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Test of will

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Why is God speaking to people?....

Consider, you humans, what it means when your God and Creator draws close to you in order to speak to you Himself, for thereby He must be pursuing a goal which you are unable to grasp in its full depth.... I bend down to you Myself in order to speak to you, thus it must be very important that you hear My Word, that you receive certain knowledge from Me because I deem the latter necessary. I don't just pass on admonitions or warning to you but try to raise your degree of realisation and provide you with instructions of how the latter can be accomplished.... First I want to remove the darkness in which you live, and thus I also want to tell you what is causing this darkness and how you can resolve it, I want to enlighten you because the darkness is a wretched state for you given that in darkness you cannot find the right path to the light of day.

You renounced all light, all realisation.... You don't know anything about Me anymore, your God and Creator Who wants to be your Father; you don't know anything about yourselves, what you were in the beginning, why you changed and for what purpose you live on earth.... And this is an ignorant state which cannot be called divine. You, however, are of **divine** origin, you once were perfect and thus you also were illuminated, you knew of everything, of My overwhelming love which constantly permeated you and prevented the said darkness, so that you brightly and clearly understood all correlations and possessed the knowledge which only a divine being was able to possess. You voluntarily relinquished this knowledge, the light, the realisation, and fell into the dark state.... your concepts became confused, and you were no longer able to understand anything, neither yourselves and the purpose of your existence nor the relationship with Me.... with the One from Whose strength of love you emerged.... You plunged into darkness, and the darkness will keep you imprisoned until you voluntarily desire My illumination of love again, which will also grant you a light of realisation once more.

And into this darkness My Word rings out from above.... Can you comprehend the depth of My love which wants to grant everything to you again which you once renounced of your own free will?.... Can you therefore recognise the tremendous value of My Word as the greatest gift of grace on My part which I impart to people in order to make their retransformation into love easy and possible? I Am speaking to you directly, I Am bridging the vast gulf which still exists between us and I Am sending a flow of grace from the kingdom of light onto earth, which is intended to irrigate and revitalise the extensive spiritual drought on the dark earth.... I want to change the miserable state people live in and present them with the help to find their way out of the state of darkness by sending them a beacon of light if only they are willing to accept it and allow it to illuminate their future path of earthly life, so that they will find their goal for sure, which will only ever be in the light and never in darkness.... It is a greater than great act of compassion which I bestow upon humanity that I offer those who once rejected the light of love, the same light of love again, that I send it to earth despite the fact that people don't express any desire for it apart from a few, whom I use as go-between bearers so that they will carry the light where darkness still prevails....

Yet all people may partake in it, I don't want to withhold My gift of grace from any human being, I want to guide every single person into My sphere of light and try to illuminate him, so that he will begin to sense the correlations, think about them and then be able to be guided by the world of light, which only ever waits for a person to become accessible to their loving care.... And I will keep radiating light down to earth, for the darkness will continue to intensify before the end; but the light will shine for anyone who desires it.... He will enter the state of realisation again because I Myself will initiate him into profound knowledge, which cannot be given to him from external sources unless he accepts it from one of My messengers whom I have guided into this knowledge Myself.... I will still offer My gifts of grace to many people, and even if someone just asks for a small light, it will shine

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for him and guide him into truthful knowledge which will also make him happy.... For I will still pour out an abundance of My gifts of love before the end, and anyone of good will can still change his unsatisfactory state until the end, he can accept light and increase it himself through a life of love, and he will not have to fear the end once he knows the purpose and goal of his earthly life and then also consciously strives towards this goal.... For then his will shall have made the right decision, he will want to return to Me and thus will also safely reach his goal....

Amen

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Lucifer's test of will and the spiritually created beings

Testing of the will of the first-created being....

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being was once created by Me which has now become My most bitter enemy and adversary.... This being likewise emerged from My love, it was put forth as the first being by Me because I wanted to create a vessel for Myself into which I could let My love flow.... My love was exceedingly great and it wanted to communicate.... and since My will alone was sufficient I created an image for Myself, a being which was exceedingly perfect, which I was able to radiate with My strength of love and which, like Me, was now to create and work for its own happiness.... I wanted to give Myself away, I wanted to find a resonance for My immeasurable abundance of light and strength and thus created a being which could catch this flow of love, a being in which I could recognize Myself, which was My image.... And all My love was directed towards this being. I made it happy and found My own happiness in this happiness.... it stood in the highest abundance of power and strength, it was a reflection of Myself which, being exceedingly perfect, also carried the same will and creative urge within itself and was now incomparably blissful with Me.... And this being was active, its immeasurable strength urged it to create identical beings, its will used the strength flowing to it from Me and again and again gave rise to new beings which, like it, were supremely perfect, for only perfection could emerge from My strength of love, and the first-created being was of the same will as Me, in the same light, and was united with Me in deepest love, so that supreme bliss filled this being and it expressed its bliss again and again by creating beings identical to it.... It was a state which could have lasted forever and yet did not remain so.... For everything created were 'works' of My love.... It was perfect because nothing imperfect could come forth from Me.... My love for the first-created being was overpowering and its love also belonged to Me, Whom it certainly recognized but could not **behold.** I constantly beamed My love at this being but I did not **force** it to return the love to Me in the same measure, instead, I made the reciprocation of My love freely available to it.... I had created the being with free will because free will inevitably belongs to perfection. My will was indeed apparent to the being at all times, it was, as it were, anchored in My word, through which the creator's communication with His created being was established.... The 'word' was the thought which had become form, which radiated into the being and which the being was also able to reciprocate, so that the most intimate exchange took place between us, which made both the being and Me immeasurably happy.... And thus the being knew about My will and in its love completely entered into My will.... (5.12.1961) And now I wanted to test its love, it was to provide Me with the evidence that its love for Me entered into My will in completely free will, although it **could** also think and want differently, because as a divine being it was not subject to any coercion, because love was the only thing which could have determined the direction of its will.... My first-created being had created countless beings of the same kind out of its will using My constantly flowing strength of love, and its will was always in unison with Mine because deepest love united it with Me.... And these acts of creation made the being immensely happy.... It constantly received strength of love and constantly used this strength of love in My will.... until I demanded the decision of its will from it in all freedom.... i.e., it became aware that it **could** also work on its own authority, that it was not hindered in any way because it was not subject to any limitation.... because it was a free being which was only bound to Me through love.... And since the being was able to receive the thoughts flowing to it from Me.... My word.... flowing to it from Me and to take a position on them itself, it was also possible for it to view them negatively.... that is, to oppose them with his free will. And so it also came to terms with the thought that despite its highest abundance of light and strength, despite its highest perfection, it was always only a **recipient** of strength, but not a **source** of strength.... To mentally adjust itself to this was My

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test of will, which the highest spirit of light truly could have passed if its love so filled it that it would have submitted itself to Me as its creator in free will, which, however, would never have been detrimental to its ranking because My love for it was so great that it would never have needed to feel its dependence on Me.... But it would have still increased in its bliss through the passed test of will, in its perfection, which was now no longer just My work but had also been proven by itself as its own will.... But the being failed.... It became My adversary out of the spirit of light Lucifer.... He could not see Me but he saw the army of beings he himself had brought into being, and he was aware of its immense power, and this awareness made him become arrogant.... He exalted himself and rejected any further illumination of love on My part.... This turning away from Me was a process which lasted for eternity and which can only be depicted to you humans, for the spiritual motives cannot be explained to you in a comprehensible way as long as you dwell on earth. I had created an **image** for Myself which turned itself into the opposite and was also able to do so despite all abundance of light because it was a completely free being which was in no way subject to compulsion or limited in its thinking and willing.... Nevertheless, its fall and also the fall of countless beings into the abyss is the path to the highest perfection.... because it creates the possibility of transformation into gods.... which I could never create because the created being's free will has to accomplish this itself. The product of My love turned away from Me.... In its original substance it was love itself which turned away, which no longer gave itself away but desired to possess.... and which therefore completely contradicted My fundamental nature. Yet it was My emanated strength of love which irrevocably has to return to Me according to the order of eternity. But first the being must have changed again, and it must accomplish this change in free will. And every once fallen being will also reach this aim, even though eternities are necessary for this.... Even the first created being, which My infinite love had externalized from Me, will accomplish this transformation in itself, and it will be able to enter into highest glories.... but before that it will serve Me as an antipole because it has shaped itself into it.... For **his** kingdom also serves Me, he himself also works with.... even if unconsciously.... in the perfection of all spiritual things....

Amen

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Explanation of the act of creation.... about the will of the beings....

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It is certainly an apparent contradiction which you believe to discover, but as soon as you receive ⚠ My teachings about it you will understand it correctly. All beings have emerged from My power, which flowed towards My first-created spirit in all fullness. He could not close himself off to this power until his fall from Me was completely accomplished. The power went to him as long as he wanted to use it for the coming into being of new beings, and all these beings were radiated through by My love power, so that they therefore were perfect and also had to be perfect, because they lacked nothing, neither light nor power, and moreover nothing defective could come out of Me, because until the apostasy of Lucifer My love power was at his disposal, because so long also the act of creation was an act of greatest beatification for him.... And only when he completely turned away from Me did his creative power cease. He saw in the endless host of created beings the evidence of his power and he rejected the further supply of love power.... But the apostasy extended to eternities.... And during this time he slowly changed his will, which in the end was directed against Me. And since the beings had arisen out of his will using the power out of Me, every being certainly had something of his will in itself, but since every act of creation put him into bliss.... because he was radiated through by My unmeasured love power thereby.... so he also gave up his secret resistance, thus his will, at the moment of creation and completely surrendered himself to My strength of love. So the being has certainly been begotten out of his will, which now also tried to influence the being to accept his will turned away from God. But since it has now also been My product, I gave to all beings the right of selfdetermination, when it was to decide for or against him.... Because My light of love shone through every being with such brightness that it also recognized its producer, that it therefore did not need to

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fall, but could likewise turn towards Me, even if I was not visible to it.... When it therefore says: Lucifer put his will into the being, then it is not to be understood that he could **determine** the beings to fall away, because every being had to decide about it itself. Because it had freedom of will exactly like its producer, and it did not have to think exactly like him. That is why the light shone for it in all fullness. It only became imperfect when it did not use this light, when it remained with its will against better knowledge, which therefore let the being become imperfect, because in the beginning it had been radiated as most perfect, which alone already resulted from it that also beings fell away from Me, which belonged to the first, which our both love will let come into being.... For their will was also free, and they could choose their lord.... The apostasy of the spirits stretched over endless long times, so the will of Lucifer had changed again and again in these times, he stood sometimes to Me and sometimes against Me... as it drove him after the reception of My love power.... And the created beings were the same, soon their will belonged to Me and soon to him again, yet imperfection could only be spoken of when their apostasy was clearly evident, when they had decided in favour of their lord, Who shone for them in supreme fullness of light. Every act of creation was an exchange of love power, which made the light bearer happy and therefore could also only produce perfection. But freedom of will was a divine gift, therefore it did not need to lead to the fall, but used in the right way, it could earn the being an immeasurable happiness. And thus every being was also able to give its will the right direction, and it also had the strength to do so precisely because in its abundance of light it recognized where Lucifer was heading.... The fact that it followed him to the depths was therefore not due to its alleged "deficiency," which it thus "got" from its producer, but it was its own will, which, in spite of the bright light of knowledge, followed it to the depths.... It was therefore by no means preloaded on the part of Lucifer with a will that turned towards God even before it was given the right of self-determination.... Because it was, like everything that came forth out of Me, standing in highest perfection.... (2.11.1964) I Myself therefore cannot contradict Me; it is the purest truth, which My revelations hold. What therefore contradicts it does not carry My spirit in itself, and there is the following explanation for this: firstly, My adversary's effort to confuse your spirit, which he then succeeds in doing when the bond with Me is not deep enough, when you yourselves, through your own thinking, give him the opportunity to confuse the concepts, and secondly, (when) you were not yet in (such) contact with Me which allows My influence in you.... that I was able to protect you from the working of immature spirits, which always come back when a person seeks the light and tries to extinguish this light. The more earnestly a receiver of My love light pushes towards Me, the safer My word sounds to him, but which then is also pure and louder and every evil spirit is repelled, which wants to press a light bearer. The more the will and the desire for pure truth is inherent in My light bearers, the more he can also be convinced of the truth of what is offered to him. That is why I also want that you examine all scriptures, because again and again My opponent wants to awaken an uncertainty in man; he wants that you doubt the truth of that what I Myself announce to you. But you are to prove your faith to Me, you are not to let yourselves be diverted from the truth of My word through his work, because I will always enlighten your spirit that you recognize it if and when he has intruded to invalidate My work....

Amen

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Transformation of the will through serving according to the will of God

Transformation of the will.... state of compulsion.... goal - original state....

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he God-opposing will was the cause of the spiritual being's apostasy from God, therefore the ▲ God-like will for the spiritual being has to mean unity, i.e. union with God, and from this it is obvious that the will of the apostate spiritual being has to be changed first if it is to be able to unite with God again. This transformation is the meaning and purpose of life on earth, but it has to take place without compulsion and therefore takes place in the form of a slow higher development. The beingness is deprived of its right of self-determination, i.e. it has to subordinate itself to the creator's will as long as it covers the path on earth before the embodiment as a human being insofar as it has to be active in the preliminary stages in the way God prescribes for every work of creation. This is by no means a state of complete lack of will, but the beingness has already expressed its will before, and that is why it was now given the task which corresponds to its will. It is only a state of compulsion insofar as, once it has expressed its will, it can no longer counteract it but must now carry out the activity to which it has previously committed itself. It is, so to speak, induced to serve, but it has previously declared its willingness to serve, otherwise it would not be permitted to serve. Thus the will of the beingness already turned more and more towards the eternal deity, the resistance was given up and the union with God was so to speak unconsciously striven for. But the beingness still has to pass a last test of will, where all compulsion is eliminated and the being can decide completely freely and consciously whether it gives up the will opposed to God or still persists in it. And this is the time of embodiment as a human being, which every being can now utilize of its own free will. In this time it is only about the will, whether it turns away or towards God. And it will now be understandable to people that one can only speak of a successful change on earth when the once God-opposing will has completely changed, that is, when it completely subordinates itself to divine will and thus reduces its distance from God.... For the latter means an approach to God in a conscious state, it means a complete change of the spiritual, which once turned away from God in free will and now uses this free will again to unite with God.... The spiritual now restores its original state without being forced to do so by God, and this signifies the redemption of the spiritual from the cover which God has added to the spiritual as a fetter in order to lead it back to Himself; for the spiritual it signifies a free, inconceivably blissful state which corresponds to its original purpose and is therefore the goal of all unredeemed spiritual....

amen

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Development of the soul.... Original spirit....

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Spiritual substance matures during every developmental period, and one period can in fact suffice for the spiritual substance to progress through the creations to the point that it is able to embody itself as a human being and successfully pass its last test of will.... But several such periods may be needed for this spiritualization of hardened soul-substances if resistance is so strong that its higher development is too slow and the existence as a human being carries an added risk of the soul descending into the abyss again. For free will, which is tested during the stage as a human being, is decisive.

But prior to this, free will is constrained.... Although the hardened spiritual substance is no longer subject to God's adversary's will due to this process of development through the creations of earth....

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the individual substances are nevertheless unable to use free will, instead they are controlled by God's will, that is, their process of development takes place in a state of compulsion, they are subject to God's will, Who assigns a task to all spiritual substances within the works of creation. By accomplishing this task within the law of compulsion they gradually progress, i.e. their resistance lessens; they carry out a helpful function and are able to slowly reach the state when their free will can be returned to them. And this process of development requires constant changes of the external shape.... it is a slow ascent, it is an integration with the laws of nature and therefore a submission to God's will, if only due to a certain amount of coercion which, however, only helps to relieve the being and one day is meant to provide it with the freedom to think, want and act using its own will again.

And this process through the works of creation cannot be avoided if the spiritual being is to return to God again, from Whom it had distanced itself to such an infinite extent as a result of its apostasy that it would never be able to overcome this distance of its own strength, and would never be released by God's adversary to return either if God did not remove the spiritual substance from him for the very purpose of banishing it into matter, into the creations on this earth. God's adversary is entitled to the fallen spirits because they had voluntarily followed him into the abyss.... But God has the same right because the beings emerged from His strength. Hence God is justified in removing them from the adversary's control, but in return the latter was given the right to influence the soul again when it lives on earth in the stage as a human being. And to this end the spiritual substance must have attained a degree of maturity again when it is **able** to use its will in order to freely decide which lord to choose.

But God cannot place the spiritual substance into this state instantly, it has to cover the process of ascent in the same progressive stages as it had descended, it has to relinquish its resistance slowly, as it cannot forcibly be broken. And this requires innumerable changes of form, through the world of rocks, plants and animals to the human being.... Every change of external shape also lessens its resistance, for the being has been of service in a state of compulsion by which it gains increasingly lighter forms.... But the sin of apostasy from God is so vast that the distance from Him is therefore vast as well, which means that untold changes of shapes are needed to reduce this distance in order to come closer to God again, when only the last free decision of will is required for the last form to fall off.... for the being to return to the Father again from Whom it had originated....

And this whole process of development within the creations of earth is a continuous battle.... The spiritual substance tries to burst the external shape because it experiences it as a constraint, but each time it also experiences the rupture of the form as a relief irrespective of its level of maturity.... And this is why the struggle, which you humans are able to observe in the animal kingdom, only seems cruel in your eyes, whereas time and again every animal experiences the change of its external shape as a relief. For this reason God permits or even wants the weaker to succumb to the stronger, the stronger to terminate the life of the weaker and, in a manner of speaking, is thereby even able to serve the spiritual substance to continue its development. Therefore, as long as the being is subject to the law of compulsion everything is determined by God, its end as well as its new formation.... However, as soon as the being has reached the stage of a human being and has received its free will again, God withdraws His will.... And then the human being is given laws which he has to observe if his earthly life is to be successful.... On the one hand he is tied to the laws of nature, and on the other hand he is informed of God's will, to which he has to submit if his development is to progress and reach a conclusion, for the goal is to become free of every external shape and to enter the kingdom of light as a free spirit.... to return to the Father's house, to God, from whence the being once originated....

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Adam's test of will

Creation of the human being.... The fall of man....

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The fallen spiritual substance needed an endless time for its higher development, and an endless time was also required for My individual creations, which more or less had to evolve in line with the indwelling constrained spiritual substances in order to hold ever more mature spiritual substances. Time and again new forms were created, and time and again these forms were assigned a task.... Hence, earthly creation did not arise in an instant but infinitely long periods of time passed until the spiritual substance of all degrees of maturity found the appropriate external form, since the constantly increasing maturity also necessitated constantly new creations which could accommodate it. But as long as the spirits were subject to the law of compulsion My creative activity meant: Creation of earth as a place to mature for the lowest fallen spirits, which had to acquire the level of maturity that would return free will to the constrained spirits again, which they had abused in the past.... But now an external form had to be created for this fully matured spiritual essence, so that it could test its free will again in this form....

This work of creation was the human being, who differed from all previously arisen creations such that he, apart from free will, was also endowed with intelligence and reason.... with a faculty of thought, with self-awareness and with the ability to interact with his fellow human beings through language, because coexistence provided the necessary conditions for the test of will. The human being's external form already existed in its last stages in the state of compulsion and was destined to receive countless fully matured substances of soul, but these living beings still acted in a compulsive state as required by natural law, and therefore they were not responsible for their actions.... They only had very limited ability of thought but as receptacles for the spiritual essence, which was fully matured after an endless time of development, they were also works of creation formed by My wisdom and love for this spiritual essence. But only the living beings who possessed free will, intelligence and self-awareness were human beings.... and only then started the plan of spiritualising the latter.... This required that the living creations.... the human beings.... were educated by Me.... that they should use their ability of thought, their intelligence and their free will in accordance with My instructions and by virtue of their free will could then live and work on earth.... that they could shape themselves into Gods but also act in opposition to My advice and My will and regress to the abyss from where they had ascended.... I created the human being....

Having attained a specific degree of maturity I gave the spiritual essence an external form in accordance with My love and wisdom, and the task the human being subsequently had so carry out.... The external form only became a living being after the spiritual essence had entered it.... the composition of innumerable minute particles which, as 'soul', gave life to the form. For the spiritual essence is a constantly effective strength and was in fact constrained and incapable of unrestrained activity during the preliminary stages, during the endless process of development. However, in its ultimate external form, in the human being, it can be active again. It can unfold its inherent strength and through unity with Me increase it without limitation.... The first human beings had My strength at their unrestricted disposal, they were extraordinarily well equipped in view of the fact that their test of life on earth should have resulted in their leaving their earthly form completely spiritualised in order to return as true children into their Father's house again.... But the test of will, which I demand of every created being, was required of them. The first human beings' passing of this test would have enabled all subsequent generations to reach the final goal with ease.

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(01.11.1953) By creating the first human beings I had created beings for Myself who, in spite of their inadequacy.... i.e. their lack of perfection as a result of the apostasy from Me.... could nevertheless have attained realisation of Me Myself since they recognised themselves as living creations.... Thus, due to their ability of thought and their free will, they were able to recognise My will and act in accordance with it.... I had created beings for Myself with whom I could communicate despite their distance from Me, who could hear My Word and let it take effect on them, which was impossible in the earlier state of constrained will.... Thus the human being was the first earthly work of creation which carried a fallen original spirit in himself, and he was then meant to help this original spirit to return to its original state in order to work and create in eternal unity with Me as a free spirit again.... This was the task of the first created human being, and it will remain the task of all people until the end, until the final spiritualisation of all fallen spirits....

The test of will the first human being had to pass was not too difficult.... Yet for the sake of this test My adversary also had to be allowed to exert his influence on him.... And the human being succumbed to this influence.... He deserted Me for the second time, and this was the first fall into sin on this earth.... the original sin which is known to humanity, even if it does not know of the apostasy of the spirits from Me.... But only the latter explains everything.... For the first human being could not have fallen had he been the first created being externalised by Me, as he would have been in full possession of strength and light since only perfection can emerge from Me. In that case he could not have been influenced by an opposing force.

