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THE GUIDANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER IN THE AFTERLIFE

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FOREWORD

Dear Children!

The present work is a manifestation of My love for you, that you may know the truth of the story of what the apostle Martin Luther* experienced.

Receive this expression of love and thank Me for not only satisfying your curiosity, but thank Me also for sending such splendid pearls of true doctrine from heaven, as I decided not to write books only for you to have something to read, but for you to return to the revealed truth and live and act accordingly. For not reading and knowledge will carry you forward in the spiritual, but only fulfilling the commandment, or living according to the teachings offered.

There is much teaching to give about the afterlife, but it is difficult to preach to people who do not love the truth. This aversion to truth, however, is the sign of the Satanic in man, and therefore they only want the worldly, what I call Satan in the flesh.

The guidance of Dr Martin Luther in the afterlife is to be a guidepost on the journey to Me, for you receive here the most important teachings which lead to Me - and this should confirm you in faith, in the good will to live a life which takes you there where the hero of this story from the spirit realm awaits you in the happiest of states, that you would follow him.

The history of Emanuel Swedenborg also teaches you many beautiful things from the states of spiritual life in the hereafter, for it is also rich in examples of what man should do and refrain from in order to achieve the goal of life or eternal life, which is the attainment of heaven; for when man as ascended to heaven, he achieved his true goal, which makes him extremely happy, like the heaven-bound travelers Martin Luther and Swedenborg achieved.

*"Lu" literally means water, "turu": house, together "water house", that is a house standing on the waterfront.

The Luturu family began 2150 years before My birth and lived on the banks of the Kabul river (in Kabulistan). They came to Europe 570 years before My birth and to Germany at the time of My birth.)

1. DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER IN THE AFTERLIFE - misconceptions of faith

(Dr. Martin Luther's arrival in the afterlife; his disappointment there as a result of his dead literal Biblical perspective, because faith in Jesus only saves when everything that Jesus said to do in the doctrine of faith, was fulfilled.) The Blood of Jesus Christ purified of the original sin inherited in the spirit of Adam (since we are spirits of the spirit of Adam), but not of the sins and crimes committed by ourselves. Hebr 9:1-15; Rom 3:21; 1 Tim 2:1,14).

Jesus: A story of my tools against the doctrine of the Roman dogma would surely be of special importance to every true Christian now that all the old is coming to an end and soon a new spring of true doctrine will come from My Heavens. Therefore, at the request of My child, I let you follow the transition and the further development in the spiritual realm of your apostle and reformer here:

The man so dear to you, Dr. Martin Luther, joyfully entered his new home, not knowing - but hoping - for the best.

His passage was a triumph of the good thing he had endeavoured to do in life with all the strength of his heart, but not as rosy as he had imagined; for he misunderstood many passages in the New Testament, misinterpreted them, and transferred many human ordinances of the Roman Church which are not found in my teachings - and these were a major obstacle for him to enter as a true apostle in My Spiritual Kingdom.

Many will shake their heads, wondering how it could be possible for Dr Luther to be a false teacher while being My apostle and reformer. I as your Father and Savior want to clarify this question to you, so that you can free yourself from the wrongful understanding of the New Testament and enter the path of My True Teaching which I preached during My three years of ministry.

People are lazy and hope to earn heaven by the easiest means by keeping to the dead letter, extracting only what would benefit them; but everything

else – repentance, self-denial, denial of the world, renunciation of worldly pleasures, and the like, they cleverly avoid.

Their principle is: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved"; "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sins."

These doctrines, though they appear in the New Testament, are – if they are taken and adhered to only by the dead letter – true heresies, that bring no-one into My kingdom; and are therefore most dangerous doctrines to him who staunchly adheres to them, and proceeding from this faith he says that he is sinless and needs nothing else than to firmly believe that everything else I have already done and atoned for, for him on the cross. Oh, you poor, misguided sheep of My fold! How can you live so lazily in the day and think that you are justified by the sole faith in Me and by My grace?

Faith in Me will only be of benefit to you for your spiritual life if, by believing in Me, you also put to action all that I have taught. This is what will make you blissful, but not faith alone.

I do not want to here give you a thorough explanation of your error and duty, what is right or wrong, but it is only a short while to maturity and then you will get a thorough explanation of how all of you should live and act. Now we return to Martin Luther.

2. DECEPTIONS THROUGH THE DEAD LITERAL THEORY

(Martin Luther's earthly Biblical view turns out to be incorrect; his reception by the deceased waiting for him and their mental states; their lament because the mere faith in Jesus did not save and the blood of Jesus Christ did not cleanse from sins, despite endured suffering and dire persecution.)

Luther's arrival in the spirit realm was a happy and sad one. He saw that his intuition was unfounded. His friends, who had come to the spirit kingdom before him, awaited and received him with great joy. Everything that was Protestant and in the sphere in which Luther belonged, awaited and received him as if in triumph. It was a cheering and joy that resonated far and wide, but you could tell by the crowd's faces that they were not completely satisfied. They expected a different future - a different paradisiacal life, for they believed that they would, because of their staunch faith, be the inhabitants of Paradise, and that they are therefore better off than through the enforced church ceremony which drag one back into matter, which make Roman Catholics most unhappy in the afterlife.

