Vineyard work in the will of God

Completion is also possible in a short time....

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nd however you may be constituted.... you all still have the opportunity to perfect yourselves on **1** this earth as long as you seriously strive for it. The firm will to fulfil your earthly task will also motivate you to pray heartily that I will grant you strength to do so, and truly, you will not address this request to Me in vain.... You will receive strength in great measure and My grace will pour out upon you and you will feel urged to work with love.... And then your transformation of being will begin and you will come ever closer to Me in order to unite with Me one day.... But this firm will must first be present, and it can be stimulated by all kinds of causes.... Strokes of fate can also lead you to think differently than before, you can be prompted by fellow human beings to think about the meaning and purpose of life, you can be driven by your fellow human beings' adversity to unselfish neighbourly love, and all this can rightly direct your will to come to Me and establish the bond with Me, and then you will already be seized by Me and receive all help to reach your goal. This is why you should not always regard difficult times as misfortune, for they can bring about a change in your thinking more quickly, and you can make spiritual progress in a short time, always in accordance with your will to love, which can be stimulated in times of adversity and now the change of your nature back to love can take place. And truly, you can achieve the same success in a short time which other people can achieve in a far longer time if they go through earthly life more indifferently, certainly making an effort to always live and think right and righteously but lacking the strength which an activity of love earns them. Their maturing process requires far more time, whereas such maturing can also come about in a very short time if the human being's will seriously strives for it. But it always has to be the drive from within, not the prospect of reward, because then the works of love can no longer be called unselfish. Yet every person who has the serious will to perfect himself will also have enough opportunities for love work.... And the bond with Me will thereby become ever more intimate, his soul will feel where it came from and that the spiritual kingdom is its true home, and it will consciously strive towards this kingdom, it will detach itself from the world, and with the turning away from the earthly world the desire for the spiritual kingdom will also become stronger, and all danger of being linked to the earthly world again will be over, it will have safely escaped the new banishment and therefore need no longer fear the end either.... For this reason all this shall also be held up to people time and again, through you, My servants, they shall gain knowledge about themselves and the meaning and purpose of their earthly existence. You can only impart the knowledge to them, for they have to muster the faith in it themselves.... But if they remain without any knowledge then only a life of love can put them into the state that they will be mentally taught by the beings of light, and then they will also travel their earthly path in accordance with My will, for love imparts the knowledge to them. However, since love has grown cold amongst people the knowledge has to be conveyed to them from outside, which can happen truthfully through you since you receive it directly from Me. And such true knowledge can also have the effect that the human being will mentally take a stand on it and thereby turn his will towards Me and seriously seek the bond with Me. And where there is only the slightest prospect that a person will still change, every possibility to achieve this change will also be exhausted.... and all of you who want to be of service to Me can contribute to this, because through you fellow human beings' thinking can be directed into the spiritual realm, which is necessary first, because no-one in the world can attain this realisation that he should strive towards the spiritual kingdom in order to fulfil the meaning and purpose of earthly life. As the human being now attunes himself to knowledge which is conveyed to them by you, he is free to.... But you should undauntedly do your work in My vineyard and I will support you in every way, for time is approaching its end and

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it shall still be well used for the salvation of erring souls which only see the world and therefore are also in danger of falling prey to this world, i.e. to matter. Yet the possibility of a soul's transformation still exists until the end, because I pursue it with My love until the end and it only needs to give up its resistance in order to be seized by Me, and then it will be saved for time and eternity....

Amen

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Knowledge of the eternal plan of Salvation....

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ou are instructed by Me in everything you need to know in order to benefit your soul's salvation.... And this includes the fact that those of you who shall teach, who shall proclaim My Gospel, whom I send into the world as My endtime disciples.... will also be initiated into My eternal plan of Salvation. For you should know all correlations so that you can confidently pass on the knowledge you receive from Me. This is why the spirit imparts extensive knowledge to you, in other words: I instruct you Myself so that you will know the truth. I have always mentioned the fact that the end is imminent and explained to you the fact that and the reason why a period of salvation will end and a new one will start again.... I have outlined to you My plan of Salvation and also given you the reason for your human existence.... I have given you the explanation about your origin and your goal and also provided you with the correct image of Me Myself, of My nature, in order to encourage you to seek contact with Me directly and to strive towards your perfection.... I also clarified the fact that your fundamental nature was different than it is now.... but that you should attain the original state again.... which is the purpose and goal of your life on earth.... Hence, it is My constant endeavour to inform all of you about My plan of Salvation, yet only a few are able and willing to accept the information. However, those who are serious about their perfection shall be truthfully instructed and this is only possible through the 'working of the spirit'.... so that your indwelling spiritual spark will make contact with the eternal Father-Spirit so that the human being can be taught from within about everything he needs to know in order to become blissfully happy again, as he was in the beginning. But this conveyance of knowledge cannot be forced upon a human being, a person's free will must decide what he wants to accept or reject, for only on condition of free will is it possible to attain perfection on earth. My servants on earth can therefore only provide their fellow human beings with this knowledge, My pure Gospel, they can only ever make sure that people will receive the information about their eternal God and Creator's unusual working, Who wants to bestow upon humanity the knowledge which will help them attain beatitude.... This is what the vineyard labour consists of for which people place themselves at My disposal because they want to be of service to Me as faithful servants during the last days.... Distributing the Gospel is so important during the last time before the end that I will bless every person who makes himself available to Me for this, because people should know what will happen to them, they should be made aware of the fact that a period of salvation will come to an end and that they should do their utmost in order to fulfil their task on earth. Nevertheless, only those who desire the truth will accept it, for they are able to recognise the truth when it is brought to them. People's free will decides their future fate, so if people are truthfully informed it will be possible for their will to make the right decision, for the truth is strength.... after all, it comes forth from Me and cannot be ineffective.... But it does not compel their acceptance; instead, it will merely impress upon a person if he is of good will.... And I want to lead you to him and, time and again, open doors for you through which you can enter and proclaim My Gospel.... Time is running out and people urgently require the truth.... a light in which they can recognise the path which leads to higher spheres. Therefore they shall receive such light from above because darkness prevails on earth and the light from above must penetrate if the darkness is to be dispelled and enable people to still step into the light of day before the end. This is why I still take such obvious care of people and, if they don't openly oppose Me, they will so soon feel the soothing effect of the light of truth and desire it, in which case they need not fear a near end either, for they will take the

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path of ascent into the light.... that is, the truth will lead them back to Me, from Whom they once originated....

Amen

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through them directly....

Vineyard work according to God's will....

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L'very one of My co-workers is blessed by Me and given the silent assurance of My support as soon as he works for Me. For I need his cooperation, even though it is truly within My power to shape everything according to My will, and thus also to perfect you humans through My will. However, My plan for bringing you to perfection requires the human being's free will, for this reason the redemptive work must also be carried out by people, so that everything takes place within the framework of natural progression and no unusual activity compels a person to believe.... Time and again I give you the assurance that I will guide your every thought and that you then will also undertake the vineyard work according to My will. Yet I keep reminding you to work diligently and take pleasure in your willingness to help. However, in the final analysis, a blessed vineyard work will always consist of industrious detailed work.... the distribution of My Gospel will always take place on a small scale, for even if masses congregated in order to hear the proclamation of My Word, My Word

would nevertheless only take root in a few hearts where the seed would grow. The success will decrease ever more during the last days, for the majority of people will turn away, they will close their ears because they no longer believe. But I know the individual human hearts and it is to these that I will convey the gifts of grace; I will bring them together with My vineyard labourers in order to speak

You can believe that I will not leave out one soul where there is still hope that it will gladly listen to Me. And you, My servants on earth, will truly achieve more with diligent detailed work than with major campaigns which will not yield the success you hope for. But if I Myself foresee a success, then I will also guide your thoughts correctly and put the means at your disposal so that you can work again according to My will. Yet you should not rush into things nor worry, just grant Me your will and let yourselves be guided, and leave everything else to Me. How few people are open to spiritual knowledge because only a few have an awakened spirit.... You must bear in mind that most people don't understand it even if it is conveyed to them because they live without love and are spiritually entirely unenlightened. This is why the spiritual knowledge that originates from Me directly cannot be distributed to the same extent as any other writing which is and can be offered to the broad mass of population, because the world only appreciates worldly goods. But I know what will be successful, and from My side everything will be done in order to increase the number of those who will be saved, and you should only ever do what is within your power, and always lovingly help your fellow human beings in their adversity. And I will bless every effort regarding this rescue work. I Myself will support them in every way but I also foresee the achievement and therefore also know which work is fruitless, thus I will prevent it so that you won't use your strength and effort ineffectively. Yet the achievements of silently rendered vineyard work cannot be estimated by you, where the souls pick up and observe every thought that moves you, and therefore your redemptive work will never be in vain, for I want to address all souls, which you will always enable Me to do if you unselfishly work for Me....

