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The souls' fate after death varies....

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I Am present with you Myself when you hear My Word, and My presence has to fill you with light and strength because I Am the primary source of light and strength Myself. The fact that you do not feel it in a purely physical way cannot be helped for you own sakes, since My permeation of light would destroy your weak body if I did not just impart it to the soul which is already able to tolerate a greater measure of light and strength and is happy in this state.

Hence you have to believe this, for I cannot provide you with any other evidence but for the fact that you hear My Word and that this Word also has to make your soul very happy, it demonstrates My direct contact after all, for My Word is strength and light and this is what you hold on to, it cannot vanish anymore, it is the obvious sign of My presence which continues to please you even if you detach yourselves from this heartfelt bond by complying with the world and its requirements again. But you have an abundance of light and strength and are able to resist all temptations by the world, you constantly look into My direction, and you will no longer leave Me, just as I will not let go of you, who have become My Own through your heartfelt bond with Me.

And time and again I want to delight you anew by initiating you into profound secrets, into knowledge which only I Am able to impart to you, because it touches on spiritual areas which are still locked to you as human beings as long as I Myself don't open them for you. And such knowledge will always please you and demonstrate My boundless love for you:

The transition from earthly existence into the spiritual realm entirely corresponds to a person's state of maturity and varies considerably.... A still imperfectly shaped soul possessing little love usually does not know that it is physically dead, it still moves within the same environment and just can't quite understand itself, for it keeps coming across obstacles arising from the fact that it still believes that it is alive and yet it is neither listened to nor able to do the things it used to do on earth. And such souls are also in darkness which, corresponding to their low degree of love, is impenetrable or occasionally changes into a faint state of twilight.... A soul like that is not blessed, it wanders about, it clings to similarly natured souls on earth, it tries to impose its thoughts on them and resists all beings wishing to improve its position, which can last, or even get worse, as long as it does not withdraw and reflect on its state....

If, however, a soul departs from earth which had not lived a bad way of life, which even had acquired small merits through deeds of love but had little will to believe and failed to find Me in Jesus on earth, it will also be frequently unaware that it is no longer physically alive on earth, it will walk through vast deserted regions, admittedly in a slight twilight yet unable to perceive anything, it will meet no other beings and be alone with its thoughts.... And it will still dwell on many worldly thoughts, hanker after many different things and grieve its lack of possessions, which it is unable to understand and thus believes that it was placed into barren stretches of land as a result of disasters or by people with ill-intentions, and will then keep looking for ways out....

And it is possible that it will wander through such areas for an infinitely long time until, due to the bleakness, it will gradually change its way of thinking and subsequently also meet similarly minded beings, which will then signify a small ascent. As soon as it is able to communicate with others it will be possible to instruct such souls, for they are usually approached by beings of light under the same cover in order to help them become aware of themselves. And then these souls will also gradually start their ascent....

And a soul which leaves its earthly body having recognised Me on earth, having lived a life of love, believing in Me in Jesus and is thus redeemed from its original sin, will enter the kingdom of light, that is, it will find itself in a delightful region where it will feel profoundly happy, where it will be met by beings which, like itself, are permeated by light.... it will meet its loved ones again, it will have discarded all earthly heaviness.... it will be able to move itself to wherever it desires to be, wherever it wants to stay, it will experience the kind of bliss it had no idea of on earth.... it will come aglow with burning love for Me, Who prepares such splendours for you.... it will also recognise in a flash what it didn't know before, be it awareness of profound wisdom, be it the spiritual sphere which cannot even remotely be described to you on earth.... overflowing with love it will turn towards the beings requiring its help, be it on earth or also in the kingdom of the beyond.... It will want to serve Me in utter devotion and unite with equally mature beings for greatest activation of strength in order to tackle rescue missions which necessitate immense power. The transition from earth into the spiritual kingdom is but an awakening from a hitherto dead state into life for these souls.... For now that it has attained true life, it considers the state as a human being merely as a state of death, and with an abundance of merciful love it will devote itself to the 'still dead' in order to help them come alive as well. For 'eye has not seen, nor ear heard, the things which I have prepared for those who love Me....'

If only you humans on earth were able to get an idea of what fate might await you on the other side, you would truly strive to create this fate for yourselves; yet this knowledge cannot be given to you in advance, it can certainly be presented to you, but as long as you have no evidence of it the knowledge will mean too little to you as to make serious use of it.

Nevertheless, it is extremely wonderful for a soul if it is able to immediately exchange its life on earth after death with the spiritual kingdom, if it no longer has to go through the difficult process of

maturing in the beyond, for this can often necessitate an infinitely long time if it does not receive loving intercession on part of people, and again, only those will experience this intercession if loving thoughts follow them, and this will only ever be gained by the person who has carried out labours of love himself. In that case his further development will proceed more easily, and the longing to meet his loved ones again can also be a great incentive.... just as every instructing spiritual friend will help him to reach maturity faster, if his instructions are accepted by the soul. But as long as you humans live on earth you will be unable to form an accurate concept, just as the various spheres in which the souls will be able to stay can only vaguely be described to you. And every human being should be grateful for all kinds of ailments and afflictions, which will guaranteed lead to a **better** fate for the soul, irrespective of its nature.... than if it would depart from earth without suffering.... providing its degree of love and faith do not assure the soul the kingdom of light....

Yet the majority of people are without love and faith in Jesus Christ.... And their transition from life to death will not be a pleasant one, for they will meet on the other side what they had pursued on earth. The longing for the earthly world will still be excessive in worldly people and yet no longer be fulfilled, in its illusive existence the soul will indeed create a world for itself, however, it will soon realise that it only created mental images, until it eventually loses interest and realises that it is in a miserable state and yearns to change its situation.... Then it will also receive help....

Yet even those who neither lived a good nor a bad life on earth cannot expect an enviably fate in the kingdom of the beyond.... Admittedly, they will not be depressed by most profound darkness yet their lack of knowledge will torment them, for they cannot understand why they are unable to see anything, unable to speak to anyone and yet exist.... They will have little strength, and only when they think of Me will it become a little lighter around themselves, and only then will My messengers of light be able to cross their path and help them to improve their situation.... providing they allow themselves to be taught and let go of their previous attitudes. But blessed are those who won't have all these difficult experiences in the kingdom of the beyond, for whom the kingdom of light is open and who may take possession of all glories which the Father offers to His children in abundance because I (He) love them and now they also respond to My (His) love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Promises of glory.... images of the dark kingdom....

B.D. No. 6122

November 29th 1954

No one will be able to imagine the glories of the spiritual kingdom, for they surpass anything you can imagine.... But no human being will be able to imagine the kingdom of darkness either, which likewise exceeds all descriptions given to you. But both kingdoms have to remain hidden from you humans so as not to endanger your free decision of will on earth, nevertheless, you will be informed of the fact that unimaginable bliss in light or also agonizing darkness is your fate when your soul has to leave the earthly body and enter the spiritual kingdom. Yet for the most part this knowledge leaves you untouched, you lack faith in it and therefore also the responsibility.... You live on earth, always only focusing your eyes on the earthly attainable.... but you don't think about the state of your soul after death. What do you not do to create a pleasant life for your body, but you know for certain that it will pass away? And how little use are the promises of an **eternal life** in glory to you.... how little do you fear an unhappy state in darkness.... because you don't believe in it. But one day you will convince yourselves of the truth of this and, full of remorse, think back to the earthly existence which was given to you to care for your spiritual well-being.... Why do you not let yourselves be impressed by the promises of eternal glory.... why do you not shrink back from the images that are projected to you of the kingdom of darkness?.... Why do you only care for the short time of your earthly life and do not think of the endless time afterwards? You **believe** that the death of the body is the limit of your existence, yet you cannot **prove** it.... Why don't you consider the possibility that everything presented to you humans is **true**? You cannot be forced into it, but you should **think** about

it freely of your own accord and not so lightly accept your physical death as the certain end of your being. Both the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness have to remain hidden from you due to your freedom of will, but nevertheless there is also evidence for the truth of what you are told about it, although it will only appear conclusive to you if you want to find out for yourselves whether you live on after death.... Then the spiritual beings will also reveal themselves to you, yet only in order to strengthen your faith in them.... The spiritual eye will be opened for the **one who wants to see** and he need not walk along blindly.... But where the will to come to the light is lacking it also remains dark, and the soul also receives darkness after the death of the body. For everyone creates his own fate.... a kingdom of light and glory or spheres of agonizing darkness.... according to his will, which is free and must remain free and therefore also determines life in eternity....

Amen

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The fate of the soul after death is determined by man himself

Justice.... Recompense in the beyond....

B.D. No. 5323

February 24th 1952

There is justice, there is recompense, if not on earth then in the spiritual kingdom, where the soul will reap what it has sown.... You humans should consider that no-one can take anything that does not belong to him, that he will have to give account down to the last cent, and that he has to pay for what he acquired unlawfully.... Bear in mind that I cannot remit anything because I Am a just God, and that you therefore burden yourselves with considerable guilt if you believe that you can commit sins with impunity. Sooner or later the day of retribution will come for everyone who lives on earth without scruples because he does not believe in Me as a just God and hence accumulates one sin after another.

Earthly life soon comes to an end for everyone, only spiritual treasures will remain, and woe to him who has none to show.... He will arrive on the other side naked and poor and wander around in utmost misery and darkness.... which is the recompense for an earthly life if it was not lived in accordance with My will and the commandment of love for Me and other people, if the person only thought of himself and lived to please My adversary, if he indulged in worldly pleasures giving free rein to his passions and instincts.... Anyone who only thought of himself on earth will be on his own on the other side and no-one will offer him love, just as he ignored those who needed his help on earth. He will have to pay every cent, for no-one can pay his debt for him except Jesus Christ in Whom, however, the soul completely devoid of love does not believe.... You humans, consider your earthly life from this point of view and understand that you should not live thoughtlessly, for sooner or later your physical life will be over and the soul will have to remove the guilt it was burdened with.... and that every tribute you paid to the world has been taken away from the soul, and its poverty in the spiritual kingdom will be the result thereof.

You should know that there is recompense for every hour you applaud My adversary, for every hour you pay homage to the pleasures of the world and completely forget about Me.... for earthly life was given to you for the perfection of your soul. But what are you doing? You only take care of your body, you satisfy its every desire, you intoxicate yourselves with worldly pleasures, you only too willingly fall into the traps laid by the enemy of your souls.... You take from your soul and give to your body.... and you will have to pay for it a thousand-fold. For you will suffer grave hardship when you enter the spiritual kingdom where only the soul's everlasting possessions will be of value.... It will suffer acute poverty, and no-one will help the soul if it does not approach Jesus Christ Who, however, is unknown to the soul in its darkness. Only He can help the soul, yet eternities can pass before the soul becomes aware of this and turns to Him. It can carry its burden for an infinitely long time because My justice cannot unburden it as long as it does not request Me to do so itself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Fate in the beyond corresponds to thoughts and wishes on earth....

B.D. No. 6054

September 16th 1954

Your thoughts and wishes on this earth will be your fate in the spiritual kingdom after the death of your body. If you searched for light and truth on this earth, light will be waiting for you over there.... if you preferred the darkness because earthly matter had deluded you, then you will stay in dark surroundings over there too, in a realm where you feel unhappy for lack of light. Yet it happens in

accordance with your will.... Light is constantly made available to you on earth and the path to eternal life is clearly and brightly illuminated, you need only enter it to find the kingdom of light after the death of your body.... If, however, you escape the light, if you walk the dark path, then you can only arrive in dark regions too....

You humans occupy yourselves very little indeed with what happens to you after your physical death.... You dismiss such thoughts from your mind when they occur to you, you constantly turn towards the world and its matter, and since this is transient you cannot take it with you into the spiritual realm. If material goods are your only riches on earth you will indeed arrive poor and naked in the spiritual kingdom.... Why do you not gather possessions on earth which are long-lasting, which accompany you on your way into the beyond.... why do you only lust after the transient possessions of this world?

The consequences of your way of life are presented to you time after time, your attention is drawn to your fate after your departure from this earth.... yet you pay little attention to the warnings and reprimands, you scrupulously carry on living from day to day even though you could be called to your final resting place tomorrow.... And then you receive what you desire on earth.... light or darkness.... you can't be given anything else but what you have acquired during your life on earth. Consequently, as long as you live on earth think of the time after your death, think of your soul which is immortal and whose fate in the beyond you prepare while you live on earth.... strive towards the light on earth and create your soul's happiness in the spiritual realm....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Man determines his own fate....

B.D. No. 7541

March 7th 1960

The kingdom you desire will become your abode.... Spirit or matter will be your cover, depending on your will, but this is free. The fate that awaits your soul after the body's apostasy is one you have created for yourselves through your will, which was meant for spirit or matter. Understand that you yourselves are the originators of what awaits you after your death. For you receive what you want: a stay in hard matter or in the spiritual realm.... The fate you have chosen for yourselves during your life on earth awaits you. But they are quite different lots.... They signify bliss or torment, and only those who strive for the spiritual kingdom in earthly life will be allowed to enjoy a beautiful state, they will be blissful, whereas hard matter will again become the shell of the spiritual, which only strived for matter on earth and which is in a state of hardship and torment.... yet through its own fault. You humans live on earth for the purpose of spiritualizing your ego.... of your soul, which is no longer far from its completion. But you must accomplish this spiritualization yourselves of your own free will, and therefore you cannot be hindered if you turn more towards matter again and your ego slowly hardens again.... when your soul sinks back into the depth from which it had already ascended so far that it should only still prove itself as a human being.... It certainly has the opportunity to completely spiritualize itself in the short time of earthly life, for it is granted assistance in every way. But it is also exposed to temptations by the world, it is constantly enticed by matter and seeks to take possession of it; thus it can, in free will, place the material world **before** the spiritual world, and then it irrevocably takes the path of return to the abyss, then its perfection is in question unless it still comes to its senses before the death of its body and strives towards the spiritual kingdom with a strong will.... which is also possible for it because this will is respected and supported at all times. This is why the material world is a great danger for the human being whose will is weakened.... For the will determines the soul's spiritual state and this can very easily develop regressively.... And then the soul's matter will stay when the body falls prey to death. But if the human being seeks to attain the spiritual kingdom, if his thoughts move more in this than in the earthly kingdom, if he seeks the bond with God, then he need not fear falling prey to matter and his fate in the beyond will be accordingly.... He is in the spiritual kingdom which he aspired to on earth, and only the soul's degree of maturity determines the

degree of light and bliss which that spiritual kingdom offers him.... but it is the **spiritual** kingdom.... the soul has been able to completely detach itself from the material form, it has reached its original state again, since it was able to create and work in full freedom in light and strength.... It has reached its aim on earth and now no longer needs to pass through the material world, but this is the fate of the souls who only desired matter on earth. And it is the last time of grace, it is the time before the end, when unusual help will still be given to all people so that they can still accomplish their complete spiritualization on earth.... Unusual events provide unusual help where people themselves have become too irresponsible and indifferent.... God Himself comes to the aid of all souls because He loves them and wants to spare them the dreadful fate of a new banishment.... But all people have free will, and this determines the soul's fate in eternity, in the time after the death of the body, which can be extremely glorious but also equally agonizing, depending on this will and the way of life the person leads on earth. Anyone who strives towards the spiritual kingdom will also enter it; anyone who desires matter will have to take it as a cover again, for the kingdom of the beyond is closed to these souls as soon as the last day on this earth has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

False doctrine: soul sleep

Are the dead resting?....

B.D. No. 2553

November 16th 1942

The belief that the souls rest after death is only justified in so far as immature souls remain in a state of complete inactivity due to lack of strength. However, this is not a condition of comfortable rest but a state of torment, confinement and helplessness and therefore not a condition worth striving for. The souls in the beyond are only permitted to be active in a certain state of maturity when they receive constant strength to work. But then they use this strength without restriction. However, since their activity does not depend on earthly matter it also has to be different than the work on earth; it cannot be compared to the latter since the conditions in the spiritual realm which require or permit an action are entirely different. There is a steady flow of teaching and passing on of spiritual knowledge, it is a purely spiritual process which bestows much happiness and bliss on the giving souls and reduces the receiving souls' torment by becoming recipients of strength.... It is indeed a labour of love but it can only be compared to earthly activity while the souls in their state of darkness still believe themselves to live on earth, where, due to their own desires, they create imaginary surroundings and in this imagination also have to perform kind deeds.

However, the more enlightened the soul becomes the further it distances itself from earth in its thoughts and now its actions no longer depend on earthly matter, not even in its imagination. The work of these souls in the beyond, in the spiritual realm, thus consists of purely spiritually conveying their received knowledge. Every giving and strength-receiving soul has entrusted protégées on earth or in the beyond for which it cares lovingly with tireless dedication. It has to try to mentally guide its protégées into the truth, it has to influence their thoughts and thus create clarity but without forcing the will of those souls, and this requires immense patience and love. Because two completely isolated beings, who can act and think entirely independently, are facing each other and thus correct thinking may not be forcefully transmitted if the still immature spirit is not to be prevented from gaining an equally high degree of maturity. Spiritual knowledge has to be given to uninformed souls in a way that it is accepted without resistance and awakens their longing for more gifts. The receiving being consequently has to accept it entirely voluntarily, only then will the transmitted knowledge become strength and enlighten. And this act of transmission is an effort which can only be performed with love because it is usually rather laborious.

But the state of a soul condemned to inactivity is so pitiful that the beings of light constantly try to help them, that they willingly accept the most arduous work to release these souls from their situation. However, on the other hand it adds to their happiness when their labour of love is successful because this work draws unimaginable circles, since every receiving being in turn will pass on its knowledge in the awakened urge to likewise help the souls of darkness and thus do redeeming work....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 8991

June 7th 1965

The fact that you are willing to support My Word, which is sent to you from above, gives Me reason to inform you of an error you have advocated up to now. It concerns the doctrine of the sleep of the soul, which gives you a completely wrong idea about the soul and its state when it enters the spiritual kingdom. This doctrine is substantiated by the assertion that there is no mention of an

immortal soul anywhere in the Scriptures.... which, however, can be refuted with the Words 'Whosoever believes in Me will have eternal life....' And sleep is a brother of death.... thus someone asleep will not be alive but dead, in the darkness of night he will fall into the state of death, consequently a life in eternity is out of the question. Those of you who depart from earth with this idea will be in dire straits, for you really lack all knowledge and will take a long time to gain a glimmer of understanding. In fact, you will depart from this earth in complete blindness and will receive only little light in the beyond, if you lived a life of love on earth.

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

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

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

B.D. No. 6541

May 6th 1956

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

But this misguided thought is also a great disadvantage for the departed souls, because prayers will not be offered for them and thus they will not receive the help which they need so badly. But people who adopted this doctrine and were taught wrongly will not accept being taught otherwise, and yet they hold on to the error as if it was gospel truth. Here, too, My adversary's work is obvious, who particularly wants to stop people from praying for the souls, because such prayer could help to set them free, which he tries to prevent. But even when these misguided teachings are confronted by the truth, people will not take the only path which could provide them with clarification.... They need only

ask **Me** for an explanation, if they do not want to believe those who would like to correct their error.... they need only approach Me Myself. But they won't take this path, and therefore they are beyond help and refuse to let go of their error.

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

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

Hence, a soul that lived a life of love on earth is blessed indeed, it will easily detach itself from misguided attitudes and wrong spiritual knowledge. The others, however, will find themselves in utmost adversity, because every misguided teaching has damaging effects on the soul, but especially the teaching about the eternal sleep of death, since it can actually lead to a kind of darkness similar to death, and at the same time reduce the opportunities for help due to the belief that prayers are futile.... However, anyone who sincerely turns to Me Myself will become clearly aware how misguided this teaching is....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Closed gate the the afterlife

Size of guilt prevents entrance into the afterlife.... banishment....

B.D. No. 3307

October 26th 1944

The extent of humanity's guilt increases daily, and all people are to be called guilty who carry out or approve of actions which deny them any love for their neighbour. Where hatred and unkindness break through people sin, for they offend against divine order, they offend against the commandments of love for God and their neighbour. And thus they increase their guilt with every action that is bad; and even he is guilty who does not detest such an action but consents to it. But people don't consider the consequences, nevertheless they have to take them upon themselves on earth or in the beyond, and since the guilt increases immeasurably it can neither be redeemed on earth nor in the beyond, for earthly time is too short and in the beyond an ascent development can only proceed from a certain degree onwards, and people no longer reach this degree who make themselves guilty to the extent that they commit new unkindnesses daily and hourly. And therefore they have to remain on this earth, they cannot enter the spiritual kingdom after their death but their death will only mean a change of their external form, their souls will receive other coverings and continue to move on earth only in a completely unfree state. For through their excessive guilt they have forfeited all freedom, and they fall into an agonizing captivity from which they cannot free themselves. Yet the magnitude of their guilt requires atonement, and since they would have to languish and suffer for eternities in the spiritual kingdom if they wanted to be released from their great guilt, it is God's act of mercy that He creates another possibility to atone for this guilt and at the same time strive towards freedom again, even if the soul is granted renewed freedom of will after an infinitely long time. But in a state of compulsion it is nevertheless induced to activity which at the same time signifies higher development, whereas in the beyond, in the spiritual kingdom, the beingness lacks all strength and the will to activity is also completely paralyzed through its own fault. Thus even the seemingly most cruel work of the divine creator is a work of love on the fallen spiritual, which has increased its former guilt many times over through God-opposing actions, which it carries out on earth in free will. And as long as people don't repent and change to love they heap guilt upon guilt upon themselves, and the consequences are frightening, for they inevitably draw God's punitive judgment upon themselves and deprive themselves of all freedom.... For they must atone according to divine justice, they must take all the consequences upon themselves.... they have to walk the path once again through the whole of creation until they are given free will once again in order to be able to use it for the final release from the form....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Devils of the end time.... beyond closed.... new banishment....

B.D. No. 4688

July 12th 1949

You will continue your interrupted development in the beyond if you do not leave this earth as perfected devils, thus there is still the possibility that you will develop upwards. But your attitude is devilish if you are full of hatred and vengefulness towards your fellow human beings who strive towards God, who are therefore of good will, acknowledge God and seek to fulfil His will. If these people are persecuted merely because of their attitude then a truly diabolical attitude can be attributed to the persecutors, and then all mercy will cease because the spiritual substance in that person will harden and, due to his distance from God, will have to fall into that state which causes banishment in hardest matter. The souls of these people cannot enter the kingdom of the beyond, for

there is no possibility of improvement for them, only an ever deeper descent into hell, into remoteness from God. And it is therefore an act of mercy that the spiritual is bound again in matter, because in the state of compulsion it slowly progresses upwards again, even if it takes an infinitely long time. The beyond, the spiritual kingdom, can certainly also receive countless souls which remain in a completely inactive state for eternities but which are still capable of change, which therefore have not yet reached the degree which necessitates a banishment in matter. They can certainly still sink to that degree, but as long as there is still a possibility of the opposite, the soul will not be placed into the state of compulsion either, but which will inevitably be the fate of people who have become devils after the downfall of the old earth. Therefore, what is still capable of change will still be called away before the end of the earth, and these souls can increase their deficient maturity after their death if they are willing to do so. And thus humanity will ultimately only consist of good and evil people, and the separation of spirits has already taken place, so to speak, before the Last Judgment will be. For the few people who are faithful to God will give rise to the divestment of people's true spirit.... They will be hostile and persecuted and will truly have to live among devils.... And there will be hell on earth.... The most brutal means will be used to make the godly fall away, satan will unleash all his power and cunning to overthrow God from the throne and exalt himself. And it will seem as if satan is victorious. The faithful will tremble and hope and in their deep faith find the strength to persevere. They hope for the coming of the lord and the miraculous salvation from greatest adversity. And God will not let their faith fail, He will come in the clouds when satan believes he has already won the victory. Then the spiritual kingdom will have closed its gates, for then there will only be living and dead people, people who are destined to live on the new earth, who also have eternal life in truth, and people who will be banished into the most solid matter, who will endure death from which they will only awaken to life after an infinitely long time....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 4432

September 13th 1948

Whether you live to see the last day is of decisive importance for eternity. For on that day there will only be living and dead, thus only people who will enter eternal life or be damned. Then there will no longer be a death which can only be addressed as a purely physical death, where the soul, although imperfect, enters spiritual spheres where it can still develop further upwards. On the contrary, on the last day the gates will remain closed in the kingdom of the beyond, for then there will only be living people who are transferred to the new earth, thus do not taste bodily death, and dead people who are devoured by the earth, i.e. who find their bodily death in the work of destruction and whose souls experience re-embodiment into solid matter. And thus the last day on this earth has come, which signifies an end for all spiritual beings dwelling on earth and where a judgement takes place, where everything that lives on earth as a human being will be called to account.... This is the day which has been proclaimed since the beginning of this redemption epoch, which seers and prophets foretold, which is doubted by all who do not believe and therefore also do not have the right knowledge. It is the day when every guilt will find its atonement and when there will probably be no human being apart from My own who will not be found guilty. Yet for the believers this day will be an end to all earthly adversity, for them it will be a day of triumph where they will see Me in all glory and be raptured from earth; but for the others it will be a day of terror, for they cannot escape their fate, they have no faith to call for Me in their adversity. And thus they only see certain death before their eyes and don't know that they are now banished from My proximity for an infinitely long time, because they in no way acquired the right to My kingdom, whose ruler I am, which can only accept souls which have accepted My fundamental nature, thus have become love. And all earthly terrors precede the last day, for I still want to admonish people in the last hour to stretch out their hands towards Me so that I can seize them before they sink into deepest darkness.... before they are banished from My proximity for eternal times. Everyone can still come to Me if he makes good use of the last time, and

everyone is entitled to unmeasured grace, yet I don't force anyone to make use of My grace but leave everyone his freedom. But the last day will be a reckoning for everyone.... Love and bliss for My own and death and destruction for all who belong to My adversary, for they will be cast down into darkness and have to atone for their sins according to divine justice....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual darkness – light and powerless state of the soul after death

No life without light Darkness in the beyond

B.D. No. 0249

January 6th 1938

The spiritual beings are approaching you with a request that you give your utmost attention to their proclamation. The Lord has ordained that you shall receive well-ordered teachings so that your spirit will not tire of accepting divine truth. Therefore contact the spiritual world with complete confidence at all times and let our thoughts affect you to the glory of God the Most High of Heaven and Earth. The human being shall live, and he shall live eternally However, to live means to be enlightened to receive the light of divine grace on earth to strive towards the light and to dwell in an abundance of light, close to his Creator, in eternity. This is how the Lord decided it, and therefore all life on earth is merely a striving towards becoming worthy of being allowed to be close to the Saviour in radiant brightness, and so to being infinitely far removed from darkness and its evil powers For the Saviour is the eternal Light You can only understand this if your faith lifts you out of your spiritual darkness you can only comprehend how wonderful the strength of divine light is when nothing ties you to earthly life anymore Only then will you fully realise that the Lord's sphere is permeated by the divine sun of love that all power and glory is united in this kingdom Every being requires light to experience the state of bliss, and only he who constantly stays within the Deity's vicinity of light, and being worthy of this beatitude, will live in eternity. However, to be without light in the beyond signifies death Even the most ignorant and obstinate being recognises the tiniest ray of light as a release from its adversity. It will always seek to follow the ray of light, yet realising its task in the beyond is still infinitely difficult for it. This is why the hardship of those dwelling in such darkness in the beyond is still far greater than the greatest misery on earth On earth the Lord shows you His love time and again, for He constantly admonishes you through His messengers His divine love would like to protect you from this darkness it would like to spare you the infinitely long time of battle for you will certainly have a hard battle there until you have detached yourselves from the power of darkness It will make you infinitely happy if you are allowed to move within the eternal light yet staying in darkness is indescribably wretched and bitter. Since God the Lord created you as part of the light, He also gave you the opportunity to remain in it, yet the earthly being ignores its purpose of its own free will by not resisting the temptations of the nether world, and so increasingly relinquishes its radiant strength of light and passively allows itself to be pulled down by dark forces. For this reason the world poses the greatest danger for the earthly children if they do not beseech the heavenly Father for the strength to enable them to walk unscathed through the valley of trials during their earthly existence. After all, the Lord so willingly gives the strength to all of them, for He loves His children far too much as to leave them without strength and without warning at the mercy of evil powers.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Powerless state in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 2123

October 21st 1941

The unutilized time on earth can never be made up for in the beyond, although an ascent upwards is also possible there. The process of change on earth takes place in a short time, whereas in the beyond an indescribably long time is required in order to place the soul into the degree of light which results in creating and shaping. On earth the will towards God and heartfelt prayer is enough that power is imparted to the soul, because the power is at its disposal unmeasured, while in the hereafter

the being is powerless in the stage of imperfection, so that it can no longer do anything out of its own will. For what helps it to become free from oppressive envelopment requires strength. It does not possess this strength and therefore cannot change its state at will, but must first acquire the strength through its will. But the will is weak precisely because the being is imperfect. In earthly life, however, the will towards God is sufficient for its strength to be increased as soon as the human being believes in Jesus Christ and His act of salvation. For Jesus Christ acquired this increased willpower for people through His death on the cross. Everything man does is an expression of strength, so man can constantly use and utilize strength because it constantly flows to him. He can therefore carry out the works of love, which liberate him from his bondage, at any time, as soon as he only wants to, even if he is still imperfect, which the imperfect on the other side cannot do. For even if it wants to help and give love.... it can only do so when it receives love itself and can therefore pass it on. And this love, which therefore becomes strength, must first be given to it by willing beings.... either by people through prayer.... which, however, is an act of the human being's free will and can certainly be desired but not forced by the beings in the beyond.... or by beings of light which are able to give and which can only distribute it when the being has the desire to help and to be lovingly active. Thus the will to be of service has to be present first before the transmission of strength can take place, and in its wretched situation the being first thinks of itself rather than of the suffering souls. On earth the human being utilizes the strength for some kind of activity, and thereby he is always and constantly serving without consciously subordinating himself to serve. His soul can therefore also form itself unconsciously when it inwardly drives him to do good and he does not resist this drive. And thereby the strength in him is increased and his earthly life can be unimaginably successful because every good deed gives him renewed strength and lets him consciously strive towards God. In earthly life, therefore, the human being can do whatever he wants because he is not hindered by a lack of strength. Whereas in the beyond the will does not yet simultaneously mean receiving strength, but only the will to help gives him strength. The strength which is now imparted to him benefits, as it were, the beings to whom he wants to give help, and through the will to help he now also acquires the love of the beings of light, and only then will he also be considered by them. The ascent upwards certainly starts with the moment of loving activity of an imperfect soul, but it needs an inconceivably long time before it reaches the same goal, which the human being can easily achieve on earth since he can immediately put his will into action as he does not lack the strength to do so. Will and strength are absolutely necessary for the transformation of a still dark being into a being of light.

