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Father words II – „Take up your cross!“

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Grace.... God's word greatest grace....

B.D. No. 4023

April 15th 1947

Grace flows to you in abundance.... for grace is the whole of earthly life for you, grace is all suffering that comes upon you, and grace is that you are constantly guided by Me until the end of your life.... Your whole life is an uninterrupted grace in its individual experiences for you, for nothing approaches you arbitrarily but everything is imposed on you by Me in foresight of your will, as it is helpful for your spiritual development. Therefore it is also a grace if you are granted an exceptionally difficult earthly life, for then you also have the opportunity to mature exceptionally. But the greatest grace is the attention of My word.... For My word is the most effective means of help, and it will certainly lead to the aim if you let it take effect in you. Everything that helps to change your soul, to turn your will towards Me and to let you strive spiritually is a grace. And thus you are surrounded by gifts of grace during your earthly life which you only need to use, i.e. open yourselves up to their effect, by only wanting your earthly progress to be successful for the soul, by thus recognizing Me and choosing Me as your aim. And then you will certainly reach your aim, for I will draw anyone who wants to come to Me and the ascent will be easy for him. He must not forget that he is in the abyss and has to strive upwards in order to reach Me, and that he therefore constantly needs My help, and every means I use to make it easy for him to climb up is a grace.... If you thus grasp the meaning of the word 'grace' then you will never need to fear that the aim is unreachable for you. Let yourselves be drawn by Me and just don't resist Me, listen to My word, accept it in your hearts and comply with it, then you will fulfil My will, and then every grant of grace will also have an effect on you, your desire for Me will be intensified, your faith in Me will deepen and your love for Me will become more intimate, for this is the effect of My grace that you increasingly turn away from the world and unite with Me more

deeply, for grace originates from Me and also leads back to Me again if the human being does not close himself off to its effect. But if My word is offered to you directly from above, a gift of grace is at your disposal whose value you cannot measure.... I speak to you Myself.... is there anything more powerful and effective than hearing Myself speak and being able to receive strength in abundance with the word? Can there still be any doubt that My word will surely lead to the aim? Is My word not the most telling proof that I draw the willing to Me? That I love you and want to lead you to eternal life? If you therefore have this certainty of possessing My love, if you feel My love for you through the acceptance of My word, can you then still doubt that My grace is available to you without measure, and can you then still be anxious whether you will reach your aim? You can receive My word at any time and in all places, directly or through My servants on earth, and if you make use of every opportunity to listen to Me and now make My will your own, you will always be in the midst of grace and safely reach your aim, your soul will mature on earth and you will be able to enter the light when judgment day has come for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Faith in God in Jesus Christ

Reason for Christ's birth.... Act of mercy....

B.D. No. 6130

December 9th 1954

Full of mercy I looked down to earth upon the enslaved human race.... I saw their immense adversity, nevertheless, even though it was self-inflicted I also saw people's great weakness whose burden had put such pressure on them that they were no longer able to get up by themselves.... And My love became so powerful that it wanted to bring help to the suffering human race.... My love was so great that I Myself descended to Earth in order to liberate people from their burden of sin and to open the path to Me again for them. My coming down to Earth was an act of love and mercy by your Creator and Father of eternity.... I wanted to bring peace to people, Salvation.... I wanted to enable them to enjoy light and strength again which they had lost due to the sin of their past rebellion against Me.... Humanity was so steeped in darkness that it was no longer capable of finding its way out since it was also totally powerless.... It was in a state of utter wretchedness, for they were held captive by a lord who exerted control over them, who had no intention of ever setting them free again.... But I was also entitled to you because you once emerged from My strength of love.... And I will not give up My entitlement I was ready to fight for you against My adversary and I came to Earth not because the **Deity** but **love** wanted to wage this battle which subsequently embodied itself in a human being.... thus, to a certain extent, a human being took up the battle against the adversary, Who only used love as a weapon.... hence love waged the battle.... Love motivated Me to descend to Earth in order to take abode in Jesus, the man.... Whose soul was utterly devoted to Me, Who aspired towards union with Me with all His heart and mind, Who sheltered the soul of light in Himself which wanted to help its fallen brothers to return to the Father, to higher spheres again in order to be happy.... That which had remained perfect wanted to help those who had become imperfect attain perfection again.... Love Itself wanted to use Itself in order to bring freedom to the enslaved people.... For this reason I Myself came down to Earth, this is why I no longer closed My ears to the calls of distress which raised up to Me from Earth, I came as the Saviour and Redeemer in order to bring peace to everyone of good will.... For the time had come when humanity had sunk so low that it had to be helped were it not to completely fall prey to ruin. And thus came to pass what had long been announced before.... The light came to Earth and shone into the darkness.... But the darkness did not comprehend it and there were only a few who recognised it as the Saviour Who was sent from above in order to redeem humanity and to bring peace to all people of good will....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Agonizing sufferings of Jesus Christ.... Incarnation of God....

B.D. No. 8156

April 20th 1962

With the most bitter suffering and pain I concluded My life as a human being on this earth, when I shed My blood for the sins of men in order to redeem their great guilt.... Only one "human being" died for people on the cross.... and a human being also took the most agonising suffering upon Himself in order to offer the sacrifice of atonement to Me, yet **I Myself** was in the human being Jesus because **love** provided Him with the strength for this work of grace and mercy, and I Myself was this love.... As long as you live on earth as a human being and are not yet perfected you will not be able to understand that I Myself was in the man Jesus, because it is incomprehensible to you that God **is** love.... that **God** can only be spoken of when it concerns **love**, which is God's fundamental nature.... The human being Jesus was full of love, and His greater than great love motivated Him to sacrifice

Himself for His fellow human beings because He recognized their wretched state and wanted to bring them help. But I Myself **was** the love which filled Him, I Myself was in Him in My fundamental element, and therefore I Myself accomplished the sacrifice on the cross in the man Jesus, yet the 'human being' endured the most agonizing suffering because I, as 'God', was unable to suffer. You humans should only believe that I embodied Myself in the human being Jesus.... You should only believe that I Myself chose this human shell because otherwise you would not have been able to take notice of My act of mercy.... You should only believe that I made Myself 'visible' to you humans in Jesus and that you therefore have to acknowledge Him if you want to acknowledge Me again, Whom you once refused to acknowledge.... My incarnation in Jesus is such an enormous problem that it cannot be expressed in a few words.... Nevertheless, time and again I try to solve this problem for you as far as it can be made understandable to you. I Myself accomplished the sacrifice on the cross for you because it was love Which wanted to redeem you humans from sin and death.... The human being Jesus took immense pain upon Himself, His human shell, His body, suffered unspeakably and died the most agonizing death on the cross in order to atone for the great guilt of sin.... But this human being Jesus was in intimate union with Me, otherwise I could not have taken abode in Him, otherwise **love** could not have completely filled Him.... I was in Him, He had become a shell for Me.... The Godhead, Whose primal element was love, radiated through Him completely, so that He was completely merged with Her.... that He became one with Me.... Jesus and I are the same, Jesus had become a visible God, whereas before I could not be seen by any of My created beings.... because they would have passed away in the primeval fire of eternal love.... But the suffering the man Jesus endured for His fellow human beings was unimaginable, and thereby the great original sin of the beings which had once fallen away from Me was atoned for, so that the path to Me became free again for all beings.... into the kingdom of light and bliss.... You humans will never grasp the full depth of this work of grace and mercy, but you will be able to believe that it was not a purely human affair which was carried out on earth by the man Jesus, but that profound spiritual motives underlay christ's act of salvation and that I Myself must be recognized and acknowledged in Jesus. And time and again I will convey this knowledge to people so that they will know that they cannot ignore Jesus Christ and His act of salvation if they want to attain eternal life. Time and again I Myself will inform people of this through My spirit, because school-transmitted knowledge will never be accepted or find the right understanding which, however, is the prerequisite for acknowledging Jesus Christ as the son of God and redeemer of the world, in Whom I Myself became human in order to redeem humanity....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Acknowledging Jesus Christ and benefiting from the graces....

B.D. No. 6670

October 15th 1956

If you want your earthly life to be successful for eternity, then you must make use of the blessings which the divine redeemer Jesus Christ acquired for you on the cross.... If you don't make use of these blessings then it is impossible for you to attain the degree of maturity which guarantees you entry into the kingdom of light after your physical death.... For you lack strength because you have become weak and helpless due to your past apostasy from Me, because you are subject to the power of the one who dragged you down into the abyss.... You are now at the mercy of this power and cannot resist it with your own strength, you also have too weak a will which does not strive for a release from this power.... But you can certainly experience a supply of strength and a strengthening of will if you turn to the one Who died for this on the cross in order to help you break free from your dungeon master. For what you lack He acquired for you because He knew of your weakness and helplessness and because He wanted to break the adversary's power.... because He wanted to pay the ransom for you through His death on the cross and that adversary **can** no longer hold you if you want to be released from him. Everything has been done for you so that it is now possible for you to ascend again.... you **can** attain maturity of soul on earth but never without Jesus Christ.... You first have to let yourselves be redeemed by Him, you have to appeal to Him for strength and grace which you may

now also receive in abundance because you desire to become free from the enemy of your souls. Thus you have to make use of the blessings of the act of salvation: You must ask for strength and reinforcement of will from the one Who acquired this treasure of grace through His death on the cross. When you enter this earth as a human being My adversary still has power over you.... And in earthly life it is solely a matter of whether you turn your will away from him and towards **Me** again, which, however, you only prove if you acknowledge Jesus Christ, because **I** embodied **Myself** in the human being Jesus in order to use My love for you so that you can return to Me again.... Hence, acknowledging Jesus Christ is synonymous with acknowledging Me Myself, Whom you once rejected, thus you separated yourselves from Me of your own will. This great sin had to invalidate you, for My strength of love could no longer take effect in you due to your resistance.... And if I want you to take the path back to Me, then I first have to impart strength to you.... thus I have to give you something you don't have to claim: I have to impart **grace** to you, and this, in turn, had to be acquired through an immense sacrifice which **love** wanted to make for you. And thus the sacrifice must also be acknowledged and thus also the one Who made the sacrifice.... the man Jesus, Whom deepest love motivated to bring help to the bound souls. And in this man Jesus I embodied Myself, because I am 'love' from eternity. Therefore, if you want to return to Me, if you want to successfully cover your earthly path, you can never pass by the divine redeemer Jesus Christ, for only from Him will you receive the strength and reinforcement of your will, whereas otherwise you will remain weak and will never be able to release yourselves from My adversary's power.... Only the call of Jesus Christ is enough to prove that you acknowledge Him, and you will now receive from His inexhaustible fountain of grace what you need in order to attain light again, strength and bliss.... But **without** Jesus Christ you live your earthly life in vain. You will remain in the abyss, for you will be held fast until you call upon Me yourselves in Jesus Christ, for as long as your will is still turned towards him, who will not release you.... but who **no longer** has control over you as soon as you hand yourselves over to the divine redeemer, which is also recognition of Me and you have now also passed the test of earthly life....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The way to the cross – asking for forgiveness of guilt

The shortest way is the way across the cross....

B.D. No. 7300

March 6th 1959

I want to show you the shortest path that leads to Me, back into the father's house. It is the path across the cross, the path to Jesus Christ, Who became a shell for Me as the human being Jesus so that I could accomplish the work of redemption for you, the work of atonement for your once great guilt of turning away from Me. This work of mercy was accomplished by My love for you, My creations which had become sinful, which had thereby plunged themselves into greatest wretchedness and were to be released from it. My love wanted to take over the guilt for you and make atonement for you, for love was the only thing which could redeem this great guilt, and you yourselves had renounced all love, you had rejected every illumination of love on My part, you were completely devoid of all love, and since this great original guilt could only be atoned for with love, **My love** had to redeem the guilt **for you** if I wanted you to ever become free again and be able to return to Me.... You have now also become free from this through My act of salvation, yet always with the restriction that you yourselves want to return to Me in freedom again.... that you yourselves want to be illuminated and permeated by My love again, which is strength and light and freedom. Hence you first have to muster this will if you want to be accepted into the circle of those for whom I died the most bitter death on the cross. Only your will is necessary so that you will then also receive the necessary strength to be able to travel the path to Me, for to travel this path means to be willing to enter the realm of My sun of love again, so that you will change your hitherto unloving nature into love.... Hence there is only one path which leads back to Me again.... the path of love, but you will only be able to take it when this path leads to the cross, otherwise you will be too weak to perform works of love despite your good will as long as My adversary still has you under his control, as long as the divine redeemer Jesus Christ has not yet entered your life, Whom you will only find on the cross of Golgotha if you set out on the path to Him. For He alone can and will strengthen your still weak will by showering you with His graces acquired on the cross and thus you will, as it were, receive back the strength of will you once possessed and lost due to your fall into the abyss. If I therefore want to show you the shortest path, it means that you absolutely have to make contact with Jesus Christ, that you approach Him for the strengthening of your will, for the forgiveness of your guilt and for redemption from your still bound state.... And all this is also synonymous with a life of love, with everlasting activity of love which completely transforms your nature and thus brings it into line with Mine again, Who is eternal love.... Every person who endeavours to live in love will also look up to Jesus Christ on the cross, he will feel guilty and ask to be released from his guilt, in weakness of his soul he will take the path to Jesus Christ and avail himself of His graces acquired on the cross.... He will lean on Him because he feels too weak himself, and he will not need to go any further than the cross because there he will find everything he needs in order to be taken back into his father's house.... He will be certain of the forgiveness of his guilt of sin because he has also changed his nature, as well as the path to the cross is a matter of heart for him and therefore he also deeply regrets his guilt. But this change of nature does not take place without the will to love, for it is precisely love which the being lacks and which it has to ignite in itself again in order to assimilate itself to My original nature. But the human being will also be able to do so if only he is of good will to fulfil his earthly task for the purpose of which his earthly existence was given to him. The will is everything, and it is certainly strengthened by Jesus Christ.... But for this reason the divine redeemer cannot be excluded, and therefore the path to the cross is the human being's one great task, the fulfilment of which, however, secures him strength and freedom, light and beatitude, as it is promised to you....

