

About **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE**

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“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3-5)

THE NEW REVELATION

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Many other texts from the New Revelation than those quoted here, deal with the subject of human life's purpose and importance, from the perspective of man's eternal destiny. We hope that the extraordinary gifts of wisdom the reader will find here, will not only offer him the essential meaning of life he was searching for, but also encourage him to search further and truly change his earthly way in accordance with what he has found.

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Purpose of man's life

"I, love personified, have created you out of love, and so you, the created, must strive to emulate this Creator, who laid the spark of love into you as much as it is within your power.

This is the actual fundamental meaning of love, of the dignity of man, who, curbing his passions of anger, hatred or revenge, does, suffers and feels everything only out of love, only for others.

Therefore, man's dignity consists only in the subjugation of anything ignoble, be it in thoughts, word or deed!

The dignity of man, or the spiritual awareness: "I am not of this world, but of another, better and eternal world." (Secrets of life, chap. 26 - Human life)

God's purpose with man

"[1] THEN I said: 'Friend, you are a little excited because I just presented to you the truth about the destiny of men. But that is all right. I have seen the reefs of doubt in you and wanted that you showed them openly. Therefore, Joseph had to come up with a subject to loosen your tongue in the right spot. You also have spoken well and you have brought your doubts and criticism concerning the human nature well forward. But now it is My turn and I can tell you something quite different than what you think about this subject, which you have discussed now among you.

[2] Look, if God had only created man for this Earth it would be a strange hobby from His side to create continuously and then to destroy the created again. But because He created man for a higher and eternal life, and let them exist on this Earth only as long until they have gone through the strictly necessary test of their free will, or at least through the existence in the flesh, it is a true and living hobby of God regarding His human beings, that He only let them live in the flesh on this miserable world as long as it is strictly necessary for this or that person. When real man leaves this Earth he will be send to schools that are suitable to bring him to the higher and completely true life's completion. There he also will receive a true instruction about the genesis of the first men of the Earth.

[3] However, many a man will – also because of his fellowmen – become like Me perfected on this Earth, but only through the only possible way of the true worshipping of God, which I have explained to you just now when you were considering of giving Me godly honor.

[4] But in order that you may doubt no more in a life of the soul after the death of the body I will open the eyes of your soul for awhile and then you can tell us about all the things you have seen. But I only want to do that if you want it.'

[5] The counselor said: 'Yes, I would like that. Please, do it for me.'

[6] Now Joseph called Me to him and said softly to Me: 'Listen, my dear son of the most high, do not go too far with those highly ranked Romans, because I have constantly the impression that they are already misunderstanding You for some time. The highly ranked counselor has more or less indicated this just now, although before he was in favor of giving You godly honor.'

[7] I said: 'You do not have to worry. What I will show him now will make him change his mind completely.'

[8] Joseph said: 'Then just do what You think is best.'

[9] Then, only for the counselor I opened the so-called second sight by My inner will, which was not spoken aloud, and immediately he was surrounded and encircled even by deceased family members, friends and acquaintances, and finally also Julius Caesar appeared, of which the counselor was extremely astonished, so that he asked me quickly: 'Is all this the truth or illusion?'

[10] I said: "Talk with them, they will tell you, because an illusion cannot talk."

(THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 18, chap. 36)

The most important task of man

"[1] I said: "Friend and brother Marcus, son of Aurelia, the most virtuous and well educated patrician woman, you have not only more or less correctly and well understood the instruction that I have given you, but you also have hit the nail precisely on the head, and I say here once again: in this way, the light of the Jews will be taken away and will be given to the much wiser gentiles. Because the long night of the gentiles has changed into the day, and the day of the Jews goes down into the darkest night.

[2] Bring them all here to Me from the whole of Jerusalem and from the entire Jewish land, and there will be not one who can measure himself with the true wisdom of this Marcus of Mine.

[3] I tell you truthfully, that with your good reason you have now prepared a great joy for My heart, because My words became alive in your heart. And therefore you and also your companions will reach within a very short time the full rebirth in My Spirit.

[4] You, Marcus, are already at the entrance of the tight little door of life of your true little chamber of life, for if this would not be so, you would not have understood so clearly the depth of My words as you have now. Because the flesh cannot give this to man, but only My Spirit that is already awakened for his soul in him.

[5] From this, all of you can clearly see now how penetrating truth and wisdom will be for those who can rejoice in the full rebirth of their soul in My Spirit. And I say to you once more what I have told you already many times, namely that ***no human eye has ever seen, no human ear has ever heard and no human awareness has ever experienced what kind of endless and unspeakable happiness God has prepared for those who truly, that means by action, love Him.***

[6] Of course, in Myself I am since eternity in the greatest and full joy of supreme happiness, because My love, My wisdom and My endless great power gives Me in Myself eternally the unspeakable all supreme joy of My godly, in every respect perfect life, and as Your Father I say to you: whatever I have, My most lovable children must have also. For where on this Earth can you find a father who would not like to share all his joy with his children that he loves more than himself, and who finally only experiences the greatest joy after he has gathered his beloved children full of joy around himself?

[7] Do you maybe think that the Father in Heaven experiences less joy about His children who love Him above all? Oh, on the contrary, still endlessly much more. But therefore He also will prepare for them endlessly much greater joy than an earthly father does or can do from the deepest of his heart for his children, for your Father in Heaven truly has the infinite and eternal most wonderful diversity of means for it.

[8] But therefore, do also with pleasure and with great zeal what I as your Father have, not commanded, but only have advised to you. Then soon, you will feel in yourself what kind of reward you can expect.

[9] Say for yourself now, and think well about it: would a merchant not be a great fool if he knew that he could buy for a reasonable price a pearl that is definitely one of the most priceless ones, and even if he did not possess so much money, would not immediately sell all his goods that are of less value and would buy the priceless pearl for that. Because the priceless pearl is in the eyes of men still unspeakably of much more value than all his former goods taken together.

[10] Look, this is also how things are with the value of the rebirth of the human soul in his initial spirit of life out of Myself. Is it not worth that a good person gives up all his worldly treasures and would only strive with all his might for the greatest pearl of life, namely the rebirth of the soul in the initial spirit of life? Or is it not better to take care for the eternal life of the soul than to be worried about all perishable treasures of the world that will perish and rot, and probably will never again come back completely to the eternal, clear life of their souls?

[11] It is indeed true that the soul during his life on this Earth appropriates to himself those things that are related to his flesh and transforms it according to his being. And when the body has been completely fallen away, bit-by-bit he also appropriates from the corresponding decomposition ether that which corresponds to himself in order to clothe himself with it. But this is still not a treasure of life for a soul, but only a characteristic of life of every soul that was fixed by My order and that can never be accounted to him as merit, because this is only something for which I had taken care of.

[12] But also, one thing is certain and true, namely that with a pure soul who lived according to My will, more of his earthly body will pass into him than with an impure and sinful soul, for if a chaste body was already here an ornament for the soul, this will certainly be even more so in a glorified spiritual state.

[13] But also this does not belong to the actual merit of life of the soul, but it is also an arrangement of Me that rewards the soul, and also here it would be an idol foolishness of the soul if he would worry even for one moment for this earthly treasure which also continues to exist for him in the beyond, because it belongs to his 'I'. Yes, this worry could be completely compared with that of very foolish parents who only are concerned whether their children will receive a nice and attractive appearance and how they have to arrange it to make their proud foolish wish come true, but who do not consider that *the growth and the outer appearance are only depending on God's will* and that no human being can change anything to it.

[14] Therefore, for every soul, only one thing is necessary: that he would search for My Kingdom of life in himself in the little chamber of the heart of the original life, and would also find it. All the rest, he will receive from Me as a free gift anyway.

[15] For this reason I have already told you many times that you do not have to be fearfully worried about what and where you will receive food and drink and with what you will clothe your body, but to search most of all My Kingdom and its true justice in you. All the rest will be added to it just like that, because the Father in Heaven knows what you need for your earthly livelihood.

[16] If you work today, and you eat and drink, then you sufficiently have taken care of the difficulties of the day. Therefore, on the day that you work, it would be useless to worry for the day of tomorrow. If you will experience that one it will bring along its own worries. For only the day that you are still alive and working is written on your account by Me. The future one rests still in My hand and you are not responsible for that one yet. And therefore, it is foolish to worry in an earthly way already today for the day of tomorrow, for it depends only on Me if ever I will give man to let him experience the following day.

[17] *So was there also a master of the house who possessed big landed properties and cattle and was worried beforehand so that he, in order to enlarge his earthly treasures and bring himself on the safe side, let new barns, stalls and big strong granaries be constructed, and besides that, for greater safety, a strong, high wall around the new constructions. And when everything was ready, he said: 'Ha, now it becomes lighter in my worried heart, because from now on, I will be able to live without worries with my great possessions.' But while he was still comfortingly talking like that in himself, there was a voice like thunder that said: 'O you earthly vain fool! You are praising and comforting yourself as if you yourself are lord over your soul and your life. Look, even during this night, your soul will be separated from your flesh, of which you were so worried. To what use will your worries, efforts and work be for your soul?' Then the man got frightened and saw that he still had taken little care of his soul, and soon after this message he died.*

[18] Now ask yourself: what was the use for that person of his great worries in the world about worldly things. Were it not more intelligent if he would have taken correctly and good care of his soul and had find God's Kingdom in himself, as people in earlier times had found that also in themselves, even the gentiles, as you clearly saw with the 7 Egyptians?

