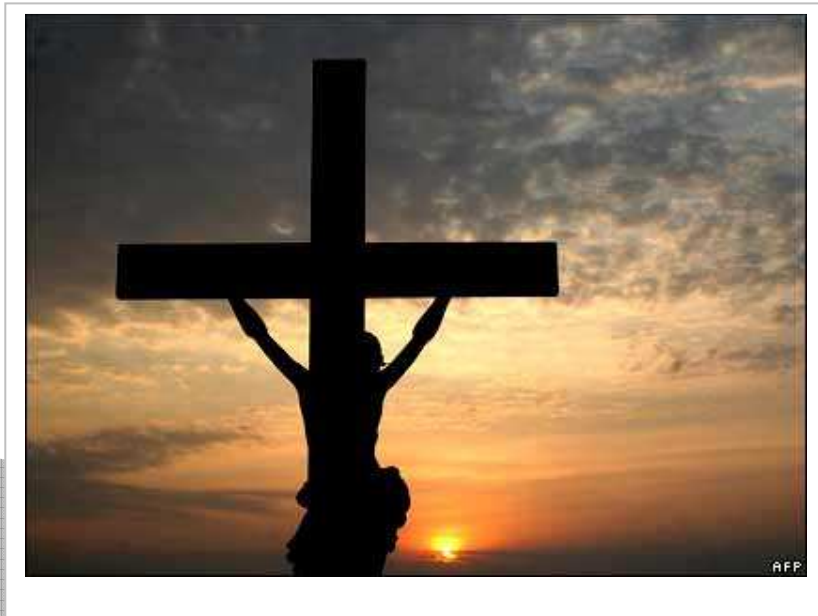


THE NEW REVELATION – LORD’S WORD ABOUT HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION



A presentation of the NEW REVELATION

Few of our fellowmen know that for more than a hundred and thirty years, there is on earth a vast ensemble of spiritual writings known as the New Revelation, whose authors, the Austrian Jakob Lorber and, later, the German, Gottfried Mayerhofer, alike all the prophets of the scriptures, sustained that they were nothing but simple messengers of God's words. The two men explained very clearly that these writings were not conceived by them, but only the fruit of a mysterious dictation perceived by them as coming from the area of their hearts. The real author who spoke the words they put on paper, declared himself to be, in all these texts, Jesus Christ Himself.

Consequently, if we accept the hypothesis sustained everywhere in these writings that sum up more than 10 000 pages (contained in a few dozen volumes), we also admit that, in fact, we have nothing else here but what we can find in the Old Testament, where the prophets tell what they hear directly from God. But this time, in particular, although confessing about Himself as being Jahve God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the author

presents Himself with the name He had during His earthly incarnation, 2000 years ago.

Other notable differences between the stories of old Jewish prophets and the revelations Lorber put on paper between 1840 and 1864 and then by Mayerhofer between 1870 and 1877, refer to the incomparable quantity, clarity and consistency of the last ones. In fact, it is easy to observe that if Jesus Christ is, truly, the author of these writings, He addresses a more intellectually and morally mature humanity, according to this one's spiritual level.

But suppose we don't let ourselves so easily convinced by the fundamental affirmation of these writings – according to which they come, with no intervention, from Jesus Christ. Let's try then to get a little closer to these two people that wrote them with the greatest easiness and without any hesitation. From the first lecture, one can observe that the vastness and, most of all, the extraordinary quality of texts produced by them could immediately indicate they were true literary geniuses, matchlessly seers, theologians and mystics. However, the first one was a musician, while the second, a career officer. None of them was related, by profession, to religion, science, philosophy or literature and, as their personal contribution to the elaboration of the messages put on paper, this was totally denied by them. Both considered themselves to be just simple and humble scribes of God, receivers of His word, having no other merit but the one of committing It to paper.

Without entering an analysis of the writings, one can immediately ask if the two people could've eventually compose them in an abnormal mental condition, characterized by symptoms of hallucination. Then, we should consider that these people psychical health wasn't doubted by any of the people around them. Moreover, psychiatrically files emphasize an incontestable truth: the hallucinatory states specific to such a disorder leave unmistakable traces on the graphic and content of the suffering's writings, which get even more affected as time goes by.

As Lorber, for example, is concerned, not only his own written confessions were kept, but also affirmations of contemporary personalities who assisted, during many years, to the realization of the New Revelation's works, and these accounts present the process of writing as rapid, fluent, without interruptions or corrections and the writer as being in a calm state of inner, but fully lucid receptivity.

Either he wrote directly or dictated, at his turn, to other persons, witnesses affirmations show that Lorber really behaved as if he had heard, in a manner inaccessible to the ones around him, a clear and uninterrupted speech. His home was searched in order to discover his eventual sources of information, but in it was not found any other book with the exception of the Bible.

Mayerhofer let also a few written testimonies about the way this interior dictation unfolds, which clearly confirm that his writing experiences and Lorber's were fully similar.

In the case of the New Revelation, unlike that of the known Christian Scriptures, there is an incomparable possibility of validating the authors and the process of writing, because the manuscripts of the New Revelation were kept. After escaping a few times the

peril of being destroyed (particularly during the WW2), they are for many decades in the care of the German Lorber-Verlag Publishing House. Hence, they can be consulted at anytime for an evaluation of the most unusual way in which they have been accomplished, and as for the authenticity of the writers, there can be no doubt there.

On the other hand, over time, the New Revelation's publishers and some of its supporters, considered that other more recent works, put on paper by Bertha Dudde, Johanna Ladner, J. Widmann and others, are a continuation of the divine messages received by Lorber and Mayerhofer, but these hypotheses still remain a reason of dispute for the followers of the New Revelation. However, without getting into more careful consideration, we could observe that from these newer writings lack the profound spiritual revelations about the natural world, the vast historical narrations and those concerning the existence after death, the scientific predictions and clear prophecies from the amazing works written by Lorber and Mayerhofer.

Returning again to these two, it's worth mentioning that none of them intended to make nor obtained any profit from putting the works received by inner Word on paper, although they both dealt with this labor until the last months of their lives.

In order to write what the Inner Voice dictated to him, Lorber gave up a life of well-being as an assistant of the director of the Trieste theater, ensuring his subsistence only from his music tutorials; thus, he managed to dedicate himself for 24 years to the writing of those mysterious revelations he received. For this fatiguing work, he was appreciate just by a few closed friends and died anonymous, as it would come to happen in Mayerhofer's case too, some decades later.

However, what these two simple people who remained almost unknown in all the time since they accomplished their mission and until present, is far above the level of all known mystic or religious writings.

All fundamental questions of humanity find their answer in these writings, a living answer which can be perceived in a satisfactory manner by the human intellect, but which still has infinite deepness that touch the heart, remaining impossible to encompass by mind's representations.

But if we still hold on to the hypothesis that Jesus Christ is not the real author of these writings, then it is necessary to explain how could one or more basically lying persons, be them either Lorber and Mayerhofer or others who might have served them as source of inspiration, preach incessantly the most important values of humanity, confirm and validate the Christian Scriptures, the ideas of some great mystics, acknowledged for their inspired works, such as Emanuel Swedenborg and Jakob Boehme, the more recent communications received by Sundar Singh, to offer a perspective of the afterlife consistent with recent, scientifically documented, stories of Near Death and Out of Body Experiences, to make amazingly exact scientific predictions and clear prophecies concerning the evolution of civilization that were confirmed, sometimes after dramatic scientific controvercies, decades after being put on paper?

What kind of occult interests should have had the author or authors of these writings that managed to join together history, religion, literature, philosophy and natural sciences with an unknown spiritual science, in the name of One God who loved mankind so much that He decided to descend among people and even to give up the life of His body, in order to save them from the pitfall of an autodestructive, mortified existence, completely unworthy of the spiritual status given to them at their creation and to open their way to the eternal life, which belongs to Him?

The only major interest we can detect behind these writings (which is also stated in them a great number of times) is to motivate people to love God and their fellowmen, without any conditionality.

If there would still be another, in contradiction with this one, surely that would be extremely bad represented in the texts of the New Revelation.

And since the love of God and men, as in the case of Gospels and the other writings mentioned above, is the main teaching of the New Revelation, then any authentic Christian should feel stimulated to search the way in which the New Revelation confirms, purifies, strengthens and develops the lessons of Scriptures.

However, it would be best if any person, regardless of his religious appartenance or deepest convictions, would try to approach this extraordinary teaching of love and liberty, in order to see by himself if this awakens in him an inner response, a more profound recognition of his heart and conscience.

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*We most gladly present here the main revelations of the Lord concerning His death and resurrection from **The Great Gospel of John Book 25**, received through Inner Word by Leopold Engel, after Jakob Lorber's death, **The Sermons of the Lord**, received by Gottfried Mayerhofer and **The Seven Words on the Cross**, received by Antonie Grossheim, one of the disciples of the Lord and friend of Jakob Lorber. The first and foremost argument for recognizing this last work's validity lies in the fact that the Lord mentions it clearly in the Great Gospel of John Book 25 chapter 98 (as you can see below). The fact that book 25 written by the hand of Engel is also a genuine communication from the same author as the One who dictated the greatest part of the Great Gospel of John to Jakob Lorber cannot be denied by anyone honestly analysing the style and the content of the works. The writings of Engel, as those of Mayerhofer and Grossheim show a full compatibility with those of Jakob Lorber and especially, with the portrait and character of the Lord, as we know them from there. However, according to the Lord's testimony given to Lorber, only a humble and loving heart can recognize the Lord, which means of course, particularly in His divine word given to various people who were chosen by Him to be His faithful instruments in communicating with humanity.*

LORD'S WORD ABOUT HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

(Excerpts from the New Revelation)

LORD'S REVELATIONS CONCERNING HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

FROM "THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN"

THE LORD PREDICTING AND EXPLAINING HIS DEATH TO MARY, HIS MOTHER. FATHER'S VOICE

"[13] I said: "Woman, you surely will come to Jerusalem and see the last and greatest sign that I will perform, but by that you will feel no joy but a great sadness in your pure heart. I will be betrayed, be caught by the Pharisees and be handed over to justice. And what concerns My body, it will be killed on the cross as a common criminal, but on the 3rd day I will – out of My own power and might – arise again. I will come to all My friends and brothers and give them the power to forgive men their sins in My name and to awaken the dead to life. Look, woman, of this will consist the last and greatest sign that I will perform in My body."

[14] Mary, and all the other friends with her, said: "But Lord and Master, You surely will not let this happen to You?"

[15] I said: "Only I know the will of the Father in Me, and My soul knows what I have to do. The one who will not be offended at Me, will just like Me overcome death and penetrate to eternal life.

[16] The one who loves the life of this body because of the world, will loose the life of this soul. But the one who, for My sake, does not love it, will keep it forever in My Kingdom."