“Friend and brother!”, they said - “How is it that we who clung to the New Testament and followed the faith in Jesus, who is our Redeemer on the Cross and who blotted out all our sins through His blood, arrived in such a bad state? Behold, neither Christ nor angel has appeared to us to receive us and lead us to paradise or wherever we deserve. What do you say? Think of this illusion! We who truly thought death would make us heavenly inhabitants, sit here and do not know how it is with us, and no one can give us a clear answer. Perhaps you who will be able, since you managed to properly overthrow the Roman Catholics and to restore the faith the old Christians upheld - even though it was not exactly what they had, at least it was better than Roman Catholicism. Friend! We are not content with our circumstances, we hoped for something much better due to our suffering, persecution and deprivations. Behold, you are clever - we want to hear what you will tell us about our complaints.”

Dr. Luther scratched behind his ears and did not know what to say, for he finds himself in the same disillusionment as his friends and those who believed his words. He was silent for a long time, thinking - but he could find no solution, so he said: “We have to find some light here, for I have

taught and spread the Bible honestly and to the best of my wisdom and knowledge.”

3. TOO SHALLOW UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE - The Blood of Jesus Christ

(Martin Luther's insight to find the Way, the Truth and the Life by searching, knocking and prayer. His recognition of his too shallow interpretation of the Bible. Different viewpoints of two speakers - especially a priest - that the blood of Jesus Christ frees man of all past and future sins, therefore theft, robbery, murder, adultery, etc. are not sins.)

He continued saying: "Dear friends and brothers, the Lord gave us so many beautiful teachings - would they not be real? If they are, then we must also obtain what was promised to those who diligently follow them. I refer to the words of the Savior now best suited to our situation: 'He who seeks will find; for who knocks, will be opened; for whom asks, will be given!' I believe dear brothers, that these words contain our consolation. Let us seek, knock and ask and I am convinced that we will find the Way, the Truth and the Life, which is what the Lord is called." All agreed, saying: "Yes, we also think so and want to find our happiness this way."

Our Martin felt overjoyed when he heard that his fellow believers and friends shared his views. Now he said: "Brothers and friends! We want to pray to our Savior and Redeemer to grant us light. To reveal to us why we do not find ourselves where we believed we would be and hoped for - namely in heaven, seeing Jesus. Neither one nor the other of our hopes have come to pass. It seems to me, Brothers, that we have had a too shallow and light understanding of the Bible and hence this our predicament."

His friends and brothers gave him anxious looks and said: "There must be a mistake somewhere, otherwise we would have found what we believed and hoped to find. You are the smartest among us and we will gladly follow your instructions; for you know, we are terribly bored with this endless monotony. We therefore first have to search for the cause, the obstacle that obstructs the heavens and veils Jesus!"

Then a young man stepped up and said, "Men, brothers, friends! I have heard your conversation and see that you are on the right path. Life is not the same here as it is on earth. We are spirits and as such we have to stick together and be of one thought and meaning. We are many, but it was said

in the New Testament: 'Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am in their midst.' If this is the case, which I do not doubt, well – we are many, so we will certainly receive what we ask our Savior Jesus for.”

Everyone agreed with the young speaker and said: “Yes, you are right, we want to join forces and ask our Redeemer that He will graciously reveal to us what we should do, so that we may receive the promise given to us through our faith in Him.” The young man was content, and withdrew.

Immediately after him, a clergyman stepped up and said: “Men, brothers! I like the speech of the young man and I agree with his plan of action. Yes, we want to ask, and since we are many, according to the words of Jesus, His promise is true. Nevertheless, I cannot help but to express my reservations about our beliefs now. I think we believed and hoped too much and did not do enough to live up to it.”

This unexpected objection of the priest surprised everyone and they looked at the speaker enquiringly. After a brief pause, the speaker continued: “Brothers, the Lord Jesus taught us many lessons which we are to keep – but I must confess that I do not find the teaching about faith alone, so well rooted. What then about forbidden sins? See, I believe that this is the cause of our miserable state! For do we really believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sins? I do not believe it, for then would thieves, robbers, murderers, adulterers, etc., not be sinners.”

4. ACTIVE LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF TRUE FAITH

(Martin Luther bitterly laments his wrongful interpretation of Biblical teaching and the impossibility of making amends. His company's compassion with him. His new confession that even if faith is so great, that active love is the main commandment and that they find themselves in such pitiable conditions because they did not do the deeds of neighborly love.)

After this speech, Martin Luther stepped up and said the following with a serious mien: "Brothers, Friends! A light went on for me. The latter speaker made me aware of an error. It is true, I have wrongfully made too much of faith and now I see to my utmost dismay what an immense disaster I have brought about. People have steadfastly built upon my teaching and believed that I was infallible in what I said. Oh, woe to me! I am an heretic, a corrupter of the people. I, the one who have confessed my Redeemer with all my love, recognize what an immense mistake I have made and millions of people who lived, live and still will live, will like me live in full faith but in deficient implementation of the works of neighbourly love. O woe me! How will I be able to answer to my beloved Jesus, my beloved Redeemer? What will I say when I will stand before You and give account of my life and works for the sake of the redemption of the souls of men? I now see the full weight of my transgression against innocent humanity. What can I do? How can I make good again my faults and error? Is there any solution?"

His listeners stood there petrified, for they now too saw that not all is in order with the keeping of the teaching of the Protestant religion; but no one dared to speak a word and so the whole congregation was silent and looked sadly at their teacher and guide, who covered his face with his hands and sobbed.