[19] With this, I certainly do not want to say that a good person, according to My will should not perform any earthly work at all. Oh, on the contrary, because physical idleness causes and feeds all sins. But every person should actually be active and busy to eat his bread in the sweat of his face.

[20] What is important is the intention with which a person is active and working. Whoever is careful, active and working is like My friend and brother Lazarus, who searches also powerfully and effectively in himself for My Kingdom and its justice, and he will also find it, just like he – and you too My dear Marcus – has already found it for the greatest part. Therefore, be joyful and cheerful now, for you have already acquired for yourself the great pearl and you will be a tremendous support for your brothers.

[21] But let us rest now a little, because there, along the way that is leading from the west to this place, I can see a few of the disciples who I have send out from Emmaus and who are coming back. They will soon be here and then we will hear how they were doing." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19, chap. 9)

The task of the human soul on Earth

"[1] I SAID: "Could anyone live on a globe that does not exist out of all kinds of matter and its elements? But what is all matter, and what are its elements? That is the spiritual, which is judged and kept bound by God's almightiness, but which has the ability in itself to live more and more free and thus also more and more independent.

[2] That order of multiple transitions – which you can see in all points of the Earth and which I have already shown you from the smallest to the greatest in great details – is absolutely necessary in order to bring all those numberless initial spirits, which are as it were separated from God by the matter of the worlds, to a completely free life that is as independent as the original primordial life from God.

[3] Up to man, God's love, wisdom and power are entirely taking care that the development of the primordial spiritual life, which is kept bound in a hardened form of worldly matter, will change into an ever-greater completion and continue to develop itself. But with man, who is the keystone of the development of the primordial spiritual life, it has to take place in a different way by necessity. As far as his material body is concerned, its arrangement is also dependant for the greatest part on God's love, wisdom and power, but not so with the development of the soul and his spirit. To that soul, understanding has been given, reason, a free reasoning power, a completely free will and the power to act as he thinks it is good and useful.

[4] But so that the soul can know how he should act in order to attain – after the laying off of his body – to the ultimate and divine life, which is without matter and free of every judgment and thus completely freely independent, and can exist before God's face, God shows him the ways on which he should walk to attain as blissful as possible to the ultimate goal of life.

[5] Then it really depends on the free reason and the will of the soul to free himself from all attachments of the old matter that is under judgment, and not to let himself as it were again be captured and devoured by the material worldly lusts.

[6] God's invincible eternal power is present in matter. It only can be freed in some places by the power of God Himself, according to what is necessary for a higher goal. That is why no other creature can be different or act differently than it has been formed and set by God's power. That is why already the old wise men, who clearly understood the circumstances of God's power in the being of every material creature, said: **'For man, who must become free, it is terrible to fall again into the hands of God's power.'**

[7] Now you think within yourselves: 'Yes, but how can man, who is weak, ever avoid the hands of God's power that rules everywhere?' A person, whose soul is still entangled in all kinds of material lusts, can certainly not do that, at no time. But that is why God has given man the great capability to acquire God's power himself. Once he has acquired that, then he is also as perfect in everything as the Father in Heaven. Thus, he has become the power of God himself, and this cannot and will not ever conquer, judge or imprison itself.

[8] But of what consists that **power of God in man? It consists of the true and pure love for God, of its all-superior wisdom, and by that of the right love for fellowman, and also of meekness and humility, as well as self-denial against the enticements coming from the world.** He who has become strong in all this, has already the power of God in himself, and has become, through the unification of the Spirit of Power from God with the soul, completely one with God, and has by that raised himself above the coercion of time and space, and with that also above every judgment and every death. He has become an independent ruler in and from God, and eternally he should no more fear, as little as God should fear Himself, the 'wrath of God', which is His almighty and all-powerful will of which the unbendable earnest gives every creature its firmness in time and space, because man has become one with God in the manner that I have clearly explained to you now.

[9] As I am now in the Father and the Father is in Me, so all who will live according to My teaching, which is My will, will be in Me and I will be in him."

(70. The task of the human soul on Earth - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21)

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"[1] My task and teaching consist simply in showing man where he really came from and what he is, and in pointing out his destiny which will be fulfilled in accordance with the fullest and most evident truth. [...]

[3] Whoever does not recognize this and fails to adjust his life and his aspirations and ambitions to the sole true purpose of life, namely, to fully recognize himself, and a Supreme Deity as the Eternal First Cause of all being and growing, is as good as lost.

[4] For, just as a thing devoid of an inner, incessantly growing and more and more consolidating and permanent consistency so disintegrates and as that which it formerly was ceased to exist, so also a man who is not fully at one with and within himself, as well as God.

[5] Man can achieve this only by fully recognizing himself and consequently, God as his first cause and then, in accordance with such knowledge, becoming active in his whole life-sphere.

[6] Once a man has reached this maturity and consistency, he has also become a master over all the forces emanating from God and, through these, spiritually and materially also a lord over all creatures and is then in and for himself no longer destructible through any force, and thus, has gained life eternal." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, chap. 215)

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"God is supremely good, supremely wise, supremely just and does not need anyone's advice and instruction when He wishes to do something. But I tell you: Also man in this earth is called to become as perfect as is the Father in heaven. This was impossible until now, since death was ruling

on this earth. But from now on, it shall be possible to everyone who will in all earnest strive to live according to My teaching. And I think that if God offers this to man in return for a small effort, namely, for the easy complying with My teaching, man should spare no pains to reach this supreme goal." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, 39:5-8)

No mortal eye can see nor ear hear. The material and the spiritual world before a child of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. **Only the deed will let you recognise whether the words I have spoken to you, and am still speaking, are coming to you from the mouth of a man or from God's mouth.**"[John 7:17] (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, chap. 140)

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"7. But in this world, such knowledge is of no particular use to anyone in any case, since man rarely improves much in his heart through great knowledge, but rather worsens that much more usually. Because not seldom the erudite becomes proud and haughty, looking down from his imagined height upon his brethren with scorn, like a vulture upon sparrows and other small birds, as if these existed only for his catching and devouring of their tender flesh.

8. Seek ye therefore the kingdom of God and its righteousness in your heart before everything else, troubling yourselves little about anything else; because all these other things together with the wisdom of angels can be given you overnight. I trust that you have now fully understood Me!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, vol. I, chap. 162)

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"[...] for there is only life in the truth, and therefore, to search for the truth is the only blissful activity that warms the heart of man and will more and more awaken the divine spirit that lives in him, while in laziness, in the lie and the unwillingness to search for the divine truth there is not only physical death but it is especially the cause that the soul will more and more be lost in material things. By that he will not only cause an early physical death but he will also make himself incapable to progress in the life in the beyond and search for his only salvation there." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 25, 26:12)

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"Only those people who in their soul are trying to become like Him or are already more or less like Him, will be able to find God." But to become equal to God means: to become full of love for your fellowmen, and to let your heart be full of humility, meekness, patience and mercy regarding everybody. Then God will also have mercy on you, and in the spirit of His love and eternal truth He will let Himself be found by you. If you only want to search God in and with the only truth, then you will find Him indeed, but you will not see His real being and even less understand it. However, if you are searching God in the pure love, humility, meekness, patience and mercy, then you will find God, recognize Him and receive the eternal life of your soul. (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, 19:3-5)

Spiritual development through activity and service proceeding from love

(The Lord:) "Humility is primarily promoted by serving, often the more subordinated a service appears, the more suitable it is for the true development of life. Humility itself is nothing else than the increasingly and stronger condensation of life in itself, while haughtiness is a loose formation and a scattering into infinity and finally a complete loss of life, which we can call the second or

spiritual death.

In haughtiness all serving has come to an end and therefore also all further development of life. If with the development of life a haughty ruling over others would be required, surely such an order would be created by Me, that every person has an unlimited right to rule; but since this is against My eternal order, every person and angel must take up the apprenticeship of serving and finally find in the everlasting always increasing and expanding way of serving the highest joy and bliss.

Without serving there actually does not exist any life, no durable continuation of it, no happiness, no blessedness and no love, no wisdom and no joy of life, neither here nor in the beyond; and who thinks about heaven full of servicelessness, full of laziness and full of idle revelry, is grossly mistaken!

Actually because of it, the most blest spirits of the highest heaven obtain a strength and power which resembles Mine, to provide Me and all people already here on this trial-world for life with a good-quality service. For what other purpose would be the possession of an even creative strength and power useful?! Does one then need strength and wisdom to do nothing?! If their work and usefulness is already of an for you indescribable importance for this world, how great must be their importance not for the spiritual world and from it for the whole of infinity!

I surely has not come to you to make idlers from you, or to teach you to only carry out agriculture or cattle breeding or similar, but to make competent workers for the great vineyard of heaven form you. My teaching to you is aimed firstly to truly perfect you in the field of you inner life, and secondly, that you as self life-perfected can become already here and especially one day in the beyond in My kingdom, the most competent and strongest workers for Me.

