

Word of God

Father Words: "Go the way of love!"

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Illumination of the divine light of love....

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How significant it is for you that a light is kindled for you on earth, that pure truth is supplied to you, that you as man cannot measure; but once you will recognize the greatness of My gift of grace and My endless love for you, My creatures, and never ever fall back into darkness from which I have led you out to the light. They are brightly shining rays which fall there where a person opens himself voluntarily for My love light.... And these rays let everything be seen clearly, man grasps his purpose of earthly life, his relationship to me, his God and creator, he grasps all spiritual connections, and he strives again for the connection with me, which he himself had only interrupted, but which could never be completely loosened.... One had struck you with blindness, he had caused you to follow him into darkness, and darkness has been your lot throughout eternal times.... But now, as you walk the earth as a human being, you will again be touched by rays of light if you do not resist them.... So much light will be brought to you that the desire can awaken in you to enter a state of light again.... And then your desire will also be met.... You possess as a human being intellect and free will and you only need to judge both rightly.... You only need to think about yourselves and your existence on earth and want to find out about it.... Then you already enter voluntarily into My love stream circle and can catch rays of light which will touch you truly beneficially and will strengthen the desire for light. But this desire has to arise in your free will, you cannot be forced by me, because you have to show through the desire for light that you want to escape from that state of darkness, and thereby you also prove that you want to escape from My adversary and turn to Me again.... And this is the purpose of your existence on earth, that you confess Me in free will.... Therefore also a ray of love light must reach you from Me, you must attain a glimmer of knowledge, which is offered to you all, but must be accepted by you **voluntarily**.... Therefore you will be instructed from outside and be able to mentally deal with all knowledge supplied to you, and then you decide yourselves what you accept or reject.... You decide whether you demand enlightenment or remain completely unimpressed by spiritual knowledge. And you are also urged by the inner voice.... by the voice of conscience.... urged to think right, but never forced. My love, however, pursues every man until his bodily death and seeks to direct the light of knowledge to him so that he finds the right way and also goes it, which leads back to me, into his father's house. This will always be My endeavor to give the soul a light, in the shine of which it now recognizes itself and carries out a conscious soul work.... in order to once again become the original being, which it was in the beginning and which changed in free will into the opposite. Man alone should and must recognize this, he must recognize his apostasy from me.... his great original sin.... must be pointed out to him so that he knows for what purpose he walks the earth and leads his earthly life accordingly. **This alone** is important to know, and therefore **this knowledge** is supplied to you through My word, which is offered to you directly by Me, so that you walk in purest truth. Your life on earth is short, therefore you should not waste the time with endeavours and researches of all kind, which have nothing to do with your soul's salvation.... The knowledge about My work and

activity in the whole of infinity will one day be transmitted to you in a flash when your soul enters the spiritual kingdom in a high degree of maturity so that it is close to its perfection.... But as long as it stays on earth, only the **spiritual** maturing is to be striven for and promoted, and the intellect is not to burden itself with knowledge which is irrelevant for the salvation of the soul as long as the soul has not yet reached perfection.... But this is likewise a trick of My adversary, to submit to men a knowledge which claims their intellect and holds them back from conscious work on themselves.... And never will I Myself support such an activity of My opponent by giving you knowledge of it, what to know is not of blessing for you.... For as long as you are not informed about the most important thing.... about the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, about My incarnation, about the "becoming one of God and Jesus".... that knowledge which you strive for remains only a pure intellectual knowledge and brings you no advantage for your souls.... For the work of redemption of Jesus Christ only made an "outpouring of the spirit" possible, and therefore only then can My spirit work in a man and impart fullest truth to him, when that redemption through Jesus Christ has preceded, but which then also guarantees his working, so that man recognizes brightly and clearly what purpose divine **revelations** have and what can be rated as **divine** revelations.... For do not forget, you people, that you live in the end times and that I have warned you against false christs and false prophets.... And these warnings and admonitions I also repeat today that you should not believe any spirit.... For My adversary will also make use of the name Jesus, because he then only speaks of the **man** Jesus, but not of **God Himself**.... and he thus seeks to lead people astray, for **God and Jesus** are one.... And when **Jesus** reveals Himself, then **God** reveals **Himself**.... And truly, I am always determined only by My greater than great love for you, because it is a long way which you have already gone and which you had to cover in darkness because the light from Me did not find access to you.... But now let yourselves be illuminated and let Me kindle a bright light.... And you will walk in truth, as I have promised you, that I will send you the comforter, the spirit of truth.... Accept what My spirit now announces to you.... because you are to test, but keep the best. And what goes out from Me, that is a delicious spiritual good, which guarantees you an eternal life, because it is love power from Me, which can never remain without effect....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Of the essence of God

God is love....

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Everything arose from God's strength of love.... He Himself is the primary source of strength, His fundamental element is love, thus He **is** love Himself.... And yet He is a **Being** Which works and creates with wise judgment.... He is a Being Which puts Its thoughts into effect, Which constantly brings forth new creations that radiate His strength of love into infinity. This, however, always serves its purpose, it is not arbitrarily effective but its result is determined by God's wisdom and might.... **God is love....** You humans will not understand this statement as long as you are unable to comprehend the **nature** of love, which necessitates shaping yourselves into love. For you will always look at love as a characteristic which you confer to the highest and most perfect being. But that this Being is **love Itself** will remain incomprehensible to you as long as you live on earth as a human being.

And you all emerged from this love, you are emanated strength, you yourselves are love in your fundamental nature.... but likewise you are beings with the ability of **thought** and **will**.... the evidence of an 'entity'.... Hence, nothing arose and will continue to arise haphazardly.... Everything is very wisely considered; all things are the thoughts of a supremely perfect Being Which you humans call 'God'.... And this Being reproduced Itself.... It brought forth the same beings from within Itself, It emanated Its strength of love and gave it forms.... It created.... Everything created by God is and remains love in its fundamental substance. It is and remains strength which shall become effective in accordance with divine will.... If, however, it is prevented from being effective then divine order will be changed.... The principle of love will be turned into the opposite. The Being Which is love, wisdom and might Itself.... thus 'God'.... will be resisted, which the beings He had brought to life could indeed accomplish because He had also endowed them with free will as His images.... But in that case the being will leave its lawful order.... it will turn itself into the opposite.... it will certainly carry on existing, but it will no longer allow the strength of love to become effective and that will signify solidification, it will signify a standstill, it will signify the death of what once radiated as 'life' from God....

The human being's fundamental substance is love, yet on the whole he is still in opposition to the One Who had emanated him as a being.... And therefore he does not recognise **what love is**.... For this reason the **nature** of God, **Who is love Himself**, is also incomprehensible to him. For love is simultaneously **light**, Which, however, provides little enlightenment for the human being while his love is still feeble. Hence he is also unable to recognise God's nature, he can only believe the information he receives regarding it, but as soon as such reports accord to the truth they will also enlighten him, for then he will endeavour to change his nature into love, and he will also turn to the Being Which is supremely perfect and begin to recognise It as the 'Eternal Love'....

But he will never be able to fathom God's nature, for He is the eternal **centre** of strength, whereas all created beings are emanated but very tiny **sparks** of strength which would never be able to behold the primal fire without ceasing to exist.... A person would be able to perceive the love, wisdom and might of a perceptible God on earth already if he is of good will and opens his heart for the illumination of love again by the Being he originated from.... For this supremely perfect Being reveals Itself to His living creations....

And the greatest evidence of love of the One, Who is love Himself, is that He reveals Himself, that He provides His created beings with information about Himself as far as they are able to grasp it.... and that He thereby wants to re-ignite their love to make it effective again in line with the fundamental

element.... so that His living creations will re-enter the eternal order in order to create and work as it was in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Inscrutability of the Deity....

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You should believe that you humans will eternally be unable to fathom My fundamental nature. It is not possible to make you understand what I Am in essence, for your thinking is still limited, and thus you are incapable of comprehending the infinite. Infinite, however, is the spirit for Whom you created the term '**God**'. And what this spirit is in Itself again cannot be explained to you either, because He has no form and you always imagine everything in existence as a form.... especially when it is of substance, thus when it possesses a thinking will. I, however, certainly **exist** but Am **not** conceivable **in any shape**.... I Am unlimited strength Which works without limitation.... And thus this strength permeates the entire universe, It permeates every physical and spiritual creation. And It always and forever works in lawful order.... For a thinking will directs this spiritual strength according to a plan in love and wisdom. This 'thinking will' entitles you to imagine a **Being**, you just may not give this Being a form but have to regard everything that is visible to you and all spiritual creations as imbued by My strength of love.... by My spirit.... with Which, however, you are able to make mental contact, because I **Myself** Am a thinking Being.

My fundamental nature, My spirit, My love, My strength.... everything is the same. The all-pervading strength is God.... love in itself is God.... The spirit is God. And yet God is a **Being**, for a thinking will determines how the love, the strength, the spirit expresses itself, it determines My every reign and activity. And though the strength of love dispersed itself into countless tiny sparks.... each tiny spark is again the same as I Myself: a spirit with the same characteristics as I Myself, only extremely small.... and yet powerful, for it is a carrier of the eternal Deity Itself again or it could not continue to exist if it were not permeated by My strength of love. And thus the human being can indeed liken himself to Me Myself, because you all are images of Me. Nevertheless you are **finite** beings, you are a part of Me which has to be looked upon as finite as long as you are still imperfect. Once you become perfect again, as you were in the beginning, then the fusion with Me will take place again too, and then it will be easier for you to form a concept of the Deity, albeit I Am and will remain inscrutable to you in My innermost nature. But then you will no longer apply limited standards as you do as human beings and which is the reason for your frequently misguided reasoning.

I Am a spirit, that is, I Am a Being Which is not perceptible to your human senses but Which nevertheless **exists**.... Which, however, is a **Being** because you can recognise meaning and purpose in everything I brought into existence and thus arrive at the logical conclusion of a Might capable of thought and will. Therefore you should contact this Might Which cannot be denied by you. For only this connection, the union, makes you realise that you are the same in your fundamental nature.... And when this Might speaks to you, then it does not address your external shell.... the body.... but what is inside of this shell, which characterises you as a divine image: your spirit, which thus emerged from Me (was given to you) and is part of Me.... which you once rejected and which was given to you again as a tiny spark for your existence as a human being, with other words: I speak to the eternally immortal part in you, I speak to what belongs to Me Myself, which emanated from Me Myself as a minute spark and shelters in your human cover, which is only evidence again that I Myself wanted to find Myself again in you, My living creations, and thus you will also stay inseparably connected to Me, because My spirit is undividable.... Because My strength of love assures your existence, because you can never again cease to exist, for you are My emanated strength which, according to eternal law, has to return to the source of strength again.

You will only understand all this in the state of perfection, your thinking will no longer be limited but you will also know that I Am a Being to Whom all your love belongs, you will know that I Am

love Myself, and you will understand why you were unable to grasp all this as a human being. For as long as I Myself.... My spirit.... My love, cannot take full possession of you because you are still imperfect I cannot permeate you such that you are radiantly enlightened either. Yet I Am active in you, as far as this is possible, as far as your degree of maturity permits it.... bestowing ever more light upon you, so that one day you will reach perfection....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God is a spirit Who has manifested Himself in Jesus....

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You should not imagine your God and Creator as a strictly limited Being, you should not try to associate Him with a form, for then your idea would always be wrong, because something defined can never correspond to My nature, which is utterly perfect, thus infinite. For I Am a spirit Who fills and permeates **everything**. In My nature I will be eternally unfathomable for My living creations, for although My living creations were externalised by Me in **supreme perfection** they are nevertheless only sparks of love, emanated by the fire of My Eternal Love and externalised as individual beings who, however, would be unable to behold the eternal **source of light and strength** if I showed Myself to them in My full abundance of brilliance, since they would perish if they faced the radiating light....

Yet you need not visualise Me in any other way than as the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ.... In Him I became the 'visible' God for you, in Him the eternal, infinite spirit has manifested Itself, in Him you see Me and are able to behold Him face to face.... Thus I gave Myself a form for **you**, whom I had externalised from My love and My strength as My living creations.... The Eternal Spirit Who fills all of infinity permeated this form with light and became a visible God for you.... And yet I reign and work throughout all of infinity and thus My Being cannot be limited either, I can only have become a **conceivable** idea in the form of Jesus Christ for you, who are still finite yourselves, who have not yet attained the highest perfection, for I have to give to you what corresponds to your state, which is still far from perfection.

However, I Am and remain also inscrutable in My nature for the spirits of highest perfection, which, however, is a cause of increased beatitude, because My children constantly strive towards Me, are constantly delighted by Me through My fulfilling of their desire yet never able to reach Me.... and on the other hand may behold Me from face to face in Jesus Christ.... This, too, will remain an enigma to you, and only in the state of enlightenment will you begin to comprehend and yet eternally unable to fathom My nature. To you I appear infinitely far away and yet I Am as close to you as only a father can get to his child. But this awareness makes you immensely happy, and your love for Me increases constantly and is also the cause of bliss, because it always meets with fulfilment.