But the reason for his fall is to be found in the apostasy of the spirits and thus in the still immature human soul which could indeed have passed the test but was not obliged to pass it.... Nevertheless, the human being was in possession of intelligence and free will and therefore also had to accept responsibility for his soul.... And thus the human being has to do penance for his guilt.... My adversary kept his authority over the spirit embodied in the human being, and that means a laborious path of struggle and suffering during every human being's earthly life with the goal to free himself from his control.... The human being is able to achieve this goal because Jesus Christ came to help humanity which was weakened by Adam's fall into sin, and therefore salvation is assured to everyone who recognises Him as Son of God and Redeemer of the world and follows Him willingly.... The first human being would have been able to built the bridge on which all his descendants could have reached Me.... but since he fell, humanity still had to remain in Satan's bondage for a long time until the arrival of the Saviour, until Jesus Christ descended to earth in order to build a bridge into the spiritual kingdom by way of His suffering and death.... by way of His crucifixion....

(02.11.1953) The decision of will demanded of My first created being.... of Lucifer.... was by no means to be regarded as a commandment; rather, it was entirely left to the being's choice to direct its will either way, and the direction of its will was totally based on its yearning for power and dictatorship. It was certainly aware that it had originated from Me but believed that it could also rule on its own because it could not see Me.... It recognised Me as its source but it did not want to acknowledge Me.... And this will was not placed into the being by Me but the being itself had changed the free will I bestowed on it.... This was the difference between the first fall of Lucifer and the first human being's fall into sin.... because the wrong will was still in the human being and therefore I gave him a commandment which he should not transgress.... a commandment he could easily have kept had the opposing spirit not influenced him. The opposing spirit's influence on the human being was so strong because the human being was still part of him.... since he had not yet regained perfection, which would have made a fall impossible.

A perfectly created human being could not have fallen, that is, he would not have been able to violate this commandment, because the perfect spirit in the human being would have prevented him from every God-opposing action.... But the creation of the human being was only the consequence of Lucifer's fall and his followers, or it truly would not have been necessary for Me to give the spirits, who had been brought into life by Me, an external form as a cover. The human form, however, contained the fallen spirit, and therefore the human being Adam was already burdened by the past sin which he nevertheless could have pushed away had he kept My commandment.... It would have been

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possible for him to redeem the inherited sin.... his fall delayed the fallen spirits' return to Me for an infinitely long period of time again. Yet is has become possible through the act of Salvation by the man Jesus Who did, without any commandment on My part, what the human being Adam should have done.... to completely accept My will and through a life of love unite with Me again on earth and achieve full possession of strength and light....

Amen

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Adam.... Original spirit.... Lucifer's test.... Bursting the form....

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Anyone who strives to arrive at the truth leaves all darkness behind him, he will have an explanation for everything, he will know the correlation between all things, he will recognise that his path leads upwards, that he has found the connection with God, that he cannot err anymore because God Himself conveys the truth to him. But striving for the truth means that it first has to be sincerely desired, and then the knowledge he receives.... be it from outside or from within in the form of thoughts.... has to be accepted with an open heart. For the heart will be willing to either accept or reject truth and error and thus influence the person accordingly.

Truth has to be aspired to in so far as that the human being's will has to be actively involved.... it cannot simply be given to a completely passive person who does not want it himself and who will not take the necessary steps in order to gain it. For then he will remain in spiritual darkness and not achieve progress. Truth, however, is the ascending path.... Truth is the spiritual knowledge conveyed to people by God Himself which tries to find a recipient in every human being, which can be acquired by every person's will since it can be imparted to people in many different ways.... but it always has to be desired first. But anyone who has gained the truth no longer lives in darkness, everything is crystal clear to him, he no longer doubts, for whatever is still unclear will be explained to him when he asks for it providing he turns to the source of truth.... providing he submits his doubts and questions to God Himself and then awaits God's answer through his heart.... The desire for truth, the mental contact with God and his inward listening also ensures him a clear and truthful answer. You humans should know that no unsolved questions need to exist for you providing you just want an explanation and present every question to the One Who is truth Himself and Who also wants to impart it to His children in order to enlighten them, in order to illuminate their path of ascent:

The body of the first-created human being was also an act of creation by My love. I **then** had to create an external shell for the fallen spirit once it had worked its way up from the abyss to a point where it was able to undertake its final test of will in complete freedom.... I had to create forms for all My once created original spirits whose previously dissolved substances had come together again after an infinitely long period of time and who, therefore, as self-aware beings once more, were waiting for permission to become active.... Creating the external form of such an original spirit was no **different** than the countless many works of creation which had previously arisen.... it was My externalised thought which, through My will, appeared before Me already completed. But giving life to this created form was only possible by permeating it with My strength of love....

The originally created spirit, however, was My emanated strength of love.... Hence it only needed to take possession of the external form in order to turn it into a living being. The spirit was close to its perfection.... and yet far from it because it lacked final realisation.... because the sin with which it was burdened had completely deprived it of all knowledge and in this state it needed instruction and commandments.... thus it was to gradually mature into realisation by complying with these commandments.... A great spiritual battle had taken place earlier because a large number of fallen original spirits wanted to occupy My first created form.... For they knew that they could only gain access to Me again in the body of a human being, that they would only be able to gain unimaginable abundance of strength and light through a test of life in which they were to prove how they would utilise the strength at their disposal.... But I Myself chose which original spirit should take abode in

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the first human being.... For only I knew whose opposition to Me had weakened such that the final test of earthly life could be imposed on him; I knew whose will could have resisted My adversary's power. Therefore I chose an original spirit which had once taken a leading position during the spirits' apostasy.... which was indeed more heavily burdened by sin but which My love very much endeavoured to regain, for countless beings would likewise have followed it and the redemption would have progressed far more rapidly.... I have known, in fact, since eternity that this original spirit would fail.... Nevertheless, due to its changed will during the preliminary stages it was the strongest spirit, thus it was also **entitled** to be the **first** to receive the state of free will, and which therefore offered the best prospects of passing the test of will....

The form of the first human being was.... before this original spirit occupied it, also visible to Lucifer, who certainly knew that this form was the gate from the kingdom of darkness, from his realm, into My kingdom, into the kingdom of light.... He also knew that.... if he didn't want to lose his followers.... he had to use every means to wrest the souls back from Me during the human being's approved probationary period, in order to turn the test to his advantage....

My created form was still without life when Lucifer seized it in order to test it by animating it with his spirit.... yet his untamed spirit burst the form, and he was sure that every spirit banished into this form would burst it and that there would never be any danger of loss for him....

I allowed this test to happen and then proved to him that his assumption was wrong.... For due to its long process of development the **very** spirit which was to embody itself in the human being no longer shared Lucifer's will, it willingly occupied the final external form, and since this original spirit was close to its original state it did not consider the external form a shackle to prevent the fall into sin.... For it was master over all of creation, it could rule like a lord over the earth which was at its disposal with every creation.... It had abundant might and strength.... only subordinate to My might, which only gave it an easy commandment, the obedience to which would have broken any constraint imposed on it....

And when Lucifer realised this he thought about ways to stop the human being from obeying this commandment, and since he knew the first human being's body he tried to make him dislike it by portraying it as a shackle.... by making freedom from it dependent on **transgressing** this commandment.... and thus incited the original spirit to inwardly revolt against Me again for not having given it complete freedom.... It was a deliberate deception which the first human being could have resisted by merely adhering to My simple commandment.... if he had been satisfied with his possession of might and strength which made him truly happy until My adversary aroused an impure desire in him.... to be greater than the One, Who was a perceptible power above him.... of Whom he knew and Whose commandment he nevertheless disregarded....

The first human being's fall into sin was therefore a repetition of the original spirit's first fall. It followed Lucifer and drew innumerable beings into the abyss with him.... just as all descendants of the first human being were afterwards also placed into the weak state of sinful people until Jesus Christ came to their rescue, until Jesus Christ acquired the strength of will on behalf of humanity through His crucifixion, until Jesus Christ opposed Lucifer's temptations with His strong will and defeated him....

Nothing could have induced the first-created being, Lucifer, to cover the earthly progress as a human being as long as he still considered himself lord of the spiritual world which had deserted Me with him, for he himself did **not** take the course through matter, through creation, before the creation of the first human being.... As a spiritually tangible spirit he was volitionally still My strongest opponent, he deemed himself lord over the creation which sheltered the spiritual substance that belonged to him, although he himself had no influence over it. His inner resistance was still unbroken, and he would never ever have put up with any coercion, he would never voluntarily have entered a form created by My will.... because he hated all forms for the spiritual substances, all works of creation, and sought to destroy them.... However, his power over the works of creation had been taken away from him, but then he was granted influence over the soul when this was to make its free decision again for Me or for him.... He also knew that he was unable to destroy a form himself once it was inhabited by

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spiritual beings, and for this reason he inspected the first human being's form **in advance**, for his goal was to induce the original spirit which was to occupy it to destroy its own external form.... because he believed that he would thereby provide it with the freedom which I had taken away from the spirits due to the works of creation.... He wanted to stop Me from completing the plan of Salvation.

The opposition between Myself and him existed ever since his apostasy and will never be given up by him until he realises that he is completely powerless, and in profound weakness and humility appeals to Me to give him strength.... For this reason it would have been impossible to give **him** the first human body as an abode. For his will did not aim for ascent, whereas the past resistance to Me by the spiritual essence, having passed through creation in the state of compulsion, had already diminished and it was merely to prove just once more that it had abandoned its opposition to Me and My strength of love. And Lucifer knew how far this spiritual essence had already distanced itself from him, and he also knew that there now was a risk of losing it entirely. And since the original spirit embodied in the first human being had once been his staunch supporter he was particularly interested to bring it to fall.... But he also knew of its present desire to become free from every physical restraint....

And then I placed a second being at this original spirit's side, which simultaneously was to support but also help him with the test of his will. Each one could have supported the other to arrive at the final objective; I did not place the responsibility on one shoulder **alone**.... I gave the commandment to both, and both were able to attain the goal together.... And this second being was used by Lucifer, who recognised its weak will and thereby hoped to achieve his objective.... The test of will had to be demanded from the first human couple, and in support of this test adverse forces also had to be active, for Lucifer fought for his living creations too, which he did not want to surrender even though they belonged to Me as well. His plan succeeded, nevertheless, it did not stop Me from giving countless beings time and again the opportunity to take on a new form in the human beings of this earth and thus to achieve an ever higher degree of maturity even if, due to the fall of the first human couple, the gate to the kingdom of light remained closed until the arrival of Jesus Christ....

The first sin had delayed but not cancelled the spiritual beings' redemption, for what the first human being had failed to do was achieved by the human being Jesus.... He was stronger than My adversary for He availed Himself of My strength.... He was and stayed in contact with Me through love and voluntarily accomplished what the first human beings did not fulfil as a commandment.... He completely subordinated Himself to My will and proved His devotion to Me through His suffering and death on the cross.... He knew of the original sin and the first human beings' repeated guilt, and in order to cancel this guilt, in order to redeem humankind, He offered to bring Me a sacrifice, which was satisfactory to Me.... a sacrifice, which opened the gate to the spiritual kingdom again, the path to Me, and now enables all My living beings who acknowledge Him as Son of God and Redeemer of the world to become blissfully happy once more....

Amen

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Hereditary sin....

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Questions, which you would like to have answered, will have to arise in you time and again, then I can enlighten you as soon as you contact Me in heartfelt prayer and listen to what I say to you.... by regarding your emerging thoughts as My reply, if you are not addressed by Me **directly** through the voice of the spirit. Your desire and appeal to Me will ensure your correct thinking.... yet without Me you will not recognise the truth, without Me your endeavour for enlightenment will be futile, since without Me you will only have **misguided** thoughts which the powers from below will be able to convey to you.... precisely because you evade Me, Who is the provider of truth.... And thus listen to the following:

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As long as you are not perfect you can only receive explanations in a **descriptive** manner.... You would never be able to understand the infinite profundity of divine wisdom, you would never understand the reasons for My reign and activity, since your imperfection also means inadequate power of perception, and thus you are unable to find an explanation by virtue of your intelligence.... but you will be able to receive it in a flash as soon as you are permeated by the light of My love in the spiritual kingdom. On earth you will need to receive descriptive clarification, the processes that took place in My creation can only be described to you in line with your ability of comprehension.... And thus the spiritual processes in the hearts of the first people can only be intelligibly explained to you along the lines of earthly processes which, however, are but a faint comparison.... simply because you are still weak in spirit yourselves.... You humans are constrained by laws of nature because total freedom, which you forfeited through your past apostasy, first has to be regained by you during your earthly life.... For that reason I imposed a limit on the first human beings' will because I first wanted them to realise that they were subject to a Power and that they should voluntarily submit to this Power.... in order to then have their final freedom bestowed onto them. In the past they refused to acknowledge Me, which was the first sin, their opposition to Me from Whom they had originated.... Only voluntary acknowledgment could cancel this sin again. And I wanted to obtain this acknowledgment of Myself when I brought the whole of creation into being. As a result, the first human beings were endowed such that they **could** in fact recognise Me but were not compelled to do so.... And therefore free will had to make a choice which, again, should be tested against 'temptation'....

People had to see something they desired, while a prohibition and an enticement at the same time had to prompt them into a decision of will.... but, understandably, the enticement had to be linked to a promise, which they were then supposed to resist.... The prohibition and the enticement ensued from two sides.... since they involved the return of the fallen spirits to Me and their stay with My adversary, i.e., My created spirits achievement of their goal or their fall into the abyss again.... Consequently, the people had to have the desire within themselves and be offered the opportunity to satisfy this desire.... or to overcome it for the sake of a far higher goal: for eternal bliss with Me, which surpassed this earthly fulfilment of desire a thousand fold. Since regaining the deserted spiritual beings was a battle between Me and My adversary he also had to have the opportunity to influence these beings' will.... only that he feigned illusive values and illusive happiness so that people should forfeit true happiness and a blissful life in eternity.... I knew of this temptation and therefore gave the first people a commandment with a simultaneous warning of eternal death.... This warning should have sufficed in stifling every desire in the people in order not to die.... And My adversary convinced them of the contrary.... he promised them life.... But they recognised Me as the supreme Power and yet followed the lie.... and thereby brought death into the world.... But what was it that made their desire so powerful that they succumbed to it?....

They lived a blissful life in paradise, they were masters over all created things; everything was subject to their will and they felt happy in full possession of strength and power. And as long as this love was intended for Me and the partner there was no danger either that the test of will would fail.

But My adversary knew how to turn this love in the wrong direction.... He reversed it into selfish love by making false promises to them and thus kindling their desire to obtain happiness for **themselves**.... Their love became craving, selfish and low, and thereby they once again handed themselves over to the power of the one from whom they should and could have delivered themselves had they valued My **commandment** more than their desire.

You humans ought to understand.... that the time for Me to bless the first human couple had not yet come.... **Therefore** they became sinful.... for nothing is sinful that fits in with My plan of creation, nothing can be a sin that happens in lawful order.... and **the process of procreation** can never be **against** the order ordained by God. Yet the satisfaction of the senses without the will to bring forth life is no act of divine love, but it is selfish love kindled by My adversary which draws the human being down and totally submits him to his control.... The first human beings had fallen victim to this **wrong** love, and this **wrong love** was the sin, which in turn related to the original sin of arrogance.... which

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did not want to give itself but possess everything, which was the inheritance of its maker.... but which has nothing in common with divine love....

Divine love rests as a spark in your hearts and can ignite itself into brightest radiance. But My adversary's goal was and is to reverse this love, and he has succeeded in doing so. What was pure and divine became soiled and changed into a love of self, which no longer merits the concept of 'love' and can only be called lust, selfishness and love of self, and which is also capable of doing whatever My adversary wants you to do.... And thus the act of procreation became a means for My adversary to turn countless souls towards him, which would never have been possible had it taken place with My blessing.... where the divine love of giving and bestowing happiness should find its culmination in the emergence of a new life.... Hence the original sin consisted of the abandonment of pure divine love for the sake of impure selfish love....

The divine spark in the human being was extinguished through satanic influence and replaced by a fire which destroyed everything that was noble and pure.... The senses became aroused and were driven into utmost greed, which in no way corresponded to My act of creation.... yet for the sake of My adversary's and My created beings' freedom of will it was not prevented.... since it is still up to the will of each individual person to resist this temptation by Satan.... The original sin was therefore not the act of procreation but the voluntarily ignited wrong and sinful love induced by Satan.... A happiness giving act of creation in the divine sense was reduced to a game of unclean spirits.... My adversary was permitted to take part in an act where I Myself wanted to be present in people with My blessing in order to increase the pure, divine love in them, so that it should also flow into the then begotten beings. And thus a new human generation would have arisen which would have found its way back to Me in increasingly brighter light without suffering and pain, which would soon have liberated itself through love, because it had to recognise Me Myself where love shines forth.... The first human beings **could** have passed this test of will.... but since I was struggling with My adversary for the human souls I could not prevent him from using means which would ensure his victory. For it involved My created beings' return in completely free will.... which, however, had failed and resulted in a fate for the whole human race from which it could not free itself anymore.... Until a human being in pure divine love achieved the act.... which redeemed all of humanity and opened the path of ascent again.... For love is victorious and will not rest until even the last fallen being has found the way back to Me....

Amen

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Test of will of Jesus Christ

Miracle-work of the child Jesus....

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want to teach you what you want to have clarified, for I want you to have the correct information first before you instruct your fellow human beings, which is the task of those of you who want to serve Me. I want you to understand everything yourselves before you pass your knowledge on, for the other person is frequently not very patient, he desires an explanation, especially when he has doubts, and then you should also be able to provide it informatively. The problem of God's human manifestation in Jesus gives rise to most questions, because so far it has been explained such that it causes increasingly more confusion instead of illumination. My earthly existence as a human being did not differ in any way from that of other people, I just gave room to the development of love in My heart where others increased their selfish love and instead of 'giving' they 'desired'.

The spark of love smoulders in every human being's heart, but it can ignite into a bright flame just as it can be smothered. This, however, also differentiates people from each other, for love leaves its mark of divinity on everyone, whereas selfish love is My adversary's image who exalted himself and thus fell. **Love** is therefore the Divine in the human being, which appears only as a very tiny spark at the start of earthly life but has the capacity to expand infinitely. The spark of love was already recognisable in the infant Jesus because a soul of light had embodied itself in the child, which indeed had left all of God's glories behind in the spiritual kingdom yet not its love, and this strength of love expressed itself at times when the spiritual spark made contact with the eternal Father-Spirit, which happens with every loving child, but in Jesus it was intended to be obvious to people so that they would believe in the Divinity of the child Jesus. The working of the spirit is not prevented in an infant like that, it just rarely, if ever, surfaces because the human being's intellect and free will first have to strive for the working of My spirit themselves, which only consciously happens when he is old enough to make use of the intellect and will in freedom of thought.

The explanation for the miracles of the child Jesus, for the unusual events, can only be found in the high degree of love, for Jesus' soul came from above, it was a soul of light and love which was then wrapped in a human form and also prevented from its hitherto unrestricted work and activity in order to do justice to its human external form. The infant Jesus possessed a high degree of love.... yet the earthly-human nature asserted itself too.... the world, that is, My and His adversary also exercised his influence on this earthly-human nature since he was allowed to do so for the sake of the test of will. And then My spirit remained silent, for even the human being Jesus had to take this test of will, and the work of His soul's deification had to take place under the same conditions as with every other human being, albeit due to His love My spirit was and remained in Him.

Yet the **highest degree** of love had to be attained by the human being Jesus' own will.... and therefore My spirit withdrew during these years, it did not insist and impel Him, it allowed the human being Jesus complete freedom until, as a result of His intensified love, the ever increasing abundance of My spirit manifested itself as wisdom and might.... as outstanding knowledge and miracle-working. The human being Jesus had been chosen for this mission since eternity. A supreme being of light descended to earth; one of My children, living in magnificence, started His earthly progress, and thus this soul already had to permeate the earthly form of the infant Jesus, and everything remarkable in His youth was entirely natural and understandable, yet for people living in darkness equally incomprehensible, and so a cover was spread across the radiant light in later years and the actual mission began.... the deification of an earthly human being by means of love. I was indeed at all times able to work through My spirit in the human being Jesus, for all conditions to do so were given; yet

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for the sake of Jesus' mission everything divinely-spiritual withdrew, and this mission was accomplished by Him as a human being, Who took His strength entirely from His active love, which was just as difficult for Him to develop as for every other human being, because My adversary truly did not let his influence go to waste since, after all, Jesus' victory meant the adversary's defeat. But My adversary was unable to affect Jesus' free will, and this was wholly and completely aimed in My direction. And therefore He succeeded in accomplishing the work, for His will arose from His love for Me.... Love, however, is the strength which is stronger than death and therefore He also defeated the one who had brought death into the world.... Love was victorious and will remain so eternally....

Amen

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Jesus' battle against temptations....

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

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

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

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

Amen

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The free will of man Jesus....

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he man Jesus had to die on the cross for His fellow human beings' guilt of sin, because without the death on the cross there was no redemption for them from their guilt. But He accomplished the act of salvation of His own free will, He was not forced to do so by anyone.... And therefore He had to walk an earthly path as a human being in which He completely united Himself with the eternal deity, i.e. He had to live a life of love and through love unite Himself with the eternal love. His earthly life was difficult and sorrowful because He knew about His mission, He also knew, because His nature was pure love, about everything that still happened and had to come and thus He also knew about His bitter suffering and death, He overlooked His life until the end for His immense agony. But He persevered.... It would certainly have been possible for Him to refuse, He need not have feared any coercion from God, for His will was respected like that of every other human being.... but in His love and wisdom He saw the appalling state of His fellow human beings and that there was no way out of it because people themselves were not strong enough to release themselves from the adversary's bondage by God. And the weakness of humanity took pity on Him and impelled Him to a work of mercy such as has only been accomplished once out of love for suffering humanity. His love was so profound that it prompted His decision to offer Himself to God as a sacrifice of atonement so that people could be released from their great guilt of sin and return to the father, Who eagerly awaits His children and who therefore also accepted the sacrifice of the man Jesus. Free will moved Jesus when, by virtue of His love, He recognized the misery humanity was in.... Only then did He become aware of His mission, only then.... when free will had decided in man.... He recognized that God Himself had chosen **Him** as a cover in order to accomplish the act of salvation in Him, and then He also knew about the entire crossroads which was His fate in earthly life. And He did not let Himself be deterred by this knowledge, He consciously walked amongst people and taught them so that they would make themselves worthy of the act of salvation through a right life of love, so that they would learn to recognize Him and the one Who sheltered Himself in Him through a right life of love.... But precisely this conscious path to the cross increased the extent of suffering He had taken upon Himself for humanity, for He knew about all the pain and suffering that awaited Him, and He often felt compelled to refrain from it and, by virtue of His free will, not to walk the path to the end.... Yet always only for a short time, for His love for His enslaved brothers was stronger and love determined His will to endure until the end and to go through all suffering and pain until His agonizing death on the cross,

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which, however, was then crowned by His glorious resurrection and ascension.... The man Jesus was not driven, He accomplished the work of salvation in free will, but He was full of love and the love in Him was the driving force for His work of mercy.... But love was God, and thus **God** in **Jesus** suffered the death of the cross, He accomplished the work of atonement for humanity, He took the guilt upon Himself and atoned for it.... He redeemed the world from sin and death....