If the being is now without strength then its state remains unchanged, i.e. the same as it was when it departed from earth. The will turned upwards earns it increased strength as long as it remains on earth, whereas in the beyond the granting of strength is linked to a condition.... with the passing on of this power to souls in need of help. The being must therefore desire the power for other souls.... A wanting to work in love must be the cause for requesting the power, then this power will also be supplied to it. The willingness to work in love is therefore a prerequisite for the supply of strength. But in earth life man can dispose of the power even if he does not use it to be active in love. And this is why the human being can achieve undreamt-of spiritual progress on earth as soon as he utilizes the strength at his disposal in accordance with divine will. He can completely shape himself into a being of light and, upon his entry into the beyond, attain a degree of light which will bring him unimaginable heavenly delights, and a being which leaves earthly life in spiritual darkness will need an infinitely long time to shape itself into a bearer of light, although it will also receive help in the beyond from the beings of light which are constantly active in order to guide the dark towards the light....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 7461

November 22nd 1959

The souls arrive in the beyond in a terrible condition, which are departed from this earth without 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 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

Consequences of unkindness in the beyond....

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February 23rd 1952

Unc kindness has far-reaching consequences on earth as well as in the beyond. For it surrounds the soul with the densest of covers, so that no ray of light can penetrate it and it forever remains in darkness. Light is everywhere, yet where it cannot penetrate the human soul there is darkness. Love,

however, radiates light and illuminates the soul from within, the covers dissolve, and then the light from outside can exert an effect.... the soul becomes enlightened.... Thus, on earth 'enlightenment' denotes knowledge of the eternal truth, of the meaning and purpose of earthly life and ever-increasing love for God.... But in the kingdom of the beyond receiving light is guaranteed to the soul who became enlightened on earth through love.... Darkness has gone forever, everything is revealed to the soul, no uncertainty exists for the soul any longer, nothing is incomprehensible or impossible, for due to love it has become full of light and strength itself....

Hence, unkindness is the soul's eternal ruin, for a soul who still languishes in profound darkness is wretched. It has become a victim of the one who is devoid of love himself and also wants to prepare this state for souls who allow themselves to be influenced by him, who are full of selfish love and only ever treat their fellow human beings unkindly, because they are seduced by Satan, because he wants to transfer his own feelings into people in order to enslave them. Unkindness is the death of the soul.... it poisons people's thoughts, so that the results of thinking are lies and ill-will which generate acts of hatred and, in turn, will result in evilness again. And neither can it be otherwise, for where there is love there is God.... where unkindness and hatred reveal themselves there is Satan. And he reigns, so that he can truly be recognised as the souls' greatest enemy, who not only pursues and tries to gain people on earth, but with increased malice works on and tries to influence the souls in the beyond in order to hasten the hardening of their hearts and pull them ever deeper into the abyss.

And because heartlessness has such a frightening effect in the beyond it can only be countered with love.... souls in the beyond need to be given lots of love, which effects the ailing soul like medicine by which it can be healed if people do not stop giving them love.... Even the most stubborn souls of darkness can be changed by rays of love, unwillingly at first, yet once they feel the blissful relief they will not let go of it again.... Love is the most effective weapon against the opponent who cannot endure it, who takes flight and therefore will rather drop his victims than allow himself to be touched by rays of love. For this reason you should fight against unkindness and know that it will lead into ruin, whereas deeds of love will open the kingdom of light for you, and with love you can also help those to attain the light who still languish in darkness as a result of their loveless and unkind way of life on earth. Only love can help them and release their restraints, only love can make all of you blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Suicide.... Fate in the beyond....

B.D. No. 1951

June 13th 1941

The path of the flesh has to be taken until the end, that is, every being also has to experience the embodiment as a human being. The earthly path prior to this cannot be deliberately shortened or interrupted. However, in the stage of free will the human being is able to use his free will and therefore also end his earthly life as a human being arbitrarily without being prevented. But the consequences of such interference in divine will are awful. A person like that is still immature, that is, he is without recognition or he would not take this step which deprives him of a great blessing.... to be able to improve his character until God Himself ends his life. Nevertheless, he will become aware of his wretched action in the beyond and his remorse will be beyond description.

If it is God's will to end a life, irrespective of whether the person is still young and not ready for eternity, then God recognises the necessity of it and terminating the earthly life is an act of grace, either to avert peril from the soul or to offer this soul an opportunity in the beyond that will raise its state of maturity within a short period of time. The forcible termination of life is, however, spiritually a great step backwards, for the being is suddenly without strength to improve itself and depends on the mercy of the beings of light or people, that is to say, if they don't help it will forever remain on the same level of imperfection. The soul first has to come to realise this in the beyond which will trigger an indescribable state of remorse. But if the soul is willing it will use every opportunity to be helpful,

yet its struggle will be too difficult for words. In a manner of speaking, it has to carry on bearing the earthly suffering in the beyond, which it had wanted to escape; the same things it had thrown away are still clinging to it and torment it dreadfully.

Yet God is not without mercy even towards a soul which had disregarded His will, providing the soul is not entirely obstinate. After some time, which to the soul seems to last forever, it will also be given tasks in the beyond which will ease its situation. And then it will have to use its will again. If it agrees to help suffering souls in the beyond it will soon notice an obvious improvement in its circumstances. But this may well be after the time God had designated for its actual earthly life, thus it will not have arbitrarily shortened its earthly path after all and will still have to linger in the state of suffering in the beyond, that it thought unbearable on earth, until God takes pity on the soul.

Hence its intervention in divine will was entirely pointless; it deprived it of the grace to mature fully on earth but by no means ended the ordeal of earthly existence. Consequently, such souls are pitiable, for it will take a long time until they are redeemed and the awareness to have thrown God's blessing away is so agonising for the soul that it is in a sorry state in the beyond. Such souls are especially in need of people's prayers. Only people's love on earth can relieve their torments and impart the strength to improve their fate by using their will, in as much as the soul in the beyond is prepared to be of service and thereby, after an apparently endless time, will be able to change its lightless abode which, understandably, is its share (fate?) until it is saved by God's love and mercy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The souls' agonising fate in the beyond....

B.D. No. 8224

July 26th 1962

Anyone who has devoted himself to the world must and will fear death, for the human being does not disappear when he dies yet the soul leaves him, which is unable to die and thus continues to exist in the spiritual kingdom in a state which corresponds to its earthly life. Only now will the soul be able to enter the true life, which lasts forever and is a state of blissfulness, for in complete freedom, in light and strength it will be able to create whatever it wants which, however, is also My will, because it shall have completely subordinated itself to My will.... Yet it is also possible that it will stay in the kingdom of the beyond in an agonising state, in darkness and helplessness but still conscious of itself. In that case one can indeed speak of death, but not of a state of complete disappearance.... And its agony precisely consists of the fact that it knows with how much abundance of strength it had lived on earth, and now it is helpless and incapable of any activity.... The fact that it remains conscious of itself is the very reason for its increased torment but it can also help the soul to emerge from this state of death, by listening to the helpers by whom it is approached in the spiritual kingdom and following their instruction, which will result in a slight improvement for the soul.

Yet it is extremely difficult to encourage the souls to take care of other wretched souls, because they are only ever occupied with themselves, just like on earth they lack love and their selfishness is still predominant. Yet only love will enable the soul's progress in the beyond.... It has to receive loving intercession which it experiences as strength, and then it will be possible that it will change its will. It has to awaken love within itself by also paying attention to its needy brothers in the beyond and willingly offering small gestures of assistance.... These will then also be felt by the soul as an influx of strength and shall stimulate its will to love, which alone is able to release the soul from its agonising situation.

If it enters the kingdom of the beyond in utter spiritual darkness it can take a very long time before it becomes aware of its wretched condition and yearns for improvement.... But as soon as the desire arises to change its state of death, as soon as it realises that it no longer lives on earth and yet has not ceased to exist, it will also reflect on its situation and try to get out of it. And only this will bring it into contact with helpers, beings of light which come along in disguise and try to explain that it can escape its situation if it has the will to do so.... Especially unbelieving, departed human beings from

earth require much intercession from the human side which will enable them to muster the will in the beyond to improve their situation. For every prayer on behalf of these souls conveys a flow of strength to them and this strength will never be lost, providing the soul leaves people behind on earth who will remember it in intercession....

Hence you humans are able to contribute to a large extent so that these souls, too, will overcome death, so that they will still awaken to life on the other side.... For as long as the soul is self-aware I will not abandon it, for then it will also be capable of changing its will, which need only be directed towards Jesus Christ and its redemption will be assured.... However, if it descends to a point when no spark of light will be able to reach it anymore, then it will continue to strive towards the abyss and harden again, and that also means disintegration and loss of self-awareness, it means renewed banishment into matter and the start of a new period of Salvation, because no being will be lost **forever**.... Because no being will remain dead **forever**, but one day for sure will return again to life everlasting.

Souls, which no longer have to go through this new banishment, will also be fought for in the kingdom of the beyond, and every person who lovingly remembers these souls is participating in the redemption work, and the souls will be eternally grateful to him for having led them from the night of death into the light of day.... For what once originated from Me as a being cannot cease to exist, but only when this creation is able to work in freedom, light and strength will it have come alive, and then it will never be able to go astray again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Fate of the spiritually death in the afterlife: renewed banishment

New banishment.... death before ascension in the afterlife....

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Only the imperfect spiritual substance has to travel the earthly path once again, which at the end of the redemption period proved to be completely distant from God and thus would never develop upwards in the beyond either. And that is why many people will already suffer death beforehand for whom the possibility of higher development in the beyond still exists so that they do not belong to those who have to experience the end of the earth period and thus the new banishment into the solid form of the newly formed earth. In the spiritual kingdom, however, the latter would belong to the lowest spheres and even then still distance themselves further and further from God, so that after an inconceivably long time they would likewise become solid form, thus their spiritual substance would be taken again for the creation of new material creations, and only after an exceedingly long time would they be able to cover their course of development on earth. On the one hand, the spiritual substance which departs from earth beforehand has an advantage in that it can develop higher in the beyond more quickly than on earth, provided that it musters the will to do so, that it comes to recognition either in the last hour before its death or through the efforts of the beings of light in the beyond. But if it does not strive upwards and retains its ignorance in the spiritual kingdom and remains in defense and resistance, then it sinks deeper and deeper until God completely withdraws His spirit of love from it and lets the spiritual become a solid form again, but this requires a much longer period of time before this spiritual is allowed to cover the path on earth again. The agonies of a renewed walk on earth cannot be measured by men, otherwise it would be easier for them to understand why so much suffering goes over earth, which can still have an influence on the attitude of man, on his will and on his attitude towards God. But the fact that many people still increase their distance from God through suffering is due to the fact that they go along in error, that they are blind in spirit and yet do not want to accept the light of day when it is offered to them. A clear exposition of the truth would be able to change their thinking, but in the darkest night they still close their eyes and do not notice the light which would allow them to recognize the path they should walk. But they cannot be helped in any other way than that the truth is brought to them.... And they must also willingly accept it in the beyond if they want to ascend. Only in the solid form is their will bound, then the spiritual substance is not responsible itself but it has to move according to God's will and only becomes somewhat freer when it declares itself willing to be of service. This is why people on earth still have a great advantage over the bound spiritual substance despite the greatest earthly hardship and tribulation, for their will is free and can therefore create a change for itself as soon as the human being merely has the desire to stand in truth, to recognize the truth and to become knowledgeable.... Then he is spared being bound again in the solid form, even if he is now called away from earth prematurely. For then he can enter the spiritual kingdom where the truth he desires will be offered to him and he will enter the path of ascent. And thus, at the end of this earthly period there will only be people on earth who are completely distant from God and a few who are connected to God, and the final separation will take place.... The latter will belong to God eternally and the former will have to go the path of unspeakable suffering in bound will.... in the creations of the new earth....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Spiritual death is the worst fate that can happen to the soul, for it will be unable to release itself from it once it has departed from earth. It exists, it is also conscious of itself and yet is entirely without light and strength, and this is a state of inconceivable agony. It inevitably leads to a renewed banishment into matter again unless people intercede so effectively on its behalf that it provides the soul with strength, so that it can change itself if it has the will to do so, that is, if it doesn't directly resist it. As long as a soul is apathetic in this state, it can receive help from the enlightened spiritual world or through loving intercession.... But it can also be so hardened that it rebels with burning rage against the power which.... so it believes.... keeps it imprisoned. Then it will steadily descend further and harden into solid substance, which subsequently makes its ascent in the kingdom of the beyond impossible. Then it will have to travel the infinitely long path of higher development through the whole of creation again, for one day even this soul shall wake up to the life which lasts forever.... Countless people on this earth are in this danger of succumbing to spiritual death, for during the end time they do nothing in order to acquire this life. They live without love and therefore without God as well, they already harden their souls to matter on earth, for they strive towards it and fail to consider the spiritual life they are supposed to create for the soul while they live on earth. They bow to the one who is master of the earthly world and also strive for his goods.... And these cannot bestow life upon the soul but they certainly assure its spiritual death.

And if it enters the beyond in this lifeless state it will be in utmost danger, for heartless people rarely leave friends behind on earth who will send loving thoughts to them in the spiritual kingdom. And only these can save the soul, for every loving thought, every prayer full of love has an effect of strength on such souls, they are so effective that the soul changes and has the will to ascend. Then it will have escaped eternal death, it will no longer descend into the state which results in its renewed banishment. All you humans have no idea about the strength of love or you would make an effort to live a life of love.... And then you will attain life, for love itself is life, and it awakens everything that is dead back to life again.

If, however, you don't use this strength, if you go along without love, your soul's spiritual substance has no option but to solidify and thereby gets into a dreadful state, for then death will not lead to the souls transience, instead it will be a state of vegetating in awareness of its existence and of agonising helplessness and darkness. As long as you still live on earth you are incapable of imagining this state, yet you should do everything in your power in order to avoid it, for everything is possible for you on earth, you repeatedly have the opportunity to accomplish deeds of love on earth, and then the danger of death will be over, then you will have to awaken to life while you are still on earth and thus will also be able to enter eternal life, then you will have conquered death. And you are all able to live a life of love, for the divine spark of love is in all of you, which need only be kindled in order to never be extinguished again, because love always gives you new strength and you will inwardly be motivated to be active once you have kindled this spark of love in you. However, you cannot be forced to do so, but the dreadfulness of spiritual death can only ever be pointed out to you so that you will try to avoid this horror of your own accord.... For as long as you live on earth you have the strength to be lovingly active; but once you have entered the kingdom of the beyond you will be incapable of doing anything by yourselves, then you will be dependent on help and can consider yourselves fortunate if it is provided for you by people whose thoughts follow you with love.... Only love redeems, only love is strength.... and everyone should acquire love for himself through loving activity as long as he lives on earth, so that he will not succumb to spiritual death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

It is the adversary's greatest triumph if he totally dissuades a person from having faith in a God Who brought the world into existence and also created himself.... Then he will have achieved what he wanted, to displace God completely from the human being's thoughts. Then he need no longer fear to lose him. Yet a person who completely denies a God is generally also an unkind person in life, therefore the adversary is able to influence him, while a person with just a spark of love left can still gain the realisation that a spiritually tangible Power exists Which determines his destiny and on Which he is dependent. The former, however, is wholeheartedly attached to the world. Nothing else exists for him apart from this earthly world, and he believes that he will cease to exist and return into nothingness again after his physical death, as a result he will take whatever earthly life offers him. And although such a person can possess sharp intellect he will be misguided by God's adversary, he will even arrogate himself to quote substantiations which intend to shatter the belief in a God. He will try to explain that all creations arose from a natural power.... However, he will refuse to accept the fact that this natural power must be an intelligent **Being** in possession of will, and his thinking will continue to be wrong and confused as long as he fails to kindle a small light within himself through kind-hearted actions.... which, however, are completely unknown to him. Thus he will still be totally enchained by the adversary. And therefore an atheist will almost certainly approach a renewed banishment, for he will completely fail in his last decision on earth. He will still be as opposed to God as he was when he apostatised from God, he will belong to the adversary and in the end will also have to share his fate.... Such a person cannot be intellectually enlightened either because he does not want to believe and will therefore also dismiss all spiritual knowledge as imagination and fantasy....

Trying to convey spiritual knowledge to this person would be entirely futile, for God's adversary is his lord and he will never allow him to become enlightened, he will always keep him in profound darkness and let the world's deceptive lights appear the more brightly to him, so that the person will be totally incapable of accepting spiritual knowledge. The adversary will have taken complete possession of him and will no longer let go of him either. But in earthly life it is only important that the once fallen original spirit will now acknowledge God in the stage of a human being.... that his original sin will be taken from him, which can only happen through Jesus Christ, Whom he must acknowledge and Whose act of Salvation he has to profess, then he will also acknowledge God Himself Who, in Jesus, accomplished the act of atonement for his original sin.... But for as long as the human being lives his earthly life entirely without faith he will remain burdened by his guilt and will never ever be able to enter the spiritual kingdom but will have to endure the process of development through the creations of earth in horrendous pain for an infinitely long time again. For even in the kingdom of the beyond it will not be possible to change an atheist's mind and to persuade him to surrender his resistance to God because, like on earth, he remains closed to all instructions, and he cannot be enlightened against his will. However, were only a person on earth who believes himself to be unable to have faith seriously interested in knowing the truth as to whether a spiritually tangible God and Creator exists.... then the efforts would truly not be in vain, for then he would keep thinking about it and also achieve a different result by intellectual means, for enough evidence exists within Creation which could change his mind.... But even such people will time and again receive blessings, time and again they will be given small gestures of support, for God's love also pursues these people and tries to win them over for Himself, time and again He offers His hand to them which they need only take hold of so that they would subsequently be able to release themselves from the adversary's control. Nevertheless, his will shall never be forced, and therefore the person determines his own future fate and will have to take the path across earth in a constrained state again, because this complies with the law of eternal order....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

What is meant by „hell“?

Heaven and hell....

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I will not let anyone who gives himself to Me as My Own fall ever again. But anyone who remains in opposition to Me is in great danger of losing the strength of My love completely and becoming hardened in his fundamental substance, an extremely agonising condition which I would like to prevent. This truth, which has not been concealed from humanity from the start, resulted in the concept of 'heaven and hell', of a blissful and a wretched condition, which in people's imagination is a limited space, until ultimately the real truth.... the condition.... became less important in their imagination and only the place remained, visualised by fantasy in every conceivable way. This gave way to many misguided thoughts so that the truth is now completely distorted and the human being no longer has any knowledge of what heaven and hell really mean.

Life and death are heaven and hell.... Busy, joyful activity in the most brightly radiating light is life.... Weakness, helplessness and deepest darkness are death.... And every condition can continually increase in both directions until the final aim, blissful union with Me or deepest descent, infinite distance from Me, has been reached.... Inconceivable is the bliss of the former, inconceivable is also the torment and suffering of the condemned, who languish for eternities and have no strength for redemption. It is these souls you should consider....

It is a misguided teaching that there is no salvation from hell, that these souls are eternally condemned by Me.... It is not **I** Who condemns them but they **themselves** who have chosen damnation, not I Who pushed them into the abyss, but they themselves aimed towards the deepest point. However, My love leaves nothing so far away forever and therefore there is even salvation from hell, since I died on the cross for these beings too and accepted their guilt, because My love is greater than My wrath, than My justice. Even hell will have to let go of its last victims, i.e. even the hardest matter will be disintegrated one day, freeing the spirits within for the purpose of ascending to life.... Because hell, as you humans imagine, does not consist of an eternally blazing source of fire, it is not a place which contains the condemned. Hell is an indescribably agonizing condition, a condition which starts on earth when people do not acknowledge Me, hence they disassociate themselves from Me and remain without the strength of My love. They certainly continue to live their physical life without Me and as yet do not feel the weak condition, which their distance from Me entails, as torment, but as soon as their bodily life is over the agony starts: the consciousness to be completely without strength and yet to exist....

It is still possible at first to let go of the resistance if the soul listens to the advice of knowing beings, but these opportunities are rarely valued and the soul descends ever deeper, the distance to Me gets ever greater and the weakness increases until the final hardening takes place.... the new banishment into most solid matter.... Then an infinitely long developmental period will have passed unsuccessfully for the spiritual substance which was once bound in matter and then set free as a human being in order to voluntarily strive for shedding every physical restraint. That it has failed is his free will because I truly do not withhold direct admonishments and warnings. But hell has a far greater attraction than heaven.... and the human being strives with utmost zeal towards matter again which the soul had long overcome. And therefore it is also his fate.... matter will once again be the shell for the spiritual substance which had failed its final test of will.

Hell has opened its gates wide, and countless souls will enter the darkness voluntarily.... Hell will triumph, i.e. its prince will have, as far as numbers are concerned, great success, but I will extort all these souls from him by placing them into the new creation again, and at the same time remove My

adversary's every power over these beings by banishing him into the center of earth.... that is, he will be given the hardest cover as a constraint, which he will be unable to leave again until the will of humans gives him power once more, by people desiring material goods and increasingly distancing themselves from Me again. Then he will fight for the souls again and this contest will be permitted so that the souls can prove themselves by choosing between Me and him, because without the right decision no person can achieve blissfulness....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Hell.... judged matter....

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As long as the spiritual is bound in the solid form, one can speak of judged matter, of the soul which is in judgement, for it is banished by the decision of Him from Whom it once emanated as strength. Judged matter is therefore everything which has not yet undergone any essential change or dissolution in infinitely long periods of time, which therefore, in a manner, does not yet betray life, for the spiritual bound in it is completely powerless and suffers dreadful agonies because it cannot free itself. And this is a pitiable state, it is a state which can be described as hell, which becomes eternity for the being and only improves when the being strives towards the light, i.e. when a support offered to it is no longer rejected.

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It is the environment which torments the being unspeakably, for it is in deepest darkness. Matter holds it captive.... it is bound and remains in resistance to God all the longer and becomes ever more powerless, for the being lacks God's power of love if it keeps itself distant from Him, and lack of God's power of love results in constant hardening, and thus the spiritual being's imprisonment does not become more bearable with the length of time but rather intensifies if the being is to find its way back to God again, from Whom it distanced itself of its own free will although it was offered the opportunity to approach Him. This state of hardening of matter occurs when God withdraws His power of love from the spiritual being, and since the being originates in power from God, everything divine is blissful, but wretchedness is a state of torment, the distance from God can therefore be regarded as hell, for it completely contradicts the original state and purpose of the creatural which originated from God, although it lacks the awareness of its self even in the furthest distance from God but still feels all torment. Yet he lacks realisation, for this is the inevitable consequence of the beingness' distance from God. Consequently, a change of his state, an improvement of his situation is also a matter of an endless long time. It is an eternity for the bound spiritual, and a change would never occur if the being alone were to bring it about through its will, for this is weakened to the utmost and gets no boost if it is not offered help on the part of divine mercy. And this will inevitably happen, yet the times God needs in order to persuade the spiritual substance which is opposed to Him to give up its resistance cannot be assessed by people on this earth, yet God's mercy will not drop any of His creations completely, for they emerged from His love and God's love will never cease. Material creations are constant evidence of God's love, they are an expression of His deepest mercy and also a testimony of His justice, just as the great guilt of a sin against God requires a punishment, an expiation of the guilt of sin. And again, the term 'eternal times' applies, for a human being cannot detect any passing away or dissolution or change of certain creations during his lifetime, and it is these which harbour the spiritual condemned to hell. And yet, the time of bursting comes one day even for the hardest material work of creation which releases the spiritual being bound within it.... One day God's mercy will be greater than His wrath, and one day the spiritual will enter the process of ascent again, one day the torments of hell will subside, they will diminish when the due penance for God's justice has been done. Then God's love comes into effect again, and it lifts the deeply fallen up to itself again. For God's love outshines everything, God's love does not allow eternal condemnation, for God's love

there is no permanent separation from Him, for He desires His living creations and does not let go of them but seeks to make them happy because they are and will remain His for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Concept of hell and its torments....