Amen

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Mediators are under God's protection....

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August 31th 1963

Everything you do for Me and My kingdom will bring you salvation, because I need you, My servants on earth.... When I assign you a job then I know that it is necessary, and when you now

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comply with My will then My blessing will also always rest on it, after all My love is only constantly intent on helping men that they fulfil their purpose of life on earth and reach their aim. Human hearts are to be compared with fallow fields, which are therefore to be made arable, which are to receive good seed, which comes up and bears fruit. And you are to do this work of a good farmer; you are to accept My instructions as obedient servants and receive delicious seed from Me, which you then scatter into the hearts of men, as soon as they have become willing to receive it. Consider that all men only stay on earth for the purpose that they mature in their souls, that I Myself set this task for them and that I therefore will also do everything that a fulfilment of this task is possible. And to this belongs that men are informed to what they go over earth.... And therefore I Myself have to speak to them through the mouth of men and enlighten them about everything because they cannot hear My voice directly before they have not reached a certain maturity of soul. And I always choose such men as mediators for Me, who possess that degree of maturity, so that they are able to hear My speech, and who are now also prepared to pass it on.... who therefore serve Me as servants in My vineyard. What is now more obvious than that those servants will also enjoy My protection in every way? Every single soul is valuable to Me, and I do not like to lose it to My opponent.... thus everything will also be done from My side to prevent the latter, but people always have to be ready as mediators because I cannot influence people directly due to their freedom of will. And so I am with everyone who voluntarily offers himself to Me for service, and his earth life way is completely under My protection.... That he himself is also to prove himself in tests from time to time, that again only contributes to his own perfection, because he also can increase his degree of light during earth life. But he enjoys My protection as long as I need his service for Me, because there are not many who want to and can fulfil such a task, since the time of the end has dawned, where My opponent has great power and he lets off steam, where strong counter forces have to be at work to invalidate (diminish) his work and to withdraw fellowmen from his influence. And these strong counter forces are again men in whom souls could embody themselves from above because of a spiritual mission and who therefore also reached that necessary degree of maturity on earth that they could take over this mission. And their earth course will also last so long until I Myself see that the mission is fulfilled.... Because the intimate bond of My servant on earth with Me will always earn so much supply of strength that he is up to his task, because nothing is by chance, everything is wanted or allowed by Me, but always recognized by My wisdom as good and successful.... And I will always be able to be recognized visibly as father of the house, Who embraces His own with His love care and makes them able to be active according to His will. And in this believing confidence they are therefore also to carry out the work, which I assign to them; they are to pay attention to the inner voice, which will give them the right instructions, because I Myself express Myself through the heart, and man will then feel urged from the inside to do or to omit what is My will. You, My servants, are therefore to administer your office in firm faith in My help, which you have voluntarily taken over; you are not to worry, because I take over all your worries, be they of spiritual or earthly kind, because you have offered yourselves to be active for Me, and thus your entire earthly existence will proceed as it corresponds to My love and wisdom, because only I know who does the right vineyard work for Me, and I bless his earthly progress so that it will have a successful effect on people whom I want to rescue from utmost spiritual hardship....

Amen

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Final goal: completion – childship to God

Striving for the aim in free will....

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hat a glorious aim you are heading for if you are eager in your spiritual striving, if you set yourselves the task of living to please Me, of fulfilling My commandments of love and disregarding everything that could bind you to this world.... You will achieve much if only you have the will to ascend, for then I Myself will support you with abundant grace. Admittedly, you yourselves cannot achieve anything because you are still powerless as a human being due to your past apostasy from Me. Yet I am satisfied with your will in order to already provide you with strength so that you can also carry out your will.... that you live in accordance with My eternal order and thereby attain perfection. For this reason everything in earthly life approaches you such that your will can turn towards Me, and once I have achieved this you will be granted an unlimited measure of grace, because I no longer want to leave you in weakness.... because this state of weakness takes pity on Me and therefore I radiate My strength of love through you, as a result of which you will now receive a tremendous boost which will promote you spiritually.... (4.4.1954) You will attain perfection if only you seriously want it, for the strength will come to you in accordance with this will, and I value a serious will extremely highly because it is the sign of the change of will for the purpose of which you live on earth. Although you are not yet aware of the aim in its glory, you also have to strive for it without complete knowledge.... You should certainly know that you should strive towards Me but it must remain hidden from you what it means to be united with Me.... The beatitudes which a union with Me will bring you cannot be illustrated to you, for you must strive towards Me of your own free will, because precise knowledge of the expected beatitude would make your will unfree.... thus you would seek union with Me for the sake of reward but then you would never be able to enter into it.... Love for Me shall urge you, even though I promise you bliss. I only find My bliss in making you happy, and therefore a glorious fate awaits you in eternity if only you always strive spiritually.... if your spiritual development is more important to you than earthly well-being, which always signifies a danger for you as soon as you thereby avert your eyes from Me.... Earthly wealth can certainly also help you attain spiritual maturity if you use it as it is My will... if you use it beneficially, if you use it in serving neighbourly love, if you help the needy and distressed.... Then earthly possessions will never be detrimental to you, for then you will not place them above Me, then you will administer them in My will and do good in My name.... Then My adversary, who tries to win you over with earthly goods, has lost his power over you, because for you these goods are gifts from Me which you gratefully receive from My hand because you work with them in the right spirit, according to My will, and because I therefore also bless your earthly goods.... Anyone who has chosen Me as his aim can no longer get lost for ever, because he will never again be left to his own devices but will now constantly have Me beside him as his guide.... For anyone who longs for Me, who strives for Me, has already grasped My love in order to no longer let go of him. There is truly only one thing worth striving for on earth: to make contact with Me, because then My flow of grace can flow into the human being unhindered, because then he will be filled with light and strength and grace and his work of perfection will also be completely successful....

Amen

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he perfection of all things is their unity with Me.... for everything in existence, everything that is visible to you humans, from hard matter up to the human being, is My once-emanated strength which were shaped into beings according to My will but which distanced themselves from the primary source of strength, thereby becoming incapable of any kind of activity which necessitated strength, and which therefore were reshaped by Me into creations of the most varied kinds.... And all these creations also sheltered spiritual substance which had fallen away from Me and gradually helped it towards perfection.... Even matter itself takes this process of higher development.... thus everything strives towards perfection. All beings' perfection guarantees their unification with Me, their eternal God and Creator.... The strength, having flowed forth from Me, returns to the primary source of strength again, every being unites with Me and finds supreme bliss in this unification.... Anyone who knows about this process which extends over eternities, anyone who is initiated in My eternal plan of Salvation, is indeed already close to perfection, because this information already proves that he is illuminated by My light of love which was once voluntarily rejected by the being. In the state of imperfection, in the state of distance from Me, the self-aware being.... the human being.... is still unable to perceive this light of realisation, for only My illumination will give him this light, and this illumination can only be conveyed to a person who voluntarily opens his heart, thus, who desires light from Me. And opening the heart presupposes the will to approach Me again, thus the human being is already on the path of return to Me, from Whom he once separated of his own free will. Then there will be a conscious striving for perfection, for the person will make an effort to live according to My will, he will subordinate himself to My will and that means that his nature will adapt itself increasingly more to My fundamental nature, that it will change into love again, because it will constantly open itself to My ray of love and will want to receive it.... All resistance in the being will have been broken and nothing will stand in the way of unity with Me.... it will be moving towards perfection. And in this state it must also gain realisation.... the human being will be initiated into My eternal plan of Salvation, he will once again penetrate the most profound knowledge which the being possessed in the beginning, and it will be able to delight other people with this knowledge if they are willing to accept it.