And thus your love for Jesus Christ will blaze ever more ardently, in Whom you have recognised your Father of eternity and in Whom I bestow unlimited bliss upon you.... For in Him I Am now able to be close to My children, even though I Am not bound to the form, even though I fill all of infinity with My light and My strength, with My Being, which is and remains inscrutable. But you, My living creations, shall look for and find Me in **Jesus**, for I have chosen Him as the form which received Me; and this once human external form completely spiritualised itself and yet remained visible to every being which attained the state of maturity of spiritual vision....

Thus you see My eternal spirit when you see Jesus, for He and I are one, you see the Father when you see **Jesus**, because I wanted to be visible to you, My created beings, in order to gain all your love. Yet you will never be able to behold Me in My infinite abundance of strength and light without ceasing to exist.... But I want to be able to create and work with My children and thus also reveal Myself to them in order to heighten their beatitude.... And I want to experience their love Myself and therefore will always be close to My children....

Amen

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Original Sin and Ascent of Spiritual Beings

Act of creating the spiritual beings....

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March 17th 1958

It is My will that you shall be enlightened where darkness prevails. People who don't question cannot receive answers, but those who want to know and turn to Me Myself will receive My reply so that they will learn to recognise Me in My love and wisdom and grant their love to Me.... The act of creating the spiritual beings was a spiritual process which will only be understandable to you humans when you enter the kingdom of light. As long as you live on earth it can only be roughly outlined to you according to your level of understanding. Nevertheless, it will not divert from the truth, but it will lack both the deeper reasons as well as the infinitely many intermediate processes which, however, would not contribute towards your enlightenment either. However, you can rest assured that I will not let your thinking become confused, since you only wish to be instructed in the truth. When I created the first being I was only motivated by the thought of creating a vessel for Myself which was intended to assimilate My ceaselessly outpouring strength of love.... because My infinite love wanted to give itself and only ever provide happiness.... My strength of love constantly brought forth all kinds of spiritual creations. Therefore I also wanted to create something that corresponded to Me Myself, thus an image of Me. And My will came to pass a being of supreme perfection arose beside Me which was pleasing to Me, which was indescribably beautiful, it was an image of Myself which from then on was so permeated by My strength of love that it was equally able to be creatively active without limitation. And just as the source of My strength of love had motivated Me into shaping a receiving vessel into which it could flow, the same will and desire also arose in this being to make use of the constant influx of My love's strength and, likewise, to let beings arise from within itself. Thus the same process repeated itself, because I wanted to let this first-created being participate in the incredible bliss of giving life to like-natured beings, for as an 'image' of Myself it was imbued with the same feelings, it was overflowing with love, and the strength it constantly received from Me did not keep the being inactive either.... which resulted in this very process of creating countless beings.... Hence these created beings could **not be different** from My first-created being.... they were supremely perfect, brightly radiant and overwhelmingly powerful spirits which all corresponded to the image I had externalised. Through My influx of strength, which made the act of creating these beings possible in the first place, I was therefore also their 'Creator', although the will of the first-created being had to avail itself first of this strength of Mine. Hence **all** beings emerged from Me and My first image.... and all beings possessed the same creative power. But **My will** was also active in all originally created beings, the host of originally created spirits were inflamed with burning **love** for Me, because My fire of love was their fundamental element, they had been the products of purest love and therefore all created beings were also positively inclined towards Me....

Endless times passed by in most blissful harmony and a constant exchange of love.... and this state need never have changed. But then the process of creating took on a different form.... which should only be understood in a spiritual sense. This was triggered by the desire of My first-created being, the bearer of light, to see Me. The being's love for Me was still unchanged and therefore it desired to behold Me even though it knew that I, as the 'centre of strength and light' could not be visible to My created beings, which would have ceased to exist in view of My abundance of light.... it would have consumed the created beings.... which were sparks of My light.... and thus a beholding of Me was not **possible**. And because it was unable to behold Me the thought flashed up in it to become independent from Me and more or less present itself to the host of originally created being as 'Creator itself'.... a thought which arose as a consequence of the desire to see Me **despite better knowledge**. As an attribute of perfection all beings also possessed free will which, however, always corresponded to My

will. And this free will allowed for the said mental confusion.... Thus the bearer of light, Lucifer, was not prevented by Me from aiming his will in the wrong direction. Even so, the process of creation started to falter, that is, as long as his will no longer harmonised with Mine he more or less closed himself off to the flow of My love, yet always just temporarily, for at first his resistance was so small that love nevertheless came through again and he utterly devoted himself to Me once more, which then also resulted in an unabated flow of My strength of love and thus continued creative activity. But time and again the wrong thoughts kept emerging in him because he did not confide them in Me Myself so that I could have refuted them.... For he temporarily excluded Me without realising that he thereby lessened his strength.... As soon as he loosened the bond with Me through wrongly inclined thoughts the inflow of strength of love also lessened; however, he did not realise this in view of the countless multitude of spirits he had already called into existence through his will and the use of My strength.... Time and again it must be emphasised that My strength enabled him to create the beings in the first place and that only his love for Me gave him the strength.... so it is understandable, that a **reduction** of his love also reduced the influx of strength. And at the same time, every created being was also the **proof** of Lucifer's connection with Me.... thus no other being could arise after Lucifer consciously separated from Me, on account of which all created beings belong to Me as well, for they are 'My emanated strength of love'. And yet a large proportion of all created beings had fallen away from Me.... And that justifies the question as to whether the beings differed in their fundamental substance....

I only externalised **one** being as an independent entity.... And this being was created in My image. Consequently, all spiritual beings which were brought into existence by this being had to entirely correspond to Me and My image again.... They were the same perfect, most radiantly shining living creations, for only something supremely perfect was able to emerge from our mutual love and will, which both corresponded to each other.... beings, which were by no means inferior to the first-created bearer of light.... Hence they were equally extremely powerful and ablaze with burning love for Me, even though they were unable to behold Me. Nevertheless, they recognised Me, for I also revealed Myself to them through the Word. It was an infinitely large number of spirits which glorified Me and sang My praises, which, in reverence, were willing to serve Me and which were only ever active according to **My** will, thus they were images of Me Myself. And this indescribably happy multitude of spirits should have increased the light bearer's love for Me ever more.... Yet various feelings in him began to oppose each other: He saw the gloriously radiating beings and desired to behold Me as well.... Since he was visible to the beings he deemed himself superior to Me and no longer wanted to acknowledge Me as the One from Whom everything had emerged, despite the fact that he **knew** that he, too, had originated from Me. Conscious of the strength permeating him, he began to separate himself from the source of strength.... a process which lasted for an infinitely long time because the desire for happiness repeatedly pushed him back to Me and therefore he repeatedly received strength again for the creation of new beings. And so these beings, too, consisted of the same fundamental substance, namely of My emanated strength of love; however the sporadic separation from Me also influenced the process of creation to a certain extent, insofar as those beings' will and love was more inclined towards their maker than Me.... but I neither tried to influence these beings nor the bearer of light. Yet they were equally enlightened, they recognised Me as their Creator and were therefore also able to make the **right** decision in free will when this important decision was demanded of them.

My first-created being was connected with **all** beings produced by him, just as I was inseparably linked with all beings because My strength of love had to permeate them were they to continue to exist. My adversary tried to maintain the connection with his created beings even after his will was already opposing Mine.... that is, he also inspired the **first** spirits into turning away from Me and a number of of them succumbed to his temptation, Lucifer also pulled them into the abyss and their realisation should have truly made them abhor his disgraceful plan. And their sin was far greater still, therefore, their path of return will also be considerably more difficult.... whereas the majority of the first-created beings remained with Me when the followers of My present adversary detached themselves from Me. The hidden resistance with which Lucifer started to oppose Me resulted in the fact that an infinitely large host of created spirits decided partly for and partly against Me when the

test of will was expected of them. For the resistance disturbed the hitherto integrated whole.... My former image was no longer governed by the **same** will, the **same** love, it had caused a rift and this division was also felt by the beings which had emerged from our love, which were now like their maker, even though My strength was involved in their creation. But since this resistance had not been present in the first-created spiritual being, since the light bearer's love and will were completely merged with Mine, it was only possible for such beings to emerge from our love which utterly corresponded to us, whose brilliant abundance of light and unlimited strength were true images of Me Myself as well as of the being which I had externalised from Me in My love.... and which also, with a few exceptions, remained with Me. And the same process occurred in the latter as happened in Lucifer: free will aimed in the wrong direction.... they desired to see their God and Creator and drew the wrong conclusions from My necessary invisibility by acknowledging that which was 'visible' to them as their 'God', who then exalted himself and drew countless beings to himself, which all detached themselves volitionally from Me and thereby plunged into the abyss....

Once all created beings glowed with light and strength, because nothing could have arisen without the flow of My love's strength. The reduced emanation of light only began with Lucifer's reduced love for Me, but this did not mean that these beings were lacking the light of realisation, for at the moment of creating the beings My strength of love also permeated the maker of all the beings again; but these moments became increasingly less frequent until he voluntarily rebelled against Me and was no longer able to receive any influx of strength because he rejected it by believing himself to be just as powerful as Me.... And then his state of mind became dark as well.... He.... who once had been in My image.... became My direct opposite, his nature reversed completely, he had sunk into the deepest abyss and his followers with him, whom he regarded as his supposed power and strength. The highest being, having emerged from My love, had sunk the lowest, because it misused its free will, the characteristic of divine origin.... And it was left up to every being to aim this will in My or his direction, every being was **able** to pass the test of will because every being possessed the light of realisation and also had the strength at its disposal to resist the urging for its maker.... But neither will every fallen being ever lose My love, for My love let it arise and My love will never ever let it perish again, but until it surrenders its resistance it will not be able to feel My love and thus remain wretched. However, one day its resistance will diminish and the being will look for My love again and consciously take the path of return to Me.... Then it will recognise My inconceivable love, it will recognise its God and Creator in Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself became for all beings the visible God, Whom they desired to see and Who prepared for them the path of return into the Father's house....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

God's plan of Salvation.... Original sin.... Adam's fall.... Work of redemption....

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November 20th 1957

The work of redemption began with the emergence of the creations in the universe.... it began with binding the hardened spiritual substance in the form, thus with the shaping of material forms which at first were spiritual in substance themselves and then also sheltered spiritual substances within themselves which had already gone through a certain process of development. The spirits which once had deserted God had distanced themselves from Him to a point that God's strength was no longer able to touch them, therefore they became immobile and rigid, they became hardened in themselves. And during this time they belonged to God's adversary and would never have changed their situation. But it was God's plan to provide these hardened spirits with an opportunity to attain a state of splendour which surpassed their past beatitude by far.... God wanted to shape His 'living creations' into 'children'.... which, however, had to be achieved by the creature itself. Hence the created being, which had rebelled against God in free will and consequently fell abysmally low, had the opportunity to completely voluntarily ascend to maturity again in order to then be able to achieve the work of deification.... but it had to be **lifted** out of the abyss since it was no longer capable of ascending by itself due to its total lack of strength. And God provided this help for the fallen spirits by letting the

creation arise, by shaping the hardened spiritual substance through His will into many different kinds of creations. And with these creations **began** the redemption or the return of the spirits to God.

Now the fallen spirits were guaranteed ascension up to a certain level, because **divine** will is the decisive factor in this plan of creation and the adversary has no influence whatsoever on the bound spiritual substances within the works of creation.

Even the continued ascent as a human being would have been guaranteed had the first human beings faithfully lived according to God's easy commandment and resisted the temptations by God's opponent.... for which the first human beings, Adam and Eve, certainly had the strength.... But since they were allowed to use their free will and let themselves be beguiled by the adversary, they failed and thereby made the work of redemption far more difficult for the whole of humanity than it should have been had they used their will **correctly**. Hence the people who followed were considerably weakened by this sin of the first human beings, they no longer had the strength which the former had at their disposal and to a certain extent carried the burden of this sin, so God's adversary had achieved a great deal:

He **endangered** the prospect of people.... the once fallen original spirits.... ever attaining the final goal of deification. And therefore God provided help for them again.... He sent His Son to earth, i.e., a supreme being of light started his process on earth in order to fulfil the conditions as a human being which the first people neglected to fulfil and which devastated them.... He thereby wanted to help them escape their state of weakness, He wanted to enable them again to reach the deification. It was the man Jesus in Whom the Divine Love Itself took abode.... the Father Who wanted to help His children liberate themselves from the adversary and to come back to Him.... He sent His Son to earth, a being Who likewise emerged from His creative strength and Who had to enter a human shell in order to first become a vessel for the eternal Spirit of God Who in this human form wanted to bring salvation to His living creations. But again the human being's free will remains decisive.... For now he first has to acknowledge the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and accept His redeeming help if he wants to reach the goal of unification with God, of childhood to God, which is a state of supreme perfection and beatitude. All fallen spirits are **able** to reach the highest pinnacle, because the act of Salvation by the man Jesus has demonstrated that a human being's will is **able** to offer resistance to his opponent and arch enemy, that **love** is the **strength** of resistance which everyone can kindle in himself.... and because every human being need only appeal to the divine Redeemer for help in order to then also emerge as a conqueror of death and attain the life which can only be found in unity with God.... and which also proves the release from God's adversary, who only ever endeavours to keep all created beings in the abyss, in the state of death. Hence 'redemption' means 'release' from the one who brought death into the world, redemption means accepting Jesus Christ's help, for without him the human being is weak as a result of the original sin and the sin of his ancestral parents, which were only atoned for by Jesus Christ's death on the cross....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The beings' gradual higher development in Creation....