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A transfigured body and a transfigured soul ascended to heaven when I accomplished My work of redemption.... Only that which has completely spiritualized itself can enter into the heights of light.... thus enter the kingdom of heaven.... If this is understandable to you humans, it will also be possible for you to understand that everything which departs immaturely from earth also remains in the abyss.... that it still has to carry so many burdens which prevent its flight upwards, that it remains fixed in earthly surroundings and thus also dwells in earthly surroundings even though death has ended its stay on earth.... You will understand that the soul.... the spiritual.... which is thus enveloped by impure substances, by earthly desire and which is still completely immersed in material thinking, is completely impermeable to light and its darkened state cannot be a state of beatitude.... You will understand that the kingdom in which it dwells is infinitely far away from the kingdom into which I entered in the transfigured body.... And you will understand that this kingdom is called hell in contrast to the kingdom of light, which only harbours most blissful beings. An immature soul takes all its bad qualities and passions over into the kingdom of the dead, and it will want to let off steam there according to its nature.... It will unleash the same passions in the souls surrounding it, and therefore there will be no peace and quiet but battles will always break out for supremacy, because these beings only ever pursue earthly aims which constituted their purpose in life on earth. Such fights and disputes do not contribute towards their liberation, they aggravate their lot themselves, they rage against themselves and become ever more deeply dependent on the one in whose kingdom they dwell. Their innermost being is roiled by hatred and envy, they burn with a desire for revenge, and like a fire the hatred flares up in them which wants to destroy everything.... And whatever they do in their rage.... it does not satisfy them or free them from their state of hatred.... There is a constant ember of hatred in them, a fire of the worst passions, a fire without end.... unless they take counsel from the beings who approach them for help, to lead them out of the hell of their own passions.... Do you now understand what hell actually is? That by it is to be understood a state which is worse than a fire, because it (it) has only (also) the **destroying** qualities of it, but not only purifying qualities.... and that such a state can last for eternities, because even the efforts of beings willing to help can remain unsuccessful with souls whose shells are still impenetrable, and even the love of the helping beings is unable to penetrate the shells. Countless possibilities are opened up by My love to souls which depart from earth as little or not at all mature.... And that is why the spheres in which these souls dwell are so different, from the deepest depth up to the height there are countless intermediate stages, depending on the soul's cover, to what extent it is impermeable or can already catch weak rays of light. And yet hell.... the realm of demonic, hate-distorted and misshapen souls.... is the most densely populated. most densely populated because these souls are still completely materially minded and all their love only applies to the kingdom which belongs to My adversary. And this one truly knows how to kindle greed and unfold all bad urges and characteristics. He stokes the fire to the highest embers which will never go out in his kingdom.... but it is still possible to escape with the help of the one Who is stronger than him.... with the help of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... I went up to heaven.... but as the redeemer of men from sin and death I also descend to hell and bring salvation to those who want to be saved.... For there is also a way out of hell.... even in hell the cross of Christ shines and can soothe souls.... The light of the cross can touch a soul in such a way that it is weary of the eternal struggle and clings to the rescue beam of the cross, and its deep guilt is wiped away for the sake of the merciful love of Jesus.... There is also redemption from hell, for My love is greater than all guilt....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

False doctrine: eternal damnation

There is no eternal death....

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When I speak to you through the voice of the spirit then you can also be certain that you receive the pure truth, and you need not worry about spreading error into the world. But the working of My spirit is not always permitted, and then misguided teachings will also be represented as divine truth, and these will cause you to worry about the truth of the word you received. Yet you need not fear misguidance on My part, and you will always enjoy My protection as long as you want to be of service to Me and sincerely endeavour to only fulfil My will. It is a purely spiritual process which always takes place in you when the spiritual spark in you seeks contact with the eternal father-spirit, and the instruction you now receive from within through Me can only be of **spiritual** content again, for I want to enlighten you about things which are only significant for your soul. And therefore you will already recognize by the content of the good you receive whether the **spirit in you** or the **intellect** was active.... That the intellect can err is possible.... But My spirit does not err. Therefore you can pass on without hesitation what My love offers you through the transmission of My word, and you need not doubt or fear to represent an untruth yourselves.... It is coming to an end.... And this is the reason why I repeatedly convey the pure truth to earth, for much error has entered the teaching material and again and again I try to correct this error. I enlighten you in the most understandable and simple way about My plan of salvation from eternity.... What this means will only become clear to you when you dwell in the kingdom of light where you can see everything and are in fullest realization. But as far as it can be made comprehensible to you, the knowledge of it comes to you in order to give you only a small light why you stay on earth. I reveal Myself so that you receive information about **My being...** For I want to win your love, and therefore you should also know the being to Whom you should give your love.... And you shall know that I **am Love...** You shall gain faith in it and never lose this faith again.... For I court your love, because you came forth from My love.... And thus I want to tell you one thing: What somehow gives cause to doubt My love is error.... Love is My fundamental being, and love never ends.... And the beings which emerged from My love never lose My love, even if they once voluntarily distanced themselves from Me.... My love follows them and does not rest until these beings have returned to Me again.... Thus they **cannot** be lost **forever...** For if I were to relinquish just **one** being it would also mean that I had abandoned it to My adversary. And this cannot and will **not** happen eternally. The fact that the time of your distance from Me cannot be called a state of 'life' goes without saying, because the flow of strength of love, to which the being closes itself in resistance, is an essential part of life.... Thus it is then in a state of death.... But even this will not last forever because I will not rest until **everything** has come to life and I will certainly reach this aim one day. There is no **eternal** separation from Me, for My love is so strong that it will one day break the hardest resistance.... but not by coercion, because love does not use coercion.... But its strength is effective, and in the long run no being can resist the divine strength of love. You humans **must believe in My love**, which is infinitely profound, which can never diminish and which is the fundamental basis of all being.... But where would My love be if only one being were abandoned to ruin and eternally doomed to death? If this teaching is brought to you then reject it, for it does not correspond to the truth, it was brought to you by My adversary who tries to slip in wherever he can in order to invalidate the truth, in order to portray Me as an unmerciful God, in order to make people believe in **eternal** damnation. Even My adversary will return to Me one day because he will not be able to resist the strength of love forever.... And if this is certain, then no being can ever fall prey to eternal death which was torn into the abyss by My adversary and which would therefore be hopelessly lost if My love could not also redeem it from hell.... **There is no eternal death....** let it be said to you, otherwise you doubt My love

which truly achieves everything because it is a 'divine strength' which nothing can resist forever. And you can believe that My spirit teaches you correctly, for this is why I impart this knowledge to you, because you allow yourselves to be impressed by misguided teachings.... because it is the time of the end and because you should know the pure truth, so that you give all your love to the one Who called you into life and Who longs for your return because He loves you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Doctrine of damnation is misguided teaching....

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Do not fear to become lost when you carry Me in your heart.... do not believe that an avenging God will punish you for your sins, that He has no mercy, that He will condemn you forever.... I Am a God of love and mercy, and will always help you to ascend from the abyss into which you plunged yourselves of your own free will. As a result of your sins you have placed yourselves into a wretched state; you created the state of suffering you find yourselves in.... Yet I will always support you to find your way back out of the abyss, time after time I will help you to become blessed again as you were in the beginning. You wanted the evil yourselves and drew it close to you, the effect of your past voluntary aspiration and action could never be happiness but has resulted in a miserable state....

But your God and Father loves you because you came forth from His love.... and this love will never cease. Hence it will always endeavour to encourage you back, it will do everything to grant you a blissful fate, but it does require your free will. Since you once left Me voluntarily, since you once burdened yourselves with a grave sin, you also have to return to Me of your own free will again, you have to realise your guilt, you have to regret it and ask Me for forgiveness.... and everything will be as it was in the beginning, you will be blissfully happy in your relationship with Me.... Thus you may always believe in a God of love and mercy.... for although I Am also a righteous God I will nevertheless not leave you to your self-chosen destiny or inflict punishments on you.... It is therefore wrong to say that I condemn you for your sins.... instead I meet this attitude with the act of My love and compassion: My sacrificial death on the cross on behalf of your sins. If I wanted to condemn you eternally for your past guilt of sin My act of Salvation truly would not have been necessary. But I gave you the proof of My love and mercy.... I sacrificed Myself, I died for you, I surrendered My life on the cross for your guilt of sin....

From this alone you can see that the doctrine of eternal damnation is a misguided doctrine, because My act of Salvation proves the opposite.... it gives evidence to you of a God of love and mercy, Who sacrifices Himself in order to redeem your guilt, Who therefore will not ever eternally condemn you.... A punishing God is not the true image of Me and My Being, I Am love and will never plunge My living beings into even greater misery than they already experienced through their apostasy from Me.... I want to regain them and therefore took their guilt upon Myself in order to redeem it, because I took pity on the destiny of the fallen souls and I wanted to help them to ascend.

But the living creation.... the human being in the last stage on earth.... can also refuse to accept My mercy and remain obstinately far away from Me, then he will stay wretched indeed and create his own fate of damnation which, however, he can stop at any time by merely approaching Me, by acknowledging My act of Salvation and by calling upon it.... He will always find in Me a loving Father Who wants to help His child, Who Himself longs for His child and will at all times support him.... He merely respects the free will of the child and does not force it to return. But then it will suffer an unhappy fate until the voluntary return to Me has taken place....

I AM a God of love and mercy.... But righteousness, which is part of My perfect nature too, does not permit Me to provide you with a blissful fate since it was your own fault that you became sinful.... You first have to accept the atonement of your guilt through My salvation, you have to acknowledge Me in Jesus Christ and want to belong to those for whom I shed My blood on the cross.... And truly, you will no longer speak of a God of wrath, Who condemns you mercilessly.... You will experience

My love on yourselves, for He Who took your past guilt of sin upon Himself and atoned it, wants to unite with you again and permeate you with His strength of love, and you will be and remain blissfully happy for all eternity....

Amen

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God does not condemn but wants to redeem....

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It is not Me Who condemns humanity and pushes the souls into the darkness, they strive towards the abyss themselves, they pass their own judgment by living a way of life which enables the prince of darkness to take possession of them and pull them down to his domain. I Am a God of love, and I take pity on all these souls, because My principle is to give pleasure to everything that once emerged from Me. I see their adversity, I see their pitiful state and would like to help all of them; yet as long as they don't want to know Me, as long as they don't want to accept My help, My adversary will keep them firmly under his control, for their will entitles him to do so, just as their opposite will would entitle Me to help them rise into higher spheres. I don't hold the guilt of sin against any human being, albeit as a God of justice I have to demand restitution, atonement. Yet My merciful love has created the opportunity for all sinners to discard their guilt of sin, My merciful love took everyone's guilt of sin upon itself and paid the ransom through the sacrificial death on the cross....

And yet it remains up to every soul to make use of it, because it has received free will from Me, which I will never infringe upon. It is, however, the wrongly orientated free will which will plunge it into damnation; into a condition which is so agonising that it is like the most atrocious captivity, and which it believes was imposed by Me and thus it regards Me as an avenging and punishing God, Who has expelled it into the darkness.... The soul creates its own fate, for what it is and where it is, is a state which has been aspired to in free will, which can only be changed through its own will, but which will also immediately be improved if the soul directs its thoughts towards Me. My love takes hold of every soul and helps it to rise if it wants to strive towards the ascent, hence towards Me. I Am indeed a God of justice, yet what I demand in exchange as atonement for the guilt of sin of the past rebellion against Me, is only the acknowledgment of My act of Salvation, thus the acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.... Just as the spirit once turned away from Me and fell, it shall turn towards Me again in Jesus Christ in order to rise to higher spheres.... I only demand the acknowledgment of His Divinity, because then I will be acknowledged Myself, since I embodied Myself in the man Jesus on earth in order to make it easier for people, for the spirits which once had fallen away from Me, to put right their past sin....

People are far removed from God, they are spiritual beings which had left Me due to their own will; it is not Me Who has condemned these spiritual beings but they who have aimed towards the abyss of their own free will, I would like to lift them up again, yet I cannot place them into a different sphere against their free will: I was and Am and evermore will remain the God of love, and even My justice is surpassed by My merciful love which has looked for a way to satisfy My justice and yet to help the living creations, so that they could come closer to Him again if they had the will to do so. And My love will eternally endeavour to redeem the souls from the abyss, which have lost themselves; My love will eternally reach out its helping hand which need only be grasped in order to be able to escape the abyss, for I Am not a punishing, not a condemning God, I Am a God of love and of mercy, Who only ever wants to give pleasure to what once had emerged from His love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Immature deceased souls near the earth

Souls of the deceased close to earth....

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September 17th 1941

As long as the souls of the deceased still think of and desire earthly possessions and pleasures they will stay within the proximity of earth. Through their longing they are connected with everything they desire and will always stay close to it. Even in the beyond they cannot easily detach themselves from what they loved on earth, with the result that they find it difficult to strive to ascend in the beyond. Spiritual maturing becomes questionable while earthly desire is still captivating the soul, for desire generally excludes giving until the soul desires spiritual nourishment. Receiving this will also awaken or increase its urge to give. But if it is not yet receptive to spiritual sustenance it will not be offered to the soul, for then it has not yet completely separated itself from earth and would never recognise the value of what is desired in the spiritual kingdom as the most precious possession. However, the desire for earthly possessions shows a lack of maturity of soul, and thus earth is surrounded by numerous souls in an inadequate state of maturity, which cannot detach themselves from what seemed dear and desirable to them in earthly life. Such souls can only be helped by prayer, for a loving prayer lets them feel something which they haven't felt until then.... they receive a flow of spiritual strength, which triggers in them something entirely different than the fulfilment of earthly longing. This influx of strength makes them feel extremely happy and they gradually turn away from the goals they had sought after until then. And thus a human being on earth can bestow upon the deceased immense help and a tremendous labour of love if he often forwards a prayer to them, which initiates a detachment from earth and its formerly loved surroundings. All earthly things are a hindrance to higher development, only when the longing for it is fought will spiritual matters step into the forefront, and only then will the ascending progress in the beyond begin, and the sooner the spiritual endeavour starts in the beyond the less the soul will have to fight, for the earthly longing will constantly lessen, the soul will distance itself from earth ever more, and it will have overcome matter when it feels the desire for spiritual possessions.... Then it will not just desire but also want to give, and this is the beginning of the ascent to the pinnacle....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Contact with the deceased Souls close to Earth

B.D. No. 2401

July 8th 1942

Countless souls are close to earth whose state of maturity is still very low and who therefore still harbour the desire for earth because the higher spheres are still inaccessible to them. These souls are often still unaware of the fact that they no longer belong to earth, that is, they still don't know that their physical life on earth has come to an end, and therefore they still remain in their old environment and want to talk to people without, however, being heard by them. Sometimes it can take a long time until they realise that they have nothing to do with the Earth anymore. It takes a long time until they find themselves in their new environment and finally stay away from Earth. This stage of ignorance is not very satisfactory for the soul, for it finds no understanding and help anywhere because it turns to people who cannot help in the way it desires to be helped. Only the realisation that it has passed away from earth for good and that people can only offer their help through prayer motivates the soul to reflect on its present state and to consider the possibility that it might be able to change this state itself. Then it will pay attention to every opportunity which raises its degree of maturity. Only then will it take stock of itself and try to hold itself to account, which will often result in bitter remorse that it did

not use earthly life in accordance with God's will. And during this remorseful mood it is often visited by beings of light which approach it under a cover so as not to be recognised as beings of light. These draw the soul's attention to the suffering of other souls and try to awaken its compassion for them. Then it will depend on its inner attitude as to whether the beings of light will provide it with strength or leave it to its fate again until its compassion for the needy souls outweighs its own suffering and the beings of light continue their influence anew, and then with successful results. Earth is surrounded by countless souls which, in a manner of speaking, still live on earth, but unknown to those people who define everything they cannot see and touch as non-existent, and who therefore refuse to believe that the souls of the deceased surround the people who stay behind. For they can only be seen with spiritual eyes, however, the physical eye is blind, consequently the souls are unable to make themselves known by any means, because people do not react to them, since they are dependent on the divine natural laws in which God Himself has placed them. They only see and hear with physical organs, but the souls of the deceased require spiritual vision.

And so there is no connection between the souls of the deceased and people on earth, in a purely worldly sense; only an entirely spiritual connection exists, and this can only be established if the human being on earth is willing to harmonise with the souls, that is, if the human being on earth believes in the soul's life after death and as a result of this belief tries to communicate with these souls. Consciously getting in touch with the spiritual world is the prerequisite so that contact can be established between people and the souls in the beyond, which makes a mutual understanding possible. And then it depends on who is more knowledgeable, the human being or the soul in the beyond. For the informed participant shall instruct the uninformed one. If the soul in the beyond is in a very immature stage, then the human being can convey his knowledge to it by speaking to the soul, which the souls can understand and hear very well. But, if a human being lacks knowledge, he will be instructed by knowledgeable spiritual beings once his will desires this instruction.

And thus you humans on earth can very beneficially influence the souls which are close to earth, since the state of their maturity is usually inadequate, with little knowledge and therefore not much strength. By transmitting the knowledge with loving thoughts they can be helped insofar as it enables the souls to detach themselves more easily from earth and at the same time turn their attention to equally suffering souls in the beyond. This can awaken love in them and they will subsequently be introduced to further knowledge by the beings of light, which recognise the souls' change of heart, and then, on their part, helpfully support the souls.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Bad influence of immature souls from the beyond....

B.D. No. 8204

July 2nd 1962

The door to the kingdom of light is closed to all those who have not yet recognized their redeemer from sin and death in Me, i.e. who do not recognize Jesus Christ's act of salvation as such and thus also do not acknowledge My human manifestation in **Jesus** and thus Me Myself.... And thus you can also understand that countless souls leave earth and enter the kingdom of the beyond burdened by their original sin, that they wander around in darkness or twilight and still stay close to earth, that they often don't know that they no longer live on earth and yet would like to express themselves through people again and therefore harass them in every way. And thus you are also given a reason for the conduct of many people who are.... influenced by such souls.... let themselves be carried away into the worst deeds. And the closer the end comes the more noticeable this influence will become, for time and again people depart from earth who live and die without faith in Jesus Christ and are therefore not free from their guilt of sin when they enter the kingdom of the beyond.... who take their evil thinking and their will, which is still turned towards the adversary, with them and are also influenced by him to oppress people according to their nature.... And thus the earth is surrounded by an endless host of most evil spirits who know no other goal than to transfer all their vices and desires onto people and to

weaken their will and also mentally influence people so that the rejection of the divine redeemer also becomes stronger in them again and they are all in greatest danger of losing any faith they still have, who now doubt and turn away from Jesus Christ and therefore remain in deepest darkness and enter the kingdom of the beyond.... Can you now understand why I admonish people time and again to take the path to the cross, to hand themselves over to Jesus Christ and ask Him for strength of will, for forgiveness of guilt and help in the battle with the adversary in order to become free from him?.... I only want to inform people that they are bound by their great guilt of apostasy from Me and that they alone cannot break these chains, but (but only) with the help of the divine redeemer they can become free from his power.... And this is the goal of their earthly life, yet people know little or nothing about it, and since they are close to the end they are in great danger of departing unredeemed from this world and thus entering the kingdom of the beyond unredeemed, where it will be very difficult for them to find Jesus Christ, even though this is still possible then. But as long as it is still possible to convey this knowledge of the divine redeemer to people on earth, the whole world of light will work towards it and exert its influence in **My** will to enlighten people about it, and I Myself will convey this knowledge to earth so that people will receive enlightenment about Jesus Christ and His mission in all truth and turn to Him of their own free will.... For only then will they also recognize Me Myself in Him and acknowledge Me and thus also consciously take the path back to Me which leads home, back into the father's house. And many souls in the kingdom of the beyond will also participate in the instructions I Myself give to people on earth who are willing to work for Me and My kingdom. And thereby a light can also be kindled for these souls which can also facilitate (illuminate) their path of ascent on the other side, so that they, too, will learn the truth about Jesus Christ and His act of mercy and will no longer be defensive but call to Him from the darkness for salvation, which will certainly be granted to them. And you humans can support this work of salvation by remembering the departed in intercession and by reciting the gospel to them yourselves, by addressing them and praying to them for clarification about Jesus and referring them to Him when they are in darkness or in spiritual distress. And they will listen to you because every effort in love will be felt beneficially by them. And they will also change their will and consciously turn to Jesus, Whom they now also recognize as redeemer, in Whom I embodied Myself on earth in order to be recognized and acknowledged by you humans.... And you will not perish but come to the life which lasts forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Apathetic state in the afterlife

State of the soul in the afterlife that is still attached to matter....

B.D. No. 1617

September 17th 1940

Everything earthly comes to an end with the physical death of man. There is nothing that man can take over from it into the beyond. Only what his thoughts desire he will find over there, and if these thoughts are still very much connected with matter, with earthly goods, then his imagination will also conjure up these goods for him in the hereafter, according to his desire, but these will no longer exist earthly tangibly. Thus the human being will then live outside the earth but within that which he constructs for himself in his world of thoughts. And so the human being, who cannot yet completely separate himself from matter, has to take up the same battle against it as on earth; he cannot enter the kingdom of the spirit until he has overcome his cravings and freed himself from them. Thus earthly life may well be over but not his earthly state as far as it is felt by the being itself. This is a pitiable state, a state of unfulfilled desires, agonizing longing and constant disappointment, a state of constant dissatisfaction and tormenting self-reproach, or... what is even worse... an apathetic sinking into deepest darkness, where the being is inaccessible to all help and instruction and cannot muster any will to improve its situation. What it has left behind on earth, the soul now tries to gain again and again, it mainly stays where it lived on earth and sees and follows everything that happens. And this is time spent in vain, which brings no change to its situation and also no change to its thinking. Only after an unspeakably long time does it recognize its pitiful state, it realizes that it no longer has any connection with the earth and sees the hopelessness of its efforts to gain or hold on to earthly goods. This realization is followed by a time of deepest despair which lasts until the being gives in to the urging of helpful souls and decides to take action to free itself from its dreadful state.... The path of higher development can now be travelled incredibly quickly once the being has recognized this. Then it seeks to escape the state of darkness by virtue of its will, which it still calls its own, and such a desire is largely supported. It will now willingly separate itself from every desire which was still for earthly possessions, it will no longer desire anything other than light and freedom, and its own agonizing state lets it become sympathetic for the fate of the other unredeemed souls. And now love starts to become active in it by now turning its help towards the beings which are still enveloped by deeper darkness. And now the being redeems itself through the love it gives to its fellow sufferers, and it willingly follows the guidance of the beings of light by allowing itself to be taught by them and now enlightens the beings again, to whom it can thereby bring help. The being only becomes free when it has killed, i.e. overcome, all desire for matter within itself. If the being still succeeds in doing so on earth it can enter the beyond carefree and its state will bring it light and knowledge, yet the path to ascent is indescribably arduous for the soul which is still chained to the possessions of this world, for until it has overcome this inclination it cannot enter spheres of light and thus has to endure endless times of torment until it finally realizes.... but then to restlessly work on itself and make up for what it neglected to do on earth.... to give love in order to redeem itself and its kind through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Conditions in the beyond....

B.D. No. 4820

January 19th 1950

Once you have walked through the gate of death you will no longer feel your earthly shell but will be able to move about easily and freely, you will not be prevented from going wherever you want, you will not be forced in any way. And yet, this state can be painful for you too, namely, when

you find yourselves in darkness, when there is no light and you are unable to see anything. This spiritual blindness is coupled with complete helplessness and a weakness of will which is unable to shake off its lethargy. Hence you will not be influenced by anything externally perceptible, but there can still be a limitation within yourselves which will prevent you from living, that is to say, from actively working in accordance with God's will, which all light-receptive souls may do when they leave earth, and who will therefore be placed into a kingdom where they may behold ever increasing beauty.

To dwell in this magnificent kingdom is immensely blissful for the souls of the dead, for they will leave all worldliness, difficulty, misery and imperfection behind and will be united by love with spiritual beings who are full of love, wisdom and strength. And the soul will take part in this now, ever new discoveries will enchant its spiritual senses, it will behold creations of exceptionally marvellous shapes which cannot be compared to earthly creations. Furthermore, it will no longer be subject to time and space, it will be able to stay wherever it wants and can move into the past as well as into the future. Once the soul has reached perfection, that is, once it has entered the kingdom of light, it is no longer bound to the law of space and time.

Yet even there the degrees of light differ, which stimulate ever greater aspiration and also unite the beings to shape and work with combined strength. The activity in love is a supreme law in this kingdom as well, for this reason the beings of light help each other in perfect harmony, giving happiness and receiving it in turn. Their constant effort, however, concerns the souls in darkness, whom they know to suffer utmost hardship and whom they want to help through teaching.

There is no impulse of life in areas of spiritual darkness, the beings are totally apathetic if they are not burning with rage, thirsting for revenge and engaging in constant fighting with one another. The latter need an endless time until they calm down and fall into a lethargic state. But only then can they be helped by the beings of light. In contrast to these, the imperfect beings are mainly full of selfishness and therefore unapproachable for teachings concerning the commandment of love. However, having ample patience the beings of light never tire of helping them, so that it almost always will result in spiritual progress after the beings have discarded their vicious instincts and no longer attempt to tear each other apart. The state of lethargy is at all times the preliminary state of awakening from sleep, and it only requires some loving support so that these beings, too, will catch a gleam of light and begin to see. Yet it will often take a long time, because free will takes precedence in the spiritual kingdom too, which may not be forced if the being is to achieve beatitude.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Rays of light in the darkness

Shine of light recognizable to the souls in the beyond....

B.D. No. **5354**

April 6th 1952

The beings in the spiritual kingdom are indescribably happy when they see a flash of light, especially when the beings are in darkness which is a torment for them. Then they follow this shine of light and it will always lead them to where the light has its origin.... where beings of light distribute to those who want to receive light. Such emanations can always be sent from the spiritual kingdom, for light-hungry souls are always ready to receive what light beings offer them. But people on earth who are willing to receive can also establish a connection with those beings of light which are also recognizable as rays of light for the souls in the beyond and which are therefore also welcomed by souls in the beyond because they hope to receive light through them. A light will always flash up where people on earth mentally seek the spiritual kingdom, where they mentally converse with beings of light, asking them or communicating their thoughts to them. Then a bright light shines forth which shines so brightly that it beckons many souls out of darkness or twilight who feel beneficently touched for a short time and always feel relief when they come close to such rays of light. These souls are not denied access to the light, but they themselves are free to take advantage of it. Not all souls can muster the understanding for the act of a light transmission from the spiritual kingdom to earth. The significance is explained to them by spiritual guides but they are never forcibly induced to accept light. Yet for the most part they do not leave such light transmissions without an impression, they will again and again return to the place and to the people where connections to the world of light are established, and they participate in it to a certain extent by being attentive listeners and absorbing and thinking through everything that is comprehensible to them in terms of spiritual teachings.... They satisfy their hunger and thirst by accepting the bread of heaven which beings of light offer to people on earth and which every being in the beyond may also claim for itself. People on earth don't know how to help these souls which dwell in darkness by consciously directing their thoughts to God, to the world of light and also directly to those beings which need their help in order to be able to be spiritually instructed. Every thought upwards has an effect as a ray of light, and every ray of light attracts countless souls which want to escape the darkness. And the darkness on earth as well as in the beyond is dispelled by people who walk in the light themselves, i.e. who seek the truth and live in love.... Light constantly emanates from them which makes the souls in darkness happy and attracts them until they are allowed to receive light themselves, until they are allowed to participate in the teachings from the kingdom of light to earth and have finally overcome the darkness....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Redemption of hell.... ray of light in the form of a cross....

