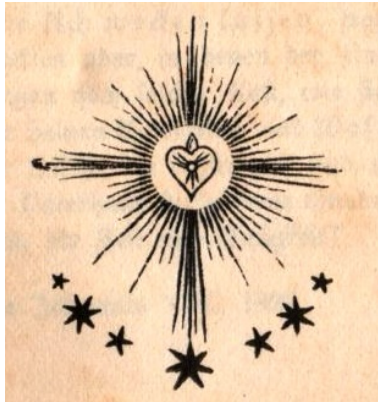


THE SPIRITUAL RETURN OF CHRIST
and
EXPLANATION OF THE REVELATION OF JOHN

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PREFACE

The more clearly defined the contrast between light and darkness, the more obvious becomes also the spiritual separation within the whole of humanity. And all the more clearly do the signs of the time point to an imminent final conflict, in which the will for good opposes the will for evil. Only a great awakening among mankind can bring about the victory of the divine spirit over all that is demonic and adverse to life which – because of the freedom of will – is allowed a final fling, so as to discharge the last of its force.

This book presents a number of the great prophecies of Jesus, as received through the Inner Word by the Styrian mystic and seer Jakob Lorber (1800–1864), as well as his successor, Gottfried Mayerhofer in Trieste, (1807–1877). These revelations leave the enlightened reader no room for doubt as to the final victory of the spirit over the anti-spirit and offer that inner peace which relieves today's mankind of its great anxiety, enabling it to face with trust all the coming events. Every world judgement resulting from man's disregard of God's order will be changed through Divine Love into blessings.

Not an end to the world, but only a great purification of humanity will, and must, precede the “coming of Christ in the spirit of man” which will fulfill the word about a “new earth” and a “new heaven” in the Revelation of John.

Throughout the centuries many have attempted to decipher the Revelation of John without success as they lacked an understanding of the language of correspondence which is necessary in order to be able to read text that is presented in symbolic images. In the messages received by Jakob Lorber and Gottfried Mayerhofer from the Lord we find the key to unlock the hidden meanings in the Biblical Revelation of John which have eluded humanity for so long.

May the reader of this little book gain light and strength from these revelations, as well as true knowledge about the meaning of the great events, in the midst of which we are now finding ourselves.

The Editor

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THE GREAT DAWN PRECEDING THE COMING OF THE LORD

Excerpts from message received through Jakob Lorber on April 6, 1849

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“Whosoever has a light, let him not place it under a covered table where it would be shining in vain. But let everyone who has received at least some light, place his little lamp upon the table where it may burn and light up the table and the room. If, in this way, a great number of lamps are brightly shining from the table, it will be so bright that every guest entering the room will be astonished and say: ‘How much light there is, and how pleasant this illumination is for us after having walked through the long night. This brightness already reminds us of a dawn.’

Light gives energy to life and awakens it even if only produced artificially, that is, by way of pure reason and a purified intellect. Hence, it is essential that in these times everyone who is in possession of a good and useful little lamp get it out. Let him clean it properly, fill it with plenty of oil, and then put it lit upon the table of purer knowledge, where it may give light to all those around the table or present in the room.

The course of events in these days clearly show what is lacking most of all, namely the light. Therefore, what is the use of talking about love or the observance of God's Commandments, if those to whom the sermon is preached are in utter darkness. Would they not bluntly tell the preachers: ‘Why do you disciples of the night babble on trying to make me believe things you have neither seen nor experienced? If you put a light on the table and describe in detail what you see and notice, I shall be able to believe you, for the light from your lamp will also illuminate my little chamber. Hence, before you preach a sermon, give us light; then we shall believe what you are now trying to make us believe in the total darkness of night.’

Therefore, I am not only telling all those of good will who seek the teachings of true life, but also all teachers: Once the little lamps are well-supplied with oil, they shall be lit without delay and placed upon the hospitable table of true understanding and knowledge. For the day has approached when the last great promise will be fulfilled. It is written what this time will be like. And behold, the predicted signs are all here. Who could fail to recognize them?

Since there is no doubt that the predicted signs have become a reality, who could still doubt that soon also that great day will be here that will bring a final and thus lasting coming of the Lord. Did not the two angels from the heavens at the spot where the Lord ascended tell those who lamented His loss: ‘Why are you, with so much sorrow, gazing after the One who has ascended into His Kingdom? Be comforted and go home, for this Jesus, whom you have now seen ascending into the heaven of all heavens, will once, in the same way as He has now ascended, return to judge all the generations on earth. Blessed are those whom He will find righteous; they shall become His children and He their Lord and Father. But woe betide those who have remained unrighteous; their responsibility is sure to become a millstone around their neck.’

What these two angels of God and what I, as the Lord and God Himself, have predicted concerning the return to earth of Christ, has now come to maturity and will soon take place. Almost all of the necessary preparations have been set into motion. Men's hearts are now reflecting these times with their horrible manifestations. They are full of tyranny, avarice, envy, gluttony, intemperance and harlotry, full of strife, quarrelling, slander, robbery, war, murder, and pestilence of every kind. Discord, unkindness and great cruelty have taken possession of them and as a result, a misery has come over humanity as has never before been experienced on earth. Therefore, this miserable time must soon be ended, as otherwise even those who so far are regarded as the elect, could be shipwrecked.

However, before I, as the Lord and Creator of all life can return, the earth must be completely

cleansed of all weeds; and this is now taking place in all parts of the earth. Whoever now has a wilfully sick soul and does not endeavour to get his soul healed, will not have much time left before he perishes.

The shortest period of purification will extend over at least four weeks, for there will be hours where more things will happen than formerly in one century. A longer period of four months has been set, for there will be periods when a single day will be more significant than formerly a full century. Still a further time has been set for four quarters of a year, for during one week more will be happening than formerly during a full century. And the longest time has been set for four years and a little bit more, for there will now be months during which more will be happening than formerly during seven centuries.

This time, however, is like a dawn preceding that day which will come as a blessing for the righteous and for all those with a good and gentle heart who love their brothers and sisters in My Name. But this day will also come like a thief over all those who disregard Me, have a hard and proud heart and regard themselves as better and of more importance than their brothers.

Whoever regards himself, in any way whatsoever, as better than his brother, will on this day be confounded, for from this day on, all external differences will cease to exist. Those who now, for the sake of My Name, are despised or out of pity just tolerated as honest people, will be greatly honoured. On this day such people will go forth as great and glorious, whereas those who are now so very ambitious, will become quite insignificant. But My elect will be shining brighter than the sun at noon.

A natural, scarlet dawn does not announce a beautiful day. But with the spiritual dawn the opposite is the case. Whilst a natural, rosy dawn invigorates all hearts, the spiritual dawn will fill them with great fear and anxiety, for it will derive its colour from the blood and the great fire of the world, by which the great and small wars are to be understood.

As the natural, scarlet dawn is an unfavourable sign for the break of day, the as-such unpleasant spiritual dawn can be regarded as a most favourable forerunner of the coming great day of salvation. This is the way I arranged it, and I shall allow things to take their course.

Whosoever will dare to approach Me and say: 'Lord, you are a cruel God, the blood of the slaughtered gives you pleasure and you act like an eternal tyrant!' Let Me tell him: The Master is not there to be judged by His works, but He will judge them in a just and righteous manner. Therefore, you shall also not say: 'Behold, this nation is right and that one is in the wrong, or this or the other general acts in a more accursed way than his predecessor.' Nor should you have joy or sorrow if one or the other party has gained a victory or has been defeated.

Altogether, you must not be too much concerned with the things that now happen, whether they are right or wrong. For I allow all of this to happen in this way and I am sufficiently mighty enough to be wise and good. But if someone believes himself to be wiser, let him master the elements, show the stars their course and command the winds, the sea and the mighty fire in the inner earth.

I tell you: Do not interfere in anything, but stay at home, so when I come soon, I may find you at home, strengthen you and receive you into My newly to-be-established Kingdom on earth and in all the stars. However, if I do not find you at home, you can only blame yourself if you do not at all, or only in a very limited way, participate in My final advent.

Actually, there is before Me fundamentally only one sin which is the mother of all others and it is called: Pride! Out of pride comes forth everything else that is sin, like selfishness, lust for power, self-love, envy, avarice, usury, deceit, thievery, robbery, anger, murder, laziness in proper work, idleness and a propensity for a life of pleasure; also boasting, lewdness of the flesh, unchastity, harlotry and, finally, forgetting God. Often also complete godlessness and with it total disobedience of all the laws of divine origin. If you look at each of these arch-sins, you will find pride at its root. Therefore, if someone would like to eliminate all of his presumed many sins with one stroke, let him make every effort to free himself

of any kind of pride. Sins that are committed without pride are not really sins because they do not contain within them the basis for sin.

Let everyone now allow this scarlet dawn to shine through him thoroughly, and carefully search in all corners of his life to see if he may not find something resembling pride. If he encounters something in his innermost like pride, then he should immediately strive with all of his powers to eliminate his pride, even if it appears to be insignificant. Or this will gradually grow and ruin the otherwise noble person spiritually, just as a parasitic plant would ruin an otherwise completely healthy tree. Pride, in any form whatsoever is, for the soul and the spirit, a highly poisonous, suffocating air from hell through which all life must perish in a short time.

Therefore, I repeat: Beware of pride above all if you want to appear righteous before Me and enjoy My visible presence on the coming great day. But as long as only an atom of pride still remains within you, I shall not come to you because you did not renounce this basic evil. It is true, you know many things which millions are not even able to guess. But that does not make you in the least any better than those who have no knowledge of the things that with you have already become experienced knowledge, sometimes even real vision. However, the profound knowledge in the sphere of the purely spiritual will be of immeasurable benefit to you only if your knowledge is also combined with the right humility.

I tell you: Do not seek the honour of the world in whatever form. It is a pestilence for the soul and spirit and, sooner or later, its devastating consequences will become apparent. Consider the current wars where for the sake of honour millions were slain. If rulers, commanders-in-chief and their nations were to serve celestial humility instead of pride, could the nations ever be inflamed with such anger towards each other? Indeed, with humble nations a war would be an impossibility. However, since with all the nations pride has grown tall, causing one nation to consider itself better, more distinguished, older and with greater rights than the other, the all-devastating wars are a natural consequence of the breeding of pride.

It would be an entirely different matter if a greedy or malicious enemy invaded, in order to plunder, a peaceful country inhabited by a humble and most peaceable people. Then, of course, the inhabitants of such a realm would have the right to receive and punish such an infamous enemy with all severity, in which case I, as the Lord, would promptly take the lead. The evil enemy would then very soon experience what reward his actions merited, and would hardly ever again have the courage to overrun such a land. Unfortunately, it is not so. One nation wants to be greater than the other, one kingdom mightier than the next.

The arrogance of the nations has gone too far. The vapour of hell has already risen to the highest heaven. Earth itself prayed to Me to finally eliminate the evil brood of Satan. And behold, the time has come, revealed before your eyes: One nation wages war against the other. If you ask why, I tell you: purely out of pride! I also tell you: The times are past when the sword would act as arbiter between honour and shame, virtue and vice. For the sword has never been a weapon of humility, but always of honour and self-importance, and only too often also of tyranny.

It will no longer be so. In the future, humility will be ruling the nations with the weapons of love. This will, of course, apply only to those nations that will be found worthy of this weapon from the heavens. In these times, the unworthy will receive their long-deserved rewards anyway. I will always give victory to the better and more righteous party; but should that one then become arrogant, woe betide him, too.

From now on, no one shall be spared who, in his actions, has even a spark of pride as a motivation. Every action that shows any ambition shall, from now on, remain without a blessing, whereas every action performed with a humble heart for the sake of usefulness shall be richly blessed by Me. Now a different order has to be established among men. But those who will not, with all their heart, submit to this order and still allow their former evils to emerge within them, will soon be shown by the most bitter

consequences whether they were acting for or against My Order.

I am telling you at this time: Who ever will, because of the world, fail to do one or the other good deed, let him act for the sake of the world in the way he deems to be good. But when he will then come to Me with a good worldly testimonial, I shall say to him: Go to the one who gave you this good testimonial and ask for your reward; for My Name is not written in this testimonial. For the sake of the world you have done this or that, not prepared to walk the paths of true humility agreeable to Me. It flattered your ambition when the world said of you: 'Behold, that is a man of honour.' Now you will have to be satisfied if in My kingdom there will be very limited honours for you. With this I do not mean to say that a person is to act in a way that the world will point at him with contempt. Oh no, I do not ever demand that. But I do demand that you accomplish what is truly good – may the world say to it whatever it wants – without any fear of the world whatsoever. And that is because it is good and I want it that way.

Have you forgotten that I, as the eternal, almighty Creator of all the heavens and worlds, and all angels and mankind, have Myself come into the world, clothed only in the greatest lowliness? I taught men through living words and clearest deeds that they – if they want to be My children – shall flee the worldly greatness and magnificence and not walk the wide road of earthly splendour, which is always perishable, but walk the narrow path of humility which leads to the Eternal Life.

And that besides, everything that is great before the world is an abomination before Me? That I regard only the small things, looked down upon by the world and reject forever that which imagines itself to be great?

You shall not be able to see me face to face until the last atom of pride has been eliminated from your heart. Verily, this is how it will be. Every sinner shall be treated by Me with more leniency than one who has not sinned, with true repentance and deep abhorrence, his obvious pride from his heart forever. If you had as many sins as there is grass on the earth and sand on the shores of the sea, but showed no trace of any pride, all these sins would be as if they were nothing before Me. For where there is no pride, there is love which contains all humility within it. Love and humility eradicate all faults and sins, be there ever so many. However, if there is just an atom of pride behind all the other sins people commit during their freedom trial, this atom will stimulate all sins, even the smallest. Such spirits will have in the future, as they do in the present, a mighty struggle to dispose themselves of even an atom of pride.

Mere atoms of pride are sufficient to make it impossible for Me to take possession of otherwise quite worthy people until the last atom of it will have left their hearts. This is the reason why, especially in these times, so few people get to see Me and, taught by Me personally, can be raised to be My children.

Do also no longer say: 'This house, this ground and this property belong to me. I am the master in my house and have to work my own land!' Behold, there is quite a lot of pride hidden in such remarks. Verily, I shall never come to those who think, speak and act like this, because they do not regard Me as the Lord who truly owns everything, but only themselves as lords over things I have lent them but for a short time. This reveals a considerable pride which is the sole cause of all wars, whether on a large or small scale. In My future kingdom this will be arranged in a considerably different way. There will no longer be any lords over houses and property, for there I shall be all in all. And he with whom I shall take up residence will be in a good position.

However, mind this: That before My return, still a lot of weeds and dry grass on this earth will be eradicated with a judgment of great severity. Wherever there are two, one will be accepted and the other one rejected; thus, there will be a great sifting out of more than one-half. Once more I warn you in all earnest that you do not take sides, neither right nor left. Who shall and will be victorious is solely in My Hand! Let none of you say: This one is right in his fight, that one is wrong, but it is your duty to pray for friend and foe. What is beyond that is sin, for through taking sides, you draw unto yourselves the pride of the party which you wish to be victorious, thereby wishing complete destruction of the opposition. But

do ask your heart whether those who are to be destroyed are not your brothers, just the same as those to whom you wish victory?

How is such a wish, full of secret vengefulness and gloating, consistent with My Word? Did not I Myself teach all human beings to pray for those who hate you, to bless those that curse you and to do good to them that wish you evil? Therefore, let them fight who are fighting. Pray for all, and never take delight in the defeat of others; then you will be like My angels in heaven who cover their face when their brothers on earth kill each other.

Take note of this: The scarlet dawn preceding My return will still become much redder than it already is. And only at the end of all destruction will it become clear that neither one nor the other fighting party will have gained an actual victory, for the true victor is yet to come. Where now pride is fighting, humility will begin to fight and no ruthless tyrant will escape its sword nor any judge who endeavoured to establish his authority through the blood of harmless prisoners.

I, as your eternal Father, who has already given you so much, am now giving you this most essential word for your future welfare and salvation. Keep it faithfully and strictly, then you will find all blessings temporally and eternally. However, if you regard it only as something of no great importance and continue with your old habits and customs, you will have only yourselves to blame if you have very little or no part at all in My return.

What has been written here through My servant will be fulfilled irrevocably. Blessed are you and everyone who will not disregard these warnings; his house I will surely visit now and then.

But whoever will not pay much attention to this warning and similar advice given in many instances, nor be of good will – his house will look desolate, sad, and deserted. For when I come, I shall only come to those who are truly My own and I will personally bless them over and over eternally.

Woe betide him in whose entrance hall I shall not be setting foot; his share will be and remain the sad and ominous scarlet dawn and the holy rays of the coming great day will not fall upon him! This say I who will be coming. Amen.”