Amen

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Tone of you people can measure the suffering of the path to the cross and the crucifixion, because I I for human terms they were unbearable, and only the strength of My love for you made it possible for Me, to accomplish this most difficult sacrifice, that should bring again the reconciliation with the Father for the mankind.... And if you also try to imagine My agony and pain, there will always remain only a weak comparison, because they were superhuman, they were so big, that My sacrifice of the cross will truly been unique and will remain, because a "man" would not have survived this time of torments, because any other man would not have been able to carry it out, because even a small part would have sufficed to take man's life. But I wanted to suffer and die, in order to accomplish the equitable atonement for the sins of mankind, I wanted to take all the guilt of the people on Me and offer the atoning sacrifice therefore, to give back the Father's lost children, who never could have come in His near without this act of salvation.... And I have gone the way.... voluntarily and with love to the Father and to My fallen brothers. I have known about the hard fate, that awaited Me, and therefore suffered twice, because I always saw the picture of the crucifixion, I always saw the way of suffering, that was leading to the cross.... But I fulfilled this mission by free will, and I bought all his souls from the opponent, who were willing, to let themselves redeem by Me. Because I knew the reason of the weakness of men and acquired them all strengthening of their will by My death on the cross, I acquired them countless graces, with their help they could reach the height again, from which they had fallen once in the deepest depths.... I knew, that they never could reach the height alone again, if they would not be helped. And My fallen brothers took pity on Me, because I knew the bliss of nearness to God, I knew, what they had given up and that they were banished forever from the face of the Father, if not the One deleted the great guilt, that they had burdened themselves by their past apostasy from the Father.... But it was a very difficult work, to take upon Himself all the physical and emotional pain in full consciousness of the output, and to go a walk in fear and poverty, to be able to carry out the act of mercy to the end.... Because I was a man with all physical feelings, and My thinking was always more human, when it came to the execution of the last mission, when I was captured and mercilessly condemned to the most cruel death, which the people could think up.... Because for the liquidation of the immense guilt, for liquidation of the primal guilt of the former apostasy from God, the ability to suffer of a human was necessary.... because God, Who was probably as love in Me, could not suffer and thus He Himself retired for the final phase of the work of redemption, what in Me an unspeakable fear triggered and I was driven to the words: My God, My God, why have Thou forsaken Me.... The consciousness of the Father in Me would have been a alleviation from the pain, but the measure of My pain could not be large enough again, in the face of the guilt of all mankind, of the guilt of all fallen original spirits, who I wanted to save from the deep.... As ,,just man" I wanted to lead the work to an end, and that is why I gave Myself up to the will of the Father, who also has been My will from the beginning, only in the face of the death I began to sway for a short time, but then I Myself submited completely to His will, as I cried out: "Father, not My will, but Thy will be done...." And I have truly brought a hard sacrifice, which neither before nor after a man had accomplished and could accomplish, because it exceeded human strength.... But I received the strength from the love of the Father, because love was in Me until the hour of death.... otherwise I would not have said the words: "Father, forgive them, because they do not know, what they do...." And so I remained connected to the Father, although I did not apply the strength of love, to take Me

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away from the sacrificial death.... Once you will also be able to experience this My death on the cross, when you live in the kingdom of light, and only then you will know about My enormous love, which was meant for My brothers, which took everything on itself, to give them back their life, who had chosen death voluntarily. And everyone can also come back to life now, who recognizes Me by free will as his savior and wants, that I have died also for him, that he also belongs to the redeemed, for whom I have shed my blood and who find forgiveness for their guilt of sin by My blood, that kept them separate from the Father, who I therefore absolved by My death on the cross....

Amen

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Test of will of the unfallen primal spirits

The earthly path of angel-beings....

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eing allowed to live on earth is also the wish of non-fallen beings, which indeed live in Unimaginable happiness but were unable to reach the highest perfection of childship to God, which necessitates the path across earth. These beings' wish will be granted, and they will travel their path under extremely difficult circumstances in life on earth, but generally will attain the final goal, although as human beings they don't know their origin. They are, however, very frequently and severely tempted, and their earthly life, too, is particularly difficult and sorrowful, yet since their souls came from above they are far more willing to love and therefore also recognise the purpose of their earthly life very quickly, thus steadfastly following their goal despite their externally difficult circumstances, ill-health and all kinds of adversity. Attaining childship to God is the highest goal for the beings in the spiritual realm which, however, can only be accomplished by overcoming the abyss.... Consequently, such beings will predominantly embody themselves particularly in times of people's spiritually low level in order to carry a ray of light into a world of profound darkness.... For wherever a person willing to love is working on earth a soft light will be shining which is soothingly touching his fellow human beings' souls. And a being of light will always bring such a soft shining light along to earth, since love in the soul will not need not be ignited but a small flame is already glowing when it enters into earthly life.

But such people will often be treated with hostility and have to prove themselves.... hence pass the test of will as well, which this life on earth requires. For God's adversary will tempt particularly them in the hope of bringing them to fall, which he once failed to succeed in doing. Nevertheless, the human being is not left defenceless against his power since his spiritual friends will always support him and provide him with strength, which he will at all times request from God. For a soul from above will never relinquish its bond with God, even though it is free in its will and actions. And thus in times of spiritual decline messengers of light and love will arise time and again, who openly acknowledge God and work for Him and His kingdom.... people who are permeated by His spirit and who eagerly and with conviction proclaim the divine Redeemer and consider it their task in life to lead their fellow human beings to the cross, because they understand the significance of the sacrifice on the cross and therefore also know the danger people find themselves in.... They gained this knowledge through their life of love, and therefore they can also be diligent representatives of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation.

Especially in times to greatest spiritual adversity the helpers will descend from above but without knowledge of their origin. For they, too, will have to pass the test of will, they often have to live a most difficult earthly life for the sake of their goal and on no account are they allowed to be spiritually so influenced that they are compelled in their thinking, talking and behaviour.... But they can always expect help when they need it, since they will always take the path to God, Whom they recognise as their Father and Whom they love with all their heart.... This is why their hearts are always open to receive a flow of strength from the spiritual kingdom, and reaching their goal is usually assured and only at risk if the person establishes contacts on earth which want to pull him down. The soul will not have to fear a fall into the abyss yet there is the danger that it will not achieve the highest degree of light, nevertheless it will keep its former happiness.... only that it is no longer the created angel-being which can't help but think and act in accordance with divine will, but that it has gone through earthly life and proven its free will and its direction, so that it thus can enter into the highest spheres of light in order to be indescribably happy....

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Activity of non-fallen primordial spirits....

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f you are to be active as teachers, then you must also be informed about everything in truth; you ▲ must be able to refute every erroneous teaching, therefore be completely informed yourselves about that what you want to bring to your fellowmen as spiritual knowledge. And you will also only then represent your knowledge convinced when you are enlightened by Me Myself, because I alone know about everything and also I alone can introduce you to the areas, which are inaccessible to your intellect. The act of creation of the spiritual beings was always an emanation of My strength of love into the vessel which I created for Myself as the first being.... which therefore received My flow of strength of love and which now.... since it was My image.... again utilized the strength flowing towards it by likewise being creatively active by creating beings of the same kind in endless numbers.... Thus every being was radiated love-power from Me.... Every being had to be supremely perfect because nothing imperfect could emerge from Me, because My strength of love never diminished and thus the same strength of love flowed through all these beings. That I would have created something secondary from Me could therefore not be possible.... But the beings themselves could form themselves to ungodly beings through their wrong direction of will. And so it has to be pointed out for the time being that every being had free will, otherwise it could not be called perfect. This free will was now confronted with a decision because the being was to prove its perfection. It was to decide whether it wanted to remain perfect, although it could also turn into the opposite.... precisely because it was equipped with free will. And that innumerable perfectly created beings fell away from Me during this test of will and followed their lord into the deep, who himself had not passed the test of will, of this you have already often been informed. But now the question is whether there were also beings which were created without free will, which therefore could not do otherwise than fulfil My will? Then I Myself would have created inferior beings which had to be denied perfection, for free will belongs to a perfect being, otherwise they would have been insubstantial 'works' of My creator's will.... dead creations, so to speak, for only free will is the cause of every activity.... But whether this will has completely subordinated itself to Me or works on its own authority, that now also determines the relationship of the being to Me. Every unfallen being now gave itself to Me fully and completely; it subordinated its will to Mine of its own accord and now worked with Me and in My will. It only carried out what corresponded to My will, because through its bond with Me it was also of the same will itself.... while the apostate beings separated themselves by virtue of their free will. They disregarded My will and worked against Me and can only again reach the high degree of love after endless long walk through the deep where they voluntarily again submit to My will, then therefore also again work and create with Me in My will, which has now also become theirs. So you therefore have to differentiate: beings of light.... who remained loyal to Me during their free test of will and therefore will always create and work in My will and therefore are immeasurably happy, because they will never feel as unfree beings determined by Me, because such a state would completely contradict My order from eternity.... and apostate beings, which directed their free will wrongly, which would always work against Me if I did not bind their will during the time of their ascent from the abyss. The process of return now takes place on these beings, in which all light beings, i.e. all once **not** fallen beings and such, which have already reached the adoption as children of God in earth life or stand in an already high degree of light, take part.... All these beings carry My will within themselves, however it is free and submits itself to Mine of its own accord, since this would truly not be a sign of a divine and perfect being if it were under compulsion.... that it would therefore have to carry out what I instruct it to do.... You humans still cannot quite explain the word 'perfection' to yourselves.... For then every state of imperfection is excluded, and unlimited happiness is the lot of a perfect being, but which could not be brought into line when a being was determined to all activity and therefore would be unfree so to speak. The army of spirits created by Me, which remained with Me, are innumerable, and all work in infinity, always in the redeeming sense, by them creating the

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possibilities for ascent for everything fallen. Yet it is wrong to say that these beings cannot do anything other than carry out My will, instead, they want nothing other than to serve Me and all unredeemed spirits, because they are high spirits of love, and I Myself allow them to work for Me in order to make them happy, for a thought from Me is truly sufficient to bring it to fruition by virtue of My will in order to cause everything to come into being that which these beings of light create, in order to feel bliss themselves in the process.... And when I speak of beings of light it is the same as when I speak of the endless host of My angels, who all stand in highest perfection and proved their perfection by remaining loyal to Me when a greater host of these angels turned away from Me and fell into the abyss. They have proven their love and loyalty to Me, and still also these light beings once walk the course through the deep, so that they themselves accomplish the work of formation to the child of God, that they then out of own will and serving-willing love themselves as it were accomplish a work of creation, which exactly I could not create for Me, because this has free will as prerequisite, which the being then uses in earth life as man to reach highest perfection. And all beings which have faithfully remained with Me are in the highest degree of light and their love for Me is indescribable, they know about My will and will understandably not allow any other will to arise in them because of their infinitely profound love. But none of these beings is bound to My will, otherwise its beatitude would be diminished, which will never happen from Me.... But that nevertheless My whole work of creation is subject to the hierarchy of My angels is due to the fact that the power once radiated by Me as being has to be constantly active and that My love again and again lets ideas come into execution to constantly make My creatures happy.... But only an activity in freedom will ever make happy, never an activity in compulsion.... Because only the fallen spiritual is subject to compulsion in a certain period of time, but never the beings, which are active as angels of light in My kingdom....

Amen

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Why must a non-fallen spirit also walk the earth....

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hat you desire information about, that I alone can tell you, because these thoughts have already often emerged in you, without you seriously desiring an answer. You do not know the laws, which rule in My kingdom and in which all My creatures move, but that one thing has been explained to you, that I put out beings out of Me in highest perfection, that these beings were gifted with free will, which was now also to decide and which also resulted in the falling away of innumerable beings from Me. But a great part of these beings had also passed the test of will that they remained with Me although all were equipped with free will and the ability to think and likewise could decide for him who was visible to them. Hence it is by no means the case that those who fell away from Me lacked realization but the same light of love shone through all beings, and in this light they also recognized Me as their creator, from Whom they had originated, but this very light of love they rejected and thereby made themselves sinful.... Now all My created beings were certainly 'works of My will' as therefore also those who remained loyal to Me, who, standing in highest fullness of light, can create and form with Me and are therefore blessed.... They have certainly passed the test of will but nevertheless remain 'works of My love', for whom the attainment of childship to God is also the highest aim, for I could not 'create' 'children' for Myself but only ever give a being the opportunity to shape itself into a child, which indeed every non-fallen being will also achieve but must also cover the course across earth in order to reach that highest degree that it is no longer considered My work but My child. For a 'work' admittedly also stands in the same will with Me and constantly creates and works out of this will.... But to be a 'child' of God is the epitome of highest beatitude, for it is completely independent of Me, it receives My direct illumination of love and its will is always equally directed with Mine, it is a completely free being, a right child which enters into all rights of the father, whereas a 'work' always remains a work despite having passed the test of will. But the path through the abyss has already been travelled by an infinitely large number of beings, and the number of My

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children is constantly increasing, since they can never fail, even if earthly life weighs exceedingly heavily upon them.... The love power, which they never lose, protects them from a fall, and since the earth life time is only like a moment, measured by eternity, also the most difficult conditions can be imposed on such a light spirit, and you can also accept such an embodiment with quite unusual states of suffering, which certainly leads to the aim of the adoption as children of God. The beings of light therefore have to cover the path across earth in order to fight against all resistance in their physical weakness, they once have to voluntarily face My adversary, but they will never succumb to him, they will only ever wrest their **physical shell** from him, so that this, as 'spiritualized', can already help a once fallen spirit to mature. And it is precisely this walk on earth which earns a myriad of beings of light the adoption as children of God, but it cannot be avoided if 'children' are to emerge from My works, which I Myself could not create because free will was the prerequisite for it. This free will had certainly been tested, but the beings all stood in brightest light of knowledge, and it therefore could not be equated with the walk across earth, on which the adversary asserts himself, in which the spirit of light is exposed to temptations upon temptations, which it must pass, to now be able to come forth as a right 'child of God', which was and is My aim since the beginning....

Amen

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Test of man's will in earthly life

Compulsion law.... free will trial.... purpose....

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Your soul had to travel the path on earth in endless embodiments until it was ready to embody itself as a human being in order to pass its last test of will on this earth.... These endless embodiments beforehand were extremely agonizing for the freely created spiritual being, for it was bound in external forms and could only use its will as it was My will.... It was under a law of compulsion.... it had to bow to My will.... it was bound. The fetter became looser and looser, and finally, as a human being, the spiritual.... soul in you.... does not feel its outer form so as a fetter, because the human being has free will and can now use it.... And in this stage of free will the soul is now to take a test of will.... the will should take a direction which leads to Me, although it can also choose the direction to another aim.... to My adversary.... The soul only embodies itself as a human being because of this test of will, because it thereby decides its fate in eternity. The soul can never perish, nor can it remain in a bound state, because the infinitely many embodiments beforehand have already resulted in a change of its will, so that the soul has reached a certain degree of maturity which entitles it to use free will again. Although there is also the danger of misuse of will, the soul must have freedom of decision in order to be able to enter a state of perfection. But it now also bears the responsibility itself, and according to its decision it creates its own lot in eternity. For an infinitely long time the soul stood under the law of eternal order and **could** not step out of it.... but now, as a human being, it should remain in order itself despite many temptations and incentives, and it can only do so if it is helped in the form of the supply of grace.... Thus it is not left to itself but is assisted in every way so that it is **possible** to remain in the right order from Me. But a right decision, which is to earn a justified reward, also includes the influence from the opposite side.... My adversary must also be able to exert influence, he too must be able to show himself in all his merits, because the soul shall nevertheless decide for Me or for him. And therefore the stage as a human being is of utmost importance, and it makes the highest demands on the soul.... to form its own right judgment by virtue of the intellect given to the human being for the time on earth in order to be able to make a right decision. He should not blindly follow one lord or the other but be able to reflect, and he should get to know both lords in order to then join one and reject the other in free will.... And thus the human being is now pointed out to everything by Me and shown a path to attain realization. If he takes this path he will also reach his aim.... But if he does what he is warned against because it is detrimental to him, he will also have to bear the consequences himself. These instructions are given to him through My word, I Myself take care of him as soon as he steps out of the state of the law of compulsion into the state of free will.... I show him the right path with all love and patience, yet I leave him his freedom of will even if he abuses it again.... But the reward for a right decision is an eternal life in beatitude, and I cannot give him this life but he has to acquire it himself, he has to live on earth according to My will and thus enter My eternal order again, which he had once voluntarily relinquished.... Then he will be again what he was from the beginning.... a free, light-filled and powerful being which is eternally blissful....

Amen

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uch is offered to you because My love for you is boundless, and do you believe that I will leave uch is offered to you because my love for you is counciled, and the greatest a request unfulfilled which is for the benefit of the soul? But the soul will derive the greatest advantage if I instruct it in truth, for then it will learn to recognize and love Me, and then its goal is also guaranteed, that it will unite with Me through love.... You humans shall still experience much through My teachings, you shall penetrate ever deeper into an area which can only be made accessible to you spiritually, and therefore I will reveal Myself to you time and again, through My spirit I will impart knowledge to you which shall make you happy and help you achieve perfection. And it is important that you know how you are made up and why you are made up the way you are as a human being on earth. You have to pass your last test of will on this earth, it is a matter of accomplishing the reshaping to your original being, which means as much as that you change everything negative, which still clings to you, into the positive and become the perfect beings again, which you were in the beginning. Your imperfection consists in the fact that your free will, which was able to develop in all directions, turned around, that it strived for the opposite of what corresponded to My will, that is, it was lawful order. It stepped out of the law of eternal order, it misused its will and thus turned its nature into the opposite.... But now, through the endlessly long process of return, it has again become able to make a decision of its will again.... which it could not do before in the state of bound will.... This process has already been explained to you in detail.... But now, at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being, the being is still far from perfection because it has many negative things in itself which it first has to overcome in earthly life.... For the being is still entirely under the power of the one who caused its fall into the abyss.... And since the beings once voluntarily followed him to the abyss, he also still has a right to the souls.... But I also have a right, because all My creatures came forth from My strength.... Now the soul itself has to make the decision to which lord it wants to submit itself, and both I and My adversary fight for its will during earthly life.... Thus My adversary also has the right to influence the human being's will, and therefore he also does everything in order to win him over.... Since the human being.... the embodied once fallen creature.... has much negativity in him, i.e. characteristics and urges which mark his affiliation to My adversary, the human being must now wage a battle against these characteristics and urges.... He must overcome himself, reject everything negative and change his nature again by adopting divine qualities.... by finding a just measure for all instincts which are naturally inherent in him as a human being, so that he can test himself and wage a battle against himself, i.e. against the thoughts, actions and senses of the human being which have been brought into disorder by the adversary... and which, as a result of the former fall, have completely perverted the nature, i.e. violate the law of eternal order.... The battle for the human being's will between Me and My adversary constantly takes place during earthly life, and the adversary will use his arts of seduction at all times, he will always encourage the human being to act contrary to law, thus to violate My order of eternity.... And time and again the human being will have to muster the will himself to resist these temptations but will always receive the strength to do so if only he asks Me for it.... The temptations always originate from My adversary, whereas I only want to be called upon to protect the human being from falling. Whatever it may be.... in which way the human being is tempted.... it is always the work of My adversary. Such temptation never emanates from Me, but I Am always willing to help you humans to resist temptation. It is a matter of you humans detaching yourselves from My adversary who fights for you by repeatedly trying to tie you down and bring you down.... I will never **lead** you into such temptations in the same way but seek to deliver you from them.... But I cannot dispute My adversary's right to fight for you who have become his kin in free will.... And likewise, I did not place these wrong urges in you, so that they could pull you down by natural law.... but your free will must set the limits itself, you must find the just measure, then you will never sin.... My adversary, however, will always try to induce you to transgress the just measure.... thus to turn everything good into the opposite, to abuse all natural law instincts within you and thereby drive you to sin.... He will never cease to tempt you until the end of your life, but you can overcome him with My grace and My strength.... However, the fact that I allow all these temptations does not mean that I Myself "lead you into temptation".... but I lead you out of temptation and deliver

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you from all evil.... if you ask Me for it.... Nothing negative can be claimed by Me, I Myself cannot have put anything negative into a human being either, but I can only ever create perfection, which, however, the being itself can turn into the opposite in free will through the influence of My adversary.... But in earthly life you should test yourselves as to whether you are willing to fight against everything ungodly in you, and I will help you to do so in every way.... For I want you to reach perfection, but I Myself will not increase your spiritual adversity by adding to your possibilities of defeat.... For I love you and want to make you blissfully happy forever....

Amen

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The human being is responsible for the will....

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Whether good or evil comes to blossom in the human being is his own will, which cannot be forced from any side, even if the human being claims to have to act under a certain compulsion. His will can resist compulsion at any time, even if he is physically too weak to offer resistance. Yet he must always answer for his will, for it is and remains free, and a person's direction of will shapes him into a good or evil being, the direction of will determines his way of life, his attitude towards God and his fate one day in eternity, for what the human being does as such he does consciously as directed for or against divine order, and God judges this conscious will according to justice.