And thus you humans can understand that a light which grants you knowledge about your beginning and your whole process of higher development after the apostasy from Me can only be kindled in you by Me Myself, for only I know all secrets and only I can reveal most profound wisdom to you.... I Myself Am the light Which illuminates you when you are being initiated into the truth, and I truly know to what degree My ray of love, that intends to lead you to perfection, can strike you. Yet you can rejoice and cheer that the knowledge at your disposal was directly conveyed to you by My love.... you can be glad that you received spiritual wealth imparted to you by Me Myself through My dormant indwelling spirit.... My infinite love even pursued you when you were still vastly distant from Me.... without self-awareness, disintegrated and struggling through endless pain to come higher.... However, once you reached the stage of self-awareness again, you were seized by My love and it took possession of you.... You were given a tiny spark of love to accompany you, which was able to enter into contact with Me providing it was your will.... which, as part of Me, was able to take effect in you as soon as you allowed for it.... This spark love is not effective against your will, but the fact that it is in you in the state of a human being also provides you with the guarantee that you can completely unite yourselves with Me again.... And this part of Me in you bestows bright light upon you, It instructs you in all truthfulness as soon as you merely allow It to take effect. Then you may delve ever deeper into the truth, brightest realisation will be granted to you once more and you can emanate the light again which enlightens you from within. For you consciously established the relationship with Me, otherwise I would be unable to take effect in you, because I do not enforce My influence upon a person but expect his complete devotion until I reveal Myself to him.... However, in that case the spiritual communion will have taken place.... I distribute food and drink as nourishment for your soul.... I give you the bread of heaven, the water of life.... I will speak to you and My Word will come alive in you.... the soul will perfect itself and be as one with Me for time and eternity....

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Path to perfection.... childhood of God....

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ou can already reach perfection on earth if you voluntarily submit yourselves to Me, if you live according to My will, if you constantly move within divine order. Everything that is good corresponds to My will, but everything that is bad corresponds to the will of the opposite pole, which also influences you in order to make you submissive to its will. It is up to you yourselves to whom you want to submit yourselves; you are completely free, only the rightly used will leads to perfection, whereas otherwise you will be doomed to eternal death, a state of bondage in adversity and torment. Hence there is only one path to perfection.... a way of life according to My will, i.e. a way of life in love of your own free will. As soon as you make an effort in works of unselfish neighbourly love you will also live according to My will, and your soul will mature during your earthly life. Then the short earthly lifetime will suffice to reach a degree of maturity which will make it free from every bondage, thus suitable for the kingdom of light, which the soul can only enter if it is free from every cover impermeable to light. A soul's degree of maturity can still vary even then, but it is happy if it can inhabit the kingdom of light at all, where there is constant ascent and it can attain ever greater bliss. Yet even the **highest** bliss can earn it the short time of earthly life, as a true 'child of God' it can enter into fullest union with Me in order to never ever be separated from Me again and be able to enjoy the highest delights. This state of childship to God only requires a life of love on earth with utmost unselfishness, a constant striving towards Myself and intimate union with Me, which the human being establishes at all times if he works with love. The world must leave him completely untouched, he must accept suffering and affliction as My mission, his faith must be profound and unshakeable and his will must always bow to Mine.... he must always live with Me and let Me work within himself.... He must feel himself to be My child already on earth and love Me with all his heart.... Then he will also live entirely according to My will and depart from this earth as a true child of God. If you therefore know what you can achieve in the short time of earthly life, but how very few people make use of life for the salvation of their soul, then you can also imagine the state of remorse of the souls which neglected to make My will their own and now look back on a failed earthly life. For even My means of education often don't have much effect, and I cannot perfect the souls by forcing them. For this reason countless souls enter the kingdom of the beyond in a state of darkness and have to take an agonizing path there until they reach ascent, which, however, is far more difficult than on earth, where the strength of life is at their disposal to act according to their will, except that their will was wrongly directed. However, even in the spiritual kingdom the being's will remains free.... For this reason you humans should seriously work on yourselves so that you reach a degree of light which brings you realization, so that you will then safely ascend in the beyond and no longer have to fear the danger of sinking back into deepest darkness. You can achieve much on earth because strength and grace are at your disposal without limitation.... Use them and create a fund for eternity.... Live according to My will so that you can enter the kingdom of light, so that earthly life will not be lost for you....

Amen

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Becoming a child of God.... their activity in the hereafter....

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an should strive forwards and not remain at his stage of development. The short earth life has been given to him for perfection; his soul is to mature in order to get rid of its last outer fetters. The human being who is not aware of this, who closes himself to the knowledge of it when it is offered to him, does not use his earthly life energy for the actual purpose and therefore lives earthly life in vain. Although he has the opportunity to also mature in the beyond, he will never be able to

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make up for the time he missed on earth, for the spiritual success of a properly utilized earthly life is completely different from what he can achieve in the beyond through an arduous ascent. A life on earth in accordance with God's will earns the soul childship to God, it can attain the highest perfection on earth, it can shape itself into a being of light which may enjoy all the glories of eternal life.... Becoming a child of God is only possible for beings who have lived their earthly life in the most faithful fulfilment of God's commandments, in the exercise of most unselfish neighbourly love and righteous conduct before God out of love for Him. The childship to God is the entitlement to all children's rights, and the child of God has restored the right relationship as it existed in the very beginning.... It will be able to create and mould the being out of its own strength, it will be perfect as the father in heaven is perfect.... A being will never reach this degree of perfection if it did not live on earth in accordance with divine will and thus developed upwards. It can certainly rectify its deficient state in the beyond, it can still work on itself and become light and a recipient of strength, thus also achieve a high degree of bliss, but its activity in the beyond is completely different from that of the true children of God....

They receive power directly from God and their abundance of light is unimaginable.... Their will is equal to the accomplished deed, because with the power flowing to them from God they are able to do everything they want and can therefore create and shape like God. They themselves are a part of God, having emerged from His strength and returned to the original strength and, by merging with the original strength, have become an extremely powerful angelic being, because the will and the thought have remained with it and it is therefore a free, self-aware being of light which is now extremely creatively active. Every thought becomes an act because it conforms to God's will and the strength to carry it out is constantly at its disposal. Creating and shaping is the most delightful activity because it is likewise based on deep love, love for the unredeemed, to whom the spiritual beings full of light, the children of God, again give new possibilities for redemption by constantly letting new creations arise as a cover for the still unredeemed spiritual beings so that they can develop upwards. The children of God are imbued with profound wisdom, they know the purpose and goal of every work of creation, and they also know the degree of maturity of every being which is allowed to embody itself in creation on earth, and thus they also know the most appropriate means for its maturing. And they can apply every means themselves, they can will it and also accomplish it, they can let every thought become a work, they are completely unhindered in their work, always filled by God's strength, and their will is equal to God's will.... And they are also in complete harmony with each other because love is everywhere in the kingdom of light, which is the power from God. God's love radiates through all beings and impels them to ever more intense activity, it urges the beings of light towards each other, towards unification, and since all are animated by God's equal will to allow new creations to arise in order to redeem the imperfect, divine strength flows uninterruptedly into the universe. It constantly generates new creations which are received and realized by the beings of light as God's thought and which therefore again testify to God's unsurpassable wisdom and His greater than great love, because the creators and shapers of those are in closest union with God, who always and constantly fulfilled His will on earth as well as in the beyond....

Amen

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The path to perfection in the hereafter

Man determines his own fate....