ABOUT THE PERSONAL ADVENT OF THE LORD

Excerpt from the messages received through Jakob Lorber, about the teaching and acts of Jesus during the time of His ministry. Taken from the Great Gospel of John, where the Lord spoke to His disciples on this subject as follows:

The End of the World and the Judgement (GGJ 1/72)

"I showed them how the furtive prince of the world will soon have to face his judgment and soon after that, also his adherents. At the same time I showed them the end of the world and a universal judgment similar to the one at the time of Noah. Amazed, they asked Me when and how this would happen. But I told them: As it was at the time of Noah, it will be then, too: Love will wane and completely grow cold. Belief in a pure life precept and knowledge of God, as revealed to mankind from the heavens, will be changed to dark, dead superstition, full of falsehood and deceit. The ruling power will again make use of human beings like animals and have them killed cold-bloodedly and without conscience if they do not submit to their will without protest. The mighty will plague the poor with all kinds of repression and will persecute and suppress any free spirit with all available means. The result will be a never before experienced misery for mankind. But then, because of the many elect who will be found among the poor, the days will be shortened. For if this did not happen, even the elect could perish.

Until that time, however, another one-thousand years, and not quite another one-thousand years will pass. Then I will send the same angels you now see here with great trumpets among poor mankind. They will awaken the spiritually dead human beings of the earth from the tombs of their night. And these many millions of awakened will then, rolling like a column of fire from one end of the world to the other, overcome the world powers, and no one will be able to resist them.

From then on, the earth will once more become a paradise and I will forever be leading My Children onto the right path. However, during the course of a thousand years following that, the prince of darkness will once more, for a short period of seven years and a few months and days, be free for his own sake, either for his total fall or a possible return.

In the first instance, the inner part of the earth will be transformed into an eternal prison whereas the outer earth will remain a paradise. In the second instance, however, earth would be changed into heaven, and the death of the flesh and the soul would cease forever. – But what will happen, not even the first angel of heaven may know in advance. That is known to the Father alone.”

About Future Events (GGJ VIII/182)

“There will be a time when there are many human beings who only seek the pleasures on earth; God will soon allow a universal world judgment over all of mankind to take place. Then we shall see whether following that there will still be people who, with a measuring rule in their hand, will dare say to their fellowman: 'Look, I have measured this great tract of land, have placed the boundary stones in position and declare it as my own incontestable property.' And if anyone should dare to contest it or just say: 'Friend, everyone has the same right, provided he has the power and the means to wrench your imagined right out of your hands; such a human being I will sentence to death!' – I tell you: Such a person will no longer exist. For when I shall again come to this earth to pass judgment over such 'epicureans', but also to hand the reward of life to everyone who, out of love for God and his neighbour, has suffered much misery and distress, – then the land shall not be measured for somebody's sole benefit. Wherever one will be, he will be able to harvest and satisfy his needs. And people will be helping each other, but no one will say: 'Look, this is my property over which I am lord.'

Then mankind will understand that I alone am the Lord, but that all of them are brothers and sisters. It should also be this way among mankind now. However, in this intermediate development period for mankind, which has not yet been purified through the great fire of life, things are allowed to remain as they are, but not for a full two-thousand years from now. Then the spirit will gain considerable preponderance with men, and there will no longer be any measured 'mine' and 'thine' on earth. From God's point of view, the entire earth belongs to all people equally, as was the case in the beginning. The sages were to divide it in accordance with people's needs and teach them to cultivate the soil. The reaped fruits were then to be partly distributed by the wise men and the surplus stored in specially erected storehouses, so that no one in the community should suffer want.”

The First Two Kinds of Fire of Purification (GGJ VIII/185)

“The fire preceding My return will be called: The great and universal want, misery and distress as never before seen on earth. Faith will cease to exist, love will grow cold and all the poor people will be moaning and pining away. The great and mighty, however, and the kings of this world will not help the supplicants, due to their great arrogance and hardness of heart. Then one nation will rise against another and will wage war with firearms. Through this, the rulers will get into debt and will torment their subjects with excessive taxes. The result will be a very high cost of living, famine, many serious diseases, epidemics and pestilence among human beings, animals and even plants. There will also be great storms on land and sea, as well as earthquakes. The sea will flood its shores in many places and people will suffer great anxiety and fear of the things coming over the earth. All this will be allowed to happen in order to turn

people away from their pride, egoism and indolence. Behold, that is the *first kind of fire* through which mankind will be purified for My coming return.

At the same time, also the natural fire will have to perform a mighty service: The fire will be driving the ships on all the seas with the speed of the winds. Thanks to their keen intellect, mankind will be making iron wagons and roads, and instead of having animals pull the wagons, they will be harnessing fire and with its power, they will travel far across the earth with the speed of an arrow. They will also know how to control the flash of lightning (electricity) and make it the fastest conveyor of their will from one end of the earth to the other. And when the proud and greedy kings wage war against each other, the fire will have to render the crucial service. For through its force, very heavy, spherical iron masses will be hurled with lightning speed, against the enemy, against cities and fortresses, causing great devastation.

With these weapons, ingenious mankind will arrive at a point where no nation will be able to start a war against another, for if two nations should attack each other with such weapons, they would soon destroy one another to the last man, which would surely give none of them a true victory or be of benefit. The kings and commanders will soon realize this and will, therefore, rather live in peace and friendship. And in case a particularly arrogant and ambitious troublemaker should arise and wage war against his neighbour, the peaceable ones would unite and punish him. In this manner, gradually, the former peace will return to the nations on earth and become permanent. There will still be wars among the more primitive people, but even among those nations war will soon become an impossibility. Through my righteous kings and commanders, I will have them scattered and My light poured out upon them, so that they, too, will be changed into peaceful nations *and* friends of the light. Behold, this is the *second kind of fire* through which mankind will be purified.”

The Third and Fourth Fire of Purification (GGJ VIII/186)

“A *third kind of fire* will consist in that I shall, already a few hundred years earlier, awaken ever more enlightened seers, prophets and servants (e.g., the reformers, Boehme, Swedenborg, and now ‘the new light’; in addition, also, the light of science. Ed.) who will teach the nations everywhere the truth in My Name.

Thereby they will deliver them from all kinds of delusions, deceit and falsehood which through the false prophets and priests who, even in My Name, will be paving the way for their downfall and the eminent evil beginning, which has already set in here and there. These false prophets will be working false signs and miracles, like the pagan priests. They will seduce many people and thereby gain great earthly treasures and riches, power and respect. But through the third fire and its bright light, they will lose everything and be ruined. The kings and princes willing to help them will be losing all their power, their wealth and their thrones. For I shall awaken My Own kings and commanders who will defeat them, and thus the former night of hell and its messengers on earth among men will come to an end. Through the third kind of fire from the heavens falsehood will be defeated in its fight with the light of truth, just as natural night must succumb before the rising sun. It must flee into its dark caves and depths; and once a person is in the light, he will no longer seek the night.

And now I will show you also a *fourth kind of fire* through which the earth, mankind and My whole creation will be purified at the time of My Second Coming. This kind of fire will consist in all kinds of great natural cataclysms, especially in those places on earth where mankind will have built too large and magnificent cities. There will be present and ruling the greatest of pride, lovelessness, corruption, false courts of justice, might, authority, indolence and at the same time extreme poverty and all kinds of troubles and misery, brought about by the boundless pleasure-seeking and indulgence of the high and mighty. In such cities also a variety of factories will be established on a large scale in which, instead of human hands, fire and water combined with thousands of ingenious machines made from iron will be

doing the work. For the firing, the very old earth-coal will be used which the people of that time will be procuring from the depths of the earth in very large quantities.

When this activity will, through the power of fire, have reached its peak, the earth's atmosphere will in such spots be saturated with the combustible types of ether which will then ignite here and there, and will completely destroy such cities and regions, together with many of their inhabitants. That too will then be a great and effective purification. However, what the fire, brought about in this way, will not be able to accomplish, will be achieved by all kinds of great storms. This will, of course, happen only where it is needed, for without necessity nothing will be burnt or destroyed.

Through this, the earth's atmosphere will also be cleared of its harmful vapours and evil nature spirits, and this will have a beneficial influence on all other creatures on earth. It will also serve humanity's physical health in that all the numerous and evil diseases of their bodies will cease and people will be able to reach a great age in health and in strength.

Since the thus purified people will be standing in My light and at all times actively and truly observe the Commandments of Love, the landed property on earth will be distributed among mankind in such a way that everyone will have enough, so that with proper diligence no one will ever suffer need. The heads of communities and the kings, fully submitted to My will and standing in My Light, will see to it that there is never any need among the people in their land. And I Myself will be visiting people here and there, strengthening and comforting them, wherever I shall find the greatest yearning and love for Me. This prophecy, of course, concerns a time in the still rather distant future, but it will be fulfilled. For everything can pass away, even this earth and the entire visible firmament, but not My Words and promises every one of which will be fulfilled."

The Conditions for the Return of the Lord (GGJ VIII/187)

"At that time there will be many new places, lands and nations which at present have no name. However, you can be assured that I shall come again to the earth only in such a place where the greatest and most alive faith and the greatest and truest love towards God and their fellowman will be found. And when I come again, I shall not be coming alone, but all My own, those who will have been with Me in My heavens, will accompany Me in great numbers and strengthen their brothers who are still walking in the flesh on earth. Thus, there will be a true communion between the already most-blessed spirits of the heavens and human beings of this earth, which is certain to be a great comfort to the people of that time. And now you know all that you need to know. Act accordingly and you will gain Eternal Life, for I will awaken you on Judgement Day."

The Second Coming of the Lord (GGJ IX/70)

"I cannot tell you the year, the day or the hour of My Coming, because everything on this earth depends on the absolute free will of mankind. Therefore, no angel in heaven knows this either; only the Father knows, and He will reveal it only to those of His choosing. Besides, to know this ahead of time in all detail is not of particular advantage to the salvation of the soul. It is only for those few who are fully reborn in the spirit, but for countless others it would be a great evil. Therefore, it is better for mankind not to know everything in advance as to what, how and when in this world one or the other thing can and also must happen to him. I tell you: A time will be coming when you (in the descendants of your faith) will ask, as you are doing now, when the day of the Son of Man will come? They will desire to see Him and still not see Him in accordance to their desire. In those times many will arise and say with a wise mien: Look here, look there, and that is the day! But do not go and follow such prophets. The day of My second coming will be like a flash of lightning, flashing across the cloudy sky from east to west, illuminating everything under the sky.

However, prior to this, the Son of Man will suffer greatly. He will be completely rejected by this generation, namely the Jews and the Pharisees, and in later times, by those who will be called the new 'Jews and Pharisees'. And as it was at the time of Noah, it will be at the time when the Son of Man will come again. They enjoyed their food and drink, they married and gave in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark and the floods came and drowned all. This is also how it happened at the time of Lot: They ate and drank, planted and cultivated their fields. But on the day Lot left Sodom, it already rained fire and brimstone from the sky, killing all of them.

Behold, thus it will happen also in the times when the Son of Man will become manifest once more. Whoever on that day is on the roof thinking of his possessions in the house, let him not come down from the roof to get them. This means: Whoever has a true comprehension, let him remain in this understanding and not retreat below it, fearing he might lose worldly advantages through it. For those things will be destroyed. And another metaphor: Whoever is in the field (of the freedom of cognition), let him not turn back to what is behind him (as old, false doctrines and their dogmas), but let him remember Lot's wife and strive to progress in truth.

I tell you also this: At that time, two will be at the mill, doing the same work. One shall be accepted, that is, the righteous worker, and the unrighteous and selfish one will be left. For whoever will seek to preserve his soul for the sake of the world – shall lose it; but he who will lose it because of the world, shall keep it alive and assist it towards true, Eternal Life.

And I also tell you: In one and the same night of the soul, two will be lying in the same bed; there too, one will be accepted, the other one left. This means: Outwardly, two will profess to be in the same sphere of faith. One will be active in the living faith and will, therefore, be accepted into God's kingdom of life and light; the other, however, will be adhering only to external cult which has no inner life-value for soul and spirit. Since his faith is dead and without the works of love for his fellowman, he will not be accepted into the living and illuminated kingdom of God. Further, there will be two working in the field; one of them, who will be working unselfishly in living faith for love of God and love of his neighbour, will be admitted into the true kingdom of God. And he who will be working in the same field but only for his own self-interest and without inner faith, like the Pharisees, will be left behind and not accepted into God's kingdom of life and light. Behold, this is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes again. If in the future My spirit will have penetrated you more deeply, you will also clearly understand all I have told you. For now, however, I cannot make these proclamations any clearer to you."

The End Time Before the Second Coming of the Lord (GGJ IX/71)

"If, however, you are so anxious to know about the 'when' and 'where', then take notice: Where there is a corpse, the free eagles soon flock together! Now, look at the indolent and unbelieving institution of the Pharisees and you will see the corpse. I, however, and all who believe in Me, Jews and Gentiles, are the eagles that will soon consume the corpse completely. So also, the night of the sins of the soul is a corpse around which the light of life is beginning to spread, destroying the corpse with all its mists and illusions, just like the morning does with the night.

This is now happening before our eyes with the indolent Judaism lacking truth and faith, which has turned into a mighty corpse, but will be finished in about fifty earth-years. Thus, it will also happen in later times with the teaching and church I am now establishing. This too will become an even worse corpse than Judaism is now. Therefore, the free eagles of light and life will come over it from all directions, and with the fire of true love and the might of its light of truth, they will consume it as a corpse that wants to spoil everything. And it can happen before a full two- thousand years will have passed, counting from the time of My Life on earth, as I have already explained to you on other occasions.

If, however, in this time, while I am still walking and teaching among you on this earth in the flesh,

some have already begun to travel in My name to also spread My teachings for their own material benefit and have added their own impure seeds, out of which soon will grow plenty of evil weeds amongst the meagre wheat, will it then be surprising that in later times in My name still more false teachers and prophets will rise up who are not called, shouting at the people with mighty words and with the sword in their hands: 'Look! Here is Christ!' or 'there He is!' When you, and later your true, and pure successors will hear and see that, then do not believe such criers. For by their works, they will easily be recognized like the trees by their fruit. A good tree brings forth good fruit, but grapes do not grow on thornbushes, and on thistles, no figs grow.

However, I have already told you wherein the kingdom of God consists and how and where it develops only within man. Therefore, you will surely understand that those who will be shouting: 'Look here! look there!' cannot be believed. Just as the spirit is within man and all life and thinking, feeling, knowing and willing has its origin within it, thus also God's kingdom, which is the true life-realm of the spirit, is only within man and not anywhere outside of him. Once a person understands this according to its full living truth, no false prophet will be able to influence him in all eternity. But whoever, in the understanding of his heart is like a weather-vane or a reed in the water will, of course with much difficulty find the harbour of life that is filled with peace and that is illuminated by the truth. Therefore, you shall be true rocks of life which cannot be moved by storms or great waves."

The Kingdom of God (GGJ IX/72)

"The kingdom of God has, in Me, come to you and is now in your midst, but this is not sufficient for gaining and preserving the soul's everlasting life because, although the kingdom of God, in Me, has come to you it has not yet penetrated your innermost. That can and will only happen when you, without any consideration of the world, will have totally absorbed My teachings into your will and thus also become fully active in it. Once that is the case, you will no longer say: Christ and with Him the kingdom of God has come to us and dwells among us. Instead, you will say: I live, yet not I, but instead Christ lives in me. When this will be the case with you, then you will also fully and actively comprehend that the kingdom of God does not come with outer pomp and splendour to and in man, but that it develops only within a person and draws the soul into its eternal life."

The Condition of Faith In the Future (GGJ IX/89)

"Regarding My Words about mankind's state of belief in the distant future when the Son of Man will come to this earth once more, I tell you that, on the whole, He will find even less living faith than now. For in those times people will, through persistent research and calculations under the wide-spread branches of the tree of knowledge, make considerable progress in many of the sciences and all kinds of technologies. They will accomplish miraculous things with the at-present still unknown natural forces of the earth and will say: Look! That is God, there is no other! Thus, these people will have practically no faith at all and when I return to this earth, I shall no longer find any faith among these people.

Another considerable part of humanity will find themselves in a much denser and darker superstition than all the heathens of the world at this time. These will, for a long time, have their teachers, representatives and protectors in the great and mighty of the earth. But the children of the world, well equipped with all the sciences and technologies, will suppress that dark superstition with great force, thereby considerably embarrassing the great and mighty of the earth. For through science and all kinds of technologies, the people who for a long time had been kept in enforced darkness, will begin to realize that they have been kept in bondage only to serve the worldly honour and good living of the great and mighty who had no faith themselves. And when I shall then come, I shall not find any faith among the people of such a time either. However, once the blind have begun to see the light on account of the scientists and technologists, a great number will become followers of those who are mainly responsible

for liberating them from the bondage of the great and mighty. And if I would then come and say: 'Listen, you nations of the earth! I have now come to you once more and will show you again the right way to the Eternal Life of your souls!' – Then what will those people answer who are without any faith? They would reply to Me like this:

'Friend, whoever you may be, no more of that old, worn-out and, fortunately evaporated foolishness for the sake of which, since the time of its inception, streams of innocent blood has often been shed. We are now clinging to science and all kinds of technologies and through this are living in peace and tranquillity, confident in an only temporal existence. We much prefer a temporal, but peaceful and quite life to a heaven with all its blessings that must be gained through endless suffering and which is still doubtful.'

You say: 'Lord, do not let any false prophets ever arise in Your Name! But if You Yourself want it to be this way, it must be agreeable to You if You do not find any faith among people at the time of Your future return to earth.'