[17] After these words of Mine, all those who were present became sad, and they thought about it, as to what would be the result of that.

[18] And I said: "Why are you sad about that? Do you perhaps think that I will leave you after the dead of My body? O, certainly not. Only then I will really stay with those who are Mine until the end of times on this Earth, and I will keep open, for everyone who believes in Me, the gates to the eternal life in My Heavens. Although My sheep will be scattered when I will be killed as their Shepherd, but I Myself will then gather them again, and then there will be only 1 flock and 1 Shepherd forever. But the billy goats and the wolves in sheep clothing will be removed and delivered to judgment and the eternal death of matter."

[19] When I had finished this short speech, a Voice sounded in the space of the hall, and the words sounded like this: "This Jesus of flesh and blood is My beloved Son, whom the whole of humanity should glorify. He is the incarnated expression of My love, My wisdom and My will. I am in Him and He is in Me. We are completely one. He who sees and hears Him, sees and hears also Me. And he who will do My will, will have eternal life in himself."

[20] After these words they all fell down before Me and wanted to worship Me.

[21] But I said to everyone: "Stand up from the ground, for in this kind of expressions of honor I am not pleased, but rather in your love and in the fact that you loyally and actively persevere in My teaching.

[22] Peace be with you all. But not the kind of peace like the world has and gives, but the inner peace of the heart, of the soul in My love, which is the eternal life. Amen."

(17. THE LORD PREDICTS THE END OF HIS TIME ON EARTH - GGJ Book 22)

AFTER LORD'S SACRIFICE, LIFE WILL RULE BY HIS TEACHING

"[5] I know that this people hate and persecute Me above all. Nevertheless I will have to go to Jerusalem, and I will not anymore be able, nor will I want, to withdraw Myself from their great hate and anger against Me. And the offer that I will give will open the gate to the Kingdom of God for all men on Earth.

[6] The old death and sin were still ruling up to now by the law that was given to man in all times by which death came into the world, but after My offer, life will rule by the teaching of Him who is offered by the full freedom of faith.

[7] Everyone who will search for the truth will easily and certainly find it, and will by that have the completely free, eternal life in him.

[8] I am one of the first who brought this teaching into the world. I came to those who are Mine, but these did not recognize Me and did not accept Me but persecute Me everywhere on all the roads and paths. Therefore, I will turn away My face also from them and will turn it to you gentiles."

(16. THE LORD TESTIFIES ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS MISSION, GGJ Book 25)

THE DEATH OF THE LORD

(The Great Gospel of John, Book 25)

98. CRUCIFIXION, DEATH AND BURIAL OF JESUS

"[1] The temple seemed to have won and wanted the death sentence that was pronounced to be carried out as soon as possible.

[2] What will follow now will not be a detailed description of all the tortures that My body had to endure, for these are things which the soul of no human being can understand. Only in a free, spiritual condition will it once be possible to understand to what extent that torment of death served to completely spiritualize My body and therefore also to contribute to the salvation of matter, although that torture was not necessarily needed.

[3] Only a few errors will be corrected here and make a few things clear so that in accordance with the gospels, which, regarding to My physical death are quite accurate, a clear picture can be given of the last hours of the Son of man.

[4] Firstly we have to consider the carrying of the cross. It was a custom with the Romans that every criminal who was sentenced to death had to carry his wood of death himself to the place of execution, and often, when the strength left him to do this, he was very cruelly tortured to make him carry out that punishment. Of course I was also not spared of this, and the strength of My extremely exhausted body left Me very soon so that I fell to the ground several times.

[5] Simon of Cyrene, who adhered to My teaching and as such well-known to the priests, met the procession, and being horrified he watched My pitiful condition with compassion.

[6] Then one of the temple servants shouted at him scornfully: "Look there at your great Master who cannot help Himself. Now His deceit comes miserably into light."

[7] Being disgusted, Simon answered him with a prophesying spirit: "The time will come when you will curse the hour that you all have done such thing. But I wish to serve my Master so that the way of suffering may become lighter for Him."

[8] "That you will!" shouted several priests angrily. "Because since you dare to scorn the actions of the temple, we impose a penance on you and you will carry the cross of your Master!"

When Simon heard that, he joyfully rushed to help, took the heavy cross on his strong shoulders and since I was lying on the ground, he also offered Me his hand so that I might find support. I took it, and Simons' physical power was so much strengthened that it became easy for him to carry this heavy load.

[9] All My closest friends, who were not able to come near the courthouse during the sentencing, followed now. And a lot of people, who were at first frightened and stood at a

distance when the adherers of the temple shouted 'crucify Him', came closer now. They immediately showed a threatening attitude when the procession came near the gate where a large square made it possible to form a big gathering of people. But the Pharisees were afraid that this would happen and had therefore asked for a big group of Roman soldiers, and these waited for the procession at the gate towards Golgotha to keep order.

[10] When those who were well-disposed towards Me saw now that I was irrevocably lost and a possible violent rescue out of the hands of the servants of justice was impossible, a loud wailing was raised, mainly by women.

[11] Therefore, I turned to those who stood closest to Me and said to them: "Weep not for Me but for you and your children, for worse things will come over them than what you see happening to Me now. I go in to My Father but they will not know where they will be going."

[12] In the tradition of the church it is said that the maid Veronica offered Me a cloth to dry My sweat. This is true, for she stood in the first rows of the mourners. But the imprint of My face in this cloth is a legend that came up later, and it also should be said here that there was never a Jew Ahasverus in My time who drove Me away from his house. Both are myths that originated later from stories of pious minds trying to beautify My physical death with all possible miracles which also slipped into the gospels.

[13] If all those things had happened while the body hang on the cross, as it is reported – the big earthquake, the darkening of the sun, the appearance of spirits and many other things – in that case, forced by those mighty signs, Jerusalem would have done penance in sackcloth and ashes even the same day and would not have looked at My resurrection with doubt but with joy and as a sign of forgiveness of all sins. But at the time that the body died, nothing happened that was so exceptional that it necessarily had to be related to My death. There was also no other possibility since the free will may not be affected, and if this main principle did not have to be maintained it would have been possible already earlier to use force by such miracles anyway. Everything happened in such a way that they also could have happened without My physical death, and therefore we will view more closely what those things were.

[14] Now when I was taken to Golgotha – at that time the usual place of execution in Jerusalem – Judas Iscariot came rushing, and being totally desperate he tried to break through the circle that the temple guards had formed around the place. He was violently pushed back. And standing close by he watched with starring eyes, still hoping for something extraordinary to happen that would free Me. He always was near the place when My condemnation took place, and as it became more and more clear to him that My power had either disappeared here or that I did not use it, he became more and more afraid.

[15] Finally he rushed back to the High Council and wanted to give the money back while he said that he betrayed innocent blood and seriously accused himself. Of course he was scornfully turned down with the remark that he had to see himself how he can work it out. In full despair he threw the money into the case of alms of the temple and ran outside, still clinging unto the weak hope that I would free Myself before the worst would happen. When he saw now that My body was thrown to the ground and put on the cross, when he heard the blows of the hammer that drove the nails through My flesh into the wood, he cried out loudly and rushed away from the place. Without looking behind him he ran to a solitary place where he hanged himself on a fig tree with his belt.

[16] He dearly paid for his mistake, his lust for money and selfishness. About what happened to him after this will once be reported (See "From Hell to Heaven" chap. 79).

[17] It was only several days after his death that his corpse was found. It had fallen down from the belt and it was gnawed by dogs and jackasses. He was hastily buried in that same spot.

[18] It is now reported that a darkness set in when My body hung on the cross. Yes, a big inner darkness came over Jerusalem, but no outer one. It was an inner one by which everyone had the feeling as if he had lost something without knowing what it was. And even the high priests, scribes, Pharisees and temple Jews who longed for My death did not find any satisfaction and felt no joy at their action.

[19] This is also the reason why the temple did not make any attempts against My disciples and nearest relatives, also not against Nicodemus, Josef of Arimathea or Lazarus who all made a pilgrimage to My cross and were present in My last hour of life. It was especially thanks to the reputation of Nicodemus as member of the High Council that My followers received permission to stay very close by while the place was therwise bordered by soldiers and no one was allowed to come through. At his recommendation an exception was made. My closest disciples however, with the exception of John, were not present, as I often predicted before.

The Shepherd was slain, and so the sheep scattered. After My arrest some of them fled to Lazarus and the others went to hide away with friends, and they were hidden by them.

[20] Only John dared to show himself openly to be a support and encouragement to Mary, the mother of My body.

[21] Peter, who after his fall was deeply seized by remorse, secretly followed the procession that brought Me through the streets of Jerusalem from the one ruler to the other, but he stayed far away from all the brothers because his soul felt the urge to be alone and it was only now that he gained full clarity regarding My actions to which end especially the training in Ephraim was very useful to him. He perceived the essence and the purpose of My earthly death and was also firmly convinced of its necessity as well as of My predicted resurrection in which he firmly trusted but without saying a word about it.

[22] Regarding My last hours, the most important has already been said earlier, and whoever wants to recall them, may read: 'The 7 Words of Christ on the Cross' (See *Die sieben Worte Christi am Kreuz*, received by Anthonie Grossheim), then he will be sufficiently informed about My last hours.

[23] When My soul separated from My body, there was indeed an earthquake, but this was again a phenomenon that did not attract too much attention because in that region in My time the subterranean powers of the Jordan Valley were far more perceptible than now. This is why earthquakes were not that rare.

That this phenomenon was indeed related to My death did of course not come up in the minds of the hard Jews.

[24] It is also correct that the curtain in the temple was torn as an outer sign that there was now no more obstacle to reach the most holy place of the heart of the Father. Yes, that everyone could go there to receive eternal life. Nevertheless, also this phenomenon, no matter how astonishing, did not cause any sensation. The priests on duty hung up the curtain again, and with that the matter was solved.

[25] It is further reported that the sun lost its shine. It was already mentioned that no darkness had set in, but everyone knows that earthquakes in warm countries are often announced by a strong cloudiness in the atmosphere by which the sun loses its glance. And this is what happened also here in a similar manner. However, that the sun lost its glance had another reason from the usual one, although the phenomenon was the same.

[26] It is also reported that the dead came out of their graves and appeared to many. This message has to be understood in the right way, and everyone will understand it better when he considers the following.

[27] When My body had died and the big group of enemies had completely cooled down their vengeance, the people soon spread out because an inner terrifying feeling – the already mentioned inner darkness – made everyone to seek protection in his own house where, according to their statutes, the Jews had to prepare for the Sabbath that came near at sunset.

[28] My followers came now more and more close to the place of execution so that the group of those who were in favor of Me became quite big. Josef of Arimathea had gone already earlier to Pilate, asking for My body – a favor that was not always granted.