A dead silence ruled among the listeners, for no one dared to disturb the mourner; much less to reproach him. For they saw that he truly meant well, but made a human error and that there was no solution. Why then reproach him?

This thought in his brothers' hearts was a noble act of charity equal to none. They realized that he did not intentionally invent this tremendous error of

faith out of laziness, due to which he himself, together with them and those still living in the flesh, must suffer. All were gripped by a sense of melancholy and compassion, as they saw how the honest fighter and hero for the true religion bitterly wept over his error and its imponderable consequences.

Silence and sorrow remained for a long time among the listeners, until the old man after much weeping again sadly looked up at his company and said the following words with bitter reproach against himself: "Brothers and Friends! The power of the misery of my debt, in misleading so many millions of my fellow believers - whom I hoped to take back into the glorious days of true Christianity, is before me. I indeed again made level the way unto our Redeemer Jesus, but neglected what He in fact taught, that faith does redeem, yet with the precondition of the main commandment of faith, namely neighbourly love. Of what use is faith, if it is not as full of works of love unto God and neighbour, as grapes on the vine after a good year, at harvest time in autumn?

Yes, Brothers, we indeed had the Vine, but very few grapes, because we did not understand the spiritual of the Scriptures. Our dear Savior have mainly taught about love, while we have built our confidence only on faith and so have built our house on sand and therefore we now find ourselves as outcasts, because we neglected to build our house of faith on the rock by means of active love; and to cultivate only through this love as recommended in the Holy Scriptures - and forgot that we had faith that could move mountains and that our faith would be in vain if there is no works of love unto the neighbour. See, dear Brothers, this is what lacks, this is the sore spot in our faith!"

The brothers and listeners kept silent and they realized that they too had guilt in that they kept to this false faith-illusion, for it gave them a carefree life. They kept silent for they knew that they share the same consequences that brought tears to their teacher. They had the same Bible as their teacher and so they promoted the same error he did.

5. FAITH WITHOUT WORKS - The Blood of Jesus is the Love

(In the spirit kingdom, kindred spirits come together, preventing opportunities to amend for mistakes. The consequences of faith without active neighbourly love. Explanation that the blood of Jesus IS the love of Jesus. Teaching about why the Roman Catholics in the spirit kingdom pray to Mary and the saints. The perpetual strong dusk around them.)

After a short silence he again speaks and says: "Brothers, life is a perpetual illusion. After a pause, he began to speak again and said, "Brothers, life is a perpetual deception. To be deceived from the cradle to the grave and deceived beyond the grave, that is bitter, that is hard to bear. We went to eternity in the full faith of a happy future, and what did we encounter? Nothing! It is just a continuation of the same life in spiritual form that we lived carnally in the world. Things are the same as it was on the earth, yet also not, for we have no means to make amends for our errors. Here we are all equal and none have a need for his neighbour to come and help him, in order to do a deed of love unto a neighbour. Relationships here are different and we can do nothing about it. Here another kind of justice rules, where kindred are brought together and no one needs anything from another. Yes, strangely more fortunate there than here. On earth we had plenty of poor, miserable and needy ones in body and spirit; through those, we could earn heaven by showing them deeds of neighbourly love. Here we have none of them and we are without counsel and do not know what to do.

Yes, this is a misery, an unparalleled problem. Now our eyes have been opened, but we are like prisoners unable to help themselves. We are indeed not pressed by anything earthly, but we also have nothing in particular to give us joy. Where is our dreamt-of paradise or heaven, where our much beloved Redeemer and Jesus? We see nothing of those.

Have we not prayed for light? Have we not called upon our much beloved Jesus to help us come to Him, or to grant us the grace of justification before Him? But oh woe, what do I speak about justification? What is this justification? That we lived a failed life? We paid little heed to the main commandment of the law, even less fulfilled it. Yes, yes, I see the consequences of faith without neighbourly love: we have nothing to show of

anything good we did on earth, therefore our beloved Jesus left us in misery and complete helplessness.

Stop, Brothers! I now see something else. I see that our wedding garments are not pure, but full of stains. Probably our reward for our worldliness, our intellectual wisdom?! We believed that we were cleansed of our sins, while Jesus shed His blood on the cross on our behalf! But now I see that our garments were not washed clean from sins in the blood of the Lamb, but it is still besmeared! Yes, Brothers, what then did our beloved Savior mean with those words, for it is not fulfilled? Listen, Brothers! It just occurred to me: that blood has not ever washed anyone's garment pure and white – therefore the blood of Christ must have a completely different meaning as what we have believed about it up till now.”

At this objection, the whole congregation looked questioningly at the speaker who startled them all with this surprising discourse. No one dared to say a word, for the popular belief that 'the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sins', was too firmly rooted in them for anyone to dare consider or doubt it.

After an even longer and more anxious anticipation [time], another speaker stepped up and spoke the following words: “Brethren, fellow believers! Our teacher has stimulated in me what I believe to be a very blessed idea. I namely believe that the word 'blood', in its spiritual context, means 'love'. What would you say about that?”

Everyone was silent and since he got no answer, he continued: “Dear brethren, it is true that blood has never washed anyone's clothes clean and white. There must therefore be another meaning in these words, but what? It is our task to investigate; surely our salvation, our future, our happiness depends on it.”