B.D. No. **5929**

April 13th 1954

Hell does not want to hand over its victims, and the beings in darkness lack the strength to resist My adversary who keeps them bound. And thus these souls would be hopelessly lost were it not for a weapon against which the lord of the underworld is powerless.... the weapon of love, with which every battle is won and the strongest enemy is defeated. I use this weapon, and with this weapon I will succeed in redeeming hell, albeit in an infinitely long time, because love does not compel the will either and therefore can only become effective when a soul wants it itself.... But how is its will to change, which still remains in hardest resistance against Me?.... My love also descends into hell, and My adversary cannot deny Me entry because he is powerless in the face of My love.... And thus no

being of darkness can take action against Me, they can only turn away from Me and reject My illumination of love.... And these souls are incorrigible for the time being and must continue to remain in their wretched state. Yet I know the state of every individual soul, I also know when the resistance decreases, when the soul enters a state of lethargy and how such a soul then reacts to My illumination of love. And I come to the aid of these souls because they cannot redeem themselves on their own. They are illuminated by a light in the form of a cross which instantly gives them the memory of the one Who died on the cross.... And with the emergence of this thought they now feel a relief, they are suddenly inspired by the desire to get out of their surroundings, and because the cross lights up for them again and again a faint hope arises in them to which they cling and now no longer drop the thought of turning to Him for help.... This desire is the effect of My illumination of love which, however, only occurs where the being has given up resistance. And even this passive state is the result of the love I send to hell and which is able to smooth the waves of hatred in those spheres, to break the resistance and to make a soul compliant.... but without forcing it. Moments speak in the soul's will which are well known to Me and which I will not let pass without doing redemptive work on that soul. But once a soul has been illuminated by the light of Christ's cross, then even the worst forces of darkness are no longer able to hold it back from its intention.... to turn to the one from Whom it promises itself help.... until it once calls upon Him for mercy and pity.... And then My love of Jesus can take hold of it and pull it up from the depth, then its will and its call for Me will have cleared the way for it, for the name of Jesus Christ loosens all chains and opens every dungeon.... before Him the powers of darkness give way, and the soul steps out into the light and is received by servants of love who help it on its way up.... And even if eternities pass, even if the resistance of the fallen is still so great.... one day they will let themselves be taken hold of by My love, for it is infinitely long-suffering and patient and will not let any soul be lost forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Sparks of light lure souls out of darkness....

B.D. No. 9018

July 18th 1965

My love is also meant for the souls in darkness, and I constantly try to have an effect on them, to soothe their thoughts and again and again turn them towards Me, because also in the deep the cross occasionally shines, but is only perceived by those whose senses are already soothed, who are in lethargy of spirit, who therefore also feel touched by the cross of Christ, indeed also only so far that they are not forced to take a stand.... Only the cross will be a sign for them, which they remember, and according to the impression of it their state can change. As soon as a soul falls into this lethargic state there is also the hope for it that it will finally come to its senses and want to leave the place which was its abode for a long time.... that it longs for a change, for a ray of light which may break through the darkness.... And then it is also again and again illuminated by sparks of light, it feels these sparks of light as invitation to follow them, and so slowly comes up, it gets into a circle of seeking souls, which all follow the light, where now also such is carried to them.... They are called upon to help and also do not refuse such because finally a work is assigned to them, which they gladly comply with. But now they also feel help themselves through this help; they feel the power of love, which they turn towards those seeking help, and at the same time they also receive instructions why they themselves can feel that feeling, and therefore they are stimulated to constant help, to thereby also find own help in their trouble. And it is certainly the fewest who return to their old surroundings, who then just did not yet have the earnest will to reach up out of the deep. But once the cross has become visible to these souls then it will not be difficult to also point out to them the importance of that what both the light beings, which dwell unrecognized among them, as well as man can do through the preaching of the gospel to these souls and they are also heard by them, for their resistance is broken, they can only still sink back into the old lethargy, but to rise up from it again and again when it is necessary to help those who are still worse off and thus all these souls help themselves when the will is willing to help. It is always only the beginning very difficult to get the souls to turn their thoughts not only towards themselves,

that they are caused to lend a hand themselves.... but when this is achieved, then every soul rises unceasingly upwards, because with the help given to it by Me also its power rises, and it then cannot help but want to help.... And so the releasing from the deep alone is the most difficult work, but which strongly supports every intercession for such souls, so that more and more souls calm down, that their state is no longer an eternal fight, that the soul separates itself from its surroundings and slowly thinks of itself. Because no man on earth makes intercession for these souls in **vain**. And the souls also notice that help is given to them from one side, and they do not defend themselves against it, and therefore it also detaches itself more and more from its surroundings, until it then follows the sparks of light, which lead it out. Only rarely does a soul ask for help again, and that only when it is not prepared to help, that it therefore also does not feel the power, which it receives through it itself. Then it certainly takes a considerable time until it nevertheless changes its will and again makes the attempt to ascend out of the deep. These souls are in no way abandoned, they merely prolong their stay in the abyss through their resistance, which can nevertheless be broken precisely through intercession in love. And if only every man would remember such an unhappy spirit in love, then all would already be redeemed, because love is the strongest power, which no being can permanently resist. But how many men on earth think of also giving their intercession to those who are unhappy in the true sense of the word, who therefore can only be redeemed through love? But again and again also light beings descend and present their situation to them, asking them to follow them, because everywhere there are places where they can be helped further, if only the being once has given up resistance. Because My constant care is meant for those souls so that they are not banished again into matter. And that is why exactly before the end of a redemption period a great redeemer work starts, both on earth, as well as in the kingdom on the other side, to help as many souls as possible up out of the deep, so that they do not need to walk the course over earth again, and every soul, which just has the smallest little love spark in it, will be rescued....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Beings of light in disguise help souls to emerge from the darkness

Recognition in the Hereafter.... Disguise of the light-beings.... Self-reproach....

B.D. No. 0432

May 25th 1938

At all times you are to remember those who have already long since left the earthly valley and had to enter the hereafter in an immature state. They have indeed landed a hard lot; they cannot find their way in the surroundings granted to them.... they quarrel with themselves and are so very unhappy, that Love must meet them to redeem them.... i.e. to help them to find the right way out of their darkness also there.... Where now there the soul fights for light, it is guided rightly and inevitably advances.

But the time until recognition is so unspeakably hard for this soul. Here on earth, God gave them grace upon grace, so that they should find themselves in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.... There they must still, much more from own strength, strive to reach.... i.e. with own will strive for this recognition, because the strength must as yet be supplied to them by the loving activity of the higher spirit-beings or by commemoration in love in prayer on earth. There is such a great difference between a perfect spirit-being and the soul entrusted to it, that out of such fullness of light it would be impossible to charitably influence the soul around which is still the darkest night.

It would inevitably declare the light, but it has to perish under such sudden fullness of light, and a complete purification of the soul would not take place. So the light-being is commanded to accept a disguise, which makes the interaction easier for the poor soul.... And in this garment, which is only slightly lighter than that of the erring soul, the light-spirit achieves to connect with it and now seeks to bring it into recognition of its situation.... Many possibilities are offered and described to it, which are useful for the improvement of its situation. The soul, which has already become so hopeless in its darkness, embraces everything with the most intimate desire to just free itself from the present situation, and so the aspiration after the light begins....

The condition of such naked souls are often pitiful; they are left to themselves, and remember their failed lives in agony and self-reproach. And an exceedingly great work of love is done on these beings when a little help is brought to them, which people can do so exceedingly easily and abundantly if they remember in prayer these lightless, hard-pressed souls, which on earth, sure out of their own fault rejected all favours offered to them and now exceedingly gratefully accept every smallest help, which makes their situation more bearable for them.

If you want to acquire an extraordinary measure of gratitude, then come to the aid of these souls. They languish in darkness and cannot redeem themselves without it.... and they will also never be admitted to circles of light until they themselves have the firm will to wrestle themselves from darkness with all their strength and striving for bright regions.... And in order to be able to summon up this will from within yourselves, you are to be helpful to these poor beings and, in perpetual concern, remember them in prayer, so that the light may also penetrate there and innumerable beings may be redeemed through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Alida Pretorius

Souls whose level of maturity is still very low lack all strength in the afterlife. They therefore experience nameless torment. They are aware of the strength they had at their disposal on earth. Their lot is therefore worsened and they realize that they are incapable of improving their situation. The state of suffering cannot be described to people, it is a state of extreme poverty and most agonizing discomfort. And in this misery they are joined by souls who try to shake them out of their lethargy and first of all show them the agonizing nature of their condition in order to awaken in them the will to do something to improve their situation. The nature of this activity is incomprehensible to people, it is a serving occupation which, however, has no earthly basis but which is adapted to the spiritual kingdom and therefore cannot be explained to people. Nevertheless, it is an activity which requires the soul's will; it is an activity which it can carry out when the will to help is aroused in it. Only the will to help brings about an improvement in the soul's situation and therefore also progress in its spiritual development. However, it is extremely difficult to motivate such weak, lowly souls to make themselves useful in order to help other souls. In most cases these souls are so absorbed in their own suffering that they have no sympathy for the suffering of other souls. They carelessly pass them by, indeed they often inflict suffering on each other, and their nature is unloving towards each other. But then the soul feels even greater agonies, and these increase to the point of unbearability in order to make the soul compliant when the beings of light approach it in their disguise. The resistance is often great, but on the other hand the souls perceive the participation in their adversity as a benefit, even if they are initially hostile; they then do not want to miss the participation and desire it, and this is already a small step forward which the beings of light eagerly utilize. And this work on the immature souls requires much love and patience on the part of the beings of light. But the success is also so gratifying that they constantly endeavour to bring redemption to these poor souls. As soon as the soul has become more compliant, the work of the beings of light can begin on it. They now show it that it worsens its fate through unkindness but can improve it through love. They try to stimulate it to help by showing it the suffering of the other souls and now work towards the soul helping them. They leave the soul's will free so that it should carry out the helping activity of its own accord. And if the soul does this then the ascent also begins for the needy souls, for the other souls also benefit from it because they themselves do to their fellow-suffering souls what is done to them. The redeeming activity in the beyond is an uninterrupted labour of love of inconceivable importance, so that the souls which have failed on earth can still develop upwards in the beyond and enjoy the happiness and bliss of heaven....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Wide space in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 7419

September 30th 1959

The endless vast spaces in which the soul wanders, which immaturely enters the kingdom of the beyond, are without object.... You must understand that it cannot see anything spiritual itself, earthly things no longer exist and its own image of desire is completely blurred and confused due to its lack of maturity of soul, thus it cannot form its own surroundings out of its thoughts either, for it has no clear image of thought, just as its state of soul is empty.... especially if, despite its old age, it did not learn to overcome the world before its departure from earth. But being completely devoid of faith results in the soul no longer being moved by anything and therefore its state in the beyond corresponds to a completely empty space, in that it now wanders incessantly, always hoping to meet someone the soul is looking for.... This is an agonizing state which should result in a certain desire being awakened in the soul.... the desire for a like-minded soul with whom it could exchange information about this state. And when this desire grows and becomes too strong then a being usually steps into its path which appears to be completely adapted to its state but which is a soul of light which approaches the soul in disguise in order to influence it to change its thinking. For as soon as a

soul is worn out due to its long wanderings it is grateful for every stimulation offered to it by the beings of light through many suggestions which the soul has to accept in order to slowly change its state. But sometimes it is also difficult to win the soul over for a suggestion if it is so hardened that it does not strive for any change, that it remains stubborn in its thinking and yet holds a higher being responsible for its agonizing state. For no unbelieving human being is without a spark of God's realization, and he will always accuse this God-being and blame Him for his wretched state.... which is why it can also take endless times until such a soul is soft and compliant and complies with the suggestion of a being of light which comes to it in the same disguise. But then the state also changes noticeably and the twilight becomes increasingly lighter and clearer, even if one cannot yet speak of a circle of light into which the soul enters, but it begins to behold objects here and there, the emptiness of space is interrupted, and the soul takes in various impressions and demands activity which is now also assigned to it on the part of the being of light. Every soul which wanders about in such vast empty spaces is joined by beings of light in certain periods of time which want to help it, but not every being of light is listened to. And therefore it can take eternal times until such a soul finds redemption, until it has become so compliant that it accepts the proclaimed gospel of love and becomes active accordingly.... Yet without love it can never receive redemption.... And this is why a person's intercession is of such great importance, for it achieves that a soul's will of resistance is broken, that it willingly accepts all instructions and teachings from the beings of light and in a relatively short time emerges from the empty space into beautiful inhabited areas where it continues to work inexorably on its spiritual progress. For the light beings' greatest endeavour is to lead the souls to Jesus Christ, without Whom no soul will find salvation from its wretched state. And where a person's intercession supports this effort of the beings of light the soul can find Jesus Christ more easily, for it senses the human being's love which awakens reciprocal love in the being.... And love joins together with love again, a loving soul recognizes Jesus Christ as God and redeemer of the world, and it will surrender itself to Him without any resistance.... And then the soul is saved for time and eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Twilight state in the afterlife

Transference of light in the beyond....

B.D. No. 6735

January 13th 1957

A bright light shines for the souls in the beyond wherever I Am able to convey My Word to earth. These souls are often surrounded by such profound darkness that it is causing them overwhelming pain from which they would like to escape. And if their desire for light arises then I will also let them recognise sources of light because then the souls will go to them.... And this is the beginning of their ascent.... albeit at first it is almost imperceptible, but once a soul has visited a place where it has detected a ray of light it will keep returning to it, and then there is no further danger that it will descend into darkness again. But what is the nature of the light that makes them feel good and want increasingly more light?....

Souls who apathetically stay in dark spheres are entirely devoid of strength and thus incapable of recognising anything in their environment. However, they are aware of being alive, of not being obliterated, and this awareness is tremendously agonising for them, since they are able to think even though their earthly acquired information has become confused.... Nevertheless, they are able to contemplate their wretched state and thus start to question themselves whether and in what way they have caused this state themselves.... And if such questions arise in them I Am also prepared to answer these questions. But I cannot do so directly, instead I just have to offer them the opportunity to find someone willing to instruct them accordingly. And every such question and the desire for an answer is already a desire for **light**.... All lack of knowledge is the equivalent of darkness for the soul, all correct knowledge is light.... A soul which no longer occupies its body, which therefore is no longer able to see with its physical eyes, is blind as long as it is completely ignorant, and for this period of time it will be engulfed by night.

But it may be given light, it may receive clarification, and as soon as it willingly listens to these explanations it will also perceive that the night is becoming lighter.... At first it will enter into a twilight state, it will begin to formulate clear thoughts and thereby experience a sense of well-being, and then it will become increasingly more illuminated within; it will be able to see what it was previously unable to see.... however, its sense of well-being is not caused by earthly-material impressions, rather it is gladdened by a state of inner enlightenment because it also knows that it will be able to escape its dreadful situation and how it can achieve it. Besides, it is faced by a sphere of activity which it finds indescribably attractive after its former state of inactivity, for now it has the strength to work, since it is motivated to do so by an urge to love.

Hence, the places where My Word can be heard are such places of enlightenment which emanate a glow of bright light attracting innumerable souls.... but which will only be perceived by those who yearn to leave their darkness, who long for light. For there also exist souls which shy away from light, which have sunk so low that the light is painful to them since it reveals their depravity, and who therefore fight the light believing themselves able to extinguish it. However, such souls will be pushed aside, whereas every light-desiring soul will be attracted by or guided to it by helpful beings, and as soon as they merely listen without resistance to what is imparted to them, the state of darkness will change into a state of twilight. Now these souls will be stirred by an impulse for life and they will become hopeful.... they **want** to live in order to become active, and their resolve will also give them the strength....

Light is knowledge, light is truth, and thus light is the only thing that needs to be transferred to the souls in darkness so that they, too, will awaken to life.... And this is why you will always be besieged by light-hungry souls which want to participate in the transference of light when My Word is

conveyed to you, when I enlighten you humans, when I impart the pure truth to you through My spirit.... This is why there will always be a glowing light attracting countless souls as soon as you make contact with Me in order to receive My Word. For the concept of light in the spiritual kingdom only ever has to be understood as the transference of the pure truth from Me.... Light is realisation, light is knowledge which originates from Me, which is radiated by Me Myself to earth in order to penetrate the darkness, to enable you humans to become blessed, but which you only ever will be able to receive if you make contact with Me, with the light of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

State of twilight in the beyond....

B.D. No. 7418

September 29th 1959

Souls passing over into the kingdom of the beyond without having found their Redeemer will find themselves engulfed by thick fog, providing they don't enter the kingdom of darkness due to their totally God-opposing way of life on earth. But there are people who have not become guilty of any explicit wrongdoing, whose offence generally consisted of failing to do good works, who can neither be called bad nor good and whose spirit is therefore not so dark as to be expected by profound darkness in the beyond. Nevertheless, they are not suitable for the kingdom of light either, for their souls are not yet receptive to light, their souls are still encased in thick twilight, they have absolute minimal realisation, depending on their deeds of love which a soul will be able to look back on.

And most souls called back from earth are in this kingdom of twilight.... people, who were apparently righteous in the world and yet have little faith because they lacked love on earth. And these souls are now facing a time of utter barrenness.... a time when they wander about lonely and alone with their thoughts. They are unable to recognise anything in their surroundings, they are spiritually blind and also incapable of perceiving anything but themselves, however, they have not lost their sense of identity, they also remember their past earthly life yet only rather indistinctly and occasionally.... They are in a permanent state of drifting about and searching, for they cannot find what they are looking for.... a place of peace and safety, since they failed to acquire it during their earthly life. They effectively had been parasites on earth, they had lived without having fulfilled their true purpose of life, they have only ever taken and given nothing in return.... irrespective of whether it is understood in an earthly or spiritual way.... They had not acquired any spiritual possessions for themselves but utilized their earthly life in line with their demands. They had spent their earthly life without having seriously thought about its meaning and purpose and living their life accordingly.... And this is what they will receive in the kingdom of the beyond; they won't find anything because they didn't acquire anything that is of lasting value in the spiritual kingdom.

Only now will it show as to whether such a person will be lovingly remembered.... For every loving thought is like a firm foundation on which the soul is now able to move with a certain sense of confidence.... Every loving thought provides the soul with a glimmer of light wherein it is able to recognise its surroundings, if only for a brief moment, but it is stimulated to reflect on it, and its state can only change through deliberation, by experiencing the blissful relief of every loving thought, by starting to regret when it realises what it had failed to do on earth. And, depending on its nature, its willingness and its resistance, the state of such a soul can change equally soon, if it is not entirely obstinately-minded, in which case its blindness can last for an extremely long time before the twilight will give way to a small ray of light.... And since only loving thoughts can provide this relief, much strength of intercession has to be bestowed upon the soul, it should not be left to its fate, which would merely infinitely prolong its lightless state, for only love will be able to change it, love, which fellow human beings will forward to such a soul and which the soul itself lacked in earthly life, but which will be accepted by God on behalf of such a soul....

But it is possible for all you humans on earth to render much help with your love, and you should therefore constantly stay in mental contact with the souls of the departed, time and again you should

tell them about the Gospel of love and that they, even in the beyond, will still have to comply with these two commandments, to love God above all else and their neighbour as themselves.... For this is the only way by which they will be able to make contact with Jesus Christ, without Whom it will be impossible for any soul to enter the kingdom of light. The souls still wandering about in the twilight have not yet made any contact with Jesus Christ, they have not yet found salvation, which was the reason for their life on earth, but they absolutely have to attain it in the beyond if they don't want to descend into the abyss.... Souls wandering about in twilight have not yet been pushed into the abyss, they still have a slight opportunity to find their path into the kingdom of light, for after a long time of barrenness beings of light.... which, however, do not identify themselves as such.... will repeatedly direct them towards the right path leading to Jesus Christ.

And in order that they follow the beings of light, in order that they surrender their opposition, they will require much intercession which you should not deny to the souls. They will be eternally grateful to you if your love prevents their fall into the abyss, if you help them to find their way out of the twilight into the kingdom of light, for your loving intercession will prevent their regression, their souls will become softer and more yielding, and they will find Salvation through Jesus Christ, Who forgives everyone if only he remembers Him and calls upon Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Twilight in the afterlife.... faith in God....

B.D. No. 8339

November 26th 1962

And if only a small light can be kindled for you before your passing away from this world, then you need not enter into deepest darkness and you can find your way, you can also already include other souls in your small circle of light and likewise help them into brightness. And it is such a small light if you believe in a God and creator and pray to Him.... Then your resistance will be broken, and then it will also be possible to let ever brighter light shine towards you in the kingdom of the beyond.... And then you will not reject Jesus Christ either when the knowledge of Him is conveyed to you by spiritual beings of light. For brightest light can only shine for you when you have become free from all guilt, when you acknowledge Him and ask Him for redemption and forgiveness of your guilt.... But how many people depart from this earth without having found Him, and then they cannot be accepted into the kingdom of light either.... Nevertheless, they can move in the twilight if they have faith in Me, if they don't completely deny a God and creator, for the latter would inevitably also mean deepest darkness for the soul.... To walk in twilight is not bliss but not hopeless.... The soul will recognise like-minded souls and also have opportunities to be helpful and thereby also increase the light within and around it.... For the fact that it believes in Me also makes it remember Me and ask for help, and this can only ever be given to it in the kingdom of the beyond if it accepts the advice given to it by unknown beings of light which only ever consist of calling upon Jesus Christ and providing help for suffering souls. The resistance will also no longer be so great because it has already given up resistance on earth through her faith in Me. Therefore it is extremely important to bring My word to people while they are still on earth, which instructs them and can bring Me Myself close to them, for their will is free and their faith in Me must also be free, and they can only gain it through faith in love.... Hence the constant admonition to fulfil the commandments of love for God and neighbour is necessary.... and anyone who follows these admonitions will also soon recognise Me through his activity of love and believe in Me.... And he shall at least have reached this degree on earth, then he need not fear the hour of death either, even though he cannot enter the realms of the blessed, yet he will take a small light across with him which will illuminate his path and, in accordance with his even now still free will, will be increased and his ascent upwards will be assured for him.... But where not the slightest light could be kindled, deepest darkness is irrevocably the fate of a soul which will sink far deeper rather than take the path of ascent, even though lights occasionally shine in the darkness and entice the souls out.... yet the help offered to them is rarely accepted unless much intercession is given to those souls, which has the effect of a flow of strength and can then also cause a soul to

change and desire light.... But at present human hearts on earth are in a state of profound darkness, for faith in Me has been lost to humanity because a formal faith.... a church faith which is not alive through love.... cannot be called faith and people themselves are not inwardly convinced that there is a God before Whom they will one day have to answer. This is why the kingdom of darkness is extremely densely populated and the earth is surrounded by souls which are unable to detach themselves from their former surroundings and which affect people in the most unfavourable way. So that this darkness on earth will still be broken through, small lights will shine everywhere, i.e., I will try to guide My word everywhere which shall enlighten people's hearts so that the number of those who hopelessly sink into the abyss will be reduced. For the spiritual kingdom will soon close its gates and no longer accept such dark souls, for as soon as the end of the earth has come they will fall into the lot of the new banishment.... Darkness will be their portion because they shunned the light which was offered to them from above....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overcoming matter in the hereafter

Overcoming matter in the hereafter....

B.D. No. 1956

June 17th 1941

Coarse matter is the last obstacle which the soul has to overcome in order to finally become free. The change through all forms now comes to an end with the death of the body of man, but the desire in the hereafter is still for the same things as in earth life, as long as the soul on earth has not completely overcome matter. But now a change is taking place. The desire for it is strong.... it therefore has the effect that everything he longs for is before his eyes.... within reach.... and when he wants to satisfy his desire, it has disappeared before his eyes. The agony of being unsatisfied is unimaginable, but it is the only means by which man can learn to overcome matter. As soon as he begins to realize that everything is only reflected before his spiritual eye, he curbs his desire, thus begins to despise earthly things, and only then does he think about his sad situation, and only then can he reach the heights. This battle against matter should be fought as far as possible in earthly life by suppressing the desire for the goods of the world at an early stage and striving for spiritual good. It takes thousands of years before the soul has changed through matter, and its former cover presents itself to it once again in earth life in everything that now surrounds the human being, so that the soul now finally separates itself from that which was its abode for endless times. And it will not pass the test if it allows itself to be captured again by that which it is supposed to give away of its own free will. If it does not succeed in doing so then matter will torment it anew in the beyond, but in a way which means pain and agony for the soul, whereas in earthly life overcoming it only requires its will and can be replaced by spiritual possessions which are likewise offered to it and.... if this is accepted.... the desire for matter is stifled by itself. „You cannot serve two masters“, it says, and this also applies to spiritual and earthly good, i.e. to what is offered to the soul from above and what is accessible to it on earth as matter. He who desires the one forfeits the other, and in order to possess the one, the other must be sacrificed. But if the soul takes the desire for earthly goods with it into the hereafter, the change on earth was in vain. It stands where it stood at the beginning of its embodiment as a human being, and in order to purify the soul from the last dross, painful means are required, and the life in the beyond is only a state of unspeakable agony....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Fight against matter in the hereafter.... help from above....