Amen

Faith in Jesus Christ.... reduced suffering....

B.D. No. 6168

January 18th 1955

There need not be so much misery and hardship on earth if people were more mindful of their saviour and redeemer, Who took the suffering of the whole of humanity on His shoulders and suffered and died for it on the cross.... He bore it for humanity.... but it has to believe in Him and His act of salvation, for only the guilt of sin can be considered redeemed which is carried to Him.... under His cross.... is carried to Him under His cross in faith and hope that Jesus Christ gave His blood so that this guilt will also be redeemed. But anyone who does not believe in the redemption through Jesus' blood is still burdened by his guilt of sin, and he has to make atonement for it himself, he has to bear all the suffering himself which is the effect of his former sin.... Need and sickness, sorrow and suffering.... Jesus knew that humanity had to suffer unspeakably because of its great guilt of sin. And His merciful love took the suffering, the consequence of sin, upon Himself.... He wanted to take it away through His suffering and a most painful death, He wanted to make atonement so that people could become free from misery and hardship.... so that in this freedom they could find their way back to God, from Whom they had once voluntarily separated.... Jesus Christ died for **all** people.... So **all** people can take their sins to Him.... They will find forgiveness, they will be released from the burden of their sins because the divine redeemer has taken away all their burdens and placed them on Himself out of immense love.... Yet it is easily understandable that He also wants to be acknowledged as redeemer of the world.... It is understandable that only he who believes in Jesus Christ as the son of God and redeemer of the world will be freed from his guilt.... that only he who comes to Him with his guilt and asks Him to also remember him will find forgiveness, who thus consciously places himself under the cross of Christ in order to let His blood wash away all guilt.... But how do people relate to Him now? Can we still speak of a living faith in Him, in Whom God embodied Himself? Humanity no longer wants to acknowledge Him, except for a few who belong to Him.... Christ's act of salvation no longer means anything to people.... and therefore all remain unredeemed who do not acknowledge Him as He wants to be acknowledged.... And the burden of sin accumulates enormously, people have to suffer from the effects of sin, because divine justice demands atonement from people themselves who do not belong to the host of the redeemed, because they separate themselves from Him, because they do not belong to those whom Jesus Christ redeemed from sin and who **therefore** do not belong to the redeemed because they do not acknowledge the divine redeemer, thus they do not believe that the eternal love Himself took upon Himself the death on the cross in order to bring redemption to people.... No human being is excluded from the act of salvation.... but anyone who excludes himself cannot avail himself of the blessings of the act of salvation either, and therefore he will not be able to avert a dreadful fate from himself which will certainly await him in the kingdom of the beyond, if it does not already affect him on earth.... For according to divine justice atonement has to be made by anyone who does not bear his sins to Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross for all people in order to redeem them....

Amen

'Forgive us our trespasses....'

B.D. No. 5428

July 4th 1952

Forgive each other as I forgive you.... You humans still let enmity reign far too often, you are still unable to love your enemies and forgive their sin, you are still angry with them and don't wish them well, even if you wish them no evil you don't exercise patience and are quick-tempered if you are being offended.... and are therefore still far from living as followers of Jesus.... Love has not yet become powerful enough in you as to leave no further room for hostile thoughts.... You don't see the brother in your neighbour otherwise you would forgive him and not take the offence quite so seriously. And yet I Am supposed to forgive you your trespasses.... after all, you act just as hostile

towards Me otherwise you would be without guilt.... My love for you is greater than great, and your sincere prayer for forgiveness of your sin will release you from it. And yet, if you want to achieve My forgiveness, I require you to fulfil the condition that you, too, will forgive those who trespass against you.... I expect this because you should, after all, firmly resolve not to sin again.... and in order to make this resolve you must also love your neighbour who has sinned against you....

You should love your neighbour as yourself.... You should not hold any sin against him, for every hostile thought is unsuitable to awaken reciprocated love, whereas the love you give to your enemy will also awaken positive feelings in him.... Every unpleasant thought towards a person is picked up by evil forces and transferred onto the latter, and this cannot have any good results because evil only ever begets evil and therefore only evil will be returned, which rapidly increases the strength of evil and thus has a negative effect. You, however, should meet evil with kindness in order to weaken and change evil into good.... You should transmit positive thoughts and wish even to your enemies only good because thereby you disperse evil forces, because good thoughts have a redeeming effect, thus they pacify resentment and hatred, awaken positive feelings in turn and are even capable of changing an enemy into a friend, because strength of love always has a positive effect. Therefore you shall only find My forgiveness if you have also forgiven your debtors, for how can I possibly show you clemency if you still judge harshly and have enemies because you maintain the enmity yourselves? If My love forgives you your trespasses then your love should also make allowances.... Think kindly of your enemies, forgive those who have offended you, and always let the love in you be the judge, and this will surely want to forgive, for wherever love exists no feelings of hatred and vengeance can prevail, where love exists that is where I Am Myself and I truly don't judge unkindly, I forgive you your trespasses as you forgive those who trespass against you....

Amen

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Right christianity

Right christianity....

B.D. No. 6834

May 19th 1957

A good christian is only the person who endeavours to live a life of following Jesus, which means that he lives in love, that he also patiently takes up his cross and devotedly carries it into My will; it is not only enough to confess Jesus Christ with his mouth but profound faith in His act of salvation must also cause him to live as the man Jesus lived on earth, because then he will also accept the divine teaching of love which Jesus preached on earth.... Only through a life of love does he prove that he is a true christian, but not through external affiliation to a church which can also harbour completely unbelieving, unloving people who must be denied the name 'christian'. Thus, if christianity is to spread it is not enough to induce people to join a church, a religious organization, instead, in addition to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His act of salvation they must first be taught the divine teaching of love and its **living out as the most important thing in order** to be accepted as a true christian into My church.... which only includes 'true christians'.... because pseudo-christianity cannot signify belonging to **My church** which, like its founder, is spirit and truth.... You humans must seriously come to terms with the fact that I, as the eternal truth Myself, can never be satisfied with a sham christianity.... And then you must ask yourselves whether you are seriously trying to rightly bear the name 'christian'.... You must take Jesus the man as an example and make an effort to follow His example.... And this means working on yourselves, for all of you must become gentle and patient, peaceful and humble, merciful and just and full of love in order to be like the one Who took life on earth as a human being upon Himself in order to exemplify a right way of life for you.... And only someone who consciously works on himself walks the path of following Jesus, he strives to be a right christian and Jesus Christ helps him to do so, he walks the earthly path together with Him, and he now also belongs to the 'congregation of believers', which is to be understood as **His church**.... who, in view of the divine redeemer, walk their roads in love and in suffering, who are therefore also redeemed from their original sin, who recognize Him in their heart and have joined Him and not just talk empty words and in truth have not yet found the divine redeemer Jesus Christ. Christianity will be spread over the whole earth.... Wherever true love is kindled in the heart, the divine redeemer will also be acknowledged and My spirit will guide them into truth.... And therefore My gospel can resound everywhere and touch people's hearts.... But the working of My spirit is not guaranteed everywhere, even if people are brought close to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer.... Only **living** according to His teaching gives people the right to call themselves christians, otherwise people remain dark heathens, whether they belong to a church organization or not.... And again I have to emphasize that I Myself will not allow Myself to be deceived but that countless people carry out such a deceptive manoeuvre because they do not fulfil My **commandments of love** which show the path of following Jesus. A **true** christianity is only ever a **way of life in love**.... Where this is lacking there is also a lack of the right seriousness to reach Me, and there My adversary will have an easy game if the right christian is to prove himself.... in the last battle on this earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

The true church of Christ....

B.D. No. 8651

October 21st 1963

A nyone who belongs to My church also has to have a living faith, a faith which came alive through love and thus enables the working of the spirit in the human being, which again is only

the result of love. The members of My church will only ever consist of people who are so sincerely united with Me that they feel My presence, whose faith is consequently unwavering and cannot be shaken.... which stands firm like a rock against every onslaught from outside, on account of which I said to Peter 'Upon you I will build My church....' For Peter's faith was strong and unwavering, even though during one hour he did not pass the test of faith, since events precipitated and shook his confidence.... It was, however, more due to his intellect, which saw no way out from greatest danger, whereas his soul was pushed back and felt abandoned.... Yet after this test of faith his love for Me grew ever deeper and his faith strengthened, and such faith I also expect of those who want to belong to My church. Then they will no longer fall victim to My adversary and their enemy....

A member of My church will always recognise the truth and renounce all error, because My spirit works in him as an indication that he is part of the church founded by Me.... And where My spirit works there can be no lack of clarity, no doubt and no confused concepts.... A member of My church will be enlightened and his thoughts will be correct....

This church needs no external characteristics, it needs no organisations, because there are people in all ecclesiastical organisations with a living faith who thereby arouse the spirit within them, and they all affiliate themselves to the 'Church of Christ' which, in truth, is a purely spiritual connection of those who unite with Me through love, who do everything consciously and not as a meaningless external activity which is purely mechanically implemented.

You are meant to be living Christians, always conscious of the fact that you should fulfil the purpose of your earthly life, always eagerly striving to reach your goal, and always submitting yourselves to Me so that I Myself can assume your guidance, and then you will truly reach your goal. For I Am not satisfied that you only fulfil humanly decreed commandments which you were taught during your upbringing, which are pointless and do not result in psychological maturity.... As members of the church founded by Me Myself you will also always be My true successors, you will always humbly accept all suffering and hardship affecting you, because you recognise them as a test of faith which you should pass, and as a means of help to increase the maturity of your soul.... For this is what the spirit within tells you, and you will also understand the reasons of what I allow to happen to you.

You will live a second life next to your earthly one, a life in unity with Me, your God and Father of eternity, and this life will guarantee your perfection. Hence every person is able to attain this perfection, irrespective of the school of thought he belongs to, providing he always stays in a living relationship with Me and can thereby also be guided into truth.... which, however, always necessitates a life of love and a firm, living faith.... As long as you humans are lacking both you are just dead forms on this earth which eternally cannot come alive, for your external actions will not result in inner changes which, however, are the meaning and purpose of a human being's earthly life.

Join the church which I Myself founded on earth, wake up from your sleep of death, bring the spirit in you to life by doing selfless deeds of love, and you will thereby also achieve a faith so unwavering that hell will fail to shake it.... And when you possess such faith you will be truly close to Me already, then you will feel My presence, then you will also regain the abilities that were yours before your apostasy from Me. You will become perfect again as you were in the beginning, and your life will be a happy one for all eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Following Jesus

Love and suffering - way up....