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he kingdom you desire will become your abode.... Spirit or matter will be your cover, depending **L** on your will, but this is free. The fate that awaits your soul after the body's apostasy is one you have created for yourselves through your will, which was meant for spirit or matter. Understand that you yourselves are the originators of what awaits you after your death. For you receive what you want: a stay in hard matter or in the spiritual realm.... The fate you have chosen for yourselves during your life on earth awaits you. But they are quite different lots.... They signify bliss or torment, and only those who strive for the spiritual kingdom in earthly life will be allowed to enjoy a beautiful state, they will be blissful, whereas hard matter will again become the shell of the spiritual, which only strived for matter on earth and which is in a state of hardship and torment.... yet through its own fault. You humans live on earth for the purpose of spiritualizing your ego... of your soul, which is no longer far from its completion. But you must accomplish this spiritualization yourselves of your own free will, and therefore you cannot be hindered if you turn more towards matter again and your ego slowly hardens again.... when your soul sinks back into the depth from which it had already ascended so far that it should only still prove itself as a human being.... It certainly has the opportunity to completely spiritualize itself in the short time of earthly life, for it is granted assistance in every way. But it is also exposed to temptations by the world, it is constantly enticed by matter and seeks to take possession of it; thus it can, in free will, place the material world **before** the spiritual world, and then it irrevocably takes the path of return to the abyss, then its perfection is in question unless it still comes to its senses before the death of its body and strives towards the spiritual kingdom with a strong will.... which is also possible for it because this will is respected and supported at all times. This is why the material world is a great danger for the human being whose will is weakened..... For the will determines the soul's spiritual state and this can very easily develop regressively.... And then the soul's matter will stay when the body falls prey to death. But if the human being seeks to attain the spiritual kingdom, if his thoughts move more in this than in the earthly kingdom, if he seeks the bond with God, then he need not fear falling prey to matter and his fate in the beyond will be accordingly.... He is in the spiritual kingdom which he aspired to on earth, and only the soul's degree of maturity determines the degree of light and bliss which that spiritual kingdom offers him.... but it is the **spiritual** kingdom.... the soul has been able to completely detach itself from the material form, it has reached its original state again, since it was able to create and work in full freedom in light and strength.... It has reached its aim on earth and now no longer needs to pass through the material world, but this is the fate of the souls who only desired matter on earth. And it is the last time of grace, it is the time before the end, when unusual help will still be given to all people so that they can still accomplish their complete spiritualization on earth.... Unusual events provide unusual help where people themselves have become too irresponsible and indifferent.... God Himself comes to the aid of all souls because He loves them and wants to spare them the dreadful fate of a new banishment.... But all people have free will, and this determines the soul's fate in eternity, in the time after the death of the body, which can be extremely glorious but also equally agonizing, depending on this will and the way of life the person leads on earth. Anyone who strives towards the spiritual kingdom will also enter it; anyone who desires matter will have to take it as a cover again, for the kingdom of the beyond is closed to these souls as soon as the last day on this earth has come....

Amen

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Our father's love for His children is unlimited.... And this love will also grant you the requests you present to Me because it wants to make you happy. You should only ever ask and I will answer you. And if it is not possible to address you directly then you will receive an answer through My messengers who serve Me as instruments and whom I can address at any time if they want to hear Me. And thus you shall also receive information if you are moved by the question whether a person can enter the kingdom of light without acknowledging Jesus Christ if his way of life has been led in constant compliance with My commandments of love. Since I embodied Myself in the human being Jesus and thus accomplished the act of salvation in Him, this acknowledgement of Jesus is indispensable because it also results in the acknowledgement of Me, which you once denied Me and thus became apostate to Me. If a person now lives in love, then he is also united with Me through love.... thus he will acknowledge a God and creator and also establish the connection with Him in his thoughts.... he will believe in Me because his way of life, his life of love, has awakened a living faith in him which makes him consciously strive for perfection, for constant union with Me.... And yet, he is still burdened with the original sin which, for the sake of justice, first has to be atoned for in order to be accepted into the kingdom of light again. If the human being knows this and knows that the man Jesus atoned for his guilt with His crucifixion, then his life of love will also let him recognize the significance of the act of salvation and he will take the path to the cross himself in order to release his original sin. And then the gates into the kingdom of light will also be open to him. If the original sin has not yet been redeemed.... which includes the conscious request for forgiveness of sin.... then the spirit in the human being cannot be awakened either, which gives him the brightest knowledge.... For the spiritual darkness still exists, which was the **result** of the former apostasy from God.... For the spirit within him kindles a bright light for him about the mission of the man Jesus and about His becoming one with Me. The awakening of the spirit is indeed always the **effect** of a life of love but it is prevented by the human being himself who does not seek to free himself from the darkness imposed on him by the adversary.... because he does not desire the sole truth.... The spirit in the human being does **not force** a change of thinking, and thinking is still influenced by the adversary as long as the human being is not yet redeemed through Jesus Christ.... because the adversary's power over his soul has not yet been broken. Yet such people can never go astray because they inwardly profess Me through their God-pleasing way of life, in whatever form and under whatever name I can be imagined to them.... And when they enter the kingdom of the beyond I Myself will meet them in Jesus.... A mighty change takes place in them because I now give their spirit freedom, because My adversary no longer has access to him, even though he is not yet in the kingdom of light.... But he now recognizes his guilt, his wrong thinking, and the request for forgiveness is his deepest inner need, which is also granted to him in view of his way of life and good will.... For all resistance is broken in such a soul, love pushes towards Me as the eternal love, and brightly and clearly lies before those souls the immeasurable work of love and mercy of Jesus Christ, Whom they now recognize as their God and father from eternity and also their original sin is now written in the sand, that the entrance into the kingdom of light is now open for them, which would not be possible without the recognition of Jesus and His act of salvation.... For He and I are one, and Jesus Christ must be acknowledged, which also proves the acknowledgement of Myself....

Amen

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Power supply in the hereafter requires loving will to help....

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Everyone should strive to perfect himself as long as he lives on this earth, for once he has entered the kingdom of the beyond in an imperfect state he will have far less strength than on earth, and for the time being he will have to acquire strength through loving activity which, however, also requires strength again, whereas on earth he has the vitality at his disposal which he can use according

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to his own will, thus also for loving activity. Consider that only **loving activity** will ever bring about your perfection, that your soul can only mature through loving activity, regardless of whether on earth or in the beyond.... Consider that you always need strength for this.... You are to be pitied if you arrive over there in a powerless state and are now dependent on the help of people on earth or the beings of light in the spiritual kingdom in order to regain some strength for the time being. People can impart this supply of strength to you through loving intercession, but that is why you should also gain the love of your fellow human beings on earth, who will now include you in their intercession so that you will gain strength. The beings of light will also come to your aid but they cannot arbitrarily convey strength to you.... You must be willing to help other souls in their adversity with this supply of strength, and precisely this will to love must awaken in you yourselves, only then will you receive the necessary strength to work with love. There is certainly much adversity in the kingdom of the beyond, yet anyone who has passed by his fellow human being's adversity on earth will also be little affected by it in the beyond, because his self-love is still too great and he only thinks of his own adversity. For this reason it is far more difficult to attain a higher degree of perfection than on earth, and therefore you humans should not be indifferent but make good use of the vitality at your disposal for your salvation in the beyond.... You can truly gather many treasures on earth if only you diligently carry out works of unselfish neighbourly love, and you will enter the spiritual kingdom full of strength and light and thus immediately be able to utilize your spiritual treasures as helpers for the wretched beings who failed to gather spiritual wealth on earth and who are therefore dependent on loving help in utmost adversity. For only love can bring them help, even if their own will first has to be willing to accept this love and likewise help their suffering companions again, who, like themselves, failed to acquire spiritual treasures on earth. The adversity is great in the kingdom of the beyond, and anyone who therefore knows, who believes the reports about it, should still try to attain maturity of his soul on earth, and when he enters the spiritual kingdom he will be happy to have followed these admonitions, for he will never be able to make up for what is extremely easily possible for him on earth with good will.... He will certainly still be able to attain light and beatitude, but it will take much longer and require great effort to take only a few steps further, whereas earthly life had sufficed to enable him to attain the highest degree.... the degree of childship to God.... which, however, he will no longer be able to attain in the kingdom of the beyond. Therefore live in love, do everything to bring your soul to perfection while still on earth, and one day you will be blessed in abundance and, as true helpers, also be able to carry out redemptive work in the beyond for those who, through their own fault, have remained in darkness and can only reach light and freedom with great effort....

Amen

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Re-incarnation for special reasons....