B.D. No. 1045

August 9th 1939

Those souls are entitled to enter the kingdom of peace who have cultivated a purely spiritual relationship in earthly life and have therefore fulfilled all preconditions for a life of bliss on earth. Everything that dedicates itself to the spiritual never has to fear an agonizing state in the beyond, for it has consciously separated itself from the earthly world.... and therefore need not fear to be in close contact with matter again, as is the case, however, with completely imperfectly departed souls or souls that are still too attached to earthly things. These have not yet become completely free from matter, and since their love is therefore still for matter, they will also have to endure the same struggles and trials in the life beyond in order to attain final liberation from it. Although all matter only exists in the imagination of such a soul, the battle is precisely to overcome it, and thus the soul suffers as it did on earth due to its greed for the possession of everything that was desirable to it on earth and will not release the soul's senses again until it has fought down all desire within itself and thus become free, i.e. has overcome matter. The state in the hereafter is not very enviable. The soul is continually

tormented by the urge for possessions, it is, as on earth, unfree as soon as a desire arises in it; it also believes that it has complete right of disposal over everything material and is thus incredibly domineering and selfish as long as it is not in realization. And again, this realization cannot be imparted to the soul if it does not willingly lend a hand itself, i.e. if it shakes off everything that bound it on earth and is willing to give in return. The only possibility of complete liberation is again only the prayer of a person who remembers the soul with love or the love of the souls approaching it from above. These try to make the soul understand how little value the collection of earthly goods has for the soul in the beyond.... When this is presented to it in such detail, many a soul is still able to free itself from its tormenting shell, for the so longingly desired earthly goods...., which in truth do not exist at all...., are wrapped around the soul like shackles and weigh it down and burden it indescribably, and it will not feel the beneficence of the help granted to it by higher spiritual beings until it willingly renounces all earthly goods. Countless souls still languish in the bonds of matter.... countless beings have to atone bitterly for wasting their hearts on earthly trinkets, on worldly goods, and only when they realize that everything that seems attractive to them only exists in their imagination, only when they sense that true bliss in the beyond can only be attained by sacrificing or surrendering all earthly desires or earthly possessions, will the soul find the right connection between things and gradually approach the right realization. But then it progresses quickly; but before it has reached the right realization, its state is a pitiable one and it is extremely grateful for every help that is brought to it by loving people or higher spiritual beings, and that is why man should always remember these souls in prayer....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Repentance of the souls in darkness

Repentance of the soul in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 4081

July 10th 1947

For the soul in the beyond, the consciousness of having caused its own situation and of being deprived of any possibility to change its condition by its own efforts is immensely burdensome. But it only has this consciousness when the desire arises in it to create an improvement. Before that it is apathetic, it strives neither upwards nor downwards, it only feels unparalleled agony and is completely without will until, with the help of beings of light which approach it in disguise, it is offered the opportunity again to meet with other souls, and now the urge awakens in it to enter another environment, in the belief that it will then also have escaped the agonising state. And now it realises that it has to make up for what it missed on earth, that it has to work in love. And now it also recognises her idle period on earth, and its remorse for the many passed-up opportunities is extremely deep. With good will it will soon feel an improvement, for as soon as it feels remorse it will also use every opportunity to be lovingly active towards the needy souls, for a hardened soul will turn more downwards and never feel remorse about its own guilt, because such a soul can never recognise its wrongdoing through the influence of evil forces and therefore also feels no remorse. Only the realisation of its guilt is capable of stimulating the soul in its striving upwards. And then loving activity sets in, which supplies it with the strength to ascend. The awareness of its guilt is always the result of compassion for the souls which, like it, have to endure an agonising state, and this impulse already earns the soul the help of the beings of light which now do not slacken until it has found and entered the path upwards. And the further the soul progresses in realisation the more diligently it pursues its activity of love in the beyond and helps all those who are still below it, because it knows about their agonies and would like to help reduce them. And this activity of love now makes its own remorse diminish, after all, it still has the opportunity to mature, and even if it can never reach the highest degree, the childship to God, which can only be acquired through a life of love on earth, it is nevertheless blissfully aware that it can serve God, Whom it now loves above all else, for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Remorse of souls who rejected divine gifts of grace....

B.D. No. 4887

May 1st 1950

Souls will find themselves in serious spiritual difficulties if they have been approached by Me in the Word and did not accept it as the Father's voice. For they have the ability to recognise it, they merely lack the will to consider it seriously. Yet one day these souls will realise it and then their remorse of not having utilised My precious gift of grace will be huge and their self-reproaches will be inconceivable torments. Anyone who is offered My gift of grace is in fact being called to work spiritually, because I know his soul's degree of maturity and want to further its progress. He is capable of understanding as soon as he is willing to live in truth. Hence he will face the crucial decision to either follow eternal truth or the world, and it is then up to his will to choose which path to follow. Consequently, a person who can choose between two directions and voluntarily takes the wrong path has to be answerable for it. The soul is subconsciously aware of this and therefore in difficulty, even if the human being's intellect wants to dismiss such considerations. Then soul and intellect will argue about significant spiritual disagreements, and blessed is the person whose soul is still able to convince the intellect of its error before it is too late, that is, before the soul leaves its mortal shell.

But if it enters the spiritual kingdom in a state of darkness then it will experience the light, which should have illuminated it, like a fire within itself. For even in a state of ignorance the soul will remain conscious of the fact that it dwells in darkness due to its own fault, because it had fled the light that was ignited by My love and grace. Then it will live in great anguish and long for this immense gift of grace, which it cannot receive again once it has been rejected. Although it can be helped by the beings of light they will not appear to the soul as carriers of light, instead the soul's free will is tested in a different way, so that it will have to make a crucial decision again.... to follow the souls of light, which do not identify themselves but want to be of help.... or to remain obstinate and decline the light beings' assistance. Just as the human being on earth is not forced to accept the light that shines to earth from above, the souls' will in the spiritual kingdom also decides whether they should accept the help that is constantly offered by My eternal love in order to guide them towards progress.

On earth, however, they have an exceptional gift of grace in My Word, which will result in their spiritual maturity with certainty. Therefore, it is irresponsible to ignore My Word which is offered to people from above, and to be indifferent or completely negatively inclined towards it. And, understandably, it has to be extremely depressing for a soul to know that it had ignored the most certain means for attaining eternal life and has to dwell in an unfortunate state in the spiritual sphere of darkness and misery. Yet it was of its own free will, it will have created the pitiful state of its own accord and now either has to endure it or voluntarily strive to change, thus make use of every opportunity My love and mercy provide so that it will still be able to ascend and enter the kingdom of light, if only after an infinitely long time. Only the soul's will creates its fate in eternity.... its will awakens the soul to life, just as it can cause its spiritual death....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Remorse in the beyond.... Ascent....

B.D. No. 7199

November 1st 1958

Sooner or later you will bitterly regret the time you had lost in your earthly life and you will realise in the beyond what you had forfeited in your earthly life. And lost time during your earthly life is every day which was purely spent in an earthly way, when you gave no room to any spiritual thoughts.... which thus did not correspond to the actual purpose that is the reason for your embodiment as a human being. As long as you live on earth you don't take this knowledge seriously, even if you have it. Yet in the kingdom of the beyond it will burden you like a heavy stone which you will be unable to shift. You will remember these days time after time, and you will regret every pointless deed, just as you will bitterly regret every missed opportunity which you could have utilized for the benefit of your soul.

And still you can count yourself privileged if you come to this realisation in the spiritual realm, if you don't belong to those who are utterly immersed in darkness and don't even feel remorse, because they simply don't realise what they had inflicted on themselves.... who will still have to struggle for a long time in order to ever get to the state when they can see a small glimmer of light and only then realise how futile their earthly life had been.... For once this glimmer of light exists the soul can still be motivated by bitter remorse to turn inwards and change its thoughts and will.... And then it can be given enough strength to enable it to actively help suffering souls, and after that it will certainly progress, even if the conditions are far more difficult than it would have been possible in earthly life.

Hence remorse has to precede progress, for only a soul which begins to understand will try to change its situation, and any realisation will also reveal to the soul the futile path of earthly life, which will always result in bitter regret but also signify a turning point in its wretched state. But for this reason it is also of greatest significance for the human being that he will still arrive at some, if only minimal, knowledge while he is still living on earth, that he will begin to recognise the purpose of earthly life and still try to improve himself before he passes away from this world. For to be able to pass over with even the smallest amount of knowledge will always signify a glimmer of light for this

soul.... it will not be moved into total darkness after its physical death, it will be able to find its way about in the twilight, and in a flash it will understand and then also do everything in order to acquire light for itself.

It will also recognise that much work is waiting for it in the spiritual kingdom if only it is willing to work, and the small glimmer of light will guide it onto the right path, which it indeed will take with a feeling of remorse for not having used its earthly life correctly yet also in constant hope for help, which it surely will be granted as soon as it recognises Jesus Christ and appeals to Him for help. Then it will not be hopelessly lost, it will be able to ascend; it will just never be able to achieve the degree which results in unlimited beatitude at the Father's heart.... the childship to God, which is the fate of those who on **earth** endeavour to fulfil the task they were given.... who looked for and found unification with their Father of eternity on earth already....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Needy souls.... Remorse.... Loving help....

B.D. No. 3256

September 15th 1944

When you humans have concluded your earthly life and entered the spiritual realm, the time of your earthly life will appear like a mere moment as soon as the memory of the infinitely long time before your embodiment as a human being is returned to you. And then you will also understand that the last stage of your soul's development has been an great mercy, and anyone who has used it and achieved admission into the spiritual realm, anyone who need not reproach himself for having allowed the graces of earthly life pass him by, is blessed. The remorse in the beyond is all the more painful when the soul realises that it is no longer able to put right what it had avoided or neglected on earth, when the soul becomes aware of the inconceivable suffering of the infinitely long earthly path and how easy the short life as a human being had been in comparison, which it did not value correctly.... The soul's regret of a wrongly lived earthly life is so agonising and depressing that this in itself causes the soul to do penance and worsens its painful situation; yet physical life with its many opportunities to mature is over now and the soul has to accept the consequences of its earthly way of life. It has to continue its process of development in the beyond but with far more difficulties than on earth as long as it is not allowed to enter the realm of light.

You humans do not know the distress of such a soul in darkness and the merciful love it requires to receive help. You all should have compassion on such souls, you should think of them with love or they can never be redeemed because they are too weak without help, because only love will give them strength and the souls hope and ask for this love from people.... since the spirits of light can only help these souls when they are willing to help other souls. But in order to awaken this willingness to help their will has to be strengthened, and only the strength given to them by people's love on earth can achieve that. Lost souls, i.e. those who have not used their earthly life correctly or who lived entirely without spiritual aspiration on earth are in greatest need because they have no strength whatsoever and entirely depleted willpower. To help these souls is one of the greatest works of love which the human being can perform. He should constantly pray for such souls, he should mentally inform them that they ought to act with kindness even in the beyond, time and again he should urge them to love, he should mentally communicate with them and with his love give them strength, which is comforting to the soul as it alleviates its state of suffering. And the souls will be eternally grateful to people whose loving help will release them from their agonising situation as soon as they can take part in the redemption work themselves, as soon as they can reduce the suffering of other souls by bringing them spiritual knowledge which, however, they first have to acquire themselves.

Due to their will to help their greatest need is remedied and their remorse will lessen at the same rate as their willingness to help grows. For then the soul understands that it is needed in the spiritual realm and in its enthusiasm forgets its own suffering.... It strives to gather spiritual values in order to share them again; it has created for itself a new sphere of activity and tries to make up for what it had

neglected to do on earth.... to give love.... And now it can continue its process of development in the spiritual realm, thanks to the help of people's loving thoughts on earth for which it will be eternally grateful....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Souls in the darknes ask for help

Needy souls beg for prayers....

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June 24th 1942

Listen to the pleas of the dead.... Do not refuse them your intercession when they remind you of themselves, and know that without your help they have to suffer indescribably. The fate of an unredeemed soul is extremely sad, and you don't know whether a soul is redeemed or whether it is suffering in this painful state and requires your help. You can only help these poor souls with prayer because then they feel your love and this gives them the strength to improve their own fate. They change their will, and this is first and foremost necessary to initiate a transformation of their sad situation. The souls are grateful for even the least amount of support because they completely depend on you or on the mercy of the souls who have already attained a higher degree of maturity. But these are only permitted to help them when the souls' will requests a change of their present situation.... However, the will of such souls is weak if not completely inactive and therefore they often have to languish for an infinite length of time if they do not receive support by means of intercession which gives them the strength to change their will, i.e. to activate their will. If you could understand such souls' suffering you would not let them ask in vain.... because every thought of a deceased is their way of bringing themselves to your attention and a call for help in need.

Humanity is very unkind to each other and without belief in life after death. That is why it does not remember its deceased and thus they suffer greatly. Time and again they push themselves into the thoughts of the human being to induce him to pray for them. There is immense hardship in the beyond and even the souls of unknown deceased come close to those who compassionately remember the poor souls.... because they experience every gift of prayer as beneficial, as an increase of strength and will to ascend. Deeply compassionate people on earth are always surrounded by needy souls who are hoping for their help. Even the resolve to help such souls is a gift of strength to them and every loving thought which includes them strengthens their will. And then helpful beings in the beyond can come to aid these souls by conveying the strength which is necessary to lessen their overwhelming suffering. Human beings do not really know how to value prayer as a gift of mercy. They can achieve everything by right prayer because God Himself has offered this blessing to them and imposes no restrictions. However, the soul cannot help itself in the beyond but depends on help. And you should give them this love and help to save them from the most painful condition and to facilitate the start of their self-deliverance.... Once the soul has overcome the point of weakness then its aspiration only strives upwards and its greatest need is remedied. However, it has to receive the strength for this by means of loving intercession because only the action of love leads to the redemption of the soul. If the soul itself is too weak to do works of love the human being should lovingly support it so that it receives the strength which it needs for its progress. For that reason you should not forget the needy souls.... because they implore you to help them....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Desire for light in the beyond.... Spiritual conversations....

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The desire for light in the beyond is very strong in those who have recognised that the degree of bliss depends to a certain extent on awareness which they, however, are lacking. These are beings which cannot be denied to have possessed some integrity on earth, which had made an effort to do what is right and fair yet did not believe in a higher Power, in the continuation of the soul's life, in a

spiritual kingdom. This unbelief also made them unreceptive for spiritual knowledge on earth, they lacked the will to believe. As a result they considered everything of a spiritual nature that was presented to them by believers as unreal and untrue. They lacked the will to learn something about it because of their unbelief, but also because earthly life appeared so extraordinarily important to them that they only worked and achieved for it.... In the kingdom of the beyond, however, they gradually begin to realise the reality of the spiritual realm and yet they are unable to clearly recognise their own existence and situation.

They don't know what is real and what is unreal, they see vague images which they don't understand, they are stimulated to think and yet cannot cope on their own.... And they long for light, for clarification and are grateful if it is given to them.... But their lack of faith makes it more difficult for the teachers in the spiritual kingdom to be believed, because everything seems unacceptable to them due to the attitude they had on earth. Nevertheless, they constantly strive for clarification, they want to know the truth and therefore it will also be conveyed to them. Thus they concede that the kingdom of the beyond is real, because the knowledge of earthly life had not been entirely taken away from them. They are already convinced of a life after death and this conviction impels them to untiringly look for what they are missing.... for light.... and they linger wherever the information can be given to them.... And yet they can only be given light once they are stimulated by love to work with it.... The reason why so many a soul is without light, without knowledge, for an indescribably long time despite its desire for it is due to the fact that it has no sympathy for equally suffering souls.... because it only wants light for selfish reasons and therefore it cannot be provided with it as yet.

But people who had endeavoured to be of service to their fellow human beings on earth, be it through inventions, advice or instructions, will also want to do the same in the kingdom of the beyond and therefore can often be very quickly given the right knowledge, because then they will also want to be of service and be able to work for the benefit of uninformed souls. Yet knowledge will not be forcibly imparted to any being, it has to be sincerely desired and keenly sought after.... Then it will still be up to the soul to form its own opinion about the imparted light; but this will not fail to have the desired effect if the soul has the sincere will to use it correctly.... The teachings of people on earth can therefore result in great blessings if they always remember that numerous souls are present and take part in every spiritual conversation, that the instructions should therefore also be conducted in a spirit of love which affects these souls as well and removes all wilful rejection from them.... Anyone in possession of true spiritual knowledge shall also pass it on to all who are in need of it.... and often consider the souls in the beyond which are sometimes more willing to accept it than people on earth, who, in their illusive life, would still like to reject everything that relates to a life in the beyond. Good and bad conversations are echoed in the kingdom of the beyond.... Always remember this and constantly try to think and speak such that the souls in the beyond will be able to learn, that they will gladly listen to you and always derive a benefit for themselves, and you will always be surrounded by souls who also want to be of service to you, their strength permitting.... You can spread light in every way, and you will always find grateful students in the light-hungry souls of the beyond, and your work for the kingdom of God will be blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Calling upon Jesus Christ from the darkness....

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August 17th 1956

It is not My will that shall determine your fate in eternity, but rather you yourselves, through your will, shall make it either glorious or dreadful; but you can change an appalling situation and, if you want to do this, will always receive My support. And regardless of how dark you are, light will be made accessible to you, and if you desire light then you will always be able to remain therein, you won't have to return to the darkness, for your will shall always be complied with even in the spiritual kingdom. Don't reject those who want to make you happy by giving you light. You will feel better

than in the dark regions from which everything shall ascend to the light one day, although it has to happen voluntarily.... All of you who dwell in dark regions, be they on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond, are unhappy living creations without peace, without light and without strength....

These are the effects of sin with which you have been burdened for eternity and which you have even increased during your earthly life as a result of your heartless way of living.... As long as you are not released from this guilt of sin your state cannot improve either. But you can want to have the guilt taken from you so that you can arrive at light and blissfulness. First decide to become free from a restraint which burdens and tortures you.... Resolve to entrust yourselves to the One Who can set you free, and appeal to Him to help you. You all know of the One Who sacrificed Himself on the cross for the guilt of your sins.... You all know of Jesus Christ, but not all of you believe in Him and His act of Salvation. And yet He is the only One Who can help you in your distressing situation, Who can lift you up from the abyss, Who can and wants to grant you light and life.... but Whom you have to call upon yourselves and appeal for help. Anyone who does not believe in Him will not turn to Him either and will remain in darkness forever, since there is no other way to happiness without Him. But time and again you will be referred to the One, time and again a light will be offered to you, a gleam of hope, which you should heed. Turning your eyes to the gleam of light a cross will always shine for you, if you are not entirely obstinate, for in His great mercy He will come to meet you in order to save you.... But you may also rest assured that He will save you if only you want it yourselves....

And thus I repeat that I do not condemn you, that it is not My will which has determined the fate which makes you feel unhappy, but rather you created it yourselves and you can also change it yourselves if you take refuge in the One Who can release you.... in Jesus Christ, with Whom I Myself have become as one, Who thus is your God and Father of eternity. Irrespective of whether you are still living on earth or whether you have had to shed your earthly cover already.... light will only be within and around you when you have found Jesus Christ.... but without Him you will be living in darkness, without Him you will also be distant from Me, Who had embodied Himself in the man Jesus Christ in order to die on your behalf on the cross for the atonement of your guilt of sin.... Only when a person hands his guilt over to Me with complete faith will he get released from it, and that is entirely up to your own will.... My love cannot do anymore but to keep sending you bearers of light proclaiming My will, who will also kindle a light in you.... Allow yourselves to become illuminated, change and come to Me in Jesus Christ.... and the darkness will recede, bright light will appear and all torments of darkness will fall away from you, you will be able to rise into spheres of light and be and forever remain blissfully happy....

Amen

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Help of Jesus Christ in the dark realm

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

B.D. No. 6789

March 23rd 1957

Through God's strength you must attain life even though you are still in deepest darkness, in a state of death, for it awakens everything that is dead to life. But the fact that God's strength touches you is necessary for the time being, for it can only touch you when you allow this touch. Even in the state of death your will is not determined.... This applies to the being which has already regained ego consciousness.... i.e. the human being.... and also for the being which, after its earthly change, entered the kingdom of the beyond in an immature state and then sank into the abyss.... whose abode is therefore the dark kingdom of God's adversary. But as long as this being still has its ego-consciousness, as long as it is still aware of its existence, it still has the possibility to change its dead state. It can come back to life if it allows itself to be touched by God's strength. But because its will is free, there is an equally great danger that it will **not** give up its resistance to God's illumination of love. Then it will sink deeper and deeper, its spiritual substance will harden, it will lose its self-awareness and will be banished again into works of creation.... And in order to avert the fate of the new banishment, in order to protect as many beings as possible from it, those souls of darkness are constantly influenced. A work of redemption of such great magnitude is underway as has never taken place before in the spiritual kingdom. God's love seeks to save what can still be saved, and the work of redemption is carried out by the beings of light with such a loving heart that it is not without success. Again and again messengers of light approach the dark beings but they do not appear in their radiant light but, as it were, adapt themselves to the darkness and, with gentleness and patience, persuade those souls to follow them to where it is less agonizing. And again and again individual souls detach themselves from their surroundings, even if reluctantly at first, but the love of their saviours already begins to take effect and they leave themselves to their guidance. If only one of these souls can be saved, then the spiritual kingdom will receive one more helper who will continue the work of redeeming the souls with such eagerness that he will never work in vain. For all torments and their cause are now known to him, and therefore he also knows how to touch the unhappy souls properly and also convince them more quickly. The redeeming activity now only consists of informing the souls about Jesus Christ and His work of redemption.... to introduce them to the saviour and redeemer **Jesus Christ**, to show them that only **He** can place them into a state of happiness and that He therefore has to be approached. And Jesus Christ Himself supports all efforts to rescue the souls from darkness even before the end by coming to the aid of all who do not completely turn to Him in repulsion. As soon as just one questioning thought arises in the souls about Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, a cross flashes before those souls, at first only like a glimmer which, however, becomes increasingly brighter to finally be clearly visible to them when their thoughts dwell longer on the saviour and redeemer of the world. All these are already grants of strength, but they must not force and are therefore adapted to the behaviour of each individual soul. But inevitably the soul reaches life which only desires to live. And after the state of endless torment in darkness the desire for life will always increase in those souls, and more and more souls will emerge from the darkness when they are called upon by souls wanting to help to follow them. And their guides will always lead them to where they can receive a small light whose benefit they feel, so that they mostly don't want to move away from the light anymore either. And even if their state is still very deficient and worthy of pity, but they have detached themselves from the deepest abyss, and that also means safe ascent, for now they spare no effort, they make good use of even the slightest grant of strength and are in turn ready to help again, and countless souls are preserved from the new banishment, countless souls take the path upwards after an infinitely long time....

The souls' redemption from the abyss through Jesus Christ.... Beyond....

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The cross of Christ is the sign of hope for all who have fallen, who are unhappy in their situation, be it on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond. The cross of Christ will show them that there is still salvation, a way out, which only has to be taken in order to surface from the abyss, from the kingdom of darkness, into the dawning morning. The cross of Christ points to the path of ascent which will never lead astray. For the One Who died on the cross due to His love for sinful humanity initiated this path, He paid the purchase price for the existing souls in the abyss, and every soul can utilise this privilege, the path of ascent is now open to every soul providing it has chosen Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer, as its goal, providing it wants to leave the abyss in order to reach Him. Then it will be entitled to redemption, then the divine Redeemer Himself will lift it from the abyss, then its sins will be washed away by His blood, the guilt of sin will be cancelled and the act of Salvation will not have been made in vain for this soul. Jesus Christ died for all human beings, for people past, present and future....

He descended into hell.... He also made the blessings of the act of Salvation available to the souls in the abyss, and there is salvation for the souls even in the kingdom of the beyond, yet never without Him, for only the blood He had shed for the sins can pay for the sins of a soul, and His forgiveness has to be consciously requested, He also has to be acknowledged as the 'Redeemer of sin' in the spiritual realm, or a deliverance from darkness will be impossible. An inconceivable act of love was accomplished by the man Jesus on earth, and this act of love is also effective in the beyond, His mercy even follows the souls who had passed away from earth without redemption. Yet, like on earth, the soul must willingly want to find salvation through Jesus Christ in the beyond too, that He should have mercy upon its suffering, that His love should seize it and raise it from the abyss. For this reason, the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation as well as the belief in both is vitally important and has to be conveyed to the souls, if they have not gained it on earth already. But this work is far more difficult than on earth, for the souls of darkness have little knowledge and power of perception and are therefore not easily taught.

Nevertheless, their state is not hopeless when they are in distress and appeal for help to be delivered from their present situation. Then they will not be completely obstinate, and knowledge can be conveyed to them through intercession and loving mental instructions which will enable them to direct their thoughts towards Jesus Christ, the divine Saviour, and call upon Him themselves.... And every call in faith and confidence in His help will be heard.... Then the path of ascent will have begun and will be travelled step by step with His help. There is salvation from the abyss, but never without Jesus Christ.... This is what the souls in the beyond also need to know, otherwise they would never turn their thoughts towards Him, Who alone can save them from their hardship, Who, with love and mercy, is constantly willing to alleviate suffering and change an agonising state of affairs into a state of beatitude.... Nevertheless, it always requires the being's will, and to change this correctly requires a lot of intercession on the part of people with faith and love, who are therefore also able to help those who are still unredeemed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Overcoming the gulf in the beyond: Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7290

February 22nd 1959

Avast gulf still exists in the spiritual world between those who kept their distance from Me during their life on earth and those who had already found Me and were able to enter the spiritual kingdom in a garment of light. They can certainly see the former and ascertain their miserable state,

but the former are staying in a realm where they can see nothing else but themselves or like-minded spiritual beings whose constant discord and dispute among each other poisons their existence and prevents them from feeling any kind of happiness. Nor will these souls ever be able to see their loved ones again if these have already departed with a higher degree of maturity; instead, they must first reach a certain degree before a blissful reunion can happen.... Hence, such souls inhabit two worlds, although all souls enter the spiritual kingdom after their body's death.... They are two worlds which are very distant from each other, which is not to be understood spatially but merely relates to the nature of each individual world.... A vast gulf exists, and yet, this gulf must be bridged sooner or later. Time and again beings from the kingdom of light must descend unrecognised and try to do their redemptive work on the souls by attempting to persuade them to detach themselves from their environment and to follow the beings of light, which then will aim to lead them ever closer to their own region.... that is, they must inform the souls in darkness of the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and His immense act of mercy which was accomplished for these souls should they want My mercy for themselves. Only then will the gulf diminish between them and Me, between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light.... Only then will the souls take the path which leads out of the abyss into higher spheres, and only then will the blessings of the act of Salvation take effect on them and gradually also result in a state of maturity where they themselves can and want to do redemptive work, because they want to repay their gratitude, which impels their willingness to help the wretched beings which still linger in the abyss.

The gulf must be overcome and there is only **one** bridge: Jesus Christ, the divine Redeemer.... Anyone who takes the path to Him also takes it to Me, even though he did not want to acknowledge Me on earth or was still vastly distanced from Me. He can only come back to Me by way of Jesus Christ, and He is therefore the bridge which leads from the dark region into the kingdom of light.... This should be remembered by all people who on earth certainly deem themselves to be in contact with Me and who nevertheless have not yet found the right attitude towards Jesus Christ, who only call themselves Christians by name and in reality have not established a heartfelt bond with **Me in Jesus Christ**, who therefore have not yet availed themselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation and so cannot speak of a redemption of their original sin either.... They, too, will face a deep gulf when they arrive in the beyond, for they will first have to seek and find Him, the divine Redeemer, so that He will release them from their guilt as well, for they only acknowledged Him with their mouth on Earth without involving their heart. But I look into the heart, and regardless of how loud and how often the mouth voices My name, I will not be deceived and cannot place the soul where it doesn't actually belong.... It will be confronted by a vast gulf when it passes into the spiritual kingdom.... in other words: It will see nothing else but what its earthly-inclined senses want it to believe, and it will only be to its advantage if it can detach itself quickly and does not resist the helpers' notions, so that it can quickly be introduced to the divine Redeemer as the only Saviour from its situation.... The connection must be made, the soul must take the path to Me by way of Jesus Christ and it will safely be guided by Him through the gate into the kingdom of light when it has bridged the vast gulf, when its will impels it to Jesus Christ and it desires and finds salvation through Him. Then it will also have taken the path to the Father.... I will receive it into My kingdom of light and blissful happiness....

Amen

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Loving help from people for secluded souls

Need of the secluded souls.... love of the people help....