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And thus listen to the following: When I transformed the beings, which I had once emanated as strength, into many different kinds of works of creation, it started the gradual higher development of these beings in their dissolved state.... At first it was an incredible mass of spiritual substance which slowly took on form when My will solidified the spiritual strength into matter, and this matter was so differently natured again that it cannot be made understandable to you humans. According to My wisdom and My love I had devised a plan of Salvation for the fallen spirits which was to be implemented in the creation. The purpose of My creation was to induce the bound spiritual substances within to be of service, thus one work of creation was needed for another in order to make it possible for a gradual higher development to take place. The serving functions at the beginning of

creation cannot be made conceivable to you humans.... only when the works of creation became somewhat more solidified some activity, albeit very slight, commenced. And every activity testifies to life, every activity achieves a change, therefore the forms also changed constantly, developing into ever larger works of creation, each one of which had to fulfil a task determined by My will and which was also carried out according to My will, because the spiritual substance was unable to resist My will. Therefore the creation did not arise in an instant through My will, instead, the spiritual substances, or 'transformed strength', bound therein covered a slow path of development so that its resistance gradually subsided which manifested itself in being of service which, admittedly, still happened under My law of compulsion but nevertheless proved a reduction of opposition.... And so the process of higher development through the mineral, plant and animal world until the stage of a human being, has been explained to you such that the external forms constantly released the bound spiritual substances within, which linked up in order to take abode in a larger form again and continue their service, until all tiny particles belonging to a fallen original spirit had come together again and were able to embody themselves as 'soul' in a human being.... But just as it happens in the animal world, that, after dying, the smallest living organisms join other spiritual substances of the same degree of development and enter a larger external shape, so the process of development continued, and My love and My wisdom constantly created new forms which were able to accept the destined spiritual substance.... In nature you look upon this as 'evolution' of a small living being into an ever larger one.... Yet first I had to create a new form which previously had not yet existed. And although these forms constantly became larger and resembled the previous forms, it always involved an act of creation on My part which, however, could not be observed by people because no-one endowed with intellect and free will populated the earth as yet.

However, My eternal plan was definite, therefore I also knew about the living creation which was intended to live on earth as a 'human being' for the purpose of taking its final test of will.... And thus the spiritual substances which were still bound in the various works of creation were continuously placed into new creations the closer the individual being's spiritual substance approached maturity.... The works of creation became increasingly larger.... which is not to be understood in terms of physical size but the individual living being's constitution, their functions and their abilities are referred to in this instance.... Yet each new living creature was the work of My infinite love and wisdom and omnipotence.... which subsequently reproduced itself but always remained the same creation as I had externalised it.... Do understand that no living being will change its constitution, and where you believe you notice a change or further development, its emergence has been an act of creation on My part. Thus every human-like creature inhabiting the earth before the creation of the first human being always were new creations which, however, remained the species they were created as a product of My omnipotence. And since the bound spiritual substance within them constantly developed further, My will also created an increasingly **more** human-like external form, yet this creation was always based on **My will**, which manifested itself as **natural law** again.... what you humans now describe as the natural evolution of the beings.... But the **human being** can never be regarded as a product of natural evolution, for he is a separate creation, having emerged from My omnipotence, love and wisdom and being designed such that he shall and is able to fulfil an eminent task on earth. Even if you try to train the most intelligent animals to think and decide independently you will never succeed, for the abilities possessed by a human being are not hidden in any animal, for the human being is the only life form on earth in possession of thinking ability, intellect and free will.... which can never be slowly developed nor are they attributes of a creature's gradual higher development, instead it merely proves that the human being is a work of creation in its own right, called into being through My will and My power in order to accomplish a task. And it was only possible to place the creation work 'man' into the world after the once fallen original spirits had already covered the gradual higher development through the creations because the human being was intended to shelter one such fallen original spirit within himself as soul. The word 'development' only ever applies to the sheltering or bound spiritual substance in every work of creation which has to go through this upward development, whereas the material works of creation must always be regarded as acts of creation, because My will brought these

external forms into existence in order to serve the spiritual substance as external shapes, which themselves should advance through being of service.

The fact that **My** will simultaneously also signifies '**natural law**', which no work of creation can resist as long as it does not yet shelter a spiritually mature being like people do, will also explain the word 'development'.... but it will never justify the allegation that the human being evolved by himself.... for he was a separate work of creation which My will and My strength of love brought into life....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Earth life purpose

Purpose of earthly life: Change of will and character....

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You humans have to go through a process of revival or you will be unsuitable for the spiritual kingdom, for the spheres of light. This means that you humans, the way you are in earthly life, don't have the necessary maturity to reside in the kingdom of light. You need a completely different attitude in order to become an acceptable occupant of the spiritual kingdom, and you are meant to achieve this state on earth, which is indeed possible. Hence you have to go through a certain process of transformation, and you have to undertake it of your own accord.

Your character cannot be forcibly changed, thus your state at the end of your earthly life is determined by yourselves, and corresponding to your willingness to change your soul will leave your body.... either receptive to light or still surrounded by dense layers which cannot bear any emanation of light.... But who knows this, which person ponders this when he is informed of it and takes changing his character seriously?....

Every person has to refine himself, he has to discard faults, weaknesses and bad habits and teach himself humility, gentleness, peacefulness, patience, compassion; every person has to shape himself into love in order to combine all these virtues within himself, then he will have shaped himself such that he can be admitted into the kingdom of light, then his nature will be deified, then he will have adjusted himself to My fundamental nature and thereby will have enabled Me Myself to enter into union with him, for everything that had separated us will have been consciously removed. The transformation of his character is the path which leads to Me, he will have achieved his earthly goal and discarded the last heavy cover as soon as he leaves his body in order to then live eternally as a blissfully happy spiritual being. Only then will the real life begin.... Let these words come alive in you: Real life begins for you when you enter the kingdom of light.... Everything prior to this has only been the ladder, the preparation time for the actual life which, however, has to be acquired during this preparation time. You humans eagerly and undauntedly work for earthly life since you consider this alone important, and you regard it as an end in itself. Yet you do not consider the actual life because you do not believe in a continuation of life after the death of your body.

Oh, you are fools.... Your purpose of life is an entirely different one than just working for your body's well-being. You are informed of this time and again yet you don't believe it, and therefore you don't change your character either, and that is your downfall.... For if you are not suitable to enter the kingdom of light, but I neither can nor want to destroy you since you originated from Me, you will have to carry out your transformation elsewhere, and that can also mean a great fall and a gradual ascent corresponding to My eternal plan, if the opportunity of attaining maturity in the beyond is not available to you.... **Sooner or later** you will **have** to undertake this change of character in the stage of a human being, not even My love can release you from **this**. The stage of a human being is, however, the final stage in an incredibly long process of development through all creations on earth. As a human being you will have to accomplish a conscious change of will and character if this process of development is to reach a successful end with your physical death on earth.... Then your earthly course of life will irrevocably come to an end....

Nevertheless, progress can continue in the spiritual realm, the soul can still recognise its wretched state in the spiritual kingdom and try to improve itself, but this necessitates much help from the beings of light or through human intercession. But the being can also slide down again into the deepest abyss because it did not recognise and try to change itself.... Then it will have to accept an appalling fate in

order to join the process of change after an infinitely long time again, when it has to prove itself once again....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Voluntary return to God in love....

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Forgiveness of guilt and strengthening of will through Jesus Christ

Occasion and purpose of the descent of Jesus....

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December 29th 1955

The core of Christ's teaching is the commandment of love, because people lack love and love is nevertheless the most important thing if your upward development is to progress.... if the soul wants to find entrance into the kingdom of light at the end of earthly life.... That is why God Himself came to earth in the man Jesus, in order to show them for the time being the way, which leads back to Him, which forms the being again in such a way, as it came out of God once.... The man Jesus taught love and lived it Himself to the people. Through His life of love, the man Jesus also proved to people the attainment of perfection, He proved to them that it is possible to come into a state through love which makes the union with God possible and thus brings in light and power in abundance. For He was as man the same as every other man. What led Him to the union with God, what brought Him the power to work miracles, what gave Him light-full recognition and deepest wisdom.... was only the love, which glowed in Him overpoweringly to God and to His fellow human beings.... And for the first time He wanted to make this love the most important thing for people, that they should do like Him, that they should follow Him in their way of life, in order to reach again the former perfection, which they had once lost in the spiritual world through their apostasy from God.... But mankind was heavily burdened by this former apostasy from God.... A sin debt weighed on it, from which the man Jesus was free.... a guilt of sin, which also pulled down the willing people again and again, which also gave another lord the right to prevent the ascent.... a lord who was opposed to Jesus, who was completely devoid of love and who therefore prevented the people, who had become his property through the fall of man, from acting in love wherever possible.... The love teaching of Christ could have been accepted but not lived out by men as long as they were still under the power of him who had once been responsible for their fall. And so his power had to be broken first, people had to be freed from him first, it had to be made possible for them to go the way up, **someone** had to **help** them.... because they were too weak on their own, even if they were of **good will**.... The burden had to be lifted from the people that kept them chained to their jailer.... And this burden, the guilt of sin of their former rebellion against God.... they could not bear or pay off themselves, because it was immense and would have eternally prevented them from ascending to God.... Therefore Jesus took this mission upon Himself, for the people.... for His fallen brothers.... to wipe out the guilt, to atone for it and to redeem people from the power of the adversary. For Jesus was likewise a being that came forth from God's love, like His brother Lucifer.... and He recognized, as an angelic spirit remaining with God, the great misery of the fallen and the impossibility of getting rid of this misery by his own strength, if help was not brought to him.... And His exceeding great love offered itself for this help: To embody itself on earth in the man Jesus and to serve the eternal deity as a cover.... the eternal **love**, **which** wanted to redeem that guilt of sin through a work of atonement, which **it** brought to execution in the man Jesus.... Only **after** the work of redemption was it possible for people to become free and to rise out of darkness, through love work, through **living out** the teaching which Jesus preached on earth. Because before men would not have been able to do this, because they were still bound, because their will was so weakened by the burden of sin that they would have sunk back again and again through the influence of the adversary. The souls belonged to Him, and voluntarily He would never have given them up, but Jesus paid the debt through His suffering and death on the cross.... The divine love, which had embodied itself in the man Jesus, redeemed the guilt itself, and people became free.... as soon as they acknowledge Jesus as the divine redeemer and also claim His work of mercy for themselves.... as well as they believe that **God in Jesus** has taken care of people in order to make the way of return to Him possible for them.... as well as they now also live in the following of Jesus, as

well as they lead a life in love and shape themselves again to what they were in the beginning.... beings filled with light and power, who united with God through love....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The magnitude of the original sin necessitates Salvation through Jesus Christ....

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If the knowledge of the infinitely long path of development, which you had to travel before your last Embodiment as a human being, is given to you and you think about it, then you will also become aware of the tremendous guilt you had burdened yourselves with by your former apostasy from Me.... Because My sense of justice would certainly not let you endure an excess of suffering if you had not brought it on yourselves. Yet it is not an act of punishment on My part but once again only an act of My eternal love, because I want you to be joyful; however, I cannot give you a blissful life which conflicts with My law of eternal order while your frame of mind opposes Me.... which is the case due to your past antagonism towards Me. However, as human beings you cannot assess the magnitude of your guilt because your thoughts are only limited. Yet the beings which previously had fallen away had no such limitation of knowledge as you have as human beings.... instead they were perfect living creations who were fully enlightened. For that reason their guilt is so tremendous that it requires an act of atonement which could not even be achieved with the infinitely long path through creation. Rather, the greatest act of love and compassion had to be accomplished first by the man Jesus in order to make a final redemption of guilt possible which, however, also necessitates the acknowledgement of Jesus as Son of God and Saviour of the world....

When you return to the realm of light from where you came you can judge the magnitude of guilt that an opposition to Me had meant. You will also understand that only by following the path through creation can you once again obtain the degree of maturity with which you can also comprehend and accept Jesus' act of Salvation....

As human beings, however, you cannot grasp the extent of the immense significance this act of Salvation has for you.... for each individual soul.... and you therefore have to 'believe' what you are told and accept the divine Saviour Jesus Christ without proof. Then you become free of your former guilt and once again place your trust in Me.... Who was incarnated in Jesus.... and at the same time voluntarily return to Him, Whom you once refused to acknowledge and Whom you resisted.... You humans certainly can be given complete clarification; however, you are not able to understand everything in your as yet imperfect state. Therefore it will always be an act of faith when you follow the path to the cross but it is also your only and certain salvation because Jesus Christ will then accept the guilt on your behalf, because He died on the cross for the sake of people's sins, He took them upon Himself and redeemed them with His blood so that you would become free of sin.... And yet, this greatest and most important doctrine concerning the act of Salvation cannot be proven to you.... You have to believe it of your own free will and without any coercion.... And you are able to do so because I will never ask of you the impossible and because I will always help you to come to the right understanding.