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Livery once fallen original spirit must attain perfection of its own free will. And this requires an infinitely long time of development from the deepest abyss to the pinnacle. This process of development needs My constant help, since the entity has no strength whatsoever and is so weak at first that My strength must be of assistance in order to make this higher development possible. I always had to convey sufficient strength to the fallen beings so that they were able to accomplish the task allocated to them.... They had to be able to fulfil a helpful activity, and thus the development of the spiritual substances irrevocably progressed. Time and again I have explained to you the reason why this helpful activity had to be performed and that it required an incredibly long period of time until the fallen original entity was allowed to embody itself as a human being.... However, in this final human stage the original entity has free will, which can achieve the final perfection but also cause a renewed fall into the abyss. Thus free will can strive to achieve the complete release from the form, in which case the human being will also receive the strength to accomplish the work of attaining perfection. Then he will enter into eternity as a fully enlightened spirit, he will come into My kingdom of light and beatitude and continue to progress ever more, because the degree of perfection knows no

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limitation since the striving for Me will never end and yet is incredibly blissful.... If the human being fails his final test of will on earth, his earthly existence will nevertheless come to an end when his body dies.... he will enter the kingdom of the beyond but not be admitted into the spheres of light. He will remain in darkness or in twilight, depending on the soul's degree of maturity, but always corresponding to the way of life the human being had lived on earth. And thus the soul will have to accept the consequences.... It cannot be granted beatitude because the law of eternal order also demands justice.

Souls which completely lack light usually still move within the spheres of earth, often they are still earthbound, so that they cling to people and try to make them behave according to their will and their attitudes and thereby frequently push the real essence of the person.... his soul.... into the background, thus they take possession of the body and then effectively live a second life on earth without being entitled to it.... and the actual soul of the person is not strong enough to prevail and expel this evil spirit. The person is bothered by afflictions and all kinds of pain caused by the evil spirit until the soul succeeds in establishing a strong bond with Me which then will enable Me to dispel the evil spirit, so that it subsequently will realise that it no longer lives on earth.... To allow such earthbound souls a return to earth again would only result in certain renewed failure, since these souls would return to earth without past memory and yet in possession of free will again.... Hence you humans must never believe in **such** re-incarnations.... Neither must you believe in the soul's return to earth for the purpose of achieving perfection if it previously failed on earth or had not achieved the degree of perfection required and which it believes it can attain now. Consider that I place an unlimited measure of grace at your disposal.... also consider that I accomplished the act of Salvation for you, that it is possible for every soul to depart from this earth in a redeemed state and that such a soul truly will still be able to ascend in the beyond and become inconceivably happy.... Admittedly, the free will of every soul will also be respected in the spiritual realm and if the soul wants to return to earth its desire will be granted.... But it runs the great risk that it might also descend into the abyss, since in earthly life free will is decisive again. However, a soul which can show only a tiny glimmer of light will recognise the opportunities of achieving maturity in the beyond and will refuse to enter a body of flesh again.... And a completely lightless soul will never be allowed to return to earth, for it first has to provide evidence of its change of mind, and then it will no longer be willing to live on earth.

Nevertheless, during the last days cases of re-incarnation will be allowed, but they happen for special reasons: first of all, beings of light will come to earth for the purpose of a mission because of the immense spiritual adversity.... but their embodiment should not make people believe that every soul will return to earth for the sake of attaining higher maturity.... Yet some souls also exist which.... once a tiny glimmer of realisation dawns on them.... recognise their immense sin they had burdened themselves with during their life on earth.... These are individual cases which require much atonement, which certainly could also be removed in the beyond but which impel these souls to sincerely ask for permission to redeem this guilt on earth.... and which are willing to fulfil a helpful mission at the same time.... But such cases must never be generalised, since this would be a serious deception which can only result in disaster for people. And these souls will also have to endure unusual destinies of suffering which might often make their fellow human beings doubt My love but which have their explanation in the considerable guilt of these souls, which is the real reason of their earthly life. Profound and living faith in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation guarantees that all guilt has been redeemed through His blood.... But these souls had not found redemption through Jesus Christ in their earthly life and therefore brought it over into the spiritual kingdom. Yet the soul must have achieved a certain degree of light already to be allowed to live on earth again.... it must have found the path to Jesus Christ in the afterlife, it must have appealed for forgiveness of this guilt and then have decided of its own free will to accomplish this act of atonement and have asked for My permission.... otherwise its return to earth will not be granted.

I always say that the doctrine of re-incarnation is a misguided teaching if it is applied to all people who departed from this earth in an imperfect state. And I have always mentioned special reasons which justify such re-incarnation. Not to have accepted or utilised the grace of My love is a repeated

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sin against My love, and you cannot brush this sin aside as you please with a repeated return to earth.... You have the opportunity to cleanse yourselves from all guilt through Jesus' blood while you live on earth.... And My love for you really will not leave any stone unturned in order to help you attain perfection. And this love should not be rejected by you otherwise you will meet with a painful fate in the beyond, as My justice demands, even if My love for you is greater than great, and even then I will still help you to reach the light one day. For My love can only be effective within the scope of divine order....

Amen

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Help from God and the beings of light on the path to perfection

God's everlasting help to completion....

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know no other aim than to make you happy forever, and even if you have to go through suffering Land tribulation on earth, everything serves to reshape you again into what you were in the beginning: perfect beings, but which have now become My 'children' of their own free will, with whom I can create and work in all bliss.... But since it concerns a state which no longer has an end, your earthly life is only a very short moment and therefore also all suffering and all tribulation is limited. And you will thank Me that I used all these means to form you so that you can enjoy eternal happiness, because you can now supply light even to the still imperfect; you can take part in the redemption of innumerable souls, which still cover the course over earth with the same aim to also reach perfection. And these souls all still have to feel great suffering and affliction; they still stand in the midst of the fight against the dark forces; they have not yet decided for Me, and that is why the hardship will become more and more violent, because mankind has mercy on Me, because it stands shortly before the end, and I still use all means to make the decision for Me easy for them.... Yet I will only achieve little success with it, and yet I give all people the assurance that they will one day reach the aim, that I will not leave any soul in darkness for eternity, that it will one day return to Me.... Yet the souls themselves determine the length of time until their return.... For they are subject to the law of time and space, and they will remain subject to this law until they have perfected themselves, until time and space are eliminated for them.... until they can dwell where they want, and also past, present and future are no longer separate concepts for them. Then they will also only see the past as a moment; they will certainly be able to put themselves into it, but no longer feel pain; every event will be understandable to them, because they recognize it as means of My love and therefore sing praise and thanks to Me that I helped them to perfection. Then your earth life is truly only like a moment, measured in eternity.... But as man you are still equipped with the concept of time and space, which only stops with your perfection, because also this is the result of your fall to the deep, that you became limited in all sensations, however always only both to your own agony as also to the relief of earth existence, because only that could be imposed on you, what you are able to carry. But nevertheless, during earthly time you also have the opportunity to place all burdens on His shoulders, Who died for you and your guilt of sin on the cross.... if you hand yourselves over to Him, then everything will seem bearable to you, and you will patiently take everything upon yourselves and thus also reach the aim more easily.... to complete union with Me, Who then can also prepare bliss for you without measure. But as long as you yourselves prevent Me from it, by you not acknowledging Me and therefore deny Me as before every acknowledgment, you are also powerless, because My love cannot illuminate you, therefore you will also feel every suffering stronger; you will go through earth life in agony and tribulation or be supported by My opponent, who demands your soul for it. But suffering is a sign that I will not let you fall, that I wrestle for your soul because you do not yet want to accept My love.... which would also avert suffering for you.... Take it upon yourselves patiently, and know that I do everything to turn your looks towards Me, and take earth life only as a temporary test, which you have to pass.... It will pass, just as everything earthly is transient.... But if you emerge from this test purified, you will thank Me eternally for having saved you from a fall into the abyss, which will result in the endless long walk through earth's creation again....

Amen

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Constant help from God....

