

MESSAGES for the Followers of the LORD

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Excerpts from
THE NEW
REVELATION
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THE NEW REVELATION

From 1840 to 1864, and from 1870 to 1877, **JESUS CHRIST** dictated to the Austrian musician **Jakob Lorber** and to German **Gottfried Mayerhofer** the greatest and largest spiritual message ever offered to humanity.

The revelations were received by the two scribes of the Lord through **Inner Word**, meaning Lorber and later, Mayerhofer heard them very clearly in the region of their heart and wrote them faithfully down, without adding any personal contribution. They were perfectly awake, they didn't experience any states of altered consciousness, nor were they some mediums for automatic writing whose hands were guided by a spirit-entity.

The writings of Lorber and Mayerhofer, comprising tens of volumes are known as **THE NEW REVELATION**, the extraordinary spiritual teaching that **JESUS CHRIST** brought to mankind, almost 2000 years after his earthly life. There are numerous advices for the Lord's followers in the works

of The New Revelation, but especially in **The Great Gospel of John** and **The Interpretation of Scriptures** (through Jakob Lorber) and **The Lord's Sermons** (through Gottfried Mayerhofer), where the seeker may find included all the teachings of the Christian Gospels.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:14-16)

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." (Matthew 16:24 – 28)

"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." (Luke 8:16-18)

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. (Luke 12:48)

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.(Matthew 19:29-30)

But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25-28)

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (1 John 3:13-14)

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:19-20)

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 11:13)

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (Matthew 25:34-40)

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INTRODUCTION

“The week approaches again when it is more earnestly thought about Me in Christendom, naturally in a different way, and not as I would like it and as I have appointed it during My earth walk. Only, let us leave it alone! It will still happen, even more so since already, for some time, the necessary provisions, in regard to the spiritual, have been met and, finally allows light to shine where until now darkness ruled.

Also you, My children, remember - with the approaching of these days of remembrance - the words which I have given in the earlier years. And thus some long for new words, while he yet should await, in himself, a better result and should enter into himself in order to see in how far he has followed his task according to the earlier words. – Since I, however, am the Father of Love and know very well with what weak children I have to deal with, thus I will let you write down your “General Confession” instead of you telling it to Me. For thus, perhaps, some would leave out his main faults while I am not inclined to overlook even one in silence..

See, the coming week reminds you of two things: firstly, of the example of My humility, meekness and an all-embracing, all forgiving love; secondly, of the great sacrifice which I, as God in human form, brought to you, in order not to let you sink down to animals of lust, but to save your spiritual worth, so that you, corresponding to My likeness, could be that for which I have created you! What concerns the first, the first question to be answered is: how and in how far have you followed my example, how have you maintained your love of neighbor towards your fellow men, how have you practiced your meekness, forgiveness and love.

Now, everyone should grasp his breast, examine himself, and if he finds his main weaknesses, then he should improve them! For if I should re-count to you your weaknesses, then you could be certain that it would look very badly. Not one, without exception, is what he should be, or what I could demand, after the gift of so much light which you have received from Me until now. For everywhere I see IMPATIENCE, FALSE CONVERSION ZEAL, UNNECESSARY TALKATIVENESS and GLAD UNCOVERING OF OTHER'S FAULTS. Truly, these are not the attributes of My disciples.

Precisely during the next week there stands the image of the greatest self-denial, the greatest patience and the greatest love for you, and how little have you lived and acted according to this image!? While I once said: “Whoever is of a pure conscience, let him pick up the first stone!” – you have often, with a soiled conscience, exposed other erring ones to a whole rainstorm of stones and have unmercifully dragged him through filth when he should have been raised out of it with a tender hand! – I spoke on the cross: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!” - When have you lead such a conversation? See, examine only in your heart, and you will tremble with horror how many black spots show themselves in it, how many soiled pages you own in the diary of your life!

From everything that you have perceived from Me until now, it shines forth quite clearly how you should think, live and act and it is not always necessary to continually repeat the old with new words. You should have already grasped that the READING AND HEARING OF MY WORD ALONE IS INSUFFICIENT IN ORDER TO APPEAR AS THE FOLLOWERS OF MY PERSON. You should know that NOT OCCASIONAL DEVOTION OR THE RAISING UP OF FEELINGS IS ALREADY SUFFICIENT IN ORDER TO BE MY CHILD, BUT THAT A CONTINUAL LOOKING UP TO ME IS NECESSARY, A CONSTANT REMEMBRANCE THAT EVERY BEAT OF THE PULSE OF YOUR HEART IS A GRACE FROM ME, OF WHICH YOU OFTEN SHOW YOURSELVES UNWORTHY; that all that is good which comes across your path COMES FROM ME AND ALL THAT IS BAD WHICH STRIKES YOU, HAS MOSTLY YOUR OWN FAULT FOR A CAUSE. You should also have come to the insight that to be a man according to My sense, is not so easy and precisely because of that, all trouble, all strength must be employed in order to come, even from afar, to the achievement of which your life is mostly too short, so that you must make up, under great difficulties in the beyond, that which you have neglected.

YOUR SOUL SHOULD PLACE ALL THIS AS A PICTURE BEFORE ITSELF, SO AS TO ASK ITSELF: AM I AS I WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR TO MY JESUS, MY CREATOR, EVEN NOW, IN THIS APPROACHING WEEK? AND IS MY OWN BEHAVIOUR WORTHY THAT THIS JESUS, THIS GOD OF LOVE, HAS BROUGHT SUCH A GREAT SACRIFICE FOR MY SAKE?

Yes, such thoughts should especially occupy you in these days, since in many churches My corpse will be placed in a tomb with all kinds of ceremonies, until I, tired of waiting, hold My second resurrection to the horror of many, in order to show that not I, as they believe, must serve them, but that they must serve Me!

DO NOT PLACE ME, MY CHILDREN, INTO THE TOMB! DO NOT DECORATE MY WORDS - WHICH REPRESENT ME - WITH PRETTY BINDINGS AND THEN LET THEM QUIETLY STAND IN LIBRARY SHELVES! BUT LET THE CHRIST BE RESURRECTED IN YOU! HE WAS LAID IN YOUR HEART, SO THAT HE MAY BECOME ALIVE, SO THAT ALSO IN YOU MAY SHINE HIS LOVE, HIS HUMILITY AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE! As long as you do not comply with these attributes, so long you have only a dead corpse in your hearts and not a warm, living Word which once created the world, maintains it and spiritualizes it, and now soon again all spaces will be lit up in order to show that in spite of all the machinations only My teachings and deeds will live eternally and will build the shining point for all spiritual beings which, having gone forth from the Creator, return to Him again.

Grasp next week in that way! YOU ALL WANT TO BECOME MY CHILDREN AND TO BE CALLED SUCH BY ME! THEN SHOW YOURSELVES WORTHY OF THIS NAME AND WITH-IT-CONNECTED BLESSING AND HAPPINESS AND THEN THE CHRIST, LAID IN THE TOMB, WILL ARISE IN HIS MOST BEAUTIFUL LIGHT IN YOUR HEARTS.

HE WILL CELEBRATE HIS AND YOUR BIRTHDAY, IN THAT HE, IN YOU, THROUGH THE ACTIVE LOVE TOWARDS THE NEIGHBOUR, STRENGTHENS THE LOVE OF GOD. AND AFTERWARDS AS HE

IS ARISEN AND YOU ARE RE-BORN, YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOGNISE THE WHOLE SPHERE OF HIS LOVE AND HIS MIGHT.

Thus you should stand before Me every year more purified and spiritually higher and with the resolve to continually improve, go forward until everyone's way of life leads to Me in the beyond, where, certainly, THE STRUGGLES AND SUFFERINGS DO NOT CEASE, but you – according to the achieved level – will be provided with more strength and might and will be able to run through this greater spiritual school to My satisfaction.

Therefore, My children, w a t c h and p r a y - so that you do not fall into temptation!

Just as I once called out to My disciples on the Mount of Olives, I say to you again: WATCH THE MOST SECRET DRIVES WHEN THEY SNEAK AROUND YOU, SO THAT YOU DO NOT FALL! For like Peter regretted his denial, thus will repentance also follow the deed. SEEK MOREOVER, THROUGH GOOD WILL AND GOOD DEEDS, TO MAKE FIRM YOUR SATISFACTION AND REST SO THAT YOU BECOME STRENGTHENED AND NOT ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BEND, LIKE A REED, WITH EVERY SLIGHT BREEZE OF PASSION! CONSIDER MY LIFE ON EARTH!

HOW OFTEN I FELT THE BLOWING OF THE HUMAN NATURE AND HAVE RESISTED IT! JUST AS I THERE, AS A HUMAN BEING, YOU TOO CAN, AS SUCH, BE SPIRITUALLY VICTORIOUS. FOR, FOR THAT HAVE I COME, TO SHOW YOU, THROUGH WORD AND DEED, WHAT A HUMAN BEING IS CAPABLE OF, WHEN SOMETHING HIGHER INSPIRES HIM THAN THE USUAL DRIVE FOR SURVIVAL AND OF EMOTION.

I followed My aim with love, earnestness and patience until the end, where the words: "It is finished!" Have completed the human life's course and I left it to you to begin yours."

Let God be your true earnestness

“12.43 Knowing this, you also know who and how he can lift the endless chain of existence, which climbs up to the firstborn of all light and life.

12.44 But here the question is put to the intellectual, whether also he, the idle, is able to lift this chain and likewise the second and last question. IF YOU CANNOT FIND THE FOOTPRINTS OF TRUTH, NAMELY, THROUGH THE DEED, WHO THEN WILL RELEASE YOU FROM THIS NIGHT OF ETERNAL DEATH?

12.45 I think this last question needs no further clarification, since you will know from this script, that ONE MUST BE A LIVING, ACTIVE DOER OF THE WORD IN ORDER TO BE RELEASED

FROM THE NIGHT OF ETERNAL DEATH - AND NOT ONLY A HEARER, OR ULTIMATELY EVEN A CRITIC, WHAT IS EVEN WORSE, A DESPISER AND THEN EVEN A DENIER OF MY WORD.

12.46 But whoever wants to be a real doer of the Word must be totally earnest, so he can say with My dear David: "God is my true earnestness, I will sing and compose, that is also my glory. In good health, you psalters and harps, I will be up early. I will thank Thee, Oh Lord, among the peoples and will sing praises to You among the masses, for Thy grace reaches as far as the heavens extend, and Thy truth reaches higher than the clouds. Lift up Thyself, Oh God, above the heavens, Your Glory over every land, so that Your dear friends are released, help with Your right hand hearken to me!"

12.47 Doesn't David sing here that God is his true earnestness?

12.48 But how else can God be with man except in the Word? Thus the Word must be man's earnestness; therefore he should sing it or hear it and then write it or do it; and that is the glory of the light of man himself.

12.49 Here David calls to the psalters and harps, and wants to get up early, in order to do what?

12.50 Nothing but the Word; for whoever takes up the Word into his heart and does accordingly, and does such among nations and among people, or he finds himself in the middle of the two well-known polarities, and strives through them towards God, and doesn't let himself to be led astray by nations or by people, or by his intellect, nor by his indolence, he it is who thanks and sings praises to Me with the best psalters and harps.

12.51 Yes, truly, whoever does so, to whom God is a true earnestness, as to David, he knows quite well how far My grace extends, or how far the life from Me goes out into all the eternal spaces, which are the heavens, of which enough was told to you today, he also knows what the "clouds of truth" are, namely the spirits of eternal life.

12.52 Yes, to whom God is a true earnestness, he recognizes the victory within himself and calls likewise with David: "Lift Thyself, oh God, above the heavens – or over this my former life – and Thy Glory – or Thy living light – stream out over the lands of my being, so that thereby, all dear friends or all who have turned themselves toward life, at whichever level they may be, will be released of all that is death!"

12.53 Yes, to whom God, as to David, is a true earnestness, will also call to Him, "Lord, my God and Father, - see, my heart overflows with love to You! See, out of the depth of my humility, I implore and cry to You that You might help me with Your right hand, or that You might give me the true light of life, and then I could become one, single complete life with You; and so hearken to me, my God!"

12.54 See, that IS A PROPER SUPPLICATION FOR HIM WHO, BY HIMSELF, CAN SAY IN THE SPIRIT AND IN ALL TRUTH: "GOD IS MY TRUE EARNESTNESS!"

12.55 FOR TO WHOM GOD IS A TRUE EARNESTNESS, HE WILL TURN HIMSELF TOWARDS GOD COMPLETELY, AND WILL NOT LOOK BACK TO THE WORLD WITH ONE EYE, AND LOOK TOWARDS GOD WITH THE OTHER ONE. HE WILL NOT LIFT ONLY HIS EYES TO GOD, BUT HIS ENTIRE BEING! But, as it is these days, believe Me, there is very little earnestness towards God, and mankind has fallen completely into the greatest half-heartedness and the remaining drop of it living power is used solely for world purposes!

12.56 THE AMOUNT OF LIVING POWER RETURNING TO ME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COUNT ON YOUR FINGERS WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE, AND BE ASSURED THAT THE WORDS "COUNTLESS" AND "UNENDING" WILL NOT BE USED HERE.

12.57 But should that make us anxious? Oh, My dear little children, by no means! For everything will proceed the way that My judging Word prescribes, either upwards or downwards, and so, quite plainly spoken, although this planet was redeemed for a very high ransom, and was placed in the center of My two endless polarities, there are still very many planets in the whole of infinity upon which more faithful children are walking than upon this most ungrateful one – nevertheless, I have done it for no planet but this one!

12.58 As yet, eternity has not come to an end; its continuation is endless! Woe to this earth if I turn My heart away from it toward another.

12.59 Mark well, all that you have received in this fly, and act accordingly! Stay away from your intellect, but remain all that much closer to your heart, then you will recognize the true victory of life within yourselves, and you will be able to swing yourselves up to the sevenfold light, and to the threefold light above the sevenfold light!

12.60 And I tell you this in addition: If anyone has a doubt and cannot fully believe this communication, so that through it he becomes alive in his heart, he will do better not to touch it for, if he has touched upon it, he has also reinforced the inner judge towards death. But if he has not touched upon it, his judgment will also be easier, and the way to the negative pole more tolerable and, perhaps, after eternities, also reversible.

12.61 BUT WHOEVER READS IT AND CONSIDERS IT AS A POWERFUL SIGNPOST TOWARDS LIFE, AND DOES ACCORDINGLY, TRULY, HE ALREADY HAS THE VICTORY WITHIN HIMSELF, ALL OF WHICH IS YOUR FATHER'S SOLE, HOLY LOVE-WILL ETERNALLY. Amen." (The Fly – final chapter)

Faith, Trust and Confidence

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"Since you have read yesterday these three words in a spiritistic book (Adelma, "Book of Contemplation", Vienna 1857), which you cannot dismiss from your memory, upon your request I too will give you some words on these three important qualities that are very necessary, particularly for you, and also for your whole company. For also they are lacking in faith, even more in trust, and there is hardly any confidence. So listen:

Faith, this beautiful and noble word which expresses that man, or his spiritual being, surrenders totally to that which he has grasped as truth and, basing his future actions on it, derives his peace from, and founds his future happiness on, the same, how few have it and even if it occurs with individual people, how minute its dose is!