B.D. No. 5599

February 11th 1953

No human being can appreciate the hardship the souls of unbelief or weak faith find themselves in, no human being can imagine the state of misery from which they cannot escape without help because they are completely powerless. No-one knows how much merciful love they need in order to experience relief in their adversity and how little love follows them into eternity, because people are without love themselves and only think little of those who have passed away. If you humans knew how grateful they are when only a loving thought from earthly people touches them, if you knew what a blessing such a thought of love is for this soul, you would truly make an effort to help them as soon as you thought of a soul close to you in this adversity. Yet your faith in survival is weak, and you have also been wrongly taught if you assume that you can no longer help them even if you believe that the souls live on in the beyond. You alone can provide them with active help, for your love has a direct effect on the souls as strength, and your love can also awaken love in these souls and suddenly lead them out of spiritual darkness into lighter spheres, from where the ascent can then take place with certainty. You humans have a safe means of help for these souls and don't apply it, and those who would like to bestow love upon them, the beings of light of the spiritual kingdom, don't easily find access to the souls because they have to approach them in the same envelopment which the souls have themselves in order not to compel them to accept the light.... But the souls which have departed without faith also lacked love on earth and therefore also all knowledge.... Therefore they will hardly accept what is offered to them by beings of light, because their will is also completely weakened in their lack of strength. These beings cannot impart strength to them out of their love because this goes against the law of divine order.... Yet the love of people on earth is accepted by God.... And for the sake of this love God's merciful love can now become active.... He supplies the souls with strength from His inexhaustible pool of love, He accepts intercessory love and helps where the being lacks strength. You humans, remember these poor souls and give them what they always ask for, if they enter your thoughts.... Heed these supplications and give them a hearing.... send them loving and good thoughts, point them to Jesus Christ in Whom they did not want to believe on earth, call upon Him at the same time and commend these souls to Him. But don't let your prayer be a prayer of lips, for only love has a redeeming, strength-giving effect, and all souls which have to languish in the beyond appeal to you for this love.... And you yourselves do not know in which state your loved ones have passed away, and therefore you should not omit anyone who wants to make his nearness, his requests known to you through emerging thoughts of him.... Do not forget them, and do not believe that they have passed away.... **They live**, but in what state.... They need not be lost if you have mercy on them and give them the power to be saved; you can help them.... Therefore have mercy on all unbelievers who no longer dwell on earth and yet still are, because the soul is immortal and therefore cannot perish.... And they will thank you eternally....

Amen

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Bringing the Gospel to souls in the beyond.... Love....

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Convey the Gospel to the souls in the beyond, remind them of My commandments of love which also have to be fulfilled in the kingdom of the beyond if the soul wants to ascend. Inform them of My will, which only ever requires them to turn to Me and which has to be heeded in order to be seized

by My love.... What is applicable for earth also applies to the kingdom of the beyond.... the transformation of the being's will, which at first opposes Me and therefore has to be changed, and that can only ever happen through love, for an unselfish act of love is the first step towards Me and gives the being strength. Helpless souls in the beyond lack love.... and you have to explain to them that they can only expect help if they are willing to give love to those who are as poor and as wretched as themselves. Without love their thinking is wrong and, just like on earth, they can be approached by beings who will instruct them wrongly, without being able to recognise the error....

Only a helpful soul will recognise the truth, subsequently you first have to bring My commandments of love to the souls and draw their attention to the fact that they were only given so that people would establish the connection with Me by fulfilling these commandments of love.... since deeds of love will provide them with strength and always help them to ascend further. You can instruct the souls over and over again.... they will not believe or understand you if they are unwilling to love, and if you want to help them then you first and foremost will have to take care to motivate them into lovingly supporting other distressed souls which turn to them for help. Only this willingness to love will open their spiritual eyes and ears, and then they will be able to understand everything you present to them. My Gospel is just the teaching of love, for everything else will fall into place if this teaching of love is complied with. It is not enough only to convey knowledge to the soul in the beyond for it will not understand it as long it is unwilling to carry out works of love, which have to and can be carried out in the kingdom of the beyond just as on earth but which always necessitate the willingness to do so, otherwise the soul will be without strength.

As long as the soul is mentally only involved with itself and its sad fate there is no possibility to provide it with help or to convey strength.... It first has to look at its surroundings or.... if it is alone in a barren region, it has to remember people on earth whom it could have helped but neglected to do so.... It has to regret this and wish to make

Amends, in that case it will be joined by beings in serious need, and as soon as it is willing to help it will instantly receive the strength to accomplish its intentions. First love has to be kindled within itself, which can often take a very long time, but it is possible with loving support from a human being if he explains to the soul what it is lacking and tries to educate it, always being prompted by a loving will to help....

Love achieves everything, love prevails over everything, love itself is the strength which helps the soul to salvation. As long as the soul only considers itself it can hardly be released from its unpleasant situation, but it can become tender and loving if it is touched by small rays of light, because these are just sparks of love intended to touch and kindle its heart.... Every soul which experiences darkness as torment will be soothingly affected by such rays of light, and there is a good chance that it will pursue the light.... that it thus will also be willing to take other souls to the light. And these souls should only ever be preached to of the love which found its culmination in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation.... No other information is necessary for such souls at first, yet they have to know the reason for their hardship and also how to remedy it.... And only when they have this understanding will their progress be assured, only when they want to carry out loving actions themselves will they receive strength and be able to work with love in order to receive ever more strength and enter into increasingly brighter light.

Light makes the souls tremendously happy, and in this happiness their willingness to love will constantly grow, hence a single soul in the beyond is able to carry out a most extensive amount of redemptive work. For as soon as it understands, it will also impart its realisation to other souls and try to encourage them into the same loving endeavour.... For just as on earth there is only one applicable commandment in the spiritual kingdom: Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

I distribute an inexhaustible measure of grace because My love constantly endeavours to prepare an eternal life in beatitude for you. Thus I do not leave the souls in darkness without help either, because they cannot help themselves alone, but just as I also look after the still weak souls and give them strength to reach the light. My love applies to all souls, which does not stop, which wants to help and make happy and which therefore also grasps the spiritual which is still very distant from Me.... which is why I bestow graces there.... undeserved aids which shall prove My love. My merciful love follows the souls into the abyss and seeks to redeem them.... And therefore you must understand that every human being on earth is also allowed to **participate** in this act of salvation and that I accept and bless his cooperation if it applies to the redemption of those souls from the abyss.... just as I bless everything which demonstrates love for the unredeemed spirits.... You humans can help by intervening as mediators, because direct contact between Me and those souls in the abyss is impossible, because these souls would not be able to bear the abundance of light which would shine upon them with My direct presence.... but this presence is also forbidden because it would signify a compulsion of will. But you build a bridge through your love which the souls of the abyss can now enter in order to come to Me of their own free will.... My love and grace also sends messengers to these souls, beings of light who approach them in disguise in order to induce them to release themselves from the abyss and strive upwards. But you humans on earth have greater influence on those souls, especially if love for them impels you to grant them help. You have greater influence because you appear more real to them, because you are still in the spheres where these souls also came from.... And you have a special influence if you are able to convey My word to them which, as a direct emanation of love, has an incomprehensible effect, which provides them with noticeable relief, which touches them beneficially and can therefore be regarded as a very special means of grace for these souls. The otherworldly messengers of light and love also bring My word close to them, yet until they have gained the realization of what they have to strive for in order to be blissfully happy they still behave rejectively towards these beings of light until they have gained the realization through you, whom they are more likely to believe and follow your instructions. People on earth can establish contact with the inhabitants of darkness much more easily and sooner if they want to help them in My name, if they make it their task to be redemptively active.... Then such an endeavour will also be blessed by Me, then I Myself can imperceptibly help.... I can open the gates for the souls of the deep to reach you, which they are not allowed to do without My will, so as not to harass you on behalf of the one who is My adversary.... And thus they come to you soothed and appeal to you for help, which you can now also give to them by offering them My word which is of real help to them and which does not fail to have an effect. People who consciously take care of these souls, who consciously want to carry out redemption work, will always be blessed by Me, for they carry out work which will never remain unsuccessful because they use a means which will certainly bring redemption to the souls.... They convey My word to the souls, and they establish the connection between those souls and Jesus Christ.... and if they now take refuge in Me in Him they are saved for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Directing the souls in the beyond to Jesus Christ....B.D. No. 7839
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Anyone who professes Me in the spiritual kingdom will be redeemed for all eternity.... As soon as the souls, which are still dwelling in darkness or twilight, are no longer opposed to My name when they are informed of My act of Salvation by disguised messengers of light or by the thoughts of loving people, the darkness will leave them.... the strength of My name alone will take effect in them and drive them to Me, they will start to look for Me and I will also allow Myself to be found.... But the soul's will is and shall always remain free, hence it might also take a long time before they accept

Me, before people's intercession becomes effective or the messengers of light joining them in disguise are successful in bringing them the Gospel.

Yet the efforts to gain these souls will not cease, and therefore it is very beneficial if souls are consciously invited to join spiritual conversations relating to the act of Salvation, so that the souls will time and again be directed to Jesus Christ and voluntarily take the path to Me and ask Me for forgiveness of their guilt.... As long as they are not happy they will still be burdened by guilt, and their misery will be able to encourage them to strive for an improvement of their situation and think about themselves, about their life on earth and their relationship with Me, their God and Creator of eternity. It will already reduce the soul's will of resistance if it receives people's loving intercession, if it is kindly thought of and feels their willingness to help. This will also decrease its rejection of help which it is repeatedly offered in the realm of the beyond, and its surrender of opposition is the beginning of progress, for every inclination of such a soul is taken into account and it is bestowed with a small light, which makes it happy and increases its desire for it.

The souls in the beyond have to find Me if they have not found Me on earth already. And you humans can greatly contribute towards it by frequently thinking of souls which suffer adversity.... by only ever directing every soul coming into your mind to Me, to the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ, Who alone can help it attain beatitude. Your loving thoughts of these souls are like sparks of light, which make them happy and which they always look out for and to whose origin they hurry. While on earth they had kept away from all spiritual instruction, they had only lived their earthly life and thus entered the spiritual kingdom devoid of all spiritual possessions after their death Now they first have to acquire spiritual possessions of their own free will, they should not offer any opposition if the Gospel of love is proclaimed to them, and they must also pass it on with love to those who, like themselves, would like to improve their situation.

However, as soon as you humans take care of these souls they will not be lost; your thoughts will always draw them to yourselves and they will also be able to accept what they hitherto had rejected.... and now experience it as a blessing because it is given to them by your love.... For love is a power which will not remain ineffective.... You should often remember the souls which still languish in darkness, which have not yet found their way to Me in Jesus; show them the way and inform them of the Gospel; and you will accomplish a richly blessed work of redemption that is most significant, especially during the last days, because many souls shall still detach themselves from the abyss, so that they will not fall prey to the new banishment when the end has come....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Intercession for souls in the dark

Prayer for poor souls....

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May 19th 1948

Souls in darkness suffer terribly. Their strength is depleted; it is a state of utter hopelessness as long as they don't know about the strength of love, which can lighten their fate. They wander around, their will is lethargic, and they will remain in this agonising state for an extremely long time if they do not receive help through prayer. You humans on earth are able to help them if you lovingly remember such poor souls and would like to ease their plight. For only love will give them strength. A prayer without love is worthless; it is a mere formality without effect. Only the degree of love determines the amount of strength they will receive. And thus you have to visualise the fate of these poor souls and know that they will beseech you to give them strength once they have felt the strength of love. They depend on your help as long as they are still in the abyss, as long as they cannot increase their strength themselves through knowledge, which, in the beyond, consists of loving actions for other needy souls.

Every kind, compassionate thought for those souls eases their plight, they feel this and then remain close to you. They ask for your loving intercession by pushing themselves into your thoughts. Don't forget them, don't turn your thoughts away from them. Give them a loving prayer and thereby help them to ascend. Alleviate their torment and, most of all, demonstrate the power of love to them, so that their love for other distressed souls arises and, by helping these souls, that they can liberate themselves from their own hardship. Their surroundings correspond to the state of their soul, dark and desolate, and when a prayer for these souls rises up to God a faint state of twilight occurs which gives the soul a glimmer of recognition and benefits the soul after the constant darkness. The degree of love in the intercession determines the brightness of light emanated into the darkness, and the soul turns towards the ray of light always expecting and pleading for more rays. Grant them their wish, don't leave them alone in their need, and give them the help which you are still able to give to them. But also bring the Gospel to them in thought, remind them that they should lovingly consider others in their environment and help them to receive a blessing of light as well by giving to them in turn what they received from you. You can alleviate immeasurable amounts of suffering, you can participate in the redemption of these souls because the gift of strength through your prayer affects their will which then becomes active in the right way. The soul uses the strength it receives to lovingly help other poor souls, and it begins its ascent for which it will be eternally grateful to you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Intercession for souls in darkness....

B.D. No. 6157

January 7th 1955

I will show mercy to all who entrust your love to Me.... There is great hardship in the kingdom of the beyond, especially for those souls which have no advocate on earth, which are forgotten by people or have acquired so little love that they are only thought of in displeasure. All these souls have a bitter fate, they are in tormenting darkness and completely without strength so that they cannot help themselves alone and are dependent on help. They reap what they have sown, and their fate is not unjust, it is not undeserved, for such souls cannot expect anything other than what they have acquired for themselves in earthly life, where they were completely without love.... Nevertheless, they shall also be helped, and the love **they** lack must be offered from another side.... but which I also accept and book for the benefit of those souls.... Whatever love you give to these souls is given to them again as strength which they can now use according to their will. But a soul which receives the supply of

strength through your love also knows the purpose for which it receives it, and it is so grateful for the help that it eagerly endeavours to increase the strength.... that it then also uses the strength to work with love. It will never reject a person's love, whereas it often resists the same efforts on the part of the world of light because it has no faith in what they tell it, for the beings of light stand before them in the **same** condition and are therefore not listened to. But people on earth, especially those who were close to them, achieve much more, for those unhappy souls look up to them because they see the strength of love emanating from them as a ray which is a blessing to them.... You humans have great power over those souls in darkness if you remember them with love.... if you want to help them.... For they feel this and have confidence in you and also listen to you if you reproach them or proclaim the gospel to them. And no matter how stubborn a soul is, no matter how blind and ignorant it may be.... your love changes this state, it immediately understands you if your thoughts are filled with love, and then it also accepts.... Without love there is no progress, on earth as well as in the spiritual kingdom.... without love there is no redemption from the abyss.... And I give the souls in darkness the great grace that the love which is turned towards them from earth is recognizable as light.... as light which gives them hope and never shines in vain.... Those you remember whose adversity prompts you to call for help are truly not abandoned, for what you give to Me through your love for those souls I also pass on and also commission My messengers in the spiritual kingdom to help in a special way.... And it will not be without success. The souls in the kingdom of the beyond are only little thought of by people.... The belief in a continuation of life is not very strong, and that is why the connections are also severed for most people, the concern for **spiritual** well-being does not occupy them, and only few thoughts follow them.... It is also **dark** around people on earth, and the souls do not return there where they find nothing that is good for them.... Also remember those souls who are without intercession, call them to you in the will to help them, let your love also radiate into the depth, for a soul will always cling to this ray of light and ascend, and it will come to you from where the light shone for it.... Pray to it what it lacks.... light and power.... Bring My word close to it and you have already succeeded in bringing it salvation, because My word has such power that it always desires to hear it and will therefore always stay where it is offered food and drink which your love can make accessible to it.... And those redeemed souls will thank you eternally....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Intercession for souls in the deep....

B.D. No. 7387

August 7th 1959

You know nothing of the suffering of an unredeemed soul in the abyss, and even if it is described to you you cannot imagine it, for it is unbearable and no human being would be able to endure such torment in physical life without losing his earthly life. And yet, these souls remain in darkness where such torments are inflicted on them because they are still so stubborn and God-rejecting in their core that no other fate can blossom for them, for it is their own fault, it is a state which they could change at any time if only they wanted to, and "no injustice is done to the willing person" when he endures a fate.... if he has to endure a fate which his very resistance has brought about. Nevertheless, these souls are pitiful, for their obduracy does not allow a spark of light to flash, for they stubbornly turn away from him and often remain in their self-inflicted condition for an eternity before a slight diminution of their resistance is noticeable. But their fate cannot improve either, and therefore one can speak of 'eternal' torment and damnation if this refers to the fate of souls which dwell at the greatest distance from God and are not in the least bit willing to change their mind. But these souls also try to assert themselves and transfer their evil desires and dispositions to weak people, near whom they sometimes force themselves in order to express themselves through them. All people are beset by evil spirits, and the weaker a person is, the less he succeeds in pushing them away, and then he often becomes a victim of these evil spirits. But every man can protect himself from them by praying for such souls.... It may sound strange to you that you should still give your prayers to those who are open opponents of your God and father.... who rage as true devils in the kingdom of the beyond and also on

earth in this last time, when hell has thrown everything out and the earth is overflowing with such evil spirits and pays tribute to them when people give in to them and their urging.... But against all evil you can protect yourselves through love.... You shall not love their evil urges, you shall not gloss over their nature or give in to their desire, but you shall know that they are worthy of mercy, that they have to suffer torments which you can relieve for them through a prayer or a loving thought, and you should not deny them this grace of a prayer or a loving thought and try to appease them, and you will truly also be spared from them, for they feel your love and desist from you because they, too, noticeably feel the grace of a prayer..... because it is even possible that they will slacken their actions and change their mind for the better.... which indeed requires conscious intercession, because such souls are already too hardened to immediately undergo a change.... But it is not hopeless, and bearing in mind that you are constantly surrounded by such evil spirits in this last time before the end, you should consciously take care of them and again and again send loving thoughts out to those beings who are truly in a pitiable state that they need help.... but through their own fault. Therefore, success cannot always be expected but no prayer is without an effect of strength and therefore no prayer is in vain.... it helps to deliver souls from the abyss if it is intended for such beings which cannot be delivered from the abyss without help. Therefore don't be afraid of their afflictions, to which you are all exposed, but only meet them with good thoughts and a loving will to help, and they will feel this and leave you out for the time being in order to then no longer leave you when they feel that redeeming strength emanates from you. You have so many possibilities to be active in a redeeming way, and if you don't do it consciously then already a compassionate thought is enough for those souls from the abyss who cannot muster the strength and the will to release themselves from the abyss without help. First their resistance must be broken, and this requires love.... You humans cannot be expected to love such beings from the abyss because you are incapable of such love. But you should be filled with deep compassion when you think of the immeasurable torments these beings are exposed to. And you should try to alleviate them, and you can do so through compassionate thoughts and the will to help them. The nature of their torment cannot be described to you but the fact that they have to endure unspeakable torment is certain, and this should spur you on to loving intercession in the will to bring them help. And the sphere around you will be cleansed, for they will all desist from you who are recognizable to them as friends through your light and the strength which emanates from you.... In this way you can accomplish much redemptive work which will one day earn you great thanks in eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Rescue from the darkness....

B.D. No. 7662

August 1st 1960

In the darkness My adversary has dominion over the souls but nevertheless they are not completely written off, for My grace and mercy also occasionally sends sparks of light into the abyss which light up those souls and can now be heeded by them, depending on their will. They can also escape this darkness if they want to follow the sparks of light, then they cannot be prevented by My adversary because he himself flees every ray of light which emanates from Me and thus clears the way for the souls. Therefore every spark of light can have a redeeming effect.... but also remain unnoticed by the souls, which then means further perseverance in the abyss. Again and again individual souls break away from the darkness and long for the light, and these are then also guaranteed ascent. Admittedly, they are not immediately willing to accept My Gospel when it is presented to them, they also often return to the abyss again.... but no ray of love light remains completely without impression once they have let it take effect in them. And therefore, for the time being only a soul's free will is necessary to follow the sparks of light, because the souls are not forced to do so and because the spark of light can also only ever light up so strongly that it does not necessarily affect the souls. But the souls, whom loving intercession follows into eternity, are mostly charitably touched by the sparks and they follow them.... And then the souls are led to where they can receive small teachings which make them

thoughtful. But right children of the world are difficult to impress, for their thoughts still dwell in the world and they often don't know that they have already had to exchange the earthly world for the spiritual world.... These souls also always stay close to earth, where their longing draws them, because they cannot easily detach themselves from these places. Long times can often pass before these souls understand the state they are in if they are not taken care of by people in loving intercession.... Don't forget to include such souls in your intercession, for you humans can help them, you can release them from the densest darkness if you don't leave them out of your thoughts, if you call them to you and proclaim the Gospel of love to them.... If you call them they will also listen to you, for they don't resist love.... because they feel it as an influx of strength and feel beneficially touched by it in their powerless state. Loving intercession can cause the soul to constantly stay close to the person and also pursue the blessing of love.... and this can bring about a change of mind, for which otherwise the souls often need eternal times. But love is a great power.... And thus love will always remain victorious, and souls will be rescued from the abyss which are followed by love into eternity. For for the sake of your love My work of mercy can also be carried out on the souls in the beyond.... For the sake of your love I can send strength to the souls as soon as they want to use it for loving activity. And then their ascent into the spiritual kingdom will also be assured.... But first they have to find Jesus.... And therefore you humans should proclaim the Gospel of love to the souls in the beyond and make the knowledge of Jesus Christ accessible to them.... And according to their will and attitude towards Him their own salvation will also take place sooner or later, for Jesus is also in the kingdom of the beyond their Saviour and Deliverer from all adversity.... Jesus also follows the souls into the abyss and He seeks to lift them up into the light, and then the souls will also recognize Me Myself in Jesus, they will seek and find Me Myself and I will be able to introduce them into the kingdom of light and beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

God's address to unsaved souls....

B.D. No. 8746

February 6th 1964

To all of you who are still unredeemed.... on earth or in the beyond.... be told that only love can redeem you and that you will always have to practice this love but that you will also always be able to practice love, for even every good thought towards a fellow human being is already a work of love which will not remain without effect. And you are all surrounded by beings which need your help, no matter whether you still inhabit earth in the flesh or have already entered the spiritual kingdom.... For only when the kingdom of light has accepted you do you unite with beings which do not need help themselves. But also this union will only take place because you need power in increased measure to be able to help again those who are in spiritual trouble. It is always love which rescues you from spiritual adversity yourselves.... And when now loving intercession is made for you, you who are still unhappy, then you will feel this as a power current, and then you are therefore to use the power flowing towards you to be helpfully active, and you will suddenly feel the happiness yourselves, which a work of love prepares for you.... Only love can redeem you out of darkness, and every loving thought of a man towards you, whom this man wants to help, will touch you beneficently and also release you out of the chains, which still hold you captive in darkness. Because alone you are still too powerless, and when help is offered to you in the kingdom on the other side, then you resist it, or you are so apathetic that you do not react to it, while a loving pleading call will flash before you like a spark of light, which you want to follow and you now also feel the power to break away from the deep and to follow the light, and then you will also reach the exit of this light. And no matter whether you still hesitate, the blessing of light still determines you to remain there and to receive clear instructions, which are given to you on the part of messengers of light who are not recognizable to you. I address you who languish in wretchedness in the beyond and yet are not entirely abandoned because you are remembered in loving intercession.... But you humans on earth can also accept these words of Mine and likewise be grateful for the good thoughts you receive from your fellow human beings.... Because everything what has love as reason has a beneficial effect on the soul. But in the

hereafter the unredeemed beings are so powerless that therefore first so much power must be supplied to them that they no longer remain inactive themselves, and this supply of power can only bring about loving intercession, because the beings themselves can acquire no power as long as they are without love, and the love, which they lack, must therefore go out by way of representation from those who take care of such unhappy beings. Love is power in itself, and the beings on the other side, which still stay in darkness, can only get power turned towards them through a ray of love; they are certainly not forced through the influx of power, but still strangely touched, so that no soul rejects such power current, but willingly devotes itself to it. Therefore no soul **can** be lost, whom loving intercession follows into eternity.... Only the souls are to be pitied, which have acquired so little love on earth that they leave no man behind, who remembers them in loving intercession.... These souls are in greater trouble; for them darkness is impenetrable; they see no sparks of light and freeze more and more because they cannot find out without help and also have no power to change their wretched lot. And to think of them likewise in loving intercession, I want to put to the heart of all those who know about the power of love, who are already of awakened spirit and know all connections, who want to take part in the redemption of the souls, which without help never reach the height. It is the time before the end, and a new redemption epoch begins.... which again lasts endless times.... And it is truly a work of greatest love and mercy to rescue souls out of the deep that they are not banished anew when the end of earth has come.... Every loving thought, which is meant for these souls, has an effect as power, and every **conscious** prayer for these souls will be of success.... and when the loving will to help just causes that a soul again follows the light, then it is already rescued. Because as soon as it was once touched by the light and felt this as benefit, it will never again move away from there, where the light shines, and it will also show the way to other souls, because it now has the need to exchange about everything what it experiences.... because it now also receives instructions and passes these on, and then again a rescue work has succeeded, which draws wide circles, because no soul remains inactive, as soon as it receives power itself.... So first through loving intercession, through good thoughts and then through the fact that it is also allowed to receive My word, always according to its will, which now always turns more towards Me and will also no longer let go of Me.... Believe that it is a great work of mercy and love to help such unhappy beings in their trouble, because inevitably the hour comes where again everything is banished in matter, what has not found the way up until then, and you, who want to be active redeeming, can contribute much to it to rescue those souls before it is too late. Therefore remember all who have departed from earth unbelievably or without love, and give them the necessary power to be able to release themselves from the deep by you giving them much loving intercession, and by you putting all these souls to My heart and I can now accept your love representing them and provide them with power.... which always only means 'love' for these beings.... that they soften their hardened hearts and they themselves now also want to help because they see much trouble around them as soon as once their eyes have seen the light.... No prayer for such souls will be unsuccessful, only love has to drive you yourselves to it, then the souls will irrevocably receive strength and they will be saved....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Gratitude of the redeemed souls

Gratitude of the souls redeemed by prayer in the hereafter....

B.D. No. 2174

December 4th 1941

The more willing the human being is to help the souls in the beyond, the more intimately these souls join the human being again, after all, they recognize in him the saviour from their plight. They only sever the connection with earth when they no longer need the help of people, when they are more mature, so to speak, than those and now connect with the souls in the beyond who are in the same state of maturity. Then, however, they will assist people again but no longer desire to be close to earth, instead they will try to draw people's thoughts up into the spiritual kingdom, they will try to guide people's spirit away from earth upwards because they are happier in that kingdom and earth has lost all attraction for them. However, they do not forget the people on earth and they are particularly helpful to those who have reduced their state of suffering and redeemed them from their misery and torment through prayer and heartfelt remembrance. Once these souls have been redeemed they themselves will have much strength at their disposal which they can pass on to the human being on earth, and his struggle on earth will become increasingly easier and his spiritual progress will be easily recognizable. For now the redeemed souls draw from an inexhaustible source.... It is their bliss to be able to help, and their love will turn to the people on earth who still have to fight for the salvation of their souls. They now offer their thanks in the same way, they help the unredeemed to become free from their bondage. How easy it is for people to strive upwards if they have acquired the love of the beings in the beyond through their willingness to help and are now rewarded for their love.... People can then enter the beyond in a state of light and be spared the agonizing state of imperfect beings. For this is also spiritual good that a person acquires on earth.... He finds his loved ones again in the beyond, there is no separation of those who were united in love on earth and whose love did not end with the death of the body.... Inward understanding and blissful love now also unites the beings because the same spiritual state of maturity is the effect of mutual loving remembrance. What it means to have contributed to the redemption of a soul will only be understandable to the souls in the beyond when the being realizes both the state of happiness as well as the state of suffering.... And this is why the redeemed being in the beyond is always willing to help the unredeemed, and its love extends to the kingdom of the beyond as well as to earth. And this is why people on earth should make friends in the beyond through their constant willingness to help the souls which are still dependent on their help and love. For what they do out of love will be repaid to them many times over....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Happiness and gratitude of redeemed souls....