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rom Me all means are at your disposal to be able to become blessed.... From Me there is no restriction of grace, no adherence to My radiance of love, there is no resetting of My creatures and also no diminution of My love.... You can receive everything from Me in the richest measure if only you want it yourselves, if you willingly and joyfully gratefully accept all My gifts of grace and work with them. And you could already achieve the highest perfection on earth if only you always set Me Myself as your aim, which you strive for, and if your will only ever remained directed towards Me, that you conform to Me as long as you live on earth. Hence it is only a matter of striving spiritually, of trying to reach Me, of recognizing your own imperfection and always striving to reach perfection.... of trying to change your nature in order to bring your nature into line with Mine again, as it was in the beginning. And My infinite love, which wants nothing more than for you to achieve this alignment again, guarantees that you will be able to do so. For it promises you undreamed-of glories in the spiritual kingdom after the death of your body. And since I Myself want your perfection I will truly provide you with all the means to achieve it. And thus you will be carried, as it were, and you need only apply no resistance, you need only do everything you feel inwardly urged to do, because this is My gentle voice which wants to advise and help you. If, however, you offer inner resistance by overhearing the voice within you or act against this voice, then your transformation into love will still take a long time.... But then you yourselves will always determine the state you are in, because from My side only that happens which lets you mature, which brings you upwards in your spiritual development. And now the love within you is decisive, which you show to Me Myself and, as proof of this love, also to your neighbour. Where love has ignited in the heart the human being will also gladly follow the instructions which are sent to him from My side.... where love is, My love will also be felt beneficially and reciprocate the love which the human being is allowed to feel again and again on the part of his God and father.... Where love is present there is also no lack of strength to tackle the soul's work of transformation, and where love is present I Myself am present and help where the human being's will is too weak. I will never make your course of development more difficult, even if it sometimes seems as if I have placed obstacles in your path.... I know what is best for your soul, and I am always willing to help it in spiritual adversity. And earthly hardship is sometimes only there to remedy spiritual hardship, earthly hardship shall lead the human being closer to the father's heart, because everything is successful which prompts the human being into a heartfelt bond with Me. I constantly draw My child to Me out of pure love, but I cannot do more than its love for Me can bear.... And if My love were to shine upon the human being with all its strength, then the fire of My love would burn the child as long as its soul has not reached the degree of maturity that it can also endure the strongest fire of love without perishing.... But it can reach this state, and I truly do everything as father in order to be able to make My child endlessly happy for once, and it will also receive all help from Me in order to lead it to that happiness and beatitude which is granted to it for all eternity....

Amen

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God's guidance, God's will or approval....

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ow often do you experience My guidance without recognizing it, and how often could you take a step forward, for everything you experience only serves your perfection. And you can be convinced that I only want to promote your perfection.... that everything happens from Me which is **beneficial** for your soul's ascent. If it is not evaluated it is not My will but yours, and you yourselves shape your destiny; you yourselves make arrangements for ascent or for your relapse into the abyss.

But as long as you stay on earth you can be sure of My guidance if only you willingly accept it.... yes, I will follow you, unrecognized by you, and I am always ready to take over the guidance if you get lost or stand undecided at a crossroads.... And I will always push you onto the right path.... and this

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in the form of experiences which could give you food for thought if you are attentive. Nothing happens arbitrarily, and nothing could be carried out if I did not give My approval.... Therefore, every event can also be regarded as a mission on My part.... but at least as My permission which again and again aims at a higher aim. Although you care little for Me, I care all the more for you.... And what you don't do of your own accord is, as it were, suggested to you by such experiences which are intended to rouse you from a state of sleep into which your carelessness has caused you to fall.... or you are stimulated into increased striving when you certainly belong to Me but become lukewarm and indifferent. You should not remain in the same state, you should strive upwards towards the light, and therefore you are often nudged by external influences so that you don't sink too much into earthly things but direct your eyes more spiritually.... For above alone is your aim.... I will direct your paths upwards and help will visibly come from above to facilitate your ascent.... from above the hand will stretch out towards you which you should grasp and which truly reaches down into the deepest depths. But on earth I woo you with all love, I will not let up until the death of your body to bring you the light of realization by constantly admonishing you to work of love, which alone will introduce you to the deepest truth and which alone will give you strength to ascend into bright heights....

Amen

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God's intervention in threatening danger to the soul.... love....

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wever your earthly life may turn out.... it is My will, and you must submit to this will, for I Lalone know what is best for you. I know all dangers which threaten your soul, I know My adversary's temptations, I also know to what extent you are able to resist, and thus I also know the countermeasures I have to use in order not to endanger you. For I will never idly leave you to My adversary and his arbitrariness. He will want to test himself on you with increased strength and you will not see through his game at first. And that is why I often intervene before you fall. And My intervention appears cruel to you and yet is only determined by My love. Yet My love also supports you and therefore you need not despair. You may only never break your bond with Me, you may never want to go your way without Me, you must remember Me in adversity and suffering and know that I am always concerned for you as your father.... You must know that nothing can happen in life without My permission, that therefore everything that happens always has My approval because it is good for you.... because it is good for your souls. My care constantly applies to you, and your soul constantly has to struggle for perfection, yet it sometimes slackens and pays more attention to the body than to the voice of the spirit, which prescribes to it the path that leads upwards. And then admonishing calls must sound so that it remembers its actual task again, so that it does not neglect to strive for perfection. The way I send these admonishing calls to it is determined by My love and wisdom, and it can also sometimes painfully touch the human being. But always think when you have to suffer that I want to achieve something with it.... Then look within yourselves and investigate to what extent you have caused it yourselves.... Investigate yourselves as to whether you have put your soul's work on hold and turned your thoughts more towards the world, and be grateful for every admonition, for it is only intended to help your soul mature, it is intended to lead you back to Me when you are in danger of turning towards the one who wants your ruin....

Amen

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Help of the spiritual beings to perfection....

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All angels in heaven participate in the great task of redeeming the still unfree spiritual.... All are active in the same will with the father from eternity, and all know only one aim: the return of the

fallen brothers, the homecoming of those into the father's house.... And thus every being could know

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that it is in divine care when it walks the earthly path as a human being, for all spiritual beings full of light are concerned that the human being reaches its aim. And even before the earthly walk as a human being the spiritual being is looked after by the luminous spiritual when it still passes through the works of creation in a bound state. This spiritual being shall one day also have the possibility of embodiment as a human being, where it can then, conscious of itself, therefore also consciously entrust itself to these beings of light and ask them for help to become perfect. The redemption of the spiritual is the task and aim of all perfection, which is why it is also certain that one day the work of return to the father will succeed. But the human being's free will often sets limits to the light beings' activity, for even the angelic beings cannot do anything against this, which is why the human being himself first decides how far he approaches the aim.... the final unification with God.... But until the hour of death the beings of light strive for the human being's soul, and so long the hope need not be given up that it will still find its way back to the father before its passing away, which, however, can always be attributed to the eager work of those beings of light who certainly have the assignment from God but must respect the human being's will and therefore will always try to influence the will such that it turns towards God itself. If the human being knew how many beings of light endeavour to help him he could be completely reassured about his fate if only he would allow himself to be guided without resistance and not push through his own opposing will, against which even those beings cannot fight, which they also have to respect. This is why it is often so difficult for a person to find God and consciously take the path to Him. But where the will changes of its own accord it will also be seized by the beings of light, and they will no longer leave the human being out and push him ever more towards his God and father, and their work will become increasingly easier the more the human being gives up his resistance and allows himself to be influenced by them. But the human being will not remain without help once he has declared himself willing to take the path back to God by turning his will towards God. Then the beings of light can help him without touching his free will, then his will is the same as theirs.... to return to the father's house.... and then the human being will truly experience the help of these beings to such an extent that the way back will be easy for him and he will also safely reach the aim. For these beings have great power which they gladly use where they no longer encounter resistance. And the human being himself will have broken the resistance when he demands to be with God.... Forces of light are active on earth as well as in the beyond and tirelessly carry out redemptive work.... And truly, the whole world would already be redeemed if the human being's free will did not have to determine for itself whether redemptive work can be done on him or not.... But no human being is helplessly left to himself, they constantly have helpers at their side who pay attention to the slightest change of will in order to intervene and provide assistance until the aim is reached, the unification with the father of eternity....

Amen

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Light and power conduction.... spiritual guides....