If this would not be My final goal and I say to you: 'Be active only here; one day in the beyond in My kingdom you will be able to revel with the best food and wine to eternity and rest and gawk at the marvels of God!', then I must have been more stupid than even the most stupid among you. Yes, you will have to marvel about the magnificences of God forever, but not without action; since it will actually depend on you, to increase the wonders of heaven and to make them continuously more marvelous and more divine!

I want it, that from now on all My thoughts and ideas, become only through you a full reality, already here for soul, heart and spirit of your brothers and sisters, and in the beyond regarding all the great realities from their inner most spiritual sphere of origin up to their most outer material development, and from there to the repeated return to a increased, pure and independent spiritual, perfected life. And for that, friends, infinitively much time, patience and a great activity is required and an equally great and all-encompassing wisdom and strength!"

(The Lord:) "Just don't think that a small earth like this one, can be created within a day and be populated all at once! For that for your concepts unthinkable many myriads of earth years are required. What unthinkable long time periods are required, until a world is ripe for germinating a human being! How many plant and animal species must not have fertilized the earth's soil by fermentation and decay, until in its soil and in its plant- and animal mustiness this particular humus is formed, from which the first strong soul can take its body and organize itself according to the divine order, so that it could serve her and be able for reproducing similar descendants, so that the free souls without, however, a body, does not require hundreds of years to pull together from the haze a body, but can produce it on a much shorter way in a with everything necessary equipped motherly womb.

See, for all this a lot of time, a lot of wisdom, a lot of patience and an infinite strength is required! Since you and even to a lesser degree I will ever stop to think and generate ideas, the creation continues for ever; since Me and also you could not think empty! Once a thought is felt as something, it must be present as a form; but once it is present as a form, it already is spiritually

wrapped in a skin, stands as an object before us capable of adsorbing light, otherwise we could not observe it as a shaped something. Therefore, for as long as I create thoughts and ideas out of Myself and you out of Me, for as long creating will impossible to stop. In infinity there will be forever no shortage of space and will not bother us with idle boredom.

But where there is a lot to do, many services are required, depending on the degree of service capabilities of those, to whom a task is assigned. Who has acquired himself many properties within My order, will also be placed above many things; but who has acquired only very few properties, will also be placed above only a few. But who acquired here no properties at all, will in the beyond certainly suffer in all darkness for as long, until he through his inner, free and independent efforts has come so far, to only take up any kind of the most insignificant service. If he carries out the most insignificant service well, he will be given something more significant; but if he performs it only bad, he soon will even loose that, what he could have acquired quite easily with his limited abilities.

Who has, will be given even more, so that he will have plentiful; but who doesn't has, from him will also be taken the little what he already had, {mt.13,12; mt.25,28f.; mk.04,25; lk.08,18; spr.09,09} and again night, darkness, hunger, misery and all kind of suffering will be his lot for as long he decides to firstly become active in himself, to thereby obtain any further ability to serve.

Therefore be very active here, and do not let you be blinded by the treasures of this world, which will disappear like the present form of matter of the entire creation visible to the eye of the flesh; instead collect even more spiritual treasures, which will last for the entire eternity! Be clever innkeepers and landlords of your hearts; the more spiritual treasures you will be storing by all kind of good works, the better you will be off in the beyond! But who spares and frisks here, will only have to ascribe it to himself, if he finds the pantries of his heart nearly empty.

It is easy to collect here; since everything that somebody does with a good will out of love to God and his neighbor, is accepted as the purest gold; but in the beyond he must out of himself and in himself acquire and pay for everything with the purest gold of the inner and purest self-activity. And this, My friends, is somewhat more difficult in the kingdom of the beyond, where there exist no outer gold- and silver mines!

Here you can make gold from the most common street excrements and buy heaven with it, if your heart in all truth was present during the purchase; in the beyond you will only be able to produce the precious in yourself from the most precious, and this will be even more difficult than to produce gold from the most common pebbles here on earth. But who already has produced a mass and large amount of gold here by his noble and good works, will not have a shortage of it in the beyond; since out of a grain of sand of this spiritual noble metal, a world-size lump is formed in the beyond, and this already provides for a large stock." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN 4 95:1-7, 96:1-7)

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(The Lord:) "But now I see in some of you an evil thought rising, which Satan has secretly whispered to you! The thought reads as follows: It cost you a lot of troubles and work to obtain the gold for you and your descendants, and you should waste it to those who squandered their lives with all kind of sluggishness?! Let them work and earn their bread from you, and be scantily rewarded according to merit! Who cannot and does not want to work, should perish like a dog on the open street!

Oh, I say to you, this is an evil thought that was given to you! How should a blind work? And still he is your brother who has the same right to live just as you are, who can see and hear and have straight limbs. How should poor old people and weak children of impoverished parents work, who

does not have the necessary strength for it? How should the lame and cripples work for your wages, which you want to pay in the most scarce manner possible?

How should those people work, who are looking for work day by day and does not find anything? Since to whoever they come to, they are referred away, for there currently is no work for them. Nevertheless, your evil thought still rebukes them to look for work, which he cannot find anywhere else just as with you. This person will eventually turn into a beggar; then you revile him and call him a lazy day thief. Another becomes a thief; he will be chased like a wild animal, you abuse him and then throw him into the dungeon. A third even becomes a robber and murderer or at least a street robber. If you catch him, he is sentenced, thrown into the dungeon for a short while and afterwards tortured and killed.

See, these are mostly the results of your evil thoughts, which very secretly the lord of darkness has breathed into you at all times. But from now on it should be different! Such thoughts belong to the hell, - but in your souls they should never rise again.

It therefore is not required by you, that you should distribute all your possessions among the poor, while being a disciple of mine; however, you should become wise administrators of the property entrusted to you, so that you should not let suffer and languish the blameless poor, if coming to your door!

Look here the friend Ebahl from Genezareth! He has, since he is an innkeeper, accommodated thousands of all kinds of locals and also foreigners, and this never with aversion or with a kind of timidity for the sake of his own, - and still his wealth was never reduced! To the contrary, he now owns so many earthly treasures, that he could buy himself a large kingdom; but he only values all those treasures for one reason, and this is, that it places him in the position, to support even more poor people. He does not think of his whole house and about his children only in so far, that they all should become strong in the recognition of the one and only true God; therefore I look after everything else about his house, and guaranty you, that his house never will suffer any shortages!

But to the fearful, I leave the provision for their house to them, and never shower their storage rooms with wheat and grain, and their cellars will not overflow with wine. Their garden trees will not be sagging with the gravity of My blessing, and their ponds will not become too clouded because of too many of the most noble fish, and their herds in the fields will not be the fattest ones! Since, like here so also there, - and nowhere a too great profit can be expected! Who builds with a weak trust in Me, should also harvest according to his trust! I will give to everyone according to his trust and according to his believe, which is always a fruit of the love to Me and to the neighbor.

Therefore be always and constantly merciful, and you will always find mercy with Me! The way you are behaving towards the poor brothers and sisters, I will behave towards you. I say and advise it to all of you: Be always prepared to serve each other, outbid each other to do good, truly love each other, just as I love you, and you will show to all the world that you are truly My disciples and in your spirit are fully My true children.

This is the destination of all My children, that they on this earth should continuously exercise themselves regarding the business in My heavens; since there everything has to do with love only, and each wisdom which does not originate from the flame light of love, will forever never find any acceptance in My heavens and likewise will not get anything to do!" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN 4.97.1-9)

The Meaning of Jacob's Ladder

"[9] Because every human soul is called to become a true angel of God's Heavens, this beautiful and pure youth (Raphael) can quite as well be without wings on this earth as I Myself, as the sole Lord of the heavens and the earth, am now with you in the flesh, teaching you Myself and yet maintaining all of the infinity. Besides, it is written; 'In that time you will be seeing God's angels ascending and descending, who will be serving the Lord!'

[10] Said Nicodemus: 'Yes, yes, he is obviously more than beautiful; however, he is not ascending and descending between earth and heaven.'

[11] Said I; 'Oh, how utterly blind men are! How can you, as an experienced man, assume that angels will descend from the material firmament to the material earth and from there ascend back again, and that men would see this and also how such angels are serving Me? The ascending and descending only means: To ascend from love to true wisdom and with the wisdom once more return to love which is the true, living Spirit out of God within you.

[12] If a man properly awakens and conceives the love for God and the fellowman in his heart, he thereby ascends to wisdom, or to the right and profound cognition in all things. Once a man has gained such cognition and has recognized and comprehended God's endless love, wisdom and might ever deeper, he becomes full of humility and full of the most alive love for God. In such a case, he once more descends into the heart, enlightens it even more and kindles in it an ardent love for God.

[13] 'But', you say to yourself, 'does, then, this earth represent love and heaven wisdom, considering that there is so little love on this earth and only from heaven there comes what is good, - very seldom something not so good?'