After collecting his thoughts somewhat, he gave the following speech: “Brethren and friends! It was said that our Father God had promised Adam a Savior, who would take Adam's sin, meaning the inherited sin – not the sin we ourselves commit – upon His shoulders and redeem them. Here, the blood of the Divine love can be understood to be physical as well as spiritual. It was in fact the unlimited love of God who shed His physical blood for the inherited sins which weighed down all mankind of Adam's posterity. That Jesus also shed His blood for the sins still to be committed,

we read nowhere in the New Testament. Instead, the apostles strongly warned against sinful behaviour. This phrase: 'the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us of all sins', is misunderstood. I think our teacher is right in that the blood of Jesus represents the Love of God."

He now again asked the crowd whether they agree. Yet no one moved, for they felt caught between two questions: Is their current faith wrong, is their viewpoint false and are they deprived of all hope? If this is true, then what about faith? These two viewpoints stated by the speaker left them speechless, so no one dared to utter a sound.

After a while of intense silence, the speaker starts anew: "Brethren, I realise that the answer is difficult for you, for it brings defeat to either our faith or our hope. So I want to find the answer myself. Who among us can claim to be on the right track, seeing that our hope and Jesus' promises have not come true? We all experience the same disappointment. We all are searching after the truth and for a way out of this darkness. None of us know the way out from this labyrinth of our spiritual darkness. We came out of Roman Catholicism, which not only did not have the light we have, but also had many human statutes through their popes, which was in no way founded in Christian doctrine."

At this remark, a stocky man stepped up and said: "I once visited an earthly friend of mine who is a Roman Christian and also now find himself here in the world of spirits. After the customary greeting, we straightaway spoke on the topic of faith and my friend said that they too are none the wiser. His prayers to the saints and to Mary does not help him here in the spirit realm, meaning that it probably also on the earth did not help him at all - but it did help the priests, who knew how to live well with the money of the dumb. He said further: 'Here is so little light, I see so little, it truly is twilight. No day, no sun. It is a devilish, dreary time without hope or help. True, our priests come with their bloated words and promises, but where facts speak, the preaching of that black brood - which I never quite liked - comes to nothing.' Such my earthly friend and neighbour spoke and I realised that he is even worse off than I and my brothers here, who still have some light." After these words, the speaker withdrew.

Now the former speaker rose again and said: "I indeed suspected that the Roman Catholics sure are worse off than us and now it is confirmed for me. But let's let the Romans be, for they have their situation and we have ours. Everyone receives blessing according to his faith. Let us first worry about

finding our way out that will take us to our Jesus, then everything else will soon be found. But brethren, which way will take us to our Redeemer?" After this question, another long pause ensued.

6. FATHER JESUS ANSWERS LUTHER'S PRAYER

(Martin Luther proposes asking the Savior for an angel, to reveal the will of Jesus, how the neglected and missed could be righted. Luther's glorious prayer with his faith community to the Heavenly Father; the invisible Father's voice declare the answer to prayer. Arrival of a bright angel from the east, welcoming them in the name of the Father Jesus as the only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one person.)

When nobody wanted to say one word, Dr Martin Luther got up again and said: "Brothers in Christ, listen! The speeches and conversations so far given and exchanged, clearly shows that we do not find ourselves on the right way. We unfortunately cannot follow another path yet, since we are not yet of one mind. You have made me your teacher here, wanting to be my students. Therefore you have to patiently listen to me and then put to action that which you find good. I have also already explained what I perceive to be the basic evil of this unpleasant situation we find ourselves in. These reasons we partly already accepted, and partly still need to be further developed and discussed. All are not complete yet, but the truth about the deeds silences all special thoughts and views. We want to proceed from discussion to action; therefore, listen attentively to what I advise and which might help us."

Silence and yearning anticipation to see how things will develop, followed this speech - for all of them firmly believed that their teacher and brother, as a formidable Biblist would find a way which would lead them out of this confusion of viewpoints.

Now Dr Luther said: "Dear brothers! We now know our mistake concerning faith. We do not have the works; and if there were any deeds of neighbourly love, our sins we so lightly committed in life, darkens them. How can we atone for it? Brothers, friends! I do think that the only thing able to help us out of our embarrassment, would be a fervent prayer to our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus. My proposal therefore to you is that we all, with joint force, fervently pray to Jesus, that He would in His great love and compassion hear us and send us an angel in His merciful grace, to make us know His holy will - what we should do to amend for what we neglected and omitted, to help us to fulfil His holy will, through which it would be granted us to receive His promise.

After this word, he restrained himself somewhat and looked at his listeners to see what impression his suggestion made on them. To his delight, he saw only happily excited faces, showing approval for his suggestion.

Therefore he continued: "Dear brothers and fellow believers in Jesus Christ: our cause stands on the rock of Peter. We believe, as once Peter did, that Jesus is God's Son, the promised Messiah. And as Peter once, we also have a rock-solid faith as a key to the kingdom of heaven in our hands. Yes, we want to firmly hold on to this belief and in this Name we will pray unto the heavenly Father for light and truth. Jesus Himself taught: 'Whatever you ask in My Name, will be granted to you.' Such we too want to do and pray until we are heard."