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Every spiritual thought is an emanation from the spiritual kingdom.... It hits the human being's mind or heart and, depending on his soul's maturity, it is taken up and the connection between earth and the spiritual kingdom is now also established. And inexhaustible can now be the source from which the human being can now drink for his salvation. The source of illuminated spiritual knowledge, thus of thoughts which make the human soul happy, is and always will be only God, but He constantly guides His rays of light into the universe and thus radiates His light through the spiritual world, which serves Him by constantly receiving and forwarding it, so that everything which makes itself ready to receive light and strength will be provided with light and strength. And the world of light, the beings of light, see through everything, and they also always brightly and clearly recognize where they can direct the light, where the beings in the beyond are ready to receive and where people desire light and strength.... And therefore no human being on earth will go empty-handed, no human being's desire will remain unfulfilled.... Whoever desires spiritual food will receive it, and he will not

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need to starve.... Only the desire to learn something from God and the truth is necessary, and then the willingness to also accept the answers, for these can then only come from God Who knows about every desire and Who is exceedingly happy to fulfil such a desire. The ways He chooses and the way He answers are often so wonderful and testify to Himself.... But no one expects the answer in vain, only he must also allow himself to be guided and not offer any resistance. In addition, however, every human being has his spiritual guide who is only ever concerned about the human being's perfection on earth. This guide also knows about the willingness, he knows about the degree of maturity of the human being entrusted to him for care on his earthly path, and this guide will use every opportunity to integrate the human being into the process of diverting strength and light. He is guaranteed to work on the human being in accordance with God's will and open up all sources for the thirsty souls to refresh themselves. And therefore the human being should completely hand himself over to God and entrust himself to Him, and He will truly administer food and drink to him directly or through His messengers of light, who are one with Him, who create and work in His will, who receive light and strength directly from Him and supply countless beings with it again and who let their spiritual emanation flow to every soul which willingly opens itself to receive strength. In earthly life the concept of receiving light and strength is incomprehensible to people as long as they only live a purely worldly life. But as soon as they allow spiritual thoughts to arise in them, they understand what they are lacking. They recognize their lack of freedom and their weakness and thus desire light and strength. And the way their desire is fulfilled is proof that their spiritual thoughts have been taken into account in a world which can provide information because it is in contact with the source of light and strength.... The spiritual desirer will receive unlimitedly but from a kingdom which, again, can only be entered spiritually.... But what he receives is a good which will no longer be lost to him, even if he loses his earthly life. He himself now likewise becomes a power station from where it can be passed on again, because a constant exchange of light and power must take place where life is to be.... And only the human being can awaken to life when light and strength flow to him, which he desires and receives in free will. And God's will is that every human being attains life. Therefore no human being is denied the flow of light and strength.... He only needs to take hold of the thoughts which circle around him from that world and thus open himself through them.... And he will awaken to life and never lose this life again....

Amen

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Spiritual helpers respect free will....

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very soul shall be saved, and spiritual friends join every soul in order to bring it to maturity during earthly life with their support. Thus every soul has support as soon as it desires it, but it cannot be influenced against its will to subordinate itself to its spiritual friends in order to safely reach perfection. It must declare its willingness to be guided by these friends and to accept admonitions and warnings for its salvation. If it does not do this, then the spiritual helpers are also powerless towards it, they must withdraw because a person's free will may not be touched. But it is well advised to listen to the voice of its spiritual friends, and it does so when it is mentally warned of this or that or when it is mentally urged to do or refrain from doing this or that and now gives in to this inner urging or resistance, always in the will to think or act right. This will is decisive as to whether the beings can intervene, for their activity is only ever mental influence which is only successful if the will is good. If the will is fickle, that the soul itself is not clear how it should decide, then other spiritual beings will also try to intervene, and then the human being will be harassed by different, opposing thoughts, because both his spiritual friends as well as the opponents want to win the will and do everything to be able to register success. The human being is never left to himself, he constantly has faithful helpers at his side whom he only needs to give permission to assist him. Then he can also safely rely on the fact that he will be well guided and advised and that he will also receive strength to live on earth according to God's will. For his guardians will not leave him, they will constantly influence him in a good sense

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and also push away the opposing forces if possible, because they have the right to do so through the conscious call from people. This certainty of having faithful helpers at your side should make you confident that your earthly change will be successful, for these helpers are capable of much, and once they are allowed to take over the office of looking after you then they will also not let up in supporting you with advice and deeds and helping your soul to maturity. But this will only ever be possible if your will is good, which means that it freely turns towards God. Then the spiritual helpers have every right to exert their influence on you, for God Himself has given them this office of care and they carry it out joyfully and gladly in His will. Then it is also easily possible to achieve perfection on earth, for the spiritual friends' efforts are only aimed at spurring people into loving activity and to subordinate themselves to divine will in everything, because then the return to God is also guaranteed if the human being serves with love.... which is solely God's will.... And thoughts will therefore constantly be directed such that the human being can literally call himself a 'christian'.... for he will live in love, therefore recognize and acknowledge Jesus Christ and His act of salvation and thus also be redeemed from sin and death.... he will take the path to the father because there is no longer any resistance in him, because the child longs to return to the father's house, because it wants to return home to the one from Whom it once took its origin....

Amen

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Deepening into the word of God....

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hat leads you towards perfection is repeatedly announced to you through My word: You should work on your soul, you should bring it to maturity as long as you walk the earth as a human being.... You should change your nature into love. For you lack love as long as you do not turn to Me and open yourselves for My illumination of love. And therefore I speak to you again and again, and it should always be your desire to hear Me, you should desire the 'word of God' and again and again take time to immerse yourselves in My word, be it by reading or listening to My word of God or also by intimate thoughts which have Me as their content.... You should connect with Me as often as possible.... and your earthly course will truly not be in vain. As long as you let Me speak to you, you will also know My will, you will know My teaching of love, My lawful order; you will know your purpose of earthly life, and you need only take My word to heart, think it through and live it out according to My will.... And then you will also carry out the work of the soul, you will help it to perfection and make use of the blessings with which I abundantly shower you. Thus you will then live a spiritual life next to your earthly life, which will also make demands on you but which can be easily led if you think of the soul's life first, because its maturing is the actual purpose of earthly life. But anyone who never lets Me Myself speak to him, who never desires the 'word of God', his life will be an idle one, and his soul will not have taken a step in its higher development at the end, for it has only lived out its earthly life and the soul has not gained any advantage, it is on the same level as at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being and will enter the kingdom of the beyond in a dark state if it has the grace to be called away **before** the end.... which can therefore be called a grace because it still has the opportunity to mature in the spiritual kingdom if its resistance then is not the same as on earth.... But if it still lives on this earth until the end without having changed beforehand, its fate will irrevocably be a new banishment into matter, because then there will no longer be a possibility to ascend in the beyond; for then the gates will be closed there too and a separation of spirits will occur.... as it is proclaimed. For this reason every person should let himself be addressed by Me so that he will become aware of the seriousness of his situation.... he should seek to know My will and submit himself to this will of his own accord, and he will truly still be saved, because I will not let a soul fall whose good will I recognize, whose resistance against Me subsides and which listens to Me when I speak to it. Only the human being should ask himself why he lives on earth.... He should try to fathom the purpose of earthly life and will always be assisted by Me so that it will be fulfilled.... He will be addressed by Me in various ways so that his soul will be touched and begin to work on itself.

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And it should only be willing to work with love.... Then the right realization will truly come to it, then it will also seek and find the bond with Me, and earthly life will not be lived in vain, because I will certainly help where the soul itself is still too weak, and with My help it will certainly reach its aim. Therefore don't shut yourselves off when I want to speak to you, for I have many ways and many means to address you, only you should not resist Me, for I will not violently break it, yet then you will be in great danger.... But I want you not to perish; I want you to gain eternal life and will therefore never leave you without help....

Amen

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Love and suffering - way up....