B.D. No. 7223

December 7th 1958

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

Amen

The human being's earthly path will be and remain a path to the cross if it is to lead upwards, unless he hands himself over to Me in such a complete trust that I can take his cross from him or help him carry it; then he will be able to walk upwards unburdened, for then he already is completely Mine and no longer needs any special purification processes on this earth. But this is rare, and anyone who is still very heavily burdened with the cross should not be unhappy about it, for it is always a sign that he is walking the right path. For the wrong paths are smooth and full of joy, and man enjoys his life. I did not lead you the way on the path to the cross without reason requiring you to follow Me.... You must always remember that.... when you have to carry a cross.... you are walking in My discipleship. But if it seems too heavy to you, then just turn to Me trustingly and I will help you out, I will help you carry the cross for as long as it is necessary that you are still burdened with it yourselves. And I will give you strength.... as soon as you ask for it. Just do not walk your earthly path alone, remember Me and let Me walk beside you, then you need not fear to collapse under your burden, for I know when it becomes too heavy for you and then I will truly take it off your shoulders. You humans have often been told that the hardship will increase the closer it gets to the end and that the only short path must therefore be particularly steep if it is to lead to the goal. And therefore you have often been admonished to ask for much strength in prayer and to acquire it through loving activity.... And you can believe that you will also receive strength if you approach Me for it, because I will not allow **more** to come upon a person than he is capable of coping with. And I always want to motivate you humans through hardship and tribulation to unite with Me, to join Me ever more intimately, for then everything will be bearable for you, you will be able to overcome the greatest adversity, you will be led out of every distress.... Just do not rely on yourselves and your strength, because this is not enough to master the struggle of life if you do not want to hand yourselves over to the one who gives you earthly abundance but takes away everything from you spiritually. Do not let him become your lord but rather bear the heaviest cross because it will not burden you for long, whereas you will be enslaved by that lord again for endless periods of time for only this short span on earth which is left to you. Believe Me that you truly have an advantage over those who pass thoughtlessly through earthly life.... Believe Me that I know about all your worries and even if I seem to be holding back.... My help will not fail to arrive as soon as you trust Me. But the fact that hardship will come upon you is not unfounded, for it solely concerns your **soul which**, although it is not affected by earthly destitution, is in far greater distress as long as it does not hand itself over to Me, so that I may guide it and give it what it needs to mature.... this is why I said: "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.... everything else will be given you besides...." Remember these words and believe that I will always give you what you need if you first fulfil My condition: to seek Me and My kingdom with all earnestness and zeal.... And the cross imposed on you shall only help you to look around for the One Who wants to help you carry it....

Amen

Translation handled by Christian Taffertshofer

Following Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 7544

March 10th 1960

You are always urged to follow Christ, and again and again Jesus' suffering and death on the cross is therefore placed before your eyes so that you yourselves take the path to the cross and thus also walk the path of discipleship, as soon as you have recognized His act of salvation as a work of mercy which no human being accomplished on earth before or after Jesus. And if you acknowledge Jesus Christ as God's son and redeemer of the world, then you will also carry your sins under His cross and ask Him to shed His blood for you too.... You will ask Him for forgiveness of your sins and be willing to walk the path of following Jesus, i.e., to love and suffer on earth. You can only redeem yourselves through love and suffering if you bear your suffering in view of Jesus Christ, for He alone makes you able to do so, otherwise you will collapse under the cross which is imposed on you during

your earthly life. With Jesus Christ, however, the cross will become easy for you, for He will help you to carry it.... Yet you don't know what blessing your soul will receive if it takes up its cross and follows Jesus, you don't know how much faster it will mature if it humbly bears the suffering it is burdened with and yet looks up to the cross of the saviour and redeemer Who died for it in order to make it possible for it to be released from its guilt. And it will find forgiveness, for Jesus Christ has redeemed all people from sin and death who want to become free from their adversary, from the enemy of their souls. You should walk the path of following Jesus.... This also includes a measure of suffering which you must be willing to endure and which Jesus' love has burdened you with, so that you will always come closer to Him, so that you will call upon Him when it seems too difficult for you.... But you should try to bear it because then you will follow Him, Who preceded you on the path to the cross. Through His path to the cross He opened the way to eternal beatitude, and if you now follow Him on this path you will also reach the gates through which you can enter the kingdom of light. But the path of following Jesus will always mean a path of suffering which will only become passable for you through love, because love is strength and then you will also endure the cross which is burdened upon you. It was the infinite love of the man Jesus which gave Him the strength to walk the path of the cross to the end, and love will also be the source of strength for you which makes the path of suffering easier for you, which lets you become overcomers. But without love and suffering your soul will not be able to mature, without love and suffering it will stay away from the path to the cross.... Therefore, take up your cross without grumbling and carry it until the end, and it will become increasingly easier for you, for the divine cross-bearer Jesus Christ walks beside you and He will lighten your burden, He will support and strengthen you because you are willing to follow Him....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Patiently bearing the cross

Patiently bearing the cross.... 'Lord, Your will be done...'

B.D. No. 0648

October 31th 1938

Look within yourself and recognise your failings and appeal to the Lord for His help, then you will grow in strength and succeed in enduring all tests of life gently and with patience. After all, the Lord's will only sends these to you for your own advancement.... A person will rarely submit to the suffering imposed on him without grumbling, and yet precisely this is a willing submission to God's will, when the human being gladly and gratefully accepts all suffering from the Father's hand and so only ever acknowledges that whatever happens will be right for his soul's salvation. When the pain increases, the Saviour is placing a small cross upon you which, for His sake, you should carry patiently. Such days will make the soul infinitely happy, for whatever is tolerantly carried by the body is removed from the soul and it will enter an increasingly more liberated state. The body's suffering is the soul's greatest help, and if the human being bears it gladly, the soul will be grateful for it and, in turn, will use every opportunity to help the body through inner suggestions which benefit the human being's earthly work. All suffering will only have an ennobling effect if it does not cause bitterness in the person against the One Who inflicts this suffering upon him, and thus it will only ever benefit the person's soul. And if the temptation is great to revolt against God's will, then remember the Lord's suffering on the cross.... How unspeakably painful was His death, and how humbly did the Saviour accept all suffering upon His shoulders out of love for the sinful human race. If you bear this in mind, then you will also gladly carry your small cross, for the Lord will not impose anything upon you that you are incapable of carrying. And the right love for the Saviour will sweeten your every suffering.... One day the significance of suffering will dawn on you and your soul will rejoice, if you were willing on earth and gained many merits through the bearing of suffering, which has an extraordinary effect in the spiritual world. Your lifetime on earth certainly burdens you with much which seems insurmountable to you at first, and thus you quarrel with God and want to object to His most sacred will; nevertheless, God's love will soon teach you otherwise.... it will let you realise that it is only in your best interest when He allows you to suffer, and your earthly existence will be richly rewarded if you have realised it. Therefore, always pray from the bottom of your heart 'Lord, Your will be done....' and your suffering will turn into joy.... and you will gratefully accept the reward which, one day in eternity, will compensate you for all the suffering on earth....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Patiently bearing the cross....

B.D. No. 6149

December 30th 1954

Every person receives the cross he needs to help him attain full maturity of soul.... But it is truly not My will that you should be burdened too much, nevertheless, its weight corresponds to your free will. You can make it more difficult for yourselves if you oppose My will or easier as soon as you follow it. As soon as you carry your cross patiently, its weight will begin to seem less; if, however, you rebel against it, it will seem even more of a burden to you. Taking the path of the cross on earth is necessary for your soul until it's willingness to love no longer lets it feel suffering.... until it is even grateful for the small cross I have imposed on it and which it recognises as a Godsend and thus carries it patiently and without complaining.... Keep in mind that I Am aware of everything that burdens you, hence I also know what is appropriate for your soul's maturing.... And humbly accept that which is yet to come upon you and which must come upon you because the end is approaching and only little time

remains left for your soul's perfection.... Bear your cross humbly, for it is an assured path towards ascent, and you can ease your own burden if you entrust yourselves to Jesus, the bearer of the cross, and appeal to Him for support.... Whatever I impose upon you is not so heavy that you will break down under it.... For I do not burden anyone with more than he can carry, but whether he wants to endure it determines how heavy he deems his cross to be.... The end is near, and that means that every human being's life comes to an end when the last day has come. But many are still far behind in their maturity of soul, and yet they can still reach perfection in a short time if only they seriously want it.... Their souls can still be purified through suffering and hardship, and everyone is offered this opportunity where there is the slightest prospect that it will be successful.... And I take their destiny into My hand and through suffering and sorrow lead them to the goal as long as they merely allow themselves to be led.... as long as they don't offer resistance, thus rebelling against their fate and distancing themselves from Me even further.... Bear your cross with patience, all of you, for it is simply the means used by My love in order to help you, in order to protect you from death, in order to be able to bestow life upon you.... Gratefully accept everything as coming from My hand, for nothing happens without My will, without My permission, and everything that is imposed upon you shall merely lead you to the One Who can help you.... Everything shall lead you to Me, I Am your Father of eternity and thus will also help My children as a Father in every adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

"Take up your cross...."

B.D. No. 8139

March 30th 1962

I am the father of all of you, and everything that happens or is allowed to happen is evidence of My greater than great love for His children, and it serves you towards perfection. But you can always ask Me to help you carry your cross if it seems too heavy for you.... Then call upon Me in **Jesus**, and then you will also take the path to the cross through your acknowledgement of the divine act of salvation which the man Jesus accomplished on earth for you.... in order to redeem your past great guilt of sin.... He is the bearer of the cross, and if you therefore call upon Me in Him, then I will gladly take the burden of the cross from you and carry it for you.... or also, I will give you strength to carry the cross yourselves, and it will not weigh so heavily upon you, the burden will become lighter, and you will walk the path of following Jesus, Who said: "Take up your cross and follow Me...." So Jesus has already announced to you that you humans will have to carry a cross if you want to follow Him.... Yet Jesus is and remains your father from eternity, for I Myself was in Him, I Myself became a visible God for you in Him, but I am also so united with you through My human existence on earth that I understand all your hardships and that I am therefore also willing to take your cross upon My shoulders and carry it for you if it seems too heavy for you. Yet you will also constantly receive new strength, and this strength from Me is grace which I acquired for you on the cross through My death.... You therefore always draw on this strength when you pray to Me in Jesus, when you take notice of Me and My act of salvation, when you put yourselves into My suffering and death, when you believe in Me Who lived on earth in the human being Jesus and redeemed the guilt of sin for you through My death on the cross.... The influx of grace is guaranteed to you if you acknowledge Me. And this grace expresses itself in increased will, in the strength to lead your life on earth according to My will.... And even if the body is weak and wretched the soul is nevertheless touched by that strength, and this assurance shall also let you endure physical suffering and infirmity, for the body does not last but the soul is everlasting, and it gains the life which lasts forever....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Blessing from illness, hardship and suffering

'Whoever is loved by God....'

B.D. No. 5647

April 9th 1953

Whoever is loved by God often has to follow stony paths and carry burdens which almost crush him; but always only for his own good, for every burden of the cross can be a blessing for him if he has the right attitude towards Him Who directs his destiny. Whoever is loved by God.... He certainly loves all of His living creations but especially those who no longer have far to go in order to reach the final goal. He knows every human being's disposition and thus He also knows every individual person's attitude towards his God and Father of eternity, and He will often treat him accordingly in order to help him reach the goal. And only in this way should you explain the fact that God-devoted people who clearly fulfil His will have to suffer and often fight a difficult struggle for existence, which at times raises doubt about God's benevolence and love. God knows the purpose of everything, and if only people were convinced of His love and kindness they would also recognise everything as divine providence and not rebel against it, they would know themselves as being seized by God's love and patiently wait for their destiny to change again.

There is truly much suffering on earth, humanity is languishing under its weight, but it does not recognise itself in need of educating and therefore inwardly revolts against it when it should just humbly submit to it, so that all difficulties would be taken away again and God's help would manifest itself so clearly that He could be recognised as a loving Father by everyone who wants to recognise Him. Those who are loved by God are allowed to suffer.... These Words find little credence, for no-one considers that suffering is a truly effective method of upbringing in a world where people only ever strive to please their body, where God's love is not seen in situations of adversity and sorrow. And yet it is His love which manifests itself such that it is beneficial for the soul. For God knows the blessing of suffering and therefore He often uses such means in order to keep people back from the earthly world. He would rather see them suffer than plunge them into the mire of the world and its sin. He knows that disease and pain can result in a change, but that the world can never offer the soul spiritual success, so therefore the world has to be disregarded first, which God indirectly assists people in doing by keeping them back from the world and its dangers through means which seemingly lack God's love but are never harmful for the soul, unless the human being revolts against his destiny and invokes His adversary.

Then he will be helped indeed, but in a different way than the human being thinks.... he will certainly help but never without reward.... And this reward consists of handing the soul over to him. Therefore submit to God's will when you are affected by adversity and suffering, don't grumble and complain, bow down to His orders and lift your eyes up only to Him. And He will take the cross from you, He will make it easy for you as soon as you completely surrender yourselves to His merciful guidance. For you can always know yourselves loved by Him, Who through suffering and adversity only wants to win you for Himself, Who wants to purify your soul and time and again provides it with the opportunity to practise patience and gentleness, so that God's help will then visibly arrive, so that His love will visibly intervene and also heal all wounds when the time is right....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

The wounds I have to inflict on you if I don't want you to fall into everlasting death are truly not an expression of wrath, of lack of love, nor are they indications of just punishments for your transgressions.... They are merely remedies to remove ailments which you have caused yourselves and which are needed in order to restore the health of your soul.... It was your own fault that you left the eternal order or your fate would be one of pure happiness and beatitude. Believe Me, I would much rather grant you blissful happiness but you yourselves make it impossible for Me as soon as you leave My order.... however, I will use everything to lead you back into divine order again so that I can make you abundantly happy once more. The more hardship and sorrow, misery and illness are evident on earth the greater are the offences against My order, and by looking at this adversity you humans can see how low you have fallen, for I would truly rather make humanity happy than let unfounded tribulations befall them in order to restore My eternal order again.... And although the individual person believes himself to be a lesser sinner than the misfortune he has encountered.... you humans don't know the correlations or the extent of a misfortune's effect.... nor do you know who will be helped to mature in turn as a result of the individual person's fate.... You also don't know what you have voluntarily offered to endure **before** your incarnation as a human being.... I, however, know everything, and I truly will not impose upon you a greater burden than you are able to bear....