[14] It is true, there is much lovelessness in the human heart as the seat of love, yet the heart is the seat of love. But pure love in the heart on its own would be quite as incapable of producing fruits of life as the earth without the light of the sun. The heavenly sun is for the heart of man his natural intellect. This descends in well-ordered, good thoughts, ideas and concepts into the heart, or to the earth in man, enlightens it and quickens the germs toward good and noble acts. Is the light of the intellect still weak, as is the light of the sun in winter, the heart still becomes more sensible and wiser; but because it still abides too much in self-love, the noble germs within it do not sprout, grow and bring living fruits of action to fruition. If a person through diligence and proper use of his talents and abilities becomes increasingly more enlightened in his intellect, this light will also awaken the vital warmth in the heart all the more mightily and the seeds for good deeds within it will begin to sprout, grow and blossom; and soon they will be bringing forth fully ripened noble fruits of action for a rich harvest of life.

[15] And thus, by 'angels' the thoughts, ideas and concepts of the bright intellect - which is man's wisdom heaven, although on the smallest scale - are here to be understood. These ascend and descend and serve the still latent Spirit of God in the human heart, and this spirit is called love for God and love for the neighbor. Just as this living spirit out of God in the human heart is by too many people not recognized and ignores - when man's whole salvation with regard to both his temporal and eternal life depends wholly on this spirit - In the same way also I Myself, as the Lord and First Cause of all existence, am not recognized by mankind, although they see what great thoughts, ideas and concepts from the heavens of God are through Me descending to this earth and again ascending,

giving a bright light to the heart, warming and quickening it toward bearing living fruits of action. This is why there are many who are called but only few chosen who comprehend My words, take them to heart and bring forth a rich and vigorous action-harvest.

[16] It is now a little clearer to you who actually the angels are who are descending from heaven to earth and again ascending to heaven serving Me, as God from eternity, and who here on earth, temporally, are serving also you **men who, are destined Children of God, are His heart and, thus, His earth?**" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 7, chap. 56)

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"[2] Said I: "What Jakob saw in his dream is exactly what I have shown all of you very clearly. The ladder is the bond between the heart and the enlightened intellect of man. Here the heart is also the symbolic earth, which at that time when Jacob was in great distress and difficulties was too desolate, waste and dark within him, too. In this state he began to think deeply about God and what he could have done wrong that caused God to let him get into so much trouble. He fell asleep in an open field and saw within himself the connection between his heart's earth and the heaven of light in his head. He saw how his thoughts, ideas and concepts descended as on a ladder down into his heart, lit it up, comfort it and then, more animated and strengthened by the increased love of the heart, ascended once more to God there to be even more deeply enlightened. And now look at the whole course of Jacob's life and you will see how from that time he kept thinking of God more and more and also lived more strictly according to the will of God.

[3] At the same time, this memorable dream also illustrated how out of him there would arise – as a true bond between his descendants and God – a succession of generations, as a ladder on which the children of God – a succession of generations, as a ladder on which the children of God would be waxing and waning in their now increasing, now again decreasing knowledge of God, and that at the top end of the succession of generations seen by him Jehovah Himself would reveal himself in My person as a man.

[4] So all of you have now received a double and triple explanation of Jacob's ladder and know now all you have to understand by the concept 'angel of God' in a truly spiritual sense. " (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 7, chap. 57)

What is THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH (the rebirth of the soul in the spirit)?

"[12] Consequently, in this little chamber lives the actual Spirit out of God, and if the soul of the human being enters this little chamber by the right humility and compliancy – as the love of the true human being enters the eternal, uncreated love of God – then by that, the soul unites with the eternal Spirit out of God and this Spirit unites with the uncreated soul, and that is the rebirth of the soul in the Spirit out of God." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19 chapter 5)

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

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

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

[4] Only after My death, when this body will be taken up as a garment of the almighty, infinite deity Himself, will all those, who have left the physical life before My time, also be capable, by seeing the present deity in person, to live in eternal community with Him. And this in a city that I already showed to you when the 12 illuminated pillars frightened the Jerusalemites at night and which represent the true heavenly Jerusalem – the eternal city of God. This united eternally living together of God with His children is the rebirth of the spirit." (Book 25 THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN chapter 77)

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"Once the Holy Spirit will come over you, Whom I shall at a later time pour out over you from the heavens, He will lead you into all truth. This will be the spirit of love, the Father Himself who will draw and teach you so that you may all come to where I shall be.

[4] For truly I tell you: No one will come to Me unless he is drawn to Me by the Father. You must all be taught by the Father, that is, by the eternal love in God, if you want to come to Me. You must all be as perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect. Yet neither great knowledge, nor the greatest deal of experience will get you there, but only the active love for God and in the same measure for the neighbor. Therein lies the great secret of the rebirth of your spirit out of God and within God.

[5] But each one will first have to go with Me through the narrow gate of complete self-abnegation before he becomes like I am. Each one must cease to be something by himself so that he may become everything in Me.

[6] To love God above all means: To completely merge with-and enter into - God. And to love the neighbor likewise means: To completely enter into the neighbor, otherwise one can never wholly love him; but half a love is neither to him who loves nor to the one who is loved of any benefit." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 4, 1)

Conditions for the spiritual rebirth of the soul

"[7] He who, according to My teaching desires a quick and complete rebirth in the spirit of his soul, needs to live a life that is as chaste as possible and should not let himself be charmed and seduced by the flesh of young and adult women, for this draws the life of the soul outwardly and by that he prevents greatly the awakening of the spirit in the soul, without which however no complete rebirth of the soul in his spirit is imaginable or possible." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 18 chapter 89)

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"[2] But I said: "Yes, yes, such a wine is a strengthening drink, but only when it is taken with moderation and on time. But for those who are immoderate in drinking wine and get drunk, it is then no more a strengthening drink but a drink that weakens his whole body. Therefore, always drink this drink with moderation in My name, and then it will also strengthen you for the eternal life of the soul. But in the immoderate usage of this drink, the evil spirit of lewdness and fornication lays hidden. This spirit does not awaken the soul to life, but makes him dead for the true spirit of life from the Heavens and makes the spiritual rebirth of the soul in the spirit from the Heavens nearly impossible on this Earth. Do also remember that." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19 chapter 23)

Who will take part in the full rebirth of the spirit

[4] Therefore, you all will not fully understand the new birth or rebirth out of the spirit and in spirit until I, as the Son of men and of man, will, like Elias, be removed from this earth before your very eyes.

[5] Only then shall I pour from the heavens **My spirit full of truth and power over** all My followers, which in turn will then fully render possible the complete rebirth of the spirit and in the spirit, and only then and thereby will you understand and recognize the rebirth of your spirit.

[6] Until then, nobody can be fully reborn in the spirit, as nobody has been since Adam, not even Moses and all the prophets.

[7] But through My act, which has now been made known to you and all the others, all people starting with Adam, will take part in the full rebirth of the spirit; all who were born in the world and who were, during their earthly life, at least of good will, even if they did not always act accordingly.

[8] For there are many others who are of the best will to do something really good, but who totally lack the means and the bodily strength and skills which are indeed as necessary for it, as the eyes are for seeing. Well, in such cases, the good intention means as much as the deed itself, as far as I am concerned." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 3, chap. 171)

Consequences of the spiritual rebirth

"[5] From this, all of you can clearly see now how penetrating truth and wisdom will be for those who can rejoice in the full rebirth of their soul in My Spirit. And I say to you once more what I have told you already many times, namely that no human eye has ever seen, no human ear has ever heard and no human awareness has ever experienced what kind of endless and unspeakable happiness God has prepared for those who truly, that means by action, love Him. [...]

[10] Look, this is also how things are with the value of the rebirth of the human soul in his initial spirit of life out of Myself. Is it not worth that a good person gives up all his worldly treasures and would only strive with all his might for the greatest pearl of life, namely the rebirth of the soul in the initial spirit of life? Or is it not better to take care for the eternal life of the soul than to be worried about all perishable treasures of the world that will perish and rot, and probably will never again come back completely to the eternal, clear life of their souls?" (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19 chapter 9)

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"[10] I said: "When you will live in such a way that your soul will be completely reborn in his spirit, that spirit will quickly and easily be able to settle with all impure spirits that are still in your flesh, and then you will die a blissful death, also what concerns the body. But someone who in general will indeed seriously live and act according to My teaching, but besides that will still secretly fall back into his old habits, yes, then he also will not be able to reach the complete rebirth of his soul in the spirit, and finally during his passing away, with all humility and patience, he will have to accept that he still will have to struggle with many sorrows. Because then, the suffering will be the fire which will purify the life's gold of men from many dross. Because that which is spiritually impure cannot enter Heaven, which is as much as saying the following: the pure Spirit from God cannot unite completely with the soul until this soul has completely and forever banned everything out of himself that belongs to matter and its judgment. Indeed, whoever wants to separate with a blissful bodily death from this world must take this well into account." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19 chapter 30)

Rebirth of the soul and rebirth of the spirit

"[12] Now when the soul has made himself completely subordinate to the nature of his spirit and has by that no more earthly wishes so that he solely strives to the spiritual and has therefore, as a self-conscious soul, passed into the spiritual, then the more completed person has reached a level that was indicated by the Indian sages as 'Nirvana', thus a condition in which every will, based on fleshly, earthly tendencies, is destroyed and which eliminates every life in the flesh as material existence. That condition is possible in the material life and should even be reached so that total peace will come into the heart of man.