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want to show you the shortest practicable way to shorten your time of development in order to lead want to show you the snortest practicable way to shorten your the opportunity to do so, but it to a successful end for you.... During your earthly life you are given the opportunity to do so, but you must also know all the advantages and disadvantages of your way of life so that you don't take this last path across earth in vain, so that you don't live aimlessly and without a plan and the days are lost to you when you can shape your own destiny for eternity. There is a very short path that leads safely to the aim: the path of love and suffering, which Jesus Christ also took, in Whom I Myself walked the path over the earth. Love and suffering certainly bring about the soul's perfection, and that is why My gospel is only ever the divine teaching of love which I preached on earth and which I will preach again and again to people who listen to Me, who want to hear My word. Your earthly task consists of the transformation of your nature into love alone; and where this transformation is not striven for intensively enough, suffering has to help so that the soul will be purified while still on earth, so that it will pass over into the kingdom of the beyond as unencumbered as possible when its earthly career is completed. Love and suffering.... of the human being Jesus' life on earth was an uninterrupted activity of love.... which was finally replaced by an abundance of bitter suffering and pain which His body and soul took upon themselves out of love for tormented fellow human beings, whose soul's suffering the human being Jesus knew about as a result of the high degree of love He had achieved. And only this high degree of love made it possible that I Myself could embody Myself in this man Jesus, that I, as the eternal love, could fill Him completely and thus carry out in Him the act of salvation for humanity for the purpose of which I lived on earth. Love and suffering were intended to bring salvation to people in their great spiritual adversity, which consisted of the fact that they were bound by My adversary and had no strength to defeat him. Jesus exemplified love to people and proved to them in Himself that love is 'strength', that He was able to accomplish everything with this strength of love and that He was therefore also able to defeat the adversary by virtue of His love.... But love also motivated Him to take upon Himself the guilt of the people who had caused this bondage by the adversary in the first place, that is, to pay the adversary the purchase price for the release of the souls which wanted to be free from Him. And He paid this debt with immeasurable suffering and the most bitter death on the cross. He offered Himself as a sacrifice, He gave His body for the life of the fallen and therefore bound souls and bought them, so to speak, free from their lord, to whom they had become slaves through their own guilt. As the human being Jesus Himself I paid the guilt for all My living creations and also showed all of them the path they had to take in order to leave My adversary's realm and enter My realm.... They had to live a life of love, because without love the adversary retains control over the human being, because love is the first bond with Me and without Me it is impossible to detach oneself from the adversary. Therefore the human being must follow My commandments of love.... and, if he has to bear suffering and adversity.... patiently accept it always in remembrance of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Then he takes the path I show him, then he has already mentally united himself with Me, and through loving activity he now strengthens his union with Me, he takes the path of following Jesus Christ, he changes his nature into love and purifies his soul through suffering, and thus he must now also irrevocably reach the aim, the union with Me, for "he who abides in love abides in Me and I in him...." Love alone unites us closely, love alone is the path to Me, which

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is only shortened by suffering and thus can now certainly already reach perfection in earthly life, which is the purpose and aim of man's earthly progress....

Amen

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The final completion is the "fulfilment of the law"....

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nd this is the fulfilment of My law, that you return to Me forever.... For My law fulfils all beings which remain in divine order, which have completed their self-formation into love and now create and work out of this love because they are now powerful and wise, because they have become My image in free will.... On the other hand, it is a state of imperfection if the being once perfectly created by Me moves outside My eternal order, for then it lacks love, which is the fundamental principle of the eternal order, and without love it also lacks light and strength.... it cannot and will not be active according to My will.... thus it does not fulfil the law. But then it is also distant from Me and wretched. When the being left Me in all freedom of will, when it turned away from Me, it violated My law of eternal order but nevertheless remained My living creation which My love had brought into being.... And this love of Mine also draws the being back to Me one day, because this is also a law in itself, that the strength of love always radiates back to its place of origin.... only the duration of this process differs depending on the being's will. But it is certain that one day it will return to Me, and then 'the law will have been fulfilled'..... Everything that happens in the meantime in the spiritual and earthly kingdom can be counted as part of the process of return, which takes place continuously and produces the most varied results.... For My radiation of love constantly touches all beings which are part of this process, yet they are received and evaluated differently again depending on the will or resistance of what once voluntarily distanced itself from Me. But it will be touched by My illumination of love, nothing will be left to itself because it would pass away without My illumination of love and this is completely impossible, for nothing can pass away that started in Me and My love. Hence the being can indeed come to a standstill if it persists in its resistance against Me... but the process of return will never be delayed on My part, for My emanated strength of love will not remain without effect, because again and again it touches the imperfect spiritual essence which is bound in works of creation of the most diverse kind and also always guarantees spiritual ascent, because this bound spiritual essence cannot offer resistance, because it develops upwards through service in a state of compulsion. Hence it also fulfils the law, albeit in a bound state, and thereby matures so that it can reach the stage of its development where it must now voluntarily allow itself to be illuminated by Me and My love.... where the fulfilment of the law solely depends on its will. Hence it then has to re-enter My eternal order, it has to develop love within itself, it has to accomplish the complete transformation into love and then voluntarily rejoin Me by accepting its original nature again and proving that it has completed the process of return by creating and working next to Me in light and strength as My child. It can achieve this last perfection on earth, but then I will also have reached the last aim which I set for Myself when I created all beings. Then the law will be fulfilled, for since I Myself am a supremely perfect being, perfection is the highest law to which the being must subordinate itself which, as My child, shall now work in supreme bliss.... And this law will remain in existence for all eternity, for it is only ever the expression of My perfection, it is founded in My nature.... It is the law of love in which all beingness must move in order to be perfect and truly blissful.... And every being which has love within itself is in My eternal order, it is in most intimate union with Me, it has assimilated itself to My fundamental being, it has become perfect as its father in heaven is perfect and therefore eternally returned to Me, from Whom it originated as a created being and which has now reached the highest degree of perfection in free will....

Amen

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have no other goal but to guide you into supreme perfection, because you shall create and work Lewith Me as My children and for this you need to attain perfection, which you should achieve of your own free will. And I will help you to do so as long as you live on earth, where you should pass your test of will, where you should demonstrate that you desire to return to your God and Father, from Whom you once voluntarily separated yourselves. Hence, your free will can let you reach the goal during your earthly life, but it can also cause your standstill or renewed regression into the abyss, and I will never force your will but always allow it full freedom. But I will do everything in My power in order to let you reach perfection on earth. For I love you and yearn for your return, because you emerged from My love. And love always wants to give pleasure, it wants to permeate you, because then you will have abundant strength and use it for your ascent into higher spheres. Yet right now you are living in the last days, that is, a spiritual and earthly turning point will take place, and a limit has been set on your development, many people will be recalled ahead of time.... and you can all only count on living on earth for a little while longer.... And yet, even this short time is still enough for you to attain perfection, if only you seriously strive for it, if you want to fulfil the purpose of your earthly existence and appeal to Me for strength and grace, for support and the strengthening of your will. You can believe that you need only look for Me and I will allow Myself to be found by everyone who seriously tries to find Me.... However, once you have found Me I will truly not let you walk your earthly path alone; I will seize you and firmly hold you by My hand, and I will guide you towards your perfection.... And a tiny spark of My divine spirit has been placed into every person's heart which urges you from within to turn your thoughts into My direction.... But whether you take notice of its urging is up to you, for I do not enforce the direction of your will to Me.

However, I will not stop revealing Myself to you, and thus all happenings in earthly life will affect you such that you will be able to recognise your God and Creator if you have not entirely become enslaved by My adversary who also fights for your soul, because due to your past apostasy from Me you entitled him to do so.... Even so, My love belongs to you, it will never ever change and neither will it let go of you but persistently seek to attract your love in return.... And this love of Mine is so strong that you will voluntarily surrender all resistance if only you open your heart once and let it shine into it. But this has to be achieved by your free will, for although I knock at the door of your heart, you yourselves will have to open the door and allow Me to enter.... But then you will be saved for time and eternity; then your free will turns in My direction and I will take hold of it.... I will never again leave you to My adversary once you have voluntarily handed yourselves over to Me and thus separated yourselves from him.... And this turning to Me can occur at any time, and it will also guarantee you spiritual success during the short time you still have left on this earth. Yet you should believe that there is only a little time left, and you should take My admonitions and warnings seriously and diligently work at improving your soul, for it should still cleanse itself from all impurities in order to be able to enter the kingdom of light and bliss in all clarity and purity when its passing away from this earth has come. The fact that it will not go astray once it has demonstrated its will to belong to Me is certain.... But it has to attain the degree of light on this earth itself, but I will also truly help so that it will achieve it. A complete surrender to Me will also result in My taking complete possession of you, and then strength will flow to you in abundance, which the soul will subsequently use for constant actions of love.... Your soul will purify itself, it will become increasingly more perfect and thus live a life on earth according to My will.... it will be so intimately connected with Me that I will also be able to influence it directly, so that it will be permeated by My spirit and only ever comply with My spirit's urging.... It will hear My voice and as a child let itself be guided by the Father, and thus it will truly reach perfection on earth....

Amen

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