To this I say: 'From the point of view of short-sighted human reason, this would be quite correct and nothing much could be said against it as far as the world is concerned'. But God, as the Creator and eternal Preserver of all things and beings, thinks differently and has entirely different ideas and plans with everything He has created out of Himself.

And so, He also knows best why He allows this or that to happen among the people of this earth. Only in the end all superstition will be swept from the face of the earth with the weapons of the sciences and technologies without in any way interfering with man's free will. The result will eventually be a complete lack of faith among men, but this condition will only exist for a very short duration. In that time, I will bless the ancient tree of knowledge, and the tree of life within man will once more regain its original strength. Then there will be but one shepherd and one-fold.

In those future times I shall hardly find a faith like the present one, but a different faith. Wherein that will consist, you cannot imagine now. However, things will still happen as I have now predicted."

The New Time (GGJ IX/90)

"The teaching I am now giving you is the Word of God and will remain forever. Therefore, those people will also be given the same teachings you have received from Me. However, in those times it will be given to them not veiled but completely revealed according to its heavenly and spiritual meaning. Therein will the new Jerusalem consist which will descend from the heavens to this earth. Only in its light will people realize to what extent their predecessors were deceived, just as the Jews have now been misled by the Pharisees. Then they will no longer blame Me and My teachings for all the misery on earth, but only the selfish and tyrannical false teachers and prophets and will have recognized exactly what kind of people they were. When the very bright light of the new Jerusalem shines upon the whole earth, then the liars and deceivers will be completely unmasked and rewarded for their actions. The higher any of them will imagine themselves to be, the lower they will fall."

I have still many things to say and reveal to you, but you could not bear them yet. But when the spirit of truth, out of Me, will come over you, it will guide you into all truth and wisdom, and then you will be finding yourselves fully within the light of the new Jerusalem. But whether you will then be capable of passing on the light to your disciples is a question that is hard for you to answer. You cannot now even imagine the great and extensive sciences and skills future mankind will have developed and how much that will help to clear up all superstition among mankind. But where in all the world can one now speak of a pure science based on the principles of well-calculated truth, and where can you find a calculated skill from such a science? Wherever there is among the people any science, and skills derived from it, it consists of more than three-quarters blind superstition.

However, no higher heavenly truth can be based on such a rotten fruit from the tree of knowledge

that is still not blessed. If you did that, a fruit would result that could be thrown as food to the dragons, but not serve man as nourishment. And see and take good note of this: From such fruits also the false prophets will go forth with all their false doctrines and deceptive miracles and spoil more than three-quarters of the earth. For, efforts will be made to combine My purest teachings of truth with the sciences that are intermingled with superstition (wrong conclusions) and insignificant achievements, thereby thinking to make it more acceptable to mankind. Thus My teachings will, naturally, become more contaminated. And the sciences and arts, full of superstition, will thereby sink deeper still into the old darkness than they ever have sunk since the beginning of mankind. They will finally, for only a span of time, become the sole property of the false prophets so as to make it all the easier for them to win for themselves the people who had been kept in ignorance.

But it will not remain this way. For, at the right time, I shall awaken mankind to the pure sciences and skills, and it will be proclaimed from the rooftops how the servants of Balaam have worked their miracles. Thereby pure science in all things, and also the pure skills, will become invincible forerunners and advocates on My behalf against the old superstition. Once the Augean stable will have been cleansed through them, My return to this earth will be easy and most effective. For My purest teachings of life will easily combine with the pure science of men everywhere, thus giving mankind a complete light of life, because one purity can never contaminate another just like one truth that is clear as the sunlight cannot soil the other.”

The Gradual Cleansing of Sciences and Technologies (GGJ IX/91)

“So as to, in time, achieve with mankind a complete cleansing of the sciences and the skills derived therefrom, My teaching must first be preached to them and the many idols, together with their priests and temples, must be destroyed. Once that has happened and My gospel has been proclaimed to the people, though also through many false prophets, only then will they be capable of gradually cleansing also the sciences and technologies. These will then be like a flash of lightning brightly illuminating everything on earth from sunrise to sunset. With ‘sunrise’ the spiritual should be understood, with ‘sunset’ all that is natural.”

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“A person can never really grasp the deeper transcendental truths in their full depth unless he knows the ground upon which he is standing and walking as a natural man. Therefore, I Myself have already explained many things to you in the field of special phenomena in this natural world. I have shown you the moon, the sun, all the planets and the entire, endlessly vast starry sky. Thus I have told you that a person can only love God completely when he also comes to know him continually in ever-purer concepts recognizing Him in His countless Works. But the most important thing is and remains the untiring striving for the full rebirth of the spirit within the soul. Only thereby is man raised to all truth and wisdom. Then he possesses a perfect and coherent light from the temporal into the purely spiritual heavenly, and with the light - also everlasting life. That is then infinitely more than all the sciences about the things of nature. What good would it do a person if he were able to truly, and in detail, recognize and understand all things and phenomena in nature from the greatest to the smallest, but was still as remote from the rebirth of the spirit within the soul as is this earth from heaven. Would all the sciences be able to gain for him everlasting life?”

The Science of Correspondences (GGJ IX/93)

“The ancient science of inner correspondence is open only to those people who have never wavered or weakened in their belief and trust in the One true God, have always loved Him above all as the Father, and have loved their fellowman as themselves. And that, because this science constitutes the

inner scripture and language of the soul and its indwelling spirit. Whoever has lost this language, cannot possibly understand the scripture and, in his dead-worldly light, its language appears to him as foolish. For the spirit and the soul live under different conditions from those of the physical body. Thus also the hearing, seeing, feeling, thinking, speaking and the writing of the spirit are of a different constitution than those among mankind in the natural world. Therefore, whatever a spirit-entity does and says can be made comprehensible to natural man only by way of the ancient science of correspondences. Mankind lost this science through their own fault. Through this, they have cut themselves off from any communication with the spirits of all the regions and heavens and, as a result, can no longer comprehend or grasp the spiritual sense of the scripture. They read the written words according to the blindly learned sound of the dead letter, and cannot even comprehend or perceive that the letter is dead and can revive no one, but that it is only the inner hidden meaning that revives everything, since it is life itself.

If you now comprehend this, do strive above all for the rebirth in the spirit so that the Kingdom of God can become alive and fully active within you. Then you will once more attain to the science of correspondences between matter and spirit. Without it you cannot ever understand Moses or any of the prophets in the depths of living truth, but will sink into unbelief, doubt and sin instead of escaping the numerous dangers threatening to engulf you. I have shown you now clearly enough how and in what way I shall return to humanity on this earth.”

The Return of the Lord (GGJ IX/94)

“On the occasion of My second coming, I shall not again be born somewhere as a child of a woman, for My body remains transfigured as do I as a spirit in eternity, and so I shall not ever again need another body like the one I have now on earth. First I shall come invisibly in the ‘clouds of heaven’, which means to say: I shall first approach humanity through true seers, wise ones and newly- awakened prophets. And in that time also maidens will prophesy and young men will have clairvoyant dreams announcing My coming to the people. Many will listen to them and mend their ways, but the world will call them daydreamers and not believe them, as was also the case with the prophets.

Thus I will, from time to time, awaken persons to whom I will dictate through their heart into the pen all that is now, during My presence here, occurring and being discussed. The people in those days, almost all of whom will be able to read and write, will be able to read and also understand the new books. In this way, the spreading of My teaching will then again be given anew uncontaminated and pure from the heavens to all people on the whole earth much faster and effective than is now possible through messengers in My name by word of mouth.

When in this way, My teaching will have been brought to the people of good will and active faith and at least one-third of humanity will have knowledge of it, then I will also, here and there, come personally and become bodily visible to those who love Me most, are longing for My return and will have a fully living faith. And I Myself shall form of them communities which no power on earth will be able to oppose or resist. For I shall be their Commander-In- Chief and their eternal- invincible Hero, and shall administer justice to all the dead and blind worldly people. And in this way, cleanse the earth of its ancient filth.

At the time of the new seers and prophets, however, there will be great tribulations and sorrow among the people as has never been before on this earth. But for the sake of My chosen ones of that time, this will be only of short duration, so that their development toward salvation will not be hindered. However, in this land where I am now being persecuted like a criminal by the Jews of the temple, pursued from one village to another, and which is trampled underfoot by the darkest heathens, I will not act, teach and comfort the weak personally again. But in the lands of another continent which at present is inhabited by heathens, I will establish a new kingdom: A kingdom of peace, harmony, love and lasting living faith.

There will no longer be any fear of the death of the body among men who walk in My light, and who will always be in contact with the angels of heaven.

The whole earth belongs to me, and I know in which place My return will be most effective for all the earth. But in those days when people will be able to communicate with each other from one end of the earth to the other with lightning speed and, by making use of the spirits bound in the fire and water, will be able to travel across the longest stretches of the earth faster than the greatest storm and when also ships, by means of the same forces, will cross the oceans in the shortest time, – it will be possible to easily spread the news of My personal return within a very short time over the entire earth, and also to Asia.

But there remains the question: Will the news be believed by the blind and deaf heathens of this continent? I should say: This will hardly be possible, until it will have been cleansed through a Great Universal Judgment.

There is a vast land in the far west, which is surrounded on all sides by the great world oceans and does not anywhere connect with the old world above water. From this land people will first be hearing great things, and these things will also appear in the west of Europe. The result will be a bright radiating and reflecting: The lights of heaven will meet, recognize and support each other. Out of these lights, the sun of life will develop, which is the new perfect Jerusalem, and in this sun I shall return to earth. This visible sky and this earth will eventually pass away, but My words which I have spoken to you will not perish."

A PORTRAYAL OF MANKIND'S DEVELOPMENT

*Jesus speaks to His disciples about the happenings prior to His advent,
while they all watch a sunrise.*

The Judgement on Paganism (GGJ VIII/46)

"With My birth, the judgment of the heathens has already begun everywhere. Now this will be continuing on a larger scale for almost 2000 years until the full light will have spread among the people on this earth.

In the east, as you can see now in the morning sky how all kinds of clouds are amassing on the horizon - as if they wanted to obstruct the rising of the sun, thus, in days to come, also a great mass of various obstructing clouds will begin to tower up against the coming great rise of the spiritual and eternal sun of truth and cause much harm among mankind. However, it will be unable to prevent finally the great rise of the sun of truth.

Earlier, you still saw many beautiful stars shining in the firmament, and in the west, you could also see stars which had been shining in the deep night. Behold, they preceded the still-visible heralds of the morning and were working in the night. And this is now your task.

However, when the still brighter morning-heralds will be rising on the spiritual morning-horizon, this will be a sign that soon the great universal sun of life and truth will follow them. Its brilliant light will be an inexorable judgment of all falsehood and deceit of the whore Babel. And together with all her disciples and admirers, as well as her worldly pomp, she will be flung into the chasm of contempt, just wrath and oblivion. Then the enlightened will no longer remember the deceit and the long-lasting judgment.

Now you can already notice how the earlier, so threatening black clouds are beginning to develop

a golden lining. Thus it will become noticeable also in those days how people who not so long ago were true enemies of light and truth are, from all sides, more and more illumined by the light-rays of truth and then, shining spontaneously, are becoming enemies of the old falsehood. And such illumination, through the gradually rising sun of truth from the heavens, will be My sign of the Son of Man for all followers of truth on the earth and the beginning of the great judgment on the harlot of the new Babylon.

Then the lovers of truth will be rejoicing and praising Me for having sent them, already in advance, My sign of dawn in the heaven of the inner day of the spirit. The enemies of truth, however, will be beginning to weep and gnash their teeth. They will be trying, wherever possible, to hide in dark corners with their ever-decreasing number of faithful, but in vain. For, once the full sun of truth will have risen, its light will be illumining even the remotest nooks, corners and caves, and the enemies of the light will no longer find a refuge anywhere on earth.

I, as eternal truth, will Myself be in that sun and through its light, mankind's ruler and guide of their life and their temporal and eternal destiny. Thus I have now shown you truthfully and comprehensibly the great judgment of the new and old paganism. But for the sake of the people I will give you another image which you may pass on, but not without the right explanation. let us now continue to watch this morning scene."

The Future of Rome and of the Antichrist (GGJ VIII/47)

" Pay good attention to all the phenomena that will still be emerging prior to the full sunrise. For I wish that you, too, should see with your eyes how things will turn out during the latter days of the new paganism."

At first a dense and completely black mist could be seen rising above the horizon. When this mist had reached approximately seven times the height of the distant mountain range on the horizon, it appeared to glow, for countless flashes of lightning were traversing it. And on the black upper top edge of the mist, which was glowing because of the many flashes of lightning, there appeared a big city.

And I said: 'Look at the picture of the new Babylon. That is the decline of the old and simultaneously the beginning of the new paganism. In about five to six hundred years from now it will really look like that. But continue to watch the formation.'

Again all of them focused their attention on the formation whose scenes kept developing in quick succession. Great movements of nations could be seen and bitter battles and wars. In the middle of the city, something rose high like a mountain and upon it was a high and large throne as of glowing gold. Seated on the throne was a ruler with a triple crown on his head and a staff with a triple cross adorning its top. Countless arrows were shooting from his mouth and as many lightnings of anger and utmost pride were flashing from his eyes and breast. And kings were approaching him, many of whom were bowing deeply before him. Upon those he looked kindly, confirming their might, but the ones who did not bow to him were badly pursued and harmed by his arrows and lightnings.

Said I: 'This does not show a particular ruler over many lands and nations, but only the visible personification of the Antichrist. The triple cross, however, denotes My teaching which will be imposed upon the kings and their nations in a threefold adulteration: False in the word, false in the truth, and false in the living practice.

Those kings who do not bow to him and whom he curses are those who are still more or less abiding by the old teaching. His arrows and flashes of lightning do reach them, but they cannot do them any serious harm. Now, continue to observe the formation, although I can only show you the most important moments though it.'

Once more they all observed the scene with heightened attention. And behold, many of the kings, who earlier had still bowed deeply to the one on the throne, were now gathering their armies and

marching against him. Look, there is a fierce battle and his high throne is already sinking considerably deeper down into the city. You now see only a few kings who are still bowing to him for appearance' sake, but many arrows and flashes of lightning are being returned to him by those who deserted him. And now not much more can be seen of him. All this will be happening already in 1000-1500-1600 and 1700 years.

Look, now he is attempting to rise again, surrounded by black hordes, and some kings reach out their hands to help him. But those who are doing so will soon become completely powerless, and their nations are tearing the crowns from their heads and giving them to the strong kings. And look! - now the throne is sinking, and the strong kings are hurrying towards it, and divide it into several parts. Thus, all his might, loftiness and grandeur is coming to an end. Although he is still shooting arrows and there are still weak flashes of lightning all around him, they no longer harm anybody, for most of them are returning, wounding him and his weak and dark hordes."

About the One Thousand Year Kingdom (GGJ VIII/48)

"What do the 'light clouds' denote? They are communities of people who are illumined by Divine Truth. Now all of them are moving closer together, thus forming one large community, and this is the new earth above which a new heaven, full of light and clearness, is unfolding.

However, you must not imagine as if this natural earth will be passing away and be changed into a new one. Only the people will be creating a new earth among themselves, as true brothers and sisters in My name through fully absorbing the divine truth into their hearts.

On this new earth, I Myself will be present and will govern among My own, and they will associate with Me and never lose sight of Me.

Look how increasingly dense streams of light are floating from this new earth down towards the old earth, igniting it so that it appears to be ablaze. You see many dead coming as it were out of their graves towards the light - how they are soon clothed with the garment of truth and then ascend to the realm of the new earth. At the same time you also notice how a considerable number of dark souls attempt to don the garment of light over their dark one in order to create thereby once more an anti-Christian paganism out of self-interest and a lust for power. But I will let My wrath come over them, that is, the fire of My truth. And My angels are descending upon them as if with flaming swords, completely annihilating any further evil aspirations. This is then the final and greatest judgment about one-thousand years later. This time will be called My Thousand-Year-Reign on earth, which through this final judgement will have once more a very short period of warfare interrupting it. But soon a complete victory will be gained for all future times.

From then on, out of the heavens and the earth, there will be one shepherd and one fold. As at all times, I shall be the shepherd and the fold will consist of humanity on earth fully united with the blessed in My heavens. The latter will again visibly associate with men on earth as it used to be in the early times of mankind. However, prior to this, also the natural earth will go through mighty changes. Vast lands and kingdoms, which are at present still covered by the great and deep oceans, will rise, offering the most fertile soil. Many now still high mountains will be levelled, filling deep chasms and valleys with their crumbled peaks and will form fertile land.

Since in those days mankind will no longer be coveting earthly, perishable treasures, one hundred thousand times as many people as at present will be able to live on the earth, well-provided for and happy. At the same time also all the bad diseases, which torment the flesh so mightily, will vanish from the earth. Mankind will reach a happy and great age and will be able to do a lot of good. No one will fear the death of the physical body because he will have a clear conception of the eternal life of the soul awaiting him.

The main good work in those days will consist in raising children in the right way and in the strong ones supporting those who are physically old and weak with all their love and strength. Also marriages

will be contracted on that happy earth but, as in heaven, in accordance to My order. And a great number of children will be procreated but not by way of sheer lewdness, but by way of the true earnestness of love, and that until the end of the earth. Now you have a faithful picture of the last judgment of the heathens, which you should understand very easily and well."