[29] But Pilate gladly granted this to him because he wanted to annoy the Jews with this, as well as by the inscription on top of the cross in 3 languages which stated that I was the king of the Jews.

[30] My friends took the body immediately from the cross, cleaned it and anointed it, and carried it very carefully to a rock grave that belonged to Josef of Arimathea, on a piece of land that he had bought from Nicodemus in order to use it as his own last resting place in the future.

[31] Although Golgotha was a rocky hill, it was located close by a densely populated exclusive residential area where many rich Romans and Jews had bought land and built beautiful country houses. This explains the proximity of the garden.

[32] They laid the body in the grave and protected it well from fear that the Jews would in their evilness also harm the corpse.

[33] But these were in turn afraid that My followers wanted to steal the corpse and then possibly claim that I was resurrected, for they heard and knew very well that the word about My predicted death and also about My resurrection was spread among the people. For this reason they asked Pilate for guards and he also granted this to them, even if it was only out of curiosity to see if something miraculous would happen as was generally expected by friends and feared by enemies. Thus guards were appointed – Roman soldiers – who had to guard the grave for 5 days long."

99. CONCERNING THE DEATH OF THE LORD

"[1] BUT what happened while the body was lying in the grave? And what was actually the compelling reason for My death? There will be a short but clear explanation about this now. So listen:

[2] It has been often explained before that Adam as first human being on this Earth – that means as a human being with full spiritual freedom – was created to build a form from which matter could be led back to a free spiritual life. And most of all, overcoming matter itself was necessary to achieve this, and by a free decision of will, a condition had to be created which showed on the one hand the overcoming of all the lower characteristics, like worldly lusts, *wrong* desires and tendencies, in order to on the other hand make a free ascension to the purest spiritual life possible.

[3] It has been said often enough that the human soul consists of very small beginnings that develop to ever higher levels of consciousness to finally reach that form again in man and which cannot develop any further as an earthly form, except for what the form of the soul is concerned. So there are two principles in man: the end of the material life as highest developed self consciousness and the beginning of a soul life that is unchangeable in the highest attainable perfection of the form. Therefore, on this knife edge of earthly life man cannot ignore the awareness that he lives – for he himself is proof of that – while he still has no idea that he came at the doorstep of a spiritual life which has now its beginning in the unchangeable human form. In other words, after he went through many changes of physical forms – with the purpose to reach the human shape – this shape in its general form does now not change anymore. However, it is now that the soul begins to change with the purpose to come ever closer to the Spirit of God Himself and so to enter in communion with Him.

[4] Now he who can think, let him think. What can happen if this transition is not achieved, because here matter and spirit stand sharply against each other? They can both refine one another more and more, but – since they are polarities – they can never completely touch each other. Anyhow, a way must be shown here, a bridge built over which it is possible for matter to come to the spirit. And that bridge must be an example that everyone is able to follow. If that way were not found, that means: if someone would not walk on it, then it would become impossible to leave matter and come into a free, spiritual life.

[5] So the Deity Himself – who compelled His created beings to walk the way of matter out of love to save them, and after they had reached the border from where the way of the spirit is possible – had to strive to draw them to Himself and bring them in this way into the relationship of Father and child. Adam had to build that bridge in himself, and it was actually very easy for him since the attractions of matter were very weak compared to now. He only had to overcome himself – obedience – then the bridge would have been built and the spiritual life could have awakened and blossomed in him, because for man, who is for the rest free of every sin, obedience to God is the only means to test him. It is only after disobedience that automatically all other offences follow, as everyone can easily notice with children. Now Adam fell, and with that a withdrawal in matter had taken place – this means in that polarity – which can distance itself from God equally as far as it can ascend to God Himself to ever greater bliss.

[6] But with this fall, sin came into the world, because God never creates a work to destroy it again but continues to follow the way that was once taken and tries as it were to correct

it, because divine wisdom takes the consequences of a failure into account beforehand. And when it comes to creating free created beings – not spiritual machines – then the way of self-development in man is truly the only way to it. However, when the human race divided into nations, a succession of all sins occurred, consisting of a long series, leading to an ever deeper fall, because its beginning – disobedience – was simply there. This means: if Adam had not been disobedient, also none of his descendants could have been disobedient because then he would have destroyed a germ in himself that could not be inherited anymore. However, in this manner he fertilized the germ, and it grew in his descendants to become a tree that hardly allows the light of the sun to shine through its dense roof of leaves.

[7] Now often very strong souls have tried to break through this roof of leaves to let the sun shine through it, and although they succeeded partially, mankind possesses very ancient religions. But those strong souls did not succeed to reach the core of the tree and break its crown to such extent that this mighty tree had to die. And they did not succeed because they themselves were not without guilt in their earthly life since they first tasted of the world before they felt thirsty for the truth and knowledge of God. The world tasted nasty to them, and only after that did they seek something better.

[8] The old Indian religions are the oldest that you know, because the old Egyptian religion in its true teaching was the oldest but its knowledge has been lost. All those teachers were such strong souls. They broke through the roof of leaves for themselves, showing the way, and they described and declared what is true and real. Nevertheless, they could not write otherwise than for their time by which many things have become invalid now, which is easy to understand considering the circumstances. Concerning this, let us see the following:

[9] Before the encasing in the flesh as Jesus, God was impersonal. This is why nobody could come to see Him but only feel His Being who could of course only show Himself as Light because God Himself is pure light that sends out His rays. But when there is light, it is everywhere. It streams through everything and awakens everything to life. However, the impersonality of God necessitates not one point from where the rays are shining, like from a sun, but a sea of light in which there is no concentration. So those who spiritually penetrated to the divine Being could not be aware of the divine Being in any other way than as a life in the light – floating and resting in the light, uniting with the light without any wish. Now when Jesus became the personification of God, experiencing the deity was very different for those who came near to Him – *it was* simply the drawing near of one person to another. Therefore, the old seers are right, but the newer ones, who lived after Me, are also right.

[10] After the fall of Lucifer, when the material world came into existence, the spiritual sun was created as the seat of the deity. But despite everything, it was not to be understood as a concentration existing in itself. The light in the spiritual world was everywhere, but to the physical man – as long as his soul was bound to that body – this spiritual sun did not become visible before My earthly life. The fact that it became visible was a crowning of the faith of the spirit-beings, for it was only visible to them – but now also to the person who believes in Me as soon as his spiritual eye is opened, because the Man Jesus can reveal His whole Kingdom at any moment to all who believe in Him.

[11] But the question remains: why can we find the same basic features in the old religions?

[12] If it were not so, it would be surprising to the one who has understood these revelations, for if these old religions are forerunners of the teaching of the Son of man and Son of God, then they also must contain the main features of the latter. They cannot contain things that are different. That the lives of individual teachers who arose show similarities with Mine is based on the same fact.

[13] If the old Egyptian religion would be entirely known in its oldest basic features – these only survived hazily in the present time by the later cult of the gods – then one would say: the Christian religion is derived from the old Egyptian religion. This is how strongly they look alike, especially if one would know the original meaning of the characteristics of Osiris, Isis and Horus.

[14] However, to what extent did I succeed to break the tree of sins and not to only break through the roof of leaves?

[15] In the first place everyone should clearly understand what it means “to sin”.

[16] Many will soon be ready with the answer and say: sin is everything that is against God’s will. Although this is true, but what is God’s will actually, and how can man recognize it if he does not even believe in God and even less recognize His will?

[17] But then we can know from the viewpoint of human life: No one can sin against God unless He came to know Him. No one can be offended when a blind man claims that there is no light only because he does not see it, and even less will God pressure the one who does not know Him because of his foolishness. However, a blind man can offend his neighbor or someone else when he resists him in one way or another – even though he does not see him but he can hear and feel him and he is able to receive and enjoy his direct good deeds. He can sin against his love, for despite his blindness he cannot deny that the person exists.

[18] This is also the case with someone who is spiritually blind. He certainly can sin against the commandment of neighborly love, even if he does not know God. Neighborly love is the way to the love for God – this has often been explained.

[19] Now since the Man Jesus fulfilled this commandment down to the smallest detail – and this since His youth – the love of God grew in Him so that He finally was absorbed by it. Sin had no power over Him for he strove to go from the initial visible way of neighborly love, which was apparent through outer works, to the inner invisible way in the love of God.

[20] God gave a commandment to Adam: unconditional obedience. He despised it and fell. Out of love for God the Man Jesus gave to Himself this commandment: not to do anything without the will of the Father, and through this He became the shining example to follow. So He achieved in Himself the level that Adam did not achieve, and in this manner He reconciled in Himself the deity who was hurt in His holiness by the commandment that was violated.

[21] Wisdom gave the commandment. The will, the power, wanted its fulfillment. The love found the way in the Man Jesus to fulfill the conditions that were necessary to bring back the former state of happiness for all created beings. Salvation lies in the fact that this way, which leads directly to God, is now opened and that this way was fulfilled by the Son of man Jesus who became by that the Son of God. The death of Jesus is the sealing of the

unconditional obedience. Even though it was not necessary, but since mankind, with its unlimited free will and by the influence of Lucifer demanded it, Jesus submitted Himself also to this demand and died physically.

[22] Falling from one sin into another brings about an ever greater hardness of the soul. One speaks of stony hearts to describe this condition. How far this can go cannot be overseen. Matter, the outer lust, keeps growing, and naturally the awareness of any spirit-soul essential core becomes lost more and more. This hardening leads finally to an animal condition which only knows preservation and procreation without inner spiritual freedom. Only a pure spiritual teaching can bring salvation from such condition and will lead to a moral awareness of human dignity, and this teaching was given briefly, could not be misunderstood and in the greatest possible clearness. Acting upon it will break the chains of matter, will release the bonds of worldly lust for pleasure and will finally lead the material wishes and desires to a condition of pure awareness as knowing evil, but no more doing evil because the ego will melt down more and more while this ego (selfishness) would otherwise outgrow more and more. The more *the ego* will fade away, the more the shackles of matter will loosen (soften) and they will finally be no more felt as shackles.

[23] So the tree of sin was and could only be broken by Jesus because in Himself He enclosed the Spirit of God who already gave the commandment to Adam, but he did not obey.

[24] Now one will say: 'But where is the proof that this is so, and that the former teachers did not accomplish the same? For what has been said here is hidden to the human eye. It is an inner process about which no one besides Jesus can report while the outer process, the appearance of a great teacher, his life, his good teachings and also his death, happened many times. Now how can the tree of sins be really broken by Jesus, and over there they only broke through the roof of leaves? This can hardly be noticed from the outer result in the world, because sin is flourishing in the present time as never before, and mankind cannot recognize the signs, except the outer ones.'

[25] Yes, this seems to be so at first sight but when we look closer, it does not.

[26] All those who will go the inner way will soon realize what it is truly like. The outer appearance means nothing at all, for it is a hollow note. The one who does not want to go the inner way cannot be convinced or given an image of that way, just as little as it is impossible to give a blind person a notion of colors. Here the result decides. The way is there. Walk on it, and then make your conclusion.