Faith, as I have only recently said in My words to your doubting friend, is the fundamental basis of everything. In the absence of faith, there is nothing that has to be spiritually substantiated. Faith, together with the infant's first comprehension, is the first bond binding it to its mother and to the world. What the mother trustingly lays into the heart of the child, that is, of its awakening spirit, it accepts faithfully. It is convinced that its mother tells it only the truth; it has arrived at this firm conviction, achieved through spiritual and physical bonds, as the only one binding it to the mother and the surrounding world. The faith in these first imprinted truths is often so lasting and, if pure and sincere, so strong that even in his last days on earth, man does not forget the effect the first impressed precepts of his early years, coming from his mother, which he accepted, childlike, in their entirety, preserving them as the first spiritual treasures in his heart.

Many a person among you will often exclaim: "Oh glorious time of the first days of youth, when as a dependent child I listened to the instructive tales of my mother and accepted everything as truth, and nothing but the truth, which at that tune she laid into my heart and which even now, despite all the vicissitudes of life and all the negative experiences, cannot be blotted out from the heart!"

Indeed, faith, this virtue of adhering with childlike faith is the first support which should lead man into the temple of peace and serve him as prop against all doubts assailing him.

When I now apply faith in the religious sense, how much more it should then be! The holy banner which the inspired man swears never to forsake, as basis of all precepts and truths once given you by Me visibly, and now invisibly through spiritual influence!

Many have sworn by this banner, defending it to their last breath and often sealing it with their own blood. But how many others have left it without ever returning to it. And how many have incidentally allowed their fine religious zeal to be perverted into fanaticism, which then led to the immense number of abominations as witnessed by the annals of the priesthood to this very day.

Thus, faith can be likened to fire. Although fire is such a beneficial and useful element for the one who uses it wisely, it is terrifying for the one who disregards and neglects its effect and to whom in the end it can do the greatest damage instead of being useful to him.

Everything I have created has two aspects, a good and a bad one. This applies also to faith. As total surrender to the divine will, what gentle warmth it spreads all over the human heart, and how burning, wildly blazing and intolerant it is if, used by the wrong hand, it presses a firebrand instead of a small lamp as a road-sign into the hand of the man seeking peace!

THEREFORE, MY CHILDREN, BEWARE OF EXTREMES! PARTICULARLY IN OUR TIME; USE FAITH AS HEALING BALM AND TAKE GOOD CARE LEST IT BECOME A CONSUMING POISON FOR YOU.

So as to be on the safe side, believe only Me, listen only to My voice in your hearts, which does not deceive, and do not let yourselves be deluded by clever, sell-seeking interpreters of My Word. Here the word holds good:

“Examine what you hear and read; adhere to the good and eliminate the bad.”

If you will always faithfully observe this rule, the banner of faith will at all times be for you the most sacred palladium (sanctuary) by which you will surely and safely find the road to your bliss and to My heart.

In order to consolidate your faith more and more you must also possess the second word in the highest degree, that means you must have implicit TRUST in My words; for, strictly speaking, faith and trust are almost one and the same.

Faith is the firm acceptance of truth and trust likewise signifies merely the innermost conviction that what was said and faithfully accepted can be nothing else and leads to the desired goal only through the firm trust that no matter what the action, what is believed has to be confirmed through it.

In order to metaphorically elucidate for you these two concepts, let us presume a man has completely lost his way in a forest. By chance he meets another man who has gone into the forest to gather wood. The one lost asks the other about the right path to take. The wood gatherer gives him precise instructions as to the direction to be followed. And the one lost believes the explanations of the wood gatherer and proceeds on the described path, firmly trusting that it will lead him out of the forest.

Here you have the difference between faith and trust metaphorically presented. If you want to apply this picture to your own life, to the confession of My teaching and the practical application of the same, I must tell you that you believe many a thing spoken by Me, but lack the firm trust that its application and the living according to it will be followed by the desired and predicted result.

Hence it follows that although you seemingly believe in everything I say in My Gospels and in My words now being given to you, you still lack the unlimited trust in the infallibility of what has been said. You will then fare like the aforementioned lost one: Unless he absolutely believes the wood gatherer, is firmly convinced and trusts that the described path is the only true one, he will not find the way out of the forest, for he will on the way, plagued by doubts, begin to waver.

This is often the case with you. You believe, are convinced, at least for the moment, but as soon as it is a matter of carrying out what you believe, slight mists of doubts arise, here and there a “Why, or: “who knows if the success of my action will be as predicted!” etc. What is lacking is trust, and nothing however zealously believed helps, or, in other words: The words without action are an empty sound.

Thus the right faith must be coupled with the right trust. The former is the tree that is to be planted; the second is the blossom to be cultivated, and the third, the firm confidence that is to be harvested as fruit. Where these three qualities are united together in a heart, My Word is valid which I once spoke to My disciples, where it says: “If you believe and will it unwaveringly, you will even move mountains!” – which means as much as:

If you have the faith in the power of the word, uttered with the firm trust in its truth, also the firm confidence is present that the desired result will follow!

BUT WHERE IS THIS TRIO OF DIVINE ATTRIBUTES UNITED IN ANY OF YOU? EVERYWHERE THERE IS SHALLOW FAITH, LITTLE TRUST AND NO CONFIDENCE AT ALL. A hundred times I repeat it to you: "Act and live in accordance with My words, and you will see miracles!"

Faith's most beautiful attributes, crowned by unshakeable trust, will enhance your heavenly confidence that also you, like Me, can rule the elements and perform deeds contrary to all ordinary laws of nature which to others must appear as miracles because they do not know that your will, coupled with Mine, is the foremost law to which all other laws are subservient.

I know quite well that at every attempt, numerous doubts will arise in you. For such invasions into the essence of My natural laws can only be attempted by one who has become reborn and who invokes only My help for such actions, provided they are necessary for the benefit of mankind, and not as a joke or out of ambition or vanity, when his action would result in failure.

I only tell you that it is possible and has been achieved already by My disciples and by other inspired men, although it cannot be easily attained unless these three qualities – faith, trust and confidence – are present in the highest degree in a human being.

A firm confidence in the success is the fruit of faith and trust; do strive after that.

First strengthen your faith lest it wavers like a reed, but stands fast like a wall. Then build on this foundation wail the unshakeable edifice of trust, and the completion of the whole will then lend you confidence. In this house, built on such ground, you can weather all storms from within and without and proceed unimpeded on your path to perfection.

This, My children, is meant by these three words!

Also you, My dear scribe, are greatly lacking in these three virtues; and if also these virtues should be expressed in numbers, as are the love of God, the love of the fellowman and the love of self (significance of the number 666, as the just number of the spiritual man: 600 = love for God, 60 = love for fellowman, 6 = love for self – with the devil in the reverse order), the numerical result for you would be very low and not in your favor. For you have little faith, still less trust and almost no confidence that My words which I gave you will be fulfilled, although day in and day out I keep telling you: Let people talk, stay with Me, for with Me there is trust and no falsehood!

However, I know your heart and the reasons that urge you to doubt. It is the tests which I am sending you; you will pass them and then your capital of faith, trust and confidence will surely increase so that you will be able to enrich the rest of your company with these gifts and will then become the first, instead of the last, as now. Ponder these few words; much is contained in them, as in everything issuing from My mouth."

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"All of you, however, must not think that I chose him as My scribe on account of his special moral qualities, considering him better than you. By no means. I chose him because his circumstances

leave him more time to adapt his knowledge to Me for the reception of sublime explanations another could not grasp so readily. However, as for his moral worth and his trust in Me, he is not any better than many of you. For this reason you must not think that I am with him whenever he enters your gathering; there you would accord him a veneration far exceeding his due. The situation is that of a Father who writes to His children, but he is only the pen or the agent, nothing more. When you receive a kind letter, what do you long for when reading it? Certainly not for the pen with which the letter was written, but for the author himself.

Thus he too is a man like all of you, with his weaknesses and shortcomings, his desires and worries. He too baffles daily to be rid of all this and often begs Me to release him from the vale of tears, thereby showing, like all of you, that he has very little trust in Me and ought to have far more. From all this you see that the main shortcoming with you and the main obstacle with your progress is everywhere THE WEAKNESS IN TRUST.

NONE OF YOU HAVE AS YET UNDERSTOOD WHY I UNCOVER AND EXPLAIN TO YOU ALL THE DEPTHS OF MY CREATION, ALL THE INNERMOST ASPECTS OF MY DIVINE SELF. BEHOLD, MY DEAR ONES, THE REASON FOR ALL THIS IS, TO INSTILL INTO YOU THE VERY THING LACKING IN ALL OF YOU, MEANING, THE TRUST IN ME. For when together with Me you traverse the immeasurable spaces of My infinity, when I open up to you My spiritual heavens, giving you an inkling of what is there being kept and prepared for you; when I reveal to you My own self, which is nothing but love and in return wants only love; when I prove to you down to the smallest atoms that I, the Creator and Father, sustain everything with the same love, I only want to prove to you that a Being possessed of this might and strength, as which I am showing Myself to you, should surely be worthy of trust and that, compared to My omniscience and omnipotence, all your activity and behavior must be considered as below the level of Zero.

Ponder these few words; they are very important, like everything flowing from My mouth. Enter deeply into the meaning of that which all of you were given, and you will not only find consolation and peace but, and this is the main thing, you will more and more realize your own standpoint and then, consolidating what is unstable, be able to draw closer to Me.

NOT A WORD I SEND YOU THROUGH MY SERVANT WAS, AND STILL IS, WITHOUT ITS OWN PURPOSE. Also these three words I was just now bringing before the eyes of My scribe because right now it is beginning to be somewhat unstable in your company. THERE IS NO TRUE SPIRITUAL LIFE PRESENT. Many of you are again living only for their businesses and pet interest, almost wholly forgetting Me and My teaching and only remembering it when by chance one or the other has made a speech to that effect.

BE WATCHFUL AND PRAY, LEST YOU FALL INTO TEMPTATION. DO NOT MAKE FUN OF MY GRACE! I DO NOT, AS SOME BELIEVE, BESTOW IT ON THOSE WHO ONLY CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH ME AND MY TEACHING WHEN THEY HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO. THEY SHOULD TAKE CARE, FOR THEY MAY BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING OUT OF A BLUE SKY AND BE FORCED TO REALIZE THAT THEY HAD CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE THAT WHICH REALLY SHOULD BE THEIR MAIN CONCERN.

Whosoever knows nothing of My teaching and sins against it, is not so culpable. However, if someone has read My teaching and, half believing, shows no true trust in its activation and no confidence in the attainment of the actual purpose, I shall be forced to wake him up through a direct jolt lest he drop off to the sleep of worldly things, thereby forgetting My spiritual school. Today I still admonish; who, apart from Me, knows what I shall do tomorrow? The piece of ground on which you live and peacefully walk about enjoying your life, is hollow under your feet. This thin shell covers terrible chasms and you with firm faith and trust look up to Me with great confidence and hope that I shall not let this thin shell give way, thereby letting all of you taste death unawares. Calmly you lie down above these chasms with the firm trust and confidence of again rising the next day hale and strengthened while perhaps under your feet to you incomprehensible baffles of the elements are taking place. Why do you have such trust in this case and not in spiritual matters? You see, because you believe I shall not do it! And why shall I not do it? Because you put your trust in a loving Father, who will not without reason punish His children with destruction. What, then, is your confidence? It is that, what you hope for, namely, the constant granting of My grace to you, may not waver.

Now, since in this respect you put such firm faith, trust and confidence in Me, do allow also Me to demand of you, if not at this rate of divine forbearance, then with human indulgence, to have also in spiritual matters a firmer faith, greater trust and greater confidence; and to understand that all I have already bestowed on you happened only for your benefit and by no means for My entertainment, but only in order to confer on you the honor of being able to become My children.

YOU DEMAND OF ME UNLIMITED GRACE, AND I DEMAND OF YOU UNLIMITED LOVE. With the exchange of these two conditions it is only you who gain, since I want to accord you a might that shall make you lords of all that was created!

Since I promise you such great graces, I am also allowed to wake up those on the road to Me, should they fall asleep while walking, through gentle nudges as I am now doing to you. Then you will realize that one must not walk My paths with one's eyes closed, but with open eyes and ears so as not to miss the right way and go astray.

So again, let all of you consider what I am giving you here. Be watchful and pray, lest you fall into temptation! Let this be your device towards a steady growth in firm faith, trust and confidence! Amen." (Secrets of life, chap. 12)

Trust in Lord's word and love for the Lord

"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 Sermons of the Lord, Sermon 20)

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" Truly, truly I say unto you: those who believe in My teaching, that it has come out from God, they shall also be raised from the dead on the Youngest Day, under these circumstances everyone will find his just sentence. But those that love Me like you do will never taste death! Just as quickly as the fastest thought, so also will they be transfigured out of this life of the body into the very brightest eternal life, and will take up residence with Me, their Father for eternity! However, carefully keep *such* a secret with you, until I have been resurrected!" (Correspondence between Abgarus and Jesus)

Love for the fellowman

"[10] What good would it do you before Me if you were struck with amazement at My power, greatness and unfathomable majesty, but outside your house there were poor brothers and sisters crying from hunger, thirst and cold? How miserable and useless would be a loud bawling and a praising and glorifying of God which would drown out the misery of the poor brothers. What good are all the rich and most lavish sacrifices in the temple while a poor brother dies of hunger at its door?

[11] Therefore, investigate first of all into the misery of your poor brothers and sisters; give them help and comfort. Then you will find more in one brother whom you have helped than by having travelled to all the stars and praised Me with the tongues of the Seraphim.

[12] Truly, I tell you, all angels, all heavens and all worlds with their wisdom cannot give you in eternity what you can attain by truly helping with all your might and with all you have to help a brother who is in misery. Nothing is higher and closer to Me. than alone the true, active love.

[13] If, while praying to God, you do not hear the plaintive voice of your poor brother who came to you for help during your praying hour, cursed be then your empty bawling! My glory consists in love - not in the idle bawling of your mouth.

[14] You shall not be like those whom Isaiah meant when he called out: 'Behold, this people praises Me with the lips, but their heart is far from Me!, ' but when you pray to Me, do it in the spirit and in all truth. For God is a Spirit and can only be adored in the spirit and in truth.

[15] Therefore, the only true prayer in the spirit pleasing Me does not consist in the movement of the tongue, the mouth and the lips, but only in the active practice of love. What benefit is it to you if you adorn a prophet's grave with many pounds of gold, while at the same time you ignore the voice of a suffering brother? Do you think I shall be pleased with this? Fool! I shall look at you with angry eyes because you have ignored the voice of the living one an account of one dead." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 4, chap.1)

Love for the children of poor parents

"I tell you: let the fire of your love for your family be like a light which is lit during the night; but **let your love for the children of other poor parents be like a great conflagration**, through which a large area is lit up far and wide!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 10, 225:4)

Right Humility is resulting from pure love

“Before God, My friend, a humility which humbles the human soul in too silly a manner is a folly like any occurring in heathendom, - all the more so too great a humiliation of one man before the another. Such a demonstration of toadying humility of one man before another is to the detriment of both; of the first because he often feigns such humility, thus accusing his fellowman of ever great pride, and of the second because he thereby in all seriousness becomes still prouder.