But for this reason He also takes care that the human being is informed of His will during his earthly life, to which the human will should submit if it wants to live in divine order. What goes against divine will is evil, and this is also perceived as bad by the human being, for he usually acts in secret as soon as he is surrounded by people who are concerned about divine will. And if he acts openly in front of them then his will is consciously directed against God, then he is undeniably recognizable as a representative of the one who is against God. And the effects of his actions will always be to the detriment of his fellow human beings, he obviously acts against love and causes suffering to his fellow human beings, he drives them into adversity and misery and thus abuses his free will to commit bad actions for which he will one day have to answer. Since he himself as a human being has the same feelings as his fellow human beings, he also knows that everything which harms his fellow human being is bad, and he can never portray his actions as right and conscientious, he can never absolve himself of guilt, although he does not want to acknowledge an eternal judge over him.... And if he believes to possess the right of the strong over the weak, he himself would also have to bow to a stronger person and approve of his bad deeds, which, however, is never the case but only drives him to increased uncharitable action.... His will is wrongly directed, of his own accord, despite recognition and knowledge of the laws of eternal order, which are constantly placed before his eyes by the conduct of good people who let him recognize his actions as through a mirror.... A bad person is always given the opportunity to reflect, his God-opposing way of life is always held up to him so that he will recognize himself and try to change.... But his free will must always be active, which can be good and need not be bad....

Amen

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Earthly tests of will.... constant struggle....

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any earthly tests of will are imposed on you, i.e. your will often has to decide in earthly matters and then you also ask yourselves whether your decision was right. But you are mostly only concerned about earthly success.... You are less concerned about whether you have complied with the will of your father in heaven, Who did not put you before that decision for nothing; for He wants to test your inclination towards matter, He wants to induce you to also remember with every decision

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that you think and act rightly and justly towards your soul. For it is not God's will that you only think of **your** earthly advantage but also take care of your neighbour's.... People usually strive for their own advantage at the expense of their fellow human beings, and this is what every person should think about when faced with earthly decisions. Furthermore, it is not irrelevant whether only the human being's intellect deals with these decisions or whether the one Who alone can advise correctly is always remembered.... For as soon as God is approached for guidance and advice the human being's thinking and decision will also be right, everything will, as it were, arise of its own accord and every obstacle will be removed.... for God also wants to be approached for advice and help in earthly questions and matters, and His help always consists of everything arising of its own accord as it is good.... Earthly existence is a battle and will remain so, yet if it is conducted with God then the battle will also end well, it will be able to end victoriously and also lead to the spiritual aim. The struggle, however, mainly consists of overcoming the earthly world, even though the human being stands in the midst of the world.... He must fulfil his duties, he cannot evade every demand placed on him by the world.... But he can nevertheless withdraw himself, i.e. his inner being, his thinking, feeling and wanting, from the influence of the earthly world, he can shape himself in such a way that the desire for the world no longer fills him but the spiritual kingdom is worth striving for.... And in the midst of the world he can do justice to the duties and demands placed upon him because he has already achieved victory over matter. And then earthly goods can also fall to him, which he only sees himself as the administrator of and utilizes them in the right way in the service of his neighbour.... But to what extent the human heart is still involved in earthly goods and earthly successes is something the human being has to answer for himself. And this is therefore also decisive for the respective decision in earthly life.... A sincerely willing person will always receive divine guidance and help; but where the person's own will is still too strong God's will cannot be heard, and God also holds Himself back as long as the person does not fully submit himself to Him. And then resistances and obstacles will replace each other, the human being will not have a clear gift of decision, his own will still strongly emerge.... i.e., the world has not yet completely lost its appeal and has a corresponding effect on the human being. And this is the battle which you have to fight again and again, in which you must not succumb, from which you should nevertheless emerge victorious one day and can do so if only you don't forget the one Who let you walk this earthly path so that you will reach perfection in it, so that you will recognize Him as the most desirable aim and now also pursue this alone....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Return to God necessitates sincerity of will....

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Anyone having made it his goal to travel his earthly path in accordance with God's will, can also always be assured of assistance on the part of God, because God only allowed him to embody himself for the purpose of aligning his will to divine will. And since, during this time on earth, only the human being's will makes the decision, this very will has already passed its test and thus God can now take care of the person in every way without exerting any coercion of will. As long as the human being is still undecided or even still adheres to God's adversary, the human being's will is indeed fought over by God and the beings of light, that is, it will be just as influenced by Him as by the adversary's side, so that it should freely decide....

But once the human being has freely decided to subordinate himself to God's will by living a way of life in divine order, then he will also have entered His sphere and God will no longer let him fall prey to His adversary. But his will has to be **sincere**.... The apparent fulfilment of God's will as a result of a church upbringing is not enough, nor will it suffice to carry out deeds of love which, again, are mere church requirements and are more or less fulfilled as obedience towards these demands.... Wanting to belong to God has to be an innermost endeavour, the inner fully-conscious surrender to Him must **voluntarily** have taken place.... thus he himself must have directed his will towards the One, Whom he has recognised as God and Father of eternity. And from this follows that the return to God is not a

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mass movement, that every individual person must have set out on the path by himself and therefore he also has to do everything necessary for it himself: to recognise God and to acknowledge Him and to appeal to Him for strength to be able to accomplish the return to Him. But he will not appeal to God in vain, for He knows of his will, of his sincerity and also of his weakness, He knows that it will not be possible for him **alone**, that he will need help.... But it is assured to him. He had lost his strength the moment his will had turned away from God, and he will receive it again when it turns back to Him.

And therefore an external formality alone cannot suffice, words alone cannot guarantee a truly Goddevoted will, and belonging to a religious denomination cannot demonstrate this change of will, rather, it has to be proven by **action**, and this consists of unselfish loving activity without coercion and without law.... God certainly gave people the commandments of love, nevertheless love has to be practiced voluntarily, for even what is done as fulfilment of a commandment can be accomplished **without** the **innermost will**, which then will lessen its value. Therefore the attainment of beatitude, the return to God, has to be every person's very own affair, which he cannot pass on to other people and which no-one else will be able to accomplish on his behalf either. And even the deed itself is not decisive, only the innermost will is important.... which truly is obvious to God but which is also supported in every way. And whatever will then happen to you humans in life is only due to the influence of God or the world of light, which make sure that your will shall aim into the right direction, that it shall voluntarily submit itself to God and that it shall regard its return to God as its only goal.

However, once this act has been accomplished, once the human being's innermost thoughts are turned towards God and he makes an effort to live on earth according to God's will, then his earthly life will not have been lived in vain, and it will, with certainty, also result in freedom for the human being's soul. It will be able to detach itself from its tormentor, it will be able to strip itself of the shackles which kept it imprisoned for an infinitely long time, it is now on its path of ascent and no longer needs to fear God's adversary, who has no further power over the soul because God Himself will seize it, and will safely guide it upwards, for the human being's will has turned towards Him, from Whom he once had emerged as a created original spirit....

Amen

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God's efforts to change the will of man

Efforts of God to achieve the change of will....

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here are still countless opportunities which offer people the possibility to find faith and to establish the intimate connection with God, for they still possess their life, they still live on earth and have to put their life behind them as fate would have it, i.e., all these opportunities approach them as fate would have it, and only the will needs to adjust itself correctly, that is, to make use of every opportunity. As long as the human being lives on earth there is still hope for a change of his will, which is still wrongly directed, precisely because this will is free. And God's love and mercy also constantly affects him, yet always in consideration of his free will, but He does not relinquish it as long as he lives on earth.... And even at the hour of death His influence is still evident, where there is still a possibility that the human being's thoughts can turn to Him.... Yet God also knows every person's will and state of maturity, and therefore His working will be very different and often divergent and yet recognized by Him as right.... During his life on earth every human being will be given that which can result in a change of will, a turning towards God.... And no matter how different the knowledge is that is brought to him.... he can utilize his own thinking and will, and all knowledge can earn him blessings if it stimulates him to think and thus to unite with beings which are in knowledge and which now intervene in his thoughts. No human being is left entirely to himself, he is looked after by spiritual beings to whom he is entrusted for guidance through earthly life. Every person is influenced from the spiritual kingdom and at the same time earthly experiences approach him in order to guide his thinking in the right direction.... Thus even **such** a person who has been given completely erroneous knowledge by people can attain the truth if he wants to attain the truth himself.... For in accordance with this will be will be mentally instructed by the spiritual world. But rarely does a person realize himself what his innermost desire is.... and in order to induce him to clarify his thinking, fate influences him.... Life itself shapes his thinking, and all events in his earthly life only aim at the human being entering into the right bond with God and with the spiritual world.... that it will let him find God.... And as long as the human being lives he can find God but he will not be forced to seek Him.... He is only fatefully placed in situations where God Himself steps into his path, so that he can now face Him but also avoid Him.... And how he now behaves towards God **determines** his spiritual progress, for this is his purpose of earthly life, to learn to recognize and love God.... And as long as the human being lives he will have the opportunity to do so, because God's love is infinite and wants to win over all who are still distant from Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's protection from the adversary's temptations....

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You can live your earthly life without worrying as soon as you have found Me.... as soon as you are united with Me through prayer and activity of love, for then you have voluntarily returned to Me and can never ever go astray again.... And even if you are confronted by temptations because My adversary keeps believing that he can win you for himself, you nevertheless need not fear these temptations because I will protect you from falling prey to them. For your voluntary dedication to Me has given Me the right to do so, but neither will I contest his entitlement to fight for the souls which are embodied as human beings in earthly life. However, you are not defencelessly at the mercy of these temptations, for from the moment you turn to Me I watch over you and protect you from falling.

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If you envisage your long development through the creations of earth which resulted in your embodiment as a human being in the first place, then you will also understand that I support you in every way so that you will still reach the last goal, so that you will find unification with Me.... Admittedly, this can be more or less heartfelt, it can mean total fusion with Me but also not be quite so deep and intimate at first, and yet merely your will to belong to Me is already the decisive factor for Me, for then you establish the bond with Me which is also the guarantee that I will never let go of you again and then the adversary will have no more control over you....

And this heartfelt bond can only happen when the original sin has been taken from you because of your acknowledgment of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation, for you will never take the path to Me of your own free will while you are still burdened by the original sin, because then My adversary will still have complete control over you. Your dedication to Me proves, however, that you want to be released from My adversary, and this already gives Me the right which is no longer disputable. For then you belong to Me, because you have emerged from the strength of My love albeit also through My adversary's will who used My strength to create you.... And everything that originates from My strength of love inevitably has to return to Me, for My strength, which was externalised by creating the being, will return to its primary source again. And you humans stand just short of this goal when you live on earth.... It is the last stage of the huge process of return, when the soul the once fallen original spirit.... embodied in a human being, should pass the final test of will.... to return to Me or to My adversary again, from whose power I had removed it until it was able to make a decision again as a self-aware being....

This is why the earthly existence as a human being is of such great significance; after all, it decides the soul's fate.... whether it will be eternally happy or have to languish in misery and torment for eternities again. Admittedly, it will reach its goal one day, but its free will can extend endlessly for the duration of its apostasy from Me, just as it can finish it within a very short time and return to Me into the Father's house, which it once left of its own free will. Time and again you should bear this great significance of your earthly existence in mind and seriously strive to reach perfection, to return to Me, and always establish mental contact with your God and Creator of eternity, so that I then will be able to catch hold of you and draw you to Me.... For I do not influence you against your will, and neither can My adversary chain you to himself against your will.... You have to make your own choice for Me or for him, and with this decision you determine your later fate. But if you remember My love and appeal to Me for My assistance with complete trust, then you will truly not be left defenceless at My adversary's mercy, but I will always stand between you and him and keep him at bay, and his temptations will lessen because you if you sincerely desire Me, will be surrounded by a bright shining light which My adversary flees because it gives evidence of My presence and he avoids Me because he is My enemy. He is no longer able to pursue you as soon as you entrust yourselves to Me with complete faith and thus unite with Me through activity of love and prayer.... as soon as you never keep Me out of your thoughts.... Then you will have passed your test of will, and you will also attain the last goal while you are still on earth, that you perfect yourselves with My help and My strength.... so that you are and will remain My Own for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God demands faith in His immense love....

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You have to have strong faith in My love in order to understand that whatever happens is beneficial for you and your soul and that you cannot go astray if you humbly accept whatever comes your way. Irrespective of how arduous it seems to you.... I know what you are capable of enduring and I will support you if you trustingly rely on My help. The assurance that you have all My love should let you take your earthly path fearlessly, for nothing can happen to anyone who feels

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secure in My love, no matter how much external pressure he is under.... For I know everything, I know the strength of your faith, and this alone determines the extent of your hardship.

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

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Destiny according to will and resistance....

B.D. No. **5018**

December 12th 1950

erely the destiny you require in order to change your will, to stop your resistance against Me, is imposed on you. Only I know the extent of your soul's resistance, and your earthly life will be shaped accordingly. The human being's relationship with Me can differ considerably, which cannot be

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judged by another person, because I also know a soul's most secret thoughts and notions, and therefore a person can be as close to Me as a child, then he will effectively be guided by My Fatherly hand and truly avoid the said abyss and safely reach the goal. Others, however, won't allow themselves to be led, they believe themselves able to walk alone and trust in their own strength.... I let these occasionally run into obstacles so that they will call for a Guide and enable Me to approach them. Others, again, reject My guidance and meet Me with suspicion, they don't believe in Me and walk through life alone. And thus they still resist Me, these are the people I have to deal with strictly and who are spared nothing in earthly life, so that they will still change before it is too late. I will only try to achieve their change of will, and this change may often come about through an event which you consider to be cruel and unkind of Me as long as you are still unaware of the fact that you have not only been created for this earthly life but that the whole of eternity is still ahead of you. And for the sake of this eternity I will use all means, depending on the severity of your resistance. But anyone who surrenders to Me will no longer need exceptional teaching methods, and I will place My hands beneath his feet so that his earthly path will be easily negotiable, although he, too, still requires trials in order to raise his degree of maturity, which impel him to Me until even the last distance from Me has been overcome, until he, in blissful unity with Me, can conclude his earthly life....

Amen

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Devotion to God – subject to the will

Voluntary surrender to God is His desire....

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verything will be a blessing for you if you submit to My will and desire My blessing.... Then you will be unable to do anything but what is right, because now My will is also in you as soon as you have voluntarily handed yourselves over to Me.... And now you will also understand why I demand a close bond between you and Me, otherwise this heartfelt devotion cannot take place, which is now the guarantee for right thinking and right wanting and acting.... Anyone who has found the path to Me need no longer be afraid of getting lost, for he will now always be accompanied by forces of light which I Myself have allowed to guide and protect you against all attacks, to which you will indeed always be exposed because My adversary will not give up fighting for you until death.... But you are now in safe protection, for anyone who has handed himself over to Me I will never let fall into his hands again. You humans do not know how rich you are who voluntarily hand yourselves over to Me.... for you have won My love which, although it always and forever is to every one of My living creations, can now really take effect on you through your voluntary surrender, which, admittedly, only your soul actually feels, for it feels the power flowing towards it, it unfolds and matures, it pushes ever more towards Me and can now be eternally assured of My presence.... For My love also kindles a bright flame of love in it, and then the union can really take place which cannot be loosened anymore. If only all of you humans would want to unite with Me in convinced faith in Me.... if only you would voluntarily take the path to Me, have a heartfelt conversation with Me in your thoughts and then willingly hand yourselves over to the God and Creator you have recognised, so that He will guide your further earthly path according to His will.... You have no idea what you can gain by this.... For this is already the passed test of will that you voluntarily turn to Me again, from Whom you once turned away. Many people certainly acknowledge Me as God and Creator from eternity but they are still so far away from Me and make no attempt to approach Me.... They may fear Me but they do not love Me and therefore do not entrust themselves to Me either. First the great distance from Me must be reduced, it must be bridged, the creature must come close to Me or at least have the will to be closer to Me.... One day it must enter into living contact with Me and it will never ever have to regret this, for only then I Myself can work on it if it voluntarily turns to Me for help, guidance, or enlightenment.... For I will truly hear such requests.... But I cannot work on people who are still completely indifferent towards Me, even though they believe that there is a God Who is the Creator and Sustainer of all things.... This God wants to be a Father to His children, He wants to possess their love, their trust, and their will in order to then definitely lead them and draw them to Himself, to the true home, to the Father's house. Only when the inner surrender to Me has taken place does the human being live his earthly life consciously, and he can live it in firm belief that he will reach his goal, for I now guide his ways, I direct his thoughts right, I urge him to be lovingly active and constantly provide him with strength. And then he will unite with Me ever more intimately and can travel his path of life in the certainty that he will be accompanied everywhere by My beings of light which I Myself provide for his protection. I do not ask for much, but what I do ask for is indispensable: voluntary surrender to Me.... which, however, will certainly bring the human being maturity of his soul, because then My blessing will rest on everything he starts....

Amen

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require your complete submission to My will. For as soon as you become completely absorbed in ⚠ My will, you will not be able to think and feel any differently than My will intends, and then you will live in such as way that pleases Me. Thus you must give yourselves to Me, you must accept everything from Me as inflicted upon you or bestowed upon you, you must recognise My hand in everything you experience and know that everything has its meaning and purpose, that everything belongs to your path of destiny which aims to achieve your maturity and is based on My love and wisdom. Then you will no longer grumble and complain, you will humbly give in and allow yourselves to be guided like a child by the Father Who cannot handle you in any other way than good and loving and to Whom you can therefore also entrust yourselves in every adversity of body and soul. In the past your will turned away from Me... if you now voluntarily submit your will to Mine again, your return will have been accomplished and you will only need to shape yourselves in earthly life such that your union with Me can take place, and this necessitates a heart full of love uniting itself with the Eternal Love in order to complete the final return as a child to the Father. However, submitting your will to Mine also guarantees every conceivable help on My part to achieve this unification with Me, because I Myself very much want you, My living creations, to return to Me as children to your Father. And since I let everything.... the whole of Creation.... arise for the sake of this return, I will always be willing to further this.... thus I will respond to your every expression of will, and this truly in a richly blessed way, if it applies to Me. Then you will also always recognise My will in yourselves, you will do what is helpful for your soul; you will work at improving yourselves and avoid all sinful longings, you will fight all temptations by the enemy of your soul and prevail, because your heartfelt devotion to Me will provide you with strength from Me. Then your life on earth will truly not be a waste of time, because you will recognise its meaning and purpose and thus fulfil your task on earth of attaining spiritual maturity. Nevertheless, you will have to struggle until the end of your life on earth, because My adversary will not give up on you so easily, since he will still believe that he can win you back, and thus he will not stop harassing you.... However, a will which is inclined towards Me also guarantees you influx of strength, for I will not let My child fall into My adversary's hands again once it has turned away from him and taken refuge in Me because it had recognised Me as its God and Father of eternity. Therefore you need not be afraid that I might ever abandon you, don't be scared of the moments of weakness you will experience time and again.... I Myself watch over you and protect you from regressing into the abyss, I will not allow the adversary to gain power over you, I will always walk by your side, even if you don't see Me.... in order to protect you and to safeguard you from all harm which threatens you from My adversary's side. He cannot hurt you anymore as soon as you have found your way back to Me, which is demonstrated by your will being inclined towards Me.... For then your earthly life will only be spiritually oriented, you will deliberately detach yourselves from that which belongs to My adversary, even if you are still living within the field of your earthly duties and have to prove yourselves in them.... From then on you will receive all your strength from Me which will tie you to Me ever more firmly.... And because you will have returned to Me voluntarily and he will not have been able to force your will, My adversary will have lost his claim on you. This is why no-one can go astray if he believes in Me and strives towards Me in thought or through kind-hearted activity, which always presupposes the will for Me and testifies to the passed test of will on earth.... Complete dedication to Me also includes submission to My will, and then you will belong to Me and I will never ever let go of you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Turning to God is passing the test of will....

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To pass the last test of will on earth is your own business. And that is why your earthly life is responsible, because your fate in eternity depends on passing it. You can develop your will in

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every direction, you will not be hindered; but you have received intellect and can therefore think and consider all pros and cons.... But you also have prayer.... But as soon as you are able, that is, willing, to pray, you have already passed the test of will that you turn to Me. Then your heart has already spoken.... But your intellect can also come to the same conclusion if your will is good; then it will also be able to recognize Me in everything that surrounds it and it will also turn to Me as the creator and Sustainer of all that. Yet by far the greater part of people do not use their intellect when it concerns spiritual problems, and then there is a great danger that they will not pass the test of will on earth.... There is a danger that people will not seek contact with Me, their God and creator, that their will will be directed away from Me, that they will see nothing but the world and live their worldly life until they die. Then their earthly life was in vain, for they cannot be forced to change their will, it must be entirely up to them which way they turn, and then they must also bear the consequences for their life in the beyond. Yet these people do not believe in a continuation of life, they do not believe that their souls are imperishable and that their earthly life has a negative effect on their soul. But they cannot be forced to believe either, thus only one possibility remains, that they repeatedly receive information about Me and My working through their fellow human beings and that they have to go through hardship and suffering in order to then take the path to Me in their helplessness.... Once his will has found its way to Me I can also take hold of the human being and help him further up, but this conscious turn of will towards Me has to be done by him himself, it has to take place in all freedom of will, and the human being is saved for all eternity. My adversary, however, will try everything to prevent this conscious turn of will towards Me, yet again and again My love creates opportunities for the human being which cause him to turn his thoughts towards Me, thus he will always be supported by Me without being forced to make a decision of will, but neither can My adversary. But the soul's fate in eternity depends on the right decision of will, and therefore I will again and again point out to people through My word that they are on earth for that purpose, so that their intellect can deal with it and now also becomes active. Therefore, again and again people will receive information through My word about a God and creator Who also wants to be the father of His living creations.... And people will also gain knowledge but first have to adjust to it.... And whoever believes will be blessed.... but whoever does not believe will face an agonising fate in the kingdom of the beyond, and he will still remain in torment for eternities until he, too, will one day find his way to Me of his own free will....

Amen

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Weakness of the human will

Lauheit.... weakness of will.... slackness in prayer....