[27] No one can come to the Father without Me, and without faith in Jesus no sage has ever felt the almighty Being of God as the very first Source of all love who can make Himself personal. Only in Jesus, the impersonal becomes personal, and the union of these two in the human form makes it possible for the creature to draw near to the Creator, the rising of matter in the spirit, the leading back of the sequence of sins that were committed upwards beyond the wall that separates matter and spirit, as points that otherwise cannot touch each other – and the bridge is the life of Jesus.

[28] Now the question arises: before the death of the Son of man, how far actually could the deceased souls go?

[29] They could of course come to insight and also to inner bliss, this according to how they followed the teaching of the many earlier teachers, but they could of course not reach the point of viewing the personified deity.

[30] This happened in history for the first time when the body of Jesus was lying in the grave. There lay the purely earthly body, while the soul with the indwelling Spirit of God passed over and there showed Himself to all as the One who He is and was.

[31] This can only be mentioned here. However, later will also be revealed what exactly happened.

[32] With this manifestation in the spirit world, began the building and populating of the New Jerusalem as the city of God and the inhabitants, and it will continue to exist forever."

THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

(The Great Gospel of John, Book 25)

100. JESUS' RESURRECTION AND APPEARANCE TO THE DISCIPLES

"[1] ON the third day of Passover the deity returned and called on the Son of Man's body that entirely dissolved itself at once and was now added as garment to the soul. This event was seen by the Roman guards as a brilliant light that filled the cavity of the grave, and this frightened them so much that they immediately ran away from it to announce that I was resurrected. The stone was rolled away from the opening so that everyone could look now into the crypt.

[2] The soldiers hurried to Pilate who was greatly surprised, and with a certain delight he reported it to the High Council. A few members of the High Council went immediately to the place and saw that the spot was empty, and, knowing the discontentment of the people, they anxiously tried to cover up the case, gave money to the soldiers and wanted them to say that the disciples stole the corpse while they were asleep. At the same time they assured them impunity with Pilate who had to punish with death such violation of sleeping while they were on post.

[3] But Pilate did not want to grant this impunity, and said, when a higher priest tried to negotiate with him: "Either the soldiers slept, and then they are doubly guilty because they slept and lied to me, or they did not sleep, and in that case I do not want by a lie to expose myself to the anger of the One who is resurrected."

[4] Nothing could be achieved with him, and therefore the priests gave much money to the soldiers so that they could flee to far away regions, which they also did. Then the story about the theft of the corpse went around and is still believed today.

[5] It is known from the gospels that I appeared to many after the resurrection. This did not only happen in the indicated places but wherever I had been teaching, to proof My followers that the teaching that I gave to them was right.

[6] I was not the only One who became visible but also many of those who had been called away before appeared to their relatives in clear dreams, and in one case even during daytime, to tell them about the New Jerusalem. These facts were later brought in connection with the moment of death, and this is the explanation *for the rumor* why many dead had risen and appeared to their relatives in their houses.

[7] That which is still important from the time till I was taken away from the Mount of Olives will now be very briefly mentioned.

[8] The first to see Me was Mary Magdalene. This happened exactly as John described it.

[9] *Very early in the morning* – even before the High Council was informed – Mary went to the grave with 6 other women to pray there and to once more pour out fragrant ointments over the body to protect it against decomposition. But they saw that the grave was empty and they hurried back to tell the disciples.

[10] When they had calmed down and they all returned to inform the others who did not yet know that something had happened, Mary stayed behind alone.

[11] It has already been said why I turned her down with the words: 'Do not touch Me' – her still impure love for Me could have destroyed her if she had touched My Being that was now purely spiritual.

[12] John reports further that I appeared to the disciples when they were together behind closed doors. This happened in the following manner: after the Pharisees had spread their false reports, soon a great agitation arose among the people in Jerusalem. Most of them did not believe the temple servants because contrary to this there was the clear conviction that this was something unheard of: Roman soldiers so greatly neglected a place they had to guard that a grave could be opened and emptied. So all kinds of remarks about the deep sleep of the soldiers was soon spread around and mocked this incredible explanation, comparing the much deeper sleep of the temple with that of the soldiers. The priests became very angry about that and tried, if possible, to capture the disciples and to kill also them because they refuted their lies by telling the full facts.

[13] The disciples came together to deliberate what they would do. This happened with the innkeeper in the inn on the Mount of Olives that is sufficiently known.

[14] However, Thomas was not present at this first meeting since he was in Jerusalem to find out about the situation there.

[15] In the midst of this gathering, where also Lazarus was present, I came in and greeted those who were present, and after their first amazement they were overwhelmed by joy and crowded around Me. I taught them once more that evening about the purpose of My death as well as their task as teacher which they received now, and also that they did not have to be afraid because, with a firm trust in Me and love for Me, they were safe for all

persecutions. So I proved to them the immortality in My Kingdom by My personal appearance, and they all were now completely filled with faith and zeal of heart.

[16] Then I left them after advising them to gather here again after 8 days and that everyone should put order in his house.

[17] Then after 8 days the described scene happened with Thomas, also reported by John.

[18] In that time after Passover I appeared to all whom I directly had contact with to give them the proof of My words and to strengthen their mind for the spreading of the teaching. No one was excluded from that. Those who were embittered at the Jews by

My death were calmed down, and those who had become wavering were strengthened.

[19] But it is unnecessary to again describe all those events because besides that, nothing happened which everyone cannot imagine himself. These deeds were only a crowning of their faith, but thereby an expansion of My teaching did not take place.

[20] For instance the story of the 2 disciples of Emmaus gives a rather accurate image of all those events that occurred in a similar manner. This is also the reason why it was passed on.

[21] However, the manifestation at the Lake of Galilee was intended to lift up and to strengthen Peter who unspeakably suffered under the awareness that he had denied Me. This is why he was put to the test by which he could transform his faith into actions. When the disciples were in the ship, recognizing Me and told Peter about it, he threw himself immediately into the sea to shorten the way to Me. This faith purified him of the still adhering impurities, because everyone who has recognized Me should seek the shortest way to Me through the surging sea.

[22] So his triple denial also corresponds with the question that was asked 3 times: 'Do you love Me?'

[23] In this event lies a great corresponding meaning which everyone who read this work with his heart and not only with his reason can solve for himself. Let therefore everyone examine himself and see whether he can solve this correspondence.

[24] The disciples went soon to work to put things in order at home. I instructed them to gather again at a certain time with the innkeeper, and this also happened. This was the 40th day after the Passover, similar with the 40 days in the desert which they all needed to prepare themselves.

[25] All who were close to Me came, and again I entered into their midst and led them to the top of the Mount of Olives from where one has a panoramic view. There I gathered the apostles around Me. The other disciples stood in a big circle around us. Once more I admonished them all to firmly hold on to Me and My teaching. I also instructed My disciples to go everywhere and to preach the Gospel in My name. After that I said farewell to them and explained to them that they would no longer see Me physically but would remain in contact with Me spiritually.

[26] Then I blessed them, and soon I disappeared from their midst.

[27] With this, everything has been reviewed and faithfully written down what concerns My earthly life and what has become visible on Earth.

[28] However, a big part is still missing here, namely what happened in the spiritual world. To understand this, the world is still far too immature, and also the few who believe in My direct Word can still not absorb it. But the time will come, and it is not too far away, when people will return to a more purely spiritual feeling. Then the time will have come that also this will be revealed, and this will also happen.

[29] Let therefore everyone be satisfied with what is offered and follow My teaching so that this time may soon come very near, because the nations shall come closer to each other and the Earth shall become a place of peace. Amen."

LORD'S REVELATIONS CONCERNING HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

FROM "THE LORD'S SERMONS"

- Sermon 18 -

Palm Sunday. Christ's Entry into Jerusalem t. Matthew XXI, 1-9: *"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: Loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."*

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This chapter begins with My entry into Jerusalem. Riding on a she-ass, the symbol of meekness, I received as the meekest man the homage of the many faithful and then proceeded to the most arrogant people of that time - the chief priests and Pharisees in the temple. There I outwardly cleansed that house of worship from material rubbish by casting out the moneychangers and those who sold doves. As for cleansing from spiritual garbage

the minds of the powerful within those walls, I had to leave it to time, which of them would enter My Kingdom purified.

Everything that happened there during My earth-life had its spiritual significance for the entire realm of spirits and souls. I, as the Son of Man on your earth, represented the great principle of My teaching of love through which all stages of life had to pass so that it could not only serve all created beings as an example and attainable goal to strive for, but, because I Myself gave this example, it could also serve as a signpost on the long road towards spiritual perfection in the brilliance of My divine omnipotence, love and wisdom to encourage you to follow it. What I did in the temple - its cleansing as well as My parables addressed to the scribes and Pharisees - spiritually takes place in the heart of everyone as soon as he shows himself in the least receptive for My teaching, since there, too, I enter in the image of meekness and gentleness. There the rejoicing soul, stimulated by the spirit within it, also meets Me with hymns of praise and joy. There, too, I first direct My attention to the elimination of the worldly passions, mainly selfishness, for which trade is the most striking illustration. The next step is to supply the soul with spiritual nourishment according to its individual need which corresponds to the parables I told the scribes and Pharisees. They did not comprehend everything in its spiritual sense as I meant it, but could not deny the truth of the comparisons.

What did the scribes and Pharisees do after they had listened to My words? They rejected My teaching and tried to lay hands on Me. Many people whose hearts I have initially entered triumphantly do the same. As soon as they are faced with self-denial and sacrifice they turn their backs on Me and would rather efface the impression of My first coming than subordinate their material striving for riches and a temporal life of pleasure to a higher spiritual life. My entry into Jerusalem and the temple also illustrates the process of conversion of the individual as well as mankind as a whole. The preliminary work for spiritual rebirth first paved the way externally, then it kept drawing closer and closer to the life-centre, the heart, so that with a final effort victory over all external adversities could be gained. During My sojourn on earth I stayed mainly in townships and villages off the beaten track seeking believers among the still less corrupt people there and the Gentiles. Only as the end of My earthly life was drawing close, did I voluntarily visit those places - one of which was Jerusalem and its temple - of which I knew in advance that there My teaching would meet the greatest opposition. However, I also knew that as materially the situation got worse for Me, spiritually the triumph of My precept of truth and love would reach its culmination. I was quite aware that the moment I no longer avoided My enemies and opponents, but went near them, I would no longer escape their revenge. However, this is how I had planned it and the way it had to happen. Only in this way could My teaching gain permanency for eternity. Thus the seed I had sown in Judea and Palestine and elsewhere would not fall on barren soil; for with My resurrection I crowned My work, and all the persecution that followed, all distress and suffering My believers had to endure, only increased their number and strengthened them. Every such event added a building stone to the great edifice of My spiritual creation which one day, as the spiritual Jerusalem, was to be the centre of all spiritual-heavenly life. What Jerusalem was for the Jews, My creation shall become for My spirits and souls. And what the temple represented as the abode of Jehovah in the Holy of Holies, one day every living heart shall become, - the temple wherein I can dwell unashamedly.