Furthermore, I offer Myself as a cross bearer if your cross seems too heavy for you.... Unfortunately you don't very often take advantage of My help, and thus you complain about your burden and frequently protest its weight.... You were motivated by **love** to offer yourselves to bear a burden of the cross.... But in earthly life you don't know **why** you, who believe to belong to Me due to your will, have to suffer.... Yet I want you to travel your path silently and without complaining even without knowing the cause, I want you to humbly accept your cross, I want that you always submit to My will in the recognition that the One to Whom you submit yourselves is a God of love and that **everything** you receive from Him will be a blessing for you....

Therefore, don't object to your destiny whatever comes your way.... don't complain and grumble if you want to belong to Me but always rest assured that it is only for your benefit.... that it always signifies help and a restoration of My eternal order.... rest assured that one day you will realise it and be grateful to Me that I allowed you to take this arduous earthly path with its misfortunes but also with My love, which is the reason for everything that affects you, because it only ever wants you to become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Purpose of need: bonding with God....

B.D. No. 6355

September 14th 1955

Whatever adversity you humans find yourselves in.... I am always ready to help if you appeal to Me for it.... I don't close My ear to a call which is sent up to Me from a believing heart, and I also take care of all those who commend themselves to Me. But every adversity also has a purpose.... to drive people towards Me who still keep away from Me, who have not yet found a close bond with Me, who have forgotten Me in the world's turmoil, even though they don't completely reject Me. I will also cast My nets after them and then hardship will have to bring it about that they push towards Me.... And I will not let them perish, I will help them. People can pass on all their worries to Me, they can come to Me with all their worries and needs, trustingly present everything to Me and ask Me to arrange everything for them.... and wonderfully they will be helped.... But how few believe this and entrust themselves to Me with complete faith.... And My arm cannot intervene to save where the adversity has not yet fulfilled its purpose, and I have to watch how heavily people carry their cross and can only ever offer Myself to them as a cross-bearer.... but not take the burden from them against their will.... otherwise it will have been completely pointless and people will remain in the same

spiritual hardship even if they have been relieved of their earthly adversity. Believe My words that I am only waiting for your call, that everything is possible for Me and that I love you.... And if you believe this, take refuge in Me in every adversity of body or soul, Who alone can and will remedy it because I love you.... Bury every doubt, for it only prevents My love from becoming effective in you. Believe.... and you will attain everything from Me.... but then also maintain the connection with Me, for this alone is the purpose of every adversity, so that you will find Me and want to stay with Me, so that you will take the path to the father and never depart from Him.... For earthly adversity comes upon you for the sake of your spiritual hardship, and spiritual adversity consists of distance from Me, of dead faith, otherwise you would go to the one Who alone **can** and **wants** to help you. Let faith come alive in you and don't doubt My love and My might for a moment.... and you will be guided through every adversity, I Myself will deliver you from it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

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

B.D. No. 8980

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

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Purification of the soul

Love and suffering as means of purification....

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My Gospel teaches you love again and again, for only love purifies the soul from all impurities; love is the fire which cleanses the soul and turns all base notions into the opposite. And love is often accompanied by suffering, as this first dissolves all hard layers which had still offered resistance to love. Hence, love and suffering are the means of the soul's purification, and love and suffering can change bad habits into virtues, they can disperse pride and arouse true humility in a person's heart, they can train an impatient person to become gentle and patient, they can inspire compassion and let justice emerge.... They can entirely change a person's nature and thus spiritualise the soul while it is still on earth. For this reason you should constantly practise love and patiently shoulder all suffering.... You should bear the cross which was placed upon you and, in so doing, constantly keep suffering at bay from your fellow human beings, pleasing them and also helping them attain maturity of soul by preaching and exemplifying the Gospel of love to them. The human being must consciously work at improving his soul; he must try to release himself from all vices and cravings, and the strength to do so will arise from the love which he practices on his fellow human being. If suffering is imposed on him, he should likewise regard this suffering as a means towards reaching perfection, because it helps where love is still too weak.... The soul should be able to leave its body in a crystal clear state so that, permeated by light, it can enter the kingdom of the beyond However, you humans still need to dissolve more layers which prevent the soul from being permeated by this light.... You must still work on yourselves in order to develop the virtues which should adorn a soul; you must attain humility, gentleness, peacefulness, compassion, righteousness and patience, and that necessitates conscious work at improving yourselves, which is therefore often accompanied by all kinds of suffering. And so you should also recognise the blessing of suffering, which has a redemptive purpose, which should not always be regarded as punishment for sins but is often merely an effective means to attain maturity of soul.... You should **discard** all your bad habits and vices and that often necessitates a battle which, however, is much easier for you in the form of physical suffering than in a state of physical well-being, since the latter is more likely to increase these evils than to reduce them. I did not thoughtlessly say the Words 'If any man will come after Me, let him.... take up his cross....' I certainly died on the cross for your guilt of sin, I took all suffering upon Me.... and thereby made it possible for you to release yourselves, to gain strength.... For the sake of the act of Salvation you can be forgiven of all your sins and, once you acknowledge Me and My act of Salvation and avail yourselves of the blessings of the act of Salvation by appealing to Me for redemption and forgiveness of your guilt, this will ensure your entry into the kingdom of light Nevertheless, you cannot be spared a certain amount psychological work, for this will determine the **degree of light** in which you depart from earth. And the willingness to endure suffering is the conscious or unconscious participation in My path to the cross, and anyone who takes the path to Golgotha by My side is truly doing his soul a great service, for it can take the path into the kingdom of light like Me and, in radiant brilliance, it will be with Me in paradise, for the change from an imperfect being into the divine being it was in the beginning, had still occurred on earth and, in a manner of speaking, it has already participated in Christ's act of Salvation on earth because it had humbly carried the cross.... Therefore you should bless the suffering which accompanies your path across earth, and let the love in you evolve fully, then your earthly path will not be in vain, it will let you reach the most beautiful goal: the complete union with Me, your God and Father of eternity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

This is what My word teaches you, that you should follow Me.... Avoiding the path of following Jesus will not lead to perfection, for then you will take a path which does not correspond to My will and therefore cannot lead to the aim either.... To follow Jesus means to take up the cross imposed on you in the same love, with the same gentleness and patience. He truly walked the path of the cross, and no human being took away the suffering He had to bear for His fellow human beings. But through these sufferings He took the great burden of debt from people and atoned for it.... **He** suffered for **others....** And so you humans should also bear the cross for your soul.... which would have to suffer immeasurably in the kingdom of the beyond if you had not proven yourselves to be cross-bearers on earth by following Jesus.... The human being should create a spiritual garment for his soul which is suitable for receiving light one day.... And thus the soul's coverings, which still signify impenetrable resistance to the rays of light, must be melted away, as it were. For the human being himself should also do something about it and not rely solely on the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ as long as he is given the opportunity on earth to improve his state of soul with the help of divine grace.... At the same time you should **dissolve** the covering itself, not only free the soul from it.... **you** should again bear the guilt of the unredeemed spiritual that imprisons your soul.... you should likewise help this spiritual to develop further upwards.... you should suffer patiently for the spiritual being which is still far below you, which chose you to come out of its bondage. For all physical ailments and afflictions are manifestations of this wretched spiritual substance which **you** can and should help again by taking the path of following Jesus, by patiently taking up the cross and likewise compensating for a debt for this spiritual substance which is far below you, so that its path of ascent will become easier, so that it will already be free of a debt before the ascent development of this spiritual substance also begins.... Jesus has called you to follow Him.... But He has also redeemed you from sin and its consequences.... How do you want to find harmony between the two? He wants to **free** you from your guilt, but He still demands that you **carry the cross....** Just as **His** love was for you, that is, for His fellow human beings, **your** love should also be for the one who needs your help, so that he will also reach the state where redemption through Jesus Christ can be accomplished in him.... You, too, should contribute to the redemption of the unfree, and it is your responsibility to take care of the spiritual substance which surrounds your soul as a cover, which has to be dissolved in order to grant entrance to the rays of light which signify life for the soul. The dissolution of these coverings is a work of mercy in which you must participate yourselves, which is why you were given Jesus' command: 'Take up your cross and follow Me....'

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Purification of the soul....

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All those who follow Me and also take up their cross, will also be blessed by the cross.... All who suffer in submission to My Will will be true followers of Jesus.... Your soul still needs purification as long as you live on earth, for only rarely has a soul purified itself so much in its existence on this earth that it no longer needs suffering, only rarely has an extremely high degree of love brought about the purification of a soul so that it can enter the kingdom of light and bliss as a true child of God. It will always still be burdened with a measure of suffering which will help it to reach the final perfection, so that all dross will have been dissolved and My light of love can now radiate through the soul in all fullness. And I will always give you the necessary strength to carry your cross or take it upon My shoulders and help you carry it if it seems too heavy to you, for then only heartfelt supplications to Me will suffice and you will feel noticeable relief. But you should not try to avert every measure of suffering from you, for then the measure of beatitude in the spiritual kingdom will also be less. But I know what you are capable of bearing, and truly, I will not burden you with a greater burden.... Always remember that you still dwell in the kingdom whose lord is My adversary

and that he will wrestle for your souls until your death, and his temptations mainly consist of causing you to rebel against Me, he only ever wants to trigger impatience, displeasure, agitation in you in order to lower doubts about My love in you at such moments.... He wants your love for Me to diminish and you should not grant him this triumph.... You should be devoted to Me with love and know that even this suffering is determined by My love which wants to cause you all the greater bliss and therefore your soul should become ever more perfect, to which every suffering, borne in surrender, also contributes. This is why I spoke the words: 'If anyone wants to follow Me, let him take up his cross....' All your soul substances must spiritualise themselves, nothing that still belongs to earth should remain attached to your soul, including the urges and passions from the past which you brought with you into your earthly existence as a human being. And often you have to struggle for a very long time until you have overcome them. And all physical suffering contributes to this.... Your soul crystallises and dissolves all slag which prevents the penetration of My ray of love or reduces its strength. But My ray of love means bliss for you, it means right life which lasts forever. Therefore, calmly let your body die, don't be disturbed if you have to suffer but know that you will leave your earthly body all the more joyfully when the hour has come which I have set for your departure from this earth. But also know that I Myself determine this hour and that you can still live for a long time despite your infirmities and pain if it is necessary to complete a task I have set for you.... And as long as this task has not been accomplished you will also be provided with the necessary strength for it, and ever more quietly you will surrender into My will and carry your cross, because then I Myself will also walk beside you as a cross-bearer and the burden will no longer seem so heavy to you. The bond with Me also ensures My constant supply of strength, and My strength is truly mighty in the weak. For as long as I need you, your course of life is also determined by My will, and time and again you will be able to ascertain that everything will work out as it serves you and your task.... You will not need to worry about yourselves, for I will take care of you, and I will also visibly support your mission and bring it to completion. For it is not just about your own life but about the lives of countless people who shall still attain true life through you and who are in greatest spiritual hardship if they are not helped. But since such help always has to be given voluntarily and out of love in order to be successful, I will also not abandon My co-workers who have this will to help and let Me work through them.... And even if their earthly fate seems exceedingly difficult, the soul will nevertheless have the strength and take everything upon itself humbly, because it will constantly increase in spiritual strength as a result and also become the overcomer of its body.... For it, too, will be able to spiritualize its substances, and one day the soul will realize that even the greatest physical suffering has only been a blessing for it....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Suffering for fellow human beings

Love and suffering for fellow human beings....