B.D. No. 6423

December 12th 1955

With an exuberant feeling of gratitude I Am praised and glorified by souls which were delivered from their torment through loving intercession, which had realised that they, owing to their weak will, would have been incapable of liberating themselves, and which were able to strengthen their will through the merciful love of people on earth.... which then appealed to Me in Jesus Christ and were subsequently raised by Me from the abyss.... Hence they want to express their happiness, giving all their love to the One Who has delivered them and, never tiring of praising and thanking Him.... they want to do the same by also helping the unredeemed souls, which they know are still languishing in darkness, to attain the same bliss.... People's loving assistance on earth makes it easier for these souls if they can receive from people what they urgently need themselves in order to give it

to the unhappy souls; they have to receive light themselves to be able to let the light shine, and they can always receive light when it is emanated by God into eternity....

Wherever this light is received, wherever vessels open themselves into which the light of God's love can flow, there are places of light and strength which are surrounded by innumerable souls requesting light.... and every soul's degree of maturity, degree of love and degree of desire determines how much light will flow to each soul.... yet every soul seeks to raise this amount by constantly giving and passing it on.... Once a soul has received light it cannot help itself but communicate with other souls, the light illuminates strength which is used by the soul. Hence it is extremely significant when a soul from the abyss has found its way to the light, when it has willingly accepted being illuminated, for then it will receive a constant flow of light because it will have totally surrendered its resistance as a result of the indescribable feeling of happiness caused by the emanation of light. And it will certainly pass the light on in order to make other souls happy too.... Light, however, is wisdom.... the realisation of truth....

And this light is conveyed to them by My Word, which constantly comes forth from Me as emanation of love, which could affect all spiritual beings in eternity but which will only find a response where there is no resistance.... Beings with the highest maturity of soul are able to receive it directly, whereas weaker beings will have to accept it from them in turn, but My Word always signifies light.... And for that reason My Word will always generate happiness, but only in the beings who want light, which is also the reason why every person on earth proclaiming My Word is surrounded by beings wishing to receive light.... Yet only the pure Word will shine forth into the darkness.... And the pure Word will in turn be received from God Himself again.... I Myself convey it to earth in order to establish places of light wherever souls can obtain what they need and what makes them happy.... It is irrelevant as to whether these places of light are established in the spiritual kingdom or on earth, for the same light shines everywhere, the eternal truth from Me.... But souls in the beyond will often visit a place of light on earth if they are still unable to find their way about in the spiritual kingdom and stay in the vicinity of earth....

However, precisely these souls are in the majority, and receiving My Word is often the only salvation for these souls, it represents extraordinary help for them which they believe they cannot reward gratefully enough and are therefore exceedingly active helpers in the spiritual kingdom.... who continually praise and glorify Me and create real uproar in the darker regions because they won't rest until they have persuaded all souls to follow them to where they shall also be touched by a ray of light.... Their redeeming activity has infinite consequences, for My Word is immensely powerful, which is beyond measure to you humans on earth, nevertheless, you should gather around the source I have opened for you, so that you will already be permeated by light when you enter the spiritual kingdom, when you have to leave earth, and then be able to share it again in order to constantly increase your own beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Influential connection from earth to the beyond

Bridge to the beyond.... thoughts of the height....

B.D. No. 5210

September 12th 1951

The bridge to the beyond should be entered often, i.e. the thoughts should often rise into the kingdom which is the soul's true home and should stand before every human being's eyes in order to be consciously striven for. For the true home of the soul is the kingdom of light, and in order to reach this, the human being must work on himself, i.e. live in accordance with his aim. The aim should therefore be sought as often as possible in thought.... and from the kingdom of light many hands are stretching out towards you which you should take hold of.... These are again the thoughts that drive you towards good, the thoughts that have God as their content and everything that cannot be seen with earthly eyes and grasped with earthly hands. You should often think of this, and then you will enter the bridge to the beyond, where the spiritual world will meet you.... Although there are also **dark** shadows if you turn your thoughts unwillingly towards the spiritual kingdom, if love for God does not drive you to it but you think with discomfort of what will come afterwards, after your physical death. Then you will be oppressed by those shadows, and the beings of light cannot have a favourable effect on you because you deprive them of the opportunity yourselves. But the influence of the beings of light on you humans is all the more beneficial if only you send your thoughts upwards in earnest desire for the truth.... Then you need not fear any evil beings. Then light will be given to you from the kingdom of light, from beings who are happy to be able to help and guide you. They can come to you at any time and you to them at any time, for the bridge exists. You do not send thoughts into a nothingness when you ask upwards, it is the kingdom of light really, and it is the beings really who intervene in your thinking.... they can also express themselves and do so as soon as you consciously establish the connection with the spiritual world.... And as your desire is, so you are considered.... The desire for good beings attracts them and they erect a wall around you so that you cannot be harassed by bad beings which come out of darkness and also want to express themselves. People are still connected to matter and there is a very slight danger of attracting lower beings through material thinking, yet conscious thoughts according to good forces will always protect them from them, for the beings of light are always ready to look after, protect and instruct you, and their power is so great that they can ward off the forces of darkness as soon as you call upon the beings of light and commend yourselves to God's love and grace. You are always protected if you are of good will and your will is only directed towards God. For your will alone determines the sphere in which you find yourselves, your will alone determines **those** spiritual beings which have access to you.... Enter the bridge into the spiritual kingdom often and consciously connect yourselves with the world which you will one day animate.... **Raise** your thoughts but don't let them slip into the depths....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Importance of establishing a connection with God while still on earth....

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July 16th 1943

It is left to the will of man to establish the union with God or not. However, it is decisive for the whole of eternity whether he allows his will to become active in the right way, namely towards union with God.... He must express the admission of his own weakness and helplessness towards God through a conscious call to God, through prayer, which can also only be sent up in thought to Him, Who alone is strong and mighty. The human being has to acknowledge that God is lord over heaven and earth, and this acknowledgement then also results in submission to His will, which is the purpose

and goal of earthly life. For the being is only then powerful when it no longer places itself outside of God's power but works in the same will with God out of His power, because the power from God can only then flow towards it when it has given up its former resistance against God, thus no longer expresses any other will than God's will. Giving up resistance therefore means increased strength.... a transformation of one's own powerlessness into an inflowing abundance of strength.... A person enters this state through prayer, through the call of God, which is an admission of his powerlessness and weakness.... This moment is the actual turning point in his life, when he consciously turns to God. And this moment must absolutely occur in earthly life if his fate is to be decided favourably for eternity. For it is the state of realization which, although it only begins at this moment and is therefore still of the smallest extent, inevitably leads to increased knowledge because the spell which caused the night of the spirit has been broken. Once a person has called upon God in prayer, i.e. once he has turned to the powerful deity, his higher development will progress because the strength from God will support him. However, as long as he does not try to establish this bond, as long as he believes himself to be strong or independent of a stronger power, his state is powerless and his spirit is dark. If he enters eternity in such a state, his struggle for realization there is incredibly difficult, i.e. he does not strive for it because there is nothing for him that seems worth striving for. And this state is dreadful because it can last for eternities and in the beyond the opportunity to consciously turn to God is even less recognized and utilized than on earth. In earthly life the hardship and suffering often drives the human being to ask for help because the life force becomes active in him and drives him to strive for any change of his state. In the beyond, however, the soul is completely apathetic as soon as it is powerless, that it does nothing for its own redemption, that it therefore remains inactive, but its will is not forced in the beyond either. If the human being called upon the eternal deity in earthly life shortly before his death, then the knowledge of Him will remain with him in the beyond, he will continue to think and reason, he will pick up where he left off in earthly life, for once faith in a powerful God has awakened in him he will never let go of it but will turn to Him in every spiritual adversity, he will recognize his own imperfect state and he will also know that he has not made full use of earthly life. Through God's call he has already become a recipient of strength and his soul experiences this flow of strength as an increased desire for God, even if it is not yet worthy of His presence. For this is the manifestation of divine strength, that it inevitably leads towards Him from Whom it originated, that the stream of strength flowing from God thus longs to return there and likewise urges the soul towards Him.... And this longing for God is also the surest guarantee for spiritual higher development in the beyond.... On earth the human being often still falls back into the old life, into the old thinking, as soon as he has come out of the great adversity that caused him to pray. In the beyond, however, the longing for God's help remains because the soul feels its lack of strength.... **This** help it requested in prayer was not always granted to it on earth and yet the soul felt God's love when it passed away and now it constantly longs for this love, even if it has not attained the degree of maturity to be able to enjoy the bliss of beholding God in the spiritual kingdom. The spell has been broken by God's conscious call and spiritual striving immediately sets in in the beyond, that is, as soon as the soul has attained realization its will becomes active and the desire for God stimulates it into loving activity.... whereas souls which lack the first realization often remain in complete lack of will for endless times and this is also a state of weakness, a state of torment and despair and turning away from the beings of light which want to help them. The beings of light can likewise help the former and the souls will not close themselves to their ideas and thus progress in their development. The more intimately a person has established a connection with God in prayer on earth, the more he has detached himself from the opposing power and the less the soul is exposed to its hostilities in the beyond. For God will not abandon the soul which has once fled to Him in its distress and affliction, and a heartfelt cry for help will always bring it spiritual success, even if God, in His wisdom and love, does not fulfil the earthly request and ends the human being's life. He knows about people's weakness of will and so He truly knows best what serves the soul. And He will always give it the greatest possible opportunities for development, both on earth and in the beyond. Yet nothing is as necessary and significant as recognizing the eternal deity while still on earth.... as consciously contacting God in prayer.... For then

the human being recognizes a powerful and mighty being above him and confesses his weakness and helplessness.... And then God takes hold of him and inevitably helps him to ascend....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Blessing of connections from earth to the kingdom of light....

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rays....

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When the eternal love descends to you in order to prove Itself to you, countless rays emanate into the darkness of this earth, and attracted by these rays countless beings find themselves, to whom the darkness causes agony and who also notice the tiniest glimmer of light and rush towards it. A connection from earth to the spiritual kingdom is exceedingly blessed because it is a possibility to also impart a glimmer of light to the souls in the beyond, for these keep themselves.... especially when they are still very immature.... near earth, and through such connections they can come to the realization that they themselves no longer dwell on earth and that nevertheless a contact exists between the earthly kingdom and their present abode. Yet even such souls are attracted by the rays who no longer have an earthly bond but feel the torments of darkness in darkened spirits.... A small ray of light can now also give them a little illumination of spirit, and it is therefore a great blessing if a person enables the eternal love Itself to send a ray of light to earth, for the light cannot shine down into darkness **against** people's will. The benefit such souls feel when a ray of light also touches them is indescribable, and even a hardened soul can soften and give up its resistance, for it was **love** which had touched it and which also does not remain without strength as soon as the soul voluntarily finds itself where it beholds light. And if you humans now consider that every intimate connection with the spiritual kingdom, every spiritual thought and especially every prayer in spirit and in truth always transfers you into radiant light.... if you consider that you are always surrounded by souls which are only waiting for the flashing of a ray of light because they have already been able to observe it with you, then it is a conscious work of redemption on your part if only you often establish this bond which enables the shining down of the divine light of love. For the souls in darkness can only ever be shown the path through a glimmer of light to you.... where, through God's love and grace, the path leading out of darkness to the light is also shown to them. And if those souls only once receive light about the redemptive work of the man Jesus, if only once they can be truthfully informed of the greatest work of love and mercy which was offered for all people, for all sinners, then even the unredeemed souls in the spiritual kingdom will know that they themselves have to take the path to Him, the divine redeemer Jesus Christ.... Then the small glimmer of light will have helped to ever brighter light, and every soul which allowed itself to be touched by the divine light of love will now bring large crowds of souls from darkness again and likewise seek to push them into the circle of light where it found help and a light which did it unspeakable good.... which is why it seeks to pay off its gratitude with redeeming activity. It is difficult to address the souls in the beyond who dwell in darkness, for they are still in the same defence as on earth, and light cannot be given to the souls **against** their will either.... But as soon as a connection is established between earth and the spiritual kingdom, which is not concealed from such souls by God's grace, a quite human curiosity first awakens in them and they unconsciously enter the circle of light which surrounds these people in order to also be touched by a ray of light from which they then no longer want to separate themselves.... Once such a bond is lifted again that the human being pursues his earthly thoughts or duties again, these beings nevertheless remain close to him in order not to need to do without a ray of light when it shines again. And therefore every spiritual activity is an immense blessing, for it has far more effect in the kingdom of the beyond than on earth, where you humans often have little success. But the souls you called out of darkness through God's ray of love, which you yourselves granted access to through your will, are eternally grateful to you. And if you still consciously call upon these unredeemed souls you can truly accomplish a work of redemption of the greatest magnitude, for there is great hardship in the kingdom of darkness where many souls are already languishing for endless times and are approaching a new banishment if they don't escape the darkness before the end and allow themselves to be touched by a

ray of love.... Always remember those souls in prayer and often give them the opportunity to experience the merciful love of the divine saviour Jesus Christ by giving them light through your will to help them by consciously calling them to every spiritual mediation.... And it will be a blessed work that you do....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Effect of erroneous teachings in the hereafter

Effect of misguided teachings in the beyond....

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Many incorrect thoughts were imparted to humanity which, however, has been people's own fault or the powers of darkness could not have caused such devastating work. With a bit of thought people could have recognised that they were not given the truth, but they neglected to do this and thoughtlessly accepted everything. These misguided teachings are now so entrenched in human thought that it is difficult to expel them, but the danger rests in the fact that ever more misguided teachings will emerge from this error. No spiritual progress can be achieved, neither on earth nor in the kingdom of the beyond, as long as such misguided teachings are not corrected and thus rendered harmless, which can only be done by imparting the pure truth again. But it is difficult to correct every (single) doctrine, because the understanding of it requires a clear description of the divine plan of love and salvation, which will subsequently prove the futility of such wrong teachings, so that every error becomes evident if a person genuinely wants to know the truth.

When a soul enters the spiritual kingdom fraught with erroneous thoughts, it will continue to exist with its misconceptions and will never achieve spiritual progress.... It will hardly accept the truth, and it is far more difficult to guide someone, who deems himself knowledgeable, into truth than someone completely ignorant, who is more willing to accept being taught, who thus is willing to accept the truth. The former will only start to think when they are feeling dissatisfied and are permanently living in darkness or in very faint twilight.... providing they are not hostile.... but it will not give them a sense of happiness.... Then they will start to ponder the false promises which they had held on to on earth as sacred gospel.

In order to encourage such souls to reflect on and accept the truth, they often have to spend a very long time in disagreeable spheres.... so that they will remember the misguided teachings, follow them and still not experience an improvement of their situation.... Only then will they begin to doubt, and only then can they be approached by the bearers of truth who will slowly help them to change their way of thinking.... But it often takes a long time before the truth begins to dawn on the soul. Consequently, one of the most important tasks by the labourers in the Lord's vineyard is to take action against error and falsehood on earth already and to make people aware that they are wasting their time.... Even if they don't believe it they will remember these warnings sooner when they pass away from this earth, which results in faster understanding in the kingdom of the beyond.

Time and again people should be reminded that everything they comply with is futile unless they give priority to the commandment of love for God and one's neighbour.... Their attention should be quite candidly drawn to the misguided teachings.... and there are many of them.... They should be reminded that God only asks people to love in order to be able to admit them into His kingdom.... that without love everything else is worthless for the soul. And even if it incenses people, their souls will thank you one day when they have left their earthly cover. And when they find themselves in a poor and inadequate state and cannot explain it, they will remember your advice and in view of their state also realise the truth.... Then they will be grateful when the truth is given to them, because only this can help them to ascend, only through truth can they achieve beatitude....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Many more errors will still have to be corrected by Me if human beings are to live in truth. People's thoughts are thoroughly lead astray, one misguided teaching leads to many other misguided teachings, and people cannot escape from them, they are representing a truth which was given to them by people who did not have the truth themselves because their spirit was unenlightened. And countless souls enter the spiritual kingdom in this lightless state. Even then they still defend their doctrines and cannot be convinced that their reasoning was wrong, and will remain wrong as long as they do not accept a light which shines for them in the beyond too, but which they have to accept of their own free will. The battle between light and darkness even rages in the kingdom of the beyond, for time and again the beings of light try to kindle a light for those of dark spirit, but their endeavour is frequently in vain since the souls hold on to their misconceptions. And yet, the latter cannot understand why they do not experience beatitude although they believe to have done everything on earth in order to gain it.

And as long as they do not understand that My will is in fact different from what they were told on earth.... as long as they do not realise the irrelevance of what had been demanded of them.... as long as they do not recognise that I make other demands on people than to comply with ecclesiastical customs and external appearances, that I only expect love from people and only assess a person in accordance with his degree of love and that his beatitude will depend on his degree of love.... the souls will not experience an enviable fate, even if they are not languishing in deepest darkness.

But they argue and do not comprehend the state of their wretchedness, indeed, they frequently reproach themselves for not having sufficiently fulfilled the ceremonies and humanly decreed commandments, and as a result are not yet admitted into beatitude. It could be theirs in a very short time if only they would accept the light beings' teachings or accept a small light where the ray of light is transmitted to earth, where purest truth is distributed and avidly accepted by all famished souls.... But they are just as stubborn in the kingdom of the beyond as they were on earth and reject everything which disagrees with their opinion, and the adversary still has immense power over these fanatics....

For even in the kingdom of the beyond they fail to help each other which would increase their degree of love and decrease their rejection of light.... They cannot make any progress in the spiritual kingdom because love is the strength that helps the soul to ascend in the spiritual kingdom too. But love is also the light, and even in the kingdom of the beyond they can love each other, for in a state devoid of bliss there is still hardship and misery, and one soul will always be able to help another.... Then the souls' thoughts will become ever more enlightened, they will question each other and will certainly receive an answer.... But love always comes first, and those souls' big spiritual misconception rests in the fact that they superseded love by what human folly had elevated into a 'divine doctrine'.... that they always complied with human demands first and ignored divine demands.... And their condition will never change unless they put love first and, due to their loving will to help other souls, begin to recognise the pure truth, which will then give them unlimited beatitude....

It is for this reason that every human being, whose thoughts had been misguided on earth but whose will to love and to take action had reached a high degree, will suddenly realise the truth in the kingdom of the beyond and will readily let go of misconceptions. He will endeavour to pass his knowledge on to other souls because he recognises the immense harm caused by error and because his love urges him to help alleviate spiritual blindness. His influence can be extraordinarily beneficial because he had held the same thoughts on earth which he now can justify to be wrong, and therefore be successful with souls who just listen to him. Error is the worst poison for human souls and the fight of light against darkness will therefore continue relentlessly, and one day the light will surely win.... The human being, however, is free to choose between light and darkness, he will not be forced and can make a free decision.... but everything will be done to make him aware of the truth while he is still

on earth. But the beings of light do not cease their efforts even in the beyond, for only the soul who knows the truth can become blessed....

Amen

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False doctrine: reincarnation for all people

Re-incarnation or possession?....

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You should not consider a case of possession as a soul's re-incarnation, as a return from the kingdom of the beyond for the purpose of a repeated life on earth as a human being. Immature spirits, that is, souls which have already lived in the flesh and departed in profound darkness, still remain in the proximity of earth.... The kingdom of light is closed to them, and thus they rage in the realm of the lowest spirits, which is wherever these spirits are congregating. They are unable to detach themselves from their places of activity on earth and influence people in every possible way but predominantly by trying to transfer their thoughts, their evil instincts and passions onto people whose character resembles their own nature. And these are easily influenced and willingly comply with their wishes by implementing what these spirits urge them to do.... This influence can often be noticed if people do not consciously free themselves and fight against their instincts by appealing to Me for help.... But if they are unbelievers they are easy game for these spiritual forces.... And they will rage consistently more and impel people into God-opposing actions.... which will become particularly noticeable in the last days....

However, these are only ever mental influences; they are not cases of possession.... Yet these, too, will quite openly manifest themselves during the end time.... so that people will become so totally controlled and perform such acts of malice and all kinds of criminal activity that it will utterly confound their fellow human beings.... These people are unable to generate the necessary inner strength to resist, their will is completely weakened, and then evil spirits will succeed in taking complete possession of the body and rage in it, transferring all evil qualities to it and performing acts which they had done in their own life as human beings. They succeed in pushing the person's soul aside and impose their own will.... The evil spirit takes unlawful possession of a human body but it can also be expelled from it again at any time, if the soul itself or someone close to it is able to completely hand itself over to Me and appeal for My help.... Then I can and will command the demon to leave the physical shell.... Yet people's unbelief and heartlessness often prevent My intervention, and I also allow such possession-taking for the purpose of purifying the affected soul as well as its environment, just as it is possible that the evil spirit, once it has finished raging, will have a change of heart when it realises the devastating consequences of its ill will....

For occasionally the human being will be held to account for his evil actions and has to take a long path of suffering, giving the demon no further possibility to incite the person into actions it would have done itself if it still lived on earth as a human being.... Then it will leave the body of its own accord and the actual soul will then readily accept its state of suffering even though it is entirely innocent, yet it will carry its punishment for the sake of its purification and can thereby mature faster than if it had lived a half-hearted life without any particular guilt. You always ought to understand the difference, that cases of possession are not re-incarnations of dark souls.... You ought to know that hell releases everything in the last days and that the prince of darkness incites his followers into extreme activity.... You ought to know that even these evil spirits can still save themselves from the fate of a new banishment if they want, for the day of reckoning will arrive soon, and every being will be held to account as to how it has used the time it was granted for its deliverance from the control of My adversary....

Amen

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Every once fallen original spirit must attain perfection of its own free will. And this requires an infinitely long time of development from the deepest abyss to the pinnacle. This process of development needs My constant help, since the entity has no strength whatsoever and is so weak at first that My strength must be of assistance in order to make this higher development possible. I always had to convey sufficient strength to the fallen beings so that they were able to accomplish the task allocated to them.... They had to be able to fulfil a helpful activity, and thus the development of the spiritual substances irrevocably progressed. Time and again I have explained to you the reason **why** this helpful activity had to be performed and that it required an incredibly long period of time until the fallen original entity was allowed to embody itself as a human being.... However, in this final human stage the original entity has free will, which can achieve the final perfection but also cause a renewed fall into the abyss. Thus free will can strive to achieve the complete release from the form, in which case the human being will also receive the **strength** to accomplish the work of attaining perfection. Then he will enter into eternity as a fully enlightened spirit, he will come into My kingdom of light and beatitude and continue to progress ever more, because the degree of perfection knows no limitation since the striving for Me will never end and yet is incredibly blissful.... If the human being fails his final test of will on earth, his earthly existence will nevertheless come to an end when his body dies.... he will enter the kingdom of the beyond but not be admitted into the spheres of light. He will remain in darkness or in twilight, depending on the soul's degree of maturity, but always corresponding to the way of life the human being had lived on earth. And thus the soul will have to accept the consequences.... It cannot be granted beatitude because the law of eternal order also demands justice.

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

Nevertheless, during the last days cases of re-incarnation will be allowed, but they happen for special reasons: first of all, beings of light will come to earth for the purpose of a mission because of the immense spiritual adversity.... but their embodiment should not make people believe that **every** soul will return to earth for the sake of attaining higher maturity.... Yet some souls also exist which.... once a tiny glimmer of realisation dawns on them.... recognise their immense sin they had burdened themselves with during their life on earth.... These are individual cases which require much

atonement, which certainly could also be removed in the beyond but which impel these souls to sincerely ask for permission to redeem this guilt on earth.... and which are willing to fulfil a helpful mission at the same time.... But such cases must never be generalised, since this would be a serious deception which can only result in disaster for people. And these souls will also have to endure unusual destinies of suffering which might often make their fellow human beings doubt My love but which have their explanation in the considerable guilt of these souls, which is the real reason of their earthly life. Profound and living faith in Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation guarantees that all guilt has been redeemed through His blood.... But these souls had not found redemption through Jesus Christ in their earthly life and therefore brought it over into the spiritual kingdom. Yet the soul must have achieved a certain degree of light already to be allowed to live on earth again.... it must have found the path to Jesus Christ in the afterlife, it must have appealed for forgiveness of this guilt and then have decided of its own free will to accomplish this act of atonement and have asked for My permission.... otherwise its return to earth will not be granted.

I always say that the doctrine of re-incarnation is a misguided teaching if it is applied to all people who departed from this earth in an imperfect state. And I have always mentioned special reasons which justify such re-incarnation. Not to have accepted or utilised the grace of My love is a repeated sin against My love, and you cannot brush this sin aside as you please with a repeated return to earth.... You have the opportunity to cleanse yourselves from all guilt through Jesus' blood while you live on earth.... And My love for you really will not leave any stone unturned in order to help you attain perfection. And this love should not be rejected by you otherwise you will meet with a painful fate in the beyond, as My justice demands, even if My love for you is greater than great, and even then I will still help you to reach the light one day. For My love can only be effective within the scope of divine order....

Amen

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Dangers from the connection with the afterlife

Warning about communicating with the beyond....

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It is My will that you should turn to Me in heartfelt prayer before you make contact with spiritual beings, because it depends on this heartfelt prayer whether the contact with the spirit world will be beneficial for you. Heartfelt prayer protects you from beings who cannot benefit you since they are not yet enlightened themselves.... But you yourselves do not know whether the souls of the deceased called by you have already entered the kingdom of light, for even if they confirm it you cannot know whether their statements are credible. Hence you should approach such contacts with the spiritual world very cautiously, because you yourselves already have to be in a spiritual setting which deters all evil, so that nothing can touch you and you are only taken care of and taught by beings of light. Dealing with the souls of the deceased is always very dangerous because you humans do not know which sphere they occupy. Although such conduct is not a sin if you are motivated by your love for these souls, but you yourselves won't gain anything and are more likely to lose if you thereby come into contact with dark spheres and receive misguided teachings or messages which are not beneficial for your soul. Consequently, I strongly warn you against such dealings with the spiritual world for your own sakes....

Irrespective of what you are told by this world.... it will never match the profundity and wisdom of My Word, which is transmitted to you humans by My love from above and conveyed to you by messengers of light, if you are not able to receive it from Me directly.... I Myself want to be your friend and teacher, your brother, Whom you can approach with any kind of question, be it earthly or spiritually.... And I will always answer you if you desire it. I will tell you that you have to take the path to Jesus Christ if you want to achieve beatitude. And thus you yourselves should inform the souls of the dead too and direct them in thought to Him, Who is everyone's Redeemer from sin and death.... For even these souls will have to find him first before they can be admitted into the kingdom of light. You cannot provide a greater service of love to these souls than to proclaim the Gospel to them in thought, the divine teaching of love, which I preached Myself in the man Jesus in order to show them the path of return to Me, into the Father's house. You have to want to help the souls of the deceased, you have to give to them.... and not accept instructions from them, irrespective of what kind they are.

The knowledge about the future is withheld from you by Me, thus you should not raise questions of this kind to them....

However, you should always desire spiritual knowledge, but this cannot be given to you by these souls. Nevertheless you can always ask Jesus Christ, the divine Teacher. He will lovingly enlighten you and always call you to Himself to appeal to Him for forgiveness of sin, to follow Him, in order to be guided by Him into the kingdom of light and bliss.... But without Him you cannot become blessed.... You should remember this, and if it is your will to live in accordance with My will then you will also live up to everything Jesus had taught on earth, what He expressed in His commandments of love for God and your neighbour: Then you will live in love yourselves and recognise where light can be found.... then you will be able to discern the value of spiritual communications and endeavour only to contact the spiritual world of light which can then transmit clarifying instructions to you. For you yourselves always determine the degree of light which you find yourselves in.... But be warned that dealing with spiritual beings is dangerous if you do not know the degree of maturity of the souls you are questioning.... Always remember that you should give to these souls, for they will all need your intercession in order to ascend, thus you should give it lovingly for their, as well as for your own, salvation of soul.... And then you will receive as you have given....