[13] Now you all have almost reached that rebirth of the soul. However, over there in My Kingdom, when I will have ascended, there is still another rebirth, which is the one of the spirit, which will then consist of an inseparable community with Me. There will be the highest bliss of the children in the house of the Father and joys which no human heart can ever suspect because they are purely spiritual and of which not the smallest glimpse can be made understandable to you before that time." (Book 25 THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN chapter 75)

The spiritual rebirth and Lord's example as purpose of His incarnation

"There is no one at the present time who is reborn in the spirit. Not until the Son of Man will have fulfilled His mission in its fullness will men attain to the true and full rebirth in the spirit. Keep this in mind and act accordingly." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN III, 69: 11-12)

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"[11] And still, every human being who really wants to know himself and God, must enter this extremely inconsiderable little chamber of life of his heart by way of extreme humility and compliancy, and give back spiritually the life that was received from that. When a human being acts like that, he makes the little chamber of life bigger and illuminates it more and more. And when that happens, the whole heart, and from the heart the whole human being, becomes enlightened and he knows himself, and by that also God. For only then he can become aware and he can see how the life from God enters this little chamber, gathers itself and develops itself to a free independent life.

[12] Consequently, in this little chamber lives the actual Spirit out of God, and if the soul of the human being enters this little chamber by the right humility and compliancy – as the love of the true human being enters the eternal, uncreated love of God – then by that, the soul unites with the eternal Spirit out of God and this Spirit unites with the uncreated soul, and that is the rebirth of the soul in the Spirit out of God.

[13] Just as a real human being has to act this way in order to enter in himself the full glory of life, I have done this now Myself to give you a true example and a very reliable road sign in the great Man of Creation. And I have come on this Earth because this – as already said – corresponds according to My eternal order with the positive little chamber, to enter in the full power in Heaven and on all earths to My own and therefore also your greatest glory.

[14] It is true that I possess already since eternity in Myself all power and glory, but still, I was not a visible and perceivable God for any created being, not even for the most perfected angel. If I, to a certain extent wanted to make Myself visible for someone like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then this happened because I had filled an angel with such a degree of Spirit of My will that on certain moments he represented My personality. But from now on, I am a visible God for all men and angels and I have laid the foundation for a total perfect, eternal and independent free and consequently true life, and from that consists also My own greater glorification and with that also yours.

[15] For how could even the most perfected angels and also the most pious men of this and all other earths glorify God in truth by a true and living love for Him, whom they had never seen and therefore also had never understood? For it was always said: 'No one can see God and keep the life, because the pure divinity is in Himself a devouring eternal fire.' That fire in Me is now covered and tempered by this body of Mine, and now is no more valid: 'No one can see God and live', but: 'From now on, every angel and human being will be able to see God and live, and whoever will not see God, will have a very miserable and judged life.' (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN 19, chap. 5)

Basis of the spiritual rebirth. God's spark of love in the heart of the soul

"Therefore, I have prepared the new way in such a manner that My Spirit, **which I am now laying - and have laid** - as a spark of My fatherly love into the heart of every soul, be nurtured through your love for Me and thereby kindled truly and actively into love for fellowman, that it may grow within your soul, and after attained the proper size and strength, completely unite and become one with the purified soul, which act shall and will - be called 'rebirth of the spirit'.

[10] **However, this spark of My love will not be laid in its fullness into the heart of a soul until a man has heard My word and accept it in his heart in faith and love for the truth, Unless this is the case, no man, however perfected in his soul, can attain to the rebirth of the spirit. For the spark of My love does not enter the heart of your soul without My word as I am speaking it to you now.**

[11] Henceforth, also **infants**, consecrated to Me and baptized upon My word and in My name, shall receive the spirit spark of My love into the heart of their soul. However, this will not grow with a wrong upbringing, but only with an upbringing according to My order which I have now shown you in all clearness." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 4, chap. 20)

Spiritual rebirth and the human destiny after Lord's incarnation

"5. [...] God is supremely good, supremely wise, supremely just and does not need anyone's advice and instruction when He wishes to do something. But I tell you: Also man on this earth is called to become as perfect as is the Father in heaven. This was impossible until now, since death was ruling on this earth. But from now on it shall be possible to everyone who will in all earnest strive to live according to My teaching. And I think that if God offers this to man in return for a small effort, namely, for the easy complying with My teaching, man should spare no pains to reach this supreme goal. [...]

7. [...] **My yoke is easy and My burden light.** But mankind until now has had to carry heavy burdens, yet achieved nothing therewith; it remains to be seen how their faith will shape up to

exchanging the habitually ponderous old for the unfamiliar new. Shall they not finally say: If we achieve nothing through strenuous ways and work, what shall we achieve with child's play?

8. I say unto you: **'You shall have to cast off the old man like an old coat and then put on a completely new one!** This shall of course be uncomfortable at first, but whoever shall not be driven back to the old, habitual by trivia, but bear up to the small discomfort, shall attain to the perfection of which I spoke." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 1, chap. 39)

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8] But whoever hears God's Word and acts according to it, he has God's Word living within him, and has become himself, in all his nature, a living Word of God, and is therefore in his spirit from God. But if that is so, who can say that then the whole person has not proceeded from God? But if a man, through his being completely filled with the Spirit of God, has become in his whole being the living Word of God, fully filled with the spirit of God, **is he then not a God** seeing that what is perfectly divine must everywhere be regarded as God, and all the more in the case of man?" (chap. 9, The 3 Days Scene)

Heaven, the Kingdom of God and the spiritual rebirth

"[2] I said: "How long will I have to be with you and suffer your materialistic attitude? For who is the gate to the true Kingdom of Heaven? I am the gate, the way and Heaven Myself. He who listens to Me, believes in Me, and loves the Father in Me above all, will walk through the right gate of all life the light way to the Kingdom of the Heavens that is created spiritually out of My pure love in the lightest and most living form out of My wisdom.

[3] Do not look up or down with your fleshly eyes if you want to perceive the true sight and the nature of Heaven which is the Kingdom of God, but direct the eyes of your mind at your inner awareness of love. There you will see Heaven, even everywhere, no matter in which place you will be in My creations, be it on this Earth or on another, this does not matter, because the view of Heaven will form itself out of the foundation of your life, just like it is formed by My word and by your good works. Only by means of your own Heaven will you be able to come in My eternal and infinite great Heaven.

[4] Remember this well, all of you: God's Kingdom will not display any outer splendor and will also not come to you in an outer image and form, but it is in your deepest inner being and exists in the spirit of pure love for God and for fellowman and in the truth of the resulting life of the soul. For he who does not have or is aware of any love for God or fellowman in himself does also not have life in himself and no resurrection, which is Heaven in man, and consequently also no life within, but only the judgment and the resulting eternal death, instead of the only true and perfect life in Heaven.

[5] In a certain way the souls of the evil ones continue also to live after death, but they are only apparently alive, just like all matter and just like the life of certain animals who sleep during the whole long winter in a subterranean hole and who are totally passive.

[6] If you look at this now a little closer, you hopefully will not say to Me anymore: 'Lord, show us the gate of Heaven and by that also a little of Heaven itself, or show us also Hell, so that we, being warned by its sight can restrain ourselves more easily from all sins.' He who asks that, I will have to call a fool. Every human being has either Heaven or in the worst case, Hell completely in him and can view everything in himself.

[7] However, he who carries Hell in himself, is deaf and blind in his mind. Only now and then will his conscience remember him, otherwise he would not be aware of Hell in himself, for a soul who has become infernal is already as good as completely dead by the judgment of all his matter.

[8] But a soul who by his good works according to My will, carries Heaven in him, can also view in himself Heaven on a clear daylight, and from time to time also during the night in clear visions. For visions are given to man to have a certain communion with the world of the spirits, with the lower ones as well as with the higher ones, according to how much or how little of the true Heaven that the soul has build and in fact has created by his good works according to God's will.

[9] Thus, walk according to My commandments, then you will easily and quickly be aware of the nature of Heaven in yourself." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 18, chap. 66. The gate of Heaven and the Kingdom of God)

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"[8] I said: "O My dear friend, you have spoken now very well, and I can say that it was not your flesh and blood that inspired you in this, but only your spirit. But still, during the future return of the Son of Man it will be as I have clearly said to you all.

[9] You are completely right when you say that the Kingdom of God has come to you in Me and is now with and among you, but this is still not sufficient to attain to the eternal life of the soul and keep it completely, for although the Kingdom of God has come to you in Me, it has by that not yet penetrated in your inner self, which only can and will happen when you will have completely accepted My teaching in your will and thus also in everything that you do, without considering the world. Once this will be the case, **you will say no more: 'Christ, and with Him the Kingdom of God has come to us and He lives with us and is among us', but you will say: 'Now it is not I who lives, but Christ lives in me'**. When this will be the case with you, then you will also completely understand that **the Kingdom of God does not come with outer pomp and splendor to and in men, but that it develops only inside of man and draws the soul into the eternal life of that Kingdom of God and will keep him permanently in it.**

[10] It is true that the way has to be shown to man first from the outside by God's word, which comes to man from the Heavens and by which man can say: '**Peace be with you, for the Kingdom of God has come near**', but therefore man is still not yet in the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God not in him.