[13] That humility resulting from pure love is a proper and true humility; for it respects and loves in the fellowman a brother as a brother, without elevating either itself or the fellowman to a god before whom one is expected to bend the knees and adore him.

[14] Whatever you want or desire, ask it as a man of a man and as a brother of a brother; but never shall one man crawl in the dust before another.

[15] No man shall demand of his fellowman what God does not demand of any man! This is a true wisdom in the fullest divine order. Therefore, take note of it and act accordingly and you will be agreeable to God and to men.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 3, chap. 195)

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„[9] Take an example on Me. I alone am the Lord and Master, and Heaven and Earth lie in My power and authority, and nevertheless **I am meek with all My heart, full of humility, patience, love and mercy**, and do not allow to be honored by anyone like the Pharisees, the pagan priests or other imagined great of the world, as they are demanding that.

[10] So bring Me those kinds of offerings, then you will be able to rejoice continuously in My love and mercy. And **whatever you will do in love for the poor in My name, will always be considered by Me as if you have done it for Myself**, and by that you will gather for yourselves great treasures in My Heavens. These are the offerings that I ask from you.” (- THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 20, chap. 54. What the Lord requires from His followers)

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"[18] I say to you: **no eye has ever seen, no ear has heard and no sense organ has felt what is awaiting in Heaven for those who love God above all and keep His commandments.**

[19] Although in man's life, from his birth until the falling away of his body, he is afflicted with a lot of fatal incidents and all kinds of distress, but if he lives according to the known order of God, and by that receives in himself, already on this Earth, the clear awareness of life of what is waiting for

him in the other, true life, he will suffer with all patience and perseverance all those ever so bitter trials that are only allowed to him to awaken the Spirit of God in his soul, and he will moreover be very joyful.

[20] Take an example on Me. I know what kind of suffering is shortly waiting for Me on this Earth, but My extremely great love for you people, yes, for My children, softens it for Me. Let also your many sufferings and many sorrows that you, My children, have to endure in this life also be softened by the love for the One who lives in Me, then by that you also will, just like Me, be good-tempered, joyful and have a cheerful mind.

[21] Look, these 3 angel spirits, who will stay with us today until sunset, had to endure many things on this Earth. And now they are extremely happy and they will never in eternity have to suffer again. It is however their greatest happiness if they can give men on this Earth a real service of love in My name, although besides that, they have to command numberless suns and globes in the endless space.

[22] So you also, show love to men already now on this Earth for the sake of My name, then you also will enjoy a great happiness, because **there is much more happiness in giving than receiving.**"

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 87. The Lord calls the 3 archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

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"[8] Let everyone examine the inclinations of his heart, and he will easily discover what kind of spirit prevails in his heart. If his inclinations draw the heart and its love towards the world and he feels within him a longing to become great and respected in the world, if the heart that is inclined to become proud feels discomfort with poor mankind and has the urge within to dominate others without having been chosen and anointed for it by God, the seed of hell is already lying in the heart and, if not overcome and nipped in the bud, will obviously prepare for such a person nothing but hell after the death of his body.

[9] However, if a man's heart is full of humility and he feels happy to be the least among men, to serve all and disregard his own self because of his love for his brothers and sisters; if he willingly obeys his superiors in all things for the benefit of his brothers and love God above all, then in his heart the heavenly seed grows to a true and eternally living heaven. And this man, who thus has already all heaven in abundance in his heart, which is filled with true faith, the purest hope and love, can after the death of his body not possibly get anywhere else but to the Kingdom of God which he has already carried in his heart in all its abundance for a long time. – If you think this over you will easily comprehend what heaven and hell are really all about." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 3 , chap. 50)

The necessary humility of Lord's followers . The outer word is death in itself, only the inner spirit in the word is alive

"[2] I said: "If you stay in Me, I will also stay in you. However, without Me you can do nothing.

[3] And if you are with Me, and have done everything in My name, then say in yourselves: 'Look, o Lord, how we, while working in Your vineyard, are still standing before You as lazy and useless helpers.' For truly: he who exalts himself, will be humiliated, but he who humiliates himself, will be exalted.

[4] Besides, you will call no one 'Lord', for only one is your Lord and Master, and this is I. Also, you will call no one 'Father', for only one is your Father, namely He who lives in Heaven. So you also should call no one good and holy, for only God is good and holy.

[5] You are all brothers and sisters among each other. The one among you, who wants to be the first and the most important, should be the helper and servant of all. For in My Kingdom, the most humble, the minor and apparently the least, is actually the most important and the greatest in all wisdom and power.

[6] Now you know what you should do and what you always have to heed in order to keep Me and My power and might in yourselves and work with it. Do it always in this way, then you will also stay in Me and I in you." [...]

[9] Remember also, that every pure outer word, as well as a letter, is in itself dead and can awaken no one. Only the inner spirit in the word – whether it is spoken out or written down in letters – makes everyone alive who thinks, acts and lives according to its inner, living meaning. However, the one who only believes, acts and lives according to the outer meaning of the word, like the Pharisees, remains dead, like also the letter of the word in itself is dead. This to reassure you."

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 22, chap. 13. The humility of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord)

About the way to deal with people

„[9] Now I said: "You are right, I praise your zeal, but together with your justified zeal remember also the following: there is always a greater power in the wisdom of the human spirit than in his fist, and where earnest in itself can perform little or nothing, love with its patience and meekness will do wonders. The full earnest in your own heart and its courage controls yourself. However, YOUR WEAPON AGAINST MEN SHOULD ALWAYS CONSIST ONLY OF LOVE, MEEKNESS AND PATIENCE. Then you will achieve more on this way on which I Myself am going before men than with sheer zeal of fire and its earnest that is *as hard* as diamond.

[10] **You really should not be afraid of worldly people, who in their anger can indeed kill the body, but can do nothing further anymore to your soul. Therefore, fear only the One who is a true Lord over life and death since eternity.**

[11] But if you see that with love and right wisdom you can achieve nothing with men who went too much into the dark, then turn your back on them and go away from there, and you certainly will find again men with whom you will be able to do good things in My name.

[12] **You should confess Me before all men, because I also confess you before My Father, but you should not force Myself on the dark, worldly men, and should also not throw My pearls to those who are worldly pigs.** For I say to you: My Word is only a true fertilizer of life for the wheat, and My teaching is a true fertilizer for the noble grapes of the vineyard, but for the weeds of the Earth I do not have any fertilizer of life, for it is only to be trampled upon and burned, and to fertilize the common soil of the Earth with its ashes.

[13] He who is on the Earth for life will be awakened to life by My Word, but he who is here for death by his own will and firm stubbornness, will also pass into death. He who wants to stand up for life from the grave of his matter, may stand up, but he who wants to fall, may fall.

[14] To preach the gospel to the devils would mean to pour oil on the fire. **So be always clever like the serpents, but together with that, also as meek like the doves, then in this manner you will be very skilful workers in My vineyard of life.**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 22, 16: 9-14)

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"Do not ever repay evil with evil, then you will, as My true disciples, be at peace in the world and show thereby that you are My true disciples." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 6, 243:6)

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"[6] I said: "Most surely, truly and certainly. But secondly I say to you also: **be also in yourself gentle as the doves, but towards the world clever as the snakes. For I do not want that you would show and throw My pearls openly to all the worldly pigs.**

[7] When they will call you to account, **I will put the answer in your mouth** – and really, then not 1 in a 1.000 will be capable to reply. When I also give you this assurance, you can look every battle that will wait for you, very courageously into the eye. **For in this time the expansion of My Kingdom among the people will need violence, and those who want to possess it, will also have to draw it violently unto themselves.** The sure victory will however not be difficult to obtain because I Myself as the most powerful Hero will give all help to those who fight for My Kingdom." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 6. The concern of the young man)

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(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 16. Love, meekness and patience are better than justified zeal)

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"[8] When there was a general waiting silence, I spoke again and said: "My beloved ones, who all followed Me without asking to where I would lead you, listen to what I will tell you. But listen with your heart, not only with your ears, for all secrets and teachings that I revealed to you can only be understood when the heart can feel its truth and when not only the human reason is asked for its opinion.

[9] Now the time is coming near of which the Scripture says: **'The Son of man will now be raised'**, and of which it is written: **'He will trample your head and you (the snake) will stab Him in the heel'**. Now My work as teacher here comes to an end, and yours will soon start. But you must be

well prepared, so that you will not become weak and tremble for the terrors of the future. For despite all the strength that will flow to you, you will nevertheless have it very difficult to stand firm and overcome your human nature.

[10] When you will continue the work which will be accomplished here by Me, then remember My words on the mountain Gerizim: **'Happy are those who for the sake of justice will be persecuted (and who do not give up their ways), for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. Happy are you when the people will despise and persecute you because of Me** and will speak all kinds of evil of you when they lie.' For their lies will turn against themselves and destroy them, and you will receive the crown of truthfulness. So be not afraid, even if you will not see Me anymore, for despite that, I will stay with you till the end of the world.

[11] But when the great and prominent ones of the world will come and offer you big amounts of money to serve them, to become greater through you and become more famous, then tell them that you already serve another Lord who pays you very well and who recognizes you as His loyal servants, and that you therefore cannot accept another service, **for no one can serve two masters and do justice to both.** Then they will ask you who that Lord is. Then do not deny Me, but confess Me openly, **for the one who will deny Me, I also will once deny and sent him away from Me.** And the one who will be rejected from Me, will have to wait long and suffer many difficulties, fear and anguish before the light will shine again in him. So act upon My words."

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 25, chap. 40. The Lord prepares His disciples for the future)

Essential lesson for the disciples/ teachers

"[1] I SAID: "That which you have now asked Me, I have already done now, and therefore you will be able to continue your way easily, because for whom My life of light shines will on his way not easily stumble upon a stone anymore and he will know how to avoid the thorns. The one who walks with Me, will have a well passable way everywhere. However, the one who walks without Me to the Kingdom of God, which is the inner kingdom of life and all truth, will have a long, narrow and very thorny way to go through, as this was the case with many old wise men of all people on Earth, and which will also be and remain the case in the future.

[2] From now on it will be easy for you, as well as for a lot of those who saw and heard Me and who completely believe in Me. But their descendants will attain to the Kingdom of God only by their faith. Whoever sees and hears Me, believes easily and can also live and act easily according to My word. But he who in the future will not see Me anymore physically will have it more difficult to attain to the true, living Kingdom of God, for he must believe what the messengers who are send out will tell him about Me.

[3] However, if he willingly accepts what he hears in his believing heart, and will feel true joy because of the truth that he heard, then soon the baptism of the Spirit from Me will come over him, and then he will see the opened gate to God's Kingdom. From that point on, also for those who were no witness of My presence now, the way to God's Kingdom will be easy.

[4] But rejoice, now that you know all that – about the fact that God determined it already from the first beginning. And when you will relate to the people about Me and My Kingdom, then tell them what I have told you now, but above all, make them understand that My Kingdom is not of this world, but that it is the inner Kingdom of all truth and all life in the deepest inner-self of man. Whoever has found it in himself and has entered into it through his living faith and active love, has conquered the world, the judgment and death, and will constantly have eternal life.

[5] Although human reasoning thinks that the things that I have told you now are foolishness, nevertheless it is the highest wisdom of all life in God. It will be good for the one who will not be offended by it.

[6] No one can know all the things that lie hidden in man and that are necessary for his life, except the spirit that is and abides in the deepest inner self of man. And so, not any worldly wise man knows who God Himself is and what is in Him, but only God's Spirit that penetrates all His depths.

[7] However, when the spirit in man is not awakened as the true light of life, it is dark in man and he does not know himself, but when through faith in Me and through the love for Me and fellowman the spirit in man is awakened and enlightened to a bright light, the spirit thoroughly penetrates the whole man, and then man can see what is in him and he knows himself. And he who knows himself, knows God also, because the true and eternal spirit of life in man is not a human spirit, but a godly Spirit in man, otherwise man would not be an image of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 26. Following the Lord)

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"14. Matthew casts off his host's vestment at once, putting on his good coat, and follows Me without first making the usual host's arrangements with his own for his absence.

15. Nota bene (note well). This is what everyone must do who wants to follow Me! He has to become dead to all worldly living and not think about his worldly state, or he is not fit for My kingdom. Because he who lays hands on his plough but looks over his shoulder is not fit for the kingdom of God!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 128)

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"1. (I continue), 'The teaching itself must justify the truth. Whoever will henceforth fail to live according to the Word will die in the judgement of the same Word that was spoken to him and which he had not believed and trusted.

2. For just as I, out of Myself, have received the power from the Father to give eternal life to everyone who is capable (of receiving it) through his will, or take it from him, the same can be done also by My Word. For My Word is invariably the almighty and everlasting expression of My will.

3. He who fully absorbs My Word and unfailingly acts and lives according to it, thereby absorbs Me with all My love, wisdom, might and power and has thus become a true child of God from whom the Father in heaven will not withhold anything He has.

4. The Holy Father cannot do any more than reveal Himself in person in Me, His Son, making of you, created beings under judgement, absolutely free gods and calling you His friends and brothers.

5. Do consider at all times who He is who is now revealing this to you and what you are receiving with this revelation, then the material world will no longer tempt you and you will easily overcome it. This is all the more necessary since you cannot become children of the Father in heaven unless you have completely conquered the world within yourselves

6. I do not intend thereby to make of you low-spirited condemners of the world, but only wise users of it.

7. Would you not call him a fool who became so attached to some well serviceable tool he needs for his trade, that he does not want to use it for the purpose for which it is intended, but only keeps gaping at it with intense pleasure, keeping it in a cabinet to prevent it from rusting and thereby becoming less beautiful which would lessen his empty pleasure in it?

8. The world is also a tool for you with which, if appropriately used, you could produce much that is good and magnificent. But being My disciples now you must use this tool in the way I, as your sole and truest Master, have taught you during three and a half days.

9. Used and applied thus, this tool will prepare and secure for you eternal life, But if you use it in a different way, this tool will become like a very sharp knife in the hands of small children who could only too easily deal themselves a deadly wound with it which hardly any physician will be able to heal." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 83)

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"If you have a chance of passing on My teaching to someone, **your reward shall be that he accepts it with a joyful heart and lives according to it.**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 6, chap. 92)

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"I am giving it to you in order to set a new corner and boundary stone for the world. Many shall fall over this, for they do not follow the way of humility, utter self-denial, patience, gentleness and great love that is shown in it." (Himmelsgaben I p. 390)

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"If somebody comes to ask your help, you must not withhold it from him, for My providence sees to it that in such cases nobody can look for help until is the right time for the one possessed to be

rendered the proper help. It must, therefore, not be withheld from the one seeking it." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 2, 169:9)

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"If your words found acclaim in the world they would not be of Me. To be despised by the world has at all times been the greatest witness for that which comes from Me." (Himmelsgaben II p. 98)

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"Where you can make no change, because of the freedom of will and of vision given to every man, save yourself all toil and trouble in future." (Himmelsgaben II p. 97)

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"Therefore, man's soul must gain the inner living light of its indwelling spirit out of God through proper instruction and then through its own searching, examining, recognizing, believing and willing, then it has been truly helped forever. Any other, imposed help, as suggested by you, would only have a destructive effect upon its life-elements and never a healing one." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 8, 126:5 on).