The Mission of God's Children in the Beyond. The Duration of Existence of the Earth (GGJ VIII/49)

"Here the disciples asked Me: 'Lord and Master, will we too be able to see and experience all that from the realm of the spirits? And how long will the happy Earth still continue to exist until the full end of its time?'

Said I: 'As for your question, it goes without saying that you will, from the heavens, not only clearly see, hear and feel all of that, but you will be the chief leaders there and at all times; not just on the new earth, but for the entire, great Cosmic Man (the Macrocosm) as well as for the countless societies of all the heavens which are not ever limited anywhere.'

Therefore I tell you that 'no man has ever seen or heard, nor has any man ever perceived what God has prepared for those who truly love Him!' I could still tell and show you many things, but you could not bear them yet. However, when the Spirit of all truth and life will come over you, and you will have been reborn in the spirit, it will guide you into the depths of My light and exalt you. Only then will you understand the great words I have now spoken to you and through you to all mankind.

Concerning your second question, this still shows a great lack of wisdom. For our arithmetic does not have a figure by which the vast number of earth-years could be determined which will still have to pass until the end of time on earth. And even if it were possible, it would be all the same to those who are living on in the spirit."

The Coming Judgements (GGJ VIII/51)

"If you carefully take into consideration My commandment of true and pure love of one's neighbour, you will easily understand that every honest and true person is hurt most by pride on the part of his fellowman. Therefore, let everyone be full of meekness and humility, and thereby you will do honour to each other and live together in peace and happiness.

Ambition and pride, however, bring about discontent, annoyance, contempt, resentment, anger, and finally, vengeance, war and its evil consequences. The arrogant and ambitious are also full of selfishness and greed. And because they want to gain everything just to enhance their worldly importance, the sad consequence will be that thousands around them will have to live in the greatest of poverty and need, as was the case at the time of Noah, and will be even more so in the latter days of the new paganism.

This evil and hellish state among mankind will be the judgment they will be preparing for themselves!

The vast number of oppressed and poor will finally rise against their arrogant oppressors and do away with them. That will be a second Deluge through the fire of wrath of the in-the-end too-severely oppressed poor.

Also, a natural fire will at that time devastate many places. For in those days, out of exaggerated worldly greed mankind, like evil worms, will be penetrating into the depths of the earth, there to seek and also find, all kinds of treasures. However, once they will have reached the mighty deposits of the earth's primeval buried forests - which they will be using for heating, the melting of metals and many other things - then the final judgment they have prepared for themselves will be at their door.

Those who will be living in the large cities of the earth's mighty will have to suffer most. So do remain at all times gentle and humble and thereby in the true love of your neighbour, then there will not be any judgment among you. For where in those days people will be living within My order, no final judgment will come to pass."

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATIONS

1.

"I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you" (John 14:18)

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"Wherein will an influence by the Holy Spirit be recognizable in the time referred to? Perhaps in the worldly-wise state and warfare laws or even in the manifold canonical disciplinary laws? Not at all! Because I am not the reason for all of this, but worldly benefits for sovereigns. All of them strive for power; emperor, king, prince and, more or less, all those below them. There has to be an emperor, a king, a prince; not for the sake of domination, but that the nations, through their guidance, are being led to Me. However, this way they are only led away from Me and turned to the world; they are not made strong, but only weak, so that in their weakness they are all the easier to govern. Is that an influence of the Holy Spirit, if the monarch regards his subjects as a kind of serf who can, at any time, be destroyed by his word, should it suit him? The monarch is meant to be a guide and comforter to his people and give them laws that are based on Mine. Then he would be a proper monarch and the Holy Spirit would be working with him as was once the case with worthy monarchs. But the Holy Spirit is never at work in the invention of all kinds of machines, superseding the work of human hands, in the excessive advancement of industry, in the creating of great war potential. All that was also customary at the time of Noah prior to the Deluge, under the influence of the spirit of the world representing the devil in his totality. The same was the case in Sodom and Gomorrah, and in Babel.

Who would want to maintain that this was the work of the Holy Spirit? Therefore, such actions which were contrary to the Holy Spirit, were always followed by a mighty judgment. Such a judgment I am now holding in readiness in order to demonstrate that My Holy Spirit is nowhere present in the actions of the world today and the world is, as a result, orphaned.

For a while I still allow it to continue until it will have reached the highest peak before falling. Then there will be a flash of lightning from the rise to the setting, in the light of which it will become evident how many actions of the Holy Spirit are now present in the world. If this is the case, where will then be the ones I do not wish to leave comfortless? I tell you: 'There are some here and there, but they have now become almost rarer than crown jewels. They lead a simple life as much as possible secluded from the world, and I am their joy and the subject of their conversations. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. These are indeed not comfortless, for I am among them and teach them personally. These hear My voice at all times, which they recognize as the voice of the true shepherd, and not as that of a hireling which they would not follow, as it would be the voice of a false prophet. It is also these for whom My word is given. I am, therefore, not in need of worldly scholars, poets, painters, composers, inventors of machines or legislators, but only of humble hearts that love Me. Where I find such, I will add everything else and that, to be sure, in a better way than is done by the world. Then everything will be under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and there will no longer be any comfortless people in the world. Verily, there are at present only very few whose ear is receptive to My voice."

2.

“And then shall appear The sign of the Son of Man in heaven” (Matthew 24:30)

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"Do you not know the difference which exists between the sign and concerning the Son of Man? And do you not know what is to be understood as 'heaven'? Truly, you could not imagine anything more foolish than a crucifix becoming visible in the starry sky. Ask yourselves, what good would it do the world, even if not just one, but a multitude of crosses were to become visible in the sky? Would that make people better in their heart? Oh no, surely not! Would not the scholars soon declare all these crucifixes to be illusions and prove that all the crosses in the sky have but an aerostatic origin. Behold such an effect, and similar ones, a manifestation like that would bring forth in the learned world. Indeed, mathematicians may also endeavour to explain such appearances by way of optics. And what would the man in the street say to it? He would, I assure you, be as if paralysed with extreme fear. For, because of the false doctrines instilled into him, he would be convinced that Judgment Day has come. So, this would be the effect of such a manifestation.

That things would be like this should be clear to you if you look at those periods in time where certain dubious prophets had already several times predicted an end to the world. How on those occasions some people were in despair, others laughed and others again submitted to gluttony and all kinds of debauchery. But if already idle prophecies brought forth such evil results, what would happen if a giant cross appeared among the stars?

However, by 'heaven' is meant the entire religious faith out of the Word which is the true church. The sign of the Son of Man is the from this church newly awakened love with all its heavenly attributes such as: mercy, patience, gentleness, humility, submission, obedience and toleration of all the burdens of the cross. Behold, this living sign of the Son of Man will be appearing in the heaven of the inner eternal life, and it will not destroy, but enliven considerably. On this occasion the worldly-minded people on earth will, indeed, be weeping, moaning and lamenting since all their hellish deceit will come to be out of circulation. Those of My sign will no longer have anything to do with the world-merchants, brokers, and money-changers, for they will be directing their eyes only to where they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and glory; namely, in the living word in the hearts of mankind, which is My eternal love in its essence and, therefore, of great power and glory. The 'clouds of heaven' are the infinite wisdom itself within this living Word.

Behold, this is briefly the interpretation of this scripture text. In the beyond, however, these clouds will be receiving you into My Kingdom and will be your everlasting dwelling. That is, only there, in supreme bliss, will you fully see and recognize the great power and glory of the Son of Man."

3.

“Lo, I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20)

The Signs of the Spiritual Presence of the Lord (GGJ IX/43)

"You shall not have only one but, at all times, several signs showing you that I am always in spirit with you, among you, and present within you. These never-failing signs will be forever as follows:

Firstly, that you love Me more than anything in the world. For if someone loves something in the world more than Me, he is not worthy of Me. But he who truly loves Me above everything is, through such true love, within Me and I am within him.

A *second* sign of My Presence with you shall be that, out of love for Me, you love also your

fellowman, young and old, as yourself. Whoever does not love his fellowman whom he sees, how can he love God in Me, whom he does not see? Although you now see and hear Me, from now on you will no longer be seeing Me in this world. And when you will no longer see Me, will your love remain the same as it is now when you are seeing Me? This love will be remaining with you, but make sure that it stays this way also with your descendants. If one will truly love Me above all in his heart, by living and acting in accordance with My revealed will, I will come to him in the spirit as if personally and reveal My presence to him.

A *third* sign of My Presence within and among you shall also be that you are at all times given everything for which you in all earnest will ask the Father within Me in My name. However, you shall, of course, not ask for idle things of this world. For if you did so, you would only reveal that you love such things more than Me. That would then hardly not be a sign of My presence among you.

A *fourth* sign of My mighty presence shall also be this: if, out of true love for your fellowman you will, in My name, lay your hands upon physically sick people, they will improve, provided it serves towards the salvation of their soul. But you shall always say in your heart: 'Lord, not mine, but Your will be done.' For you cannot know whether and when the healing of the body will serve the soul to gain salvation. No one will live forever on this earth in the physical body, and the laying-on-of-hands will not always relieve every one of his body's ailments. But you will not commit a sin if you render this loving service to every sick person, and I will help if it is of benefit for the soul's salvation, which I alone can know.

If you have heard that a far-away friend is ill, do pray for him and lay your hands in spirit upon him, and he shall improve. The prayer in your heart shall then consist of the following few words: 'may Jesus, the Lord, help you, may He strengthen you, may He heal you through His grace, love and mercy.' If you speak these words full of faith and trust in Me over a sick person, however distant he may be from you, and lay on your hands in spirit over him, he will get better within the hour if that should serve towards his soul's salvation.

A *fifth* sign of My Presence will also be, that if you always do My Will, you will attain to the rebirth of the spirit within you. When you then are filled with My Spirit and are thereby enlightened with all wisdom, it will be a true baptism of life for you. Let everyone strive above all for this fifth sign. If it proves true with him, he will have gained eternal life already in this world. He will be able to do and achieve what I am doing and achieving because he will be at one with Me. Now I have shown you the signs of My presence. Act accordingly, and you will soon become truly aware of My Spirit within you and among you."

Conversation on the property of Lazarus (GGJ 8/55)

"Truly I say to you, blessed are you who now see and hear what all the patriarchs and prophets longed to see and hear. But the time had not yet come. Now they hear and see it in the spirit and are overjoyed; but it remained hidden from their flesh, and it will also remain more or less hidden from future generations. But now it is easy for you to believe and act accordingly; for now you can witness with your eyes and ears all the things that no human eye has ever seen and no human ear has ever heard on this earth; but subsequently only those will be saved who, even if they do not see and hear as you do now, will nevertheless believe and act according to faith. Therefore, it will be accounted to them as a higher merit.

Said My disciples: 'If You, O Lord, will no longer be visible and audible to anyone, how will You remain with Your own until the end of time?' I said: "That was once again a foolish question from you. How many and great things I have already proclaimed and shown you, and yet you still understand little of the inner wisdom from God. I cannot remain forever in this flesh on this material world. And I have already told you several times what I will still encounter so that the Jews measure of sin will be full and their judgment will come upon them, and you are still asking, like one born blind, about the colors of light,

how I will then remain with My own until the end of time? Since you still do not understand this, I will tell you once again:

I will remain with those who are Mine, in spirit, in word and in truth, and those who will have a great love for Me will also be able to see Me personally now and then for a few moments. Those however, who will live according to My word and diligently search for the inner truth of it, I will speak to them through the understanding of their heart, and thus I will put My words into their minds, and young men and women who will be well-educated in My name, shall have visions in which My Being, the heavens and eternal life will be explained to them, as well as the fate of the apostates and the wicked. thus in this manner I will remain with My own until the end of this earth.”

THE “ANTICHRIST”

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Text: The Revelation of John, Chapter 11

"First of all, I shall make it clear to you that My precepts and words offer considerably more salvation and grace, if you lived according to them, than if you could interpret all the vials of wrath in John's prophecies.

This much I can tell you: The earth, with its entire humanity, is engaged in the process of separation, and that everything which is going to happen soon is, indeed, predicted in those prophecies, but it will not be fulfilled in the sense in which you would interpret it. To 'shorten the days' means in view of the spreading of My Word – to speed up the cleansing of the earth of its bad elements, which has already been taking place for some time.

You also keep reading of the 'Antichrist'; most people imagine this to be a personality. If they looked upon the world with an attentive eye, they would find many 'Antichrists', because there are only very few actual followers of Christ or My teaching, and even these are still far from what they should be.

The actual 'Antichrist' is the generally prevailing propensity for entirely different things than are preached by My teachings. It is the prevailing disposition of so many people where only the head is active and the heart has to keep silent. Here you must regard the 'head' or the calculating intellect (as the spiritual principle) as the 'Antichrist' who has already for a long time been active on earth, endeavouring to explain to mankind, by seductive arguments, that only what the intellect can grasp and elucidate is true.

Whereas, what the heart feels or suspects is nothing but the fleeting haze of an excited imagination. That is why the doctrine of the materialists is the last stage of rationalistic wisdom, and therefore, the passion for pleasure and the means by which to satisfy it, and the contempt for all which is noble, good and sublime; Thus 'knowledge and no faith'. And still man forgets what I once said: 'Your knowledge is fragmented!'

All these pictures in the Apocalypse of John are spiritual figures. They are prevailing epidemic mental disorders which drive and dominate people. In order to be able to interpret these revelations, a person must think on a much higher level than he is capable of at this stage. He must see and understand, from My standpoint, the spiritual inner world of the souls enveloped in a physical body on this earth. He must recognize how the spiritual trend changes, how I then make use of it for My own purposes and how, instead of what mankind would like to achieve, only My great goal is striven for. If he is capable of rising to this viewpoint, then he will also understand what it means: 'They killed the prophets and left their dead bodies lying in the street for 3 ½ days.' This signifies: When mankind heard the teachings of My elect, they

refused to adopt them, mocked My scribes and servants, or regarded them as non-existent, as dead. they rejected My teaching or 'left it lying in the street', not believing in it, but also not completely discarding it. Until after a short time (figuratively 3 ½ days) truth triumphed again, the one believed dead became alive once more and returned to whence he had come, that is, he ascended to Me. Whosoever comprehends the meaning of these words, that is, what they signify spiritually, will also easily find out the meaning of 'the city of Babylon' or 'the place of intellectual errors.'

Whosoever throws himself into My arms can calmly watch the coming events. He knows that it is all for the benefit of the straying children. Once he will realize from My words that the world cannot exist in this way - since I did not create it for this purpose - he will also understand that I have to return, in order to save whatever can still be saved. Wherefore he, too, shall strive only for one goal, to prepare himself so as to be worthy of being considered one of 'My Children', and not be swept away from the Earth and annihilated with the rest of the debris."

THE PRESENT SPIRITUAL DELUGE

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"He Who has created, delivered and sanctified you through His Word and through His Spirit, is telling you:

"A spiritual deluge is going across the earth as once 4,000 earth-years ago at the time of Noah. That one killed the flesh, but this one kills the soul and the body. This flood kills the soul through the spirit of lust for power which now – as once the masses of water – gushes forth from the interior of the earth and from the air, that is, from their wicked spirits, and destroys the souls which it floods through the lust for power.

This flood is like a fire, and is the very same fire of which it is written (II Epistle Peter, Chapter 3) that the world at large will thereby be judged for a second time. Abide with Me, if you do not wish to be seized by this awful flood of fire. Do not judge one day this way and one day that way, or say: This one or that one, this or that party, or the high or the low-born are right. For I tell you: Nobody is right now, except he who does not bend hither or thither, but stays with Me – straight as a candle and firm as a rock – leaving everything to Me. What is beyond that, is sin.

All of this had to happen for the sake of the word of God, which is My word, spoken by Me outside Jerusalem about Jerusalem and the whole world alike. Great events will occur: You will see and hear much evil. One nation will judge another and one party will erect gallows for the other. Those who shortly before greeted one another as friends will betray each other: the son the father and the father the son. However, judge no one but leave everything to Me, and you will find yourselves in My ark of peace, where no evil of this time will touch you.

Who among you has the power to be of real consequence in the world? If he judges the party which is in the end victorious, will they not seize him and call him to account? If, on the other hand, he sides with the others and the first party wins, will this party not also do what the other did to the one who was against it? Up to now I have not granted victory to any party except to the one that adheres to Me, therefore, refrain equally from praise and from reproach. Only I know whom you should praise or criticize, and I shall give to each according to his deeds.

Just obey the power which has won victory, for it could not be a power unless it was ordained by Me. If I accepted the judgment of Pilate and did not resist, even though my own life was at stake, you need not fear for your safety and grumble at what is going to happen. No sparrow falls from the roof

without My will, and even all the hairs on your head are counted. How should all these events happen without My volition? If it is My will because the world has willed it so, and stills wills it, it is likewise My concern to protect those who adhere to Me and leave everything to Me. Do you not know that My counsel is inexplicable and My ways unfathomable?

I need not repeat to you all that is going to happen. For a great deal can happen, or very little, all according to whether the people will be with Me or against Me. The sword has already wreaked havoc, but if the people will continue to wallow in their lust for power, I shall send them yet another angel, namely the Angel of hunger and Pestilence. These lessons will teach people concepts entirely different from those they are now holding.