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August 6th 1940

Man should love and suffer so that he becomes free of every bondage. For love redeems him, and in suffering man finds God. He therefore frees himself from the dark power and consciously unites himself with God, so that he bears all suffering for the Lord. Jesus Christ took all suffering and all guilt of sin on His shoulders, and thereby restored freedom of spirit to mankind. If man now does the same, if he also takes the suffering of his fellow human being upon himself in love or helps him to bear it, the state of suffering is lifted and thus man is placed in a certain freedom, for he will now be able to do as he pleases. Every state of compulsion is associated with inhibitions which impair every activity.... The free state, on the other hand, is exhilarating since there are no limits to the urge to be active. And therefore one should endeavour to put oneself in this free state, to redeem oneself through love, by steering the suffering of their fellow human beings and helping to bear it. Love and suffering are epitomised by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Only His great love was able to take upon itself the guilt of sin with full awareness, only love willingly took upon itself the suffering of mankind. For the Saviour's love was immense.... mankind needed the divine Redeemer, which is why He took on flesh and blood in order to work in a recognised way among His own. He knew about people's bound state and tried to help them by suffering for them, and trying to guide them towards Himself in His infinite love. He brought them spiritual freedom through His death on the cross, and thus He redeemed them from the bound state, which had previously been the fate of those who had endeavoured to live a well-behaved life but were too weak to be able to escape the power of the adversary. And the Lord considered them in His love, and died the most bitter death on the cross for them in order to give them back their freedom, by suffering for humanity. And so, those who remember the suffering of their fellow human beings with love, and willingly and devotedly take this suffering upon themselves will likewise participate in the work of redemption in order to relieve what is destined to bear great suffering. Always respecting your neighbour with love and trying to alleviate his suffering will result in the greatest reward, the divine work of redemption will be continued as it were, for the hour has not yet come which sets a limit for the human being.... he can still work without any bondage, both love as well as grace has still been placed into his heart by God or made accessible to him, so that he can therefore be lovingly active, and divine grace also lets him get to know the suffering which spurs his will to be helpfully active....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Bearing suffering for fellow human beings....

B.D. No. 8508

May 25th 1963

I will also give you an explanation as to whether you can bear suffering for your fellow man or whether every person must bear the burden himself which was assigned to him for the salvation of his soul.... You humans must consider that your soul is supposed to mature fully during your earthly life, that all still immature substances should spiritualise themselves, which happens through love or suffering, for this dissolves the layers which still prevent the light of My love from radiating into the soul. And at the same time such substances of the body which are still immature are also a problem for the human being by causing him all kinds of diseases and thus, with patience, love and in submission to My will, they should be calmed and therefore spiritualised which is, after all, your real earthly task, to help your soul towards the greatest possible level of perfection. And this spiritualisation of soul and

body must be accomplished by every person himself, this work can never be done by someone else on his behalf, and one day he will be grateful to Me that, by way of suffering and adversity, I helped him gain perfection. Consequently you can understand that you should not really try to avert anything which can benefit your fellow human being's soul.... If, however, love is impelling you to offer yourselves to Me asking to bear your fellow human being's suffering then I will not stop you in your love.... It will be temporarily taken from the person and placed upon you, and thus you raise your soul's maturity because you are willing to accept more suffering and are motivated by love to do so.

One has suffered for all of you in order to release you from the immense suffering you would have had to take upon yourselves as penance for your guilt of sin, which was the reason why earthly life is a valley of tears and suffering for you humans.... But now all you humans can turn to this One Who will also take your suffering upon His shoulders and help you carry it.... Whose substituted atonement was accepted by Me and to Whom you should go if your suffering weighs you down, and he will help you carry it or take it from you depending on what is best for you.

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

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

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Suffering in the end time

End of the time of grace.... greatest suffering....

B.D. No. 2369

June 15th 1942

The time of grace will soon be over and humanity's mind will not change. People become more and more unloving and fall deeper and deeper into satan's trap nets so that they tear each other apart and are devoid of all love. And God uses every means to snatch them from this spiritual low.... He takes away their earthly possessions in order to detach them from matter, and He tries to make them think through all kinds of tribulation. He puts them in situations where they should turn to Him for help; yet every means fails and the spiritual state is not remedied. And the time is not far off when God's rod of chastisement will hit people, for the time of grace is approaching its end. And that is why the earth still has to endure unspeakably severe suffering because this suffering is a favour as soon as it does not pass the human being without a trace and brings salvation to the soul. Yet the human being's will cannot be forced, and if the suffering does not let him find the right path there will no longer be salvation for him and he will belong to those who will feel the lord's power on the day of judgment and thus be found to be unfit. And people cannot grasp what this decision means. They cannot imagine that their soul will again have to endure a state of unspeakable agony for thousands of years. But God, Who knows this, will leave no stone unturned in order to spare them this fate, but He cannot forcibly turn the will of man towards good. But the coming adversity will be so great that the natural feeling will be awakened in every human being to help his fellow human being if he has not completely renounced all love. If he is still capable of love, even if only to the smallest degree, then he will awaken in the face of this adversity and also act lovingly. However, anyone who still passes by this adversity without being willing to help has extinguished every spark of love and there is no longer any possibility of ascent for him. They are so distant from God that they are outside of God's emanation of love, which therefore means the same as that the spiritual substance hardens again into hardest matter.... And now the change on earth begins anew in greatest agony of being bound.... If the unspeakable suffering comes over the earth beforehand, then this is still an act of God's mercy because He wants to spare the souls the unimaginable suffering of another earthly change. But it is not recognized as such, rather the suffering is a cause for increased rejection of God because people, in their blindness, do not recognize the spiritual connection. Yet enough information is given about it and therefore the lord raises up prophets and lets everything be announced to them in advance, He does not let the time approach without indications, He constantly sends admonitions to people and informs them of the meaning and purpose of the earthly change.... Yet they close their ears and reject the divine gift of grace without hesitation, and therefore there is no longer any salvation for these people, no way to keep them away from the abyss if they do not listen to the final admonitions and warnings. They can only ever be made aware that the spiritual low is the cause of the coming suffering and that this must first be remedied before the suffering can be stopped by God. Anyone who remembers these admonitions and warnings when the last time of grace dawns, the time of the most painful life on earth.... will still be able to avert the worst from himself in the last hour through God's call; he will not belong to those who are condemned to endure a state of utter helplessness and unimaginable torment for eternities....

amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You, who are now living on earth, have to pass the most difficult tests and endure the greatest suffering because the end is near and you do not have enough time for a slow maturing of your souls. The earthly burden will appear almost insufferable to you, and that shall be your proof that the last days have arrived. For severe hardship will always come to an end, but for the rest of your life you will have to languish with the burden of the most difficult living conditions, because the last work of your soul's development has to be implemented for your salvation. But it is a brief period of time which, in spite of the harshest conditions, will in fact be bearable for My Own, whom I will care for in the most obvious way. Thus do not get disheartened by this prediction but trustingly raise your eyes to Me, Who looks into your hearts, Who recognises your will and Who will help everyone who is worthy of My help, who humbly calls to Me for help and prays to Me in spirit and in truth. However, those of you who are of weak faith or totally unbelieving should accept being instructed about the cause and purpose of the hardship and believe that you are approaching the end. And depending on your faith you will be helped. But in view of the end I cannot take the rod from you or else it would take even more immature souls by surprise, since due to hardship a few will still find their way back to Me.

And where an apparent improvement of living conditions becomes evident the activity of the opposing force manifests itself.... and that, too, shall be your proof, because My help will express itself differently even though I will take care of My Own earthly and spiritually too, so that their worst suffering is alleviated, but I will always provide them with inner strength and a firm faith and thereby enable them to endure a difficult earthly life. Whereas My adversary will provide people with material possessions and incite them to commit unkind actions, so that you will always recognise the origin of the supply of strength when you closely inspect the behaviour of people. Expect no improvement in living conditions since one hardship will give way to another because the end is near. Therefore prepare yourselves for the end, do not work in an earthly manner but a spiritual one.... serve each other where needed and thereby make the hard time endurable, because its purpose is to motivate you into loving actions which will bring you ever closer to Me. Don't think of yourselves but think of your fellow human being's distress.... Be helpful and willing to give.... There is not much time and thus it is especially hard, but it can also be exceedingly blessed if you heed My admonitions, if you listen to My Word and try to live by it. The end will come and with it the Last Judgment.... the decision which signifies salvation for My Own but also new banishment for My adversary. And therefore make sure that you belong to My Own, let the hard times be a lesson to you which will guide you to Me, listen to My messengers who instruct you and inform you of My will, who will also always be able to explain the cause and purpose of suffering to you, and it will not be without success for your souls.... And one day you will thank Me that I granted you this last time of grace and through hardship and misery sought to win you over for Me and My kingdom....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Serious warning about God's intervention and consequences....

B.D. No. 7052

March 1st 1958

Only a short time separates you from the day when My voice will so forcefully resound that it cannot be ignored by anyone.... You will not live in normal circumstances for much longer. But then there will be chaos and you humans will be faced by the immense task of making yours and your fellow human beings' lives more tolerable, to gain control of the chaos by helping in extraordinary ways and create bearable conditions again with the minimum means at your disposal. For those of you who live in the regions which will be hit by a natural disaster of inconceivable proportions will lose everything. You humans will not and cannot believe this as yet because a natural event like this has never been experienced before.... But the subsequent end of this earth still requires such an intervention on My part because I want to address humanity just once more in order to bring it to its

senses, in order to still save those who are of good will. And nobody will be able to ignore this language, but whether they will open their hearts and ears will still be up to them. For even then most people will turn away from Me, they will remain in the isolation they had previously entered due to their unbelief, and they will look for and find all kinds of explanations for this event apart from the correct one being that I want to speak to them, that a God wants to reveal Himself and address them in order to bring them to their senses, in order to motivate them into contacting Him in greatest adversity and danger.

Countless people will lose their lives and the survivors will be faced by vast devastation, there will be such overwhelming adversity that only firm faith in Me and My help will be able to banish it which, however, only few people will possess. Earthly things which seem unattainable will nevertheless be possible with My help, and I will often work wonders where true believers trust in Me and My help. But the earth has to suffer an upheaval and human hearts, too, must be extraordinarily touched in order to help their neighbour in these hard times, and wherever this unselfish love, this will to help other people, expresses itself an obvious improvement of the situation will also take place. My forceful intervention only serves the purpose that people should put their 'ego' aside for a change and practise unselfish neighbourly love.... Then I will also be able to resolve their hardship, then I will be able to provide them with the bare essentials, and I will truly take care of those who reveal this unselfishness. Never before have such harsh conditions been experienced but I have to speak as distinctly as that so that everyone can recognise Me in My might, and anyone who pays attention to the extraordinary help which could not humanly be expected will also be able to recognise My love. Anyone who merely establishes or strengthens a heartfelt bond with Me can always also be assured of My help, yet people without faith will be in serious trouble. They will try to help themselves and often at the expense of their fellow human beings.... but they will not derive any benefit from it, neither earthly nor spiritually....

Not much time will pass until this disastrous event takes place but you humans are being made aware of it and that, in itself, is already an incredible grace, for then you will also know Whom you must contact, Who can help you in extreme adversity and danger.... This is why I announce this event time and again, and anyone who listens should appeal for a firm faith, for strength and vigour, in order to remain steadfast. In that case he will indeed take the path to Me, Who alone can help him in this adversity.... And he will not need to fear anything, for I will take care of My Own, no matter how.... And anyone belongs to My Own who believes in Me, who prays to Me, who thus unites with Me and therefore can always be assured of My protection and My help.... And they have the task of referring their fellow human beings to Me so that they, too, will take the path to Me when the hour comes which will decide the weal and woe of all people....

Amen

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Suffering of the vineyard workers

Fearless proclamation of the divine word.... extraordinary power....

B.D. No. 2048
August 29th 1941

It is God's will that no other power should be feared when it comes to proclaiming His word to people. Times will come when this will be strictly forbidden; times will come when the gospel will only be passed on in silence and secrecy because people fear earthly power and are therefore timid and fearful. People should also work in silence. But if they offer themselves to God for service, then they should also recognize God as the only lord and serve Him in such a way that they speak loudly and fearlessly and proclaim His word. Only then will they be the true champions of Christ and win souls for Him from the adversary. The commandment to love one's neighbour is the greatest, and fighting for the souls of fellow human beings is true love for them. This will be a time of struggle that calls for courageous fighters who are devoted to God, for the world will proceed mercilessly and spare no means of violence in order to bend the will of those who follow Christ and confess Him before the world. But God's grace will be effective to the same extent, supernatural strength will flow through those in conflict, they will patiently accept what is imposed on them, and the more intimately they unite with God, the less they will feel the earthly hardship or scourging of the body. For in this time everyone who gives himself to God will be blessed and he will be able to accomplish things that are beyond earthly possibility. And trust in God's help will banish all fear and worry, and the person will be able to speak and answer without considering his words. For it is not he who now speaks.... God uses the servants who are devoted to Him and works through them.... He drives the will of those to act and speak as it is His will. Whatever may come, God stands by you who are to proclaim His word. He gives you His strength, He makes you knowledgeable, He guides your every step, and whether apparent earthly violence threatens to destroy you.... nothing can happen to you against God's will. He has given you a great task, and as long as you endeavour to fulfil your task, you are working in His pay. And He is the lord of heaven and earth, He is the most powerful one to Whom everything is subject, He can destroy in an instant what opposes Him, and if He does not do so then love for all His living creations determines Him to do so, for He does not destroy what is of Him but He tries to win it back forever. And for this He needs people who fearlessly stand up to those who are devoted to the hostile power. The word of God should be proclaimed loudly, it should not be suppressed or only offered in small circles, but the world should hear it and recognize what strong faith can do. It should recognize that there is a power that is stronger than earthly power and that man is inviolable if he entrusts himself to this power. For the world will experience things which may well be enough to persuade people to believe as long as their will is good and they strive for the truth....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Final battle.... Frankly professing Christ before the world.....