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he more lukewarm a person is, the stronger the influence he has to fear from the adversary. He Lathen neither offers resistance nor strives for God's strength and is therefore in the greatest danger of becoming weak and succumbing. He should always bear in mind that the ascent to the heights is arduous and that a slackening of his willpower very easily results in a step backwards, which requires renewed effort in order to catch up. The adversary is vigilant, i.e. he does not miss a single moment of a person's weakness, but the latter should also be vigilant so that he does not expose his soul to the danger of being oppressed by the adversary. And the weaker he feels, the more fervently he should pray for strength. But even if he begins to become lukewarm in prayer, the adversary's power over him is great. And yet he cannot be spared the struggle against this power. Spiritual beings certainly stand by him, but their help has to be requested because they cannot become active without the call. And in hours of weakness of will the human being often omits this call as well, and then he is defencelessly at the mercy of the adversary's power. And he has to fight the battle against him himself, which is often very difficult. And it is always the weakening of prayer that causes his willpower to weaken. The more often and more intimately a person unites himself with God, the less he is exposed to the influences of the enemy, because both at the same time, the power from God and the power of the adversary, cannot be effective. But the power from God is always stronger and excludes every activity of evil forces. In hours of need, of lukewarmness and weakness of will, a heartfelt call for the support of good beings suffices and the work of those beings will already be stopped. Only the will to do good must still be present in the human being, and soon the fervour of prayer will also increase again and the human being will have escaped the danger....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Weakness of will.... danger of death.... natural event....

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an is weak and helplessly exposed to the powers of darkness if he does not call upon God for **V** help. But this weakness only affects his soul, which is why he can be strong and powerful on earth and seemingly does not need help. It is his body which is given strength from below if he ignores God and thereby confesses his affiliation to His adversary. The soul, however, is weak and despondent, it is bound and feels the bondage as torment without being able to release itself from it because of its weakness of will. And only the call of God, the call of Jesus as redeemer of the world, can help it gain strength of will so that it can determine the body to change its way of life and turn fully towards God, i.e. that the body agrees with the soul and now pursues other aims than worldly ones. Without God's help and grace the human being achieves nothing, and his soul remains in thickest cover, in darkness and therefore without realization. And although his earthly life does not reveal any lack of strength, the death of the body ends the state of strength and the soul enters the kingdom of the beyond completely without strength. It has lived its earthly life in vain, without any spiritual success, its earthly successes are transient and without influence on life in eternity. And thus countless souls will enter the beyond, naked and bare and dwelling in darkness, because they do not acknowledge God on earth and call upon Him for mercy. And God remembers these souls by wanting to make Himself known to them in a very special way, by wanting to reveal Himself to them in an extraordinary way. He places them in a situation where earthly power and strength are powerless,

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where they are helplessly at the mercy of another power, where the elements of nature embody this power for them and they are seemingly at their mercy without salvation. He places them in a situation where they have to call upon Him, but without forcing their will. In view of the mortal danger they are in they are to find their way to Him, they are to learn to recognize a power which is stronger than any earthly power and surrender to this power in faithful trust that It will help. The hour of mortal danger can still bring about a change in individual people's mind, and then they will be saved even if they lose their physical life, for they will enter the beyond with a different mind and can more easily find the path there which leads upwards. But those who remain alive can still use this until the end for their spiritual maturity.... For the sake of the few God will speak and show Himself to humanity, He will use the last means before the downfall which can still bring about a change of thinking in those who are not completely stubborned and hardened of heart. And for the sake of these few He still hesitates with the final destruction of earth, for He seeks to save every soul from the renewed course through creation which wants to be saved. But anyone who has not recognized Him even then has to travel that path without mercy, there is no longer any possibility for him to change on this earth, for he has fully committed himself to the powers of darkness and therefore also enters its kingdom, the kingdom of banished spirits, which have to atone for their sins through an infinitely long time of being bound in solid matter, in the creations on the new earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power of the word.... weakness of will - little faith....

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ust immerse yourselves in My word if you become weak in faith and love, and you will visibly J experience strengthening because you receive strength directly from Me through My word. The powerless state, the state of intolerance, of little faith is always a sign of weakness of will, it is a sign that My adversary is making great efforts again to turn you away from Me and you do not resist him because you are too weak, and let him stir you up to restless thoughts, to doubts and also to unkind actions if you don't oppose him with the resistance which sets you free from him, if you don't oppose him with My word which he cannot hear and therefore flees. For My word is strength, My word gives you the strength you lack and also pushes him away from you, because My adversary flees Me, Who is present to you in the word. Therefore, what do you have to fear if you are in possession of My word and immerse yourselves in every spiritual and earthly adversity.... Whether you call upon Me in prayer, whether you let Me speak to you in the word, then you will always long for My presence and you will be helped.... You truly don't need to be of little faith, discontented or depressed if you can shake off everything that torments you through My word, for it is weakness of strength and weakness of will which pull you down but which you can remedy at any time if you want it yourselves. For My word is the answer to everything that affects you, My word is comfort and encouragement, admonition and warning at the same time, and it will always give you what you need in your soul's distress.... My adversary will still often approach you because he hates the light which radiates from you, because he tries everything to prevent you from radiating the light which comes to you from above.... He knows that he will lose power through your activity, he knows that you will turn souls away from him and therefore he will stop at nothing to bring you down. Know that every impatient stirring of the heart, every displeasure, every failure in the spiritual sphere is stirred up by him, that they are, so to speak, prompted by him, for which he uses your fellow human beings again, and that he is only waiting for you to react to his counteraction in order to then deprive you of the opportunity to work for Me and My kingdom, and then he triumphs.... Don't let him have this triumph but take refuge in My word, which is always the counterforce of his activity and which will always defeat him.... Only your will has to be turned towards Me, then all his attempts will be unsuccessful, for I will truly not let My children fall into his hands who desire Me. Then I will speak to you full of love and give you back what he wanted to snatch away from you.... the faith, the love, the tranquillity of heart, the peace from Me....

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The grace of strenghtening te will to change the will through Jesus Christ

Freedom of will.... Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 5555

December 13th 1952

do not command the will in you, I allow it its freedom.... Nevertheless, I arrange everything such Lathat your will is always given the opportunity to direct it correctly; thus it can enter into My will, for this possibility is the purpose of all events in earthly life. I will not send anything to the human being which would hinder his right direction of will, his right attitude towards My eternal order, yet his decision is completely up to him. You must know this in order to be aware of your responsibility, for nothing is intended to push you into a wrong decision but everything is intended to enable you to pass your test of will. And again, you humans can only be directed to Jesus Christ, Who will certainly help you to make the right decision of will as soon as you call upon Him for His support. The only danger of spiritual failure, of a decline on your path of development, is the weakened will, and you can strengthen this at any time in faith in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation. And thus the human being who consciously places himself under Christ's cross, who therefore makes use of the blessings acquired through the death on the cross, will also always make the right decision, he will not think, want and act differently than in accordance with My will, because he now, as it were, walks the path of Christ, whose aim was Me, his father from eternity. Your counter will is broken with the devotion to Jesus Christ, Who now comes alive in you and prevents you from wrong wanting and thinking, Who pulls you upwards by virtue of His infinite love. And yet, your will remains free, for of your own free will you have to profess Him, of your own free will you have to make use of His help and His blessings; you will not be urged but neither will you be prevented from taking the path which He has taken and which certainly leads to Me. But once this free will has turned to Him you need no longer fear a relapse, for He Who redeemed you through His blood will never ever give you up once you have made the decision for Him.... Anyone who is weak-willed still lives without Him and therefore will hardly reach his aim.... For My adversary still works on a weak will, and often with success. Nevertheless, he cannot be forced upwards or downwards.... Therefore you bear the responsibility yourselves until you have handed it over to the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, until you hand yourselves over to Him, Who then truly sets you free from the adversary's power, Who strengthens your will so that it now decides right....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Change of will.... Jesus Christ.... Mercy - light - strength....

B.D. No. **6450** January 12th 1956

Anyone who knows the guilt of the spirits, which was the cause for creation, the cause for the earthly progress and people's lives on earth, will no longer resist Me, for this knowledge is the result of directing the will towards Me.... This knowledge can certainly also be presented to those whose will is opposed to Me. However, they will never regard and accept such knowledge as truth, they will only ever consider it a mental concept which they reject as being 'conceived' by people. In that case they will never be illuminated by the light of realisation.... because this requires the said change of will which turns a person into My child that has returned to Me. Neither his own mental activity nor a communication from fellow human beings can bestow the right realisation onto a person, for this is like a light which I Myself ignite in a person, but I can only do so once he has voluntarily turned to Me.... But a voluntary turning to Me also testifies of his will to relinquish his

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previous state of resistance and to travel the path back which once led him away from his Father. Hence it is a conscious turning back and therefore also a confession of his past wrong doing.... of his sin against God.... The will to **serve** Me confirms this unconscious admission of his former guilt when, through the rejection of My love, the being exalted itself over the One Who merely wanted to give Himself away.... The appeal for strength and grace is likewise an admission of guilt, the realisation that his past sin had deprived him of everything that had been his share in the very beginning.... A person who is still entrenched in his old sin will not call upon the Father for strength and light and grace, because he does not acknowledge Me, thus he is still immersed in his original sin, and therefore he will never accept the truth of the kind of information which draws his attention to his sinful state....

And therein also rests the great significance of a change of will, for it repeals the past state of sin but can never be accomplished by a person's own strength, because the fall into the abyss and the sin had been too immense to enable the completely weakened being to change itself again.... And therefore only the **One** who can remedy the weakness of will has to be called upon, Who died on behalf of these beings on the cross so as to be able to strengthen their will for walking the path back to Me.... Anyone who feels truly remorseful has already handed himself over to Jesus Christ, he has made use of His blessings which He acquired on the cross for the sinful human race.... For a turning to Me will also always be connected with the acknowledgment of Jesus Christ.... since the light within a human being can only shine in full strength, that is, bring realisation to a person, once he has been redeemed by Jesus' blood, since prior to this My spirit cannot work in the person to enlighten his thinking and restore the order which is a divine principle. The acknowledgment of God and subordination to His will also always results in the acknowledgment of Jesus as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.... For anyone who unites with Me again steps out of his state of darkness and also brightly realises the mission of the man Jesus and the significance of the act of Salvation.... He wants to return, and that also means a return to enlightenment, it means the receipt of strength and grace.... it means receiving My love in abundance.... he admits his guilt and appeals for forgiveness. The being's feeling of distance from Me, its God and Creator of eternity, expresses itself in its prayer for grace, strength and light.... It has relinquished its past arrogance, returned to Me with profound humility and is now able to receive blessings, strength and light without measure.... The guilt is written in the sand.... The divine Redeemer Jesus Christ has redeemed it Himself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Only Jesus can strengthen the will....

B.D. No. **8468** April 14th 1963

he fact that I died for you humans on the cross was an act of grace of such profound significance L that it cannot be held up to you often enough, so that you will also make use of the grace which the man Jesus acquired for you humans through this death. For as soon as you disregard Jesus Christ's act of salvation there will be no redemption for you, and you will remain bound in the power of the one who is and will remain your enemy, who never wants your beatitude but will only plunge you into ruin since he lacks all love. You yourselves are also devoid of all love due to your past apostasy from Me, for you rejected My illumination of love.... And as long as you are still in the power of the adversary who caused your apostasy from Me you will never be able to receive My strength of love either, for this requires your own voluntary willingness to let yourselves be illuminated, and you will never be able to muster this will, for your will is extremely weakened. Through My death on the cross I acquired for you the blessings of a strengthened will, thus it will no longer be impossible for you to release yourselves from the adversary's power if you seriously want to do so and turn to the divine redeemer Jesus Christ to release you, to redeem you from sin and death. Apart from Him there is noone who could help you in your adversity, for Jesus is your redeemer, He is your God and Father, it is He to Whom you owe your existence, for Jesus and I.... your father from eternity.... are one. I Myself offered the act of salvation for you humans in the form of the man Jesus, so that the act of atonement visibly took place for you humans and you can now also consciously carry your guilt of sin to the

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cross, for you can only be redeemed from your original guilt if you want this yourselves.... when you realise that you have sinned against Me yourselves and you now ask Me Myself in Jesus to forgive your guilt.... What was impossible for you before My crucifixion, that you were able to muster the strength to fight the enemy of your souls, became possible for you after My crucifixion, because then you had an abundance of grace at your disposal which you only needed to use by turning to Jesus of your own free will and asking Him that He may also have died for you.... And truly, your guilt will be redeemed for the sake of Jesus' blood. Yet you can never be released from your past guilt if you pass by Jesus Christ, then you will irrevocably continue to carry your burden which presses you to the ground, and you will remain a slave to My adversary, you will continue to live in darkness and weakness, you will be wretched beings who walk the earth without any spiritual success, whom My adversary does not release and who alone cannot muster the strength to detach themselves from him.... If only you humans could grasp the significance of Jesus and His mission on earth, and if only you could muster the will to turn to Him for help in your adversity, for only if you acknowledge Him as the Son of God, in Whom I Myself became human and Who died on the cross for you and your sins.... will He strengthen your will, and then you will also have the strength to detach yourselves from the enemy of your souls. But because you don't know about the correlations, about the cause of your existence as a human being, about your actual relationship with Me, your God and Creator, you don't seriously think about what Jesus' earthly life and His suffering mission was based on, and you don't consciously make use of the blessings which, however, are at your unlimited disposal if only you want to accept and make use of them.... Just as once Lucifer.... the first-fallen angel spirit.... plunged you into the abyss, so now Jesus, the Son of God, will help you up out of this abyss again.... but you were not forced to fall then, and so you are not forced to return now either.... Your free will has to prompt you to turn to Jesus, and then you will truly feel His strength and power, then you will be released from My adversary and become full of light and strength again yourselves, because the divine redeemer will give you light and strength as soon as you acknowledge Him and thus Me Myself in Him.... He redeemed the great original sin of all fallen spiritual beings and has now opened the door for them again into My kingdom, which they would not have been able to enter in their state burdened by the original sin.... He paved the way for all beings to return home to their Father's house. Yet no being is forced to take this path, instead, he (the human being) has to follow Jesus voluntarily, he has to want to be redeemed through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and therefore also voluntarily renounce My adversary.... And what he cannot achieve on his own he will be able to do with the help of the divine redeemer, Who has paid the ransom for all souls, so that the adversary must release every soul which wants to be released from him.... And in order for it to want to do so, the man Jesus died the most bitter death on the cross, He offered Himself as a sacrifice and bought all souls free with His blood.... This work of mercy is so immeasurably significant and yet many people pass it by and do not avail themselves of the most delicious thing that can be offered to them on this earth.... They persist in sin and refuse to acknowledge Jesus, and thus they do not acknowledge Me Myself either, Who died for you in Jesus on the cross in order to redeem you....

Amen

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Return to God through faith and love

Living faith....

B.D. No. 7694

September 8th 1960

want to ignite the spark in you, for I want you to attain a living faith. For this reason My strength of love constantly shines upon you, and you need only want to, then the spiritual spark will also flare up in you, because My strength of love will not remain without effect. But you have to accomplish this willingness yourselves.... And it only requires the thought that you want to fulfil the purpose of your earthly life. And then My strength of love will already have an effect on you in the form that I will direct your thinking and truly towards the right aim. Then you will be able to believe in a God and creator Who wants to have contact with you, and you will feel a desire for such a connection. And this desire is triggered in you through love.... Every person who is willing to love and complies with his inner urge to perform works of love will also soon feel a desire within himself to connect with Me... as the eternal love... to be united. And this person will also have a living faith because this is caused by love in him. He will seek living contact with Me, his thoughts will often wander into the spiritual kingdom, he will live a spiritual life next to his earthly life, and he will reflect on many processes which he experienced around and within himself and which he desires to have explained.... And his living faith will cause him to turn to Me directly and appeal to Me for clarification, for he feels Me present because he has living faith in Me. Thus faith can only come alive through love.... For I Myself am love, and I can also be present in anyone who has love, and My presence triggers a living faith. The human being is as trusting with Me as with his father, he has found Me and will never lose Me for ever.... Living faith is what you humans should gain in earthly life, for then you will also have gained everything, Me Myself with My love and strength and also realization, for you will have become seeing, you will have become knowing through My spirit, and this knowledge will then also be the sign of My presence in you, it is the sign that you are no longer dead in spirit but living.... Therefore you should all only open yourselves to My illumination of love.... you should want to fulfil your purpose of earthly life, for if you just think a little you should also realize that your earthly life has to have a meaning and purpose. And it should be your will and endeavour to fulfil it. Then you will also consciously turn to your God and creator and trustingly hand yourselves over to Him that He will guide and direct you according to your purpose, and this will will also earn you My guidance, it will ensure the influx of My strength of love, you will feel urged to be lovingly active yourselves and it will become light and bright in you.... You will believe vividly and in this living faith join Me ever more intimately, because faith also increases love and because love always seeks union with the eternal love. To be able to believe livingly is increased bliss already on earth, for the distance between the creature and Me through its own will is abolished, the meaning and purpose of earthly life is already fulfilled, for the human being has passed his test of will.... He has turned to Me of his own free will and acknowledges Me as God and father.... He has recognized the past sin of apostasy from Me and wants to return to the bosom of the father again, from Whom he once originated....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Practicing love the only task on earth....

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February 21st 1951

There is only one path to Me which you must take, otherwise My kingdom will remain closed to you, otherwise the path will lead into the abyss. It is the path of love, which absolutely must be

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taken because it is the only path that leads to Me. To walk the path of love means to accomplish a change of nature in oneself, because at the beginning of the embodiment as a human being self-love predominates, which he must discard if the right love is to come to fruition in him, which characterizes him as a divine creature. It is unselfish neighbourly love which accomplishes this change of nature in you and which therefore must always and constantly be practiced if you want to come close to Me and be accepted into My kingdom, where highest bliss is your lot. Thus the task given to you for the time of your earthly change is to practice love, to always be unselfishly active in love, to give, to help and thus to constantly awaken reciprocal love.... I have not given you another task, for if you fulfil it you will do everything that is necessary to pass the last test of will on earth, for anyone who practices love strives towards Me Myself, Who is eternal love. Only through love will you reestablish the connection with Me which was your original fate, only through love will you become again what you were from the start, divine beings in full possession of strength and light. Love for your neighbour certainly requires a certain amount of self-conquest, because the human being has to sacrifice what he owns, because he has to detach himself from what he himself holds dear in order to give it to his neighbour who is in need. Yet he gains a thousand times more than he gives, for with every work of love he comes closer to Me Myself, with every work of love he reduces the distance from Me, and with every work of love he receives light and strength himself, the emanation of My eternal love. He gives earthly things and receives spiritual things in return until his gained wealth enables him to distribute spiritual things himself and he now already works for Me as My servant, which always first requires profound love for Me and his neighbour. Without love you cannot become blessed, but you all carry the spark of love in your heart and it can very quickly flare up into a bright flame, then it takes hold of everything and constantly gives the flame new nourishment so that it shines brightly and the path to Me is now visible to everyone.

Practice love, divest yourselves of what your fellow human being lacks and consider him to the best of your ability, then the awareness of My presence will also awaken in you, and then you will have exchanged something delicious for what you gave away.... Your love has attracted Me Myself, and the love within you now allows for a union which was not possible before.... love establishes the union with eternal love, which always results in supreme bliss....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Voluntary return to God in love....

B.D. No. **6180** January 30th 1955

want to accept all of you, if only you come to Me of your own accord. I truly do not want to reject Lyou, for I await you full of love, and My aim is that you unite with Me eternally.... Therefore I Myself will also come to meet you as soon as I only recognize the will in you that you also want to come to Me. You have been distant from Me for an endlessly long time already.... and you will remain so for as long as you yourselves do not desire My closeness, for the desire to approach Me must come from you.... I Myself am always ready to accept you, yet My will, My love for you is not decisive for the bond between us, but your love must push you towards Me, for you once surrendered love, you renounced love, while My love for you remained the same unchanged. So I did not push you away from me, but you yourselves strove away from Me.... And so you must strive towards Me again of your own accord, and you will find no resistance from Me but only ever greater support.... precisely because I love you and long for your return to Me. If you now know that I pay attention to every impulse in you which is meant for Me, then you can also confidently raise your hands to Me, for you only need to want Me to accept you, and you can already feel seized by My loving father's hand which now guides you on the right path.... Only your will must be directed towards Me, then you can also believe with conviction that you will reach the aim.... the connection with Me. For I only need this will of yours in order to direct everything in such a way that it is conducive to your beatification.... But this will must be serious, not only expressed through words.... because I see into your heart.... Do not forget that your purpose of earthly life is only the connection with Me striven for

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in free will.... Do not forget that I am always ready to draw you to me, that you only have to declare your readiness to Me likewise.... But then you can be unconcerned.... you will reach the aim, you will fulfill the purpose of your earthly life.... For then you will have taken the path that leads to the father's house, to the eternal home, which you once left voluntarily and therefore must now voluntarily return to, in order to now be eternally blessed in My vicinity....

Amen

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Spiritual rebirth

Spiritual regeneration and renewal....

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

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Spiritual rebirth....

B.D. No. **4641** May 17th 1949

The decisive moment in earthly life is the will's inclination towards God, for from this moment onwards the soul begins to change, it is effectively the turning point, the start of return for the once-fallen spirit to God. The sooner this conscious direction of will happens in the human being's life, the greater the perfection he can attain before passing away; however, it is also possible to achieve a high degree of maturity within a short period of time if the human being realises at a much later time that he, as God's living creation, ought to strive towards unification with Him. In that case

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he can pursue changing his soul with an intensified will and equally still mature fully. And so every occurrence in human life will only ever be the cause for a change of will, but once the latter takes the right direction the soul is no longer at risk of slipping into darkness again, for God will draw it to Himself as soon as it has made its decision known to reach Him. This decision of will, the deliberate turning of thoughts to God, is effectively the human being's spiritual rebirth, for the soul enters a new life, it no longer lives in the purely earthly-material world but penetrates deeper, it searches for truth and finds it, because God Himself manifests Himself as the eternal Truth by mentally influencing the soul which longs for Him.... Such a born-again soul must be nurtured and cultivated like a tender seedling, it must be kept alive with the lightest of nourishments and slowly invigorated and strengthened until it finds its own way in life and can effortlessly travel the path of higher development. The change of will is the act of rebirth, it has thereby started on the path which leads to eternal life, even though it still can present many dangers and obstacles.... worldly temptation and difficulties.... which will nevertheless be overcome by a strong soul. It is merely a question of whether the soul will receive this necessary strength or whether it must starve and will thus find the path of ascent difficult. This, again, is solely a matter of will, but once a will strives upwards towards God it will also be seized by God and constantly positively influenced, yet without being coerced. The most effective influence is the Word of God, which includes strength and life and nourishes the reborn soul and helps it to mature. A person whose soul is born-again will also always be receptive for receiving the divine Word, be it directly through listening to it or through reading divine revelations, or through mental connection with the Primary Source of wisdom, through conscious connection with the One Who is the eternal Truth Itself. He will quite frequently withdraw into solitude, that is, he will look within himself and his thoughts will be influenced from above in the right direction.... his soul will receive nourishment and increase in light and strength. But a person whose soul is born-again will also live in love, for this is the consequence of a correctly inclined will. And thus he will mature and approach perfection, which is the reason and purpose for his life on earth, as soon as he has voluntarily detached himself from the power which held him captive and from which a person must release himself. However, in order to do so he will always have grace and strength from above at his disposal which he will use for his spiritual rebirth....