Your motto should be: 'Give to Caesar what is his, but first of all to Me what is Mine.' In this way, you will live in peace with the world and with Me and will in everything truly be My Children. Amen."

THE THOUSAND-YEAR REIGN [THE MILLENNIUM]

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"I have seen to it that I, as the sole true Christ, shall be recognized as men's true innermost goal of life. And that will be the true rock which the powers of hell will not overcome: I shall be the cornerstone which the many builders have rejected everywhere. Woe betide him who will take offence at that cornerstone! He will shatter like a fragile pot and the cornerstone will fall upon him and crush him to dust and ashes! And this is how My up to now misunderstood Thousand-Year Reign will come.

Anyone who carefully examines the ancient Arabic ciphers will, by way of correspondence, see in their configuration something other than the one thousand units of the number 'one thousand'.

The number 'one' in the number 1000 represents Me in My human personality; and the three zeros following the 'one' represent Me in the fullness of My divine trinity. Thus, the expression 'One-Thousand Years' means that the number 1000 represents Me in the fullness of My divinity. But the word 'year' denotes the time during which I shall remain in command to the end, leading the nations of this earth, partly Myself and partly through many of My newly awakened servants. They (the people during this blessed period) will also have to go through their independent trial-life as now and have a hard battle with materialism. But after having survived the battle, they will be clothed in the garment of immortality. You are therefore living in the great transitional period.

Happy is he who believingly accepts these things in his heart without taking offence at the many devilries perpetrated in this world. They will not last long, for I shall cut them short for the sake of My elect who will then praise Me and rejoice. I shall not cast righteous rulers from their thrones but shall fill them with My Spirit, whereupon there will be one flock and one shepherd, so that it will be fulfilled what I have prophesied to the people during My earthly lifetime."

THE SEVENFOLD COMING OF THE LORD

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(The Household of God", volume 1, Chapter 46)

"I shall come seven times; but at the seventh time I shall come in the fire of My holiness. Woe betide those who will be found unrighteous; they will be no more, except in the eternal fire of My wrath!

Behold, I have once been here in the beginning of the world, to create all things for your sake, and you for Mine. Soon I shall return in great floods of water in order to wash the pestilence off the earth; for the depths of the earth have become an abomination before Me, full of dirty mire and pestilence, which has grown out of your disobedience. There I shall come for your sake so that the whole world may not perish but one lineage shall remain, the last descendant of which I Myself shall be.

And I shall come again to you a third time manifold (Abraham, Moses, and the Prophets. Ed.) countless times as now – sometimes visibly and sometimes invisibly in the word of the Spirit – to prepare My way. And I shall come a fourth time bodily, in great distress, in the great time of times. And I shall come shortly afterwards for the fifth time in the spirit of love and sanctification (Pentecost). And I shall come for the sixth time to the inner self of anyone who will truly long for Me in his heart, and I shall be a guide to him who, full of love and faith, will let himself be drawn to eternal life by Me. At that time I shall be more remote from the world; but whoever will be accepted will live, and My Kingdom will be with him forever.

Finally, I shall come once again, as it has been said before; but this last coming will be to all a permanent return - one way or another! Listen and comprehend well: Abide in love, for this will be your Redeemer. Love Me above all; this will be your life Everlasting. Love also one another so that you will be released from judgment. My grace and supreme love be with you until the end of all times. Amen."

THE GREAT AND NEW JERUSALEM

The Explanation of the Third Light-Phenomenon (GGJ VII/54)

"[The Lord]: 'I am the column of light' (refers to a light phenomenon which the Lord interprets for His disciples according to its spiritual correspondence) returned from the heavens to this earth, in the spirit of My living word which in the future I shall lay in the hearts of those who will love Me and keep My commandments. To those I shall come and reveal Myself. And thus they will all be taught anew by God.

The division of the column into innumerable parts signifies the unveiling of the inner, spiritual meaning of all My words and teachings which I have given to the people since the beginning of mankind, through the mouth of the patriarchs, the prophets and seers, and now through Myself.

Only from many such separate disclosures of the inner spiritual meaning of the word of God will a true and great teaching, full of light and life, form – and this teaching will be the great and new Jerusalem which will descend to people from the heavens. And those who will live according to the new teachings will walk and live eternally in the new Jerusalem and live forever in it, and there will be no end to their immeasurable bliss. For I Myself shall be with them, and they will behold all the innumerable splendours of My love, wisdom, and omnipotence.

Counting from the fall of this old city of Jerusalem to the time of God's new city on earth, there will be very little light amongst the people on earth. For only too soon will there rise many false prophets and priests in My name who, while working false miracles, will delude and blind the people – indeed, the

Antichrist will, with the aid of the rulers of the earth, perpetrate things which would seduce even My elect to bend their knees before the new Baal, provided I permitted it. But then I shall again send a great tribulation among people, such as has never before been under the sun. Then Baal will be overthrown like the great whore of Babel, and the light of the living word will then come into the hearts of many people and will comfort and redeem those troubled and oppressed, and all will rejoice in the new light and praise My Name.

In those times, many people will communicate with the pure spirits of My heaven who, as their teachers, will instruct them in all secrets of eternal life in God, as was shown to you when you saw people walk in and out of the twelve gates.

However, the twelve gates will now no longer signify that the new city be built from the twelve tribes of Israel, but from the twelve main principles of My teachings, which are contained in the Ten Commandments of Moses and in My Two new Commandments of Love; for these are the gates by which the people will in the future enter the new City of God, which is full of light and life.

Only those who will keep these My commandments will enter this city, and they will be given light and life; but those who will not keep them, will not gain entrance. Likewise, the twelve kinds of precious stones from which the wall around the great city was built, again signify the same Twelve Commandments.

These Twelve Commandments are, therefore, not only the entrance gates to light and life for the people, but they are also their indestructible protection and shelter which the gates and powers of hell or the material worldliness will never be able to destroy or conquer.

You will have also noticed with the apparition that the stones of the wall were giving off a powerful light in their own colours. This signifies that in the Twelve Commandments given to you, there are also contained all degrees of divine wisdom, and man can, therefore, attain perfect wisdom only by keeping the Twelve Commandments. For in the commandments is contained all wisdom from God, and as all God's wisdom is contained therein, so is all divine power and strength, because in these commandments is embodied the most wise and almighty will and through this the highest freedom.

Whoever, therefore, by keeping the commandments has made God's will his own, has also made the divine power and divine freedom his own, has reached the condition of true rebirth of the spirit and is, as a true child of God, as perfect as the Father in Heaven Himself.

And now I am telling you all that you should first of all strive, by strictly keeping the commandments, to become as perfect already here on earth as is the Father in Heaven, and you will be able to do these and even greater things than I am doing now. And once you find yourselves in this condition, you will already be citizens of the New Jerusalem."

INTERPRETATION OF THE SECOND CHAPTER OF ISAIAH

The Lord explains the second chapter of Isaiah (GGJ VII/171)

"[The Lord]: This is what Isaiah, son of Amos, received in a vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the Mountain of the Lord's House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow into it.'

Behold, I am the mountain of all mountains on which rests the true house of God. But what is the house? It is My word, which I have spoken for several centuries through all the prophets to you Jews, and which I Myself am now speaking through the mouth of the Son of Man. Therefore, I am the mountain, and My word is the habitable house on the mountain, and around us are gathered the gentiles from all

corners of the Earth who have come here to inspect the mountain and take lodging in His vast house. But for the Jews, as they are now, these are truly the last days because they avoid the mountain and His house, and the high and mighty even threatening to destroy it.

But Isaiah continues as follows: 'And many peoples shall (that means in the future) go and say: Come, let us climb up onto the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways, and we may walk on His mountain Paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord, from Jerusalem'

By Zion (Z'e on = He wills) is to be also understood the mountain, Thus the Lord, or I, and by Jerusalem - the house of God on the mountain; therefore, My word and My teaching for now and forever.

But who are the nations who say: 'Come let us climb up onto the mountain of the Lord', that is, to the Son of Man or God Incarnate, 'to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and we may walk on His mountain paths?'

Look, by these peoples are understood those who will accept My word and do My will; for My word shows the road to life, and the paths are My will which is known to people through the word. However, the strict observance of My will is considerably more difficult than mere listening to My word, as it is surely far more comfortable to walk on a broad and even road than on narrow and often very steep mountain paths.

But whoever wants to reach the highest of all mountains and there enter into My living word, which is God's house on the mountain, must not only walk on the road which leads to the mountain and stay upon it, but he must also go on the narrow and often very steep paths; for only on these does he finally reach the summit of the mountain and thereby the living house of God.

I have explained to you what this means, also what the prophet means by Z'e on and by Jerusalem; this is why he says that from Z'e on will go forth the law, namely My will, and from Jerusalem, or from My mouth, comes My word.

Whoever hears, accepts, and lives by My word which I have spoken at all times to the people through the prophets, comes thereby to Me and also to the living word and its power, and everything contained in infinite space is nothing but My Living word and its eternal strength and power.

Thereupon one of those Pharisees who had come to Me on the Mount of Olives, and who was also a scribe, said: "Lord and Master, your interpretation of the two verses was as clear as the midday sun, and I am quite satisfied with it, but now comes the fourth verse which reads as follows:

'And the Lord will judge among the gentiles, and will punish the nations. They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into sickles; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor ever again be trained for war.'

Who are the nations and who the people who, after having been punished, are no longer allowed to war against each other? These people have yet to be born in a most distant future; for the present generations with their proud, greedy and tyrannical kings will wage wars until the end of the world.

Said I: I admit you are a scribe, memorising the law and all prophets well indeed, but you certainly did not ever understand them in the true spiritual sense. You have embarked on the wide and even road; but you have not put your foot onto the narrow path which leads to the top of the mountain of true knowledge.

Whoever, through acting according to the law, does not reach the summit of the Mountain of the Lord and enter into the House of the Lord or attain to the inner living Word from God, does not understand the true, inner, living spirit of the law and the prophets."

The Lord Explains Isaiah's Images of the Future (GGJ VII/172)

"Said the scribe: But why have all prophets spoken and written in such a veiled manner? It should have mattered the greatest deal to them that their words be understood by the people.

Said I: Such objections were already made a few days ago on the Mount of Olives, and I have shown you that they had no foundation, therefore I do not have to repeat here what has already been said before.

What could be called a word of God that had no inner meaning? Or, can you imagine a human being without entrails? Oh, do try all of you, to think wisely. But now I shall explain to you the obvious true meaning of the fourth verse of Isaiah, so be very attentive.

The Lord, which is I in the word, will judge the gentiles, and will rebuke many people. Who are the gentiles, and who the peoples? The gentiles are all those who do not know the one true God, but venerate in His place dead idols and the mammon of this world. The Jews are surrounded by such people on all sides and wherever you go in the world – whether east, south, west or north – you will find only gentiles of every kind and type. However, you know that gentiles of high and low standing and from far and near have come to Me from all directions. They heard My word and saw My signs, were filled with faith and accepted My teaching, and My word is now judging them and putting them on trial, whereby they cease to be gentiles, changing over to the number of God's anointed and to his true people.

But they also will not remain in the present faith; for soon there will arise false anointed men among them, working signs, misleading kings and princes, who will soon usurp great worldly power and persecute with fire and sword those who will oppose them; and in the end they will divide into many sects and parties. And precisely these are the many people whom I, as the Lord, shall punish because of their lack of love, their falsehood, selfishness, pride, stubbornness, their lust for power and their evil quarrelling, mutual persecution, and wars. But until that will happen, quite some time will have elapsed, as has since the days of Noah up to now.

As it was at the time of Noah, when people married and gave in marriage, held great festivals and banquets, allowed themselves to be greatly honoured and made war against those who did not bow their knees before their idols, when soon the Great Flood came drowning all evildoers, thus it will be at that future time. But then the Lord will come with the fire of His zeal and His wrath, sweeping all these evildoers off the earth.

Then it will come to pass that the spared, who are pure in heart and good, and the friends of truth and of the light from God, will turn their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles, and completely abolish the art of warfare; and thereafter no truly anointed people will lift up a sword against another, except for some gentiles scattered about in the deserts of the earth; but these also will be admonished and then swept off the face of the earth.

Thus will the Earth be blessed anew. Its soil will bear a hundredfold fruit of everything, and the elders will be endowed with power over all the elements.

Behold, this is how, in a spiritual sense, the fourth verse for this earth has to be understood, which was for you, as a scribe, so very incomprehensible.

But within this natural, true spiritual meaning is hidden a still more profound, purely spiritual and divine meaning which you cannot now grasp with your still worldly reasoning, and that also cannot be expressed with words. You will not walk in the true spiritual light of God until you will have entered the house of God on the mountain of the Lord and will then come from this house of Jacob, according to what the prophet says in the brief fifth verse. Tell Me if you can now understand this better than before."

Explanation of Isaiah 2:6-22 (GGJ VII/174)

“[The Lord]: And the prophet continues: 'Thou has abandoned Thy people – the house of Jacob; for they are crowded with traitors and barbarians like the Philistines, and with the children of foreigners everywhere. Their land is filled with silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures; their land is filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots; their land is filled with idols, and they worship the work of their own hands, to that which their own fingers have made. Mankind shall be brought low, all men shall be humbled; and how can they raise themselves? Get you into the rocks of the mountains and hide yourselves in the ground from the dread of the Lord and the splendour of His majesty’

These five verses belong in one category because they show the miserable state of the church or of the House of God on earth, with the Jews before this time, as well as with those who will come after us.

The reason I allow My people to forsake the House of Jacob on the mountain of the Lord and to closely imitate the behaviour of the most barbarous and indolent nations who cause havoc in the Orient like wild animals, is their indolence in carrying out the commandments of God.

And that which the Pharisees and the Jews of their kind are now doing, our descendants will also do: They will institute for the people a number of days to which they will attribute a special significance and effect, and those who will be against this, they will persecute with fire and sword. At the same time there will be soothsayers who will predict people's fortune and misfortune, allowing themselves to be exceedingly praised and well-paid; after all, such idle pursuit is more rewarding than wielding ploughshares and sickles.

In order to increase their easily earned income they will, as the Pharisees presently do, send their messengers out into the world to adopt the foreigners as their children. They were good for nothing already as blind gentiles; but after having embraced the true worldly Philistinism, they will become a hundred times worse than before. But thereby their backward country will become one overflowing with gold and silver, and there will be no limit to their greed for the riches of this world, neither to their lust for power and passion for war, – which the prophet expresses metaphorically by an immense number of horses and chariots. Also, their territory will be full of idols and temples, such as was begun by Solomon the Wise in spite of the Lord's personal warning, who, on behalf of his foreign wives, built temples in honour of false deities. The blind fools will bend their knees before such idols and pray before the work of their own hands and fingers, in the foolish belief to be pleasing God. And whoever will not do this, will be persecuted in the flesh as a matter of life and death. And this because many kings will, for the sake of greater splendour, adhere to the nonsense of the worldly Philistines and persecute with fire and sword the ever so few friends of the light and of the living truth.

And behold, then the Lord will come and punish those nations who have misled so many people in His name.

Then the true, living light will suddenly emerge everywhere and the friends of the night will be conquered forever. Although they (the great and mighty of the earth) will flee to the mountains and hide in their barren soil for fear of the truth and majesty of the Lord, it will be of little avail to them.

Now the prophet continues and says loudly: ‘For, all high eyes (pride to rule) will be humbled and all high lords will have to bow down, because in that time only the Lord will be high and continue eternally forever and ever! Because the day (light) of the Lord Zebaoth will walk over all that is proud and high and most of all over all that has been exalted in the world in order to humble it; So, also over all the proud cedars of Lebanon (priests) and over all oaks of Bashan (most important pillars of the priesthood of idolatry during all times); Over all high mountains (rulers) and over all exalted hills (all court

representatives); Over all high towers (generals) and over all strong walls (armies of war); Also, over all the ships of the sea (those who sit at the helm of government) and over all the exquisite work (the great national industry). And this will happen, so that all who are high among men must bow down, and all high people will be greatly humbled, and the Lord alone will be exalted at that time. And he shall utterly abolish the idols. Yes, then also, one will go into the rocky caverns and in the crevices of the earth (the hiding places of mammon), and this out of fear of the Lord and the glory of His majesty (the Light of Eternal Truth) when He will set out to frighten the earth (punishments). Yes, in that time everyone shall cast away his silver and golden idols into the holes of moles and bats – which idols he has made for himself to worship – so that he could all the more easily hide himself in the crevices and clefts of the rocks for fear of the Lord and of the glory of His majesty, when He rises to inspire the earth with fear. But that will be of no use to anyone. Therefore, leave such a man alone who has breath in his nose (breath in the nose refers to worldly pride), because you do not know how high – worldly speaking – he can be.’

Well, here you now have the easy to understand complete explanation of the second chapter of the prophet Isaiah. The last verses you can easily explain yourselves, provided one has grasped the significance of the first ones.

But I am telling you it will truly happen like this, both now and then after approximately 1900 years have gone by; for, if man is to be left with the fullest freedom of will, there is even in My counsel no means other than that, with which from time to time effectively to counteract human indolence; for it is at the root of all sins and depravity. – Have you well understood all of this?