A roaring approval of his speech was the answer of the listeners. After this positive affirmation of his speech, he continued: "Dear brothers! We should not pray with lip-bawling like the heathen, but from the depth of our hearts. For only then we can reach our desired goal, when our prayer would come from the depths of our spirits and enter into the depth of the divinity of Jesus. Therefore, dear brothers, let us pray and fervently ask with our deepest emotion which would soften stones. Well, brothers! Kneel and pray as follows: Most holy and loving Father! Look at us, Your poor children, who in the dust of their nothingness raise their longing eyes to You and humbly ask You, the merciful hearer of our petitions: Dear good Father! We poor ignorant children of Your divine love ask you through the merits of Your dear Son Jesus Christ for us sinful people, have mercy on our ignorance and our misery here in the realm of the spirits! Oh dear good Father, we humbly ask You, send us an angel, or whom Your love will find good, who will tell us Your holy will and guide us so that we, who suffered so much out of love for You and Your dear Son Jesus, can also find and follow the way that brings us to You and Your dear Son Jesus."

After this fervent prayer, the heaven began getting lighter and brighter and a voice proclaimed to them that their prayer was answered. The next moment, a brilliant angel rose from the east and glided toward the waiting ones, at whom he arrived in mere seconds - whereupon the whole area was illuminated with his brilliance that the brothers could hardly look at him. But he soon diminished his intense light and came down to them with an amicable countenance, greeting them in the name of the Father Jesus: "Welcome, dear brothers and sisters! The Father Jesus, to whom you prayed so well and humbly and with full love, sent me to fulfil your desire to

instruct and guide you to Him, who was our only Father, Son and Holy Spirit since eternity and unto eternity.”

7. TEACHING ABOUT THE HOLY TRINITY

(Great astonishment about the New Doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the angel promises to lead the way of faith and salvation; Luther's question about the Holy Trinity and teaching by the angel that Father Love, Son Wisdom and Holy Spirit - meaning omnipotence of God - and in Christ all attributes of the Deity are united according to the prophets Isaiah and Micah.)

After these words, which in one stroke destroyed the great doctrine of a three-person unity of God, the brothers stood there petrified and turned their eyes to their doctor Martin Luther, curious as to what he would say. But he was silent, because he did not know what to say to them. The angel too, was silent, leaving them calmly in their reflections. All were convinced however, that the angel spoke the truth, but how this could be possible was not clear to them. After being subdued in their reflections for a while, the angel said: "Dear brothers and sisters in our good and beloved Father Jesus, I greet you as a brother, and henceforth your teacher and leader, so that you can take the right path of faith unto salvation."

Also after this greeting and instruction, the group was silent - for they were still awestruck by the overwhelming glory and beauty of the angel, who was still hovering above them, sending his radiant light towards them. But the angel came to them in great friendliness, reaching out his hand to Martin Luther, who grabbed it with great love, shedding happy tears.

After a while, Martin Luther said: "Dear brother in the Lord! My heart is so full of love, full of joy, that I can barely speak. Although we have not yet seen the dear Father Jesus, we did already hear His promising voice. You are on the other hand a living witness to us that we have achieved what we have asked for, and it goes without saying that the fulfilment of the promise will follow when we have fulfilled the condition on which the promise depends. But, dear brother in our beloved Father Jesus, tell me and all of us: how is it that Jesus is not the Son of God, as He is often described in the New Testament?"

To this, the angel replied: "Dear brother, I ask you: where in the New Testament is it written that God has three bodies and is called a three-person God?"

They were not prepared for this question, so they looked at one another questioningly, half smiling, for no one had ever really read that in the Holy Scriptures.

After a while of reflection, Martin Luther said: "I have truly not read that, but it speaks so often of God the Father, the Son of God and the Holy Spirit, that one involuntarily comes to the assumption of a three-person deity, hence I retained the assumption of the Council of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381). I did not realise that it was a false assumption, so I ask you, dear brother, on behalf of all of us - since we all need the same kind of enlightenment - how this faith-clause relates to the truth that you announce to us?"

The angel answered with friendliness: "Dear brothers, if there had ever been more than one God, then the ancient peoples between the time of Adam and Jesus would have known that. Had the apostles understood the names of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons, then they would have taught this three-person God-unity and recorded it as a doctrine in the New Testament, but neither one nor the other took place, so there most likely never was introduced a three-person God?"

No one was able to object to this true explanation, therefore the angel again began to speak and instruct them, saying: "Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not three persons in God, but are three qualities: Love, Wisdom and active Grace and Omnipotence. The Love and Wisdom represents the Father and Son. Is this not all written in the New Testament? See, I want to explain in more detail: Father is a spiritual expression, a word of correspondence, which means the Love in God. The Son in spiritual correspondence shows the Wisdom in God and the Holy Spirit, the Will, that which Love and Wisdom decided to do. This then is the Trinity and nothing else! That Jesus is the eternal Father and God, can be read in Isaiah 9:5: 'A child is born to us, a son is given to us on whose shoulder the (eternal spiritual) ruler's dignity rests and which is called: Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Does not Micah (5:2) say that in Bethlehem the ruler of Israel is born, whose ancestry is from the days of eternity? These two passages from the prophets make it very clear to you that Jesus is the original Father God Himself; moreover, our dear Father Jesus called Himself three times directly as Father, as in John 10:30; 12:45 and 14:9 and otherwise often indirectly.

I do now believe, brothers, that this doctrine of faith is now sufficiently explained and clear and evident to all.”

At that, a unanimous confirmation sounded, confirming that they all understood and believe it to be true.

John 10:30 I and *my* Father are one.

John 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

8. JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD - purification from sin

(Luther's question about the justification by faith and the purification from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ; Enlightenment of the angel and the horror of the listeners over the proven truth against their previous beliefs; Opportunity offered to make amends to what has been missed and neglected in life.)