B.D. No. 4433
September 15th 1948

War will be declared on everything of a spiritual nature during the last days before the end. Thereby you will recognise which hour has struck on the clock of the world and that the day is drawing to a close. Then you can expect considerable commotion as a result of the rigorous measures taken by the worldly authorities. You will be beleaguered with questions and threats about your attitude towards Christ and faith in general. They will not shy away from watching you, from eavesdropping on your conversations and will take you to court for your words and actions. That is the time when you must profess Me openly and speak without fear about how you think and feel about

Me. This open admission is what I require as evidence of your affiliation with Me. I Myself certainly know how you think and feel in your heart; nevertheless, it is a final battle in which a separation of the goats from the sheep shall take place. And this final battle must be openly conducted so that the battle itself becomes evident, so that the opponent's guilt clearly emerges before the world in order to push the undecided into a decision due to the believers' as well as their enemies' conduct. The battle will only last a short time and will happen everywhere, albeit in different ways. Heartlessness will always fight against love, the material world will mock and intimidate the spiritual world, two camps will be distinctly recognisable wherever the teaching of Christ has been accepted and where the divine teaching of love is the principle of what is preached to people and what they are required to believe. For this reason the apostasy from Me will be clearly discernible in the whole world; but where the Christian teaching of love is widespread the battle of faith will proceed extremely ferociously, and that will be the end. At this time you humans have no idea how the forthcoming events will proceed and, therefore, it seems incredible to you; nevertheless, it will happen as I proclaim to you through My spirit, and the time is so near that it would scare you were you to know the day and hour of destruction.... And yet you should not worry, for your loyalty to Me will also assure you My full protection and supply of any strength so that you will be able to stand firm, and the knowledge of it will make you confident and strong in faith, so that you will survive the time, particularly since I will shorten the days, so that you will become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Battle of faith.... Publicly professing Christ.... 'I will shorten the days....'

B.D. No. 4635

May 11th 1949

You will still have to endure a harsh battle when you have to confess Me before the world. You will be expected to renounce all earthly possessions completely, you will be dispossessed and have to do the kind of work that seems to go beyond your strength, you will be prevented from doing what is important to you, you will be pursued and pressured without reason and will find no peace from the pursuits of your enemies who are likewise My enemies and thus fear no avenging hand above themselves. And you will wonder why I allow all this to happen without calling them to account, but you will also be surprised that you are not as deeply affected as it seems to the world, so that you will nevertheless remain cheerful and bright and full of confidence and hope that the hour of retribution will come for you as well, and that even these pursuits will come to an end one day. And thus you will speak out ever more convinced on behalf of My name and confess Me before the world. And I will shorten the days so that you will become blessed.... Always remember My promise that it will only last a short time before you will be delivered from the hands of your tormentors, remember that you belong to My chosen ones after all, whose every suffering will be rewarded for their loyalty's sake; and remember that through your confession lost souls shall still be won and saved for Me and My kingdom just before the destruction of earth. And for the sake of these souls take the cross upon yourselves which, admittedly, will weigh you down but it will nevertheless be bearable since I will also provide you with exceptional strength. The battle of faith will be difficult and therefore you already have to prepare yourselves in advance by strengthening your souls with the right nourishment, by accepting My Word and with it the strength with which I have blessed My Word. For when you accept My Word you unite with Me and therefore have to be permeated by strength and thus will be and remain resistant against your enemies until the end.... until I will come and deliver you from all adversity....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Submission to God's will

Destiny.... Submission to God's will....

B.D. No. 3819

July 7th 1946

That which is granted to you according to divine will of eternity has to be accepted by you, and its blessing for you depends on how you cope with it. If you submit yourselves to divine will, you will accept your fate without grumbling and complaining, for then you will have faith in God's love and omnipotence and expect His help without doubting. And then God will certainly help you.... If, however, you inwardly rebel against God's divine providence, if you sullenly complain and try to defend yourselves, the weight will burden you even more, or you will receive help from below, you will be supported by the one who wants to gain you for himself in order to corrupt you. For with those who still carry too much of their own will and do not yet acknowledge God's will, he will be preaching to the converted, he will be listened to and will win over the soul. Every person's destiny is according to his own will, and the reason as to why the same destiny causes more suffering in one person than another is because he lacks submission to God's will. And in order to save the soul which is rebelling against God, the adversity must affect it harder until it realises that a higher will is taking effect and it unconditionally subjects itself to the latter. And thus you humans need never believe that you can make your earthly fate easier for yourselves by taking this or that precaution.... You can certainly alter your course of life by using your own will but never its difficulties, for the gravity of events approaching you depends on how your soul needs it, and you must take your measure of suffering upon yourselves regardless of which path you are taking.... you cannot escape your destiny, because it has been determined for eternity. Only your submission of will shall make it bearable for you, for then it will have served its purpose, and you will no longer need such painful means, instead, you can live an easier life until its end. Therefore, don't rebel against God's will, recognise God's will in everything that comes upon you, don't complain and grumble but humbly bear what you are sent by God and He will take it away from you again as soon as you yield to His will. And firmly believe that He can always help you, and the strength of faith will banish every disaster.... God only wants to win you over to Himself and not lose you to the one who is His adversary, who has completely turned his will from Him and aims to push His living creations away from Him as well by inciting their will to likewise rebel against God. Therefore, don't fall prey to the one who wants to corrupt you but recognise God as your Lord and submit yourselves to Him.... and even the harshest destiny will be a blessing for you....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Carrying the burden of the cross in submission....

B.D. No. 5498

October 2nd 1952

Everyone has to carry his cross for the sake of his soul's salvation. Whatever adversity and misery, sickness and tribulation is imposed upon you, carry it in submission to My will and it will truly result in your salvation.... But in times of great adversity, I will stand by your side as the bearer of the cross and you can confidently burden Me to carry it for you.... My love will not refuse you any request and will relieve you as soon as you call upon Me for help in profound faith. Thus, the cross will never be heavier for you than you are able to carry, it is well measured for your strength yet the final compensation for your guilt, for the sake of which you walk on earth and which you should have removed as far as possible before you depart from earth. Illness and suffering is the soul's atonement, which it has taken upon itself, which it was prepared to bear when the earthly path was presented to it

before the embodiment.... It consciously consented to it, even though it lacks any recollection on earth due to its freedom of will.... Yet it was prepared to take up the cross in order to atone for what was in it's power. Therefore, do not grumble and complain if your cross weighs you down, but call upon Me for help and you will no longer feel its burden so oppressively, you will joyfully lift yourselves up again if the cross seemed to press you to the ground.... You will continue to carry it with renewed vigour as long as you still walk on earth, yet you will feel that I walk beside you, and support and help you carry it if you become weak. But what you achieve by carrying the burden of the cross is not yet comprehensible to you.... for with physical eyes you don't see any notable success, yet your soul rejoices and exults because shell after shell is detached from it, and ever brighter light can flow into it, because the burden you carry still removes the last dross which burdens the soul, and because you now give the soul a certain freedom and it floats ever lighter and lighter towards the final goal.... because it is therefore carefree, for the body took the burden from it and carried it for the soul.... Although I do not want you humans to suffer on earth, yet in order to spare the soul unspeakable suffering in the kingdom of the beyond, you have also been given a period of time on earth when your body can suffer for the soul, because you have previously expressed your will to help the soul while it is still on earth and to protect it from an agonising state after the body's death. Yet you can always reduce this suffering yourselves by faithfully calling upon the One Who will always help you carry the cross if it becomes too difficult for you, because He loves you like a father who rushes to help his children when they call him....

Amen

Translation handled by Sven Immecke

Trials in old age.... Love and patience....

B.D. No. 7217

November 29th 1958

I quite often have to admonish you to persevere with love and patience until the end of your life. These trials cannot be prevented if you want to reach the final pinnacle. And you consciously started your course of life with the resolve to complete it in order to achieve a degree of light which will turn you into blissfully happy beings. And as long as this path has not come to an end the trials will not end either, the triumph over each one signifies time and again yet another step of ascent. But you don't have to be at all afraid of the last stage of your earthly progress, for you have formed a bond with Me and that means that I always walk beside you, even though you occasionally think that you are alone and abandoned by Me, Who is nevertheless even closer to you the more desperate the situation is in which you find yourselves.

And therefore you should always remember that love and patience have to be practiced by you at all times, that deeds of love give you the strength to achieve or overcome even the most difficult situation, that patience will give you inner strength, that it is a solid defence against the adversary who above all wants to unsettle your patience in order to create conflict and agitation in you.... a state in which he can then work more easily and successfully. Remember that you can master everything with patience, then you will be his master, and then you will also very soon sense My presence, although I had never left you.

If, however, your life proceeded completely uneventfully, without any tests, without any upheaval, your development would come to a halt and the remainder of your earthly life would be a waste of time, which you would regret one day in the kingdom of the beyond. For every person will naturally find it more difficult towards the end of life, consequently their spiritual achievements will be far more valued, after all, they require greater will and effort than is the case with more robust people who are still in the midst of their vitality.... And remember that every day that is still granted to you on earth is a blessing, for you can work towards your salvation and will only be able to appreciate its value when you have entered the kingdom of the beyond. I surely know that it is an effort for you, and I will certainly also reimburse you with the just reward.... whereas you could not expect anything special if your earthly life proceeded uneventfully and did not require you to use your will or to

demonstrate your faith. And when the last day comes you will thank Me that I granted you the blessing of a long earthly life, for then you can also assess the wealth you had been able to gather, providing you used the time on earth well. No matter what happens to you, I Am close to you.... Always remember this, then love and patience will prevail in you when you are tested by suffering and have to prove yourselves. But do not give your soul's enemy the right to control you by inwardly objecting and losing your patience.... for that is his weapon, to deprive you of your composure and to influence you, frequently with success. But if you stay calm and full of patience and humbly accept your fate then he cannot touch you, but I can be even more effective and truly will not leave you in hardship and distress, providing you always pass such tests and hand yourselves over to Me in complete trust of My help....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Power from God's word

God's word most effective gift of grace....

B.D. No. 5104

April 13th 1951

Whoever desires My grace will partake of it, and the measure of My grace is unlimited, because I love people and want to help them attain beatitude. But without grace no human being can become blessed.... Therefore you should use all means which serve to attain grace.... you should pray for the granting of grace, you should request all help from Me, you should also acquire grace yourselves through a life of love, you should always live pleasingly to Me on earth in order to thereby be candidates for the treasure of grace which is available to all of you but which also has to be consciously requested or it would remain ineffective in you.... You should call upon Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer, Who is, so to speak, the treasurer of the graces which He Himself acquired for you on the cross. You should be aware of your weakness and request help so that you will reach the height, which you will never be able to do on your own. I love My creatures and want them to live but not to fall prey to death. But life requires strength, and since it concerns the life of the soul it must therefore be supplied with strength or it will perish and sink into spiritual death. But strength can only come from where it originates, from Me, the eternal source of light and strength. Consequently, you have to turn to Me and appeal for strength or acquire it through loving activity, since you thereby unite with Me and thus directly receive strength from Me, Who is eternal love. And I distribute it, I give to everyone who asks, because his request is the condition which secures endless influx for him. I give you strength directly or indirectly....