As I then fared, people shall fare generally and individually. The more a person will begin to turn to Me in his heart, the more opposition will he experience; for with spiritual progress also the number of opponents, who want to fight and hinder it, keeps growing. After My last appearance in the temple I had to face the greatest suffering a human being can endure. Thus also man is faced with ever growing difficulties in his progress on the spiritual road.

The world keeps becoming more and more alien to him, and it will take revenge for being neglected. Obstacles will be piling up high in the social world and influences from the spiritual world will make it difficult for the frightened soul to walk My ways. It will all present a faithful picture of My own suffering and struggles until, when the great turning-point has been reached, the world must be completely relinquished and the spiritual kingdom seized forcefully. Then the banner of spiritual triumph on the one side and that of worldly pleasures on the other will lead a man either towards Me or away from Me. If he follows My example he, too, will rise from the dead in his spiritual rebirth. But if he follows the world, his fate will be that of Jerusalem which, continuing to enjoy the pleasures of the world, soon turned into a heap of debris, and its inhabitants had to live dispersed all over the world as slaves to other nations.

The entry into Jerusalem has a far greater spiritual significance for all mankind than is realized. It signifies My drawing closer to mankind and is the actual consecration of living men and spirits. Through My entry into Jerusalem I hallowed those walls, acknowledged them publicly as My property and proved that I, the Lord of creation, did not consider it beneath My dignity, riding on an ass in simple clothes, to ask humbly and gently to be received by the people.

Spiritually this entry has the following meaning: I want to make the human heart My abode. There I want to be worshipped and loved through having My teaching observed. Just as the temple in Jerusalem was built as a House of God in My honor with all the splendor and magnificence available in those times, the human heart and soul shall also be adorned with all the spiritual virtues that a true human is meant to possess as My spiritual image for which I once created and destined him.

The temple in Jerusalem was an edifice of worldly splendor, and spiritual glory was to have dwelt therein. Thus man shall become a being placed on the boundary between two worlds, with his feet on the material ground, but his gaze and his heart directed towards the spiritual. This purification from the material and attracting of the spiritual is man's mission in this world, is the mission of the spirits. It was My mission and is still yours.

The spiritual wind is now blowing everywhere to cleanse the human hearts of worldly vapors, for the Lord and Father is close. Leaning against His she-ass, the symbol of meekness, He is waiting for the right moment when He can triumphantly enter your hearts, so that you, too, may receive Him with 'Hosanna'!

The great time of spiritual rebirth is at hand demanding entrance into those places that since the beginning of creation have been prepared solely for the Lord of all that is. Open the doors wide that the wind of love may cleanse your hearts from money-changers and vendors of pigeons, that is, from worldly, selfish activities. The time is coming when the Lord will be asking you to account for the values He had entrusted to you, for the spiritual gifts all of you have received on loan. As the temple in Jerusalem was meant to be a House of God, also your heart is destined to be My dwelling place.

Keep in mind that material time is speeding and your life running out from minute to minute. Soon the angel of death will be asking you to account for the gifts entrusted to you. Do not hide them away, but make use of them that you may be allowed to enter the great spiritual kingdom, the great spiritual Jerusalem and its temple - the abode of your Father - and that you will not be forced, like the stubborn Pharisees, to wander about lost in the vast expanses of My creation as slaves of your own passions. You would find there all that once gave you pleasure, but with this transient enjoyment you would be missing out on the greater, much more important enjoyment of My love, My grace and My presence. For you must know that if your heart is not My abode and you are not carrying Me in your heart wherever you go, you will not find Me anywhere, not even in the great spiritual Jerusalem which is nothing else but the spiritual principle of love that has created everything, sustains it and leads it gradually to ever greater bliss. Take note of this! Observe the time in which you live with spiritual eyes, its events and tendencies, and you will soon understand that

the time is near when I, the Lord, will be making My entry into the spiritual world, the human souls, riding on an ass! Happy he who is prepared, for he will not be surprised by My advent! It will not frighten him, but will be for him the festival of My entry into Jerusalem as it was once for My followers more than a thousand years ago. Therefore, be prepared to receive Me and My teaching of love with all honours and shouts of 'Hosanna!' Amen.

- Sermon 19 -

Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of the Lord

t. Mark XVI, 1-8: *"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid."*

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The previous Gospel text dealt with My entry into Jerusalem and the temple. This one describes My burial and resurrection as well as My appearance to several of My disciples and Mary Magdalene. Between My entry into Jerusalem and My burial there is My condemnation, My immense suffering as a man and as God, My greatest humiliation as the Creator and Lord of the world and the proof of My supreme love, a love of which only I, the uncreated, eternal God and Lord, am capable by submitting to all this in order so set an example to My created beings and spirits. They were to learn what is needed to become a child of Him Who is able to call into existence worlds, solar systems and vast spirit-realms which He could again eradicate if His mighty will were not induced by His all-embracing love to preserve all created things instead of destroying them.

The last days of My life on earth were to prove to all spirits that everyone who carries a divine spark within him is capable of even greater sacrifices and self-abnegation, far beyond the comprehension of all created beings, and this not for his own salvation, but for that of others.

The second commandment of love has never before been fulfilled so distinctly and fully as it was by Me in the last days of My suffering. I humiliated Myself to endure patiently as a man all the human suffering which to a mortal being appears to be the worst: torture, death and public disgrace. And this I did as a man for all other men, whom I regarded as My brothers and who saw Me die on the cross, praying for them that they be forgiven, although they were My enemies and had rewarded My great kindness with ingratitude and revenge. Could the love of one's fellowman do any more than I did in those moments? Because of this I promoted it to a divine commandment, inseparably linked to the first one, namely, to love the Creator above all. This commandment has also a social significance for the living together of people through the tenet: "Do not do unto others what you would not like them to do to you!"

I made these two commandments of love divine with My last breath as I left this small earth, which among millions upon millions of globes and suns I had chosen for the great feat only I could accomplish. As a man, I practised both of them, fulfilling them to the greatest possible extent, thus leaving behind for humanity the ideal of a man on this earth as I wanted him to be. As a spirit I demonstrated to My higher beings and angels what they should be able and strive to accomplish when the moment of their trial approaches. On earth the keystone to the proof of My deity was My rising from the dead, for without this My teaching, My deeds and My whole life would soon have been forgotten. My disciples would have broken up; maybe they would have remained faithful to Me individually, but they would not have been of any benefit to their fellowmen.

It is true, My disciples did believe in My deity, but this was under the influence of My presence. My personality, My words and deeds were too impressive not to exert an influence on all around Me. However, with My person and this moral pressure removed, the world would gradually have claimed them once more, weakening and finally obliterating the impact I had made upon them during My life on earth. Nothing would have remained of My life but the memory of past happenings, although miraculous and unfathomable. Therefore, if My work was not to have been in vain, the rising from the dead - something contrary to all the familiar laws - had to prove My deity thereby fortifying the faith of My disciples and adherents, preparing them for their future mission.

Thus My resurrection was the keystone to this never-to-be destroyed edifice of faith and religion, which until now has resisted all storms and will soon be resplendent on earth in all its purity and magnificence, to be the mediator between two important factors in creation - matter and spirit or the material realm and that of the spirits.

This is the way it has to be and is also going to be, so that all mankind may realize that matter is nothing but the encasement of the spiritual and has been created only for the sake of the spiritual. All matter must be spiritualized to enable men to draw close to My spiritual kingdom, and that the other created beings, following the perfection of men, can also ascend higher and higher until the earth-globe itself, released from its density, will not need any violent measure to bring about its dissolution, but will only experience a gentle transition.

To give you a clear understanding of this process of spiritualization and to explain to you the significance of My Resurrection as well as My Passion during My last days on earth, I have to remind you of the fact that all My deeds and words, even the world events during the years of My ministry, would be recurring gradually until My now imminent second advent. But it will all happen in spiritual correspondences and not actually to My person as it did then. What at that time I had to suffer as the Son of man, applied also to the progress of My teaching which now represents Me spiritually on your earth. This, too, was contaminated, mocked and abused; then it was buried in your churches - as large sepulchers - and a heavy stone, the stone of empty ceremonies, is blocking it. There it was to rest forever and be of use only to those who wish to benefit from it in their worldly, not in their spiritual life.

The course of world history is an exact counterpart of the years of My ministry. Just as there are in your life three important spiritual stages: childhood - corresponding to unconditional faith, adolescence - corresponding to the forming of an opinion of what was believed, and manhood - corresponding to discrimination between appearance and actual fact, thus also My teaching went through all these phases, partly during My ministry, partly later after My decease, right to this day and to the future.

In the beginning I, too, compelled the world around Me, partly through My miracles, to believe and then educated people like children. And once they began to understand Me, they found through their judgment the truth of what they had previously only believed, that is, they entered adolescence. When in this way their belief and knowledge had been strengthened, they became mature, stood by My teaching and by Me with conviction,

corroborating with word and deed what to them seemed the holiest, the supreme knowledge.

The history of My religion, the way it was later on spreading, presents to you the same stages, with the sole difference that at the time I Myself was teaching there was no reason for eliminating or protesting. However, when people, driven by human passions and guided by worldly opinions and interests, wanted to imitate Me, they turned the divine into what was worldly, gave men only the outer bark instead of the core of spiritual life and, as a result, the good was rejected together with the bad when men had matured and could use their own judgment.

This is what brought about the extremes of people who believed everything I taught and those who believed nothing. Now, as the spiritual stirring is getting stronger, when the corpse in the sepulcher, sealed and covered with a stone, is preparing to rise, now they still want to begin – like once Mary Magdalene – to prevent the corpse's decay by means of spices and scents. But as at that time Mary Magdalene was disappointed because she found the sepulcher empty, the guardians of the spiritual sepulcher of My teaching will be disappointed, too. They will find the sepulcher empty with only the shroud left behind wherein they had wrapped the body of My teaching. But the One Whom they believed to have kept there under lock and key will have risen, will find His disciples and adherents Himself and give them new courage and zeal through His presence.

The closer this time is approaching the greater becomes the zeal to preserve and guard the corpse. As once My sepulcher was guarded by Roman soldiers who were unbelievers, there is this tendency also now to have an armed foreign power support those who defile and condemn My teaching of love. But in vain. Already the first ray of light is breaking through onto the stone cover of the sepulcher. And as every stone begins to vibrate when the first ray of the morning sun falls onto it and this vibration continues until the stone is warmed and extends this warmth to that which is underneath, the coffin-lid is already starting to vibrate. This vibration will keep increasing the more the reaction would like to condemn it to eternal rest. The ray of the spiritual love-sun is going to roll away the stone, drive off the powers that are spiritually asleep and, leaving them and their helpers only the shroud, once more revive the "corpse" and guide it on to its perfection on the path of light.