Hereupon, Martin Luther again turned to the angel, asking him for an explanation of why the established statements in the Bible regarding justification through faith did not come to pass, as well as about the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses us of all sins.

The angel smiled kindly and said: "Listen, brother! You have already realised that man is only justified by faith if he does everything that the doctrine of faith demands of him. That is an established fact, and I have nothing to explain about it, but at the most can say: God is Love. Fulfil therefore the law of love unto God and your neighbour - then the blood, which is the spiritual correspondence for the love of the Father Jesus Christ, shall cleanse you from all sin when you yourselves have fulfilled the law of the teaching of godliness and sanctification.

This explanation by the angel came like a cold shower onto the audience. In silence they thought: So the truth is the opposite of what we believed? How could we then atone now, for here we have no opportunities to?

When the angel saw their sad expressions, he interrupted their reflection on their misguided beliefs and paths in life, saying to them: "Dear brothers and sisters! It is indeed true that you should have done it all in the world, but if a man commits a sin, not knowing that it is a sin, all depends on whether he regrets it and if he would be willing - if possible, to make amends at any cost. So, I ask you whether you agree with my explanation and if you would want to rectify your neglect and make right what you have missed, if you would be given the opportunity to?"

At the angel's kind words, all voiced their agreement and asked him to give them an opportunity to get to work soon. The angel promised to do so,

bidding them to go with him to an area he knew of where various good works could be done. Now the whole great company rose and followed the leading angel.

9. CAPTURE OF A BAND OF ROBBERS

(Bandit robbery raid, forcing the robbed to carry the robbed goods to the robbers' nest; Reciprocal judicial declarations; Plea of the robbed ones for freedom; Robbers insist on unlimited freedom in spirit kingdom; Luther's good answer - they put violence above justice; Luther's enquiry after their robbers' nest to destroy it; The robbers' anxious, evasive and lying answers.)

After a short journey, they arrived at a dreary looking area, where the angel stopped them. They waited a while, then the angel said: "We now will enter deeper into this country, for we are still on the border. The opportunity to do good will be given in the country itself, for a poor, barren land also has poor inhabitants, who will accept your help with much joy and gratefulness. There will be an opportunity for all of you to intervene and to help.

The angel's words delighted all and they curiously looked around them, wanting to see the opportunity to do deeds of love unto their neighbours. After a walk of two hours, penetrating deeper into this inhospitable country, they watchfully looked round about for the opportunity to intervene, but nothing showed up for a long time. At last they heard far-off moaning and crying voices and all now felt tense about the upcoming event. The angel instructed them to all lie down and remain silent until he tells them to get up to help. Everyone laid down and listened intently to the nearing event. The howling and crying became louder and closer and at last the angel said: "These are robbers who attacked the inhabitants of a far-away land, overcame them and robbed their possessions and belongings from them. They are driving them before them, making them carry the goods they robbed from their land. It is now your task to violently attack these robbers, overcome them, deprive them of their booty and free the people they have driven here before them. Only a short while still and I will give you the sign to attack."

After a few minutes, the angel said: "Get up, brothers, attack those at the back, for these are the robbers who carry nothing." Immediately, the company got up in front of the robbers as if rising from graves, who stood there petrified with terror, not knowing what to do against so many. Our company - of course the men - aggressively approached the robbers, asking brusquely: "What is this? What have these done to you that you drive them before you like prisoners? What are the prisoners carrying on their backs?"

The robbers said: "These are our servants and must do what we command them." "Really?" - said the company - "These are your servants?" They then cry and complain about the injustice that has befallen them. "We shall soon see how things are."

One of them then went to the carriers and bid them to stop. Since they all were also poor sinners, they had but little spiritual light wherewith to see the company as they passed by. They took fright, asking what is going on, since they heard arguing and screaming behind them. The messenger instructed them to turn around and go back, where the truth will be revealed. The carriers turned around, returned to their drivers and when reaching the company, said that they should tell the truth, for them to know how to act.

The prisoners now related the whole story of what happened to them and asked for help against the robbers of their possessions and oppressors of their physical freedom. "Ah, such servants you are! So you are robbers, a loose and wicked rabble! Well, the robbers have done you justice. As you do to others will be done unto you, you birds of prey! You will not get out of our hands anymore!"

The leader replied: "We were robbers and thieves on earth, where we were hunted down and eliminated through various means. Here in the spirit world we reunited and continued our craft of robbery unhindered. What do you want from us? Who appointed you to be henchmen? Who is your legislator and master? Here we know of nobody who have a right over us, for here everyone lives as he pleases and so do we. What do you want from us? We are free citizens of the spirit realm and do not let ourselves be ruled by any arbitrary human laws. We are and remain thieves and robbers and you remain what you are. Leave us alone and we leave you alone."

To this bold reply of the leader, Martin Luther said: "Oh yes, it is easy to talk like that, for you can see we are many. Why have you not spoken to these poor people in like fashion and left them alone!? You just showed your love of peace to us, but not to these poor ones, whom you attacked, robbed and took captive. Just wait a bit, we will serve you justice. For the time being, you will be our captives and these whom you captured, are freed men. But wait, we are not done yet. Where do you live? You are many, do you have more prisoners at home?"

The robbers did not expect this question. They anxiously looked at each other and kept silent. Martin Luther now stepped in front of the leader and said: "You are our prisoners and we are bent to destroy your robbers' nest. Therefore, tell us - where are you from?"