You will no doubt feel little joy about this, – but all the more so future generations when they will be given this message anew in their great tribulation, as also at the time when one nation will rise against another to destroy it. – But the following chapter will give us more light.

Tell Me now how you have understood this very important matter. I say ‘very important’ because as My future followers, I want to especially emphasize that you and your disciples should guard yourselves against indolence.”

EXEGESIS OF THE THIRD CHAPTER OF ISAIAH

Conditions in a well-ordered community (GGJ VII/175)

“[The Lord]: The following chapter also has a prophetic value both for now and for the times that I have mentioned before.

Thus reads the very significant first verse of the prophet: ‘Behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts will take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.’

By ‘Jerusalem’ understand here the present-day Jewry - as it is now and has been for a long time; but by ‘Judah’ understand the future generations which will, through their adoption of My teaching, be classed with the Jews. By reason of their great indolence, they can expect the same fate to a greater extent than the present day Jews can to a lesser.

By the taking away of the stay of bread is understood the taking away of love and mercy, and by the taking away of the stay of water, the taking away of the true wisdom from God; and as a consequence, they will all go astray in great darkness of the soul, where none will be able to help another; and even if someone would advise another, the one in need of advice and light will not trust the former but will say: ‘How can you speak to me about the light, being in the same darkness as I am!’ The complete helplessness of the people, caused by their indolence due to their own fault, is accurately described by the prophet in the following verses:

‘Thus will be taken away the mighty men; and the men of war, the judges, and the prophets, and

the soothsayers, and the prudent, and the elders; counsellors, and the cunning artificers, and the eloquent orators, and the captains of fifty, and as well the honourable men.'

I deliberately place here the captains and the honourable people last instead of at the beginning of the third verse, for which there is a reason. And now listen to the explanation.

Who are the mighty and the men of war? They (the mighty) are men such as David was, full of faith and trust in Me, and the men of war are those people who become inspired by the faith and trust of the one to such a degree as to conquer at any time over ever so many enemies of the goodness and truth from God.

But who will be a true and just judge among men, once the living water from the heavens will be scarce among people, and all flesh, together with its souls will be in utter darkness? Who will then have the gift of prophesying? And even if somebody had it, who will believe him without inner wisdom? Who will be able to prophesy to those who are blind and deaf in spirit? And whom will mankind, while groping in darkness, elect as elder and as their shepherd by virtue of his supreme wisdom? Therefore, understand this matter well.

Whoever has had bread and water in their spiritual significance taken from him, has had everything taken from him; for he whom God punishes and chastises with spiritual blindness is the one most punished and disciplined. For everything has been taken from him, and he is completely devoid of counsel and help. But that is the ultimate means by which to effectively counteract the ever-increasing indolence of people and all their wickedness.

That the people must truly find themselves in the greatest misery through the taking away of the spiritual bread and water and whatever else they lose with it, is further testified by the prophet in the third verse, where he emphatically declares: 'The people will also be deprived of their counsellors or advisers and the good artisans in all branches of human need, as also intelligent orators who previously used to work a great deal of good with their wisdom.'

However, the worst of the matter is the simultaneous taking away of the, say, fifty captains! Who are these, and of what significance is the number fifty? That we shall soon clearly see.

If we visualize a very large and well-organized community of people, to be well-provided for with everything, it has from ancient times to take care of fifty main branches of human need. What is above that is already pride, and what is below, weakness, want and poverty. For every single branch of these essentials of life to be fully provided, it must also have, as a supervisor and director, an able captain who must be well acquainted with everything that is necessary in the whole system from A to Z; should there be none, and someone incompetent stands in his place, this branch of human need of the whole community will soon begin to bear bad fruit or even no fruit at all.

How is a large community supposed to exist after it has, through its indolence and negligence, finally lost all of the fifty captains? I tell you: exactly as it now in the large community of the Jews where only certain thieves and robbers still own property and live of the fat of the land at the expense of the poor, while thousands helplessly starve in abject poverty. For where is the wise captain to take care of them by giving them work and food in one or the other branch of employment? Look, he is not there in many a branch, and therefore everything else is also missing. There are indeed still certain captains (leaders) to head the various branches, only not for the sake of the people, but for their own; they are, therefore, nothing but thieves and robbers, not true leaders like at the time of My Judges.

Now you have seen how the outer and inner welfare of the people of a large community depends upon the main leaders in the various branches of human need; but on whom, above all, does the proper appointment of leaders in a large community depend in a country ruled by a sovereign or a king? Behold, it only depends on a wise king.

What does our prophet say? What will the Lord do to the indolent, godless communities?

Listen, His words are as follows: 'I, says the Lord, will give them children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people will be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour; the child shall exalt himself proudly above the elders, and the dishonest against the honourable.'

The words of the prophet are in themselves so clear and true as not to need any further explanation; I can only draw your attention to the great and obviously worst consequences, although they are easy to find by themselves. Once in such a disorderly country all conditions have deteriorated into gross chaos, and all people of the community have fallen into great discontent because of their great want, then there will be one ruthless uprising after another. The people will awaken, rise up and drive away or even kill the princes and selfish leaders. And this is where it is said: 'One nation wages war against another.'

For as long as man, in his blindness, can fill his stomach with an ever so meagre diet, he bears all oppression owing to his indolence; but should even this come to an end and only death by starvation looms before him, he is sure to wake up and turn into a furious, hungry hyena. And this has to happen for mankind to wake up."

The Downfall of the False Religious Systems Expounded from Isaiah 3:6-27, 4:1 (GGJ VII/176)

[The Lord]: "but now all is destroyed and wiped out. Whoever is under suspicion of having, through his merciless self-love, contributed to the general misfortune of the nation, will fall victim to the revenge of the populace. But then what? The people have no leader left now, either good or bad. Total anarchy prevails, where everybody can at last do as he pleases; but another, mightier one can also punish him to his heart's content.

Then those with more wisdom will come together, saying: 'That won't do, and cannot remain as it is. We, wiser and mightier ones, are agreed to dispose the people to elect a wise leader. And it will be a great house, with two brothers of manifold experience.' What will happen next? The prophet shall truly tell us. And what does the prophet say?

Listen. He says: 'When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying: You have clothing (knowledge and experience), be you our ruler and let this ruin be under your hand. In that day shall he swear, saying: I will not be a healer, for in my house is neither bread (that which is good in faith) nor clothing (that which is true in faith); Therefore do not make me a ruler of the people. For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah (the later time) is fallen, because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory (the light of His wisdom). The look on their faces testifies against them; and they are boasting about their sin, just like in Sodom and Gomorrah, and they are brutal and do not even hide. Woe unto their souls! For they have earned their own disaster.'

But the chosen Prince – who could also possibly be I Myself, says further: 'Go and preach first to the righteous, so that they may become good, then they will eat the fruit of their labours. Woe unto the lazy and ungodly, because they are wicked at all times, It shall be ill with him: for the reward of his works shall be given him. Listen, for this reason, children are the princes of My people, and even women are ruling over them. O My People, they which lead you (false comforters) cause you to err (think about Rome), and destroy the way of your paths.'

'But the Lord stands there to pronounce justice, and has now come to judge the people. And the Lord comes to administer justice with the elders of his people (the Scriptures), and the princes thereof (the awakened of recent times); for you (Pharisees and Romans) have destroyed the vineyard; and what has been robbed from the poor is in your houses.'

'Why do you trample down My People, and why do you mistreat all those who are miserable?' Thus speaks the Lord now with great seriousness. Moreover the Lord says: 'Because the daughters of Zion are proud (the false teachings of the whore of Babel), and walk with stretched-forth necks and a face with makeup, walking (arrogantly) and wag the tail (like a hungry dog), wearing at their feet expensive shoes: Therefore the Lord will shave the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion to baldness (take away their reasoning), and with that , He will take away their only and best jewel.'

'In that time the Lord will take away the jewelry of their expensive shoes (those believing blindly), the ribbons (faithful followers), and the buckles (various orders), pendants, bangles, coronets (superstitious sectarianism), and the headbands, armlets, necklaces, locketts, charms, signets, nose-rings, fine dresses, mantles, cloaks, flounced skirts, scarves of gauze, kerchiefs of linen, turbans, and flowing veils (all of the glittering ceremony of the whore of Babel). Then the sweet smell will become a stench of decay, and a rope in place of a girdle, baldness instead of hair elegantly coiled (serpent-like cunning of the whore of Babel); a loin-cloth instead of mantle. And all this will come instead of the presumed beauty.'

'Your men shall fall by the sword, and your warriors in battle; Then her gates shall mourn and lament (because nobody will use them any more), and she shall sit pitifully upon the ground. Then in that time men will be so few that seven women shall take hold of one man (out of the seven sacraments there will be only one) and they will say: we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel, so that our dishonor will be taken away from us.'

Now look My friends: That which the prophet has said will be fulfilled exactly as I Myself have now explained it to you. For the people cannot bear the truth for any length of time; they tire and always sink back into their former judgment and death-inviting indolence and, truly, nothing else can then be done but to awaken the people again by extreme measures and to lead them once more upon the ways and the paths of light and life into their former activity.

Therefore, I am telling you once again: Above all, warn the people against spiritual indolence; for with it come all the evils of which the prophet has spoken, and I must unfortunately allow them. Contemplate on this."

THE NUMBER 666

A Yardstick for the Three Kinds of Love (GGJ II/77)

"[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 REVELATION OF JOHN

"And there appeared a great sign in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And she was with child, and she cried out being in labor and in pain to give birth. And she gave birth to a Child, a son, who would rule all nations with an iron sceptre. And her Child was caught up to God and to His throne".

Revelation of John Chapter 12, verses 1, 2, 5

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"Who is the 'woman', which appears in heaven clothed with the sun? The 'woman' is the noble image of a human being without procreative power, but nevertheless receptive and able to do so. Accordingly this woman is a perfect likeness of man, therefore not a distorted image, not an 'imperfection' of man.

Likewise is also My doctrine which certainly appears in the most perfect heaven, because it is within Me and proceeds from Me; it is, like the woman, a most perfect symmetry for the spiritual man, yet by Itself not capable of procreation. But by My teaching the human being becomes receptive to all good things of love, which is the pure, heavenly divine love which is the everlasting spiritual life out of Me. The spiritual life of God's love, however, is the 'child' with which My teaching becomes fertile in the heart of man.

However, I speak only of My pure teaching as of a perfect heavenly woman, not of a false doctrine and an imperfect woman. It is quite natural that this perfect woman, or My pure teaching, is surely clothed with the 'sun' or with My Light of all light, because it issues forth out of My being.

Because this most perfect, heavenly woman, or My purest doctrine, is capable of receiving only heavenly love from Me, she tramples upon the moon as the unsteady symbol of self-love or worldly love, as a polarity which is totally opposed to her heavenly nature; Thus she is also adorned with "twelve stars", that is, the Ten Commandments of Moses, and uppermost the two commandments of Christian love, but not with the twelve apostles, nor with the twelve tribes of Israel, but – as already said – adorned with all twelve laws of everlasting life.

The woman, or the active teaching out of Me within man, becomes, and already is, pregnant. With what? Have you never heard of rebirth? Does it not say: 'whoever is not born again out of the spirit cannot enter into the Kingdom of God'?

Behold, the 'Child', with which the woman is pregnant, is the pure love of God, which causes outer man great pain because of the manifold self-denials, until such time when this heavenly love in the spirit of man becomes mature for glorious rebirth into everlasting life.

You must not imagine that mere doctrine as the depicted woman would become pregnant, but only the live active teaching, accepted into the living faith of man and put into action, is the pregnant woman, from which love to God is born as a new child, and this is rebirth into everlasting life.

However, the Child is boy. Why not a girl, thus a developing woman? Because in this love lies, and must lie, the creative reproductive power, as in man but not in woman

This child, or the love of God (that is, divine Love) born out of My teaching within man's spirit, will then with an iron-sceptre or with the most unyielding power of God, restrain all nations, or all demands and sensuous passions of the world, and will thereby, through My power, draw the spirit of man and all his inclinations towards Me, and will have his happiness at My throne, which is the true wisdom out of Me eternally!

Behold, this is the most easily conceivable meaning of these verses. All things must thus be considered and understood in this only true light, otherwise it is a twilight that in the course of time will mislead every leader into the dark swamps and morasses. This should be well remembered and understood! Amen."

THE THREE BEASTS OF REVELATION

Revelation of John Chapter 13, 15-18

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Question: What does Revelation, Chapter 13, verses 15-18, mean?

"And he was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads. And that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom! Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is six hundred and sixty-six."

"In My name go ahead and write, I already know what you are lacking; Your extended eyes do not suffice for seeing distant things. In the case of semi-distant objects you only see the one-sided surface. And of the very near ones you do not see anything, as they are too close and therefore offer less interest.

These verses of the Revelation are however within easy reach, yet you cannot grasp them. Indeed, the simpler a thing is, the more dumbfounded you become; next time ask for that which seems easiest to understand. Truly, you certainly will become more humble in the process than through these easily understandable four verses, therefore take heed:

In the beginning this chapter speaks of three beasts: first the principal dragon, secondly the beast that arises from the sea with seven ten-horned heads, and third a lamb-like animal with two horns on its head.

You already know who the principal dragon is after I have told you of My arch-enemy so often, especially in the 'Twelve Hours'.

But if you wish to recognize the second beast, look at your own, so near, self-love, and you will find confirmed all its attributes. It comes up from the sea of all selfish desires, and has seven heads, that is, for each commandment of neighborly love an individual head with ten horns, by which in the case of each head, so to speak, all the commandments are opposed. A wounded head is the punishable theft or robbery. And does this injure the beast in any way? Oh no, for this wounded head is completely healed by all the political state and trade laws; thus the whole world is living under such laws and acting accordingly; thereby the whole world is daily mocking the lamb and its commandments.

The third beast rises up out of the earth, looks like a lamb, but has two horns. What is this? I tell you, it is the one nearest to you. It is your industry which greatly supports and finally even idolizes the beast from the water and with its two horns directly contravenes the ten commandments of love. A glance at America and England proves that it is so.

To what an extent, however, this third beast is such an industry is shown for instance by the most cruel maltreatment of children in English and American factories, where children must work from 5 o'clock in the morning to about 9 o'clock in the evening, constantly standing, almost half-naked, often beginning already with their eighth year of life. Only once in the day they are given some poor-quality bread to eat and get no more than 15 minutes of rest at noon; each minute above is punished by terrible lashes with the whip. Beyond their destination as individual slaves they do not receive any education.

If only you could really see with Me and through Me the nature of industry, you would say: 'O Father, that is indeed the Dragon himself!'

Does not this third beast exercise all the power of the second beast, whose head-wound was healed? And does it not mean that the second, wounded beast is fully worshipped by almost the whole earth, that is to say at least by its main inhabitants? Do they not everywhere speak of adored kings, princes and other industrial founders and inventors? Are not monuments erected in their honor all over the world? Does it not do the greatest signs and make fire fall from heaven, that is, it teaches quite reasonably before the blind people, as if such industriousness were the very essence of all religions and the most worthy veneration of God, perhaps even the best form of worship? Is that not pure robbery of the fire from heaven to make people believe that I may be venerated also through abominations? This will continue yet for a short while.

Behold the seduction of the inhabitants of the earth. The image of the beast with the sword-wound of all political justice is now completely alive. People were forced even with their blood to erect this statue; now it shines, speaks and commands, kills and is adored by all worms and sycophants, who on account of this are being given the title of scholars and journalists; they are adored still by a numberless host of blow-flies, who want to have a piece of everything in order to gain without working.

But now, should anybody dare not to adore this beast, he will soon find out what worldly hour has struck for him!

This, however, is the spirit within the image of the beast, that self-love and avarice have reached their highest zenith with all the great of the world, which is the full number 666, whereby self-love is equal to 600, the stolen fire from heaven 60 – that is the divine commandment is applied tenfold for self-interest! – and finally only 6 to neighborly love, which means the most complete slavery applies. Instead of giving for one hundred, one demands for one hundred.

Behold now and comprehend the mark of the right hand and the forehead among great and small, rich and poor, free and slave. Is it not the desire to rule by either power or worldly reason? Tell Me, can anyone achieve anything without this mark? Without this mark what is one person to the other? In truth, I say to you, if anybody among you has daughters, would he gladly give them to an unmarked person, or will they ask for an unmarked one? Therefore, can anybody still procure worldly happiness, without having a mark, or having received an office by the beast?

You yourselves are marked – with the exception of My servant (Lorber), whom I have kept unmarked until now with great effort. I tell you however, if I permitted him to ask for one of your daughters, would you not look at him with grave concern and politely advise him to refrain from doing so, since it would not be appropriate, because he is not marked?

If you are already doing this with one whom I have made into a light for you in the night of nights, what would you do if another unmarked person dared to demand such a thing from you? I tell you, you would wall your daughters in alive, that is, you would send them into a convent. In my estimation, the mark will now be sufficiently clear to you. Who is able to buy and sell now without this mark?

But the 42 months will soon come to an end, since the commandments of neighborly love have already been applied to self-love more than 5 times 7; yet I tell you, endeavor to annihilate the mark through the fire of My Love, and you will attain true, inner life.