It is dark in the sepulcher, but the Light-God of divine truth wants only light; and light gives warmth and warmth, life. Thus also the corpse of My teaching will rise from the sepulcher into which it had been put by worldly selfishness and lust for power. It will increase the light, warmth and life where they are already glowing in human hearts and spread with blessing these three elements where they may have been lacking completely. This is the spiritual picture of My resurrection in My teaching of love, which I actually performed almost two thousand years ago and which will soon once more be taking place all over the world.

As My disciples and followers once rejoiced at My rising, this resurrection too will be celebrated by all humanity and every individual in his own heart. Thus I am going to rise in the hearts of My faithful when they shall have thrown away the shrouds in which they had wrapped Me, leaving all worldly ceremonies and religious rites far behind them, believing only in the spiritual meaning of My teaching and actually practicing what they believe. This resurrection in the hearts will be the rebirth, the final step towards breaking with the world and the first step or beginning of a spiritual life where material ties will no longer have the power to lead man astray or delay him on his road to spiritualization.

Therefore, awake, My children! Open your spiritual eyes, ears and hearts! Jesus, represented through His gentle teaching of meekness and love, Who on the cross loved not only His neighbor but prayed for His enemies, this Jesus shall rise within you! And as the earth is to become His church, His house of prayer where peace, tranquility and happiness

shall once more dwell, also your hearts shall be paradisiacally adorned only with blossoms of love for God and your fellowmen.

Prepare for this feast of resurrection in your hearts! It is the feast of your spiritualization, of the transfiguration of your own inner self.

As I once, transfigured, with a spiritualized body rose out of the dark sepulcher you too shall leave your sepulcher of worldly passions and desires transfigured, spiritualized, bettered, ennobled, and worthy of Me. If until now the world, your education and social circumstances have enveloped you in shrouds with spices and scents to prevent your earthly being from decay, throw away all these useless things, for they are tools of matter and not of the spirit! Remember, you are not of this world! You used to be spirit and shall again be spirit. There is your home, there He is beckoning to you Who, to help you comprehend it, has died the physical death for you and has risen again spiritually so that after a life that was pure like His you may rise spiritually, casting off what is of the world and, by becoming His children through this spiritual rebirth, require on the smallest scale what He has done for you on the largest. Think of what it means to be called a child of the Creator and Lord of the worlds and to become a brother to those spirits who have long before you gone through this school victoriously and who now in their eternal happiness and bliss are watching with great joy and brotherly love the everlasting resurrection and rebirth of their brothers.

Regard the resurrection as spiritual, which it is, and know that it was accomplished as an eternal memorial and example for you and My entire realm of spirits and souls. At that time, after I had overcome human nature and assumed the divine nature, I shed all that was of the world. You should do the same. Then the day of your spiritual resurrection and rebirth shall be your most important day on earth - the keystone to your earthly mission and the foundationstone to your spiritual one! Amen.

- Sermon 20 -

First Sunday After Easter. The Lord Appears to His Disciples

t. John XX, 19-31: *"When the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.*

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, we have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are

not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

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This chapter confirms My resurrection and shows you its importance and that it was essential if My teaching, dearly paid for with such great sacrifices, was to have permanency and success, for you find My disciples frightened, lacking courage and faith, locking themselves in their houses.

When I appeared to My disciples - as I did to Mary Magdalene at the tomb - one of them was so unbelieving that he would only convince himself of My resurrection by touching My wounds. All that happened in those times, including the other signs Jesus did before the disciples behind closed doors, signs of which you will learn later, too, - all this will gradually happen before people's eyes when I next come to the earth.

The more the number of believers in My pure teaching, as I am giving it to you now, will grow, the more will they have to experience all the stages of enthusiasm, doubt, disbelief and all the violent emotions of spiritual life, for circumstances will often bear witness against Me. People will be misleading My followers in their belief, they will persecute them, hate them and, wherever possible, take revenge on them.

At that time there will also be doubting people, like Thomas, who, misled and discouraged, have thrown all their former peace of mind and faith overboard and will only be able to be healed through My personal appearance.

What at the time of My life on earth were the houses with locked doors, in future will be the hearts of those people who will allow entry neither to the world nor to the spiritual. There, too, I will have to call gently to the hearts of My followers: "Do not be afraid!" and "Peace be with you!", because they, too, without support, are at the point where they may lose everything and perish in eternal doubts.

There will be many who, like Thomas, do not believe at all. They do not even listen to My voice anymore and can only be led back to their previously entered road by factual proofs.

Thus also My believers and future children will have to pass the last crucial test of true faith, for if they - like once My disciples - are to be sent out to inspire others with trust and faith, they must necessarily possess these themselves, from the outset, in the highest degree. I once said that I shall be known by My words and deeds. In the same way also My children and future disciples must be recognized by their actions and words, thereby proving to the others that trust and firm belief are the prerequisites if they want to become worthy of Me.

At that time, I said to Thomas after he had felt My wounds with his fingers: "Because thou hast seen Me thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed!"

You, too, My children, to whom I have already given so much spiritual bread, are not in the least better than My disciples. You, too, are discouraged and faint-hearted, you begin to doubt, brood over My words and turn to the world with its seductive attractions if everything does not immediately work out as you would like it. You, too, shut yourselves away, like the snail in its house, and try to ignore both the inner and outer world if there seem to be contradictions when you cannot reconcile certain actions and events with My all-embracing love. Then I must call to you: "Why do you cry? Save your tears for other occasions; He, Whom you believe to be separated and distant from you, is quite close, but not physically, only spiritually!" Mary Magdalene I had to tell, too: "Touch Me not," for it was My spiritualized body which she was seeing and which was not suitable for human

physical touch. When I came to My disciples in their locked houses, I allowed them to have the impression as if they were feeling My physically; but actually it was no longer I. For, as My mission had ended with the death on the cross, I ceased to have a physical body. It was already spiritualized so as to reunite with the source of its divine essence within a few days.

As this Gospel mentions, I performed many other signs for My disciples, that is, I opened their spiritual eyes and ears, so that they, still more convinced of My deity, might gain the courage to withstand all future dangers that would be brought about by circumstances and their teaching mission.

As long as I still walked among them physically they did not have a firm conviction that I was a godlike being with powers and attributes ordinary people did not possess. They did witness My miracles, but lived and believed only under their compulsion. The moment I had been taken away from them and this direct influence abated or ceased altogether, their firm belief, their confidence and trust, had faded away. If I had not risen from the dead and fulfilled all My former promises, My disciples would have promptly returned to their previous occupations and regarded their experiences with Me only as a dream of which nothing but a memory would have remained of the reality of which they would not have been able to convince anybody.

And as I then had to put My seal to My work with My resurrection, My repeated appearances among My disciples during forty days and My ascension, thus I must now guide and strengthen you, My children, in your faith and trust.

If at that time I gave My disciples the Holy Spirit by breathing on them, if I invested them with the power to remit or retain sins - a power later on so much misinterpreted and misused by the clergy - I did this only because they had gained the firm conviction that there is only one God Who, superior to all that is material, is a spirit and can only be comprehended as such, and that this God, Jesus, was their guide. Thus also My might could be transferred to them, and it had to work, for My disciples only used it for noble purposes and aspired only after My spiritual aim to make people My children.

Just as My disciples could work miracles and heal the sick solely by the power of the Word, you and My future followers, if you have a firm faith in My might and participation, shall also receive the power to perform acts which are impossible to the ordinary person but will be easy enough to the one reborn in the spirit. The times and circumstances will educate you towards this. I have called many for this work, but whether you belong to the chosen ones depends on you alone.

Do not shut off your heart to My fatherly voice! Even when the last rays of hope are fading, do not lose heart! I am and remain always with those who want to stay with Me at all costs. Do not wait for My personal appearance like Thomas, but prepare yourselves to believe and trust firmly, so that My appearance will be only a confirmation of that which you have already believed and hoped for.

Then you will be able to help Me, yourselves and your fellowmen as I once helped My disciples during My life among them. Do not allow doubts to attack your heart nor brooding to weaken your faith! My children shall not keep their hearts shut. With their gaze directed upward above all worldly things, they shall always remember My sacrifice, My love and fatherly care for them and all living creatures so that their heart, as a permanent temple of My love and with unshakable faith in My infallibility, may be a true support in all life's difficulties and against all temptations through doubts and disbelief. Then you will always be hearing within you: "Peace be with you!" For, where through faith in Me and My love peace is already dwelling in a heart, I do not have to bring it, but can just confirm it.

Therefore, I am calling to you: Peace be with you and may it never leave your hearts that I may always gain free entry into them and do not have to force My way through

locked doors with the power of My will, but find your hearts prepared to accept Me as the One Who, also to His disciples in those times, was nothing else but their leader, guide and Father! Amen.

The 7 Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross

PREFACE

THIS booklet "The 7 Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross" was received in 1863 by the inner voice of the Spirit and written down in Graz by Antonie Grossheim, a woman who belonged to the group of friends of the great mystic and servant of God, Jakob Lorber. Further details of Antonie Grossheim can be found in the short, interesting biography "Jakob Lorber", written by Lorber's friend Karl Gottfried Ritter von Leitner.

According to him, Antonie Grossheim was owner of a house in Graz and happily used her earthly possessions to perform good deeds. She was convinced about the profound writings of Jakob Lorber. She often supported the writer of God who lived in poverty.

1. WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

[1] MY child, listen. You will write a book, as a sign that it is the same to Me who I choose as instrument or who I select as carrier of My Word. Because not the great ones or intellectuals will experience what it means to be the Lord's instrument. Also I say to you that you still will have much to suffer and to bear. But do not worry, I will be at your side."

[2] (As reaction to the thoughts of doubt of the writer regarding the question whether what she heard was truly coming from the Lord or could subconsciously come from her own soul): "I want to prove to you, skeptic soul, that it is I, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, who write through your hand. Yes, I am writing Myself. And I want you to have love and trust. Therefore, believe now and trust.

[3] I, your God and Father of eternity, command you the following: you should from now on dedicate one hour every day in the evening, by which I will dictate to you by means of your pen what I will announce to the world. Fear not, for I Myself am with you."

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LORD TO HIS CHILDREN

[1] YOU, My children, who are bound by sin and continue to dream in the sleep of your worldly senses, hear My words that I, as the only Lord of eternity, am revealing through the mouth of a virgin that I selected.