[11] Only when man begins to believe without doubting, and makes his faith alive by acting according to the teaching, the Kingdom of God develops itself in man, as the life in a plant develops itself unmistakably in spring from the inside when the plant is shone by the light of the sun, warms up and is by that urged to inner activity.

[12] Although all the life is stimulated and awakened from the outside, the originating, the development, the unfolding, forming and strengthening comes always from the inside.

[13] So also, animals and men must first absorb their food in them from the outside, but this absorbing of food and drink is still by far not the real feeding of the body, but this happens only after, from the stomach to all the parts of the body. As the stomach is in a way the life-feeding heart of the body, so is also the heart of man the feeding stomach of the soul for the awakening of the Spirit from God in himself, and My teaching is the true food of life and the true drink of life for the stomach of the soul.

[14] So **in what I am teaching men I am a true nourishing bread from the Heavens, and acting according to that teaching is a true drink of life, a very good and strong wine that by its spirit awakens the whole man to life and enlightens him throughout by the illuminating blazing flame of the fire of life. Whoever will eat that bread and will drink that wine, will no more see, feel or taste death in eternity.**

[15] If you have understood this now, then act also accordingly, then My words will become full, living truth in you." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, chap. 40. The Kingdom Of God)

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"[8] But since you also asked where My Heavens may be found, I tell you: My Heavens are wherever there are godly, pure and good men and spirits. This whole visible space, that ends nowhere, is Heaven without neither end nor beginning. But only for good men and spirits. However, where evil men and spirits are dwelling, there this space is not a Heaven, but a Hell, which is judgment and eternal death, showing itself in this world as matter, which in itself is also a judgment and thus death.

[9] So whoever is only chasing after the treasures of the world, which is entirely matter, judgment, Hell and death, goes thereby also with his soul into death. Thus, all evil spirits are mostly dwelling in the matter of this Earth. The good and pure spirits are always living in the pure light spaces of the free ether space." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 88)

Signs of the spiritual rebirth

"Every human has an immortal soul in which dwells an even more immortal spirit. So that the soul, as a spirit developing out of matter, can become fully at one with the Primordial Spirit of God called 'love', the soul must strive spontaneously to firstly free itself from matter and all its demands whatsoever and in all its aims and actions be governed by the purely spiritual and, secondly, keep striving solely to unite with the spirit of God's pure love within it.

How does man become aware that his soul has united with its indwelling true Spirit of God? - That he verily easily perceives within.

When you no longer feel within yourself any pride, any unnecessary ambition, thirst for glory, envy, greed, love for splendor and self-love, but instead feel all the more living, true love for the fellowman and for God and a true, heart-warming joy when in an emergency you have shared all that you possess with your poor, suffering brothers and sisters; indeed, when you feel great sorrow in your heart for not being able to help some poor, when God means everything to you, but the whole earth with all its treasures nothing, then your soul has already united with the Spirit of God within, has attained to perfect eternal life, is wise and able, wherever necessary, to perform miracles by merely willing it." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN vol. 5, chap. 51, 3 on)

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"Whoever wants to attain to the spiritual rebirth in order to gain miraculous powers (for ambitious and selfish reasons), can rest assured that such grace will not be bestowed on him. For this would literally mean to throw the finest pearls to the swine.

Love for Me, great goodness of the heart, love for all mankind - this, in short, is the true sign of spiritual rebirth. However, where this is lacking and the person's humility is not fully developed, neither halo nor cassock or spiritual visions are of any avail. All these people are often further from the Kingdom of God than some others who appear very worldly. For the Kingdom of God never comes with any outer pomp, but enters quietly and humbly into the human heart." ("Bishop Martin", chap 70)

The path of neighborly love versus the path of knowledge

"[5] But if you want to follow Me in spirit, then think deeply about all that which you have heard and seen from Me. Act and live in the spirit of My teaching, which carries the words of life in itself, then by that you will really and truly follow Me in spirit. [...]

[10] To know much, while you are still only a natural human being will burden head and heart, but when after many actions you will have taken much of the living light of truth in yourself, it will

enlighten the heart and will save the difficult labor to the soul to often uselessly turn around in the brain of his bodily head and still not find what is true and right.

[11] I say to you: in the spirit of man are hidden all and – be attentive – endlessly many truths. Try only to come to complete unification with the spirit in you by means of the ways that are already known to you, then you will no more need to ask who the parents of Raphael are or were, because the spirit will lead you into all truth.[...]

[13] Therefore, stay on this path, for this is the only thing that can lead you to the living truth and wisdom in all things, and do not search untimely for things and their circumstances about which you are by far still not sufficiently mature to grasp and understand them in the right way, because such a useless research will only delay the soul to really penetrate ever deeper into his own spirit.

[14] **Seek above all to develop and to strengthen your life-consciousness according to My teaching. Feel the need of the poor and relieve it according to your strength and wealth, comfort those who are sad, clothe those who are naked, give food to those who are hungry, and drink to those who are thirsty, help those who are sick where you can, free the prisoners and proclaim My gospel to the poor of spirit. This will exalt your feeling, your mind into the Heavens, and on this true path of life your soul will soon without difficulty become one with his spirit from God and will by that also share in His wisdom and might.** And this will certainly be more valuable than to know much in the world while being furthermore an insensitive human being towards fellowmen, and because of the feeling that was not sufficiently awakened for life having to give testimony to yourself of being still far away from the true life in the spirit.

[15] I say to you: the spirit is the only living thing in man, is pure love and most gentle and is an eternal supremely well disposed feeling of that love. Thus, he who will make effort to ever more absorb this love of the spirit and its most gentle and eternal most well disposed feeling into his selfish soul, becoming therein also more and more strong, more powerful, more courageous and more compliant, will help by that the full union of the spirit with the soul. And if the soul becomes then pure love and wisdom in his most gentle and most well disposed feeling, then such a soul is also entirely one with his spirit and is therefore then also in the most living possession of all wonderful capabilities of life and existence of his spirit. And that is then certainly more valuable than having attended all the schools of the worldly scientists on Earth but remaining by that a severe and insensible human being.

[16] Therefore, refrain for the moment from all useless research for the many circumstances of things and their phenomena, causes and consequences in the world, for this will bring the soul not even in 100 years even 1 millimeter closer to his true goal of life, because by that he cannot come to a true inner knowledge, but only to an external, superficial and bit by bit knowledge and a blind guessing for everything from which an ordered and coherent knowledge and insight can never arise and by which the soul will thus find himself in a continuous anxious searching, which will produce little real salvation for life.

[17] Whatever was necessary for you to know for the eradication of much superstition, which arose from the nature of the things in this world, has not been withheld from you, and it was faithfully and truly described and has also been made clear in a wonderful manner as a witness of the truth. And this should be sufficient for you for the time being.[...]" (98. The way to unification with the Spirit and rebirth - THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 19)

Heart, mind and will development for the spiritual rebirth

"[3] O world, o world, where are you with your so highly praised wisdom. O Lord and Master, would it not be possible for You to lay such light in the mind of men? If all would realize this in themselves, a lot of them would finally stop sinning."

[4] I said: "You surely mean it well with people, but still it would be a completely useless effort. I only have to force the will of men – his will that must be free, because otherwise man would be no man anymore – but if I would do that, man would be already judged and would never be able to raise himself to an independent freedom of life.

[5] And to only enlighten the mind of men, the good cause would even be less served than when they would be taught from the outside by a fellowman who became wise and strong with the help of My teaching. But when already now so many people are not believing in Me while I in their presence am not only teaching them but also performing signs which were never done by anyone else before Me, they would trust even less their own mind, with which they cannot perform any signs alone, because their heart and will would not come so easily and fast as you think in complete harmony with what they realize that it is true and good. For even when man with his reason realizes very clearly all the things that are good and true, while his heart is still full of all kinds of worldly things, then it still will cost him a lot of hard struggle with his own world before this will be removed from the heart and its will, so that man would only love and will what he has discerned that it is true and good.

[6] Only when the love, the will and the mind, which is filled with all truth, have become one in all actions, has man also entered in the rebirth of the Spirit from God in his soul and has stepped into the first degree of God's power in himself, and in that condition he can already perform signs.

[7] But someone who is often too much filled with the world cannot come so fast and easy to that condition. And the reason for that I have already shown you. But without the attainment of that condition all pure intellectual knowledge is for man only like any other knowledge. For the perfecting of the inner man it has only very little value and is often rather more harmful than useful. Generally it is better for man if he, tormented by all kinds of objections and doubts, must search for the truth of life, compared to when he would already possess it in his intellect as a sun that suddenly came up while by far he does not yet possess the power in his love and in his will to act

accordingly. **That is why, with man, his heart and intellect must be developed and be made stronger at the same time progressively**, otherwise no man can really make any progress in understanding and act accordingly.