But the most effective gift of grace, the gift from which you can directly draw strength, is My word, the outpouring of My strength of love and thus the surest means to reach ascent. I have bestowed My blessing upon this word, and everyone who accepts it experiences the wonderful effect of My word on himself. You humans all need a lot of strength and it is a special grace that I convey My word to you even without your will to accept it.... yet it can only become effective on you when you are aware of your state of weakness and seek and hope for help in the acceptance of My word.... Then the word will have become a source of strength for you. The word is an extraordinary gift of grace to you because it contains extraordinary strength which can be received by anyone who listens attentively when it is offered to him and eagerly moves it in his heart. My word is the connection between Me and you humans; I descend to you because you cannot come up to Me from your strength alone, for the path to Me is infinitely long as you are still weak. But where you are supported by My strength of love you will effortlessly reach your aim. But anyone who spurns My grace and therefore also rejects everything that comes from above as a visible sign of his unbelief cannot become blissfully happy, for in his weakness he cannot rise from the ground onto which My adversary threw him when he denied Me. And it is a denial of Me if My word is not acknowledged as originating from Me either, if the human being in his arrogance does not bow down before his creator, if he does not take hold of His merciful hand, if he believes he does not need His help and therefore cannot receive grace and strength either. Then he remains weak and unable to walk the path upwards, then he is heavily burdened with the sin of arrogance which presses him to the ground. And then he cannot be helped because he does not want to be helped.... For without My grace no one can become blessed....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You children of My love still have to hold out for a short time until you are released from the form. It is a difficult battle you still have to endure, yet it will not be too difficult for you because I am constantly close to you and grant you support at all times. Yet for your own sake you still have to go through suffering so that you will be purified and no longer need to fear the last judgment. Yet again and again I give you the assurance that you will only stay on this earth for a short time, that every day is still a gift in which you can gain much if you surrender to everything difficult that comes upon you. It will pass by.... and one day you will look up to Me full of gratitude, Who, through suffering, has placed you in the degree of being allowed to look at Me, Who, through suffering, helps your soul to mature more quickly, because time is only short until the end. You are all My children, I certainly see your suffering but I also know about the necessity of it, and thus the suffering is only love for you again, and you should always gratefully accept it from My hand, for nothing comes upon you which I don't know or deem good and beneficial for you. Yet you are never abandoned by Me, even if it seems as if I don't hear your prayer.... Every call from the heart reaches My ear, and I am always ready to help, only it is not always immediately recognizable to you.... The gift of grace from above.... My word.... will always be a safe aid for you if you think you are weak or completely despondent.... Turn to Me in prayer and then accept the answer by receiving My word, and peace will come over you and My strength will flow over you so that you will be able to bear everything I send upon you. You don't need to suffer, for My word is full compensation for everything you lack, which makes you miserable. Every suffering and every worry disappears if you read My word and let it penetrate your hearts. For I Myself am My word, and can you really feel suffering when I am near you? Prove your faith and heed My advice, let Me speak to you and nothing will touch you, no suffering will oppress you as soon as you make contact with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Connection with Jesus Christ in times of need

Test of will on earth.... following Jesus.... connection....

B.D. No. 5672

May 10th 1953

Only in union with Me will you find your bliss.... You once voluntarily separated yourselves from Me and thereby became blissfully unhappy, you must voluntarily return to Me in order to also be placed into the state of beatitude, which can therefore only be found in the union with Me. Nothing can replace what you find in Me and with Me, and therefore every striving in a different direction is an idle run for your soul which is only held up on the path to perfection, which only prolongs its return to Me as soon as it strives towards a different aim than unification with Me. I alone want to be your aim, because I alone can give you the beatitude which you have lost through your own fault. Therefore, all My care will be to turn your will towards Me, I will always guide you or arrange your destiny such that you will be urged to take refuge in Me.... yet always respecting your free will. But because your will itself is decisive there is also the danger that you will direct it wrongly, that you will strive for something else and thus delay your return to Me. For My adversary likewise tries to determine your will, even though he cannot forcefully influence you. He always presents you with other aims which you should pursue in order to distract you from the only right aim.... But you will hardly reach your aim by detours. Your time on earth as a human being will pass quickly, you are only granted a short period of time during which you can achieve the final unification with Me, and as soon as you don't use this short time wisely it will be lost for you. Through Jesus Christ the path has been clearly shown to you humans where you can attain complete unification with Me; you only need to take the path of following Jesus in order to safely reach Me, yet you must consciously travel this path, you must stretch out your hands towards Me so that I can grasp you.... Hence you must mentally enter into contact with Me through heartfelt prayer and receive the strength from Me through a life of love, which now already proves the entered connection with Me. Only in this way can you reach your aim on earth, only in this way will you fulfil your earthly task, only in this way will you consciously turn your will over to Me and be accepted by Me. Your earthly life is only intended to test your will, which once turned away from Me and towards My adversary and which should now detach itself from him and fully surrender to Me again.... You should enter into direct contact with Me.... Do you understand what I ask of you? That I alone want to fill your **heart**, that you should prepare it for Me alone, that I want to be your lord and king, that I cannot tolerate any foreign gods next to Me to whom you turn your thoughts, because then they will always stand in the way of a complete union with Me, for I want to possess your undivided love, your undivided heart and your will. Once you were supposed to decide between Me and My adversary, but you followed him in blind love and left Me. So you should now leave everything on earth and follow Me alone.... then you will pass your test of earthly life, you will direct your will correctly and acquire the right to eternal beatitude again. And because your past apostasy from Me was due to the fact that you were unable to see Me, because I wanted to make the path of return to Me easy for you, I Myself became visible to you in Jesus Christ, so that you should now love Him and strive towards Him and thereby profess Me, Who embodied Myself in Jesus Christ in order to be a visible God for you humans, to Whom you can now give all your love and acquire His love, Who wants to receive you into His kingdom in order to prepare eternal bliss for you, which you can only enjoy in complete union with Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

You humans must be in heartfelt contact with Jesus Christ if you want to release yourselves from all flaws and weaknesses, from vices and cravings, from all kinds of bad habits.... if you want to become perfect. He alone can help you achieve it, and He will do so if you appeal for it and thereby testify to your faith in Him as the divine Redeemer. Therefore, as soon as you have to struggle, as soon as you are inwardly dissatisfied with yourselves, turn only to Him, for He fully understands every human weakness, because He lived on earth Himself as the human being Jesus.... But He also has the means to help you.... He strengthens your will and gives you the necessary strength for it from His treasure of grace, which He acquired through His death on the cross.... You will not take the path to Him in vain, you will definitely receive help if only you desire help.... And thus you should always take care to establish and maintain the connection with Him. No-one else can grant you help, He alone can and also wants to do so, because it is His Own will that you should become free from all shackles which pull you down, it is His Own will that you should regain your past perfection, so that He can admit you into His kingdom when you must leave this earth. He wants you to return into your Father's house to become as happy again as you were in the beginning.... For this reason He will do everything in His power to make this return possible for you, and He will not hold back His gifts of grace, for He descended to earth in order to help you, because you were no longer capable of ascending to the light on your own.... He died for you humans on the cross and does not want to have made this sacrifice in vain, it is His will that all people shall partake in the blessings of the sacrifice on the cross.... that they will all reach the goal for which He sacrificed Himself....

However, you must come to Him yourselves, you must entrust yourselves to Him in your distress and appeal for His help and it will be given to you. For this reason you should always become conscious of His presence.... You need only call Him to your side with a thought and He will walk beside you wherever you go.... The mental contact with Him will assure His presence, and if Jesus Christ is close to you, you will speak to Him like a brother and confide in Him; tell Him everything that bothers you, but let your requests be more of a spiritual nature, even though you will also receive His full support in earthly adversities.... But first consider the state of your soul and, if you discover imperfections, approach Jesus Christ trustingly with the plea to release you from every shackle, from every evil which separates you from Him. Treat Jesus Christ with the same familiarity as you treat your brother, and don't be shy to reveal even your most secret faults and sins to Him. His love is infinite and He will forgive them and help you achieve complete freedom because you acknowledge Him, because you believe in Him and His act of Salvation. Yet no-one who excludes Him from his life, who does not acknowledge Jesus' act of Salvation and God's human manifestation in Him, can cope with his faults and vices by himself, for he will lack all strength and his resolve to seriously tackle the work of changing his nature will be weak.... He will not be able to achieve anything until he has entrusted himself to the divine Redeemer.... for every person who wants to be released from the control of God's adversary must call upon Jesus Christ and hand himself over to Him with complete trust.... Only then can he be saved, only then will he have the strength to change himself in order to enter the spiritual kingdom in a redeemed state, in order to return into the Father's house for good....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Companion Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6755

February 5th 1957

You must walk all paths together with your lord and saviour Jesus Christ.... Never exclude Him from your thoughts and only ever remember His infinite love, which He demonstrated for you with His death on the cross.... Then you will certainly walk the path upwards, even if it seems arduous to you. For then He will walk beside you and His presence will prevent every misstep and every deviation from the right path. And then you will also always follow His instructions, for you will hear

what He tells you or have a feeling for what He asks of you. As soon as you intimately join **Him**, Who has redeemed you from sin and death, as soon as your gaze is constantly directed towards Him, Who has concluded His divine life of love on earth with bitterest suffering and death on the cross, you yourselves belong to those for whom He shed His blood, and this secures you the forgiveness of your sins, the release from all guilt and the entrance into eternal life. You humans on earth are not yet aware of what this act of salvation means, but you participate in what He acquired for you if only you acknowledge Him and completely hand yourselves over to Him, if you believe in Him and thus also keep His commandments.... the signpost to Him and to eternal life. But an earthly life without Jesus Christ is a futile existence, it is a path which you take alone and which eternally does not lead to the aim. And you, who can nevertheless derive infinite blessings from a right earthly way of life, a way of life with Him, should be warned of this.... A human being has walked the earth in Whom God Himself took abode, a human being Who deified Himself through love and became a shell for the eternal deity, Who now accomplished the act of salvation for you in this shell: to make atonement for the immense guilt of sin of the former turning away from God. All of you should take part in this, you should walk with Him on the way to the cross. You should patiently take on suffering and hardship of every kind and bear the cross that has been laid upon you. And all of you should let yourselves be washed clean by His blood, which was shed for you.... so willingly place yourselves under the cross of Christ and prove before all the world that you cling to Him, that nothing is able to detach you from Him.... You should pronounce His holy name in all intimacy and lay all your sins, your hardships and sufferings at His feet, that He may take them from you, that He may redeem your guilt and you may become free from it. And Jesus Christ will reward you for your devotion, He will never leave you, He will take the burden of the cross from you or help you carry it, He will lay His healing hand on your wounds and His flow of grace will be transferred to your weakened souls and bodies. He will heal you spiritually and earthly, for He has taken all infirmities upon Himself and atoned for them for the one who believes. And His promise will truly come true that you will not taste death when He calls you to Himself into His kingdom. But He will also prove His power and glory to you as long as you still live on earth, for He wants to reveal Himself to you, but He can only do so if your faith is strong and unshakeable.... Walk your earthly path with Jesus Christ and know that you will then walk the right way and that you need no longer fear any danger, whether spiritual or earthly, for this path is bounded by beings of light who will not tolerate you being endangered.... all of whom will help you in the will of God, of the saviour Jesus Christ.... and can also help you because you have given yourselves to Him and also stand up for Him and His name before the world. Jesus Christ is the saviour and redeemer of humanity, He accomplished the work of redemption for all of you.... But only those who acknowledge Him can enter into the blessing of the act of salvation. And therefore you should hand yourselves over to Him in faith and love, you should commend yourselves to Him and His grace, and He will safely guide you to the aim....

Amen

Translation handled by Doris Boekers

Jesus' help as the bearer of the cross

Time of trials.... Jesus, the bearer of the cross....

B.D. No. 3573

October 10th 1945

If God puts you to the test, humbly accept His trials and faithfully wait for His help.... For the suffering and trials will not end until the last day has come. It is still necessary to purify and to reform souls until their physical death or to gain souls which still stand apart from God's love. And the time left until the end of the old earth is only short. Hence, it needs to be used in every way. Only adversity and afflictions of the body will still bring the soul's transformation about. And these adversities will also affect those people who strive towards God. Yet they, too, can gain the greatest blessings from these adversities if they are recognised as means used by God's love in order to reduce the distance between Himself and people within a short time, so as to enable the soul to receive God's illumination of love directly, which signifies eternal life for the soul. Endure your destiny without complaining, for it is determined by God's love for your soul's speedier maturing. And know that He will never leave you without the strength to pass the tests; know that He will always help you carry your cross if you, in faith of the divine Redeemer, appeal to Him for it. Know that all adversity will come to an end when you leave the earthly valley in order to enter the spiritual kingdom. It is only a short time of trial, nevertheless it is a blessing for you if you recognise divine will therein and don't grumble and complain. That which has been destined for you since eternity serves you, who believe, to benefit your soul, or to transform those of you who are still distant from God. Therefore bow down to divine will and carry your small cross, and if you deem it to be heavy let yourselves be helped by Jesus, the bearer of the cross, Who took the crucifixion upon Himself for the sake of your adversity and Who suffered on your behalf out of greater than great love. Call upon Him and His help will be assured to you. His love is always on hand for you, and your earthly adversity will be endurable, you will overcome the trials and stand firm in faith. The whole of humanity needs the adversities and sufferings, and therefore God pours them upon the earth in order to gain its inhabitants for the spiritual kingdom. And even if His Own must suffer too, they nevertheless still attain even greater perfection, and they will be eternally thankful to their Creator and Provider, their Father of eternity, Who, in His love, uses the right means to shape their souls into bearers of light while they are still on earth. And therefore don't despair and don't let yourselves be disheartened by the adversities of the time.... The end is near and with it the time of your deliverance and your entry into the spiritual kingdom, where all suffering comes to an end....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Walk to the cross.... cross bearer Jesus Christ....