However, one thing you should not omit or exclude: that you live a life of love.... because love is the strength which enables you to do everything, because through love you attain enlightenment, and because through love you unite with Me again and establish the condition prior to your fall into sin, when My light could continuously enlighten you. That way I can illuminate you as human beings, as soon as you practise love and voluntarily turn towards Me, no longer oppose Me and open up to Me so that the flow of My love can pour into you without restriction. But this is only possible after you have taken the way to the cross, so that you become free from the guilt of your sins, otherwise you will still suffer in the bonds of the adversary who will prevent you from doing actions of love and keep you in spiritual darkness because he does not want to lose you. Your guilt has been immense but it is redeemed by Jesus Christ Who now has become the visible God for you humans, providing you allow

yourselves to be redeemed by Him, because you cannot ever remove your guilt yourselves. I, however, cannot admit you into My kingdom with your guilt because, although I Am in fact a God of love, I Am also a God of justice.... And this justice necessitates complete forgiveness of sins which you can only find in Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself accomplished the act of Salvation....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The path under the cross must be taken by all people....

B.D. No. 8983

May 26th 1965

You cannot be told often enough that you must all take the path to the cross, and neither can I release you from this path to the cross because you are all burdened by the guilt of sin for which Jesus, the human being, made

Amends, and because, until you do, you cannot enter the kingdom of light which only **He** can open for you. Consequently, the knowledge of the reasons and the significance of the act of Salvation must time and again be conveyed and explained to you humans, for your belief in it is only very weak now, time and again people will deem it a myth they are supposed to believe but which cannot be proven historically. But Jesus came into the world for the sake of an important mission, and He indeed accomplished this mission by walking the most gruelling path to the cross, by placing the whole of humanity's sins upon His shoulders and enduring the most bitter suffering and pain of death on the cross, which opened the door to the kingdom of light for all souls who place themselves under His cross, who want to belong to those who are redeemed, who confess their sins to Him and appeal to Him for forgiveness. For only the free will to accept the act of Salvation and its blessings will loosen the shackles which keep you chained to the one you once followed voluntarily and thereby sinned against Me.... The evidence for this can no longer be given to you people, you must **believe** that the man Jesus died the most agonising death on your behalf in order to do penance for Me. However, you will be able to muster this belief and time and again discover it through My spirit, so that you can also advocate this belief with conviction, for precisely this working of the spirit in a person has only become possible through Jesus' death on the cross.... through the act of Salvation, so that a person's abilities, which had laid dormant in him while he was still burdened by his original sin, can break through again. This working of the spirit will continually take place.... People will always be able to receive the information about the great work of mercy which was accomplished by the man Jesus for the sake of the original sin....

It was not merely the act of a human being, as I Myself sheltered in the man Jesus and thus redeemed your guilt.... Love impelled Him to take the immense suffering upon Himself.... I Myself was this Love and I was able to so completely permeate Jesus, the man, that therefore **Love Itself** accomplished the act of Salvation.... that the human being Jesus was only a shell for Me in order to **visibly** suffer and die for people, because, as God, I was incapable of suffering. Nevertheless, He kept His body so as to, in unity with Me, be and remain a visible God for all My living creations. And thus you will now understand that no-one can avoid the cross if ever he wants to return into the kingdom of the blessed spirits. You will understand why the original sin will keep you apart from Me forever, and that, for the sake of My justice, I cannot redeem it in any other way than through the acknowledgment of the greatest sacrifice of love and an appeal for forgiveness.... Only then will you be able to return into your Father's house, which you once left of your own free will by following the one into the abyss who is an enemy of all life and who wants to keep you in a state of death.... However, you have free will and can just as easily take the path to Me, to Jesus Christ, in order to be and remain eternally happy. I cannot deprive you of your freedom of will, but neither can My adversary force you to submit to him, you must make your own decision; consequently, Jesus Christ and His act of Salvation will be pointed out to you time and again, you will be informed of His path of suffering, His bitter and painful death on the cross, to make you aware of the fact that you yourselves have been the cause of this act of atonement and subsequently take the path under His cross, voluntarily confess your guilt to Him and

appeal to Him for forgiveness. And My infinite love will acquit you of your guilt, My infinite love, which sheltered in the man Jesus, will loosen your fetters and open the gate through which you may enter into My kingdom of light and bliss, where you can be permeated again by My light of love, as it was in the beginning.

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Most important grace of the work of redemption: strengthening of the will....

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You always have an inexhaustible source of grace in Jesus Christ, who acquired grace for you without measure through His death on the cross. What you are not able to do because of your own weakness will be easy for you when you draw on the treasure of grace, to which everyone has access, from which everyone can supply himself as needed. So if you lack strength, earthly and also spiritually, the way to Jesus Christ is always open to you, to ask Him to strengthen your strength and to direct your will in such a way that you also utilize this strength according to His will. And His will is that you always remember His death on the cross, which He endured for you and your guilt of sin.... His will is that you follow Him in the guidance of your way of life, that you therefore make use of the graces of His work of redemption in order to be able to lead a life in love.... that you constantly ask Him for strengthening of your will and supply of strength to do justice to His divine will.... He has acquired graces without measure for all people through His death on the cross, but these graces must be requested, and therefore He Himself must be acknowledged as God's Son and redeemer of the world, in Whom the eternal love embodied Himself in order to help you people, to free you from your enemy, which you would not be able to do without the help of Jesus Christ, without His grant of grace. Because you are weak, lightless beings, for the sake of this weakness of yours God accomplished the work of mercy and thereby turned an abundance of grace towards you, which all people can claim. The adversary of God wants to keep you in weakness, and alone you are not able to break away from him.... But if you request the help of Jesus Christ, He can provide you with strength for the sake of His death on the cross, He can give you something; but you must ask for and gratefully accept this delicious gift if it is to become effective for you. For you cannot be redeemed abruptly if the will to become free from the fetters of the adversary does not awaken in you.... But your will will be stimulated again and again by receiving knowledge of Jesus' great work of love and mercy. By becoming aware of your own weakness very often, by being shown a way to master this weakness. This is also an undeserved grace of God, which you should take into account, because you cannot be led to Jesus Christ by force, you have to go the way by your own free will. But you will not regret it once you have been touched by the power of grace and your gaze and your desire turn to Him again and again, Who wants to and can help you as long as you are of the same will. The fountain of grace is inexhaustible, and who has only once addressed the request to Jesus Christ to help him, he will experience His help in so many ways, the currents of grace will touch him again and again, and his will will become stronger and stronger to let Jesus Christ redeem him from death and sin, from the jailer who held his soul captive for endless times. You humans are completely devoid of any power for eternities, but as humans you possess the power of life, which alone would not be enough to set you free from God's adversary. But this life force enables you to direct your thoughts and steps to Jesus Christ, and it also enables you to perform works of love according to His divine will. But you first need a strengthening of your will, which the opponent of God still keeps bound. And this strengthening of will is one of the most important graces of the work of redemption, and if you desire it you will receive it, and you will truly be able to fulfil your purpose of life on earth, but without the help of Jesus Christ you will remain weak and in bondage to God's adversary.... The graces of the work of redemption must be claimed, if man wants to become free from his power and return to Him from whom he once took his origin....

Amen

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The ways to Me need not always be the same, but I must always be the aim for people to reach, and all ways must lead upward. He who walks on a level path cannot reach the aim, and the paths downward infallibly lead to ruin; but whoever strives upward, whoever wants to find Me, I Myself draw him there.... But when is your way directed upward? When you choose Jesus Christ as your leader, Who is the way Himself. So every person who acknowledges Jesus Christ, who believes in Him as the son of God and redeemer of the world, has taken the right path; he is now led on by Him who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life...." And to be under the guidance of Jesus Christ therefore also means to be introduced to the truth and through the truth to attain life, which lasts forever. Truth is the light that brightly illuminates the path, so that straying from this path is not possible, while darkness of spirit, i.e. error and lies, darken the right path and the danger is great to get on another path that leads astray. Since Jesus Christ Himself is the truth, whoever wants to walk the path with Jesus must also accept the truth, he must receive the word of God, which Jesus Christ preached on earth, in all purity, he must let it take effect on him and thus now also **do** the will of God.... for this is the right path, that man fulfills His commandments in order to be able to enter eternal life. When Jesus Himself says on earth: I am the truth.... then it is absolutely necessary to accept as truth everything that He has spoken and taught.... And every deviation from this original teaching is error, is untruth and is therefore not God's word.... It can therefore also not be the way that leads to me, because this way can only be walked through truth. Understand it, the aim is Me.... The way to Me is Jesus Christ.... The man Jesus was the representative of truth on earth, in Him I was Myself, and I can therefore allow nothing but truth to apply, and I will again and again convey this truth to those who walk along in error, I will always proclaim this truth through Jesus Christ.... by His word spoken on earth, the gospel, being brought to people again and again, who will then have the right understanding for it, as well as (they = ed.) confess Jesus Christ in their hearts and before the world.... As soon as they therefore recognize Him as My messenger, as mediator, Who wants to bring them to Me Himself. And His word is life, because His word teaches love, which is the true life, which awakens the spirit and guides the person into all truth.... Believing in Jesus Christ means fulfilling His commandments, and then a person takes the right path that leads to eternal life.... For he then treads the path of love, which must be walked in order to reach the light and the truth. And so you have the mark of the right path.... a life in unselfish love activity.... So every way leads to the aim that lets love be recognized, and every way that is walked without love is even or it leads downward. Because love is the signpost, love is the giver of strength to master difficult to pass ways to the height, love is the sign of the connection with Jesus, Whose life on earth was only an activity in love and therefore also the sign of the union with me, Who became visible to men in Jesus Christ, Who therefore leads you Himself, if you choose Jesus Christ as your guide. Love itself meets you and wants to show you the way which leads to the union with me.... The eternal love itself teaches you love because only then you can receive and recognize the pure truth when through love the spirit in you is awakened.... because only then I become alive in you, because only then I can be present in you when love has formed you to the receptacle of My spirit, which now introduces you to truth, and My spirit truly teaches you right, and he will live in eternity who walks this way of love because he walks in the following of Jesus....

Amen

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Life of love

Love is the most important thing....

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And this I tell you again and again that it contributes much to your spiritual liberation when you constantly only practice love, when you make an effort to live according to My divine commandments, which always only demand love for Me and for the neighbor.... Again and again I have to speak of love because it is the most important and yet also the most neglected by you, because you are all still very indifferent, and no matter how urgently I teach and admonish you. You still think too much of yourselves and cannot free yourselves from your self-love, and as long as you are also negligent in the fulfilment of the commandment of neighbourly love, and you therefore also only make few steps forward, where you still have to cover long distances to reach your soul maturity. You well listen to it when My divine love teaching is proclaimed to you, but you do not take it as seriously as it should be taken, and therefore I must again and **again** hold these two important commandments before your eyes.... I must constantly point out to you the **effect** of the fulfillment of My commandments, so that you grasp the great importance, which is based on these two commandments of mine. The fulfillment of these commandments alone brings about the change of nature for the purpose of which you dwell on earth, or also: It is love which you lack and therefore find yourselves in an unhappy state.... Love should flare up again in you and flare up to a bright glow, then your being is again according to the original being and your state is a blessed one.... And you are indifferent to the commandments of love; you do not do much to reach your former state of bliss.... But without love your being does not change.... And you are therefore addressed by Me again and again, and the divine teaching of love is submitted to you again and again until you subject yourselves to a strict self-criticism how far self-love still dominates you. If you yourselves can stand back and sacrifice for your neighbor who is in need, then your self-love is smaller, and then your being will soon only be love, and you have reached your earthly aim.... I do not demand much from you and yet again everything, for I demand that you give yourselves up for the sake of your neighbor.... which, however, is not to mean that I demand of you to go down below the just measure of self-love.... But you should not exceed this measure, you should grant your neighbor what you demand for yourselves, and you will see how giving will make you happy, how you will soon feel your own happiness and no longer have the feeling to make a sacrifice, because you yourselves trigger joy in you and always become more willing, the more your soul matures. Then it will also feel that it only passes through here on earth in order to reach its true home, and it will only live and spiritualize itself, because love then glows through it in such a way that it knows about everything, that it stands in the brightest realization and separates itself completely from the earthly world, although it still fulfills its duty according to its physical existence. But it knows the way and goes it unswervingly, it has accomplished the transformation of being, which is the purpose and aim of its existence on earth.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Love for God and one's neighbour....