[8] What would be the use for man his 2 manly strong arms, which are capable for every work, if his feet would be paralyzed with gout? And what would be the use to tighten 2 oxen to 1 cart in such a way that one would pull forward and the other pull backward? To 2 strong man's arms belong also 2 healthy and strong feet, and for a cart the draft animals must be tightened in front, otherwise there can and will be no progress in the work and the movement of the cart. Therefore, the manner in which I Myself am bringing the people now the active light of life is surely the best, and after Me you should not do it otherwise." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, Chap. 71. The way mankind has to go to reach the goal)

The blissfulness and the wisdom come only from the activity of love

"[2] I said: "Friend, since the true blissfulness of life does not consist of clear visioning and understanding, but only of the activity of love that should increase more and more, every soul should first make this his only life's element, for he otherwise can never attain to the inner clearness of life, because the activity of love is an inner fire of life, which must become a bright light-giving flame by its increasing activity.

[3] However, when this life's element in the soul is completely awakened, in such a way that the soul himself becomes this life's element – which means to say that the whole man is born anew and thus born again in the spirit – then the soul stays also active in the highest possible degree, despite his inner clearness which is a result of the activity of love that has raised to the highest possible level. And his blissfulness and clearness will increase according to the degree of his activity of love and not according to the degree of his clearness, to which at no time he can attain without the activity of love, because God has determined since eternity that no spirit and no human soul can ever attain to the light without the corresponding activity.

[4] How do people in this material world make light? Look, they rub wood against wood or stone against stone, just as long as fire sparks will come off. The fire sparks fall on lightly inflammable material that maintain the glow. Once that glow is sufficiently present, and inflammable objects come in contact with it – like wood, straw or a certain lightly inflammable resin mixed with sulfur and naphtha – then soon a bright flame will flare up and it will become light in himself and around him into all directions.

[5] Could there ever have been any glow without that preceding activity, and from that, a shining flame which shows the highest degree of activity itself through its visible active movement?

[6] Look, in this way, already the dead material world shows, that in order to make fire and light a certain activity must precede. Thus, to the light of the soul's life must all the more precede a certain activity. By this, love will be awakened, which is the life element, and only from then on, the light of

the soul will exist from its increased activity, and this is the wisdom, which recognizes, evaluates and orders itself and all things out of itself.

[7] Look, friend, this is how things are concerning the life of the soul and his inner clear ability to recognize himself, and so you should not be afraid that a blessed soul will ever become lazy and passive as a result of his divine wisdom, because the wisdom of a soul here, and still more in the beyond, will always be the result of his activity. If this would or could cease, then with the soul, also his wisdom and his inner clearness of life would cease." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 21, Chap. 10. The activity of the soul)

The awakening of the inner spirit

"[1] RAPHAEL said: "Alright then, then I also will do it that way. Since you have accepted that I am the builder of that column in the field along the way to Jerusalem, I also tell you that this is so. If these are the facts, it also has been proven by this that the inner spirit in man is also – and also must be – lord over all the powers of nature, which are ruling in all the elements. Because without the Spirit – which is out of God and which works everywhere – they would not exist at all. And if this is undeniably so, everything must be possible for him, according to the eternal standards of divine order.

[2] However, before someone attains or can attain to this power, he must, by a most precise following of God's will that is revealed to him by Moses and the prophets, make it so very much his own that he can act freely out of himself in no other way than as the will of God is showing in his heart, which is certainly not difficult for someone who has recognized God and loves Him above all, because the love for God constantly supplies him with intensified strength in the same measure as the love for God grows in his heart, and in this love, also the love for fellowman.

[3] If man has been united with God in this way, he is already filled with the Spirit of God. Because, love for God and the fulfillment of His holy will is already this fully active Spirit of God in man, because his new will is no longer the weak and helpless will of the human flesh, but the almighty, pure will of God.

[4] Whoever has such a will completely within himself, to him everything he wants must obviously be possible. Because what he then wills, God also wills in him. And certainly, for God all things are possible.

[5] Therefore, you must not be so surprised that the old prophets often did great signs. For, as mere men, out of themselves, they did just as few true signs as you have ever done. But because they were often filled with the Spirit of God by their pure walk in life already since their young years, this almighty Spirit performed the great marvelous signs. And this Spirit also filled their hearts with the

light of all wisdom out of God, and what they then spoke to the people through this wisdom, was not the word of men anymore, but the word of God.

[6] However, because I, just like some of these people here present, am also filled with the Spirit and the will of God, everything must happen what the will of God wills in me, and nothing can resist me. [...]

[14] Raphael said: "That for sure, because you are not one with the all-filling, all-penetrating and all-working Spirit out of God. This spirit is resting indeed in the innermost center of your soul, but it is still totally isolated from the universal Spirit, because of your too little love for God it also receives a much too little nourishment. For this reason, the spirit cannot expand itself in the soul and penetrate him and thus expand itself throughout your whole being. This does not mean spatially, but in the sphere of the will, which is just as present in it as in God Himself, by whom it has been laid in the heart of the soul as an indestructible life-spark.

[15] To expand in the sphere of the will means however, that the soul submits his own will completely to the recognized will of God and voluntarily allows to be ruled by it.

[16] If this is the case, that the soul – as if from outside – allows himself to be penetrated in his innermost by the recognized and precisely followed will of God, then he awakens the Spirit out of God that is resting and slumbering in the innermost of the soul. It unites itself immediately with his equal will-spirit that has penetrated the whole soul and which is actually the Spirit of God. And then he is completely one with it, just as God is and remains one with it, although on an infinitely higher level, as one eye is one with the other, although with man also one eye sees sharper and easier than the other.

[17] Once man has accomplished this, his thought, with which he has transferred himself even to the most distant region, is no longer an empty thought without effect. But spiritually it transfers to that place the whole being of such a perfected man who is able to perform everything. He sees, hears and perceives everything, because with the endless will-spirit it penetrates and controls everything, without losing even for a moment its individual independence. Since it penetrates and controls everything, it can also, like a thought, filled with the true Spirit of God, perform everything in one moment whatever the perfect man wills.

[18] But as long as man has not attained this most blessed and only true condition of life, he can only materialize his thoughts and ideas imperfectly in one way or another through the members of his body, and this only according to the laws of nature that is under judgment. However, the thought in itself is nothing else but your image in a mirror – without existence, without power and without any might. But it tells you anyway that, with it, you can instantly be in the most distant place, although – according to the previous explanation – without any effect." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 69 THE INNER NATURE OF MAN)

The 3 degrees of inner life perfection

"[5] I said: "Yes, yes, that is not a bad reasoning. But the will to sin finds in man always a lot of support, and more precisely in the pricks and tendencies of his body. But for the will to do what is good, his body does not find any support. This he finds only in the faith in a true God, and most of all in the love for Him, and also in the hope that the promises that God has given him will be completely fulfilled.

[6] Therefore, whoever can battle against all the bad passions of his body, and in this way has become master over himself by the firm and living faith, by the love for God and fellowman and by the unwavering hope, will then also soon become lord over the whole visible nature. And then he already finds himself in **the first degree of the true inner life perfection**, because he has become fully a lord over himself, although he still will oftentimes not lack all kinds of temptation that will prick him to make one or the other light sin.

[7] If he then also succeeds in making a firm pact with all his sense-organs to turn away from all earthly pricks and to turn only towards the pure spiritual, then this is already a sure sign full of the light of life that the inner Spirit out of God has totally filled the soul, and then man is already in **the second degree of the inner true life perfection**.

[8] In this degree, man has already received such great strength and life freedom that he, because in his soul he is completely filled with God's will and can act according to it, can nevermore commit any sin, for when he himself has become pure, everything is also pure to him.

[9] But although man is then already a perfect lord over the whole nature and has within him the complete conviction that he can sin no more, because all his actions are guided by the true wisdom out of God, yet he still remains thereby in the second degree of the inner life perfection.

[10] But there is still **a third and most high degree of inner life perfection**.

[11] Of what does it consist, and how can man attain to it?

[12] It consists in the fact that the perfect man, who knows very well now that he is a powerful lord of the whole nature, and without sinning can do whatever he wants, still, in a humble and meek way, controls his willpower and might, and in all his actions, out of pure love for God, only waits until he receives for this reason from God an assignment, which is for the perfect lord of nature still a very difficult task, because he, in his full wisdom always realizes that according to the will out of God that lives in him, can only do the right thing.

[13] But an even more profound spirit will also realize that between the special will of God in him and the most free and endless universal will in God there is still a big difference, by which he makes his special will completely subordinate to the universal divine will, and will only do something of his own power when he directly receives an assignment for it by the only self-will in God. He who does that, has attained within him to the innermost and highest life perfection, and this is the life perfection in the third degree.

[14] Whoever has attained to it is also completely one with God and possesses just like God the highest might and power over everything in Heaven and on Earth, and nobody can ever take it away from him because he is completely one with God.

[15] But nobody can reach this highest life perfection wherein the archangels are, before first having attained to the first and second degree of life perfection.