Amen

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Test of will in the end time

God's will or permission.... probationary period....

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verything good is My working, for nothing bad can ever come forth from My might and My will, because My love works as strength in every creation, in every event which is based on My will. My adversary's will, however, works without love and can therefore only give birth to evil. His love is blatant self-love full of the worst instincts which only strive for ruin in order to increase his power, and his will is therefore the destruction of that which has emerged from My hand, which is good and perfect and a work of infinite love. But there are limits to his power.... He abused it in the beginning to create new beings which were intended to help displace Me, to reduce My power and to make Me subservient to him, which he will never succeed in doing because I, as lord of heaven and earth, can withdraw his strength and power at any time if this is My will. But My love took pity on the entity which had emerged from his hand, from his evil will using My strength. My love seeks to release it from My adversary's power, it seeks to snatch it from his will of destruction and to help him to eternal life.... And therefore I withdrew the power over the beingness from him, which has to cover the path to Me in bound form. And thus he has no power over any work of creation, he cannot destroy or annihilate anything that is My work, because this power belongs to Me alone and I use it where My love deems it good. For My working is always good, even if it is not recognized. But the adversary's sphere of power is earth in the stage of the being's development where, embodied as a human being, it has to pass the final test of will.... Thus he has power over the human being's will at this time, and he seeks to use it in every way. He seeks to weaken the will for good, he seeks to develop the instinct of destruction and annihilation in the human being in order to induce him to carry out what is his will.... To destroy My work.... But I gave human will complete freedom.... and thus the human being is able to comply or also resist My adversary's influence, depending on his feeling of belonging, which he brings to development within himself. And the human being can now carry out the worst deeds without being prevented by Me, but on the other hand he will find every support if he wants to resist My adversary, if he himself is inclined towards good, if he seeks Me and thus proves his affiliation to Me. The bad will expresses itself destructively, the good will builds up.... any destruction by human hand is satanic activity, even though it requires My permission to be carried out. But since earthly life as a human being is a test of will I must also give him the opportunity to live out his will in every direction. I may not prevent him from doing bad deeds, just as I will never force his will to do good deeds. And therefore I have left My adversary the power to influence people during their earthly life, and the less resistance he meets, the more he will use this power.... But one day a work of destruction will take place which is based on My will.... Works of creation will be destroyed without My adversary's influence.... Yet even then My will is still good and My activity an act of love and mercy, for this work of destruction only signifies a reshaping of what exists for the purpose of spiritual ascent development. It is progress for the works of creation in question and also a means for people to gain maturity of soul if they have a will turned towards Me or gain it through it. But My adversary never has a share in what erupts as a force of nature, instead, his activity only extends to that which allows human will to come to fruition. And he always and constantly tries to influence this. And in the time before the end his influence is enormous.... And therefore I take away his power, also over the human will.... by binding all immature spiritual substances in form again, in new works of creation, and by completely withdrawing the mature spiritual substances from his power.... by binding him Myself in the hardest matter for a long time, until humanity distances itself from Me again to such an extent that it thereby gives him the freedom to influence it himself.... Then I will not hinder him so that man's will may be tested anew....

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Intervention by God....

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The incomprehensible is about to happen.... God Himself will speak to people in a way which will generate fear and horror. This time will soon be here, for humanity can no longer expect consideration seeing that it is completely devoid of love. It will start the ball rolling itself, it will give rise to the intervention itself, for it constantly violates God's commandments, the commandment of love for God and one's neighbour. And it scrupulously carries out satanic actions which are bound to lead to ruin if God does not intervene and thereby still save souls who find their way to Him in adversity. And this is the sign of the time which God proclaimed long in advance, that the end of the preceding bitterly fierce battle will be determined by God because He wants to reveal Himself and His power. He Himself will terminate the conflict, yet differently than people expect.... Through His intervention, which consequently is of decisive importance for the whole world, He will steer worldly events in a different direction. People will have to realise that they are powerless and that a higher Power conducts global affairs. And they will have to bow to this Power.... The adversity, which human will had already made almost unbearable for many people, will be severe; yet then they will have to struggle with tribulations sent to them by God Himself and cannot revolt against them because they cannot hold anyone responsible for it.

Yet people's conduct prior to this cannot be called human anymore, and thus God will reveal His might to them.... Where people previously wanted to demonstrate their power and brutally proceeded against their fellow human beings, that is where God will show Himself in His actions, and compared to Him all are weak and defenceless and their shameful rage will fall back onto those who mercilessly only want to cause destruction simply because they feel powerful. No-one can possibly imagine the ensuing chaos once people's unbridled feelings of hatred and vengeance break through, and this destructive will signifies the disintegration of that which God the Lord created before it has reached its goal. People of the present time are typified by their constant will of destruction which is a sign that they are enslaved by the power which tries to obliterate everything in order to prevent the souls from drawing closer to God. People are not aware that the violent destruction of created things, be they human, animal or solid matter, has terrible consequences, how the immature spiritual substances within rage and wreak havoc and what turmoil this signifies in the spiritual kingdom. They pester and detrimentally affect people's souls and even the believers feel their influence and become disheartened and discouraged. A mighty will must therefore put an end to it for the sake of the spiritual beings which endeavour to approach God and are supposed to be diverted by God's adversary through his compliant servants on earth.

And this is why God's voice will resound immediately after the implementation of a plan which will exceed every atrocity ever devised by people. There is only a little time left, first a horrifying event has to take place for the whole world to pay attention to in order to hear God's voice even more clearly. Many victims will yet have to fall prey, i.e., they will have to sacrifice their lives for a dishonest cause so that those people in need of coming to their senses will pay heed, for they all contribute towards the chaos and thus are also partly to blame if they don't realise the injustice and stop supporting it. The divine voice always and forever admonishes and warns, it points out wrongdoing to everyone yet it also demands to be heeded or else it will resound with a voice of thunder to everyone's horror and pass judgment according to law and justice.

For the blame rests with everyone and only those can be acquitted who detest humanity's behaviour and want to belong to God, for they recognise the injustice and fear and know that the wrath of God will strike the evil-doers.... And the hour will come suddenly and unexpectedly, for it is the last great blessing before the end, so that anyone will still be converted who doesn't live carelessly and recognises God in the natural disaster, which is inevitable in accordance with God's will....

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Battle of faith....

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he battle of faith still lies ahead of you and I want to find you prepared for this battle.... For this I reason My great concern beforehand is to strengthen your faith and to introduce you to knowledge which totally explains to you what lies ahead of you, what is still to come before the end. You must believe in this end so that you can also understand everything, so that you can also understand the battle of faith, which is extremely significant for every individual person. It will not simply be a battle which will result in victory for one or the other of the fighting powers after a certain length of time.... It will be a battle which Satan's followers will wage against God.... a battle which will not involve earthly possessions but spiritual wealth, a battle in which the souls must decide which side they want to support, although people will also be adversely affected in an earthly way, yet only the soul will triumph or lose, and therefore the outcome of the battle will extend to eternity.... And therefore I will do whatever I can before in order to prepare people for this battle, in order to strengthen them and to inspire them with courage of conviction.... I will seek to increase the army of My fighters, not, because I want to win but because I want them to reap the fruit of a victory themselves, because I don't want them to descend, to become enslaved by My adversary anew and to remain captive again for an infinitely long time.... At the moment you humans pay little attention to faith, you are rather indifferent towards that which is important.... towards spiritual striving.... you must first be shaken up in order to form a serious opinion about faith.... And that will happen as soon as the battle of faith erupts, for then everyone will be requested to profess Me before the world or to deny Me, to give Me up. And only then will you stand up for Me, if your are conscientious, or abandon Me without hesitation.... for the sake of earthly advantages.... And since the end is very close, this decision is necessary, not before Me, since I know your will; however, you shall be encouraged to think about it once more because you won't do so of your own accord unless you are forced to do so by the earthly authority.... A few certainly exist who will dwell on it before and who, therefore, will also receive My obvious help by making it easy for them to understand, yet they are only a few, and since I would like to increase their number I will let them point out the end.... Yet these few will barely find credence, for those without spiritual aspiration do not consider an end of this earth possible, yet the manifestations of the last days will not fail to impress the still undecided who could become thoughtful and return to the faith if they are instructed correctly. Correct and truthful instruction can lead to great success where spoilt religious doctrines caused the apostasy from faith, where people are not unwilling to believe but took offence at misguided teachings. They can be won over again for Me and My kingdom, and for the sake of these few many more signs will still occur which will announce the near end and which will not remain without effect on them. The right decision of faith will only be made if such strength of faith exists which accepts all physical disadvantages resulting from it, for the human being with the right realisation knows what it is about and he will gladly give what is taken away from him so as not to endanger the life of the soul. It is the final test of will on this earth; the decision to profess Me before the world regardless of the earthly consequences will determine your fate in eternity. And only a strong and convinced faith will pass this final test, only a strong and convinced faith will stand firm until the end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The end.... Transformation and new creation....

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And it will come to pass as I have told you.... the earth will lose its present appearance, an earthly and spiritual turning point will come, there will be a separation of the sheep from the goats....

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My Own will attain beatitude and those who belong to My adversary will be banished again.... And this will have to happen or no further development would be possible anymore, for all souls strive towards the abyss except the few people who will remain true to Me until the end. But the people of the present time, who have already passed through the creations, will have taken the whole previous path of development in vain.... they, who have already reached the highest stage of development due to their previous earthly path, are now failing during the last stage and descend to such a point that the entrance into the spiritual kingdom will remain closed to them.... so that they will have to be banished into hardest matter in order to be admitted once again to take their last test of will as a human being after an infinitely long period of time....

The number of those who use their earthly life correctly in order to become perfect is very small, since My adversary's spirit exercises such poisonous influence on all earthly inhabitants that the earth will have to be cleansed first before it can fulfil its real purpose again.... And thus I want to carry out this cleansing process through a huge work of transformation which mankind cannot avoid, since they give rise to it themselves with their conduct and their utterly rebellious attitude towards Me. A change has to take place for the sake of My living creations which will have to suffer for an infinitely long time if they don't complete their path of development on earth according to My will.... And this point in time has arrived, although it seems unbelievable to you humans that something should happen in creation, in nature, for which no proof of similar events on earth exists....

The earth in its present form is in the last days of its existence.... None of you can possibly grasp what this means.... that everything will cease to exist.... that human beings, animals and all works of creation will come to an end and an entirely new earth will arise which will exceed your wildest imagination, because completely new works of creation will come into being which have never been seen by human eyes and which to you, who will experience and populate the new earth, will mean one miracle after another.... All through the ages I have told people that a new earth and a new heaven will come into being.... People failed to understand the meaning of it. But My Word is truth and will fulfil itself.... yet it will only be proof of My Divinity to the few whose profound faith in Me made them become My Own and to whom I can open the paradise of the new earth because they are and will remain My children forever.... These few also understand the meaning of My Words and they will expect Me and My arrival in the firm belief that I will rescue them from the adversity which precedes the final end. For they are My children and I will come for them when the time is fulfilled....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Satan bound.... The new earth....

B.D. No. 5769

September 14th 1953

The power of evil will be broken for a long time, Satan will be put into chains.... a period of peace will replace the time of battle in the universe, no being of darkness will be able to oppress the people on earth; Satan himself and his followers will be bound for a long time, and people on the new earth will not loosen his restraints because they will be closely united with God and will no longer strive for anything else but Him, Who will then take loving care of them, both spiritually and physically. This period of peace on earth will make up for the time of indescribable adversity during the last days on this earth, which is granted to those people who are and want to remain faithful to God. It will truly be a time of battle for them since they will be spiritually and physically persecuted and barely able to defend themselves against their pursuers, who will even threaten their lives if they refuse to submit to them. But time and again these people have been promised through seers and prophets a time of peace, a time when no one will be in danger anymore from any side, when body and soul may enjoy the wonderful works of divine love, when a blissful peace will fill their hearts through the presence of the One Whom they love and for Whom they have suffered.

Everything will be peaceful, creations and living beings alike will live in perfect harmony, and even the bound spiritual substance will progress and quickly surrender its resistance because it will sense

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the nearness of the One to Whom it shall surrender again, and because people's spiritual emanations will soothingly affect the bound spirits within the creations. People will have already passed their test of will, therefore a decision will no longer be necessary on the new earth, since people will belong to God with body and soul and cannot be separated from Him anymore. But everything pertaining to Satan will languish in darkness; it will be banished again into hardest matter and unable to influence the souls striving towards the light, it has to submit to God's will and will be deprived of its power for an infinitely long time. Satan himself will be weak since everything which had supported him and his power will be bound and thus withdrawn from his influence.

In the midst of his world he will be without strength, until people's wrong will once again provides him with power, but this will only happen after a long period of time, after the first generations of earth, the inhabitant of paradise, their children and children's children, have long since entered the spiritual kingdom.... when a rift occurs again in the direction of the emerging generations' will.... Then people will once again let themselves become captivated by material things and through their desire will then also loosen the chains of the one who is lord of this unredeemed world. Then the state of paradise will also come to an end, the time of peace will once again be superseded by a time of battle between light and darkness, for then the struggle for people's souls will start again until another developmental period expires, yet with the result that innumerable beings will have achieved their spiritualisation and Satan's power will lessen increasingly until he, too, will have to surrender one day which, however, will still take an inconceivably long time and countless periods of Salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The near end is certain....

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nd whether an end may seem incredible to you.... it is imminent for you.... To give you an exact **1** time would not be helpful for your soul's salvation, but you should be content if I indicate to you that it is imminent, and you should live and work on yourselves as if the last day had already come tomorrow. For in view of the length of a redemption period which is now coming to an end, only a very short time can still be spoken of which remains for your redemption, for only a few phases will pass until the end which are necessary for the separation of spirits.... And as it has been predetermined since eternity, everything will also come to pass, because it is not an arbitrary process when this earth is reshaped but everything has its spiritual reason and thus everything also takes effect as a result of people's failure on this earth in their last test of will. However, you humans can all feel safe in My protection if you believe in Me and are willing to enter into My will.... you can expect all events with inner equanimity, always trusting that I will protect My own.... provided you want to belong to My own.... But you should believe in an end and take the transformation of your nature into love seriously. If you lack this faith you will be lukewarm, then you will not be aware of the seriousness of the time which, however, is recognizable as the last time because I have often mentioned the signs by which you can recognize the approach of the end.... And therefore you should only be attentive and look around you with open eyes.... You should also try to associate My obvious gift of grace with the fact that unusual things are about to happen to you, which is why I also try to have an unusual effect on all people in order to shake them up, so that they become awake and realize the time in which they live. And they should not carelessly give in to the hope that I will be pass off with the end.... For I know when this transformation of earth has to take place, I know when people's low level has reached such a point that a change has to be created, that a turning point has to occur which, however, will not only take place spiritually but also earthly. For on **this** earth humanity never changes so that it strives for a higher spiritual level.... On this earth only a decline can be expected, for more and more people fall away from faith, more and more people deny Jesus Christ and His act of salvation.... more and more people fall into matter and strive back again towards the state they had long since overcome. And everyone is responsible for himself, for his will and actions; everyone has to accomplish the transformation of his being on himself.... because every human being is a once fallen original being

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which has to prove its will to finally return to Me.... And therefore don't give yourselves over to false hopes.... The end is irrevocably coming and you will no longer be able to stop it. But every individual can avert the fate of a new banishment for himself if only he surrenders himself to Me and then has also provided the proof of having passed the test of will.... then he may stay wherever he likes.... he will be saved from the end, for I know the state of every soul and its will, I also know that and how he can be saved, for My arm reaches far and will surely take hold of My own in order to fetch them to Himself when the adversity will be so great that only I Myself will be able to remedy it.... Believe in Me alive and you will also be able to believe in the end which will come according to the plan of salvation from eternity.... which will take you by surprise because the day I have determined for it will be observed and because the time is fulfilled....

Amen

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Final test of will in the battle of faith

Last decision.... confess before the world....

B.D. No. **5721**July 11th 1953

he final decision, too, has to be made in all freedom of will but it will cost you sacrifices, which ▲ is why you have to muster a strong will in order to remain steadfast against your adversary's demands to deny Me. And yet, you cannot be forced in any direction, and you will not be able to excuse yourselves from having to give in to coercion on the part of earthly rulers. For you can resist at any time, even though you will then have to suffer on earth. The confession of My name is a very great test of faith which, however, is naturally passed by the one who knows about the end and the signs beforehand, who is therefore truthfully informed, who has knowledge of My word and through it of My eternal plan of salvation.... He will stand firm, even if a thousand devils oppose him, for his will to remain faithful to Me will give him increased strength, and thus he need not fear this time, the confession in the final battle of faith. But the situation is worse for those whose house is built on light sand.... whose faith is not lively enough, who lack the strength of faith because they don't live in love, and who therefore also lack the knowledge of the pure truth which would let them confess Me and My name with full conviction. They will have to make great sacrifices and don't know for what they are taking the heavy burden upon themselves, because inwardly they themselves doubt what they are supposed to represent. They do not stand firm in their faith and therefore have little strength to resist. But it is not about earthly life but about the life of the soul.... and so people want to keep the words before their eyes: Fear not those who kill your body but cannot kill your soul.... then they would experience strengthening in their faith and turn to Him Whom they should confess. And they would truly be helped to make the right decision of will. I still want to confront these people in the word beforehand, I want to point out to them the time of the battle of faith and direct their thoughts to the occurrence of My predictions.... I want to predict the signs so clearly that they will become suspicious and then also pay more attention to the words which I will always and constantly convey to them.... And the latter is only possible when My word is spread, when all possibilities are exhausted to inform fellow human beings of the transmission of My word from above.... Whatever can still happen to save souls I will make possible, and whatever is done to spread My word I will favour, for I still want many people to experience what they can expect in the forthcoming time. I want them to become aware of their responsibility, I want to draw their attention to the fact that they must decide of their own free will and that they should therefore strengthen their will through the call of Jesus Christ, Who takes care of everyone, Who gives strength to the weakened will and Who is always willing to take care of the souls which have an earnest desire to remain faithful to God and feel anxious due to earthly measures.... He stands by you, for if you call upon Him you confess Me, Who became an imaginable God to you in Jesus Christ.... Who draws all to Myself who want to confess Him and His name before all the world....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Acknowledgment of Jesus.... Final decision of faith....

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t depends on your free decision of will as to whether the gate into the eternity of light after the death of your body will be open for you, it depends on whether you establish such a close bond with Me that you acknowledge your God and Redeemer, that you recognise Me as the Saviour from sin and death and completely hand yourselves over to Me.... and thus can no longer separate Me from

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Jesus, that you bring all your guilt to Me under the cross and appeal to Me for forgiveness of this guilt.... I really don't ask much of you in order to then receive you into the kingdom that is permeated by light.... I only want your acknowledgment of Jesus, who descended to earth as the Son of God and became My external shell so as to enable Me to become visible to you.... I don't ask for much and yet you find it so difficult to acquire the heavenly kingdom because you have to fight against pride, selfishness and all bad habits which are the signs that you still belong to My adversary, who transferred all these vices and bad habits onto you so that you became like-minded and distanced yourselves from Me abysmally. And for the most part these bad habits still exist in you when you live as a human being on earth, but with the help of Jesus you can easily discard them, for he has acquired a stronger will on your behalf, thus it is not impossible for you to free yourselves from these bad habits.

But then again it depends on to whom you grant your will, and this alone shall determine your fate in eternity. The knowledge about the Salvation through Jesus Christ is only very weak these days, only a few believe in the act of Salvation and completely hand themselves over to Me in Him, who make use of the blessings acquired on the cross and want to liberate themselves from all guilt.... But they are certain to find redemption and will be able to enter in brightly radiating light through the gates into My kingdom. Time and again I speak to people and explain to them what is most important, what they have to know.... about Jesus Christ's act of Salvation.... However, the fact that most people keep their ears closed, that hardly a single spiritual Word can be spoken to them, is My adversary's doing, who in the last days will make every effort in order to still seduce those of weak faith, presenting everything to them as a myth which no-one believes anymore.

And again, I can only admonish you to establish a heartfelt bond with Me, your God and Creator, and to look for the light inside yourselves which I will kindle in every one of you if only you have the sincere desire to get to the bottom of the truth. Then you will also receive enlightenment about Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation and no longer be unbelievers. But try to obtain this enlightenment before the battles of faith begins, for then you will be required to make the decision for or against Me. Then you will have to stand firm and must have acquired so much knowledge about it already that you will not need to fear any contradictions, that you can stand up for Him and His act of Salvation with full conviction.... Yet this time ought to be feared by all those whose faith is still so weak that it will only take a small push to surrender it completely.... And that will be the last decision of faith which nevertheless has to be taken before the end.... And then it will become evident how many will forsake their faith and how many people will be lost and have to approach a new banishment because there is no way out anymore. Therefore I can only ever speak to, let you know in advance what fate awaits you and admonish all people to establish a more heartfelt bond with Me, who have not yet entirely abandoned Me and also know about the divine Redeemer even though they lack faith.... But it is My serious endeavour to guide them into faith, to describe the blessings of the act of Salvation to them and to admonish them to obtain a true light in regards to it, which I will gladly kindle in them so that they, too, will find redemption from sin and death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Decision test: Confessing Jesus Christ....