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"Yet allow everyone their free will and never coerce them, for you know now that any kind of moral compulsion is totally against My eternal ordinance. What I do not do, you also shall not do." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 8, 43:7)

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"Enforced laws have an evil effect on the soul desiring freedom, as I have more than often shown you, and so have their inevitable consequences. Let there be only free actions out of true and pure love among you, never compulsion and coercion. That will be the only way in which My true disciples will be recognized: that among themselves they practise only the free law of love, and love one another as I now love you." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 8, 40:24)

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"[3] My teaching gives you the highest freedom, and **therefore it cannot be proclaimed with the sword and with the chains of the darkest slavery**, because man must also be acquainted with

and accept that which he can and will procure with the highest freedom of live. As I have given you all this for free, so you also should give it for free to those who want to have it from you.

[4] Also, I have forced nobody of you, but I called you in full freedom: 'He who wants, let him come, listen, see and follow Me.' And you have done that out of your free will. Therefore, act from now on like this in My name, then you will walk the right way.

[5] But he who will make a 'must' of it, will not be My disciple, and on his way he will encounter rocks, reefs and thorns. Take all of you a good and true example on Me. What would it cost Me to force in one moment all the people on the whole Earth by My omnipotence to completely accept My teaching and My will, as it is also possible for Me in one moment to map out with 'must' the way that all the other created beings strictly have to go according to My will? But will this give them an independent moral freedom of life that will make them happy? I say to you: no, not a single one." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 8, 20:3-5)

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"The living word (New Revelation) shall be a fire in the hearts of those who possess it." "All that is human, world-taught word, however, shall be empty, dry straw; and likewise all pulpit speeches." (Himmelsgaben II, p. 198)

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"Consider, there are millions of people who have to be guided to the right door, the door of light." (Lord' Sermons 132) "Do not fear that they shall win." (Lord' Sermons 107)

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"When all spiritual and physical wars have ceased, then all will understand Me easily and also freely obey My commandments, that start with love of your neighbor and end with love for God ' " (Wiederk. 115)

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Do follow the prompting of your heart, which will teach you in a moment more than all five books of Moses and all the prophets. For behold, nothing in man is true, except love! Therefore, adhere to it and you will be walking by day." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, 22;9)

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[9] But do follow the prompting of your heart, which will teach you in a moment more than all the five books of Moses and all the prophets. For see, nothing in man is true, except love. Therefore,

adhere to it and you will be walking by day. But now about something else. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 1, chap. 22)

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[13] I say: "Again in your greater experience; for My angel carried you visibly in his hands, and you had experiences that no person until now has ever made. And in addition you had certainly the greatest and most powerful love for Me, in which the greatest trust also reigns.

[14] Therefore do not wonder too much why your trust in Me is stronger than that of other people, for your great love gives you this!

[15] But, as I already hinted to you in Genesareth, in several years you will have to face many temptations with which you will have to fight, despite the great trust in Me. But through the power and strength of My name you will defeat all temptations and will from then on walk freely in My light.

[16] For what a person wants to have freely for himself from Me, he must fight for it with his own strength! You, My dearest little daughter, have not yet fought any fight yourself, and the actual time and the true opportunity was not there; that will only happen for every man when My work is completed on this Earth.

[17] I am only the sower and I lay the good grain in the living field of your hearts. The seed will only sprout there, and then become capable of producing the most blessed fruit; only then will you have to care for the fruit yourself on your own soil with some effort and self-denial! Truly he who brings the fruit that I sowed in his heart purely and richly into the barns of My spirit that I built within him, will be blessed! Truly, he will never feel hunger or thirst!

[18] Therefore what you, My dearest Jarah, have now, is only the seed laid by Me in your heart. After several years it will be there as a field of waving corn and faced with all sorts of storms; but then you must powerfully and trustingly protect the waving field from the threatening storms through the self denying love for Me, so that it does not come to destructive ruin and destroy the magnificent field of corn that I Myself have sown! For once a dominant storm comes across such a field, it is almost impossible to hold it back.

[19] You will still remember several weeks ago how I established a garden for you in Genesareth and filled it with all sorts of useful plants!? The plants grow well and very luxuriantly; but the little garden and the plants must be cared for, the weeds wherever they shoot up must be taken out, and if it is very hot and dry, the watering can cannot be neglected.

[20] And behold, I have also laid such a garden in your heart and have filled it richly with all sorts of useful growths; the waiting and further care of this garden is your job alone. If you pay all attention and all industriousness to the care of this little garden, you will soon be able to harvest.

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 7, chap. 96 - Lord's words for young Jarah,)

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"[1] BUT you all should remember: **when you are gathered in My name** – like before in the garden of the institution – **then I also will always be active in your midst, with you and in you**, just like before in the garden.

[2] The one who will listen to you, will also listen to Me, and I will be merciful to him. And a sick person, who will adhere to Me, will improve when you will lay your hands upon him in My name.

[3] The one who will accept you, will also accept Me in you. And therefore, I will forgive his sins and bless him for this time and for eternity. But the one who will not accept you, will also not accept Me, and his sins will remain in his soul, and My mercy will be far away from him.

[4] When you will go to someone in My name, and he listens carefully to you, and believes also what you tell him about Me, but after accepting My teaching he does not say to you from his heart: 'Stay with me, dear friends, and eat together with me', then do not stay there. For I will also be scanty with My blessing to the one who is scanty with you, while you were not scanty with My Word which is of the greatest value for the life of his soul. Because faith in Me becomes alive and active by the works of love.

[5] The one who will love you for the sake of My name, will also love Me, and I will love him in return, and My blessing will from then on be over him. However, the one who will hate and persecute you, will also hate and persecute Me in you. But it will be in vain that he will kick against the pricks, and will harm himself so terribly that by these wounds he will come into the death and the ruin of his soul.

[6] For the sake of My name and My Word, you should not ask for yourselves any honor or reward from no one, but the one who will dishonor you and will harden his heart against you, will do that also against Me, and I will also be like that against him.

[7] **What I give to you for nothing, give that also for nothing to others.** But that which is offered by the love of enlightened people, accept it, and thank Me for it. For it is only My love in the heart of men who will give it to you. And thus do also not despise the smallest gift.

[8] However, never seek earthly gain for the sake of My name and word, neither any worldly kingdom of worldly rulers. For firstly, **My Kingdom is not of this world**, and secondly, by receiving the earthly gain that you sought to receive, and having received a kingdom of this world, you would have already received the reward of life for your soul, and then you should not expect any further reward from Me from the Heavens.

[9] Although in later times there will be false, imperious prophets who will do the same thing in My name as now the Pharisees and their followers, and they will honor Me in the eyes of the people with all kinds of ceremonies and with gold, silver and noble stones, but through the mouth of those who are awakened by My Spirit I will say to them: 'Look, this miserable people honors Me, the Lord of Life, with the dirt and with the death and the judgment of matter, **but their heart is far away from Me.**' That is why I also will be far away from such people.

[10] Therefore, you also should in future times not build any temples and altars for Me, for I will never live in the temples that are made by human hands, and I will not let Myself be honored

on altars. He who loves Me and who will keep My simple commandments, is My living temple. And his heart, full of love and patience, is the true and living offering altar to My honor, which is the only thing that is pleasing to Me. All the rest is judgment, death and ruin.

[11] You know that all priests – our Jewish as well as your gentile priests – have now certain external means for the sanctification and purification, and that they force their followers to accept and use them, and that they threaten, with the most terrible and worst temporary and eternal punishments, those who would not accept the use of the formerly mentioned means and would call them void and completely meaningless. But I say to you: all these things should be banned with you for all future times, and the one who wants to use, even in My name, such means for the sanctification and purification, I will look at him with wrathful eyes. It is sufficient that you baptize the one who has accepted My teaching in his heart, and give him a name for the sake of the order, and then I will strengthen him.

[12] Furthermore, you also can give, if you have, from time to time bread and wine – also in My name and in My love that is in you – to those who actively believe in Me and keep My commandments as a remembrance to Me. When you will keep such meal of love among yourselves, I also will be in your midst, with you and in you, like now in flesh and blood. Because **the bread that you will give because of your love for Me, will be the same as My flesh, and the wine the same as My blood that soon will be shed for many.** How? That you will hear later.

[13] That only, should be sufficient to you as an outer sign, which will however only have true value for Me because of the love."

(34. The Lord gives rules of conduct for the faithful - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 22)

The value of the promise

"1. 'Do not ever promise a person something you then cannot or - even worse - do not wish to keep for whatever reasons, if you truly want to become children of God. In truth, I tell you, the worst thing is a promise that is not kept.

2. For the one who is angry sins within himself and harms first himself; who practices unchastity buries his soul in the judgement of the flesh and again harms himself, but the evil of evils is the lie.

3. If you have promised to do something for a person and circumstances arise that make it impossible for you to keep your promise, do go to him without delay and tell him honestly what has happened to you, so that he can help himself at the proper time in some other way to overcome some difficulty.

4. But woe betide everyone who makes promises and does not keep them, even if he could do so, for thereby he causes far-reaching trouble. The one who expected his help cannot fulfil his duty, and the hands of those who relied on him are tied, and thus such a broken promise can cause greatest embarrassment and distress to thousands. Hence, a promise that is not kept is the thing most opposed to the love of one's neighbour and, therefore, the greatest of evils.

5. It is better to have a hard heart because that will not raise any deceptive hopes with anyone. One knows that nothing can be expected of a hard-hearted person and, therefore, other means are sought for the preservation of the necessary order. But if someone expects something that was promised to him, he abstains from seeking other ways and means, and when the time comes that the business of the one expecting help has to be attended to and the promiser lets him down and does not tell him in advance that for some reason, which must of course be absolutely true, he will not be able to keep his promise, such a promiser is like Satan who from the very beginning made mankind brilliant promises through his prophets none of which he has ever kept, thereby plunging numerous people into misery.

6. Therefore, beware above all of such promises which you cannot keep and, even worse, for whatever reasons do not want to keep, for that is the attitude of the chief of devils.

7. Be loving and righteous in all things, for in the Father's Kingdom the righteous once shall shine as the sun at noon." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol.1, chap. 198)

The inner development coming from the heart

"[1] I said: "You have well understood My words by answering your first question, and in the revelation that I have made to you, you have found a striking and true application for your life, in such a way that I Myself could not have given it more clearly to you. And so, whoever – as you have said – will enter through the tight little door in himself, will also in full reality be reborn in his spirit for eternal life. But now that you have so clearly and well understood this revelation that I have given you, it is almost a wonder that you also did not perceive and completely found within you the complete answer to your second question.

[2] Look, when the human beings of this Earth are, compared to the endless great Man of Creation what the positive little chamber of their heart is compared to the whole size of their body, which indeed lives also and is active according to the requirements of the intellect, the will and now and then also that which is of the instinct, then your second question can surely very easily and clearly be answered."

[3] The Roman said: "Yes, yes, Lord and Master, this almost seems to be so now to me. I have the feeling that I already know it, but still, actually I do not know it yet. Therefore, please have for me and for all of us the goodness and mercy to lead us on the right way."

[4] I said: "Well then, good, I will do it. Look and listen.

[5] The most important foundation of life resides – for the body as well as for the soul – in the known positive little chamber of the heart. When this becomes active, then from this, all endlessly many parts of your whole being become alive, in such a way as if they themselves are bringing about little chambers and are the carriers of life. And see, with the right exercise your limbs can develop an amazing power and a very artful skill in many things. But all their qualities and great artful skills are finally thanks to what? Look, for everything, only to that certain little chamber of the heart, for without it, all limbs would be as dead and immovable as those of a metallic idol statue.

[6] Yes, from where did the limbs of an artist learn such skillfulness, even all the limbs according to their specific structure and efficient ability? Look, all this, only from that little chamber of the heart, and more precisely according to a gradual order.

[7] The first movements of life will gradually make the heart to move. From that, the activity goes by means of the blood to the lungs, the liver and the spleen, and from there to the remaining organs and to the head with all its parts.

[8] Once the head is ready and the brains are developed, then with men will begin the thinking, evaluating, concluding, understanding and perceiving, and only from that moment on will come the real and wise exercise of the outer parts of the body, which then will accomplish all work – no matter how artful – soon in such a good and wise way as if they had accomplished themselves an individual, free and independent life. I will tell you moreover the following:

[9] When a human being is reborn in the spirit, he also can think in all the parts of his soul and body and speak very well perceptibly for himself, and then he is just like Me, in his whole being, spirit, life, power, thought and a complete living word. And by what has man accomplished that? Look, all this comes again from the positive little chamber of his heart.

[10] As man receives his whole education and his whole development only from this little chamber in his heart, so also in the same manner do human beings from other worlds receive – according to their individual form and ability – their development only from the little chamber of the heart of the great Man of Creation, which is of course extremely big.

[11] How this works, you can now of course not grasp yet, but when you will be completely reborn in the spirit, then you will be able to grasp and well understand the great ‘how’ and ‘why’. Do you now have already a little idea as to how the human beings on other worlds receive knowledge of Me, and become also wise and happy?”

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19, chap 7. How our Earth is related to other worlds)

Modeling the heart. The three types of love

[The Lord]: "I will give you a measure by which you and everyone else may know where he should stand with his self-love, with his love for his fellowman, and with his love of God.

Take **the number 666** which in its good or bad sense - depicts either a perfected human being or a perfected devil.

Divide man's love evenly into 666 parts. Of these give to God 600, to the fellowman 60, and to yourself 6, then you have the right proportions of a perfected human being. But if you choose to be a perfected devil, then give God 6, your fellowman 60, and yourself 600!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 2, chap. 77)

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"Also you, My dear scribe, are greatly lacking in these three virtues; and if also these virtues should be expressed in numbers, as are the love of God, the love of the fellowman and the love of self (*significance of the number 666, as the just number of the spiritual man: 600 = love for God, 60 = love for fellowman, 6 = love for self – with the devil in the reverse order*), the numerical result for you would be very low and not in your favor. For you have little faith, still less trust and almost no confidence that My words which I gave you will be fulfilled, although day in and day out I keep telling you: Let people talk, stay with Me, for with Me there is trust and no falsehood!"

(Secrets of life, chap. 12)

Disciples and prophets

"[13] Then I said: "Listen, My Mary. You have now spoken very well and truly and you are completely right where it concerns you, but also the Romans are right where it concerns them. When you are giving Me all honor and thanks, you show that you are completely filled with the true spirit of humility, for which reason also all your sins are forgiven. But also the Romans are showing that they are permeated with the right spirit of neighborly love, and are therefore not committing a sin against Me if out of gratitude they are keeping you in mind, even if you were only a blind instrument of My love and My will.

[14] But by this opportunity I say to you all: it is true that you should not look for gratitude and honor from the people to whom you have done something good in My name, just as I also am not looking for it from the people, for He who lives in Me, is My supreme honor. But if the people will put you to shame for the highest good deeds of life given in My name and will treat you with ingratitude, then I will hold it against them as if they had done this to Me. For he who does not honor the true disciple who I have awakened, and is not grateful to him in My name, he also does not honor Me, the Lord and Master, and he also is not grateful to Me for the grace that was given to him.