B.D. No. 6378

October 15th 1955

Carry your cross in patience, for it is no heavier than you are capable of carrying.... No-one needs to collapse under the burden of his cross because there is one Who helps him carry it if only he calls upon this one, if he is aware of his weakness and trustingly goes to Him Who can and does give him strength and fortification as soon as He is approached for it. But anyone who believes that he does not need divine help, who feels strong enough himself, who does not want to acknowledge a lord above him, will very often feel the burden of the cross, for I Myself influence such people through this burden of the cross in order to make their path to Me easier, because I have to demand their acknowledgement in order to be able to prepare a blissful life for them one day. Bear your cross with patience, for then you will already be walking a path of the cross which can be a blessing for you. But

you can also become inflamed and indignant against your fate.... Then you will be in grave danger, for then you will already be My adversary's prey when help comes to you strikingly quickly, when you are relieved of every burden, for then **he** will help you because you rebel against Me, Who imposed the cross upon you for your salvation. I walked the path to the cross for you, I Myself collapsed under the burden of the cross because it was immeasurably heavy.... but I did it **for you** so that you should not have to bear such a heavy burden, that it should be bearable for you at all times.... Therefore I walk beside you as an invisible cross-bearer, and every help-seeking turn to Me will also find Me ready to take the burden off you. Yet anyone who walks along stubbornly, who does not make use of My help, will always feel it more heavily.... But his own will determines the weight of his burden of the cross.... and the human being should beware of calling upon him through unwillingness and arrogant attitude, who is only waiting for the moment when **he** can step in but who does not want to offer help but only wants to ruin you.... I have gone ahead of you the way and I keep calling you to follow Me.... I have reached My aim by uniting Myself as the human being Jesus with the father, Who took possession of My body and filled Me with light and strength.... Your path, too, can lead to this aim, you, too, could attain immeasurable bliss if you endeavour to follow Me, but this also entails carrying the burden of the cross.... But you need not walk alone, in Me you always have a companion Who supports you and helps you carry your burden as soon as you consciously entrust yourselves to Me and request My help.... But you will achieve little progress if your earthly life is easy and carefree, if you don't free your soul from dross by carrying the burden of the cross, which will hinder the soul's illumination for a very long time. You should **release** your soul from these drosses, which will not be difficult for you if you call upon the divine redeemer Jesus Christ for help.... But for this reason I place a cross upon you humans so that you may remember Him.... Through the burden of the cross I want to call you to Me, you who are too lukewarm to take the path to Me.... I will bring to your remembrance what I have done for you through My cross, through My suffering and dying on the cross.... As long as you are well on earth, you remember little of My greatest deed of love.... Only when the cross weighs you down do you turn your eyes to Me, and then you also acknowledge Me when you ask Me for help.... Then you consciously take the path of following Jesus when you bow down to My will, when you remember My crucifixion, My immense suffering but also My love which sacrificed itself for you....

Amen

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Comforting words from the father

Fatherly Words of love....

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Simply remain devoted to Me in love, then you will have nothing to fear, regardless of what will happen. And do not forget that I Am in control of your destiny, that everything that comes upon you is good. Do not forget that My love arranges your life such that it will benefit your higher development. Believe in My love, then you will also understand everything, you will patiently endure even the most difficult situation and confidently expect My help if life seems unbearable to you. After all, My love and My will only intend to bring about your perfection, and My wisdom knows the means and ways for you; therefore trust Me that I only have your spiritual well-being at heart and will not send you anything which would not benefit the latter. Become like little children, let yourselves be guided by Me without hesitation, always hoping and believing that I will not let you take the wrong path, even if the path is stony and laborious. Your soul will thank Me one day that I let you suffer during your life on earth. What is the short earthly life compared to eternity.... where glories await you which for you, as human beings, are beyond your imagination. Why do you despair if you believe in Me?..... I Am Love.... and love would truly not let you suffer if you did not need this suffering for your soul.... I let you suffer because I love you and want to help you, and because you will not find the path to Me by any other means. Your path is thorny and laborious, yet the wide passable path does not lead to Me, instead, it leads into My adversary's camp, and My love can never allow you to enter this path which will inevitably lead to disaster. Trust Me and willingly hand yourselves over to Me, take the cross upon you and appeal to Me to help you carry it; don't become disheartened and despondent but be glad that, through suffering, you become aware of My love which you shall recognise in all distress. Be patient and wait for My help which is certain to come if only you believe.... And if you are overcome by weakness, if you waver in faith, then pray.... Call upon Me for strength, send merely a thought up to Me and commend yourselves to My grace.... I will truly not leave you without comfort, I will strengthen you and your soul will rejoice. For it will feel My presence and experience the strength it receives from a heartfelt prayer to Me. For as long as you can enter into a dialogue with Me, you will not be lonely and forsaken, for I will always hear you and I Am constantly concerned that your soul shall mature as long as you still live on earth. And I will help you, even if your body does not feel this help..... My help applies to that which is immortal, because this immortal part belongs to Me and thus shall also attain Me. And so you should recognise My love at all times and humbly accept everything from My hand, be it joy or suffering.... Your adversity on earth can be called small compared to the adversity in the beyond, which I want to spare you by treating you harshly on earth. Be faithful and trust Me.... One day you will realise that I was only motivated by love to send such immense suffering upon the earth, that I made you learn the hard way in order to win you over for My kingdom, in order to help you gain eternal life in blissful happiness in this kingdom. As long as you are still burdened by earthly difficulties you do not recognise your Father's love completely, yet I call to you with comforting Words: Don't let go of your love for Me, so that My love will be able to take hold of you and compensate you a thousand fold for all earthly suffering and adversities.... Take refuge in Me, so that I can help you carry your suffering and don't despair, for your life on earth won't last forever.... I will finish it when your hour has come and call your soul to Me....

Amen

Translation handled by Heidi Hanna

Whatever suffering and pain you experience in earthly life will help you to achieve perfection if you surrender to My will.... Yet bear in mind that I know everything and that what I allow can always result in good success for your soul. I certainly don't approve of the actions of those who cause you pain or hardship, yet all people have free will and will one day have to answer for this will.... Yet you need not suffer any harm to your soul as a result, you can emerge from all hardship and suffering unscathed but then you will also have a plus, yet always provided that you remain in contact with Me through love, that you don't let yourselves be tempted into thoughts of hatred and revenge but humbly let everything pass you by in the certainty that I know about it and will help you as soon as you turn to Me in prayer.... You have a father in heaven Who loves His children.... Trust in your father with complete faith and you will not be disappointed, for He always knows a way out, no matter how confusing it may seem.... for truly all things are possible to Me.... My adversary's activity also appears strongly, you must always remind yourselves of this.... He wants to get you under his control, he wants you to give up your faith in Me, to detach yourselves from Me and surrender to him through equally bad actions and unkindness.... Do not let yourselves be deceived, wait in patience and trust in My help.... Wherever you are met with hatred, repay it with love; wherever you are hostile, bless in My name, speak My name often and sincerely when you are in need, and you will be inwardly strengthened and have the strength to repay bad with good. In contact with Me, trusting in My help, you will be able to do everything, and My adversary's activity will remain unsuccessful, only pushing you ever more towards Me, Who is your father from eternity.... And after heartfelt prayer hand yourselves over to the beings of light who are only waiting for your call to them, who will now assist you on My behalf but may not do so until they are instructed by Me.... until you approach Me Myself for help.... They are happy to be allowed to help you, and where you yourselves feel too weak their work begins because they are with you to protect and help you as guides on your path through life.... You are never too weak to resist your enemies if only you first take the right path to Me, because then countless helpers will stand by your side but they are not allowed to intervene until they have received the order from Me.... Why then do you want to be timid? There are all kinds of means which will help you in times of need.... you only ever turn to your God with complete trust.... But what benefit your soul can derive from all the trials and sufferings that are imposed on you, that you cannot measure, but one day you will thank Me for the earthly path you had to cover for the sake of your perfection.... which earned you the close bond with Me, which was indeed a crusade for you but unimaginably beneficial if you covered it in My discipleship.... And never forget that no adversity is so great that I cannot remedy it.... One is always at your side and only waits for your call.... And His help will truly not fail to come....

Amen

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"Behold, I am with you always...."

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¶ Behold, I am with you always...." These words shall be your comfort and confidence at all times. I will not abandon My own if only they desire Me, and I will help you bear all suffering if only you trust Me with faith. I will certainly make you bear your suffering, but only so that you remember Me and call upon Me for help in all adversity. For I want to strengthen your faith, I want you to let your faith become that strength that no earthly suffering can make you anxious and despondent anymore. You are still despondent and threaten to collapse under the oppositions I send you, but when these can no longer harm you, when nothing can make you waver in your faith in My help, you have reached that degree of strength of faith that I can work through you. Behold, how much easier life will be for you when you no longer have to pay attention to the daily oppositions and no longer have to worry about daily life. To be a true child of its father in heaven also requires complete trust that it will be protected in every adversity and danger, and thus I want to know My children

standing in faith and trust in God.... I want them to always and constantly seek Me, that they approach Me fearlessly and in full faith in order to be able to fulfil their requests at any time.... They should always turn their hearts to Me and never become of little faith, and My love will take notice of their need and deliver them from it. What an indescribable abundance of grace is therefore always at your disposal if I promise you My help when you desire it.... And it is only necessary that you believe and ask.... I will not abandon you, for I know of all the suffering on earth and am willing to help wherever you believably desire it. You alone create all difficulties for yourselves; if you are distant from Me in your heart, I have to direct your thoughts to Me, and that through hardship and suffering. But if you carry Me in your heart, you are also secure in My heart, and what you are then still obliged to carry only serves your own salvation.... One day you will thank Me when you realize why you were given this.... Yet you cannot grasp it on earth and should therefore only take up the little cross without grumbling and complaining and carry it humbly for My sake. The body passes away and with it earthly pain.... But you should fear for your soul, whose suffering is far greater if the body is spared suffering on earth. I love all My little children and do not want them to suffer throughout eternal times, yet this would be your fate if I kept earthly suffering away from you, which is truly not the hardest thing to bear. And if I promise you My presence, then trust Me and do not become faint-hearted. He who imposes suffering on you can also take it away from you, and He will truly not let you call in vain if you ask Him from the bottom of your heart....

Amen

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Cross.... "My yoke is easy and My burden is light.... "

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Take up your cross and follow Me.... And I will walk beside you and help you carry it, for My love will not let you suffer where it can take away your suffering without harming your soul. But if the cross weighs you down, then know that this is necessary for your soul's maturity.... And bear in mind that I know about your spiritual adversity and try to remedy it first, for the soul is in greater danger than the body when the hour of death has come. Consider that all adversity will end with the end of this earth and that this end is not far away. And therefore try to shape yourselves such that your stay in spheres of light will be assured, that you will gladly give up your earthly body and exchange it for a life in the beyond in complete freedom, if you have passed the test of will on earth. And this life will compensate you for everything you have suffered on earth and you will never desire this earth again. And the more suffering weighs you down the sooner you will have to (be allowed to?) give up earthly life and yet be purified for the spiritual kingdom. And you will thank Me eternally that I let you suffer for your own sake. Nevertheless, I give you comfort that your suffering can be averted through heartfelt prayer to Me, that I will take it away from you if you trustingly come to the father like children. Then I will lovingly take care of you and carry the cross for you, i.e. I will find a solution which is equal to a reduction of the hardship.... I lighten your cross so that it no longer weighs so heavily on you, and you will be able to carry it because you draw the strength for it from Me. "My yoke is easy and My burden is light..." I Myself gave you this word. Do you want to doubt its truth? Therefore always believe that every cross is bearable for you if only you carry every burden with your eyes turned towards Me, and if it seems heavy to you, consider it a sign of My love for you, for I want to make My kingdom accessible to those I let suffer without guilt already on earth, because I know about their direction of will, about their activity of love on earth and about their state of soul, which I want to elevate. And therefore patiently accept all suffering, it is only imposed on you for your own good, and you will never reach your aim in the same time if you are spared suffering, if you are not burdened with a cross, if earthly life gives you fulfilment of all your wishes and much more. And if you know of My word that it is a sign of My great love for you, if you get into earthly adversity which almost makes you despair of life, then do not complain and grumble but surrender to your fate and think that your father in heaven truly does not burden His children with suffering if it would not bear far greater blessings for your soul, the maturing of which is the aim of every human being on earth....