[2] The time of the prediction of the prophets of the Old Testament, as well as what the seers have predicted about Me, was fulfilled with My former coming on your Earth. And now again the time has come that I predicted during My earthly life, when I said: There will be a time on Earth when even My elected ones would leave Me if it were allowed by My. But I am taking care of this (that this extreme thing will not happen to My children).

[3] However, all the others to whom everything is more precious than to seek your eternal destination and to acquire the means to reach that goal, I, as your Father and future Judge, advice you: leave the world and its temporary pleasures and return to Me in word and deed,

as long as there is still time. For it will not be long anymore till My patience will be exhausted and you will experience the judgment of My wrath.

For you know from the Scripture how terrible it is to fall into the hands of the living God. Also, I say to you: verily, verily, Heaven and Earth will perish but My Words will not perish.

[4] When I lived in My earthly body among your human children on Earth I gathered around Me sinners and toll collectors who were considered to be the most despicable people at that time. Therefore I was despised and hated by the great and prominent so that I received the name of being a cunning agitator of the people and even a secret sinner. But I did not come to the Earth for the sake of the righteous ones but for the sake of those whose spirit is sick and for the sinners for whom I offered My life and blood.

[5] My friends who remained faithful to Me stood around Me at the time of My crucifixion, as well as a big crowd, filled with malicious delight. Scornfully laughing they shouted: "He helped others before, now He cannot help Himself!" This strengthened the others in their belief that I was not God but rather a criminal who was abandoned by God.

[6] I however spoke in the fear of My earthly flesh from the cross to the bystanders 7 words in the old Hebrew language of which there is not a correct explanation up to the present day. Therefore, My mercy brought Me to repeat them, and this with the correct explanation of their meaning, for the future (this means the present) times and in this way to reveal their true sense to the people who are of good will.

[7] After I had suffered for a long period of time and with much pain which I had to endure by the tormentors who did not spare their efforts, the high priests saw that I might die before they could have cooled down their vengeance and rage on Me, and they tried to receive the death sentence as soon as possible from the highest Roman Court in order to still be able to taste of the joy to see Me die as painfully as possible. When the message of My death sentence arrived which said that I had to be crucified, My enemies rejoiced loudly and they tried to carry out their work as soon as possible.

[8] When finally My execution took place, My friends, who secretly hid themselves among the people, came to the cross to comfort Me. But the evil crowd wanted to chase them away, and only after the mediation of Pilate it was possible for My mother as well as for John, My favorite disciple, and still a few other women to come close to the cross and in this way to be present at My physical death.

3. THE 7 WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

[1] THEN the cruel tormentors robbed My clothes and naked they tied My hands and feet to the wood and also pierced them with many blunt nails, it happened that My tortured body sighed and said: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." This was the first important word that I spoke in My grief regarding the former and future humanity and their sins.

[2] When I was thus raised on the cross, My body covered with blood and dust, looked so pitiful that it even touched the heart of the enemies who were present. But I saw that it was only a temporary feeling, and their compassion was not for Me but only their sense of beauty was upset. Therefore I said: "**I thirsty.**" But the tormentors did not know what I meant with these words, namely that I was thirsty for the salvation of so many souls whom I saw perishing while they were living in an illusion. And so, in order to torment Me even more, they gave Me gall mixed with vinegar to drink which I however despised.

[3] Right at that moment the whole nature trembled and the order of the elements was disrupted. The sun, as the example of the eternal light, lost its shine, as a sign that the human beings in their spiritual blindness did not see that the deity withdrew under My body's mortal cover, submitting the body to physical death. This is why I spoke the words:

"My God, My God, why have You left Me?"

[4] It was not another God outside of Me to whom I called out, but to the deity in Me – God’s Spirit and initial Power in its full magnitude. For only My physical cover was – just like with the human children – taken from the dust of the earth. And this also had to subdue itself in Me (to suffering and death). Therefore, matter, being left alone, was seeking for help. This in order to show that every human being on Earth should only seek God’s help.

[5] The time was coming that I, when I felt more and more weak, entrusted My soul to My heavenly Father. Then I saw My mother Mary who was so kind and faithful to Me, as well as My disciple John (who was also My secret writer), standing under the cross, and she was saddened unto death. And I spoke to both of them, saying the meaningful words: “**Mary, see your son.**” And to John: “**See your mother.**” With these words I indicated that in a way I was making My testament and thereby entrusting the children of the world to the Spirit of God and appointed Mary as mother of the weak and sick souls in the flesh.

[6] When it was 3 hour according to the Jewish calendar, the time of My physical death came near, and a trembling for death went through My bones. At that moment I saw the criminal Dismas who had been tied to a cross together with Me and longingly directed his eyes towards Me. Full of mercy I looked at him and I promised him that he would “**still today be with Me in Paradise.**”

[7] After My ascension this word has until now given cause for many interpretations. The only correct one however is that every human soul after his physical death, to the measure of his completion, will come in a lower or higher degree of light and that even souls who already had done penance on this side for all the things that are of the Earth will at first only be able to reach paradise or the lower degree of bliss, for no soul can come in the highest bliss into the Heaven of Love before he is entirely purified. And so Dismas, through his love and trust in Me, had reached the first degree and it became possible to promise him Paradise.

[8] I was already dying when I spoke the words: “**Father, in Your hands I command My Spirit**”. This is also a word that is difficult to understand for many people. Because why should I, God Himself, command My Spirit in the hand of a God outside of Me? For this would mean that there are two gods. But this is not the case, and no one should be mistaken about this. Let everyone understand it this way: that only the outer cover (the soul) of My inner divine Spirit spoke these words, and these words should be understood precisely as what I formerly said during My life on Earth, saying about Myself: “I, the Son of man, say to you this or that”. In precisely the same way the life-force of the soul of My earthly body spoke on the cross the words: “Father, in Your hands I command My Spirit.”

[9] When the soul felt compelled to leave the body, I became weaker. And the people who stood around Me had a malicious delight and mocked Me. But I had to drink the cup unto the last drop and foresaw also that the yelling crowd would not be moved by My pain and struggle for death. And so I said, when the last moment of My earthly life had come, the last word on Earth: “**It is accomplished.**”

[10] O people, if only you were capable to understand this word. If you would completely understand what it means that God’s Son has accomplished the great work of salvation for the whole of humanity, then not one soul would perish. But sin came into the world through Adam, and therefore, as long as a being has to go through the earthly life by means of the flesh, sin and physical death will be part of the human children.

And the power of evil and of Satan in matter was therefore (not completely taken away but) only broken by God’s Son and His intercession.

[11] (Now it is up to every soul, through faith and love, to follow the Mediator – in all humility and determination – the way that has been opened. And so the work of salvation will also be accomplished for you, child of men.)

4. MY DEATH AND REMOVAL OF MY BODY FROM THE CROSS

[1] AFTER this My last word I died, or rather: My soul stepped out of matter and unified himself with My Initial Spirit, who was the eternal Spirit of God.

[2] And I descended to the place where the souls of the patriarchs were waiting for the hour of salvation, for no creature could enter the peace of Heaven before the justice of God was reconciled by the great work of love of salvation. So I freed the way again that was originally given to all beings but was once destroyed by the fall of the angels.

[3] Adam had to repair that way again and had to lead the solidified matter, which enveloped all spiritual life, back to its beginning, for which reason the freedom of will was given to him. But he lost that freedom again by the sin of disobedience against God and fell again with all descendants ever deeper into judgment and death out of which there was forever no more hope for salvation. Then appeared the infinite Mercy and Love of the Eternal as Mediator and the Son of man, covered in the matter of the Earth, to free His creatures and lead them back to their first and eternal destination.

[4] When I hung on the cross, according to the prescribed Jewish law, the hour had come on which the bodies of the 3 criminals, among also I was counted, had to be taken off the cross, for it was the time of the days of rest when nobody was allowed to remain on the spot of execution. Then came My friends, who were mostly Romans and Greeks – also a few Jews were among them as My secret followers of My teaching – and they wanted to show their love for Me for the last time on Earth.

[5] They bought My body from the supreme governor to be able to put it in the grave. And so with mockery and scorn of the Jewish people I was taken off the cross by the few friends who still remained faithful to Me. And My mother, who was saddened unto death, fell before Me on the ground. And when she saw her child, mutilated, bleeding and dead, she took My head on her lap under intense lamenting and countless tears.

[6] You are asking what about the wound in My side that I forget to mention. Do not worry about that, for this injury was only inflicted upon Me when I already had left My earthly body, and it was only the arbitrary act of a merciful soldier who thought that I was perhaps still in a powerless deadly struggle. Through that, he wanted to deliver Me earlier from My terrible suffering. And by that he received, at the same moment that his spear pierced My heart, the mercy that his heart felt a unique pain. And he understood whose heart he had pierced.

5. BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

[1] THEN I, meaning My covering, was carried away to the grave that was located at quite a distance from the city of Jerusalem and belonged to the high priest Nicodemus. After they added a lot of aromatic herbs to My body according to eastern customs, they enveloped it in white linen cloths and laid it down in the grave. And My friends stood around Me, crying and lamenting. The faithful souls were filled with a heartrending grief when they thought that they had seen Me for the last time on Earth. And they returned while their soul was deeply saddened – this was already mentioned in the account of My suffering.

[2] Here in this writing will only be mentioned My death and the predictions which will now soon come true and which were pointed out to the blind people by the 7 words. Because now the time has come in which I will transform these words into deeds.

[3] After I was laying 2 days in the grave to fulfill the Scripture, the time had come for My glorification and resurrection. And when the morning of the third day had come it happened that I, liberated from the bands of death and uniting the soul with the spiritualized body, ascended to My heavenly Father or Initial Spirit, and I gloriously arose as conqueror of death and Satan.

[4] It happened during the first hours of the morning that I appeared in the garden to Mary of Magdalon who was deeply in sorrow and wanted to visit Me in the grave. When she saw Me she fell overly rejoiced with tears of love at My feet and could hardly be calmed down. O how much joy gives such a love.

[5] On that day I also appeared to a few of My disciples, as well as to My mother Mary. Now finally the time had come that, after the fulfillment of My offering of death that was imposed to Me by the heavenly Father, I had still time and opportunity to speak to My friends and explain to them the importance and the meaning of My bitter suffering and death.

No account could be found anywhere in the world up to now of what I discussed with My disciples during that time till My ascension, since only something was mentioned in the letters of Paul to the Ephesians which is almost the same as My teaching when I was on Earth in the spiritual body.

[6] When I saw that My disciples recognized Me and adhered to Me just like before, I brought them together in an inn outside of the city and spoke with them about My death and My resurrection as well as about My coming ascension to the Father. My friends were very saddened when they heard that I would leave them forever. But I comforted them and promised them to send a Comforter that would strengthen them and would lead them in all truth. With this comfort they finally were all satisfied.