[15] For if I awaken disciples and prophets, then this does not only happen for the sake of those disciples and prophets, but for the sake of all men, and therefore the disciples and prophets should be valued also as that for what they are called be Me. Thus, whoever will accept with love and true gratitude a disciple or a prophet in My name, I will also accredit it to him as if he had accepted Me, and therefore he also will once receive the reward of a disciple or a prophet. And their reward will certainly not be small.

[16] But woe to the false disciples and prophets who will let themselves be honored by the people, just like the Pharisees and high priests, and will even demand it lawfully from the people. Truly, those will be regarded as thieves and robbers and will once be made ashamed before the eyes of all the angels. The more honor they will demand in this world for themselves, the more of the worst shame they will once have to expect.

[17] Also this you all have to remember well – and this you also can easily do – for if you look in the right light at My command of true and pure neighborly love, you very easily will understand that every real and true human being is hurt most of all by the stinking pride of his fellowman."

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 98. The gratefulness of the Romans to Mary of Magdalon)

The Lord indicates how His teaching should be proclaimed

"As long as My teaching that has been given to you now will not have made good progress, by violence there is not much that can be done against the European spooky nests. But the best way against such extremely deceitful nonsense is the information that you can give to the better part of the people, because once they will very well know what these things really are, then the rabble will soon know it also and that is then the quickest and most important method to drive such evil spirits of flesh and blood out.

[6] **He who wants to catch birds should not start to hit directly into the bushes with clubs, but he should first spread out the nets and only then throw the clubs into the bushes, then a lot of birds will catch themselves at the same time into the nets.**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 87. About the ruins where ghosts are)

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[1] I said: "I like your truly serious will; but also your memory is somewhat short – since about that I gave you, and especially Mathael as your senior advisor, sufficient instructions. Just think a little and you will find it! By the way it goes without saying that **he who wants to lead the blind, must be able to see himself, if he does not want to fall with them into the same pit. You cannot say to your brother: 'Let me take the splinter from your eye!'**, if a whole beam is stuck in your own eye.

[2] Hence, a true teacher must be free of flaws which can be an obstacle to him during the execution of his duties; because there no teacher is better than an imperfect one! Since I train you as teachers, I therefore show and explain to you so many unheard issues; thus **every perfect teacher must be taught by God, just as you are taught by God.** The Father in heaven must draw him, otherwise he cannot get to the truth in its fullest light depth; but who doesn't get there and does not become light himself thereby, how should it be possible for him to illuminate the night of his neighbor?!

[3] What should illuminate the night and transform it into a day, must itself be like the sun, which is about to rise. If the sun would be dark and black like coal, could it transform the night of the earth into the most beautiful day? I think, it will make the night even more black and lightless, as it was before.

[4] Therefore **a teacher, who is not educated by God as a teacher, is worse than no teacher at all!** Since such a dark teacher is nothing else than a bag full of bad seeds, from which all weed of the darkest superstition is strewn into the furrows of, by nature necessarily spiritually always poor human life.

[5] If you want to learn your people to read and to write and to calculate, you can employ suitable worldly teachers and teach already the children in the schools; however, My gospel can and may only be preached to the people in a useful and blessed manner by those, who possess the properties in the fullest measure, which I pronounced earlier and are a requirement for such an office.

[6] For that, however, it does not require any special school buildings, but a right heavenly messenger goes from community to community and says: 'Peace be with you; the kingdom of God has now come close to you!' If the messenger is accepted, he should stay and preach; **but if he is not accepted by the community, which is too much of the world and the devil, he should move on and should even shake off the dust from his feet!** Since such a community is also not worthy that such a true heavenly messenger carries its dust on his feet.

[7] However, this My message should not be forced on anybody, but one or several members should first hear the effusively great advantages of My preachings from heaven. If the members want to listen, it should be preached to them in a short and summarized manner; however, if they do not or showing little interest for it, the heavenly messenger should immediately move on – since the valuable pearls should never be thrown to the pigs for food!

[8] Now you know, how the spreading of My teaching is carried out; but from now on you should not again forget these My instructions! By the way, leave this holy and most holy task to Mathael and his four companions; since they know exactly what they have to do and to arrange and will also remain in their hearts with Me in dialogue, which is also a necessary prerequisite for the true spreading of My teaching.

[9] Since who teaches his brothers, high or low, in My Name, must not lade from his own, but always from My well! It should not be necessary for him to think: 'What shall I say about the word of the Lord, if I get to him or her?'; since when necessary it will be given to him in his heart and tongue what he should say.

[10] But to whom this mercy is given, should not hesitate to speak loudly about it perhaps out of fear or shyness in front of a ruler, as if he could offend or even anger him with that! **Since who fears the world more than Me, is not worthy of Me and also not of My smallest mercy, and is never suitable to become a heavenly messenger.**

[11] However, in your kingdom you will have less difficulty where you are a lawmaker and uppermost judge and the people are fearing you, because they know your unchanging judgments; but where a teacher as a messenger of heaven gets to a place which is ruled by a hard monarch, he clearly requires more courage as you are who is a feared monarch in your wide country.

[12] **But who is or want to be a true messenger of heaven, should not carry a stick, nor any other weapon, he should also not carry a bag with him to put something into it; since I Myself will awaken friends for him, and they will to him what he needs as a person of flesh and blood. In the same manner a true messenger of heaven, except in winter or in the cold northern countries, should not wear more than one set of clothes, so that nobody can accuse**

him of having too much and somebody else too little instead. However, should someone give him a second or third, he should accept it; since he will find more than enough opportunity, where such devout gifts come in quite handy.

[13] With that, Ouran, you have all the rules under which a true teacher should operate; only one thing I add to this and say: **Every true messenger of heaven will receive the ability from Me, to cure every sick person by laying on of his hands. And the true messengers should also heal any sick in a community; such will awaken a good inclination in the community, and they will more easily accept the new teaching from heaven, than any still so well-prepared speech.**

[14] Every person anyway rather listens to the words of a doctor than to those of a still so shining prophet. What I do, also should be done by a true messenger from heaven, send by Me to all the countries of the world. A true messenger of heaven should also recognize, if an illness is not of such nature, whereby the person is already more in the beyond than on this side. Once the true messenger of heaven sees a soul outside the body, he should not lay his hands on him, but only pray for him and bless in My name the parting soul from this world. In short: every true messenger of heaven, when the time comes, will recognize what he should do. – Are you, Ouran, in order with all this what you wanted to know?"

[15] Says Ouran: "Yes, Lord and Master and God, the only True One! My warmest loving gratitude for this! And my people all over the country should and will thank and praise You, that You have given so much undeserved mercy to their old king, through which also they will benefit. Therefore, once again my most loving gratitude for it!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 97)

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"[1] I SPOKE with the 4 Indo-Jews about many things, and gave them indications how they should tell to their fellow countrymen about what they had seen and heard, so that it would bear fruit for the attainment of the eternal life of the soul. Then I lay on the hands on the 2 men and gave them, through the laying on of hands in My name, the power to heal the sick and free those who are possessed by evil spirits. The 4 thanked Me with all their heart for this mercy and praised My goodness.

[2] Also the 7 temple servants asked Me if I also would like to give them this mercy so that could bring more easily the men in the land of Ham with My help to the knowledge of the one, only true God and to the faith in Me and My word.

[3] I said: "For you there is still time, but these 4 are leaving already tomorrow very early in the morning and that is why I give them already tonight the power to heal the sick. Besides, they are already longer with Me than you and they are instructed in everything so that they know now precisely what they have to do, and their souls are pure and without sin, and the power that is given to them will stay in them. Your souls however, are still afflicted with many weaknesses of which you firstly have to get rid of by true self-denial, because the power that I would give you would not stay in you, because in order that My mercy would stay in a vessel it must be lasting, strong, good and pure. However, you soon will attain to that when it is the right time in you and for you."

[4] The 7 were satisfied with that and thanked Me for this lesson and promise. Then they went to their places and took some bread and wine. Now also the Samaritans came to Me and asked Me if it would be advisable, in this time of extreme superstition, to proclaim to their brothers, besides the gospel for soul and spirit, also the gospel that they heard from the young man and which they had well understood, about the things and appearances in the great world of nature, and give them a correct light about all the foolishnesses in which men from time to time became more and more entangled, which was namely caused by the selfish and greedy priests who succeeded to bring the blind people away from every truth by all kinds of newly imagined deceitful arts and by empty fantasy words and teachings.

[5] I said: "My dear friends, when you will start to teach and to form the people in My name, then say first: 'The true peace be with you, for the Kingdom of God has come near to you.'

[6] Then teach them out of which the Kingdom of God consists and what man should do to attain to the Kingdom of God already on this Earth and still more in the beyond. This you all know very well because firstly I Myself and then also several disciples who were sent out by Me have already proclaimed My teaching in clear words to you.

[7] After you have purified and cleansed the hearts and souls of men in this manner, then you also can explain to them the things in the natural world to bring their reason back into the state of the initial truth and to cleanse their mind of all superstition. This is all the more necessary because a person who has wrong understandings about the works that are created by God can also never really come to know God, and thus also not himself and also not his fellowman.

[8] And wherever this knowledge will lack, also the desired true love for God will lack, and also the love for fellowman. Because **if someone does not love his fellowman whom he can see as a being like himself, then how will he love God whom he cannot see with the eyes of his body?**

[9] Man can only see God with the eyes of his spirit – only through the pure and true way of understanding in the created things and in His loving and wise order in this – and will then also love Him above all. And he who will love God above all, will know from this love also himself and his fellowman, and will love and respect God's likeness in his fellowman as in himself.

[10] But it is a correct and true assumption of you that one should carefully work towards it, so that finally all superstition will disappear with the people, for as long as there is still a little spark of imagined belief that will burden the human mind, man will not be free, and through this little spark he can fall into many big errors. That is why only the complete pure truth can make man completely free and thus also here and in the beyond completely happy and blissful.

[11] The Kingdom of God that has come into this world in Me, is the most pure and most perfect truth, as **I am also the Way, the Truth and the Life Myself**, of which I certainly have given you already more than enough proof everywhere, and which is known and also firmly believed now already by many thousands of people, Jews and gentiles from all world regions.

[12] However, remember well that it is always easier to tell a person something about one or the other matter regarding his knowledge than to move his mind towards a firm, undoubting faith. That is why you also should strive much more to establish a living faith than to strife for sheer knowledge, for in knowledge alone there is no life, but rather in the pure and living faith through the works of love.

[13] Knowledge, no matter how pure, is a reflection of things and their order in this world, which is, as it is now, perishable, just like all the things in, on and above it, but the things of the faith are a true light from the Heavens. They are lively belonging to the mind, the soul and his spirit, are immortal and imperishable.

[14] I say to you all: **this sky that is visible to you, consisting of the moon, the sun and all the stars, will once perish, but My words and the one who believes them will not perish, but will exist eternally.**

[15] With this I do not want to say that for the sake of the living faith with the people you have to exclude what is called pure science, because man can only believe something when he has heard or known about it. Once man has received a pure, trustworthy and true information and well-tested knowledge about a good and true matter, then he should not be satisfied with the pure knowledge, but absorb it in his living faith and act according to its basic principles. If he will do that, the pure science will produce for him also true, living and imperishable fruits. That is why you, who are now listening very carefully to My words, will also only completely understand that these are God's words if you will entirely live and act according to it.

[16] I know the Samaritans well, and their various good qualities are not unknown to me, but among them there are also many misunderstandings to which they often hold on more persistently than the gentiles hold on to theirs. That is why you also will have to go through many hard struggles for the sake of My name and My teaching. Because the worldly reason of men does not understand the inner things of the spirit and of the living truth and considers those who tell them about it as fools, and they persecute them also wherever they can. But you should not care about that and teach the truth as it is laid into your heart and mouth by Me, then you finally will gather many good fruits for My Kingdom, and your reward will later in My Kingdom not be little.

[17] Do not listen to the threats and dark words of your rabbi's who greatly boast about their hidden wisdom that contains little truth, but hold on to what you have heard from Me, then you will turn many rabbi's towards Me.

[18] But if you will let yourselves be intimidated by them, you will, with the best of will, accomplish very little which is good and relevant. With this, I have told you now everything what you should do in My name to spread My Kingdom also among you in a most blessed way.

[19] Soon you will hear many things from the world. The Shepherd will be killed and the sheep will be scattered from fear. Then do not take offence at Me. Be not discouraged and unstable in your faith, for **even when I will leave this world physically, then I still will stay with My followers in the spirit till the end of the world**, and I will always faithfully reveal Myself to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

[20] I will not leave you behind as orphans in this world, but **where only 2 or 3 will come together in My name, there I will be in their midst, and what you then in My name will ask the Father – who is in Me as I am in Him – will also be given to you.**

[21] Therefore, let not your mind become sad and fearful when you will hear that I, the Lord Himself, have let Myself be humiliated by the world and have gone over, out of this world into My Heaven by means of the most narrow and most thorny way. For look, all this must happen like this,

so that the measure of the evil world will become full, and the judgment that is predicted to it, will come over it.

[22] I am saying this now to you beforehand, so that you, when you will hear about it, will not be confused about that or will even take offence at Me. For if you really want to be My disciples and spreaders of My Kingdom on Earth, you also must become firm in everything and never be unstable." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 100. The Lord indicates how His teaching should be proclaimed)

About the spirit world in eternal, infinite space. The power of God's children in eternity

"1. Asks Simon of Cana, 'Lord, would You not tell us where heaven, wherein the angels dwell, is actually situated, also how large it is and how large the world of matter, which You mentioned, might be?'

2. Say I, 'Friend, you are blind if you do not see and comprehend this. If I mentioned that heaven was endlessly vast, how can you ask about its size? The spiritual Kingdom of Heaven is everywhere as endlessly extended as this endless universe of which you can see with your eyes but an unspeakably tiny fraction.

3. This earth, the great sun, the moon and the stars all of which are immense worlds, some of them thousands upon thousand million times larger than this earth - all that taken together is - compared to the endlessly vast creation of the material world, in magnitude and vastness not even as much as the smallest dewdrop compared to the immense ocean which is so vast that a good sailor would need more than twice the age of Methuselah to sail over all of its area. However, the material world up to now, as much as has already been created, still has a limit beyond which there exists an infinite, eternal space compared to the absolutely endless expansion of which, in all directions, the entire aforesaid creation of the whole material world is like a moment compared to eternity.

4. Thus, the spirit world is quite as endless as infinite space that does not end anywhere.

5. Although space has nowhere an end in eternity and is thus truly endless in all directions, there is in its most endless depths and distances not a single spot where the spirit of God's wisdom and might is not as much present as now here among you. The true children of God, who will excel in proper love for God, the holy Father from eternity, and also in pure love for their neighbours, shall beyond in the great house of the Father obtain the might and the power to forever fill the infinite space with more and more new creations.

6. You, however, are still too ignorant and cannot grasp what I have now told you. But this I nevertheless tell you: No mortal eye can see nor ear hear and no earthly sense can ever grasp what beyond in the Kingdom of Heaven awaits those who become worthy of being called children of God.