That is why it is just now so difficult to attain the inner life out of Me and within Me, because this mark burns everyone out into the world. Therefore, allow Me to burn you back from the world of the beast through My Love; then you will find life, now and forever. Thus speaks the Holy One, the Great, the First and the Last. Amen, amen, amen.”

EXPLANATION OF THE REVELATION OF JOHN

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“The Revelation of John is a portrayal of morals and customs for the entire period which came over your Earth after my transition into the spiritual realm to the present time and to the time of My return. This revelation has been explained, researched and analyzed by many a person who presumed to be learned, and yet no one has found the right key to unlock the chapters of this Holy word, nor to correctly judge the events and periods of time, all of which had to happen after my ascent, as long as man, as a free being, was the master over his own actions.

Now that we have almost reached the fulfillment of the entire prophecy and most of it is already over, I will explain to you this Revelation step by step in order that you may be able to judge for yourselves how far removed from the real meaning everyone was who attempted to find out the literal sense of what can only be explained by correspondences.

As long as man does not comprehend the interpretation or the spiritual meaning of the words – which is called correspondence – it is useless to attempt grasping My Words in their innermost sense. Even the great amount of new messages, which you have received up to now, bear witness to this; for, as you have often admitted, the more frequently you read them, the more spiritual appears their content, often different from what you thought previously.

You must start from the premise that I, as the Highest Spirit, can think and speak only spiritually and that I express these spiritual thoughts and ideas in words comprehensible to you according to the human level of intelligence; yet these words, as you understand and read them, are far from being their final interpretation.

Thus, I once had John write down this revelation by adapting My ideas to his comprehension; had I spoken to him differently, he would have failed to understand Me, would either have misinterpreted My words or not dared to write them down for fear of becoming the victim of a deception.

Hence, in this Revelation you find only symbolic pictures; you find the ‘Wrath of God’ the ‘plagues’ and other expressions which were often used by the prophets at that time, but which should not have been taken literally, since I, the God of Love, can neither exercise anger, hatred nor revenge. Which – If you considerate it carefully - is not possible; although I, as God, could by means of sudden destruction or moral coercion immediately put into order all that does not please Me or is against My plans.

Should I become inflamed about things which I personally created this way and not otherwise? Should I pronounce a curse over creatures which – just because I created them as free beings – had to fail and to fall in order to be able to recognize by their opposite the great divine attributes and their value?

How could you appreciate light if you knew nothing of shadow or darkness; how could you understand the beneficial power of warmth if you did not know cold; how could you comprehend sublime virtue, morality and moral feelings unless their opposites existed; how could you understand the idea of spiritual progress, unless you also knew the road downward?

Behold, from all this it is evident that the writings of the Old and New Testaments contain many things which are not meant as the letter indicates; but which nevertheless – are well suited to the power of understanding at that time – yet they still contain forever the great seed of the spiritual. Beginning with you people presently living, your descendants, then the spirits in the highest beyond with all their various gradations, and even the angelic spirits will always find therein increasingly sublime truths; the higher they themselves stand, the greater their own spiritual development and insight will be.

This is how all My words are to be taken; thus, they were and will be forever a rich treasure trove of spiritual wealth which can never become exhausted, precisely because I, as an infinite Spirit, could only think and speak infinite things and have them written down by My servants.

Now you have only a faint idea of what can and must lie within each of My words; therefore, let us take a further step and begin with the first chapters of the Revelation.

Behold, the first chapters of the Revelation are dealing with the seven congregations which existed after My heavenly return, which as the first and best, were meant to serve as a basis for preserving My religion or the interpretation and enlightenment of the Jewish religious cult. They were meant to indicate how one is expected to change gradually from the formal and ceremonial over to a spiritual understanding.

As I once said: “Think not that I came to abolish the law, but to strengthen it and to complete it or to restore the righteous, actual value of the fundamental truths as contained in the Jewish religion, which has happened more than once in the course of time, and which is also the purpose of My messages given to you directly for more than three decades now.

These congregations, which consisted of only a few elect, were as beginners – apart from the persecution of those of a different faith – also exposed to the errors resulting from the misinterpreting of My words. Therefore, the symbolic mention that the members of the various congregations should keep to their leaders, who as stars or lights would show them the way they should take; so that also the congregations (and individuals), in unison with their leaders, should themselves become ‘beacons’ or guides for others who still are walking in darkness.

In the following chapters we find admonitions to various individual congregations where – as with all doctrines of faith – false prophets and overzealous propagators had arisen and where also all sorts of erring’s on the part of the human heart had occurred, precisely because the understanding of My word, as simple as it was, was understood in various ways by various people.

Furthermore, these congregations had diverse relationships, partly among themselves, partly with those with whom they had to live, and so were exposed to many temptations, to which a barely formed congregation – in whatever sense – will be exposed.

In these seven congregations you will find all possible conditions, which are bound to prevail among freely thinking people: such as the zealous adherence to a doctrine of faith as well as a misinterpretation of the same, the vacillating back and forth between a spiritual and secular direction. Just as yourselves, since you also form a congregation, as it were; can experience that “neither cold nor warm” (Rev. 3:16) is just as applicable to you as it once was more than a thousand years ago; and how you too will also come into conflict with the world around you the more you want to adhere to My doctrine, and the more your actions and dealings are in contradiction to those of the rest of the world.

So it has been with the establishing of each new religious sect, which believed to have taken a better path; so it is now with you, and will likewise be with many others who want to make My words available to the world.

Something else is significant with these first chapters, namely that the number seven is mentioned as a spiritual symbol, since we are dealing here with seven stars, seven churches, etc. (compare also the seven seals, the seven trumpets, the seven bowls of wrath).

In order to demonstrate the number seven more clearly before your spiritual eye, I must first call your attention to the importance of examining all odd numbers carefully so that you will better understand their importance and in particular all uneven numbers such as three or seven.

Behold, when you look carefully at the number seven and also the number three, you will notice – judging in terms of symmetry – that with the three, or the two individual (single) digits, one is on either side, and with the seven three are on either side:

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For, Spiritually speaking, harmony is only possible if there is a fundamental base or center around which everything moves, upon which it depends, and by which it is supported.

Now, in the case of three you always have to accept the middle number as the central point, upon which the others relatively depend, having emerged from it, or achieved meaning through it. likewise with the number seven, where three on either side are the forming, complementing and unifying factors of the whole.

Consider My Seven Attributes, (Love, Wisdom, Will, Order, Earnest, Patience and Compassion); you find Order in the middle; for without Order nothing can exist. Thus Order is the basic cornerstone of all creation, if it is to be preserved. Hence you see that in the case of the basic cornerstone, although Order has proceeded from Love, Wisdom and Will, Order must nevertheless be the basis of the first and that of the succeeding properties, namely, the basis of Earnest, Patience, and Compassion.

Take the first three attributes: Love, Wisdom and Will; again Wisdom, identical with Order, is the basic foundation of the first ones; and take the last three, Patience is the main factor between Earnestness and Compassion; for, as I created free beings like Myself, Patience must be foremost in order that I may not destroy My own work within the next moment.

What I am demonstrating here to you about My Attributes, you can also learn from the law of the seven colors and seven notes of music, where likewise colors and tones are material counterparts of My spiritual Attributes. But this is not the place for it. Instead we shall now proceed to the next chapters and their explanation; for, as the Revelation represents a marvelous picture of all phases of My religious

teaching, the explanations must also show you in great, but clear outlines how all things came about, and how now soon the Thousand-Year-Reign is to re-establish this harmony, which once prevailed between Me and My disciples, and which later will be restored between Myself and all humankind so that there will be only one shepherd and one fold. Amen.”

Continuation on July 19, 1875, in the afternoon

“The next chapter discusses a vision of John, which shows to him the Lord and Creator as the Supreme Ruler of the heavens, precisely in the image in which those living there were accustomed to seeing Him, that is, sitting upon a throne, surrounded by the elders and highest ones, who were adorned with golden crowns.

Here you see again that, in order to be understandable, I had to make use of John’s intelligence. Thus, the number of the elders, 24, is the number of the highest priests in Jerusalem where 25, including the High Priest, represented the whole Council.

As for the four animals and the sea of glass, the animals themselves are embodied attributes of My own Self; the lion as strength or omnipotence, the calf symbolizing gentleness, the human being as a spiritual potency, and the eagle as ruler of the universal ether. The fact that these animals were adorned with many eyes, and also had wings like eagles, this signifies the universal sovereignty over Earth and heaven. But, the sea of glass represents omniscience, meaning: Before the eye of God everything is transparent, and with the swiftness of an eagle His gaze travels through the whole universe. With the strength of a lion He rules all; with the gentleness of a calf He harmonizes all disparities, and with his spirit, like a man as His image, He ennobles and spiritualizes everything, so that even material substance, remembering its spiritual origin, may one day return back to the point from whence it once proceeded. And after all the powers of creation – consciously or unconsciously – bowed down before the sovereign Lord, the elders, representing the great spiritual world in the Beyond, also fell on their knees to offer due praise to the Creator as the Highest Lord.

Thus John was first of all shown in metaphorical correspondence what the majesty of a God is, before he was able to comprehend who the one was, whom God bade descend to this small earth in order to save mankind from completely losing their spiritual dignity.

This is the beginning of the great fermentation process which was spiritually initiated on this earth so that the only and purest teaching could be effectively established, which was worthy that the Lord, as the Son of Man, endured such a harsh fate in order to bestow anew the highest potency of human dignity to the inhabitants of the earth through His greatest humiliation.

The following chapters describe in corresponding images what has happened in the course of time, how this problem has developed, and what the final result of all this will be, just as it actually happened, when the divine was first exalted by men, then degraded, but ultimately raised again, and in the end will bring a lasting kingdom of peace and tranquility as a spiritual victory over the material world.

In the next chapter John is shown a scroll inscribed on all sides, and sealed with seven seals. This signifies My one and only true teaching, which I proclaimed to all people in two commandments; this proclamation by the ‘Son of Man’ as the ‘Lamb’ – the symbol of innocence and tolerance – means the ‘unsealing’ of this book of life, which is sealed with My seven attributes, so that it should be made know to all creation, and particularly to the people of this earth.

And just as the lamb – or I as the Son of God upon earth – had to break the seven seals one after another, and how they had to correspond to the Seven Basic Properties of My inner Self, because My act of salvation was not meant only for this earth but for the entire material and spiritual creation, you will therefore discover that already the first symbol – namely seven horns and seven eyes – correspondingly signifies the actual earnestness or firm will or power, with which I carried out and will still carry out My mission, accompanied by the properties of omni-vision in relation to each of these divine attributes.

The first seal presents you with the image of a white horse emerging from the scroll as a symbol of My all-encompassing Love, crowned with all the other attributes, and with a bow to wound even the hardest of hearts, so that all may one day dissolve in Love.

Out of Love the world was created, out of Love I descended to earth, and it is Love that my first foundation-stone is to consist, which will establish My divine teaching on earth, and which will never be overcome.

The second seal released a red horse, symbol of wisdom, or in human terms, of reason, the power of discernment, which wants to analyze everything critically. It will compare the divine-heavenly teaching with the material existence, thereby exposing the differences, which must naturally emerge, since it is impossible to serve two masters. Therefore, the result will not be peace, but conflict, as human passions conflict with the divine principles of the spiritually-minded man, resulting in fanaticism on both sides, religious wars externally and inner conflict of conscience, as a necessary consequence of two extremes opposing each other.

The third horse that emerged was black and its rider was holding a pair of scales; it was the firm and just will which is determined to pursue its final goal undeterred by any obstacles. The will corresponds also to the justice which weighs the actions, the good ones bringing their own reward, and the bad their own punishment.

Righteousness or justice should prevail everywhere in matters of faith as well as in social life. As Christ I taught people to better understand their teachings they had received. I taught them love and wisdom, which "allots" love in its rightful measure. I taught them tolerance or justice towards all, and these three seals are therefore the key for how my teaching should spread, if it is to bring about the ennoblement of the human race.

The fourth seal shows you a pale horse, that is, of nondescript color, neither cold nor warm, or metaphorically, as it says there, death: for death does not signify the end, only a transformation. Thus the color of the horse is like the road during the transformation brought about by my teaching, which can be walked either upward or downward; upward to a higher spiritualization through its acceptance, or downward through the degrading of even the noblest attributes, which I, as Creator, have placed in the human heart.

This seal, corresponding to the order or lawful procedure of all created things, leads quite naturally to the explanation of *the fifth seal*, where the sacrifices are metaphorically represented, which, for the sake of My teaching, are made materially on account of human passions. Already it is indicated what will be the reward of victory, which is granted to everyone who, despising the material, sacrifices to the spiritual the highest thing he had on earth, namely his own nature and his own physical body. Thus, as before in connection with the scales justice was represented, here are correspondingly indicated the retribution and the highest joys, which are given to those who, in the middle of the struggle, are able to protect and carry high the banner of their God and His teaching.

The sixth seal shows you a complete revolution upon the entire globe, which means: the inclination toward the spiritual teaching will change all social conditions. The zealous haste to attain to the one goal will incite the adversary to an equal haste. War and destruction will arise internally and externally. The rulers will lay siege to weak nations and the nations, when their rights are curtailed too much, will assault the ones in power. Thus the religion of love, peace and tolerance, in its struggle to survive, will only produce the opposite, and these powers will battle with each other, until the spiritual will triumph. This sixth seal therefore corresponds to earnestness, which means nothing other than: All striving against it is in vain; where a God wants to assert His divine right, even the stones must give way, for His is the justice and the glory for eternity!

And behold, those marked with the seal correspond to those who have overcome and to whom was granted the bliss, of which I once said: 'They who believe in My word and act accordingly will enjoy everlasting bliss in the beyond, of which no human eye has ever seen and no ear ever heard.'

These blessings are indicated by the white robe as the symbol of innocence. And the ones thus marked will receive the reward for all the sufferings and tribulations which they have endured for My sake and in the name of My religion.

In this manner the entire picture will gradually develop, clearly depicting the whole history of My teaching during certain periods of time, from the first word of love to all religious wars, persecutions, and sacrifices by fanatical priests.

The opening of *the seventh seal*, or the end of the entire developmental process, which is revealed to John in this chapter, when in spite of all plagues and calamities Mercy finally does its work, is depicted by the seven calls of the trumpets and the ensuing plagues, which will only be means of purification in order to lead humanity back to the ultimate good. The trumpet calls likewise represent the many correspondences of the moral-spiritual changes which take place in the human heart as soon as the two-edged sword of doubt intervenes and the suspicion of unbelief takes hold.

Thus the incense offering (sacrifice) on the altar of love was, metaphorically, a plague for selfish humanity. As, metaphorically speaking, everything withered away, so man in general closed his heart to all noble qualities; he wanted no part of a religion demanding sacrifices and curbing of his worldly passions.

Just as figuratively fire destroys everything, so the selfish passions again destroyed all the good; persecutions replaced tolerance in matters of faith, one endeavored to destroy with blood that which was purely of a spiritual nature and therefore indestructible; thus it was still among the Romans in the early Christian times, when all kinds of abominations existed in connection with the fanatical religious customs of the pagan priesthood, on which the latter imprinted the stamp of religious sanctity.

What happened to individuals was later extended to the great masses of humanity; the more the numbers of believers grew, the more the persecution grew against them; the greater the zeal for the pure teaching, the greater the sacrifices of martyrdom. Thus after the downfall of the Roman empire new circumstances developed in which two bishops were sitting on the throne, one in Byzantium, the other in Rome. Never in agreement among themselves, they always nurtured this disharmony for sake of their own advantage. As in earlier times Christians were persecuted by the heathens, so now Popes persecuted masses of people who did not believe what they thought was right, or what they chose to declare as truth at that moment."

Continuation on July 20, 1875

"It is from the time of the partition of the Roman empire, when later on the bishop of Rome became pope, that the religious wars began; the quarrels of the church councils, the persecution by ecclesiastical inquisitions, the subjugation of the kings by the popes, and finally the crusades. Then the attempts at a reformation and the bloody consequences of the latter in all countries, as also the development of various diseases such as the plague etc., through the intermingling of the human races. All this was shown metaphorically to the disciple John as the trumpet calls and the bowls of wrath – likewise the corresponding spiritual metaphor of 'The struggle of the woman with the dragon' a picture of the battle between human passions and worldly interests on the one hand, and spiritual progress and the doctrine of love on the other; furthermore, the labor pains in leading the once begun work to an end; likewise the violent struggle which the evil one incited against all who turned towards the spiritual.

All these allegories as seen by John are but expressions of the fierce resistance which My teaching had to evoke, and its natural sequence when, in the war between good and evil, good must, and will, finally triumph.

Do not be offended by the form of the allegories; they were in accordance to the comprehension of that time and with the manner of writing then in usage. For many centuries humanity could not be influenced otherwise – a humanity which knew little love and at the utmost submitted to fear. Had I, as God of Love, ordained the entire process of development up to this day to be written in a language familiar to you, the words would have faded away, and nobody would have cared about their spiritual meaning.

Yesterday, My scribe, you too were still very distressed about the explanation of “The Revelation of John” because I did not explain to you, picture by picture, what the one and what the other should mean in a corresponding sense; indeed, you even wanted to give it all up and not to continue this message.