The leader replied to Martin Luther's words: "We are many and woe to you if you won't let us go and return home undisturbed. Our brothers will come and take revenge on you, for they are numerous and powerful. Therefore I cannot tell you or show you our nest, as you call it."

"Alright, my dear," replied Martin Luther "I tell you that your threat does not scare us and we will act as we deem fit."

10. THE RESCUERS ARE RECOGNIZED AS FELLOW BELIEVERS

(The angel reveals the robber's situation; instruction regarding charity towards the prisoners; Journey into the robbers' nest and capture of all the robbers and their many prisoners; The prisoners gladly recognise their rescuers to be fellow believers)

Martin Luther then walked over to the angel, asking him whether the robber spoke the truth. The angel replied that the land these robbers occupy was several hours away, that only a few robbers were at home, but many more prisoners, who are forced to work for them.

Luther now asked if it would be advisable to rescue those poor captives and send them home, on which the angel replied: "Oh yes, but merely sending them home will not be the end of the works of charity, also not with the mere release of the captives. Here, nourishment of body and spirit, as well as release from captivity, clothing and so on, is necessary. There are a great many prisoners, so the act of charity required of you will be great. But the robbers need salvation too. Here is no corporal punishment like on earth, especially not in the company of the Father. So here is a huge, huge job. I am your teacher and leader, your executor of this doctrine and guidance, so get up and think."

These words of the angel made Martin Luther think it over and he decided to do whatever was necessary. He asked the angel to support him with advice and deeds as to whatever the angel would instruct according to advice from Me, so that he would do his job well.

After these words, Martin Luther return to the robbers and made his decision known to them, despite their warning to not search out their nest and destroy it. But the robbers warned him, saying: "Take care lest you and your company become our prisoners too."

Knowing the facts, Martin Luther coldly replied: "I nevertheless will try my luck – the greater the booty, the greater the joy." The robbers then kept silent.

He now went to the captives and told them: "Nothing will happen to you. All I want from you is that you will follow us to the land of the robbers with your belongings, so that we may also physically and spiritually release and strengthen the captives who are already there.

Since the angel have shown him where the robbers' territory was, Martin Luther commanded his company to keep the robbers in their midst and follow him.

Now the huge caravan broke up and followed Martin Luther and the angel, who took the lead. After a walk of six hours they arrived in the neighbourhood where the robbers and their captives lived and they surrounded the entire large nest. When the robbers who stayed home saw what had happened, they remained calm and waited for whatever would play out.

The company made a short work of it, seizing the robbers and joined them with their first captives, saying: "See, the number is not as great as you wanted us to believe." But they kept silent, for they realised that they will not find any salvation among this great number of people. The captives were instructed to calm down, for they would be set free and they would receive all justice they needed.

This news made the captives very happy and they joyfully called out: "God be praised and thanked that we at last are being freed from our oppressors and tormentors. Dear people! Let us go home soon, for we are a peaceful people, doing nobody any harm - and we have nothing in common with these robbers, except that they attacked and robbed us and brought us here as captives and slaves, from where we could not escape. But now we have hope again to happily go back to our country and live there. Do not keep us longer here any more, for we have great desire to go back to our country and live there.

When the prisoners finished their speech and petition, Martin Luther said: "Dear brothers in Christ, I would like to grant you your wish, but it is not that easy. I first need to examine you regarding the salvation of your souls. Give me therefore the full truth of all information I ask of you.

The captives seemed anxious when they heard that it is about the testing of their faith. They feared, for they knew that they were rather lax regarding their religious life on earth.

So they said: "Dear, good man, we entreat you - let our faith be what it is. See! The dear God does not require faith of us, so spare us."

This plea uttered from the anxiety of their hearts, had the following cause: they believed that they encountered fanatical Roman Catholics who persecuted Christians. But after Martin Luther told them they have nothing to fear since they would only be taught the true Christian doctrine from the Bible, they quickly asked: "Are you then Protestants?"

On positive confirmation of this question, they all stood up and said: "Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for this grace, that You have sent fellow believers to our salvation. Now we are doubly obliged to thank You - firstly You have given us again our freedom and secondly You sent fellow believers to free and further educate us."

This prayer of thanksgiving delighted everybody to have found their brothers in faith and that they could come to their aid spiritually as well as physically.

11. INJUSTICE IN THIS WORLD AND THE BEYOND

(Interrogation of the robbers; how they could justify having slaves, since they claim themselves the freedom of lawlessness in the spirit kingdom. The robbers keep silent, exposing themselves to be true criminals; Further explanation by the robbers, especially about unjust legal proceedings on earth; Earthly fate of the robbers and the life of the rich.)

After this scene, all turned to the robbers, asking them how they came about forcing slavery upon people in the spirit kingdom – especially because they themselves declared that here in the spirit kingdom no formal justice existed to which they would be subject.

"Since there really is no judgement, no limitation of personal liberty in the spirit realm, we ask you: how do you come to rob others of their freedom and make them serfs, while you proudly demand complete freedom?"

This question made a deep impression on the robbers and they were made conscious of their crime through the words they themselves uttered. Therefore, they were silent, knowing that any excuse would not be acceptable, but only bring greater responsibility.

Since the robbers uttered no word in self-defence, the bystanders said: "Your silence is your affirmation that you are criminals and robbers and these poor ones up till now, your prisoners. What is now your answer to this legal question?"