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September 2nd 1950

Whatever you want people to do to you when you suffer adversity you should also do to them.... That is the commandment of neighbourly love, which is the most important commandment for you because it includes the love for God at the same time. For whoever loves his neighbour like his brother also loves the Father above all else, Whose child is the neighbour. And thus you humans know

what you ought to do in order to become blessed, for these two commandments are the epitome of My will, the fulfilment of which is your earthly task. If you pay attention to these two commandments of love for God and your neighbour you will be unable to commit a sin but will live to please Me, and I will bless you in turn by increasing your realisation and wisdom, light and strength. Yet you humans also know that you are repeatedly approached by the opponent in order to push you off the right path, in order to make you desert Me. And therefore he will try to prevent you from arousing My favour.... He will try to stop you from loving Me and your neighbour and time and again persuade you to transgress these commandments of Mine. He will make you conscious of the fact that you are more important, that you should think of yourselves first and thus let selfish love dominate, so that you will have no understanding for your fellow human being's hardship and neglect Me in favour of your own endeavours.... earthly possessions, which are temporary.

And thus you will have to decide, you will have to choose Me or My adversary.... you will have to fulfil My commandments or perish in selfish love, for My adversary only wants your ruin. But the love you give Me and your neighbour will make you happy, for this love is truly strength and increases spiritual possessions. Your one and only purpose in life is to help your fellow human being, for selfless neighbourly love is the right means of release for your soul, it is the purchase price for eternal beatitude. In the spiritual kingdom, however, love is natural, whereas on earth it is an effort to rise above oneself, because selfish love still constitutes a strong counterweight which, however, is wrongly directed love and locks the entrance to the kingdom of the blessed spirits. Love comes forth from Me and leads back to Me again, but anyone who is without love has voluntarily excluded himself from My circuit and is therefore at risk of falling prey to the one who is entirely without love because he is My opponent. That is why he has to be fought, love shall be practised and therefore My commandment always be complied with; you shall shape yourselves into love through selfless labours of love so that you will correspond to My fundamental nature, so that you will liberate yourselves from your enemy's bondage, so that you will unite with Me and be eternally happy....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Fighting selfish love....

B.D. No. 7294

February 27th 1959

You only should possess a small amount of selfish love and you will find it easy to fulfil My commandments of love for God and your neighbour. Selfish love cannot be small enough, for this alone prevents the human being from performing selfless neighbourly love which is, after all, the most important thing in earthly life if the soul is to reach perfection. But selfish love clings to every person as a legacy of the one who is devoid of all love, who loves himself above all else or he would not have become My enemy and adversary, who lays claim to everything himself and wants to take all authority away from Me. He alone wants to possess, and every kind of selfish love is a demand for possession, hence an acceptance of his plans and a distancing from Me, Who is love Itself. As long as selfish love still prevails within the human being he will not care about his neighbour nor change his nature into love, which first of all requires curbing his selfish love. And so you humans can only ever be informed of the fact that you are still subject to My adversary's influence as long as your selfish love is still predominant, and that should motivate you to fight against yourselves.... You should always oppose you own wishes with your fellow human being's hardship and try to consider your fellow human being consistently more and do without for his sake. Then your soul will progress greatly, in fact, only the degree of your selfish love enables you to assess the state of your soul, and you should never believe that your work of improving your soul is right as long as you haven't overcome your selfish love, which is the best indicator for your soul's maturity. But you can rest assured that I will help you overcome yourselves if only you have the sincere will to achieve this degree of maturity where your neighbour's fate is closer to your heart than your own. Then you will also receive strength, because I bless every sincere will and help you not to weaken in your determination to become perfect. However, without this fight against your selfish love it is not

possible, without this fight you will never selflessly take care of your neighbour, you will never experience the feeling of love which wants to please as long as you are still imbued by desiring love, which is My adversary's share. And he will keep you enchained until you have freed yourselves by being victorious over your selfish love, which is a major advantage for your soul and which can only mature if the human being eagerly improves himself, if he constantly tries to fulfil My will which is always merely expressed in My commandments "Love God above all else and your neighbour as yourself...."

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Selfless service in every walk of life.... Poverty.... Willingness to give....

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Everything you do you should do in the knowledge that you are carrying out divine will. Therefore you have to entrust all your thoughts, words and actions to Him, you have to request His blessing for this and entirely commend yourselves to His divine guidance.... you have to put His will completely in charge of your daily life, that is, you only need want your way of life to be pleasing to Him and always do your best to attain His love. Then you can neither speak nor do anything which opposes God and your life on earth will not be unsuccessful for your souls. You fulfil God's will when the commandment of love becomes the guiding principle of your life, then you live up to the most important law and God will bless you, spiritually as well as worldly.

Your purpose on earth is to serve unselfishly and you can do so in every situation, irrespective of whether you are poor or wealthy, great or small, respected and powerful or inconspicuously weak.... You can always be of service providing you want to be of service. Every human being is offered ample opportunity to serve kindly and no one should believe to be in need of receiving help themselves and reduce their own resolve to give because he has nothing to give.... Even the poorest can give.... and if he has no material wealth then he can give love and thereby awaken the love in others.... he can be willing to give and his will is then likened to a good deed.

But at all times God only looks into the heart and no impulse remains hidden from Him therein. An outwardly apparent great act of love can be worthless in the eyes of God if the heart does not feel the love which displays the deed; and even the smallest gift is pleasing to God if it is given with a loving heart. And anyone who honestly wants to give gladly will also give of the little he owns, he won't fearfully question but share instead.... And it will be returned to him many times over because the Lord says 'as you give so you shall receive....' and His Word is truth. Thus no one should keep his possessions anxiously to himself when he endeavours to live in accordance with God's will, he should give gladly because his action of love will reward him with far greater blessings than his few possessions could ever offer. Because he will receive exceptionally more, both earthly and spiritually.... his soul will mature, he will always be correctly guided because God Himself takes care of those who want to live as it pleases Him, and because His guidance is the guarantee to reach the goal. Only one factor is required of you: that you live with love.... that your thoughts, words and actions will always be guided by the love of your heart and that you devoutly commend yourselves to Him, Who gave you your life so that your souls can mature.... With His grace and strength you are able to do everything, even during times of greatest physical and spiritual difficulties you can do deeds of kindness providing you unite with the Eternal Love Itself through prayer, which will give you unlimited strength and grace because you want to draw nearer to Him with deeds of love....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

To let faith come alive in oneself also requires a lively activity of love, an unselfish activity of love for one's neighbor. Everything that a person does to himself, he should also do to his neighbor, as soon as the latter is in need, and this requires a putting aside of one's own demands, it requires a fight against self-love, which clings to the human being as an inheritance of him, who is completely devoid of any love. But you humans will be able to notice a wonderful effect of such an unselfish love life, because you will gain a convinced faith.... It will be possible for you to believe when the divine teachings of faith are presented to you, because through the life of love you are also no longer so darkened in spirit to understand these teachings of faith rightly, and you therefore accept them without doubt or contradiction. To have found a living faith is truly happy, because you then also enter into contact with Him in Whom you believe.... You give yourselves to your God and father as a matter of course, you enter into the right relationship of a child to the father, and your earthly life is now also purposeful because you recognize your actual earthly task. If you are unselfishly active in love, your life is a constant giving and making happy.... but you receive a thousandfold back again.... first of all a convinced faith which makes you happy, and furthermore a measure of graces and spiritual goods which accumulate to a wealth which you can already utilize on earth, but even far more in the kingdom on the other side when you have left this earth. Unselfish activity of love is a proof of the presence of God, Who expresses Himself in every work of love, Who is love Himself and Whom you therefore cause to be present with every work of love.... For "he who abides in love abides in Me and I in him....", 'love' and 'God' are inseparable terms.... Where love is, there is God, and where God is, works of love are also always performed. But where love is, faith in God must also come alive, because His presence is unmistakable. And the convinced faith lifts man beyond the earthly sphere, faith does not only stick to what can be proved, but it also gives understanding for what cannot be proved, as well as this faith has come out of love. What you therefore gain through love activity is far more than what you give. On earth you humans are still subjected to natural law difficulties, which can affect your body as well as your soul. But as soon as you have gained a living faith, you can also banish such burdens, you can become master of every adversity in communion with Him, in Whom you now firmly believe, because for **Him** there is nothing that He cannot remedy, and if you firmly lean on Him, then you are, as it were, also in the midst of His sphere of power, no disaster can befall you, no adversity can approach you anymore because you feel your father beside you by virtue of your living faith and thus you also know yourselves to be safe in His love.... But all this can only be achieved by a **living** faith, the firm certainty that God's power and love will be revealed to you, because He is your **father** from eternity.... When you consider this, that only the will to love needs to be stimulated in you to relieve you of all adversity on earth as well, that you are as it were raptured from the heaviness of earth by virtue of love.... when you consider that you only need to take care of your neighbor in unselfish love and now also a faith will fill your heart that can move mountains.... and if you consider that a living faith also lets you make completely different use of your earthly existence, then you truly sacrifice nothing through your work of love, but you gain an exceeding profit.... You receive light and power to such an extent that you regain your original being. And what you have believed becomes a blessed certainty for you: You are firmly united with your God and father from eternity, you stand in the light again, i.e. in fullest knowledge of your destiny, and you possess the power to now also create and work according to this destiny with God and in His will.... For you have become His children, and you will remain His children forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Higher development of the soul

Most important task of being on earth....

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September 19th 1939

The first task of earthly existence is and remains the perfection of the soul, and nothing else is so important that this task may be forgotten. And accordingly the whole time on earth must be filled with thoughts how such perfection can be achieved, man must neither become lukewarm nor lazy, and always only the soul is to be thought of, man is always to consider the importance of this his task so that he uses every hour and works his way up. The deity so often points out things to the human being which seem incomprehensible to him and thereby tries to stimulate his thoughts, and only constant contact with the divine lord and saviour will result in the earthly child's successful striving.... Then nothing will seem insurmountable to him that previously stood like a mountain before his spiritual eye. The human being must strive tirelessly, and he must never think that he has already reached his goal.... To achieve this on earth requires an incredible struggle for the truth, a strong, firm will and a childlike love for God.... And if an earthly child strives for all this, he is also guaranteed by the father in heaven that he will reach his goal.... And therefore the human being should pray incessantly for the strength to love God and his neighbour.... and this strength will guide him on all paths....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Overcoming matter.... higher development of the soul....

B.D. No. 1903

May 1st 1941

The soul should develop upwards and must be able to detach itself from the world and its joys and sorrows at any time. Only then will it have overcome matter. For only then is the will to ascend stronger than the world, only then can it mature and receive spiritual wealth when it no longer desires earthly things. The more difficult it is for it to soar into the spiritual realm, the greater is its merit when it nevertheless manages to fly upwards. For by overcoming the resistance it gains strength, provided it implores divine assistance. The will of the person who decides to ascend will truly be rewarded. And what the soul gives up, it receives back a thousandfold; what it gives is earthly-transient, but what it receives is spiritual good, which has eternal value. And therefore the human being should desire this spiritual good from the bottom of his heart, only then can it be offered to him....

The meaning and purpose of life on earth is the higher development of the soul, and this will always have to mean a struggle for the soul, because without struggle there is no progress. Something always has to be overcome in order to achieve success. Whose life now passes without a struggle, his spiritual maturity is questioned, thus his life would have been lived uselessly. This is why man will never be granted a completely carefree life on earth, for this would be a lack of divine love for him. But God has only one goal, to educate spiritually mature beings, and therefore has to put them into a constant state of struggle so that they have the opportunity to mature. Yet people do not recognize this as a proof of God's love but mostly accept the fate imposed on them unwillingly. Yet struggling and suffering in submission only earns them the reward of higher development.... Accepting everything as God's mission and seeking to overcome it with the help of divine strength brings the soul to that state of maturity which is the goal of life on earth. For only then does he bow to God's will, only then does he submit himself and his will to his creator, and only then does he recognize earthly pleasures as a danger that he had to overcome in order to come closer to God. For the demand for strength brings him the radiance of divine love and unites him more intimately with God. Man can therefore only find union with God if he surrenders to Him without resistance, by giving up everything for the sake of one

goal.... to reach God.... The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak, and as long as the soul considers the body and thus turns its will towards it, the spirit is gagged, which wants to ascend.... Thus the soul must fight against the flesh, it must not respect its desires, but give freedom to the spirit. The soul must willingly separate itself from the body in order to unite with the spirit, even if it costs a struggle and seems unattractive. And that is the meaning and purpose of life, that man daily resists the desires of the body, so that he becomes its conqueror and gives the spirit in him the freedom to soar up into the spiritual regions, to receive spiritual goods there, and thus to gather imperishable wealth for eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Turning away from the world brings in spiritual gain....