[16] Every archangel has the power to achieve at once everything that God can achieve unlimitedly Himself. But still, no archangel does anything out of himself, but only when he receives the assignment from God. Therefore, even the highest archangels are asking God to assign them to do this or that, especially when they can see that the people of this Earth are lacking one thing or the other." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 17, chap. 74. THE 3 DEGREES OF INNER LIFE PERFECTION)

Explanations concerning the RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH

"Therefore understand the resurrection of the body to mean the good works of true love of your neighbor! These shall be the flesh of the soul and thus rise with it to everlasting life as an unalloyed ethereal body on its judgment day in the spirit world, following the true trumpet call of this my teaching. If you had borne a body a hundred times on earth, in that next world you shall have but one body, and that the one described to you." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN. VOL. 5, chap. 238, 1)

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[4] I said: "Then stay where the Kingdom of God and its eternal spiritual life rule, for I **Myself am the Truth, the Kingdom of God, the Revelation and the eternal Life. Whoever believes in Me will receive the eternal life when I will wake him up on the youngest day. I will also stay in the one who will stay in Me in faith and in love, and in whom I stay has already the eternal life in him and will never see, feel nor taste death. So stay here with Me, and by your love, in Me.**"

[5] Now Ebal asked Me: "Lord and Master, most of the Jews believe also in a resurrection of the flesh in the Valley of Josaphat. But I find this somewhat strange. For firstly only the smallest part of them are buried in the Valley of Josaphat, and secondly what will happen on that mysterious youngest day with the bodies of the people who never heard about a Valley of Josaphat and thus died in other, very distant places, who were partly burned and who were partly maybe just like with us Jews directly buried in the ground? And finally, thirdly, what will happen on the youngest day with those who were swallowed up by the sea and other waters and who were devoured by wild animals? When, according to our time measurement, will that youngest day come, which the Pharisees describe to us as horrible?"

[6] Lord and Master, You can see that these things cannot be accepted by even the most common human sense. Only the darkest superstition, which never thinks or searches for anything, like the most common and most inferior Jews, as well as the gentiles as such, can accept such nonsense. However, they are harmful for a reasoning human being and they remove the faith which one has in a pure godly revelation, in the immortality of the soul after the death of the body, and also in the faith in a future resurrection of the flesh on that particular youngest day. What should we think about that now?"

[7] I said: "Certainly not like the Pharisees are teaching you. Because the body, which serves the soul as an externally acting instrument, will not be resurrected in the Valley of Josaphat, neither anywhere else on this Earth on a specific youngest day to be united again with its soul in the form that it served the soul here for a short time.

[8] For truly, **the resurrection of the flesh** consists of the following: under 'flesh' must be understood the works that the soul has accomplished with its body.

[9] The **Valley of Josaphat** means the condition of the inner rest of the soul if his actions were always justified. That rest, which is not disturbed by any worldly love or lust and the passion that goes with it, and which can be compared to a completely quiet water surface in which you can clearly see the reflection of far distant and near regions, is then already the first beginning of the true youngest day of the soul, of his resurrection by My Spirit in him and at the same time also of his resurrection to eternal life.

[10] In that condition, the soul can then already see the good fruits of his works and rejoices in it more and more. And that seeing is the true resurrection of the flesh.

[11] For it is written: a mortal and perishable body is sown into the earth, and it will resurrect again as immortal and imperishable. If you associate this with your material body you must of course completely come into great confusion, but if you associate this with the good works of the soul, which are his true body, then by this you will come to the truth. For look, every good work that a soul has accomplished with his body to his fellowman on this Earth will pass away and dies already after the act, just like any other thing on this Earth, because when you have satiated a hungry person, quenched a thirsty person, clothed a naked person and freed a prisoner, then this noble act does not last, but it lasts only for the short time of the action itself. After that, it will often be forgotten by you, just like by the one to whom you have done this act. And thus, it is buried, and it is sown in the earthly kingdom of forgetfulness as something mortal and perishable. But on the true youngest day of the soul, as I have shown you, that act will everlastingly be resurrected by My Spirit in the soul. However no more in the form of the perishable earthly act but in the form of the eternally lasting fruit.

[12] And how will this look like? Well, in the beyond it will become like an eternal and most beautiful housing environment of the soul, provided with the best and richest of everything, and where in extreme happiness he will raise himself from one completion to the other.

[13] So as this is the situation of the works of a soul here, they will later on serve him as a housing environment in the beyond. And look, this is the true resurrection of the flesh. Believe this and keep to it, for this is how it is, and absolutely not otherwise."

[14] Ebal said: "Yes, that sounds quite different than what the blind Pharisees were gibbering before the people. Also the sound reason of man agrees completely with this, and a new, great light is rising for it. Thus, of the flesh, which served the soul here, not the size of a sun's particle will be united with the soul and resurrected in the beyond to eternal life?"

[15] I said: "Not as an element of the soul who lives eternally by My Spirit, because innerly he will become pure spirit himself. But for what concerns the profile of his^[1] outer form and in particular his clothing, the soul-etheric particles of his earthly body will again be united with him in spiritual purity. But of the coarse organic body, not even the size of one atom, because the destination of that body is the same as all other matter of the Earth, as this also is dissolved in ever better nature spirits, and as it was also initially arranged with much less pure nature spirits that were on a very low level of judgment.

[16] The nature spirits that are already leaving the coarse matter can in time also become human souls. But once your soul will be in that Valley of Josaphat you will understand more of this. Therefore, let us not say anything anymore about this now. " (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN, Book 22, chap. 91)

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The destiny of the the soul-etheric particles of the earthly body - a lesson of the Lord for Robert Blum

1. "Behold, every person's body is a veritable millionfold compendium of all kinds of infernal passions which are combined into a form under judgment. Did you not once hear something about the resurrection of the dead as well as the living, as also about a resurrection of the flesh, and no less about the so-called Judgment Day, on which all who are in the graves shall be awakened by Myself in accordance with their works, either to life or to everlasting death.
2. Behold, here is thee place where I must reveal these secrets to you in accordance with your nature and constitution, and subsequently, through you, to all those who came to the world of spirits due to the same cause, having to find admission to your house because already upon Earth they had, by thought, attitude, words, desires and consequent works lived more or less within your spirit.
3. You were the first of all those I received here and of whose future progress I took charge. Wherefore you must also be the first over here, where your ultimate development is at stake, to carry this out upon yourself, so that this may transfer to all the others.
4. I already mentioned that your soul has no actual consistency yet; but how is same to be achieved? I say unto you and therewith all the others:

5. Just as I as the Lord, in the likeness of man preceded you all and in everything, laying down a good and indestructible path, just so you must all follow Me along the same path, if you would truly gain life eternal!

6. I did not only rise again in My soul and spirit but mainly in body, because My soul and My arch-primordial divine Spirit surely were in no need of resurrection, since it would have been the crassest impossibility to, as God, be killed. But just as I Myself physically rose from the dead, as eternal conqueror over death, just so you all must be resurrected in your bodies. Because you cannot see Me, the perfect God, and live, until resurrected, purified and transcended in your flesh; your flesh however is under judgment and the latter has to be taken away from the flesh, or same could never serve for providing consistency for the soul.

7. Behold these graves – they all carry your very own flesh, isolated according to its millions of judged constituents, from which it was joined together. The beings which you discovered beneath the monuments are basically only manifestations of the diverse wished, desires and passions which you were sheltering in your flesh as judged particles of natural being in aggregate. These must now be purified by all sorts of means in order to become a firm, living mantle for your soul.

8. But just as I awakened My flesh through My very own power and authority, just so you must all set about this important task through the power of My spirit within you, in order to bring the former to its true perfection. For he who would of a truth be My child must in all things be like Me and do everything that I did and do, and yet shall do!" (From Hell to Heaven I, chp. 15)

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"[11] When we however consider more in detail the life of the soul as such, we soon will discover that also he is a substantial bodily being, who in himself stands not much higher than at best for instance the soul of an ape. Although he possesses an instinctive thinking-faculty of a somewhat higher level than a simple animal, an intellect and a higher free opinion about certain things and their interrelation would be out of the question.

[12] This higher potential in the soul that is in fact the highest and equal to God, comes from a pure essential, spiritual, third man who lives in the soul. Through him, he can distinguish that which is true from the false and that which is good from the evil, and is able to think freely in all imaginable directions and is able to will in complete freedom. As he – supported by the spirit – will direct himself with his free will towards that which is purely true and good, he slowly in the same proportion will make himself completely equal with the spirit who lives in him. Thus: strong, powerful and wise, and is then identical with him, as being reborn in the spirit.

[13] When this is the case, the soul is as good as one being with his spirit, just as the more noble parts of a perfect soul – which in fact exist of the very different nature spirits in the body – will completely change into the spiritual substantial body, which you can call the flesh of the soul, and finally will also change into the essential body of the spirit under which the true resurrection of the flesh has to be understood on the youngest, most true day of the life of the soul, that begins when a man is completely reborn in the spirit, be it already here in this life or – what will cost some more trouble and time – in the beyond." (THE GREAT GOSPEL OF JOHN Book 18 , chap. 72)

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“The deeper in the Earth these spirit and soul atoms are, the worse they are. Therefore the surveillance must be a wise one, and particularly so with those soul particles which have already been permitted to come to the surface of the Earth. Only the purest are used for the completion of the actual soul, and the coarser and more malicious for the formation of the material body.

Therefore the human body also consists only of soul particles. But these soul particles that form the physical body are still coarse, wicked, and impure. That is why they must enter the Earth again in order to decompose, and from there ascend to the being whose physical body they once formed. They are usually accepted in the third highest sphere of the Earth. Every pure spirit becomes complete again if he has taken up everything that is his. This taking-up is the so-called RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH.” (Earth and Moon, chap. 40)