You see, My child, here you judged humanly like many before you, who sought the explanation in the same way; but just as the effort of your predecessors was in vain, so too would yours have been.

The scorpions, the dragons with seven heads, ten horns and golden crowns all signify the manifold interpretation of My teaching, how sometimes it compelled the people, supported by worldly authority, to accept certain religious dogmas and ceremonies, which then gave rise to many religious sects.

The allegories show the historically well-known supremacy of the church along with the means by which it rose to power; and also how people in large numbers fell victim to the fanaticism of the Roman Church and its inquisitions – these are all allegories which, if you would read (with spiritual understanding) the history of the popes, kings and nations, would pass before your eyes like a panorama.

The later description of how finally the religious zeal gradually subsides and worldly thinking seemingly triumphs, of how gold and silver are now more sought after than spiritual wealth, you can find in the following chapters. The triumphant rise of wickedness under the cloak of religious worship is depicted – later through the discoveries of the sciences the decline of the former, but also of any religiosity, and the transition to materialism.

Thus the downfall of the Roman church is foretold in these images; however, not as if I rejected her, but as she has brought about her own downfall and must be rewarded according to her own actions.

The slain prophets refer to the martyrdom in earlier times, where many a divinely inspired man – at the side of hypocrites – likewise had to die upon the stake. Not a century has gone by without My sending prophetic awakeners who were to prevent mankind from becoming completely lulled into a spiritual sleep.

The bowls of wrath, as well as their individual effects, signify the plagues and wars which man had caused, in part by his own unnatural life, and in part by malicious wars and atrocities; Even now, you can observe for yourselves how the effects of selfishness, materialism, the unrestrained passions of man in general and individually, bring about misfortunes of all kinds: accidents at sea and on land on account of greed for gain, misfortunes by natural disasters caused by mankind’s poor management in connection with their own soil, suicides and murders of all kinds as a result of a lack of religious feeling, lack of belief in the existence of another world, and so on.

Take all this together and write it down in the symbolic language of the orient, as My disciple John once did, and you will be able to add to the seven bowls of wrath another seven, which likewise would describe equally terrible conditions.

Thus my doctrine went through all the phases of which the human heart is capable, from the purest piety to the most blatant unbelief and rejection of all that has been given. You see it before you in metaphor, from the strict observance of My commandments, from the zealous interpretation of My words to the total rejection of all that is spiritual, even though preached by a thousand voices within visible and invisible nature. In all this you see the picture before you, which was given in the form of cries of warning and trumpet-calls, which were however followed by action or punishment on account of not obeying. Starting with the bowls of wrath and their outpouring – as a symbol that what is evil and morally and physically unnatural must bring its own punishment – you see this all clearly before you: how My Seven

Attributes urge on, little by little to that which is best; how the free will of man opposes it, how aberration after aberration, error upon error follow. How all efforts to eradicate My words completely from the minds of mankind is in vain, and how even the most vicious and most evil attitude nevertheless must, and will, lead to the best.

This long standing battle of the dragon with heaven, this persecution of the woman with her infant son Christ as the initiator of peace – all this you will now clearly grasp. And it will become obvious to you that after a long tug-of-war there must follow a decision, where it will be determined who is the victor and who the conquered.

You are now approaching this time; it is presented by the metaphor of the ‘Thousand-Year-Reign’ as the spiritual life of peace which will be granted to those who are not marked with the sign of the beast, but with the sign of God.

Just as prior to My descent, a spiritual battle in mild form was on between the spiritual and the material, and as this process of separation had to lead to a final result after My ascension, thus shall now dawn a time of peace after this more than thousand-year conflict: Then people will once again be human beings, as I created them and want them to be, if they are to be called My children.

This will be the time of atonement, the time when the spiritual has vanquished the material, when man as a citizen of two worlds, will feel as much at home in one as in the other, so that at long last My words will be understood and My former descent onto your earth be revered and lovingly followed in its fullest worth and in the entire light of its divine purpose. This will be the time when the dragon will be conquered and made prisoner, where the ten commandments of Moses as well as My own Two will be understood in their entire significance.

In this time of peace and tranquility, after such a long and arduous struggle, also the kingdom of spirits will be able to take their active part, so that those left behind, inspired by the example of the living people, will advance more easily than was hitherto possible.

This time is referred to in the Revelation as ‘the Thousand-Year Reign’ or ‘the New Jerusalem’; for just as Jerusalem was once the location where in the temple the holy Ark of the Covenant was kept, where the eternal flame once burned, and where only psalms and incense on the sacrificial alter announced the purest divine service for IEOUA. This Jerusalem, which was defiled and desecrated by its own priests, had laden upon itself curse instead of blessing by My death which I suffered there as a man; this Jerusalem, which had its destruction predicted by the prophets and was confirmed by Me, this city which was for the Jews the sanctuary of all imaginable things and still to-day is the bone of contention for various religious sects, – this Jerusalem will again spiritually descend upon the earth; it will come as in the glory of its early time, bringing peace and tranquility to all those who believe in the One who once preached in that city, suffered, was crucified, and resurrected.

This city, as a symbol of the first communion between the Creator and His created beings, will descend with the palm of peace, offering it to all those who, after struggle and suffering, have attained the status of children of God.

As the Jews only knew one Jerusalem, so in the days to come there will be only one church, one shepherd and one fold. Religious sects will disappear, and God the Creator and Lord, who once walked upon your earth as a human being, will be recognized as such; what He was, what He is, and what He will be for eternity: as your leader and the Father of all.

The harmony of the spirit world will be enhanced by the fact that I Myself will come in person visibly to My children in order to comfort them, and prove to them that all I once said, what My Apostles wrote, and what John said in his Revelation, will be fulfilled. Once all spiritual and material conflicts have ceased, then all people will easily understand Me and shall willingly fulfill My commandments, which begin with the love of the fellowman, and end with the love for God.

But even this Thousand-Year Reign will be followed by another epoch, when man's animalistic nature will make a last effort and the fallen great spirit will claim his descendants. But his effort will be in vain, and he himself will then be faced with the question: whether to proceed forward or backward, which will decide his future existence or non-existence.

All this is the true essence of The Revelation of John. It is given metaphorically, but when read with spiritual eyes and in the language of correspondences, it will clearly show you how this little flower of love, which I planted into the hearts of mankind, can never be uprooted. And how this seed of divine origin could never be exterminated, either in a material or a spiritual sense, despite all the plans on the part of those in power. So now you see It could not be, since Love is the fundamental attribute of My Own Self, and Love was the reason why I created the entire universe. How could this spark ever be lost or suffer to be destroyed? In vain did they all shake this edifice, in vain did men endeavor to mystify and misinterpret My word. All they caused by that fell back upon them; they had to pay for it, and they had to harvest what they had sown. So now you see how all the scientific and clever interpretations of the Word of Love of the Holy Scripture gradually vanish like snow before the sun of truth.

Behold, the greater the effort of resistance on one side, the more quickly the process develops on the other. Thus as a final result all this activity will only further my teaching, place it in the proper light and thus more and more prepare the ground for the transition to the Thousand-Year Reign. The New Jerusalem, as the symbolic temple of peace, will re-establish the union between Myself, mankind and the spirit world, where neither trumpet-calls nor bowls of wrath will produce devastating effects, but where even your earth, the beings living upon it, including the animal and plant kingdom, will assume the same type of love that the people themselves will have.

Even if you – and likewise you, My scribe – will no longer be earthly witnesses of this epoch, you and all of you will nevertheless participate in the general joy in the hereafter, where an entire human race is held together only by the bond of love, where one person helpfully gives a lift to the other, where neither master nor servant, but the bond of brotherly and sisterly love has united together not only individuals, but whole nations, where territorial boundaries have disappeared, and where rulers and popes no longer work to make the physical powers of some, and the spiritual powers of others, subject to their control.

Also you, My scribe, will only there completely come to know for what purpose were your efforts in My service, for what purpose your own sufferings and those of yours served to let this seed of love, which I once planted and which in some individual cases off and on bore fruit, but could never break through as a whole, will now renewed through your hand, become the Newest Gospel, written in different words and in a different style from the one used during and after the time of My apostles, only now and in this form is more readily accessible and understandable to mankind.

Now that scientific education has enlightened the hearts and minds of many people, it is also easier now for Me to point to nature surrounding you, and to your own inner self; for if not all, at least some are then able to recognize, feel and comprehend My voice in the wonders of nature.

Guided inward by a rational religion, they will now more readily listen to the prompting of other spirits, even to My voice and trust it. Thus the communication with the world of spirits has become a binding agent, which first of all bans death with all its horrors in this world, and secondly, presents to you the other world as it really is, not as most people have imagined it.

All this must and will contribute to the fact that at the beginning of the next century a great spiritual progress will be initiated, which, as in all of creation, will not make a leap, but will only enable a gentle, slow transition from one stage to another.

I allowed all this in order that, in addition to the free will of men, in addition to the most perverse means which are used by them to achieve their purposes, not their purposes shall be fulfilled, but mine,

which reach further and have a higher, more far-reaching intention, because they are not calculated for the short lifetime of man, but for an eternity, where other purposes also require other means.

Here you have a spiritual far-reaching explanation of John's Revelation, not the way the world expects it from Me, but as I believe the world could understand it once it has learned to read with spiritual eyes. Pictures remain pictures, and every image is always based on a thought which then seeks to express itself individually in forms.

In this manner, as I already said, you must take these pictures of the Apocalypse, not literally; by taking them literally you would have no real foundation and, as I told you in the beginning, only contradictions would result.

You must also understand that in the domain of spirits there is a different association of ideas and thoughts than among you humans who are living here, and that therefore visions, such as the ones seen by John, must have a character different from your, now accepted, well organized speech.

Behold, even in the earliest times, the expression of a thought was not a language of words, but rather a pictorial language; the ancient Egyptians themselves wrote their monuments full of such designs.

Still to-day in oriental languages there exists the usage and manner of a picture language: all these remnants of a long forgotten time when humanity was nearer to its original source, and where its manner of expression was also nearer to the spiritual world; all these examples prove that even after the transition into a higher life, depending on the stage of spiritual progression, speech and communication among spirits will be different than by slow words, where you often use many to express a single thought. Even My entire creation, is it not a metaphorical language for all of you? It will remain such until you are able to recognize the deeper-lying spiritual why, until you recognize why all this was created thus and not otherwise.

I too speak in pictures; do you not likewise have an inheritance from earlier times, a "language of flowers"? Who gave it to you? Who had the idea of imposing the meaning of human words on flowers which are something entirely different from words?

And just as you have this language, as I have Mine in visible nature, so also spirits of higher regions have their language of communication, which appears to look and sound quite different from what is actually hidden in it.

Therefore it is a futile effort of your scholars to clothe pictures of a spiritual nature in worldly words, and precisely for this reason My present words, in order to lead you one step further in My housekeeping in addition to the explanation of a great revelation; for do not think that you have already learned everything.

It is true that there are only two laws of love, but how these are utilized in the whole of creation, how they are exploited and are expressed in millions of forms, worlds and beings – of this you have no idea. This great pictorial language of My universe will remain a closed book for you for a long time, since you are not able to decipher the smallest animal or the tiniest plant, what place it occupies in the entire creation, and why it appears precisely upon your earth, in this form, composed of these components, and in this place.

Imagine, My beloved children, the millions of worlds, the millions of beings, the millions of spiritual principles which, in countless forms, make every space of this visible world a paradise, especially if the attentive observer can read the spiritual script, the images of the language of correspondence. Think of all this, the extent of creation, the magnitude of the worlds, and beyond all that is visible the great invisible "other world", where all these forms re-appear spiritually in a refined way; in addition imagine the millions of living beings, beginning with the animal up to the inhabitants of all these worlds, their gradations in terms of organization, be it according to their physical or in their spiritual form, and think that in the domain of spirits there are likewise so many spirits, some of which have to go through periods

of life upon those worlds in a human form, some of whom have never been enveloped within coarse forms.

In addition to all this, think of Me as their Creator, Who has arranged everything in such a way so that nothing is in need of change, that one thing proceeds from the other, that everything multiplies itself, sustains itself, perfects itself and transforms itself to higher levels as perfected creatures; think of this Creator Who considered it worthwhile to descend upon your globe out of Love to you, all humanity and the domain of spirits, choosing there the most miserable fate that can befall a human being – and then judge for yourselves what it means when I, the unamenable, the incomprehensible, everlasting God teach and guide you as your loving Father. Wherefore comprehend, or at least sense that there must be a Love which surpasses yours by far, a Love which can and will not forget anything nor anybody; which – although its inner Self and its Nature appears as in pictures – nevertheless wants to be understood by the thinking children, whom He created for His and their enjoyment in order that they should return the Love, which He has so lavishly put into everything.

Dear children, learn and strive to read and understand My great picture-book; do not just leaf through it, it is worth more, there is more in it than you think and than it seems to you in fleeting moments.

I will leave it up to you to understand the peaceful metaphors and only explain to you the more severe ones as for instance the ‘Revelation’ where it seems as if only the wrath of God and His merciless retribution rule; in order that you may not fail to recognize, also in these images, the God Who is purely Love, just as you should not accuse or blame Him in cases of accidents and affliction, but in most cases yourselves.

That’s why there are so many words, so many messages, where in every moment your attention is called now to this now to that. For the time is approaching when the spiritual wind which is already manifesting itself in its movements, will blow more strongly, when you shall not like reeds bend hither and tither, but where you , conscious of your own progress, should follow exactly that path which I have outlined for you.

For as time now makes it unavoidable, false prophets will arise, as it is figuratively written in the Bible, mischief will be committed with the purest teaching, with the communication with spirits, indeed with everything that bears fruit for man to satisfy his animal passions. Before the kingdom of peace can approach, many a bowl of wrath will be poured upon humanity by the people themselves, since the parties, spiritual or material, will face each other with increased hostility the more time presses towards its conclusion. And it is precisely through this struggle that the last bowls of wrath will also be fulfilled, after which there will follow depression, misery, and lamentation, after all resistance has been in vain. Some in despair, but others calmly, will await the end with resignation and with it, the victory of the good cause.

Most of the Revelation as a crisis of evolution has passed, yet the worst is still to come; but be patient and put your trust in Me!

If you want to become or be My children, first show yourselves worthy of this name, and the palm of victory, as foretold in the Revelation, will not fail to come to you.

Be prepared for all things! Not I, but man’s animalistic nature, man’s artificially created unbelief, man’s unbridled lust for power and the greed for money will also help fulfill these metaphors of the bowls of wrath and trumpet calls.

Naturally, a process of purification must take place before I once more descend upon your earth. As during sultry weather a thunderstorm purifies the air by forcing down all noxious vapors to the ground, destroying many harmful vermin in order that a new pure air may be blowing again. So too in the spiritual purification process; since resistance is strong, there must also follow severe eruptions, without which no equalization is possible.

With you people on earth, every battle must end with one party recognizing its powerlessness and My omnipotence, against which all resistance is futile.

Therefore, accept this explanation of the Revelation as a portrait, which presents to you all phases through which a single idea of God has to pass in order to attain its actual value. Take these pictures as a metaphor of how much it costs until the good triumphs and the evil declares itself defeated. As spiritual thinkers, take these pictures as corresponding intimations; for as John saw the course of Christianity spiritually, this is equally reflected in the spiritual and material development of every human being.

Such conflicts, such trumpet-calls, such bowls of wrath will be emptied over everyone – and blessed is the one who, making use even of the most bitter experiences, nevertheless understands to extract from it what is beneficial.

The process of spiritual purification and development is everywhere the same struggle between the spiritual and animal nature: Self-sacrifice and tolerance toward others. Therefore, let everyone examine his life, and he will in these pictures of revelation find more or less depicted his own life story.

He will find many a flower and leaf withered on the tree of sweet hopes; he will discover many a water of living truths dried up. He will see many a wicked seductive passion ascend as a dragon out of the depth of his human heart; and he will find many a childlike idea of pure love destroyed or chased away by animal passions.

The multi-headed hydra of doubts, crowned with formulas of excuses which endeavor to quiet one's conscience in connection with wicked or forbidden actions etc., everyone could trace in their own heart all phases of the Revelation; fortunate the one who, carefully navigating the cliffs upon this rapid torrent of human passions, has finally arrived at the haven of rest, of spiritual peace. His own consciousness will also give him the palm of victory; his heart will swell with the thought of how a benevolent destiny led him safely through all the dangers, and how he can thank his God for it, that after such long and stormy struggles a time of peace and clear consciousness has come when he has finally come to the realization of the only truth which shows him his path even further, and has clearly outlined for him his mission in both this and the other world.

For him, too, his God as Father will then be closer to him; visible nature will no longer be a dead book of inexplicable pictures, but everywhere he will recognize the voice of his Father, which exclaims to all:

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and over-burdened and I will cause you to rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Now, My children, may this word be an instruction for you in relation to a biblical legacy and in reference to your own course of life, where My goal is to clarify for you all things in order that you may know what I want with you, and what you, My children, should want for yourselves. Prepare yourselves for everything that lies ahead!

Do not lose your trust in Me and your own strength; then, with My hand, you will emerge victoriously from every battle. Amen.”

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