B.D. No. 8390

January 22nd 1963

Again and again My love feeds you spiritual food, again and again questions are answered for you or problems are solved because I want that you recognize Me more and more clearly and reduce the distance from Me Myself because you are supposed to feel it that I Myself am so close to you and that I live with you as it were and all daily events are wanted or allowed by me. Only when you yourselves feel intimately connected to me, your faith will have the strength that you walk your earthly way completely calmly, because you know it that I walk next to you and you can rely on me. And you will also understand it when I demand of you to turn away from the earthly world, because although you still live in the world, it is nevertheless a difference whether you still cling to it or have already overcome it, because as soon as nothing can cause you anymore to give up the intimate union with Me, the world has also lost its attraction and you no longer need to fear it as a temptation. You are truly far better off than your fellow human beings who are still attached to the world, although you.... earthly seen.... no joys and pleasures that can only be found in the world.... You seek your happiness and your inner peace elsewhere, and you will also find it. For is there anything more beautiful than to hear the voice of your father, Who speaks to you as a father speaks to his children.... full of love and kindness.... and who offers you treasures that are everlasting? As long as you still belong to the world, these treasures will not inspire you, because they are unreal for you, and you have little earthly use for them.... And nevertheless it is the most delicious thing which can be offered to you on earth, and your soul is touched by it, which feels it exceedingly beneficent when it receives gifts from the spiritual kingdom, which is its true home.... In earthly life the soul often cannot appreciate it, if it still clings too much to the world, which is transient, and it always only strives for what it can see and grasp.... But one day it will recognize that only spiritual treasures are valued, and it will be exceedingly happy when it possesses such treasures at its entrance into the kingdom on the other side. If I now can address My child Myself, because it has established the intimate bond with Me through prayer or unselfish works of love, then it will receive a wealth of greatest magnitude, for I do not limit My gifts of grace, I give unlimitedly, only man must also accept and utilize them voluntarily, otherwise he can also have no advantage from them.... And therefore I will also explain everything to you and give you information, what you also desire to know.... But you may only demand **spiritual** treasures from Me, therefore do not expect that My address refers to earthly questions and their answer, because I distribute **spiritual** goods unlimitedly, which however does not mean that I do not pay attention to your earthly needs.... Rather, these will be added to you if you strive for the **spiritual** gain as the most important thing. But who still wants to have earthly questions answered, he is not yet on the spiritual way, his senses are only earthly directed, and he will still need a long time until he also has overcome the world and strives to win the spiritual kingdom. Because this alone is your earth life aim, and if I Myself can address you, then I will always only give you knowledge of this kingdom and open up a knowledge for you, which alone concerns the spiritual processes, which are the basis of your being as man and are only explained to you so that you gain knowledge of the right nature of your God and creator, who wants to be loved by you because you once came out of his love. And such knowledge is not to be gained in the world, rather the world only serves the efforts of My opponent to

keep that right knowledge away from you, because he does not want that you learn to recognize and love me, and that is why he works against Me wherever he can. But I will take care of your spiritual need, and I will truly provide you with everything you need.... I will also strengthen your body so that it can fulfill its spiritual task and the soul matures in it.... Again and again I will reveal Myself to you men, because alone you lack the strength to go the way up, but which has to be covered by you in free will, so that you reach Me again, and that with rich treasures, which started in the spiritual kingdom and will also help you again that you return to your father's house. For I do not rest until all My creatures have returned to Me as My children, so that I can now also make them immeasurably happy for all eternity.

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Suffering for the soul

Love and suffering as means of purification....

B.D. No. 3814

June 28th 1946

Love and suffering are the only means of purification for the soul on this earth. And if the human being eliminates love, the amount of suffering has to be increased for its own sake. Yet humanity can end this state of suffering at any time or make it more bearable if it makes an effort to fulfil the divine law of love, which absolutely has to be complied with in order to establish divine order. Then the human being will also live in order on earth, he will be spared harsh suffering, for his soul matures through loving activity.... it changes itself into love, which is its actual destiny.... The soul is shrouded in darkness, it must purify itself before the light can penetrate it.... It is in complete ignorance and must eliminate all errors and defects in order to attain the right knowledge of the truth. And this purification happens through love and suffering. If the soul is of good will then it also lives with love, and the strength from God breaks through every shell of the soul, for the supply from God is a direct consequence of its own loving activity. However, if the soul fails to do so, God shall still help it, but in the form of suffering, which is intended to put the soul into a state of loving activity, which is intended to remove all harshness from it, which is intended to shape it according to God's will. Suffering is indeed a harsh means of education, but it can lead to success insofar as the soul can shed its faults, which have not allowed love to arise in it so far, arrogance, anger, hatred, as well as all hardness of heart can melt when it is affected by great suffering.... Then it can change, it can realise its weakness and powerlessness, become humble and call for help.... And it will be helped, for God is constantly ready to help because the recovery of every soul is the purpose of everything He allows to happen. Yet how much easier could people make their earthly fate if they did not disregard love, if they used the most effective means of purification.... love for God and their neighbour.... Anyone who is lovingly active and has to endure suffering at the same time will attain a high degree of maturity on earth, yet the strength from God will always and constantly support it and it will also recognise the blessing of suffering and not rebel against it. Yet individually, people could avert much suffering from themselves if only they were performing deeds of love. But as long as they lack faith in it, as long as they are hardened in their hearts and eliminate love from their lives, they will have to suffer, and this to an even greater extent the closer it gets to the end. For they do not have much time left and require the most effective means of education if the souls are to be saved from eternal damnation.... from an infinitely long time of renewed captivity inside the creations of the new earth, from which God wants to protect every soul and therefore grants it every help, which also includes the great suffering on earth. Live with love and you will reduce the suffering, yet without love no-one can become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

The soul's hardship necessitates suffering.... 'Father, Your will be done....'

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Infinite trust in divine guidance makes your earthly way of life easy, for you accept everything with a certain calm providing you bear in mind that it was determined by God in this and no other way due to His boundless concern for your soul. Every burden life imposes on you is necessary for the maturing of your soul, and the more you are in need of it the more burdensome it will be. Thus, you should first shape yourselves according to divine will and the suffering will gradually lessen and will finally entirely be taken from you. Practise love, meekness and patience, practise compassion, peacefulness, and always appeal to God for strength to do so and you will rise above everything with

ease, you will be a blessing for your surrounding neighbours for they will strive to emulate you.... And your earthly life will become easier, you will have emerged victoriously from the battle against evil and through your appeals for strength have come closer to God. If you want to reach God you must completely hand yourselves over to Him, always pray 'Father, Your will be done....' You thereby give evidence of your trust in His guidance, you sacrifice your will to Him, you humbly submit yourselves to His will and acknowledge Him as your Father, and then you will have become as it is pleasing to God.... patient, gentle, humble, peaceful, you practise love if you also compassionately turn towards your fellow human being and try to make him live in the same way. It will refine your nature and the soul will become light and bright for it will become ever more capable of absorbing divine light and of spreading it as well.

Therefore, don't complain if you have to suffer, bear everything patiently and know that you still need to suffer, that your soul is still distressed and that God in His love wants to help you and release it from its still oppressing shell....The soul is still struggling for its freedom; it is still constrained by a force which refuses to set it free. Its own will is still too weak, and in order to strengthen its will it must call upon God for strength. If it fails to do so of its own accord then God must encourage it through suffering to turn to Him for help.... And it often takes an unbelievably long time before the soul takes the path to God, and just as long it will have to suffer and endure a depressing state. And yet it would be so easy to release itself from it, however, it often gives way to the adversary's urging and revolts against its fate, it grumbles and complains and therefore cannot be released from suffering either.... And your mistake rests in the fact that you do not recognise God's love and are grateful to Him that He wants to lead you into higher spheres.... If you believe in His love it will also be easy for you to confide in Him and every day, regardless how distressing it may be, will be a blessing for your soul and beneficial for your spiritual higher development....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Blessing of suffering....

B.D. No. 5904

March 16th 1954

Sooner or later you all will realise why you had to suffer on earth, and you will be grateful to Me if it brought you the success that you would never have achieved without suffering.... I would truly not let you suffer without reason, yet My love recognises the effect of suffering on you and thus makes use of it, even if you are often incapable of recognising My loving care. But believe that every stirring of your heart is known to Me, and that I therefore handle especially My Own seemingly harshly, because I want to give them even more blessings in My kingdom, which they are guaranteed to inhabit when their physical end has come.

On earth you cannot imagine the beatitude I want to provide for you.... But I know how a soul has to be in order to endure this beatitude, only I know how it can attain this quality, and only I know the right means and therefore also use them.... and I do this because I love you and know that your will strives towards Me. But also bear in mind that the soul in the human stage is not yet crystallised enough, that it would not endure the abundance of My emanation of love, that it therefore still has to go through suffering in order to become totally purged.... You should know that the soul's layers were not the fault of your earthly way of life, but that it came to earth already surrounded by thick covers, the dissolution of which is now every human being's task.... Doing deeds of love to a large degree will considerably aid the removal of the soul's impurities, and profound suffering helps where the strength of love is not yet powerful enough.... But you will feel inexpressibly happy when your soul is able to rise freely and permeated by light into the spiritual kingdom after your earthly death.... Then you will have overcome all difficulties, all earthly suffering, and an eternity of supreme happiness lays ahead of you....

Although every day of suffering seems long to you, and yet it is but a moment in time compared to eternity. At times you deem your suffering to be unbearable, and yet I give you no more to carry than

you can endure.... and you can always turn to Me, to Jesus Christ, the bearer of the cross, with an appeal for help when your burden seems too much to bear for you.... Take up your cross and follow Me.... Would I, as the man Jesus, have spoken these Words if it were **impossible** for you to endure the cross placed upon you? But He Himself also offered you His help with the Words 'Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest....' And true to His Word He will always give you strength.... For your Saviour Jesus Christ knows you, He also knows that you are willing to follow Him, and He will grant you strength and grace as long as you live on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Free will

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

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November 30th 1956

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

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Free will.... Opportunity for ascent....

B.D. No. 7348

April 28th 1959

Your will is not subject to compulsion, neither on earth nor in the kingdom of the beyond, that is why it is so difficult for you to arrive at perfection because spiritually you may not be influenced such that you effectively will be forced into implementing actions which will benefit your soul. Everything is based on free will, even though many people would much rather doubt than

acknowledge this, but it is nevertheless the most important factor in earthly life and will remain so in the beyond. For against his will no human being will be able to become blessed, against its will no soul will attain enlightenment, otherwise all spiritual beings would have been redeemed by now. But free will is part of the being created by Me or I would have created something imperfect and that can never happen. The being was in My image, it was an emanation of My fundamental nature and anything 'divine' is unthinkable without free will. Free will was the cause of the being's apostasy from Me.... free will is also the basic condition of return to Me.... No side.... neither Mine nor My adversary's side.... will be able to forcibly influence a being into wanting and acting in a **particular** direction.... The being freely determines its own will and can only in this way attain perfection one day, but it can also remain far away from Me for an infinitely long time.

And if you humans think about this then you will also understand the battle on earth, for good as well as evil forces try to pull you over to their side by striving to influence your will with notions which you should take up by yourselves. Both directions, the light as well as the darkness, would like to **win** your will over for themselves, but neither can force you, in the final analysis it remains your own decision and therefore you can only be influenced by being informed of teachings, of My Word, of all pros and cons and then you will have to decide as to whether or not to accept these notions. And this free will concerns your innermost **attitude**.... and not always that which you actually do. You can also be prevented from implementing your will, but the innermost intention and thinking are decisive for the direction of your will, and accordingly your will affects your soul and promotes or prevents its perfection. But free will is a divine attribute, it identifies the human being as a being which once originated from Me, which I created as a totally free entity that was not intended to be different than its Creator and which would also have remained in this perfection had it not misused its free will.... but for which it had to have the **capacity** or the being could not be called 'free'. This is why the process of returning the spiritual beings is a work which will extend through eternities, because freedom of will is the crucial factor, since the being will **never** be **forced** to decide for or against Me.... It has to remain completely free. However, greater than great will be the bliss of the being which voluntarily finds its way back to Me one day.... which turns its will in the right direction so that it will return home to the One from Whom it once came forth in all perfection....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The earnest will to the light is the prerequisite of truth....