7. For, before the eyes of true children of God the earths, suns and moons shall be floating like glimmering dust.

8. Therefore, do not be only hearers, but be doers of My Word.

9. Only the deed will let you recognise whether the words I have spoken to you, and am still speaking, are coming to you from the mouth of a man or from God's mouth.' [John 7:17]

10. But just as you are yourselves to be complete doers of My Word - if you are to be of an enlivening conviction as to Who is He that has given you this teaching and Commandment of love, so you are to also spurn on to the deed all those to whom you proclaim My Word, because as long as the Word merely adheres to the brain, it has no higher worth than the braying of a donkey, which also is audible.

11. Only when the word penetrates the heart does it become live, taking hold of the will, which is the focus of love, driving the whole man unto action.

12. Through such action a new man arises within the old and My word actually becomes new flesh and blood.

13. And only this new-man shall show you that My Words truly are of God, having today the same authority, power and effect as eternities of eternities ago; because everything you see, feel, smell, taste and hear is basically nothing other than God's Word.

14. He Who eternities ago out of Himself commanded the worlds, suns and moons to be, placing them in their extensive tracks, the Same is now placing you into new tracks of eternal life!

15. But I say to you furthermore that, he who receives you also receives Me; but he who receives Me receives also Him who sent Me unto you [Mt. 10:40] - which you ought to comprehend properly!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 140)

Lessons of humility. The inner spirit in the word

„[2] I said: **“If you stay in Me, I will also stay in you. However, without Me you can do nothing.**

[3] And if you are with Me, and have done everything in My name, then say in yourselves: ‘Look, o Lord, how we, while working in Your vineyard, are still standing before You as lazy and useless helpers.’ For truly: he who exalts himself, will be humiliated, but he who humiliates himself, will be exalted.

[4] Besides, you will call no one ‘Lord’, for only one is your Lord and Master, and this is I. Also, you will call no one ‘Father’, for only one is your Father, namely He who lives in Heaven. So you also should call no one good and holy, for only God is good and holy.

[5] You are all brothers and sisters among each other. **The one among you, who wants to be the first and the most important, should be the helper and servant of all. For in My Kingdom, the most humble, the minor and apparently the least, is actually the most important and the greatest in all wisdom and power.**

[6] Now you know what you should do and what you always have to heed in order to keep Me and My power and might in yourselves and work with it. Do it always in this way, then you will also stay in Me and I in you.”

[7] Now our skipper came to Me and said: “O, dear Lord and Master, You said that one should not call anyone ‘father’, because only God is the Father of all men. I can indeed see that You are completely right. Only, I do not know how I should understand what is written in the law of Moses and how it can be explained when Moses says: ‘Honor your father and mother, so that you will live long and that it will go well with you on Earth.’ Here Moses, the great and mighty prophet of Jehovah, calls the one who begets children, ‘father’. And there is also: ‘our father Abraham, Isaac and Jacob’. Now if we as children call our begetter ‘father’, are we then committing a sin against You, according to what You have said, o Lord?”

[8] I said: “The word in itself is not important, but only its inner meaning. Therefore, children can without any problem call their begetter ‘father’, and the one who gave birth to them ‘mother’, because children cannot grasp the spirit of the word. But you can grasp now the inner spirit of the word, and know that the eternal supreme, pure love in My heart for you men, whom I educate to become My children and am eternally exalting them, is the only true Father. Thus, friend, understand well, only in this spiritual sense of the word you should call no one ‘Father’.

[9] Remember also, that every pure outer word, as well as a letter, is in itself dead and can awaken no one. Only **the inner spirit in the word** – whether it is spoken out or written down in letters – makes everyone alive who thinks, acts and lives according to its inner, living meaning. However, the one who only believes, acts and lives according to the outer meaning of the word, like the Pharisees, remains dead, like also the letter of the word in itself is dead. This to reassure you.” (13. The humility of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 22)

HUMILITY BELONGS TO GOD – The universal lesson of the fly

“12.1 You have heard often enough, in the course of this communication, what is meant by this injury. Not only in this communication, but also in several other communications you have often heard how one can be an individual and at the same time be intimately united in one’s heart with the Creator. Nevertheless, it is still dark in your emotions, and faith has a hard road and the soul finds it hard to understand how man can have, spiritually, a completely independent life, and, at the same time, be so connected with the original life of the Creator, so that together they are only one life.

12.2 Yes truly, such is very difficult to grasp within the earthly limitations, and I tell you: whoever does not learn it from the modest little song of the fly or, still more clearly speaking, whoever does not learn it out of the true innermost humility of the way of the cross, still more clearly speaking, **WHOEVER DOES NOT LEARN IT FROM ME, THE FATHER, WHO AM THE HIGHEST AND INNERMOST HUMILITY ITSELF, HE WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW FATHER AND CHILD CAN BE COMPLETELY ONE.**

12.3 To give you a good picture, let us look at two large objects, namely, a big (cosmic) man called the world, and another huge man called heaven.

12.4 Regarding the first man, in a material sense, entire shell globes, full of suns and worlds, do not make up a nerve module of his, and this man, who in his largeness, sees himself as completely 'one' life, just as you see yourselves as just one life, - but does he really consist of just one life?

12.5 To understand that this great cosmic man lives a manifold life, you need only to see a swarm of flies, and they will tell you with their humility that even they, as the first animals, present for themselves a complex life. How much more must man for himself recognize this, and still more an entire world full of people and countless other living beings, and still by far more the sun with its completed beings, and still much more a central sun with its most complete and almighty spirits, and finally a self-contained shell globe.

12.6 But still, all these shell globes, all central suns, all next-to-central suns, all planetary suns, and all other secondary suns with their planets and all the beings on them, are truly nothing but body parts of this large 'COSMIC MAN', who for himself has as good a self-contained life as every man on this earth.

12.7 See, that was the view on the material side.

12.8 Now let us direct our eyes to the 'heavenly man' - 'cosmic man's' size compared to his size being as a millionth part of an atom compared to the aforementioned cosmic man man.

12.9 Yes, the 'heavenly man' in its human shape is so big that all countless millions of shell globes, which comprise the 'cosmic man', would easily fit into the tubular opening of one of its little body hairs and they could move about without even touching the sides of the little hair tubes.

12.10 Now, think, how much life this heavenly man already has in one little hair tube, or at least in a part of the body corresponding to the little hair, and how much life he must have in one of his limbs, how much in his heart, and how much in his entire body! And yet, this entire 'heavenly man' thinks of himself as only simply existing for himself, while countless millions and millions of the most perfect angels and spirits, all self-contained as well, think and live just as he does. Yes, in this heavenly men, there are still other relationships in which beings that think alike and love alike, form a union which, corresponding to an earthly body or at least a part of one, represent completely a man that can think and feel entirely for itself, as if he were only an individual man!

12.11 Yes, I tell you, in addition: IN MY ENDLESSNESS, THERE ARE SEVERAL SUCH HEAVENS, AND EACH HEAVEN IS, BY ITSELF, A COMPLETE MAN, AND ALL THE HEAVENS TOGETHER FORM ANOTHER ENDLESS MAN, WHICH CANNOT BE THOUGHT OR CONCEIVED OF BY ANYONE BUT ME, SINCE IT IS ACTUALLY MY BODY, OR GOD IN HIS ENDLESSNESS, WHICH THINKS AND FEELS HIS PERSON AND INDIVIDUALITY IN THE MOST DETERMINED AND clearest WAY OF ALL, - AND WHAT AN ABUNDANCE OF LIFE IN HIM!

12.12 IF YOU NOW COMPARE THESE TWO PICTURES A LITTLE, AND THEN REVIEW THEM IN THE SPIRIT, YOU WILL SOON REALIZE THAT IN ONE ETERNAL AND ENDLESS LIFE, COUNTLESS LIVES CAN MOVE ABOUT FREELY AND THERE ENJOY THE HIGHEST OF LIFE'S DELIGHTS, WHILE THEY ARE ONLY A PART OF THE PRINCIPAL LIFE IN GOD.

12.13 See, thus sings the fly in its humility. And humility is man's actual true principal fly. For, as the fly, on a continent, begins to gain victory over life within itself, so does HUMILITY WITHIN MAN BEGIN TO TAKE UP THE FREEST OF ALL LIFE FROM GOD, AND TO ENCLOSE IT WITHIN HIMSELF AND THEN, THROUGH ITS PERSEVERANCE AND COURAGE, TO GROW AND NURTURE THIS HOLY TREASURE WITHIN, WHICH IS THE "LIVING CHRIST" IN EVERY REAL MAN. AND WHEN THIS LIFE HAS GONE INTO ALL PARTS OF THE SOUL, AND THROUGH THE SOUL INTO THE FLESH, THEN SUCH AN OCCURRENCE, THE ACTUAL WORKING IN THE SPIRIT, IS A VICTORY, YES TRULY, THE GREATEST OF ALL VICTORIES WHICH A MAN CAN ATTAIN, FOR BY THIS VICTORY HE HAS CAPTURED THE HIGHEST LIFE OF GOD WITHIN HIMSELF, THROUGH LOVE HAS MADE IT HIS OWN, AND HAS BECOME ONE WITH THE ETERNAL GOD, THE FATHER OF ALL LOVE.

12.14 Tell Me, is this not a victory which the fly sings to you?

12.15 But if you want to correctly understand the fly, which sings this victory to you, then ask the actual true fly within you, which is perfect humility, and it will give you the correct answer! Yes, through it you will experience what a really true victory is!

12.16 But as love is the fruit of humility, so is Eternal Truth, or the Light of all Light, a Fruit of Love, and as Love grows out of Humility and Truth out of Love, therefore, it is a true growth and a true tree of Life and a true tree of all holy cognition of Life, and everything belonging to it, temporally as well as eternally.

12.17 But whoever wants to investigate the secrets of life with his worldly intellect will never find them, but will lose what little he had attained during his childhood. For truly whoever doesn't believe such an inner word when it makes itself known, - either as admonishing conscience in the heart of every higher-minded man, or as an audible word from the mouth of an awakened one - with a childlike pious simplicity and then not remaining a mere hearer of the Word, wondering about things contained within it, but is a doer of this word, I tell you yet again: VERILY, VERILY, HEARING AND SEEING, NEVER GETS ANYONE INTO HEAVEN, BUT ONLY DOING!

12.18 You have understood, from this communication, that life cannot return before it has been judged, and also, you should know from the gospel, where it says: "Not I, but the Word, which I have spoken to you, will judge you!"

12.19 See, thus the Word is the judge; for the one who complies, eternal life! - and for the one who doesn't, eternal death! For no one can arrive at a certainty except in the 'active' way of the cross, according to the word which preaches nothing but humility and love; but whoever is only a hearer and not a doer of the living word, which wants to judge him to life, will not be able to unite with its positive-living power, but will remain in his negative polarity of death, out of which a positive polar life will hardly ever again develop.

12.20 But what are the first signs that a non-doer is headed towards a judgment of death?

12.21 The first signs are the doubts of the genuineness of one or the other part of the divine revelation.

12.22 What then is such a doubt in and of itself?

12.23 A doubt is nothing else but an impotence of the inner life, in consequence of which the spirit sinks back into itself, and in the soul appears nothing but a dull, ordinary twilight in which a part of the light comes from the fainter and fainter rays of the spirit, but the larger part of the increasing light comes from the sense-deceiving world.

12.24 Where such spiritual impotence leads doesn't need any great explanation, unless the spirit is again soon awakened by vigorous activity according to the Word.

12.25 But WHOEVER WILL NOT GO OVER INTO THE TRUE POSITIVE POLARITY OF ETERNAL LIFE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS LIFE, WILL JUDGE HIMSELF FOR THE NEGATIVE POLARITY, FROM WHICH HE WILL NEVER ARISE ETERNALLY!

12.26 These two polarities are respectively 'spiritual' and 'material', or living inner fruit and dead outer shell.

12.27 Whoever will go over into the fruit, will go over into life, but whoever goes over into the shell, will go over into death.

12.28 You should know that IN ALL THINGS, AND MORE SO IN GOD, THERE ARE TWO POLARITIES; AND SINCE THE DIVINE BEING IS ETERNAL, SO ALSO THESE TWO POLARITIES MUST BE ETERNAL.

12.29 Whoever is judged by the Word, or rather judges himself by it, takes life into himself and corresponds to the divine positive polarity, which is then the most free and unlimited existence.

12.30 But whoever does not take up the Word in himself in an effective manner, but only lets it run through his negative intellect, the Word itself will judge him towards the negative polarity, which is the basic principle of all matter and thus also of death and limitation from which you can see that there will never be an end to the natural world or the spiritual world, and the natural world will remain as an eternal negative-polar support for everything spiritual and free. Which lot is the best for all eternities, to be incorporated in either the negative of the positive polarity of God, that is: to be an eternally joyful, most free angel-spirit, or a banned Satan in a dead stone – such you may now decide for yourselves.

12.31 The truth is, indeed, everywhere for the living, but for the dead there is no light in all eternity.

12.32 And that should carry with it such as the truth should always say; and such is an exceedingly good thing, yes, that is the eternal ring of life which you should penetrate and it does not turn itself to entertain the intellect, but earnestly in the deed, and only by this the truth, as the true light of life in it, arises and fully wafts through it.

12.33 See, if you now understand this, then you will also understand that the tone is as the pipe, and the light as the life, and the reward as the work, or the cognition or self-knowledge of the eternal life in itself as the deed according to the Word; and as the mountain, so the bend in the road, or as the life is lived, so also is its pole; and AS THE HEART, SO IS ITS VOICE, OR AS THE HUMILITY WITHIN THE HEART, SO ALSO THE LIVING WORD WITHIN IT.

12.34 Now you will no longer ask: "Who may comprehend this within himself. For whom will this olive branch ripen?" For you know, from the course of this communication, what the earth is and what light is, and you will, therefore, also know and easily understand how truth is a light to the light and a light to the light for judgment, i.e. Either for judgment which turns life to life, or the reverse as you already know.

12.35 As you think through everything that was said, can you still not understand the question: "Can you now court suns as you desecrate the earth in the light?" Or in plain English: Can you serve two masters?

12.36 For whoever courts suns, or living perfection, how can he turn to the world with this light, for profit? Or, so that you may understand it more distinctly: How will a man seeking divine truth with his intellect, arrive at eternal life, if he doesn't want to let the Word in him become deed?!

12.37 Yes, he is one who, in the stolen light, profanes by his indolence the very ground upon which he should have been active to attain life! Don't the physicists know that like polarities never attract but always repel?! THE EARTH IN ITSELF IS LAZY AND IDLE, HOW CAN IT BE ENLIVENED BY INACTIVITY?

12.38 Therefore, IT IS CLEAR THAT AS ONE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS, - SO NOT AT THE SAME TIME, HIS IDLE INTELLECT AND THE LIVING DEED.

12.39 But whoever can court suns should not profane the earth with the light, but should bless it by his deed, so that the earth also becomes a sun to him.

12.40 And so the call is to the dark doubter, that he should flee when I bring down suns. But where shall he flee?

12.41 He may ask the fly and it will tell him which train life takes, and how it should return equipped with great profits; but the fly will also tell him where he may flee, yes, rather must flee, if he will not return to the eternal life of all life by action according to the Word.