[7] Then I still instructed My favorite John about all the things that will happen to the nations in the long course of time. I also told him to put everything into writing what I would reveal to him regarding the future. This also happened. However, through later wars and conquests of the nations all those writings became lost.

[8] So listen and write again what I find good to reveal to you.

6. EXPLANATION OF THE WORDS ON THE CROSS

[1] FREE will has been given to every human being to do what is good or evil, and with that to acquire bliss or on the other hand damnation. But God is omniscient and foresees the periods of time of eons as if they are 1 second. Therefore, the deity saw already in the beginning, at the fall of the first human pair, what disaster sin would bring, and what kind of wars, diseases and countless many other forms of evil would result of this in the course of time for the descendants in the far future.

[2] In order to save in any case the human children from eternal death, there was no other way for the merciful love of the deity than to break the bonds of eternal death by the incarnation of the eternal Word and the death of the One who became Man (Jesus). However, the temporary forms of evil are by that not abolished, for the consequence of sin is inevitably a punishment. And oh, in what kind of sea of sins and vices did men sink away by now.

[3] When I, the Savior, was hanging on the cross, bleeding and dying for mankind, I spoke those 7 meaningful words because I saw the full dimension of their guilt and the consequences thereof, and now I will once more explain them for the salvation of the people.

[4] The first word that I then spoke: "**Lord, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing**" was not so much in relation to the blind Jews, but much more to those descendants who, after accepting My teaching and carrying My name, would in later times build temples for Me. Although I taught them that My Kingdom is not of this world, these people attached themselves so much to the earthly matter that My statement that I once spoke to the rich son of a Pharisee: 'Truly, I say to you: it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom' applied completely to them.

[5] My teaching speaks about humility, meekness and tolerance for the weaknesses of fellowman. But oh, how seldom is this teaching applied. Exactly those who should be My disciples and carry My name are nowadays full of hate against their brothers who fell a prey to human weakness.

[6] Did I not pray that all men should help one another as good brothers and sisters? But how seldom do they listen to this. Murder, robbery, quarrel and manslaughter, because My heavenly teaching is not observed, are all too visible, and in stubborn and arrogant disobedience they more or less lead even the better people to their downfall.

[7] The second word is: "**I thirsty**". O certainly I was thirsty there and still am thirsty for so many souls who in their illusion are going to ruin and who only seek their salvation in their worldly pleasures and who neither care about God nor about eternity.

[8] But woe, woe, to such worldly people. A terrible judgment will break loose over them because the measure of their sins is more than full and only a short time is still given to them. And when also this will expire they will be removed from the book of the living.

[9] You ask Me in your thoughts that I each time threaten and still do not determine a time for My chastisement? On this I say to you and all who have ears to hear: this is now precisely because I as your Father and eternal judge want to give every soul sufficient time and opportunity to acquire eternal salvation and so that no soul on the day of judgment can use the excuse by saying that his life was shortened.

[10] My third word was: "**My God, My God, why have You left Me?**" Even My friends interpreted this word as a human weakness and they asked themselves why when I formerly pretended to be God, now in My agony of death I call to God, thinking that He had left Me.

[11] O you nearsighted human beings. Do you not realize that only the Spirit in Me was God but the cover of the flesh on the other hand existed out of weak matter and, just like your bodies, had to be subjected to pain and suffering? For what would have been the merit if I – in this (human, weak and imperfect) cover – would have taken away the great guilt of men because matter in Me had to be obedient even unto the death on the cross?

[12] Just like I Myself in My third word will once, on the great day of judgment, call out those who during their life were never or very little concerned about Me or My word. But when the time of mercy will be over, then no shout for mercy or compassion, no matter how loud it sounds, will be able to help.

[13] Because look around you and you will see how the world makes progress in the field of worldly sciences, arts and new discoveries. People examine the most secret powers of nature, and I allow that all My works are subjected to them since I created everything beautifully and to be of benefit for My children. But for what purpose are they using all their sciences?

Only to enrich themselves with worldly treasures and to indulge in their pride and audacity. By that the wealthy forget completely their poor brothers who fall ever deeper in all kinds of need and misery, and in their lamentation they call to Me for help and mercy.

[14] Then why would I not take care of My poor children and save them from their heavy yoke of spiritual and physical slavery? And how would I then be able to give mercy and compassion to those who do not know mercy and compassion themselves?

[15] The fourth word: "**Mary, see your son, and you, son, see your mother.**" I did not actually speak this for My mother because I knew that My disciples would not leave My physical mother alone. But by that I rather wanted to show in a way what kind of love I carried in My heart for My children.

I wanted to advice them all to trust the merciful love of God that was symbolically compared with the love of a mother. And with 'son' was meant the children of men who can make themselves worthy by the strict observation of My teaching.

[16] But where among the people can one find the strict observation of My so simple teaching which is so much benefit for the salvation of the soul. Only a few of all My children

are still observing half of My will. The others are either too entangled in their haughtiness or they are too much surrounded by too many worldly worries to care for My Word. So My divine teaching has developed into almost an illusory teaching or a traditional custom, and by that sin is dominating among the people.

[17] Therefore, it is the highest time to in all earnest bring back My children on the right way again. But unfortunately this is not possible anymore with soft means, but only with all the severity of the judgment. For also the proverb says: 'The one who does not want to listen, must feel'. This is why, to prevent the peoples, in their excessive blindness, from letting them completely sink down towards eternal death, I will have to let break out a serious chastisement over them.

[18] I have warned and am still warning every individual person and whole nations in general through diseases, the failing of their worldly speculations, wars, inflations and such like.

In the past and at present I allowed that people, by their stubbornness, inflict to themselves and often on both sides, the greatest possible damage. And often all this is still in vain.

People look for the causes of all those bad situations anywhere else, but instead of blaming themselves, in their sinful state they blame Me, their humble and tolerant God.

[19] O blind people. How long must I still look at your foolish conduct? Do you perhaps think in your illusion that you can defy Me, your Lord and God? Woe unto you. In times of need for help you will raise your hands to Me in vain. When the time of mercy is over, then I will close My ears for your shouting and be deaf for your pleas, for you know that it is not enough to call out 'Lord, lord', but that it is important to always righteously walk on My ways that I have shown you if you want to be part of My mercy.

[20] Now we come to the explanation of the fifth word that I have spoken on the cross. These words of comfort: "**Even today you will be with Me in Paradise**" I spoke to Dismas who hung at the cross at the right side of Me. However, these words were not only meant for him, but for everyone who accepts My teaching and lives according to it. Why I promised Dismas only Paradise and not Heaven I already made clear at the beginning of this booklet. Soon the time will come when only a few will be able to only acquire Paradise, for it is allowed by Me that people in their free will can do everything they want. And before the time of My great judgment will come, even evil spirits are given the freedom to turn to the initial Light for their conversion and return (by which of course the good angels are given the assignment to protect My children and to keep them from the traps of the Satan). Then the word will be fulfilled "There will come a time when, if it were allowed, even the believing would turn away".

[21] What kind of time will that be, will you ask? And I say to you: this is a time of pride, arrogance, stinginess, sexual perversion, prostitution in all kinds of forms, which keeps all nations in its grip and which makes them sink ever deeper in their pool of sins out of which eternally no return can be expected without My help.

[22] With My sixth word: "**Father, in Your hands I command My Spirit**" I wanted in a way to give all children of men the nice example that the soul has to return to his initial Source and that man should organize his life and live in such a way that at the end of his earthly course of life he can entrust his soul to his heavenly Father with joy and under praisings.

[23] Then I spoke My last word: "**It is accomplished.**" Yes, it was accomplished, the great work of salvation. But how to how much benefit has it been for the many thousands and thousands of souls, even when, through My death and mediation, they also were delivered from the original sin (but did not follow Me in spirit and in deeds)? Heaven was opened for them, but through their sinfulness, living without love and repentance, they drew again eternal damnation to themselves.

[24] Children of men, as My first and last word I say to you again in the full earnest of My love:

[25] Repent. Return to your Lord and God in word and deed. Stop your usury and remember your poor brothers who beg for your mercy in vain. Remember the widows and orphans. And speak righteously to those who are immature.

[26] For it is written: "With the measure with which you measure, so will you also be measured." Let the fate of former generations be a warning to you. As long as they remained faithful to God they were successful and happy, but when they began only to trust themselves God turned away from those nations, and whole kingdoms were wiped out from the face of the Earth.

7. AFTERWORD

[1] NOW the 7 words were spoken again, and also their meaning has been revealed to you so that mankind can hear them and act accordingly.

[2] But now you ask in your heart: "Lord, how many will hear nothing of these words? Must they perish because they will be without any warning or knowledge of Your words?"

[3] Then listen to what I reply to this: no human being, no matter from what religion he may be, can say that he never has received a warning, either in words, in a teaching or by different trials in his life. To every individual it is pointed out that he was not only created for this world but that there is another eternal life following this short earthly life which can be really beneficial and give the soul a happy eternity.

[4] In conclusion listen to the last admonition that I announced to you here and take it to heart:

[5] Watch and pray, so that you will not come into temptation, for you do not know neither the day nor the hour on which your Lord will come. And woe unto those if He will find them unprepared.

[6] The day will not last long anymore. Evening will come and the time of judgment is at the door. He who will still in time turn to Me with remorse, love and humility, him I will save and remove from the number of those who are rejected before My face. So everyone is free to turn to Me or to throw himself blindly into eternal ruin.

[7] So hurry. Time flies by. The fig tree is already blooming as a sign that the winter (or the time of the spiritual sleep) is over and spring (or the time of the awakening from sin and delusion) has come and the people and nations are called for the judgment to give account of their actions and way of life.

[8] I, the Lord, the Eternal and Infinite, tell you, children of men, that I have decided in My eternal decree to visit the world – this means the evil children of men who left Me and became unfaithful – with all kinds of plagues so that they may wake up from their sinful sleep.

[9] If they want to come back, then this will be very good. However, if they want to be against Me in the evilness and stubbornness of their heart, then, in the zeal of My justice, I will not wait any longer and burn them as withered straw.

[10] Because the children of My love are in need and call loudly to Me for help and mercy. And I, as an eternal loyal Father of all those who put their trust and hope upon Me, I no longer want to let them languish under the evilness of the enemies of the Light and of the eternal Truth from the Heavens.

[11] Although the signs of My return on Earth are increasing, the end has not been reached yet. And as long as the Earth will not be purified from all the evil weed, I will not appear.

[12] But do not become discouraged by that, My children, and do not become afraid. Even if I am still not visibly with You, I nevertheless say to you: truly, I am spiritually always with you and strengthen and comfort you in spirit.

[13] So wait quietly and in full trust for the time, or till the full light will have developed itself from the darkness of the night, and you will see the rising of the sun of My glory that will enlighten and warm all hearts forever.

[14] May this announcement of your Lord and Father Jesus be an encouragement to you to faithfully persevere in your work.

Amen.