B.D. No. 8481

April 28th 1963

The spiritual confusion is great, but you yourselves must long to get out of it, you yourselves must ask for clear thinking and pure truth. But as long as you yourselves are not willing to do so, you remain in a lightless state because you dwell in the territory of My adversary, who is the lord of darkness and who seeks to extinguish or dim every light. But you will understand all this when you think about the fact that you have voluntarily stepped out of the light, that you have voluntarily given away the light of knowledge, because you turned away from Me, who am the light from eternity. It is therefore impossible that you are in the light and yet are distant from Me..... You first have to re-establish the connection with Me, which then also surely results in the influx of light and you possess a bright, clear thinking and all connections are now also clear to you, but for which you cannot muster any understanding as long as you stay in dark areas..... As humans you do not sense the lack of spiritual light, your thinking is filled with earthly material desires, and your striving is solely directed towards the increase of earthly goods..... But in spirit you are blind, you do not know what you are on earth for and what your God and Creator demands of you, why He grants you the graces of earthly life as a human being..... But you also don't demand to know anything about it, you are content with the fulfillment of bodily desires and live thoughtlessly into the day, and My opponent uses your spiritual blindness to deepen the darkness more and more. And once questioning thoughts really arise in you, he himself will answer them immediately by confusing your thinking more and more and you will not find out of the darkness of the night to the light of the day because your will is also too weak to

seriously find a way out. That it is possible to come out of the darkness only presupposes your serious will to learn something about the meaning and purpose of the existence on earth as a human being..... For I will strengthen an **earnest** will and never leave man without an answer, but the first step must irrevocably be taken by you humans yourselves.... For you left Me voluntarily and now also have to return to Me voluntarily. But that I will also help you, of that you can be sure, because I only wait for man to muster this serious will, because then he has already taken the first step, and truly, it will always be easier for him to now also go the way of return to Me. And then also a small light will shine in him, and he will have other thoughts as before, he will desire to know what lies at the basis of his emergence, he will ask again and again: "Why", and again and again an answer will come to him mentally, so that his thinking starts to order itself, and this thinking will now certainly also be directed by Me Myself.... You can truly believe that I pay attention to your innermost thoughts and that no thought is foreign to me, which you move within you, and I also truly use every opportunity to guide your thoughts to what is important for you.... to know about your purpose of life on earth and your task. Because obviously I can only address few people so that also the fellow men gain knowledge of My eternal plan of salvation..... But I work in every man in such a way that I transfer light thoughts to him and only demand his willingness to accept them.... I cannot determine him to be willing, but he is permanently exposed to the influence of the light beings who look after him, and therefore it is possible for every man to find his way out of the darkness of the spirit, if only he does not openly resist the loving efforts of his spiritual attendants.... In the same way, however, My adversary also works, and he very often finds great willingness, although neither I nor he force the will to open or close itself to My or his streams.... You must be free if you want to become again what you were in the beginning, you must voluntarily let My stream of love flow in and reject the influence of My adversary.... And if you sincerely want it, then you will also receive power and be able to move in the light.... I can help you, but I will not force you, but just as also My opponent cannot force you and therefore the last decision lies with you men. But the light will touch you immensely beneficially if you let it flow into you, and then you will also increase in strength, which I give to every being that only does not reject it.... Escape the darkness and desire light, and you will experience a radiant morning and never ever fall back into darkness, because I Myself then illuminate the way for you, which leads upwards, towards the eternal light.....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Using the power of prayer

Power of prayer....

B.D. No. 2919

October 11th 1943

If you want to pass the test of earthly life, take part in all your fellow human beings' hardships and worries and persevere in prayer.... i.e, always and constantly request strength from above, without which you are incapable of accomplishing even the smallest thing for God's pleasure.... for you are weak creatures as long as you lack maturity of soul, you do not have your own strength at your disposal but must request it from God, Who certainly intended it for you in the beginning but did not prevent you when you deprived yourselves of this strength. You rejected a gift which made you extremely happy and now you have to struggle to receive this gift again. And that is why you have to pray and practice love, and both will earn you strength depending on the intensity of your prayer and the depth and unselfishness of your love for your neighbor. If you disregard this, your struggle on earth will be unspeakably difficult if you desire to ascend, or you will be supplied with strength by God's adversary, which will indeed make your earthly life easier but can never lead you upwards but will inevitably drive you towards the abyss. Use the power of prayer.... Stay connected to God and open yourselves to His radiance of power. This is of such great importance and yet is so little recognized and followed by people. You should only ask for spiritual possessions; but the strength from God is spiritual wealth and therefore you may always and constantly request it; and God will not leave your prayer unanswered, for His concern is for your perfection, for which you absolutely need the strength, because without it you are weak creatures which cannot help themselves on their own. And then you will also be able to carry out works of neighbourly love, you will be driven from within to constantly do good, your heart will take an interest in your neighbor's fate, it will be soft and sensitive to the other person's hardship and you will always be willing to help and try to alleviate the hardship. Spiritually and earthly you will want to help them and also be able to do so if you request the strength from God, which He will not deny you. For only through works of love can you mature and fulfill your earthly task. Therefore, do not let up in prayer, remain in constant contact with God, pray for strength and power for your earthly life and trustingly hand yourselves over to the father in heaven, Who leads His children through suffering and adversity towards the light....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

A child's prayer to the Father....

B.D. No. 7071

March 22nd 1958

Express your wishes to Me in all simplicity and you will find a listening ear. Humility of heart will always enable you to find the right thoughts and words, and thus your prayer will be that of a child to its Father which is certain to reach His ear. And I will truly help you.... but you must leave it up to Me how I do this, for My love for you is so great that I only ever have the best in mind for you, that I always want to give you, My children, more than you ask for. And since I, in My wisdom, recognise how I can best make you happy, I also act in accordance with My wisdom. So you should indeed pray to Me, because I can only take effect within you when you have united yourselves with Me.... But after such heartfelt prayer in spirit and in truth you should leave everything else to Me, and everything will happen as is good for you. No prayer to Me will be in vain, even if it is not immediately fulfilled. And time and again you should seek to unite with Me in prayer.... And truly, you will derive great blessings from it, for every contact with Me also assures that My flow of strength will pour into you and comfort your soul even if your body cannot feel it. But it will also affect the

latter for it strengthens its spiritual substances and enables them to resist.... you will, so to speak, also physically be conquerors, you will be protected from My adversary's intrusions, which was purely achieved by your prayer to Me.

Don't think that I keep My ears closed if a prayer isn't immediately granted.... I hear My child's call and Am always willing to help.... yet I also know what is the most effective help, and this is what it will receive. For I always know its state of maturity, I know what it still needs to become perfect, and I will only ever do what draws this child closer to Me for sure. And once it grows in realisation as a result of its life of love it will also know itself what it needs and thus leave everything to Me alone, it will certainly pray to Me but then also patiently wait until I grant its prayer. Yet you should not stop praying either.... for you come so close to Me in prayer that the spiritual bond is tied again, as it was in the beginning.... And especially this bond proves your change of will, and the return to Me has actually already been accomplished, you just have to let yourselves be nourished by My strength time and again so as to enable your nature to change too, so that it becomes again as it was in the beginning. Kind-hearted deeds and heartfelt prayer accomplish this retransformation, and you cannot be asked to do so often enough.... And then you will also understand that you will have to keep getting into difficulties, be they of a physical or psychological nature, so as not to let up in prayer.... in order to look for the bond with Me which will provide you with the strength to achieve this change.

And if I ask you 'to pray continually....' it was certainly not meant that you should carry out lip-prayers for hours on end.... but that you should always be mentally in contact with Me, you should turn to Me in all affairs of your daily life, which merely requires a heartfelt thought.... and you should always be lovingly active.... This is what I consider true prayer, whereby you demonstrate your will to Me and also establish the unification with Me, which is the purpose and goal of your earthly life. And you can certainly come to Me with the smallest request, for the more intimately you associate with Me the more I can repay your trust.... you just ought to leave it up to Me how I grant your prayer; but you can rest assured that your prayer will be fulfilled.... No prayer sent up to Me in spirit and in truth will fade away unheard by Me. And as soon as the prayer is a spiritual request you can also expect its fulfilment with certainty, for if you pray for maturity of soul, for help in spiritual hardship, your bond with Me will also be established again and you can be touched by My ray of love, which always signifies that your appeals have been granted. No human being, whose soul's salvation is so important to him that he wants to achieve it, will remain weak.... and since I Myself yearn for My child I will also always help it in its ascent to Me.... I will do whatever is of greatest benefit for My child and its soul....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Bonding with Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7489

December 29th 1959

You may speak the name of the lord at any time, and you will always find a hearing with Him, because He only waits for you to turn your thoughts towards Him and He can lower His ray of love into your hearts. Because to the latter it belongs that your hearts open, and this happens by turning your thoughts to Him. Every spiritual thought is a connection of you with the kingdom of light. Every thought of Him, your God and father in Jesus Christ, is a bond with Him, which is the most valuable thing for you at any time, because every bond brings you power and light, which your soul feels even beneficially, even if your body is not able to feel anything of it. That is why you should turn to Jesus Christ even in the smallest needs, because you always establish the bond with Him, which will never remain unsuccessful. And the many small needs in human existence should only ever cause you to turn to Him.... because He wants you to remember Him always and everywhere, and because your bond cannot be intimate enough, you want to experience great blessings from it. You should come so far that you only go your ways with Him, that you entrust everything to Him, that you do nothing without Him, that you ask Him for advice, whatever you do.... that you no longer walk

alone, but in constant company of Him, Who wants to be and remain your guide on your earthly life path.... because then you will also safely reach your aim. And even if your concerns are small.... the **bond with Him** is the only important thing, and even the smallest concerns shall cause you to do so, and your father will be pleased with you, with whom He desires to be connected for all eternity. For you had once voluntarily separated yourselves from Him and must therefore voluntarily return to Him again.... In your thoughts you have to turn to Him again, from Whom you once strove away in complete blindness of your thinking. But as humans you cannot be forced to do so, and that is why you stand in the world with **free will**, which you can now also direct towards the world and its charms, but then you yourselves are still very far from God, Who however wants to win you back for eternity. And every thought, which you turn to Him in the middle of earth life, is a beginning return to Him, which is now to be striven for more and more seriously, i.e. that you lift your thoughts more and more often to Him, from Whom you once went out. For this reason, however, the freedom of will also remains with you, because you are to find and go the way to the father out of love; He does not want to force you to do so, because only love is the only binding agent which re-establishes the old relationship as it was at the beginning.... Love alone connects the child with the father, the creature with the creator from eternity.... And God wants to possess this love from you humans, and He therefore entices you in every way and courts your love.... and whether this happens through hardship of all kinds, He seeks to persuade you to join Him, which will then also take place in love, which the father will now prove in many ways so that He wins the child's entire love and the union can now take place which eternally unites the child with its father. Let your thoughts wander upwards again and again, to Jesus Christ, your God and father from eternity.... And your life will soon take place more spiritually, you will easily overcome earthly life with all its difficulties, and you will soon live only for the spiritual kingdom, for the kingdom which is your true home and into which you will enter when your earthly course is finished....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Power from God's Word

Bestowal of the divine word of greatest importance....

B.D. No. **3980**

February 19th 1947

That the attention of My word is of greatest importance for you men is only understood by few, while the majority pays no attention to My gift. And the inevitable consequence of this is that men lack all knowledge of the forthcoming end or faith, if the knowledge is imparted to them. My word is the compensation for all heaviness which the people of the end time cannot be spared.... My word is the only means of strength to survive all heaviness, and whoever has My word, whoever is in such a connection with Me that he can hear Me himself through the voice of the spirit, whoever listens to Me when My word is imparted to him through My servants on earth, he has a treasure at his disposal which he only needs to lift.... and he will cover the earthly way unharmed in his soul until the end.... because the end is coming soon.... you men, believe My word! Let yourselves be warned and admonished, turn away from your way of life and seriously strive for a purification of your soul, change yourselves by turning your thoughts away from the world and seriously concern yourselves with your purpose of life on earth.... Let My word give you enlightenment about it, and therefore prepare yourselves for a quick end, which can be given to all of you, who now walk on earth. Because the time is fulfilled and what now comes are the last travails before the end. And all worldly events should make you think, because it comes as it is written.... what has been proclaimed to people again and again by prophets and seers is being fulfilled.... the end is coming.... You men yourselves contribute to the fact that this no longer tolerates a delay because you no longer listen to me, because you are without faith and therefore distance yourselves from Me, because you grant My opponent too much power and right and thus make yourselves his servants and fight against me. But I still try to pull you over into My camp through My word so that you do not belong to the defeated but can come out as victors. But you do not pay attention to My word, you attach no other meaning to it than human words, which you ignore because they do not sound pleasant to you. And yet I speak to you Myself because My love drives Me to save you from the power of My opponent, listen to Me and save yourselves. Bring up the will to let yourselves be taught, and you will realize the urgency of it that I Myself speak to you from above. You will also recognize your lack of strength, which I want to remedy through My word. And so receive the most delicious gift, which I offer you from above, because it alone is the means to create relief for you in every spiritual and earthly trouble. I Myself come to you in the word.... Understand this and respect the gift which a loving father heart wants to give to his children in order to help them. Listen to My word and obey it, and open your hearts to Me when I desire entrance.... And all horrors will only touch you in a shadowy way, the days will be shortened so that they do not weigh on you in all heaviness, you will have strength in you, which you draw from Me by receiving My word and I Myself will be with you and guide you until the end of your life, which will then be a blessed one, if you go towards it strengthened by My word....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The word inspires love activity....