12.42 Whoever has opened his eyes just a little bit, will need not search too long to see the vast endlessness full of deer, who truly run the race to the ultimate finish where life has taken its course in our fly; for "deer" and "always becoming freer life" signify one and the same thing.

12.43 Knowing this, you also know who and how he can lift the endless chain of existence, which climbs up to the firstborn of all light and life.

12.44 But here the question is put to the intellectual, whether also he, the idle, is able to lift this chain and likewise the second and last question. IF YOU CANNOT FIND THE FOOTPRINTS OF TRUTH, NAMELY, THROUGH THE DEED, WHO THEN WILL RELEASE YOU FROM THIS NIGHT OF ETERNAL DEATH?

12.45 I think this last question needs no further clarification, since you will know from this script, that ONE MUST BE A LIVING, ACTIVE DOER OF THE WORD IN ORDER TO BE RELEASED FROM THE NIGHT OF ETERNAL DEATH - AND NOT ONLY A HEARER, OR ULTIMATELY EVEN A CRITIC, WHAT IS EVEN WORSE, A DESPISER AND THEN EVEN A DENIER OF MY WORD.

12.46 But whoever wants to be a real doer of the Word must be totally earnest, so he can say with My dear David: "God is my true earnestness, I will sing and compose, that is also my glory. In good health, you psalters and harps, I will be up early. I will thank Thee, Oh Lord, among the peoples and will sing praises to You among the masses, for Thy grace reaches as far as the heavens extend, and Thy truth reaches higher than the clouds. Lift up Thyself, Oh God, above the heavens, Your Glory over every land, so that Your dear friends are released, help with Your right hand hearken to me!"

12.47 Doesn't David sing here that God is his true earnestness?

12.48 But how else can God be with man except in the Word? Thus the Word must be man's earnestness; therefore he should sing it or hear it and then write it or do it; and that is the glory of the light of man himself.

12.49 Here David calls to the psalters and harps, and wants to get up early, in order to do what?

12.50 Nothing but the Word; for whoever takes up the Word into his heart and does accordingly, and does such among nations and among people, or he finds himself in the middle of the two well-known polarities, and strives through them towards God, and doesn't let himself to be led astray by nations or by people, or by his intellect, nor by his indolence, he it is who thanks and sings praises to Me with the best psalters and harps.

12.51 Yes, truly, whoever does so, to whom God is a true earnestness, as to David, he knows quite well how far My grace extends, or how far the life from Me goes out into all the eternal spaces, which are the heavens, of which enough was told to you today, he also knows what the "clouds of truth" are, namely the spirits of eternal life.

12.52 Yes, to whom God is a true earnestness, he recognizes the victory within himself and calls likewise with David: "Lift Thyself, oh God, above the heavens – or over this my former life – and Thy Glory – or Thy living light – stream out over the lands of my being, so that thereby, all dear friends or all who have turned themselves toward life, at whichever level they may be, will be released of all that is death!"

12.53 Yes, to whom God, as to David, is a true earnestness, will also call to Him, "Lord, my God and Father, - see, my heart overflows with love to You! See, out of the depth of my humility, I implore and cry to You that You might help me with Your right hand, or that You might give me the true light of life, and then I could become one, single complete life with You; and so hearken to me, my God!"

12.54 See, that IS A PROPER SUPPLICATION FOR HIM WHO, BY HIMSELF, CAN SAY IN THE SPIRIT AND IN ALL TRUTH: "GOD IS MY TRUE EARNESTNESS!"

12.55 FOR TO WHOM GOD IS A TRUE EARNESTNESS, HE WILL TURN HIMSELF TOWARDS GOD COMPLETELY, AND WILL NOT LOOK BACK TO THE WORLD WITH ONE EYE, AND LOOK TOWARDS GOD WITH THE OTHER ONE. HE WILL NOT LIFT ONLY HIS EYES TO GOD, BUT HIS ENTIRE BEING! But, as it is these days, believe Me, there is very little earnestness towards God, and mankind has fallen completely into the greatest half-heartedness and the remaining drop of it living power is used solely for world purposes!

12.56 THE AMOUNT OF LIVING POWER RETURNING TO ME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COUNT ON YOUR FINGERS WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE, AND BE ASSURED THAT THE WORDS “COUNTLESS” AND “UNENDING” WILL NOT BE USED HERE.

12.57 But should that make us anxious? Oh, My dear little children, by no means! For everything will proceed the way that My judging Word prescribes, either upwards or downwards, and so, quite plainly spoken, although this planet was redeemed for a very high ransom, and was placed in the center of My two endless polarities, there are still very many planets in the whole of infinity upon which more faithful children are walking than upon this most ungrateful one – nevertheless, I have done it for no planet but this one!

12.58 As yet, eternity has not come to an end; its continuation is endless! Woe to this earth if I turn My heart away from it toward another.

12.59 Mark well, all that you have received in this fly, and act accordingly! Stay away from your intellect, but remain all that much closer to your heart, then you will recognize the true victory of life within yourselves, and you will be able to swing yourselves up to the sevenfold light, and to the threefold light above the sevenfold light!

12.60 And I tell you this in addition: If anyone has a doubt and cannot fully believe this communication, so that through it he becomes alive in his heart, he will do better not to touch it for, if he has touched upon it, he has also reinforced the inner judge towards death. But if he has not touched upon it, his judgment will also be easier, and the way to the negative pole more tolerable and, perhaps, after eternities, also reversible.

12.61 BUT WHOEVER READS IT AND CONSIDERS IT AS A POWERFUL SIGNPOST TOWARDS LIFE, AND DOES ACCORDINGLY, TRULY, HE ALREADY HAS THE VICTORY WITHIN HIMSELF, ALL OF WHICH IS YOUR FATHER’S SOLE, HOLY LOVE-WILL ETERNALLY. Amen.” (The Fly, final chapter)

Advices to ennoble the soul

“**PETER** said: “Yes Lord, I clearly can see that now and also understand more and more that Your human nature is actually completely the same as ours and that the difference lies only in the spirit in us. We all will surely do our very best to reach all the goals that You show us. But we still are greatly lacking when it comes to the rebirth of our souls. We are on the right way but when we are alone we repeatedly fall back which tempts us to do foolish things which we committed already many times as You have seen. How can we avoid these?”

[2] **I** said: “In the first place by acquiring the right power of faith, even when you do not see Me, for **happy are those who believe and do not see**. And then by making yourself free of every fear and only with all power to love God of whom you know that He is in Me and whom you have recognized.

[3] I surely know that you all love Me much, but this love concerns now more My person than My Spirit. The unshakable love which feels no more doubt at all and which does also not waver by

things that you do not understand, you do not possess yet, but only a belief for which for the moment only My deeds are the basis, and this is still not a rock but mixed with loose soil that can still be washed away by the heavy rain of affliction.

[4] Do not only belief when I am with you but belief and trust completely in My power also when I am physically not with you. Examine your souls to see where there is still something impure and throw it away from you.

[5] As long as you still can discover a bad mood, irritation, discontentment or impure thoughts in yourselves there will still be doubt which does not let the living faith become strong. All these bad characteristics are foreign to the spirit. That is why it cannot penetrate the soul who should freely give them all up."

[6] **Peter** said: "Yes Lord, this we all know very well, and we make effort to act according to Your words, but it is still very difficult to overcome oneself. And still we love You with all our heart and with all our strength."

[7] **I** said: "This is all right. That is why I brought you to Ephraim so that you can purify yourselves and freely and by personal effort acquire the inner completion. So this is all right. Would you be My disciples if it was not My intention to lead you to the Father to serve Him just as I am serving Him now? Because the Father knows what He is doing and which instruments He chooses for Himself. What you still lack, you will acquire. And so strive for it. You will not lack the strength if you will ask for it."

[8] **Peter** said: "Yes Lord, we very well know that You always give us the strength that we need if we ask for it. It is just that we all too often forget to ask because we consider ourselves to be strong already ourselves and think that we can overcome with our own strength. And this feeling of strength fills us with great confidence which changes very easily in remorse when some circumstance shows the very great weakness of the human heart and our instability, and this despite all good intentions. Should we then not try at all to do something with our own strength?"

[9] **I** answered: "He who strives to unify with God will first try to fulfill His will and to subordinate his own will, for only the energetic will of God in man and which has become active cannot and will never suffer shipwreck. But when man is self-willed and wants to execute something without bothering himself whether his intended deed is also according to God's will, should not be surprised when that deed will not turn out to his advantage.

[10] That feeling of strength which you talked about is often nothing more than spiritual pride, feeling exalted above other human brothers and who therefore wants to accomplish something exceptional in order to satisfy his own vanity or also out of a lust to be admired by others. So beware of these impulses, for those who adhere to Me must be **poor of spirit**, as you know, so that they receive everything from Me and truly see God. But those who think that they are spiritually rich are now exactly those who think to be perfect, brag about their self-conquest and become full of spiritual pride.

[11] Look at the Pharisees how they believe that only they are serving God, with all kinds of meaningless wisdom and stuff of words, yet they only serve themselves and their own welfare. It is purely impossible to let even the smallest teaching of wisdom of My Heavens flow into their heart,

for it is completely filled with all kinds of riches of self-esteem of their soul, while it can only be given where there is total poverty. Do you and your brothers understand this?"

[12] As happened many times, **Peter** was the spokesman of the others, and after he looked at the present brothers who all made approving gestures, he said: "Yes Lord, we understand this very well, for You often gave such teachings in similar words. But we would like to know something else from You.

[13] You spoke about a rebirth of the spirit and of the soul. This difference was striking to us because we never would have searched for a difference and thought that once the soul has completely pervaded the spirit that everything had been reached that could be reached. What about it? Would You like to explain this more clearly?"

[14] I said: "That which you can understand now you will hear. But everything can only become completely clear to you in My Kingdom where you will find confirmation with your own eyes and sense organs. But not only for your sake but also for the sake of your followers you must know what I mean and what I want to indicate with the rebirth of the spirit. " (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 25, chap. 76)

The rebirth of the spirit is eternal communion with the Lord. Rebirth of soul possible also without the community with the Lord

"ALL those who, already on Earth, will follow Me and My words will reach that goal which I indicated to you so many times as the rebirth of the soul. So this is when the soul has become pervaded by the spirit by which he is already capable in the body to penetrate in all higher wisdom of the Heavens and become lord, not only over himself but with that also lord over his environment, yes even over nature and hidden powers, when he tries, out of love, to fulfill My will for the benefit of fellowman. The means to reach that goal are called: faith and true love for fellowman.

[2] Such reborn people can and must also be very righteous people, such as there existed at all times and who possessed the highest completion of the soul, but therefore they had not necessarily reached the community with the personal active Spirit of God.

[3] This was also not possible up to now because the deity was still not personally visibly present, except in Me. All righteous people who reached the rebirth of the soul before My physical life could despite that still by far not see the deity as you can. That is why their teachings show that penetrating in the highest completion seems like an ascension in infinity to them because God Himself, as non-personal Being, means infinity in which the blowing of His power can spiritually be felt but to the soul it could not be made visible in a person at that time.

[4] Only after My death, when this body will be taken up as a garment of the almighty, infinite deity Himself, will all those, who have left the physical life before My time, also be capable, by seeing the present deity in person, to live in eternal community with Him. And this in a city that I already showed to you when the 12 illuminated pillars frightened the Jerusalemites at night and which

represent the true heavenly Jerusalem – the eternal city of God. This united eternally living together of God with His children is the rebirth of the spirit.

[5] Many more will very well be able to reach the rebirth of the soul after Me and therefore also be very blessed and happy but without reaching this highest and last level. Many representatives of My Spirit descended to the Earth and showed the way to the lost people, how they could come to peace and inner enlightenment but without being capable to show the direct ways to Me because these were not opened yet. All who wanted to walk on the former ways in this manner can thus very well come to the rebirth of the soul but not in community with Me.

[6] The latter is only possible by believing in Me, that I truly am the Christ, the anointed One to whom all power and glory of the Father is given, so that the people will become happy and highly blessed through the Son. I am the Gate – there is no other. He who wants to walk on the ways to Heaven without wanting to know Me can reach a high degree of completeness but never come to clear, visible community with God Himself. Do you understand this now?"

[7] **They all** said: "Yes Lord, for this was clearly spoken. Who would not understand this?"

[8] Now **Peter** thought again: "Lord, will now all of those who reached the rebirth, and who live there now really blissful, also reach the rebirth of the spirit, or is it possible that they will remain on the level of their completion?"

[9] **I** said: "You can answer this question yourself, for it is obvious that no one is forced. But when a country is divided by a large river and there comes a skilful architect who builds a bridge and then calls all those together who were not yet able to reach the other shore, to cross over with him to the other shore, will all follow him? The greatest part anyway, and those who left behind will after a certain time of waiting certainly also cross over when they will see that the first ones did not come back, and even more, when they will see that the other shore is brightened by sunshine and looks lovely.

[10] Look, such architect am I. And also after Me will everyone strive to find the way up to the bridge because his inner spirit will tell him: 'There is a higher, more valuable thing than what you have reached yourself by your righteous life. Look for it.'

[11] And every seeker who cast off the physical life will also be able to find this bridge, whether he became a righteous person by My teaching that is given to you or by a teaching of a former or later teacher who was awakened by Me.

[12] Such righteous ones I will come to meet as a bridge tollkeeper, and then they freely will pay their toll, which means: they accept the teaching: the Father is in the Son, and he who sees the Son sees also the Father.

[13] So they also will be accepted just like those who walked on My ways since the beginning.

[14] Therefore you should not look down with contempt on the gentiles, for I say to you that among them there are more righteous people than there ever were among the people of the Jews, and that is also why the gentiles will be accepted and the Jews rejected."

[15] **Peter** said: “Lord, if there are such righteous people among the gentiles, how did they come to that righteousness?”

[16] **I** answered: “I already told you that they are always instructed by representatives of My Spirit, transmitting the light from My Heavens and instructing the people according to their ability of understanding. And above all, these representatives were teaching the descend into the inner of the spirit so that everyone who wanted to find the truth in himself would also be able to find it. And this is, as you know, the rebirth of the soul. I also often advised this descending to you as a useful means to make the soul free and clean of all the spots and stains of his selfishness so that he can come to Me.

[17] Train yourself in this so that your inner eye will be more opened, and experience in yourselves about all the things that the spirit can reveal when it has become alive in you. How this can be done, you know very precisely from Me. So act accordingly.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 25, chap. 77)

Let these children come to Me. Become like children in order to enter the Kingdom of God

“[14] Then many fathers and mother hurried to their homes and brought soon a great number of children with them who were sick and weak in a more or lesser degree, and they asked Me if I would like to bless them all and make them healthy again by that.

[15] However, the number of children that they brought with them was considerable and when the disciples heard that I wanted to touch every child separately, according to the wish of the parents, they said: “Well, well, the day will hardly last for 2 little hours. If the Lord has to touch and bless every child separately, the day will be over, and we still have to travel to another place, because it is out of the question that we should stay here, because already along the way He said that He would not stay overnight in the first village. And once He had spoken out something, He never deviates one hair’s breadth from it. Let us send back the children who are crowding with the good remark that it is not necessary for every child to be touched separately. It is sufficient that He speaks out only one word, then they all will be healed and be completely and entirely blessed and strengthened.”