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Which way you take, that you determine yourselves in free will, however provided that you have knowledge both of My will as well as of the nature of My opponent, who always works against My will. And you will always experience this through the voice of conscience.... you will always have the feeling for good and evil in you, because you recognize the effect of good or bad action in yourselves. Therefore My will will also always prevail in you when you feel driven to good, while the work of the opponent triggers ignoble urges in you and you yourselves would defend yourselves when fellowman would let out such urges on you. And so every man can say that he very well knows when

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he commits an injustice because he rebels as soon as it is committed against himself. But My adversary then has him in his power, from which only one can free him, if he gives himself to Him.... Jesus Christ, the redeemer of mankind.... For He has broken his power with His death on the cross, and He has paid the purchase price for all sins of the past, present and future. He did it out of love for the fallen brothers. But these must accept redemption through Him in free will. Every man must recognize and confess himself as sinful and want to become free from the sin guilt, then also his will will experience strengthening, because Jesus Christ has acquired this favour of strengthening of the will for you at the cross. And exactly for the will of men the adversary fights with a perseverance to not lose them.... But also the light world wages the fight for them, and I Myself truly do everything to win them for Me. But I cannot force a person, just as My adversary cannot exert force either.... thus the human being himself makes the final decision. That is the test of will whether you men choose Me or My opponent to your lord, and you can be glad when the possibility of a decision is still offered to you in the kingdom on the other side, that you are also there still put before the choice to ascend up, when you still find the divine redeemer over there, or to sink again into the deep, that he then can completely take possession of you and you then again become irrevocably banished in matter. If My love alone would be determining, then I would free you abruptly out of his power, but this contradicts My law of eternal order; it would also contradict My justice, which demands atonement for all guilt and without this atonement cannot receive you into the kingdom of light. That is why you must acknowledge Him and ask for forgiveness of your guilt, Who has made this atonement for you vicariously. That you now completely disregard the gospel of love in the time of the end and that exactly this has caused your spiritual low, is to be regarded as work of My adversary, who himself, lacking all love, also seeks to stifle it in you to make the way back to Me more difficult for you. But only through love can you also regain My love, that it can shine on you and change you again to your original being. And that is why your state is also so hopeless when you do not desire this change yourselves, when the will does not awaken in you to unite with Me again, and you thereby take away My opponent's right over you.... But exactly this you have to accomplish yourselves, I cannot and must not induce you to it, because it is about your free decision of will, which alone makes a becoming perfect possible, even if I still have to wait eternities.... But one day I will succeed, one day you will voluntarily turn to Me, and you will voluntarily let yourselves be illuminated by My love again and be blissfully happy again, as it was in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Who confesses to Me...."

B.D. No. **5821**

December 7th 1953

hoever professes Me, I will also profess Me to him and obviously make him understand this.... I will take his worries upon Myself, I will help him spiritually and earthly, I will not leave him in adversity and misery but lead him out towards the light which shall shine for him earthly and spiritually.... And he will be free because I will loosen all his shackles, because I accept him who wants to belong to Me, for as soon as a person has given himself to Me he will now walk with Me, and My ways are truly passable and lead to the aim. But only a person who has detached himself from My adversary, who has seen through his game and detests it, who now also recognizes where light and strength and life are and who now strives for light and strength and life, can profess Me.... This one recognizes and confesses Me, and his share now also becomes his light, strength and life. The person who has taken his path to Me, Who is eternal life, can no longer remain in death, the person who has found the light in Me which brightly illuminates his earthly path, and the person who is now fed by Me with strength, who can receive it from Me in abundance and accepts it as soon as he consciously turns to Me, can no longer be powerless and at the mercy of evil powers. Anyone who professes Me in his heart, not just with his mouth, will also let Me enter his heart and he will then become aware of everything I promise him: light and strength and life.... because these are the signs of My presence and because I am present to everyone who inwardly professes Me, who desires Me and calls for Me. For I

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am not a phantom.... I am real, and I am there where the mental connection is established with the creator and controller of infinity.... Faith in Me and desire for Me also guarantees this connection and thus also My presence. For then he will profess Me, and then I can also profess Him, i.e. prove My presence to him and fulfil My promise.... to provide help wherever it is and wherever help is desired. But I want to be acknowledged before I express Myself so as not to exert any compulsion of faith on the human being.... but if I am acknowledged then I am truly abundantly willing to give and help and never ever leave the human being.... and his share will be: light and strength and life for eternity....

Amen

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Test of will in the beyond

The short phase of earthly life decides the fate in the beyond....

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Your earthly existence as a human being is one of infinitely many phases of your higher development, for even if you fully mature on earth so that you can enter the kingdom of light your development will nevertheless continue, because once a soul has attained realisation it will never cease going forward.... because it will always and forever strive towards God and thereby try to come closer to Him in order to become blissfully happy in complete union with Him. Consequently, the time on earth as a human being is just like a brief moment compared to eternity, compared to the infinitely long process of development through the material creation, and yet, this brief moment is crucial for the soul's fate, it is crucial for the further process of development in the spiritual kingdom. For there is a difference whether the soul has already achieved a degree of maturity on earth or whether it will not achieve realisation until it is in the kingdom of the beyond.... The latter will indeed ascend as well, but they will have to make an extremely laborious effort to acquire what was abundantly at their disposal on earth and what could have enabled them to reach the degree of light....

To pass the test of will on earth already denotes a state of light and strength in abundance on entering eternity, it denotes a constant supply of light and strength, because the moment the soul departs from earth as a recipient of strength it also imparts strength, and the more it passes on the more it will receive in return.... Thus it ascends extremely quickly now, for it joins equally mature spirits and works in accordance with divine will and on divine instruction.... It receives all strength from God and uses it on behalf of God, whereas souls having failed their test of will on earth are indeed also able to achieve realisation in the beyond but they first have to shape themselves with the help of other beings such that they can become enlightened, that they can receive the emanations of light and subsequently utilise them according to God's will. These souls, too, have to desire the supply of light and strength of their own accord, only then will they receive, and only then will their higher development begin with the work which they, in turn, carry out on the souls in darkness.... It is effectively a laborious path, a step by step ascent with the utmost effort of strength and will....

No effort remains without reward, the soul will definitely progress, but because it is still very weak and has little strength as its disposal it has to exert all its will and find much support from the world of light or through human intercession until it has become a recipient of light and strength itself, so that it can distribute in turn and then receive ever more strength. The short earthly life decides the fate in eternity, for the entry into the spiritual kingdom can already be supreme bliss which will never end, if the time on earth was used correctly. But it can also be wasted, and the soul has to suffer the consequences.... it has to carry on struggling and fighting if it doesn't want to descend. And its life in the spiritual kingdom can in many ways still be likened to the struggle on earth, yet it is never hopeless if the soul itself wants to attain light and strength. Only its will is decisive.... if the will is already directed towards God in earthly life, then the soul will constantly pursue its objective of coming closer to Him, which it will soon achieve....

But while the will is still turned away from God it means darkness and weakness, and the soul will enter the spiritual kingdom in this state, whereas the former is permeated by light and nothing ties it to the earthly realm except its love for those it left behind and to whom it now offers help in every way; the latter, however, will still need help for a long time although they have escaped earth, because they will still remain in the vicinity of earth until they, too, can receive enough light and strength in order to be active themselves in the spiritual kingdom. And every activity only consists of influencing the will

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of those who still aim in the wrong direction, in order to protect them from the same fate, from a laborious ascent in the spiritual realm which is the result of a wrongly directed will on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The fate in the hereafter is determined by the will of man....

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January 24th 1953

You can sink deep into the abyss but also rise immeasurably and enjoy bliss in abundance. And both are up to you, to live in the most dreadful torment or in bliss for ever.... I do not determine your fate, your state in the spiritual kingdom, you create it for yourselves in complete freedom of will.... You do not know about it.... you may well object to it and thus try to shift the responsibility away from yourselves.... But why do you know nothing? Because you reject every explanation about it, because you dismiss as untrustworthy everything that could remind you of your future fate, because you do not want to know anything.... And you will also have to answer for not listening to those who want to impart the knowledge to you; you will have to answer for your own thoughts, for they are constantly stimulated by spiritual beings, so that you will already be mentally informed and need not act wrongly, thus you could acquire eternal life even without direct instruction on your part.... You can live forever because your will can just as well be rightly directed, because you cannot be forced in any direction and because I have given you intellect, thus you are also able to think and only need to use this gift. Sin and wickedness are just as little coercion as the labour of love.... You alone determine what you want to do and what you don't want to do.... You alone therefore also determine your fate in eternity. The downward inclination is still very strong in you, yet the graces from above can give you the balance so that you don't need to fall but can hold yourselves and also slowly progress upwards.... And no human being will be denied My graces. And just as My adversary seeks to pull you down to the abyss, forces from above are also ready to help you up, and My love will not give you up, My love will not let up in drawing you to Himself, and thus you alone have to decide to whom you grant power over you, and no-one can make this decision for you. But are you also aware of the consequence of your decision? As long as you reject all thoughts of this kind, you carelessly pass over this consequence, but it is immensely serious, and you humans should bear this in mind. You cannot avoid responsibility, one day you will have to give account of your thoughts and intentions, and you will bitterly regret having carelessly rejected all enlightenment, for every human being must irrevocably accept the fate which his earthly life has brought upon him, every human being will be judged according to his works and his will.....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Eternal damnation".... light.... will of Lucifer?....

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December 9th 1955

In My kingdom light is constantly received and radiated. The stream of light flows continuously and blessed all beings which are receptive to light. Their constantly increasing bliss also constantly increases their abundance of love, and thus these beings of light must also be continuously active because love impels them to do so. And their activity consists of radiating the light they receive from Me, because they know the torment of darkness and want to help all souls to escape it.... they also spread light in the dark spheres, only they have to find willing souls there which desire the light. Every willing soul receives light.... I set no other conditions than that the soul wants its light to become.... in order to then also provide it abundantly with light directly or through messengers of light and love who are active on My behalf. And whether a soul stays in deepest darkness.... its desire for light will always be granted, and this already signifies redemption from darkness, for My constant concern is the soul's release from the abyss, its return into My kingdom where there is light and bliss.... Do you therefore believe that I would leave a willing soul in the abyss unnoticed? Do you

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believe that I would let it languish, that I would not have mercy on it when it desires to escape from darkness? You humans are taught about 'eternal damnation'.... and this word is like the judgement of an angry and punishing God, Who I am not.... I am a God of love and justice. Because My justice has to consider you according to your state of soul, which is often so dreadful that only the deepest depth can be your abode, therefore My love does everything to protect you from this fate. And My love will also get you out of this darkness if only you don't offer Me any resistance.... It is resistance which prevents Me from approaching the souls with My love, for I do not force them into beatitude.... But where the resistance diminishes or is completely given up, My ray of love can now also exert its effect, light can flow in abundantly, and an agonizing state will be ended for eternity. And now you also know that I do not want eternal condemnation.... that I liberate every soul which desires deliverance. For this is why I died on the cross, so that this redemption, this deliverance from satan's power, can take place, because according to divine justice sin would have to keep you bound in the abyss and there could be no eternal deliverance from it if the guilt of sin had not been redeemed precisely through the sacrifice on the cross, and this sacrifice on the cross was brought for all.... No being is excluded from it, and therefore there can also be redemption from hell for the soul which wants to escape from it.... And do you believe that My adversary would be excluded from this redemption? Do you believe that he could not also enter into the blessing of My sacrifice on the cross if this were his will?.... But the fact that he still rages against Me, that he uses all means to alienate Me from you humans, that he influences humanity such that it has reached a state of mind which necessitates a dissolution of the earthly creations.... is a sign that his will has not yet changed, it is a sign that he is still in strongest opposition to Me, that he is not interested in returning to Me.... But he is full of wrong, and whatever he undertakes.... he only ever does it with the intention of winning souls he believes he will lose.... For truly, his change of will would be supported by Me through unusual illumination of love, and the rescue work on this first-fallen being would have succeeded.... But this time is still infinitely far away.... But one day I will also win him, because My love will not condemn any being forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Lot of souls without faith and without love in the hereafter....

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he souls arrive in the beyond in a terrible condition, which are departed from this earth without **1** any faith and without any love. And there are a great number of them, for until death most people are stuck in self-love and cannot detach themselves from the world. For not all are preceded by a time of suffering before their passing, many are called away in the midst of their work, in the midst of the world and at an age when they are still far from thinking of their end. And then the condition in which people find themselves at the moment applies, which usually reveals little preparation for their souls. And thus their faith is mostly superficial, if one can speak of such at all. They do not think about death and the fate of their souls because they are still in the midst of the world and regard earthly life as an end in itself. And love is just as foreign to them because they only think of themselves or those with whom they are in closest contact.... where therefore a feeling of love naturally exists.... but which cannot be valued in the same way as unselfish love for their neighbour. And the fate of all of them is dreadful when they stand before the gate to eternity, for hardly a little light shines for them, their state is meagre because they have no spiritual goods to show which alone are of value for the kingdom of the beyond. And the souls which suddenly had to depart from earth have no concept of their demise either, they imagine themselves to still be on earth, only transferred to inhospitable regions, and now they can no longer cope with their fate.... They by no means think of the fact that they no longer dwell on earth and only ever seek to put themselves back into the state they lived in during earthly life, often with ruthlessness towards other souls when they are together with those who all have to bear the same fate because they are of the same kind, thus they dwell in darkness in the same spiritual state, equally poor and meagre. They wander about in deep twilight and believe they are wandering through night

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and fog and await the morning which shall bring them some light again.... and the night will not end because they cannot reach the light until they have changed their attitude, until they have gone within themselves and now also realize that they no longer live on earth, and they now seriously judge themselves, remembering their earthly life which they did not use in the right way. If the souls come to this realization themselves, then it is an act of grace by God Who wants to help those who slowly change their will and reflect on themselves.... Then beings will also step into the path of such souls which will help them further upwards if the soul is willing. But the adversity is great before the soul accomplishes this change of will, and the state of adversity is far greater among the secluded souls than the state of happiness and bliss, because only few people on earth strive to mature their souls with true seriousness of life, because only few people live their existence consciously insofar as they make an effort to live a life of love. The will to be allowed to enter the kingdom of light one day already gives the soul much strength so that it will certainly reach the aim.... But if people don't indulge in such thoughts, if they live a completely unscrupulous life and only seek to satisfy their physical self, if they don't entertain any thoughts of their soul's life after death, they will also enter the kingdom of the beyond in a completely unprepared state, and they can still speak of a great grace if they are afflicted by illnesses before their death and yet their thoughts are preoccupied with their demise and thus they can still be purified and prepared for their entry into the kingdom of the beyond.... The end is near.... For every human being the hour can come suddenly and surprisingly, and therefore every human being should often think about the end, he should not carelessly think it is still far away, but he should always and at every hour familiarize himself with the fact that he has to leave the earth and intimately ask God, to take care of him and enable him to enter the kingdom of light, and God will also give him the strength to prepare himself and to do the work on his soul which is necessary for the entrance into the kingdom where there are no terrors and darkness but only light and bliss.... For God does not want the human being to go to ruin; but the human being is free, he alone determines his fate in eternity, he alone creates the fate which awaits his soul in the spiritual kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Distress of souls in the deep.... intercessions....

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Treat is the hardship of those souls who are suddenly and unprepared called away from earth if I they have not already reached a degree of maturity through a God-pleasing way of life which makes them suitable for the kingdom of light. Yet the majority pass over into the spiritual kingdom in a truly pitiful state.... without faith in Jesus Christ, without the slightest realization and completely without strength, since they lack love and thus no works of love follow them into the spiritual kingdom either.... They are poor and miserable and don't know where to turn for help because they have no faith in the one Who can redeem them from all sin and suffering.... Jesus Christ, Who would truly hear every call for Him. The spiritual kingdom accepts all souls which have departed from earth, yet how different are the spheres which now offer them abode.... But the kingdom of darkness is the most populated, and it constantly accepts new inhabitants because there is also great darkness on earth and the souls seek out the same place they left. There the hardship is so unbearable that the souls want to escape it but they cannot do so by themselves but need support. Again and again these souls return to earth and stay close to people who were close to them on earth or who are welcome objects to them due to their similar nature, in order to transfer their own will to them, thus to continue to work indirectly on earth. Such souls can hardly be improved, and yet they should also be remembered in prayer so that through intercession impulses awaken in them which can lead to a change. Where loving prayer follows the souls of the departed, there is always hope that they will soon be able to exchange their dark abode for a dim place, and they will then seek the light until they find it. The souls of darkness often have to stay in the depth for a very long time because they make no attempt to come out and only the desire for light brings them light. Therefore you humans cannot pray enough for these souls that they will strive towards the light, that the desire will awaken in them to enter a

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somewhat lighter environment. For the will of the being is decisive, and you humans should pray again and again for the strengthening and transformation of a wrong will if you want to help the souls which suddenly depart from earth, which are called away in the midst of life and possess little or no spiritual knowledge at all. They can be helped if only you want to help them, if only you give them love and want to deliver them from darkness. The adversity is overwhelming and cannot be forcibly remedied. A premature recall from earth is often an act of mercy for these souls so that they don't sink even further and then the redemption from the abyss would be even more difficult because the will would then be even more hardened and completely directed towards God. Therefore remember those who suddenly depart from earth and send loving thoughts after them so that they will feel attracted by you, return to earth and be able to learn from you, for they will always stay close to those who give them love, they will be far more willing, They will be far more willing to accept mental instructions from you than they would have been on earth, and for such souls premature death can still be the only path to a change of will if you give them strength through your love, through your prayer, which is intended for the redemption of these poor souls from the darkness....

Amen

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Right decision of the will in earthly life

Will to rise is guarantee for aim....

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he will for spiritual ascent, the conscious striving for knowledge, is the surest guarantee that the human being will reach his aim, for God will not leave anyone in darkness who longs for light. At the beginning of his embodiment the human being is without any knowledge; this has to be imparted to him, and the measure, the degree of his spiritual development, which earns him knowledge will also be in accordance with his will. First he receives knowledge from outside which he only has to utilize himself, i.e. think about it and check whether he can accept it as truth. The latter already reveals the will for truth. The power of judgement, however, corresponds to his way of life. Only a God-pleasing way of life earns him full power of judgement, for then the human being strives towards God and thus comes closer to truth. At first the soul is not aware of its earthly task, and yet it can strive for good and detest evil even without knowledge of God, of the meaning and purpose of earthly life. Then it will unconsciously strive towards God, and the recognition of truth will not be difficult for it if it is offered to it from outside. Nevertheless, it must inwardly process what is offered to it if it is to have a fruitbearing effect, i.e. if it is to promote its ascent. Man has the ability to examine because God endows him with the gift of understanding, which he must use. The human being who unconsciously strives towards God is driven by his spirit to let his intellect become active as soon as it concerns knowledge, as soon as spiritual knowledge is offered to the human being. And his soul will not resist the spirit, it will do what it is urged to do by the spiritual spark within itself, for the soul of a person striving towards God, thus of a person who is turned towards the good and away from the bad, longs for light.... It will not be satisfied with inadequate knowledge, it will examine and ponder and truly receive the right answer mentally, because this is God's will that the soul is guided into truth. As soon as a certain degree of maturity has been achieved, as soon as the human being has attained realization, i.e. has recognized spiritual knowledge as pure truth, it will consciously strive towards God, it will strive for ever deeper knowledge, for constant ascent development.... It strives to become perfect because the desire for God becomes ever stronger and it seeks to conform to God in order to come close to Him.... And it will truly reach its aim, for God constantly draws it to Himself, He gives the soul according to its desire.... light and strength.... He will never let it sink back into the state of darkness once it has felt the benefit of light, once it has become knowledgeable and thus its spirit has awakened to life.... This spirit is now constantly active and strives for unification with the father-spirit from eternity.... The awakened spirit, however, never falls back into sleep but does not rest until this unification with the father-spirit has taken place, which is the human being's final aim on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The decision of the will involves a degree of cognition....

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September 10th 1963

Only in the stage of free will can you make the last decision for Me or for My opponent, because before in the bound state you are still without I-consciousness; your will is bound, and you act in the law of compulsion; you are determined by Me and My will to every activity. But as man you are again the I-conscious being, which you were in the beginning, only at the beginning of your embodiment still without knowledge; you are completely blind in spirit. But a free decision of will presupposes a degree of knowledge: You must **know** about Me and about My opponent, should you decide for one of us. Only then you can be called to account for this last decision of yours. You can

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now reach a degree of knowledge in different ways; knowledge can be supplied to you, you can be instructed about spiritual things.... You can listen to My word everywhere where it is offered to you, and you can think for yourselves because you possess the gift of the ability to think during the stage as man. A small light is always kindled for you men from Me, only it depends on you yourselves whether you accept the light or resist it, that you close the eyes and want to remain in darkness of spirit. But you do not remain during your earth life as man completely without knowledge about a creator, because whether you also want to deny an essential God, so you still cannot deny His works of creation, and these creations already will stimulate your thought activity, but for the success you are already responsible yourselves. Again and again you will also be reminded of a God and creator in thought.... You can acknowledge Him just as well as you reject Him, and that is just your free decision of will, which you are to make during earth life and which you can therefore make, because knowledge is also always brought to you from Me, to which you can now open yourselves, but also close yourselves.... It is also always entirely up to your will what kind of way of life you lead.... Every person has a silent admonisher within him, which stimulates him to do good, but which he can also ignore if he is not prepared to live well on earth.... Every person comes into situations in life where he can render services to his fellow human being, and again it is up to his free will whether he now helps him or his heart is hardened.... Every man knows it from himself what is good for him and what harms him.... And he should act accordingly towards his neighbour, then he practices love, and then a small light will already shine in him, which lets him understand what was incomprehensible to him before.... Through works of love alone he already gives his free will the right direction, and he inwardly turns towards Me and away from My opponent.... Therefore every man can make the right decision, and therefore he also has to answer himself one day, how he has used the last stage of his earth walk, which was given to him for the last free decision. A certain degree of knowledge is therefore necessary, and I will make this possible for every man, if I do not call off a soul already in early infancy, before it could come to knowledge, but then also certain reasons are present, which you once will grasp yourselves, when you are allowed to take a look into My plan of salvation as perfected and will be able to determine the many different degrees of maturity of the souls and their reason. But this is said to you for your reassurance that I keep the right schoolhouses ready for all, which are suitable to guarantee all souls their further development.... and that I certainly know where and how a soul can best be helped to reach its aim. But who wants to reach the last perfection as man on earth, to him truly also all opportunities are offered for it, and to be able to take his last free decision of will, I will always stand by him, because I long for the return of My creatures, which I want to receive as My children into My kingdom of light and happiness.... But since My adversary also still has a right to every soul, the human being must decide for himself whom he wants to acknowledge as his lord; he cannot be forced by Me or by him, yet as soon as he has just a spark of love in him he will also decide in favour of Me, for with every act of love he escapes My adversary's power, who is devoid of all love and can only be defeated through love alone. And that is decisive in the life of a man, how he adjusts himself to the commandments of love for God and neighbour.... If only he makes an effort to live in love then he will be saved for time and eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Loving help.... Free decision of the individual....