B.D. No. **8226**

July 28th 1962

Irejoice in every child which consciously strives towards me, which strives to attain its maturity on earth and which connects with Me again and again to be permeated by My love. Because it will soon have reached its goal and be connected with Me for eternity. Then it will look back on an endless long course of development, and it will not be able to understand why it resisted My illumination of

love.... It will only always desire My love and also experience it in excess, because it now recognizes its long resistance as a great sin and offense against My love and always only says thank you to Me for My assistance, for its salvation from the depths, and it will be blissfully happy.... I know about your great bliss in the state of perfection, and I therefore only help man that he reaches that state of perfection which earns him this bliss. The conscious striving for Me proves to Me his will, which has turned to Me again, as it once turned away from Me..... And this change of will is the right decision for the purpose of which man lives on earth and which determines his lot in eternity..... The conscious bond with me, which also entails the recognition of the work of redemption and the call of Jesus for forgiveness of guilt, is at the same time the recognition of myself, and so the sin of the former apostasy from Me is cancelled, and nothing more stands in the way of their return to me. But that you establish the conscious bond with Me, that you long for your God and creator within you, for your father from eternity, this is what My adversary tries to prevent again and again in order not to lose you, and you must therefore.... if you still walk through earthly life in ignorance.... be pointed out to your enemy; you must be shown the danger you are constantly in as long as I cannot exercise My right over your souls, which, however, requires the conscious bond with Me. And that is why therefore you are again and again pointed to your earth life purpose through My word, and that is why you must hear My word, no matter in which way.... so that you learn about My will and about the goings-on of My opponent, who still controls you, until this voluntary return to Me has taken place. And every man will be blessed who spreads My word and who makes it his business to bring a light into the darkness in which mankind walks if a light from Me, My divine word, is not imparted to them. That is why it is of special importance that a man strives towards Me in free will and can now be used by Me as mediator through whom I can now speak to men and announce My will to them. The voluntary devotion to Me must precede, otherwise it is impossible that I can speak to you through a human mouth. Because this must happen in a way that fellowmen are not forced to believe in Me and My work, in My word..... My word alone possesses the power to impress the listener that he follows the word, and he will then himself also recognize his outcome by the effect of My word and believe with conviction.... And the "word" is obeyed when My will is fulfilled, which is proclaimed to men through the word: when you lead a life in unselfish love and now therefore get to know the power of love, which again establishes the union with me, who am love Myself.... I only want to achieve the transformation of your being to love because then I will also have achieved **everything**.... because My goal alone is the return of you to Me and because this return presupposes a transformation of the being to love. Then you will also understand that I only ever preach My gospel of love to people when I address them Myself through My word.... that I only ever announce My will to them, which demands the fulfilment of My commandments of love.... and that you then also shape yourselves into My children, whose love for the father is now also the surest guarantee that the union already takes place on earth, for love alone is the bond which ties us together indissolubly.... love alone makes you divine beings again, who are now also blessed again without limit, as they were in the beginning....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

"Hear My word...." life force - spiritual power....

B.D. No. 8581

August 6th 1963

You all need power supply and constant help from My side for your earth course, because the life power, which you have as man, is not enough to perfect you on earth, if you do not increase it yourselves through supply of spiritual power, which you can acquire yourselves through love work or which you have to request from Me in prayer as gift of grace.... And you will therefore always have to be in connection with the source of power from eternity, which you therefore establish through prayer and loving activity.... Then there is no danger that you do not reach your earth life aim, because every spiritual power has an effect again in love work, and then the transformation of the being to love takes place, which is purpose and aim of earth life.... And you can increase this supply of power at any time when you consciously let yourselves be addressed by Me, when you desire to hear My word and

accept it when and where this is only possible. Because My word is blessed with My power, My word is the direct love radiation for My part on My creatures, which need power and are constantly made happy by the supply of power to an extent that this contributes to increased bliss for the beings, which already stand in the light.... Because My word is the proof of most intimate connection of those beings with Me, to hear My word is also the proof that the being has entered its original state in which it stood before its falling away from Me when it heard My word and was exceedingly happy. You must constantly maintain the connection with Me, My power must constantly be able to flow through you, because in the kingdom of light this means unimagined bliss, but on earth.... as long as you are not yet perfected.... you constantly receive strength which you need to reach perfection. The life force is indeed available to every human being, but it can be used completely uselessly if the human being uses it only in the earthly-material sense.... But if you make use of the life power to work in love, then a measure of spiritual power flows to you, which lets you go the way to the kingdom of light quite safely, because you connect yourselves intimately with Me Myself through love work, I Who am eternal love, and now My divine love power can radiate through you continuously and form your being that you come closer and closer to Me, that you unite with Me again as before you turned away from Me. But every bond with Me will also earn you My address.... Because I want to prove My presence to you, My presence will also result in My address, because the father speaks with His child, because love connects both and it now also wants to express itself.... So you now have to hear Me, and what I now want to say to you, that will make you happy, because it is rich knowledge for you, because you enter into a state of brightest knowledge, as soon as I Myself can address you. And this address can also happen in a transferred way that I announce Myself to you through a person whose soul ear can clearly hear Me, and I now speak to those who show themselves worthy of My address, who live according to My will, who work in love and thereby put themselves in contact with Me.... who could also hear My address directly if they would only prepare themselves as a receiving vessel for My spirit itself.... But it is unimportant whether they hear My word directly or indirectly, because it is always the same word, which I have blessed with My power and which has an effect on the soul of a person that it must irrevocably reach perfection.... Listen to My word and know that you need it for perfection.... Always give Me the opportunity to address you so that you may receive what you still lack.... And you all still lack much until you can return to Me fully matured and be blessed.... Because the earth is not yet a kingdom of light and bliss, and as long as a soul still walks over the earth as man, it has the possibility to increase its degree of maturity, because it can also work in love unlimitedly and is again and again stimulated by My word to this love work.... Therefore I direct My word down to earth to teach man the first and most important thing: to be unselfishly active in love and to kindle a bright light in oneself through love activity, which will shine brighter and brighter and spread out so that brightest knowledge.... deepest truthful knowledge.... is the result of a right love life which leads to the final union with Me and also earns the being the bliss it once voluntarily gave up but will also irrevocably regain, even if eternities pass over it.... But what has gone out from Me is love in its original substance and will eternally not be able to pass away.... It will once again take on its original nature and then also, as in the beginning, be able to hear My word, it will be unspeakably happy, because it is then again closely connected with Me and will remain so until all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Voluntary return in love to God.... unbreakable bond....

B.D. No. 5025

December 21st 1950

You will never lose Me again in eternity once you have found Me of your own free will. Then you can never ever strive away from Me because the bond between you and Me is unbreakable, it is stronger than every hostile attempt to snatch you away from Me. My love keeps you captive although you remain free wanting and thinking beings. But love is a binding agent that lasts forever. You can no longer detach yourselves from me, as I also never ever let go of you, because you are My share, which I Myself have created for joy. But unlimited is My joy only then when you have found back to Me

yourselves, when your love for Me has caused your return, what is then the case when you come to Me voluntarily. That is why a being, which once has entered the union with Me through love, cannot sink back into the depth anymore, because My eternal love holds it. As long as the union with Me has not yet taken place, a falling away is certainly possible, but then the being strives away from Me out of free will, therefore cannot yet accept Me as found. And you will see from this how unspeakably important it is that you change to love because through this alone the union with Me can take place, which binds you to Me for ever, which protects you from sinking into the deep. Love means everything.... It is, so to speak, the key to eternity, to the kingdom of light, it is the way to Me, to the father, Who awaits you in order to be blissfully happy with you. If you have love, then you also have Me, Who am eternal love.... You can therefore assure yourselves of My presence as soon as you practice love, and then I will never ever leave you.... But every work of love presupposes free will, and therefore the test of will is passed, you have chosen between Me and My opponent, who prevents you from every work of love, if your will is not stronger. Whoever lives in love has escaped the power of My adversary, he has taken Me into himself, I Myself have taken possession of his heart and can work in him.... I am in him who lives in love.... and what belongs to Me I never leave forever.... Satan certainly has great power, but he does not succeed in alienating a person who lives in love from Me, because this person carries Me Myself in himself and he recognizes My opponent very well. Make yourselves mine through love, let yourselves be captured by Me through constant love work, and a blessed captivity will be your lot, My love will never leave you, you will belong to Me and still be free....

Amen

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Way of following Jesus....

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The path you walk should be the path of following Jesus; you should take Him as your example, you should live on earth as He has exemplified to you.... You should live a life of love and also humbly accept the suffering imposed on you so that you will mature in your soul. The man Jesus has preceded you on the path, which is why you can now follow Him and then you will also surely reach your aim: to return to the father from Whom you once came. And Jesus has shown you this way by giving you the commandments of love for God and neighbor, by following which you walk the path of following Jesus.... But this requires your will and overcoming yourselves, putting aside your own wishes and desires in order to help your neighbor if he needs help. Love should be ignited in you, because otherwise the aim cannot be reached.... the union with God, Who Himself is love and therefore can also only be won through love. The man Jesus was filled with love for His fellow human beings, and therefore He was also able to unite with God, He was able to receive the eternal deity into Himself, Who can only unite with a human being who has shaped himself into love.... And this alone is the purpose and aim of man in earthly life, that his whole being changes to love.... that he gives up self-love, that he only ever wants to give and make happy and thus deifies himself, because love is divine and the man who shapes himself to love becomes a divine being. The less man thinks of himself and the more he gives out in love to his fellow men, the closer he is to his aim and the closer God Himself is to him, then he goes the right way to Him, and God Himself comes to meet him.... But then he will also bear suffering without grumbling, he will feel himself to be a cross-bearer and gladly take the cross on his shoulders, because he takes Jesus as his model, he follows Him.... he walks the path that Jesus preceded him.... that all must walk in order to attain eternal bliss....

Amen

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I will show you the way you should go during your life on earth.... I Myself am the way, the truth and the life.... He who listens to Me treads the path, he is guided into truth and he attains eternal life.... Whoever listens to Me will also obey what I advise him, what I demand of him, and he will then go the way of love, which irrevocably leads to Me, Who am the Eternal Love.... And thus he returns to Me again, from Whom he once started. He has completed his path of development, and he has returned home to the father's house, he is with his father, as it was in the beginning, and he will work and create with Him, as it is his destiny. So I Myself am the way.... these words I spoke to the people when I walked on earth, and I asked them to follow Me. My way was exceedingly sorrowful, but the love in Me let Me go it.... And so you should always remain in love for Me and for your neighbor, and you should also bear the suffering patiently, always remembering My way of the cross, which was so immeasurably difficult because I took the guilt of the whole of humanity on My shoulders to carry it under the cross.... I had to go this way of the cross, because I wanted to suffer for the fellow human beings who were My brothers and who, through their fall into the depths, had loaded heavy guilt onto themselves, which they would never have been able to redeem. I took pity on the state of the people, because it was wretched, and they could never have reached bliss, if I had not taken care of them. Love determined Me to all thinking and acting, and love brought the redemption sacrifice for the people.... And if I therefore call Myself the way, then your way must also be a way of love, you too must accept your fellow human beings in every adversity of body and soul, you too must be prepared to make sacrifices, your being must be filled with love, then you will go the same way that I have gone, and then you will also reach the truth and eternal life.... I Myself am the way, the truth and the life.... If you humans acknowledge Me as the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, in Whom I Myself offered the sacrifice on the cross for all people, then you are also on the right path, you will receive the truth from Me and attain beatitude, because only the pure truth can awaken you to life, And then this will always be a life of bliss, because only the right life can be given to you by Me, which means the permeation of My strength of love, which makes the being incomparably happy, which therefore has taken the right path that leads to Me, back into the father's house. And therefore I show you the right way, I instruct you that only love leads to happiness, that only love guarantees you truth and that only love gives life to the soul, which it then also never ever loses. Because then also the union with Me is secured, which is the aim and purpose of earth life.... Then the being.... the soul.... has changed again to love, and it has entered its original state, it is blissful again as it was in the beginning....

Amen

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Words from Father.... God's teaching.... God's children....

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So you, My children, see everything on earth summarized in a doctrine which is not very convincing to you and you are not able to make it your own, because in listening to this doctrine alone, wisdom can never be imparted to you, but first you must try to get rid of all earthly thoughts which are completely apart from My doctrine and which also can never be brought into harmony with it. Everything that is from God also presupposes a Divine attitude.... But what is of the world, will always only condition worldly thinking, and thus all Divine gifts are without deep effect on the human heart as long as it is not received with spiritual striving.

The more insightful his thoughts turn to the pure teaching of God, the sooner man is also able to live according to this teaching, and as soon as My word is also followed by action, it has truly come alive and is of such power that you also recognize it as the pure Word of God.... That you can never resist this teaching and accept it in your heart without reservation, that you serve Me with all love and are

thus spiritually reborn to My infinite joy. For who has found to Me, is received by Me with joy, and his share is light from the eternal Light.

As children of God, you remain eternally close to Me and work with Me and through Me continuously according to My will..... And so I guarantee you fullest entry into My glory, if you only accept My teaching and never turn away from it, whatever may threaten you from outside. You dear little ones do not consider the great danger you are in if you separate yourselves from Me..... My love will always and forever seek you and point you to the only way of faith in Me, your Lord and Saviour.

Oh hear My voice.... Do not let yourselves be beguiled by the world, which only robs you of your time, which should be dedicated to the work on your soul.... The hand of God guides you all and again to where you hear My voice.... Give in to the urge of your heart and stay where I call you.... because I will touch your heart that you also feel My nearness, and when a quiet thought arises in you that you are protected in My care.... when you feel that your heart wants to lean towards Me, then know that I speak to you and offer you My love.... know that now the Father desires you and wants to receive you as His children into His kingdom.

And turn away from all earthly desires.... let all your thoughts and aspirations be for the return to the Father's house.... turn your prayer to Me, and I will refresh you with My word and refresh you with My grace.... I want to give you all My love and draw you to Me, and your whole earthly life will be easy if you only use it to fulfill My will, to keep My commandments and to come close to Me..... My love will take hold of you with all power, and you will be blessed in this love already on earth and one day in eternity.

Amen

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