[16] After they had deliberated this, the disciples prevented them to come to Me and warned those who wildly would want to press through.

[17] However, **I** called all these many children to Me and said to the disciples: “Oh, let all these children come to Me and do not prevent them, because for such children is the Kingdom of God. Truly I say to you: whoever does not take possession of the Kingdom of God as a child, will not enter into it.”

[18] Then the disciples let all the children come to Me and I touched them all, pressed them to My heart and fondled them, and they all became well, strong and healthy, and I let them go with the unceasing words of gratitude of the parents.

[19] Then a few disciples came to Me and said: “Lord, You have now again made a new condition to take part in the Kingdom of God. How can we as most of us gray haired men, become again children in order to come into the Kingdom of God? And still, You have said just now very clearly that a person who does not take possession of the Kingdom of God as a child, will not enter into it. If this is the case, then what is the use of our effort, abstaining and self-denial?”

[20] I said: “Truly, a lot of patience is needed to go along with you. How long will I have to suffer you before you will understand things clearly? When I say that the Kingdom of God can only be taken into possession as a child, then I do indeed not mean the physical being of a child, but only being a child in your heart. A child has no pride, no anger, no hatred, no tendency for fornication, no lasting passion and also no impatience. He surely cries if something has been done to him, but he also soon lets himself be comforted and forgets the sadness that he had and embraces the benefactor with all love. So should every person be in his heart and his mind, then the Kingdom of God is already his possession. Now if you understand this now, you surely will not have to ask how a person as a child should take the Kingdom of God into possession? Did you understand that?”

[21] The disciples confirmed it and thanked Me for this explanation.” (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 8, chap. 165)

The hereditary evil of self love

“[1] (The Lord:) “You have heard of the hereditary evil – at least the Jews! What is it and how is it made up? See and hear!

[2] It is the old self-love as the father of the lie and all evil out of it; but the lie is the old, sinful matter, which is in fact nothing else than a loose and sinful appearance of self-love, selfishness, haughtiness and imperiousness.

[3] All this originated out of the necessary stimulus, which I had to place into the spirits for the sake of recognition of the own free will; although the stimulus was necessary, the sinful coming into existence of the material world was absolutely no necessity. It was only allowed out of My order, as an unfortunate necessary consequence of the so many spirits which did not wanted to resist the stimulus, although they were able to – just like six times as many primordial created spirits were able to, of whom only one is standing here to serve us and carries the name Raphael.

[4] The enemy who always strewed the weed under the pure wheat, and still strews, and will be strewing for a long time to come, is therefore the old self-love, and the consequence as known to you is the weed, and in the furthestmost sense the perfect example of all kind of matter, lies, Satan and devil.

[5] But My word is the noble and pure wheat grain, and your free will is the field, in which I as the Sower of all life, strews and sows the purest grain of My eternal order.

[6] Do not let yourself be overpowered by self-love, but fight it easily and powerful with the glowing sword of the true, most unselfish love for Me and your next brothers and sisters, and you

will keep the field free of all weed and soon you will yourself enter My kingdom as a purest and most valuable fruit, and see and lead new and pure spiritual creations in eternity!

[7] But pay attention that the enemy, or self-love in you, does not take up an atom size space in you; since this atom is already the seed of the true weed, which can in time completely take over your free will, and your pure spiritual then goes continuously more and more over in weed or matter, where you yourself become a lie, because all matter as that what it is, is obviously the most cardinal lie!

[8] The smallest atom self-love in you, My current disciples, will in a thousand years become entire mountains full of the most toxic weed, and one will immure My word on the back streets and streets with the worst excrement, so that no lie full of haughtiness and hate can be offended by it! Just stay pure in My order, then you soon will see the wolves and lambs drink from the same brook.

[9] I now have given you an explanation of something which had never before given to any spirit in his mind, so that you can infer from it, who is He, who is the only one who can give you such teaching and why. Surely not only for the sake of the teaching, but because of the true deed according to it! Therefore you should not only become futile and surprised listeners of My teachings, which never before have been preached to mankind so openly like now by Me. It is also not enough that you now clearly recognize, that it is God Himself, the Father from eternity, who has spoken to you, but you must seriously investigate your heart, that its love does not contain any atom of weed. If you find it, weed it with all the still so smallest roots and become active galore according to My for you not unknown order, and you will forever harvest the true life use from it!"

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 9, chap. 40)

The disciples ask for the reward in Heaven

"[1] Peter said: "Oh yes, that is still very much in my memory and certainly in that of all of us! But I will take the liberty here in the name of all of us to ask You what will be for us one day who have left everything and followed You faithfully?"

[2] At this I answered and said: "Truly, I tell you all who have followed Me: In your full rebirth, when I have risen and sit on the throne of My eternal magnificence, you will sit on the twelve chairs beside Me and like Me and judge the twelve tribes of Israel, which means as much as that you will once be just as active as Me in My heavens with Me for the eternal good of all people of this Earth and also the other worlds. And you will watch over, guide and lead these people here and on the other side as invisible guardian spirits for the people of the Earth! For only in a constantly growing, true loving activity does the true Kingdom of Heaven and its growing bliss consist.

[3] And I also say to you all: **Whoever leaves his house, brothers or sisters, or father or mother, or his wife, his children, or also his fields, or gardens and pastures and herds**

for My name's sake, will receive everything in My kingdom a hundredfold and thereby inherit true, eternal life.

[4] But remember this also: Those who are now the first will very easily be the last there, and those who are the last here will also easily be the first there!"

[5] The disciples did not understand that, and Peter asked: "What should that mean, what did You mean to say by that? For what You say has its reality for all eternity, and we want to know everything quite exactly and understand what comes from Your mouth! This seems to refer to us, and it would not be very good if we should be the last in another kingdom because we were the first here!"

[6] I said: "My dear Simon Juda, not for that reason; but if one of you were to think himself better because I had chosen him first, he would thereby fall into arrogance, with which he could never be the first in the Kingdom of Heaven. Suppose there would be one whom I had woken and chosen after more than a thousand years, he would certainly be the last according to choosing; but if he was humble to a great degree, so that he always considered himself the least worthy for such mercy, but nonetheless was faithful and enduring in his job, although he had no proof of the full genuineness of what was given to him, but instead only had to proceed with the single faith – would such a called person not be one of the first in the Kingdom of Heaven?

[7] But I would not have made this remark to you all if you had not asked about the reward for what you believe you are now doing for Me! That, Simon Juda, was not very noble of you and you all, since I have only shown you the greatest benevolence spiritually and physically by the mere fact that I chose you all, so that you have now began to inquire after a reward as well! Have I then done something incorrect to you if I gave you a small nudging?" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 13, chap. 54)

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

Mt 20, 1-16: *"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them: Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good- man of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and*

thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen."

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"This parable, like many of the others, was meant to help the Jews of that time to gain a better understanding of spiritual truths in the form of comparisons and illustrations from practical life. The metaphorical language was then - as still today in the Orient - used much more than nowadays, where straightforward statements are preferred. There is always a deeper spiritual meaning in these parables which applied not only for those times, but will have the same value for all future times.

Let us now throw some more light onto the spiritual meaning and look at its significance since this is its essence, its core, whereas the parable is only its shell or cover.

Now listen. In that parable I said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a vineyard." The spiritual meaning of these words must be traced back to the actual concept of a vineyard. What then is a vineyard?

It is a plot of land out of the soil of which - by way of planting vines - the ethereal of the earth is transformed into spiritual, in the grape to wine. Through the decomposition of the elements, coarser substances are changed into finer, more spiritual ones.

What else besides the soil is specifically needed for the maturation of the grape? It is the light of the sun, for without the awakener from above no spiritual product can develop on earth. The sun with its rays of light must awaken the elements dormant in the soil, help to spiritualize them with its warmth and, by the circulation in the vine through roots, branches, leaves and blossoms, deposit the most refined substance which, finally, after its process of decomposition, clearly reveals what an abundance of the spiritual was latent in the grape. However, this becomes apparent only after the grape has ceased to be a grape.

So here you have the vineyard where three things - soil, water and light - must work together in order to produce, on a higher level, something spiritual.

Now the comparison of My Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Heaven, with a vineyard will be better comprehensible thanks to the above mentioned explanation. Also in My Kingdom the highest is only spirit. However, this spirit, embodied in spiritual beings, can be obtained only from the lower, subordinate products of creation. Just as the entire formative process of the wine, beginning with the sucked-in sap of the roots of the vine right to the cider fermenting in the barrel, is a continuous changing, purifying and refining of substances, thus all steadily progressing created things in My entire creation are being purified and refined until - when they have ceased to be matter after the disintegration of their substance - the spiritual *can* emerge with a light, ethereal cover. As the root of the vine draws from the soil the elements it needs for the structure of the plant, the root of the future spiritual lies buried in the material.

These are the first beginnings, from which proceeds what is capable of a higher level, rising from the darkness of the earth's crust into the finer air. Then light, air and water contribute their part towards completing the process of spiritualization, changing solid elements out of the earth's components into fluids which can more easily contain spiritual and nobler substances because, having outgrown the lower regions and having been permeated by light and warmth, they can more easily submit to influences from the higher regions.

The process of educating entities to become dwellers in My spiritual Heavens takes place in a similar way. By the rays of light and truth from above, that which is sleeping in the grave must be drawn from the coarse matter, purified and an urge awakened within it to keep rising higher and higher . You can see it on your earth how everything is struggling from the coarsest matter to a lighter existence, through all the kingdoms of nature and, finally, to the human state, which represents the first spiritual level on the way to My Kingdom. It may be compared to the grape within which are contained all the elements in preparation for the delicious wine.

Within man, too, everything is so arranged that the influence from above is more powerful than that from below. At least, that was how I meant it to be; but man's degeneration and deviation from the road I prepared for him will be discussed at a later point of this parable.

Through decomposition of the mortal body man enters the realm of spirits where the same process is repeated spiritually. As the lowest spirit, bound within solid matter, originally progressed to the highest possible level on earth, namely, the state of man, he must, in the realm of spirits, once again start as a simple human soul in order to advance to the state of a high angelic spirit, yes, even up to Me.

In this respect, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a vineyard because there, too, a purifying process takes place from the coarsest to the finest, from the solid to the most flexible, from matter to spirit. For this Kingdom of Heaven, as a vineyard, - so the parable says - a householder was seeking laborers to work for him.

What the owner of a vineyard seeks in the *worldly* sense, I seek in the *spiritual*. I likewise seek souls who, comprehending themselves and My creation, are prepared to fulfill My commandments of love and, through their teaching and example, are to contribute to the liberation for the spirits still bound in matter, in order to lead back to Me, purified, refined and spiritualized, that which once had gone forth from Me.

As the landlord sets out early in the morning and hires for work the first men the vineyard goes out at different hours to find new laborers , thus do I seek in different age levels - the age of youth, adulthood and even old age - to win back those who, until now lost to Me, did not know their mission in this world or their destiny in the beyond.

Just as My children are on different age levels, thus - on a larger scale - are the nations at the age level of either childhood, youth, adulthood or old age. They follow the he finds standing around idly, so do I set out to exert My influence on human souls already in their earliest years in order to make them fit for My Kingdom. As this lord of same course of development as each individual in his phases of life.

The first beginnings of a teaching for My Kingdom were the times of belief which correspond to the age of childhood. Then came the times of doubt and questioning - the age of youth. Later followed the times of knowledge and awareness -the age of adulthood and, finally, that period which precedes the imminent transformation - old age.

My first advent took place at the time of mankind's youth when the awakened minds began to criticize and seek explanations of what had been given them as religion, which led to the establishment of different confessions. In order to prevent mankind from being completely deprived of his spiritual existence during this time of questioning, I came to this earth at that specific time, thereby preserving the good things gained by mankind during his childhood, removing that which had been contracted through sophisticated reasoning, thus giving back to man his spiritual dignity which otherwise would have been lost in his worldly, selfish activities. In this age of youth where both enthusiasm and great debasement are found side by side, I sought laborers for My heavenly vineyard. To accomplish their mission many died as martyrs at the stake - where

others would rather have belonged. In this wavering between great ideas, between spiritual teaching and materialism, the age of adulthood was maturing for mankind. The seed I had sown in the age of youth bore fruits, although in many places degenerate ones. Again I set out to seek fighters for My Kingdom and found only few. Some again risked to separate the wheat from the chaff, so that in the ripe age of adulthood, in spite of awareness, the entire spiritual seed would not once more be suppressed because of worldly interests. The religious wars and persecutions began, and men tried to combat with fire and sword, with hate and vengeance what could have been conquered solely through love and tolerance. Also this age of adulthood with its more earnest character passed. Those who had wanted to stupefy the world in accordance with their own ideas and to smite it with blindness, fell into the pit they had dug for others. They are going towards a reform which will turn out quite different from what they had imagined. Thus My laborers , although they had not yet accomplished everything, had at least contributed to save from destruction and decay the plant of the spirit that contains the purest wine of heaven. Now I am coming again in mankind's old age when he has matured toward a spiritual transformation. Again I am looking for laborers and am finding already quite a number . Although in the old age of mankind - just as in the old age of the individual - there are many habits which are not easy to root out, the power of circumstances will considerably contribute towards stamping out all that refuses to make way for something better with gentleness and love.

Thus I hired and sent out My laborers . And when they once arrive in My Kingdom, they will be joining those who have gone before them, celebrating with them the feast of victory and sharing the crown of merit.

I had called all men to walk this road to purification but only few succeeded in becoming the elect who - triumphant over misery, grief, worry and struggle - kept holding high My banner of faith. Some have also suffered and endured in their pious but misconceived thinking that had degenerated into fanaticism. These will be the grumblers in the beyond when they see *first* rewarded those on whom, during their life on earth, they had looked down upon with contempt. True, they too were chosen ones but lacked the strength to become the elect. Hence, they will have to watch the last become the first and the first the last.

Yet Eternal Love, Who evens out everything, will know also there how to heal **the wounds of self-pride which were based on false notions.**

You, My children, and all mankind have now entered the period of old age. The time of dissolution - in the spiritual sense - and of My last advent is approaching. Therefore the restlessness in the hearts of people because they sense the imminent change of temporal and spiritual things. hurry to eradicate the evil still *before* that time, so as not to be surprised by events in which the beliefs of today will not suffice. Therefore the zeal of the laborers in the evening in order to catch up in these few hours of spiritual life with the things that have not yet been accomplished.

Thus the lord of the vineyard will soon be occupied with paying the wages and I shall soon be distributing the crowns and palms of victory among those who - whether late or early - were the true representatives and propagators of My teaching.

Therefore, make sure that you not only belong to those chosen to hear My Word but that you may be counted among the *elect* who, like diligent laborers in a vineyard, have in mankind's old age contributed most to win from the hard and loveless dealings of the world as much spiritual as possible which one day in the Kingdom of Heaven, after the process of fermentation, will be bearing spiritual fruits. Amen."

(Sermons of the Lord, chap. 10)