B.D. No. **6517** April 7th 1956

Levery human being must take responsibility for himself; his fellow human being cannot take over this responsibility, even if his love is ever so great. Each person must decide for himself and thus avow himself for or against God.... And this avowal must be a matter of the heart, not just an empty assurance of the mouth. And the heart will then also feel if and when the human being moves in truth. The human being will profess the truth just as he professes God.... He will not go astray, he will no longer be able to think wrong because God Himself, Whom he has recognised and professed, guides his thinking and draws him to Himself.... But an acknowledgement and profession of God is at the

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same time also the acknowledgement and profession of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, because a thinking which is now directed right by God also includes the understanding for the significance of the act of Salvation, because the human being now clearly understands all relations, and the incarnation of God in Jesus is fully comprehensible to him.... Whose heart professes God has decided freely and, as it were, already passed the test of will on earth... which is the purpose of earthly life. For this reason, however, one person cannot make this decision for another, each person has to come to a conviction within himself and live his life in accordance with this conviction. And therefore the right knowledge cannot be transmitted in a school-like way either, only certain teachings can be imparted to the fellow human being which, however, he himself first has to mentally digest so that his heart will then be urged to make a decision. The disciples of Jesus were given the task of going into the world and teaching all peoples.... Only the Gospel could be brought to the people, but they themselves now had to make their will become active, they had to accept it and live according to it, only then would they decide.... And no-one can be relieved of this decision.... But love can intercessionally remember the fellow human being.... And love can do infinitely much. What intellectual explanations cannot achieve, love can achieve, which is meant for a weak, still unwilling person and his salvation. Through loving intercession strength can constantly flow to his soul which, although it does not determine his will, directs him more and more to where the power of love emanates.... to the original source of power, to eternal love Itself.... Love can achieve anything.... If the human being himself is active in love with complete unselfishness, then this also guarantees that his thinking will become clearer, that the human being himself will come to recognise the Deity in Jesus Christ. But if he lacks such unselfish love, then the fellow human being who is capable of love and willing to love can step in to help.... then his love can give strength to the former, for vicarious love is accepted by God, yet always passed on in a form which does not mean **compulsion** of will but **strengthening** of will. Nevertheless, the human being must make the free decision himself, it cannot be relieved of it.... The human being can be guided into right thinking through the supply of strength but still remain in defence according to his will or go up to God. However, the soul usually feels loving help and thereby softens and opens itself to right knowledge. This is why a person who is followed by loving thoughts, who receives loving spiritual help, is not lost, because loving intercession can achieve infinitely much.... And no human being would need to be lost on earth if people's love for each other were stronger. Yet the free decision must be made by every person himself, it cannot be made vicariously, for this is the purpose of earthly life and the final test, the passing of which liberates him from all shackles....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Traditional faith.... obedience.... free choice....

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A clear judgement of what is truth and what is error will only be possible for a person who has the firm will to stand in the right knowledge. But this will is usually lacking in those whose faith has already been forced into a certain mould, who therefore have no faith of their own but only call a traditionally adopted one their own. A certain obedience has been nurtured in them, which God also credits to them as a virtue, as they believe that they are thereby also living in a way that is pleasing to Him. Nevertheless, man lacks something of importance.... the free decision, i.e. a realization that causes the free will to accept or reject what has traditionally been handed down to him. He has been taught obedience in such a way that he does not even consider taking a mental stand on the teachings he has been given. He feels neither entitled nor capable of scrutinizing and judging.... but accepts without contradiction everything that is conveyed to him by teachers, because he only assumes that they are telling the truth. He completely ignores human errors and inadequacies and recognizes the teachers unquestioningly as authorized and infallible. Nor does he himself use the gifts with which God has endowed him, reason and judgement, which are the prerogative of man over the animal and should therefore be used accordingly. Consequently, he cannot make any spiritual progress either, for

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this absolutely requires that he himself is intellectually active, i.e. that he uses his intellect and his free will in order to gain knowledge. But he is prevented from doing so, or he allows himself to be hindered by existing doctrines of faith which make the use of intellect or free will unnecessary, thus they are supposed to be accepted without thinking, but this can never result in a living faith. This is a deplorable state of affairs which is an obstacle to higher spiritual development, for such teachings are not suitable for kindling love for God, i.e. for bringing people closer to God. Every thinking person will experience it as spiritual freedom if he can deal with his own thoughts; if he is not forced to live in other people's thinking.... Likewise, he must also have the right to think through for himself what is offered to him as truth and to take a stand on it. For only then is his free will active and the human being makes a decision. Before that, however, it is not possible to speak of his own decision, and this is a shortcoming which greatly impairs the soul's higher development, which is why the bearers of truth and light-giving beings tirelessly fight against it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Deciding for the right lord....

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hoose your lord as long as you walk the earth, but choose rightly.... For the one you choose will also prepare your fate in eternity. Therefore this decision on earth is very significant for you and yet no-one else can make it for you, you must choose the lord yourselves to whom you want to hand yourselves over for eternity, and therefore you must also know what the lord offers you in return for your acknowledgement of Him. You must choose between God and His adversary.... This choice should not be difficult for you, for everyone strives for what seems to be the highest for him. And he will always give God priority, but for many people God's adversary is their 'God' Who grants them everything they desire and Whom they therefore prefer to the God Who is distant from them because they have distanced themselves from Him. And thus it is a matter of subjecting the goods to scrutiny which are offered to people by those they are supposed to choose between. And even now the goods offered to them by God's adversary appear more tempting to people, whereas the spiritual goods, even though they have eternal value, the goods God wants to give to people, are not desirable to most people because they cannot grasp them or see them and therefore God's adversary will have more followers who give him their voice, who acknowledge him as lord and surrender to him without misgivings.... And you humans are in great danger, especially in the time of the end, that you will no longer recognize the right lord, that you will not see or want to see His love and mercy and therefore pass Him by and rush towards the lord Who wants to destroy you. For this reason God sends messengers along the path who sound their voices loudly and warn you humans to continue on the chosen path because it leads to ruin. And these messengers are commissioned by God Himself to bring light to you humans, to urge you onto the right path, to draw your attention to the many dazzling and deceptive lights which flash on the chosen path but which are not true lights for the human being who seeks the right path and wants to walk it. These callers proclaim the right lord, the God of love and justice, wisdom and power, mercy and grace; they speak for Him, Whom they have recognized as their lord and to Whom they are devoted in love. Anyone who is to make a serious decision must also have faithful counsellors, and God Himself sends these to people because He loves them and wants to save them. But as people adjust themselves to the world, so is their attitude towards their lord.... Worldly people strive for everything that is subject to the lord of the world, they are in the realm of God's adversary and therefore also desire his treasures and thus also himself. But he who has overcome the world seeks other treasures, and he also strives towards the lord Who has these spiritual treasures to bestow. And he makes the right choice which he will never regret, which also opens his entrance into the kingdom of God, he makes the right decision for eternity.... And so you humans now know that you bear a great responsibility towards your soul, which will now be considered in eternity as you choose as a human being on earth.... You can acquire the highest bliss for your soul but you can also plunge it into deep suffering, into darkness and torment, depending on the lord's choice, to Whom you

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give priority as long as you live on earth.... There is only one Who can prepare a blissful fate for you.... your God and father from eternity.... You must make yourselves completely His own and detest His adversary who will plunge you into utmost darkness if you are willing to do his bidding. Therefore do not let yourselves be blinded and deceived by the goods of this world.... They are transient and will not create any advantage for you in the spiritual kingdom. Seek God and His kingdom on earth and then receive the gifts which His love will offer you one day in eternity as a reward....

Amen

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Connection with God

Conscious voluntary commitment with God is bliss....

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constantly seek to increase My living creations' beatitude, irrespective of their degree of maturity.... But the state of maturity is decisive whether they accept what I send to them in gifts of favour or reject them. My love light radiates incessantly into the whole infinity; it both touches the already perfect spiritual and constantly increases its happiness, but as it also radiates towards everything still wretched, only meets with resistance and therefore remains without effect. But where the resistance only decreases a little, the beingness feels a relief of its agony or fettering, which it has to endure until the resistance has completely subsided. And then it just needs to open itself willingly to My love illumination to be made happy by it and to ascend higher and higher, which also always results in increased influx of My love power. As soon as now My creature is again conscious of itself when it goes over earth as man or has also already entered the kingdom on the other side, then it has also established the union with Me and voluntarily opened itself to My love light ray, and then it will also feel the happiness, which My divine irradiation also has to prepare for it, because I always just want to make happy. And I will never now withdraw My love from My creatures and reduce their state of happiness when they once have entered this state. And therefore there can always only be an ascent; the state of happiness can always only increase as soon as the creature has consciously entered into union with Me. That is why this conscious union is what I try to achieve through means of most different kind, because until then the being can always fall back again, even if My love does everything to prevent it, but it cannot be forced, and the establishing of the union with Me is a completely free act of will.... It leads the being to beatitude, which constantly increases, but if it is not carried out then the being remains in an unhappy state and can remain in it for eternal times. But it is again and again illuminated by Me so that it gives up its resistance, only that the illumination remains ineffective with constant rejection. That is why you men do not know in what great responsibility you stand, because in earth life as man you have reached this degree that you consciously have to make the free decision of will, which can redeem you from all unhappiness, which can form you to a divine being, which now constantly stands in connection with Me and therefore can also constantly be illuminated by My love power. But exactly this test of will... if it is passed... is the great turning point in your being, on your path of return to Me. Your earth fate is so determined for every single man that he can pass this test of will.... But My opponent will do everything to prevent man to seek the union with Me, and that is why man has to pass a fight on earth, because he alone decides whether I or My opponent triumph over him; neither I nor My opponent force his will, but each only seeks to influence him, but man himself has to decide. And when you now know that you therefore also decide about your state, whether it remains unhappy or shapes itself into a happy one, you will also recognize the great responsibility in earth life, and you would then have to do everything to free yourselves from your opponent, what you now again can only when you ask for power from Me, and this request is already a connection with Me, which you only need to strengthen to win the victory over the opponent.... For I truly will not leave you without strength if only you request it from Me.... For then you open yourselves to My illumination of love power, and you have passed the most difficult test of will; you now stride upwards and will also never ever fall back once your union with Me has taken place in spirit and in truth.... For I only respect and value that which is deeply felt in the heart, while words alone are of no value before Me. Nevertheless, I will not rest in touching you again and again, for I will wrestle with My adversary for your souls until the death of your body, so that an endlessly long, wretched earthly walk through creation will not have been in vain for you; again and again I will let sparks of love light flash upon you on earth and also then still in the kingdom on the other side in

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order to make you, My living creations, give up your resistance and voluntarily turn your heart towards Me.... And every single being, every single soul, is a great gain for Me as soon as I can illuminate it again with My love.... And what I do not achieve in one earthly walk I will nevertheless surely achieve one day, because I give up no soul, which once came forth from Me, I pursue it with My love, and whether eternities pass by.... one day it will surely return to Me voluntarily....

Amen

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Blessing from the connection with God....

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You will achieve great spiritual gain if you often unite with Me in thought, if you commune with Me and thus turn away or withdraw from the earthly material world which will only ever satisfy the body but not the soul. But the soul receives strength from Me, from every bond, because such a bond always means an opening of the heart for the illumination from Me. Understand that contact only ever has to be established in order to guarantee an overflow of strength.... and that every mental turning towards Me creates such a contact which is of greatest blessing for the soul. I cannot have a determining effect on your will because it is free; therefore you must seek the bond with Me of your own accord. But you will never regret it, for you will never go empty-handed, you will always receive strength and grace from Me because I can now illuminate you with My strength of love. The clearest form of this illumination is My word directly conveyed to you.... But your soul can also receive an unusual impetus for loving activity, for spiritual activity.... And this is always proof of My illumination of love, which you make possible yourselves through a conscious bond with Me.... But if you receive My word then the blessing is inconceivable, because not you alone but countless spiritual beings are co-recipients who can draw strength from the word and mature.... Every bond with Me is a source of inexhaustible strength for you.... Physically you don't feel anything of it, and that sometimes makes you indifferent. But your soul will thank you if you repeatedly switch Me on in your thoughts.... it matures itself, and it will not remain powerless but spiritual strength will be at its disposal as often as it needs it.... You only ever need to turn to Me in thought, be it questions or requests which move you.... only ever come to Me with them and thereby allow Me to illuminate your open hearts, which results in every voluntary bond with Me.... And then you can also assume with certainty that you will be able to make spiritual progress.... because it cannot be otherwise when you receive strength from Me than that it helps you to ascend. And thus every work of love will also establish a direct bond with Me, because I Myself am love, because.... "whoever remains in love remains in Me and I in him...." In your earthly life alone it is a matter of restoring the bond with Me which you once voluntarily broke off.... You turned away from Me of your own free will, and you must turn to Me again of your own free will. Then you will have passed your test of will on earth for the purpose of which your existence as a human being was given to you.... The distance from Me still exists when you enter embodiment as a human being.... And only when you live a conscious life will you be able to reduce this distance, and blessed is he who kindles love within himself and thereby reestablishes the intimate bond with Me... blessed is he who often raises his thoughts to Me and converses with Me.... Now I Myself can influence him again as before, I can illuminate him with My love, and his earthly life will now not be an idle one either, he will bring the soul to its aim, for it is no longer powerless as it was at the beginning of its human existence but it can constantly receive strength from Me through the bond with Me, and it will be able to mature and perfect itself while still on earth. The human being needs My strength.... Although vitality is at his disposal he needs spiritual strength to mature his soul, which he can only receive from Me if he opens his heart, i.e. if he consciously turns to Me in thought, in prayer and through loving activity.... And I will truly provide you abundantly with strength, for I want you to return to Me... I want you to become perfect, and I long for you who once came forth from My love and who shall find their way home again into their father's house.

Amen

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What is prayer in spirit and in truth?....

This is your actual task, that you enlighten those who are mistaken, that you give truthful answers L to those who ask questions and that you thus bring light into the darkness.... For humanity walks along in darkness, their thinking is misguided and therefore they do not recognize the right path which leads to Me.... to the final perfection. Truth alone can bring about this perfection, but never error or lies.... And if you, who want to serve Me, want to give clarification you must first receive it from Me yourselves, because only I can convey truthful knowledge to you.... And therefore you should come to Me with all questions which move you, so that I will answer you and thus train you to become teachers who will now work beneficially amongst their fellow human beings.... When you pray to Me it is only important that you intimately unite with Me, that you don't call upon a distant God like a being Who is inaccessible to you, Who certainly has great power and therefore you hope for help from Him.... from Whom, however, you consider yourselves far away but would like to make use of His power because you are in need.... Such a call gives Me no pleasure.... But if you see your Father in Me, Who lovingly cares for all His children.... if you now converse with your Father in all humility, if you trustingly present your adversity to Me and thus have entered into an intimate bond with Me through your trust, then this is a prayer which I hear because it is a living call from the child to the Father.... Such a prayer has nothing veiled, nothing secret, it is also nothing formal, but something deeply felt in the heart.... Hence it is a true prayer where the child's heart exposes everything before the Father, where it spreads itself out before Him and confesses its weakness and helplessness and is therefore also valued by Me as such, for it demonstrates profound humility and love for Me and I can now pour out the cornucopia of My grace in abundance. Then you will pray in spirit and in truth, and then you can also safely hope for fulfilment, for as soon as you are devoted to Me with love you will only address such requests to Me whose fulfilment will not harm your soul, because your love for Me enlightens your spirit and your thoughts are already far more turned towards the spiritual kingdom than towards the world and its illusory goods.... But now consider the nature of the prayers which are mostly uttered by people. Consider that a true prayer in spirit and in truth requires a 'withdrawal into the quiet chamber', by which I only want to be understood that at the moment of prayer the human being must mentally withdraw into the chamber of his heart. And no matter how short the prayer is, if it is only a call to Me in adversity.... But this call has to come from the heart, and then a prayer truly needs no learned words or a certain form.... for I understand the babbling of a child and don't want to hear any high-sounding words which have already been born again by the intellect or which are taken over by other people.... This is why a mass prayer can only have a beneficial effect if everyone prays silently in his heart, even if everyone has the same request, for as soon as masses say the same prayer aloud they have to use a specific form, and then it will not be possible to have a confidential dialogue with Me which alone guarantees the fulfilment of the request. You humans can achieve a lot through right prayer but for the most part you don't pray right.... As soon as you believe in a God your heart shall impel you to unite with this God in thought, and then you will speak to Him like a child speaks to its father, and then you will pray correctly, you will pray in spirit and in truth, whereas formal and general prayers usually lack the intimate, confidential bond with Me, which, however, is entirely human, because external impressions always have an effect and therefore the withdrawal into silence is required. But you cannot expect any particular blessing for the souls from loudly spoken formal prayers, from general prayer actions, except for those people who are able to completely close themselves inwardly and pray in their heart.... who don't listen to what their fellow human beings say aloud.... I only want to explain all this to you so that you will understand why so many prayers remain unanswered and why I require of you a prayer in spirit and 'in truth'.... Only the core is ever valid before Me, not the outer shell, and I see into a person's heart and cannot be deceived by lip prayers or daily habits which are performed soullessly. However, if a person calls loudly to Me in his heart's distress, then such a call is also proof that it is not just a form but deeply felt internally, and this is how it is also valued by Me, Who always endeavours to help in order to prove the Father's love to My

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children.... because I also want to win **your** love. And therefore you should always give account to yourselves when you pray whether you first establish a child's heartfelt relationship with the Father or whether you are satisfied with a habit, with a form, with prayers which cannot reach My ear. For prayer to Me is also an immense gift of grace, because you can thus establish the bond with Me at any time and thereby also provide the evidence of having passed the test of will, which is the purpose and goal of your earthly life....

Amen

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Last test of will....

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he spiritual being which resisted God had to live through endless times of bondage, and only a A short phase is given to it to test its will, yet this short phase is decisive for its further state, for its fate in eternity. The walk through the material world is certainly agonizing for the spiritual being because it cannot freely work according to its will. In the last stage, however, its will is freely given and therefore life as a human being no longer seems unbearable to it, indeed, it usually feels so comfortable in this stage that it makes no effort to exchange it for a free life as a spirit, free of all earthly matter and thus of all fetters which previously bound the free spiritual. And that is why the last test of will is often not passed, and the endless long course of ascent development before was in vain when earth life still results in the spiritual being regressing, that it falls back into the hands of its enemy, who is to blame for its lack of freedom. And yet this last test has to be imposed on the spiritual being because it should strive towards God in complete free will if it wants to become free and regain its original strength. At the beginning of its embodiment as man it is in a degree of maturity which guarantees its complete liberation, therefore every man can wrest himself from the power of the opponent during his short earth life. He is offered all possibilities to do so, and he is also assured of God's support if he only asks for it. But in order to test his will the adversary must also have the power to make him submissive to his desire, otherwise it cannot be spoken of a decision of will. And that is why earthly life is full of struggles and temptations, of all kinds of resistance, which the spiritual must and can overcome with God's help. Therefore the human being must consciously make use of God's help, he must be supplied with the knowledge of a power Which can do everything It wants and wants everything that is good, because It is love in Itself. The human being must believe in this power and make contact with It and, full of desire to belong to this power, appeal to It for strength to reach the aim on earth. Then he will release himself from bondage, because God's love seizes everything that consciously and in free will turns towards it again, as it once turned away from it in free will. The spiritual being has to pass this last test of will, and earthly life is given to it for this purpose, so that it will finally become free from God's opposing power and attain its original state again.... that it is intimately united with God as a being of light, from Whom it once originated....

Amen

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The Father's concern for His children....

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You children of this earth are My problem children, for you go your own way and don't feel drawn to the Father nor listen to the Father's voice which lovingly wants to regain you. The path you take leads far away from the goal, and thus I worry about you because I know where this path is leading to. Yet as My children you also have free will or you could not be My children. Free will is part of the state of perfection which you initially enjoyed, therefore I cannot forcibly bring you back to Me but only ever give you love which, once it touches your heart, will drive you back to Me.

But how often do you humans prolong your time of separation from Me yourselves.... And how often do you even exceed your appointed redemption period.... And then you once again will have to

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expect an agonizing state which, however, is not imposed on you by My wrath but by My love so that you will attain the goal.

Once again you humans face a turning point, the end of a period of time which was granted to you for salvation. I get increasingly more concerned about you since the short time left to you could still be used to help redeem you, you can still be released from the oppressive constraint if you would want it yourselves, if you would commend yourselves to My guidance without resistance. The time of grace will expire soon, the result of your resistance will soon make itself known, and you will have to bear the consequences of having made your own way without listening to the Father's voice. It clearly speaks to everyone, for I speak to you through all happenings, your whole earthly fate is the expression of My love; suffering, hardship and sorrow are Words of love from Me to you to remind you that you are My children who separated from the Father and should find their way back to Me again. And only something that inwardly stirs and discourages you drives you back to Me, with Whom you will find protection and help in every adversity....

You have to come to Me yourselves, just as you separated from Me yourselves. And for this reason suffering and hardship will increase until the end, since they are the only means which can still result in success, since you don't listen to My gentle words of love in your heart and since My affectionate persuasion remains ineffective.

You travelled a long way until you became human beings.... Don't let this path have been travelled in vain, take advantage of your last available opportunities to make the decision in the state of free will with which you will become your Father's true children again.... Don't let your short remaining time pass by without changing your will, that is, without turning it in the direction where most faithful Fatherly love waits for you. Time flies and you are approaching a dreadful fate if you remain opposed and don't find your way back to Me, for My plan has been predetermined since eternity.... A new period of Salvation will start because everything has to take the path of higher development, so that all of My love's children will get the opportunity to come close to Me of their own free will.... to return to the Father's house which they had once voluntarily abandoned....

Amen

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