Dangers of psychic reception....

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And time and again I admonish you to love, because only love will awaken the spirit within you to life so that it can manifest itself. You ought to know that the spirit's manifestation is of incalculable value for you, because then you will receive My Word in all its purity since I Myself will be able to speak to you through the spirit. You should know that love activates spiritual powers in you which you have always possessed but which lay buried within you since your past apostasy from Me. Thus the higher you ascend through love the more these spiritual forces will develop again and your nature will change once more into the original being that you were at the beginning when you were still in My image.... supremely perfect entities which were able to be creative and active like Me for their blissful happiness.... You relinquished love of your own free will.... and must voluntarily strive for love again, you must open yourselves to My illumination of love so that My spirit will flow into you again, and thus all past abilities will awaken to life and you will enter into active communication with Me once more. However, I also want you to know that My adversary will try to influence you in the same way; he, too, would like to express himself through you and could succeed if you submit yourselves to him. Then he will be able to take possession of you and transfer his will onto you, then you will also be able to speak but what you say will be a jumble of thoughts which will lack all clarity, and you will not benefit from it. And therefore I seriously caution you against submitting yourselves in weakness of will to spiritual powers which misuse you; I warn you against **psychic** communications which you humans often cannot distinguish but which always denote a danger, which cannot be called the working of the spirit but are simply messages from different spheres of the spiritual world and only rarely guarantee the pure truth. Even people who are still far removed from love are able to receive psychic communications, for as soon as they submit themselves in weakness of will to a spiritual power they will be possessed by it, and they won't offer any resistance if these powers come from the lower spheres of the spiritual world. But anyone who ignites the flame of love within himself will inevitably establish contact between his spiritual spark and Me, the eternal Father-Spirit. And this person can only pass on truth, he actually receives My Word, he is addressed by Me directly and can only be taught the truth....

And I would like to warn all of you through this Word that you should not believe every spirit, that you should turn to Me Myself and only appeal to Me for truth. You should not ask questions, you should not desire to know that which My wisdom keeps hidden from you, you should not ask these spirits about earthly matters.... You should only ever trustingly come to Me with all your concerns and I will truly answer you through your heart.... if only you pay attention to your thoughts, your inner impulses and intentions.... Then I will speak through your heart to you and you will truly not need advice from spirits of whom you don't know to which sphere they belong, for they disguise themselves well, and you will often consider them good spirits, whereas in fact they only cause confusion and try to stop people from their direct communication with their Father of eternity. I so gladly want to speak to My children.... but I can only do so if you shape yourselves into love, because only love can speak to love. Hence you should all come directly to Me and, by just sincerely uniting with Me and listening attentively, you will also hear Me Myself within you.... you will be able to enter into a dialogue with Me and even problems you entrust to Me will clearly resolve themselves. And if you live a life of love My voice within you will become increasingly clearer, for then the spiritual spark within you will be addressed by its eternal Father-Spirit and audibly reveal itself to you. But don't think that you will receive My communication in a roundabout way if love is not within you as yet. The **working of the spirit** and **psychic receptions** must be distinguished from each other.... Admittedly, each time a spiritual force is at work but just as there is light and darkness, the forces of light will also always have to fight against the forces of darkness.... Light is where love can be found, and therefore love alone determines the degree of truth which forms the basis of these spiritual

messages.... And love approaches Me directly, since I Am Eternal Love.... Love resists communications which do not originate from Eternal Love Itself. And Eternal Love wants to be in direct contact with you.... I want to be addressed by you yourselves so that I can also speak to you Myself. And that is the 'working of My spirit' within you, which I constantly announced to you with the Words 'I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth....' Love is everything, and only through love can you unite yourselves with Me. And I want to receive this love from you and truly, you will be guided into all truth....'

Amen

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About the UFO convention....

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One thing is certain: I will protect My Own in the hollow of My hand when the end has come.... I truly have enough angels to whom I can entrust My Own, whom I instruct to build a protective wall around them. And thus you can all know that you are protected in My care, come what may. Therefore I want to caution you not to abandon yourselves to, and expect help from, beings whom you suspect to be outside of My spiritual kingdom.... who thus have not yet reached the perfection of beings of light capable of implementing My instructions.... I want to warn you about looking for contact with inhabitants from other worlds, which you can only establish spiritually but who cannot offer you the guarantee of imparting truth to you. Time and again it has to be said that only 'perfect beings' may and are able to carry out tasks which guarantee you protection and assistance....

Beings who have not yet achieved this perfection will always still reside, for the purpose of their development, on such works of creation to which they are bound by natural law.... Thus you have to distinguish between beings of light who accomplish My will on My behalf and dwell with Me in the kingdom of light, and beings who are still constrained, who have not yet achieved complete spiritual freedom as long as they still live on all kinds of celestial bodies for the purpose of spiritual maturation. You should not rely on psychic messages from those worlds which are and remain unreachable for you humans on earth and vice versa. Do not count on help from those worlds when the end of the earth comes in accordance with the eternal plan.... For I Myself will protect and rescue My Own from their adversity, because only I know who belongs to My Own.... Do you believe that you will be rescued by merely mustering sympathy for these dwellers of other stars?

What misconception do you suffer from, you lack all clear understanding of My plan of Salvation, which will certainly be implemented when the time comes. And would I not inform you of it Myself if it were My will that you should entrust yourselves to these beings whom your fellow human beings want you to believe in? Since I convey the truth to earth I would not withhold this information from you if it were true.... Yet you would rather doubt My Words than the reports which are passed on to you through My adversary's influence. And I want you to know the truth.... I repeatedly want to assure you that My Own will be protected and that innumerable angels will take care of them, because they comply with My will and also have the strength to help you. And therefore it will not require earthly means of help, for My love, might and wisdom will become clearly evident at the end, albeit My working can and will then be contrary to natural law because My Own believe that everything is possible and the unbelievers will be devoured by the earth....

But I do not require My Own to believe in appearances or reports which come to people by means which do not correspond to My will.... Why don't you contact Me? Why do you call on beings whose degree of maturity you cannot estimate?.... Why do you entrust yourselves to these beings and believe that they will protect you when the last day of the end has come? I only require your faith in Me in Jesus Christ, and anyone who intimately unites with Me Myself in this faith will truly not need visible or invisible helpers, for My angels with an abundance of strength and might will constantly stand by his side and always act in accordance with My will. And he will not want to establish contact with inhabitants of other worlds whose degree of maturity is unknown to him either, for this can only take

place by way of mediumship which, due to its great danger, should not be taken by you humans. For you are truly able to hear Me Myself if it is your will and you ask Me for the truth.... And then you will surely be instructed truthfully....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Examination of spiritual 'receptions'....

B.D. No. 8337

November 24th 1962

I want to send My Word to all places, I want all people to be informed of it and I will also lead all those to you to whom you shall impart My Word. I will pour My spirit upon all flesh and choose the right vessels for Myself far and wide which I will be able to instruct mentally or even through the inner Word because it is essential to inform people of My will and their earthly task. And thus I work everywhere because the last days before the end will require extraordinary help. And time and again I say to you that I speak to you directly or indirectly through My messengers of light who receive My Word from Me and pass it on to those of you who allow the flow of spirit to enter you. In the latter instance My Word, which is given to these messengers of light by **Me**, will also be recognisable by the style of the Word.... Yet it will always be the pure truth from Me, because the messengers of light merely comply with My will and will not pass on anything other than truth to those of **you** who **sincerely desire** the truth. Nevertheless, you should always check it and, at all times, bear in mind that My adversary, too, wants to express himself in the last days and that he will present himself as an angel of light.... you should always remember that I have warned you about false Christs and false prophets.... For they, too, wreak havoc on earth and intend to confuse people. And you will always be able to carry out this examination by appealing for My support and by taking My Word into consideration: that every spirit which professes that Jesus Christ came in the flesh can also be regarded to have been called by Me.... But attention always has to be paid to the fact that this embodiment in the flesh has to be explained to you.... For in order to deceive you an evil spirit can use the same words too, since it knows them well yet it will be incapable of explaining them.

Similarly, immature spirits which are as yet unenlightened but bear no ill intentions may also want to express themselves and thus pass on what they remember from earthly life. These should not to be acknowledged as **teachers**.... And, again, the recipient's attitude is decisive as to whether such immature beings will be able to express themselves or whether the sincere will for truth will prevent them from carrying out their intentions. In the same way as preachers exist on earth who only use what they know as subject matter for their sermons without, however, being spiritually enlightened.... and yet they need not be bad.... so beings express themselves in the beyond which had also once performed this ministry on earth and then continued their instructions in the beyond. And as long as they pass themselves off as otherworldly teachers they will be listened to or rejected.... depending on the person they try to educate. But since these beings in the beyond don't know that God and Jesus are **one** and only ever see the 'human being' in Jesus Who perfected Himself on earth.... but neither do they know what this 'perfection' implies.... they avail themselves of His **human name** in order to make their instructions credible.... For they lack the full realisation of this great sin otherwise they truly would not commit it.... They still intend to lead people into the 'heavenly kingdom' just as they planned to do on earth during their work as preachers. This is why their reports from the spiritual kingdom will also give people the impression that they are perfect spirits from higher spheres.... The spiritually awakened person, however, can sense that I Am not and cannot be the source of this spiritual knowledge, because My divinity in Jesus is not clearly emphasised, but this shall always be made comprehensible through My Word since Jesus Christ's act of Salvation will only be understood and acknowledged if you humans receive truthful clarification about it. You can never be advised often enough to constantly enter into heartfelt contact with Me and to pray to Me in spirit and in truth, so that everything is excluded which is misguided or incomprehensible to you and does not benefit your soul but is more likely to cause it damage.... For My adversary, by using shadows, eagerly tries to darken the light which shines brightly wherever the will for truth prevails and where he himself is

therefore unable to lead people astray.... Yet whenever you are unsure, ask Me and I will always grant you illumination and, time and again, give you the evidence of My love which will lead all of you to the light so that you will be able to become blissfully happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God's word in the spiritual kingdom

Help for the beings beyond through the word of God....

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February 24th 1961

An unusual flow of light can be recognized in the spiritual world when My divine ray of love Apours to earth, when My word is conveyed to earth, which is light from the eternal light. And countless beings are touched by this ray of light, all of which have entered My flow of love, which no longer offer any resistance to My illumination. In the spiritual kingdom My ray of love touches the beings which are constantly fed with My light of love in order to pass it on into areas without light. But also the beings in the beyond who are **willing** to listen to Me when My word is sounded to them in order to mature themselves happily accept My illumination of love and have great blessings.... People on earth must also be willing to be addressed by Me in order to experience the blessing of My illumination of light of love.... But all will be considered without limitation according to their degree of love and willingness. And thus you humans will also understand how you yourselves help those beings in the kingdom of the beyond into the light if you contact Me in order to receive My word, for they are not yet in the kingdom of light where the beings are constantly blessed by the illumination of love.... They still need the mediators whose love would like to help them into the light, because they still live in spiritual regions where darkness or twilight predominates and where rays of light only flash up when this connection with Me is established from earth and then it is up to them whether they follow the rays of light in order to enter the realm of illumination. And since these beings are still in earthly regions due to their spiritual immaturity they will also constantly surround you but also be infinitely grateful to you if they come into the blessing of My illumination of love through you.... For I Myself cannot yet directly convey the light to them but I will never prevent them if they voluntarily join the flow of love. And this is why the transmission of My word to earth is such a great help for these souls, because their free will remains with them and yet the possibility exists that the souls will seek you out and receive light from you. And thus you contribute to an unusual degree to the redemption of these souls, for the ray of light attracts countless souls and they follow it and thus enter the blessing of My divine word, which truly has a great effect because it is an illumination of love on My part which the souls cannot resist. But the souls in the beyond are by no means forced, they can also avoid the rays of light if they shun the light, yet their resistance will not last long because other willing souls will already take care of this again by participating in it. My adversary's activity on earth is unmistakable.... but redemptive work of the greatest magnitude is also underway in the kingdom of the beyond.... And therefore you humans should not grieve when your loved ones are sometimes called away before their time, for many no longer reach the state of maturity on earth which secures them the kingdom of light, but they can still ascend in the kingdom of the beyond in a short time because they are more likely to take hold of My hand there than on earth, where they don't want to see it, where they pass by My gift of love, where they don't let themselves be addressed by Me because they have turned their eyes towards the world. Yet to you, who receive My word, I call again and again: Remember these souls to whom you do a great service when they are allowed to become involved in My activity, when they are allowed to participate in My illumination of love. And often let My ray of love enter this darkness, because you are surrounded by many souls which feel at ease and only ever wait until a ray flashes up again and touches them.... For where **My** love is legally bound there are **no** barriers to **your** love, and for the sake of **your love** I can help those who are in need....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Participation of the souls in the hereafter in the transmission of the word....

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June 29th 1960

You humans are illuminated by My love when you receive My word and love light and strength.... So you can also radiate light and strength again to all beings which surround you, which are attracted by the rays of light and long for light and strength. You can hand out to them what you yourselves receive.... Then you will be very successful in your vineyard work, for you will not only accept My word from Me but countless souls in the spiritual kingdom will participate in it, and they will be blissfully happy about the strength they receive, which they will feel even more than you yourselves because it has a spiritual effect and these beings can only be spiritually provided for in their adversity. My flow of love energy reaches you because you want it yourselves, because you consciously establish the connection with Me and now also give Me the opportunity to let the flow of love energy flow into your heart.... But those beings are still in darkness or in light twilight and they only wait for the flashing rays to rush to their exit.... They suffer from darkness and lack of strength and feel it that they can receive light and strength from you.... And once this has been the case they will no longer leave you and only wait for the moment when they will be beneficially touched again, which happens through the supply of My word. You humans don't know about their great hardship, yet as soon as they are willing to accept My bestowal of grace I also bestow grace upon them and I also speak to them Myself if they willingly listen to My word. And these souls will also not doubt that they are addressed by Me Myself, and they will find their way to Me, i.e. to salvation, the sooner they accept the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation, then they will desire Him, call upon Him and appeal for His forgiveness.... Hence this knowledge is what **first has** to be imparted to the souls in the beyond if they don't already possess it.... And mostly the unredeemed souls are without this knowledge because they did not believe in Him on earth and because they were not imparted the **right** knowledge, the truth, and lacked the understanding for Jesus' great act of mercy. Thus, as soon as you humans inform them of the divine redeemer, as soon as you use every opportunity to speak or read about Him, you will also be marked by sparks of light and the souls will take part in your teachings.... Then you will be doing irreplaceable vineyard work, and you will be able to help those souls to salvation, because then they will turn to Jesus Christ themselves once they have gained knowledge of **Whom** they can call upon as their Saviour. For the influx of strength and light proves to them the truth of what they experience with you, and therefore they don't hesitate for long to act in accordance with My word.... Love also awakens in them and they now help those in turn whom they know to be in the same need.... they also try to bring them to you and induce them to listen to you when you receive spiritual instructions.... You have no idea how wide a circle you draw through your willingness to receive My word.... you don't know how grateful the souls are who found relief with you, who were able to receive light and strength and now also utilize them again in accordance with My will to work in love for those who are in the same need. For this is the effect of My word that it impels you into loving activity because it conveys strength and the strength from Me is expressed in works of love.... And therefore you should not let yourselves be discouraged if you have little success on earth with your vineyard work.... You don't do it in vain, and the success in the kingdom of the beyond is truly not small, for the work of redemption also continues there because many souls still have to be redeemed before the end comes, before everything spiritual is transferred again to where it belongs according to its degree of maturity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Impact of the word in the afterlife....

B.D. No. 6472

February 10th 1956

All spiritual conversations, every spiritual work, every spiritual thought pursues all the souls in the Kingdom of the beyond who once had the opportunity to hear My word through you. It is a work of redemption of the greatest magnitude which is done with your help, because a single soul which has become free now sees its whole task in helping to redeem the souls which still languish in the abyss....

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And every soul has a large following, partly due to earthly ties, partly due to the same attitude of the souls around it, and therefore every redeemed soul will also find a large sphere of activity again but therefore always return to you to fetch the nourishment it wants to hand out again. And you humans can believe that you are doing Me a service by doing so, that I will truly reward you, for the surest and most effective means to snatch the soul from darkness is My word which, however, cannot sound to them as long as they don't voluntarily turn to Me.... But you humans can form a bridge between that world of darkness and Me.... And I can exert an influence on these souls without acting unlawfully.... if you let Me speak to them through you. This address of Mine does not fail to have an effect, especially on souls which have languished in darkness for a long time, which long for deliverance and which behold a ray of light in My word which makes them happy. The darkness of these souls is impenetrable but helpful souls descend into this darkness and they call upon the souls to follow them, because these beings' will is also first required in order to now be able to offer them something which helps them up.... Some only follow reluctantly, but they make an attempt to escape their fate, and only the least will experiences strengthening, for I know about every impulse and every thought and also consider every soul accordingly. But beings have also dwelled in the kingdom of twilight for an inconceivably long time, which therefore cannot enter more enlightened regions because they do not call upon the eternal light, because they do not know or acknowledge Jesus Christ and their darkened spiritual state does not allow them to think enlightened thoughts.... There, too, the enticing calls sound, the call to gather when My word is heard among you. They surround you in large crowds, at first indifferently following your work until they become attentive to the radiance of light which emanates from you as soon as you have established the bond with Me and I can speak to you.... These rays of light attract them and soon they also feel their benefit in themselves.... And once this has occurred they will no longer leave you, they will only ever wait until the light flashes again, and it will also become ever brighter within themselves, questions will arise which will be answered for them by unrecognized guides dwelling amongst them, and thus one soul after the other will release itself from its darkness or twilight area.... And crowds of redeemed souls now gather their followers around them again and lead all into your circle. And I Myself can now address all of them without having exerted any coercion of will, because you humans have lovingly offered your help for this, because you **believe** and therefore do what helps you all to be redeemed.... because you yourselves listen to My address and countless souls can now participate in it.... You have become servants to Me in truth, and your work is a blessed one, after all, it also extends to the spiritual kingdom and its inhabitants, whose number you cannot measure.... For souls will gather everywhere where My word is listened to or read, and therefore every activity will also be blessed which applies to the spreading of My word, which I Myself send to you from above.... For only one thing is important that My living creations unite with Me, be it on earth or in the kingdom of the beyond.... that they find Me in Jesus Christ and now call upon Me so that I draw them to My heart as children and can make them eternally blessed....

Amen

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Hell, end of day.... nightfall....

B.D. No. 4329

June 11th 1948

The day is drawing to a close, the light is sinking into twilight, and night is falling with its impenetrable darkness. And inevitably you humans are heading towards this night, for it is already late in the evening if you do not save yourselves in the light that can no longer go out, that can no longer be darkened by any night.... the eternal light that God has as its original source. Where there is night, the spirit of darkness reigns, and its kingdom is truly not desirable; where there is light, there is truth, love and bliss. Night only serves lies and hatred, and the stay there is agonizing for the souls who fall prey to this kingdom. Escape the night before it is too late, strive towards the light, do not be indifferent to what will be after death. Redeem yourselves from the power of the enemy of your soul, strive towards the saviour Jesus Christ, stretch out your hand towards Him and He will lovingly take hold of it and draw you over into His world, He will free you from the evil power, for He is the

redeemer of humanity, He has passed the battle against His adversary, against the one who threatens to ruin you. Hurry under the cross of Christ, carry your guilt of sin to Him, ask Him for help and He will help you to win the victory in the last hour. But hurry, for time is pressing, let yourselves be urgently admonished once again that soon, very soon, night will fall and then it will be too late if you have not already taken the path which leads to Him, Who alone can help you. Withdraw your gaze from the world, look into yourselves, how it looks there and what work still awaits you, if you want to create order within and stand before God when the end comes. The spiritual hardship is indescribable, people get more and more caught up in the thought of increasing matter and have no time left for soul work, for inner self-contemplation, the world demands more and more and therefore they leave the soul in want. But the world will collapse, yet the soul will continue to exist and will then dwell in most meagre surroundings if it has the grace to still be called away before the end. But those who experience the end will be pushed into the abyss without mercy if they have not sought the light before. And this abyss is night, it is hell, it is the new banishment in works of creation of every kind. Let this be said to you that you return to matter, which you now seek so eagerly and yet had long since overcome. It will be your share because you desire it with all your senses, because you forget your soul above matter.... it will be your share, it will enclose your soul, that you languish in hardest captivity for endless times. Be aware of the fact that you yourselves create the state which will be your fate afterwards, life or death.... light or darkness. Listen to what you are told from above, don't pass it by carelessly but pay attention to the guides who know the way and let them show you the right path. For it concerns eternity, it concerns more than just earthly trinkets and physical comfort, it concerns the state of eternity which you create for yourselves because you have free will. And change before it is too late, for the day is drawing to a close and the night will soon fall....

Amen

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Fight against selfish love....

B.D. No. 7557

March 23rd 1960

Much is demanded of you if you are still completely dominated by selfish love, for then it means a struggle for you to overcome it and change it into unselfish neighbourly love. But you must remember that you only take care of your body as long as you satisfy your selfish love and that you do not collect any spiritual treasures which will one day make up your wealth in the kingdom of the beyond. You must remember that your stay on this earth is not eternal but that you have to fulfil a task: to change your nature into love; for you enter earth as a human being with only a small degree of pure, selfless love, which you should now increase if you don't first have to kindle love in yourselves.... But selfish love dominates you, and you should suppress it, which always means a fight against all desires which demand fulfilment for physical comfort. Your attention must be directed towards your fellow human being, and it must be the human being's endeavour to carry out works of love if he wants to change himself, i.e. his nature, into love. He must learn to renounce for the sake of his neighbour, he must be willing to make sacrifices for the sake of his neighbour, he must be urged from within to do good to his fellow human being, and his self-love will become ever smaller the stronger the human being's will. And that is why it is said that the "kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and only the one who needs violence seizes it for himself." Whose selfish love is still very strong will have to use great violence to reduce it, the charms of the world will constantly be placed before him, for God's adversary will tempt him wherever he can, and it will be difficult to resist all those temptations, he will have to use violence.... but he will succeed as soon as his will strives to fulfil his earthly task: to change his nature. He will be supplied with strength because he **wants** to reach his aim.... And in order for him to strive towards this aim he will repeatedly be reminded of the commandments of love for God and his neighbour, and if he is of good will he will first only fulfil his duty, he will strive to fulfil God's commandments.... until he is then driven from within to work of love and the fight against selfish love becomes ever less, for he will become victorious over himself if he is of good will. Yet most people are dominated by selfish love, they only think of themselves, love has grown cold in them

and therefore they cannot become overcomers, they will only ever seek earthly advantages and not think of their life after death.... And their fate will be a bitter one, for they will enter the kingdom of the beyond poor and miserable, where it will also be difficult for them to ascend, because even then they will not want to give up their selfish love, because even then they will only think of their own fate and the fate of other souls will not affect them. It is particularly difficult for these souls to relinquish their selfish love, and they will have to remain in adversity and torment for a long time before they change and turn their gaze to the souls in the same predicament. For this reason anyone who still gives up his selfish love before he has to surrender his earthly life is to be called blessed on earth.... For once the soul has become acquainted with true love it will also be able to detach itself more easily from what it would otherwise not want to give away for its own sake. And then the danger will no longer be so great when it enters the kingdom of the beyond; then it will also be able to feel love for its neighbour and ascend more easily, one day it will also attain beatitude, because the more it practices love itself the more its love will increase. And it will have much opportunity to do so, for God helps every soul so that it can detach itself from darkness and reach the light....

Amen

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Do not forfeit your eternal life....

B.D. No. 7096

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Do not forfeit your eternal life.... Admittedly, one day it will be granted to all of you, but eternities of infinite agony and darkness may still go by when you are in a state of death and entirely without strength and light. And you can prolong this agonizing time indefinitely so that you can indeed speak of 'eternal damnation'.... but which **I** have not given to you, instead you volitionally cause and continue to cause it yourselves if you fail to use your human existence to achieve eternal life for yourselves.

I will not let you be lost **forever**, because you are My living creations whom I loved from the start and will never cease to love either, but I cannot give life to you prematurely if you yourselves prefer the state of death, if you are unwilling to accept life from Me.... However, you can easily acquire it by merely entrusting yourselves to Me, Who is eternal life Himself....

And for this purpose earthly life is given you, where you are in possession of intellect and free will, where you can accept instructions concerning your task on earth and thus you need only **want** to emerge from the state of death. And this time on earth is very short, no great sacrifices are expected of you considering what you shall receive if you use your will correctly. The lifespan of a human being is very brief indeed but it suffices to let you reach the goal....

Yet your preliminary development took an infinitely long time until you were able to enter the stage of a human being.... And it will take an equally infinitely long time until you will receive the grace again to repeat your test of volition. The length of these infinite times is beyond your human comprehension since your thinking is limited in your imperfect state.... And just as you do not know of this agony, because retrospection of your preliminary development is taken from you during your earthly life, you do not know of the indescribable bliss either which is integral to the concept of 'eternal life'.... You do not know of the splendours awaiting you in My kingdom when you decide to finally return to Me.... And neither one nor the other information can be proven to you, since then it would be impossible to make a free decision of will.

But you should believe it even without proof and live your earthly life accordingly, you should not forfeit the bliss of a 'life' in My kingdom, you all should include **this** possibility in your intellectual consideration even if it seems implausible to you.... and you should live such that you need not reproach yourselves when the hour of your departure from this earth has arrived one day. You should also listen to those who talk about **such** things which are unrelated to the physical world.... And you should reflect on it and imagine how you would fare if they were right....

There is too much at stake for you humans, it is not just a question of a few years like your lifetime on earth.... it concerns eternal life, it concerns the **never-ending** state of supreme blissfulness.... a state in light and strength that was yours in the beginning.... And for this eternity in light and strength you only need to renounce utterly worthless things for a very short time, for a 'moment' of this eternity.... But you value these things exceptionally high, and hence will forfeit 'life' and continue to remain in a state of death for an endless time again....

And all I can do to help you attain life is to constantly send My messengers to you humans, who warn and remind you on My behalf, who should inspire you to try to arrive at the truth.... who point out to you that I, as the only Truth, enlighten your thoughts, who advise you to establish the connection with Me Myself, so that I can then seize and draw you to Myself.... But you have to take the first step, since I will not force you for the sake of your beatitude. But I will support and strengthen even the weakest will which turns to Me. I caused the entire creation to come into being in order to give you life.

I do not want your death, I want you to live and finally escape your state of death, which has already lasted for an infinite time.... I want to impart My love on you again and offer you a wonderful fate which will never end again.... But I cannot stop you from taking the path into the abyss once more if you volitionally follow My adversary again who once had taken your life and delivered you unto death. I can only ever call to you again 'Do not forfeit your eternal life.... ' but you have to follow My call voluntarily, you have to endeavour to achieve life while you live on earth, and I truly will help you achieve it because I love you....

Amen

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