The robbers now made a really sour face and said: "We were used to be robbers even on earth and we did not know what else to do. And that was certainly not because here no police chased us and no man could prevent us. You are the first to capture us and hold us accountable under the judicial rights of the earth. What should we answer you? According to earthly justice we are robbers and transgressors and you have taken us captive as such and have power over us. We have to bow for better or for worse. Do what you want, for we are your prisoners and since we are no more mortals, let justice prevail that we may become better people – not

however as on earth, where we were only punished and never improved through love, making us only more evil and insidious than before.

For the people of the earth are heartless against the poor and the needy, who consequently become evil, sinful, because one must eat to live, but not always have the work to earn - while the rich indulge in their abundance and not know how to handle this abundance to the enjoyment of life. It is indeed a sad fate to live like a wild animal in the forest thicket, in mountainous holes and in inaccessible ravines and hiding places, to have nothing to eat or to drink, to be exposed to all bad weather and without a peaceful roof over oneself. Yes, then man become an animal, a wild, vengeful animal against the rich and wealthy who live in beautiful, palatial houses, attending theatres and balls and making every pleasure of life their own, only to waste more money which they have squeezed out of the blood of the poor and oppressed. See, that's the cause of our dilapidated life and nothing else.

Show us people who have a loving heart and want to treat us as human beings and brothers, and you will see that we will face them as human beings and brothers and share their lot with them. But for as long as men will act and behave towards us with nothing but cold-blooded justice, we will stay their enemies. This is our answer to your question, so now do with us according to your good judgement.

12. TREATMENT OF THE ROBBERS - the angel's prayer before the meal

(Martin Luther accepts the robbers as brothers on the condition that they live according to the divine commandments. The angel's prayer before the meal; Rising of the brilliantly glowing ball; Hospitality of the brothers towards the accepted robbers and captives.)

After this well stated answer of the robbers, Martin Luther said to them: "We do not want to treat you as robbers and criminals, but as humans and brothers. But there needs to be a measure of caution in everything and likewise in my response to your desire. You need to act as such that we can see that you are worthy of being treated as brothers. For us to consider you as brothers in our company, you need to do and believe as we do and believe. Only then will you be like us and not only by reason of promise. We have to have proof of your sincerity; we have to instruct you in everything necessary to live among us, then we will be brothers in the true sense of the word.

Now I am going to ask you some questions you need to answer truthfully - then we will know what we have in you - for your future, your happiness and your blessedness depends on it."

The robbers were unprepared for this serious, cautious, yet good-natured talk of Martin Luther. Then the leader answered: "Friend! You seem to have good intentions with us - we find your words agreeable, even though cautious. Look, what can we do against you? How can we have evil intentions, since we are your prisoners, yet are treated as humans. See, you promised to treat us as brothers - do so then! You can see for yourself that we can not escape. We are barely two thousand and you are more than a hundred thousand - so why this caution?

Be free with your words, we are willing to do everything you, as a brother, will kindly tell us to do. You see, this is our honest answer - for what I say, we all say. We are one in heart and soul and they will all do what I will do."

This open answer from the leader pleased everybody and Martin Luther then said: "Well then, we'll see how things turn out. Firstly I ask you whether you are hungry and thirsty, for I know that man also in the spirit

kingdom needs food and drink – although not materially and earthly, but even more so of spiritual and soul nature. Therefore, brothers in the Lord our Father Jesus, tell us if you're hungry and thirsty?"

The leader of the robbers laughingly reacted on this friendly question: "Are we hungry and thirsty, you ask? Bring us something to eat and to drink, for we sure are hungry and waited to be offered something to still our hunger and our thirst."

Now Martin Luther turned to his company, telling them to now share their provisions with the poor, for they are very hungry and thirsty – for this is the place to show active love towards their neighbours.

When the brothers heard that, they said: "We not only want to feed these without also feeding the now freed captives. Whoever is hungry and thirsty, sit down and we will give every one who is hungry and needs some strengthening of the body, something to eat."

To the great joy of the company, everyone sat down, being about 10 000 heads, looking kindly to their benefactors who made this offer to them.

As this happened, Martin Luther stepped out to the company and said: "Dear brothers, the good Heavenly Father gave us the opportunity to practice charity unto these poor. Seize therefore this opportunity to the utmost, to ensure that our Father Jesus, now fully living in us, as well as our brothers and sisters, will look at us with joy and bless us, for He Himself said: 'Inasmuch as you did to one of the least of these My brothers, you have done to Me.' These words of our dear Father tell us everything: if you give to His children, you give to Him personally, for He personally lives as the spirit of man in each of our now new brothers. Let everyone therefore do unto his neighbour with love, humility and joy, what he would want his neighbour to do unto him."

These meaningful words of Martin Luther were received with enthusiasm and now everyone was looking to share his fare with his brothers and sisters. It soon felt like a wedding and everyone was in the happiest mood.

At that moment, the angel came forward and gestured with his hand that all should be silent and listen. This happened instantaneously, for in the spirit realm, things do not happen through shouting, but in the mind, like an electric current.

When everyone listened calmly and attentively to the angel's speech, he began to speak: "Dear brothers and sisters! The love of our good Father Jesus gave us food and drink. Therefore, before we begin to eat, it is our duty to ask the dear Father for His blessing, so that, for what we enjoy, we may sacrifice to Him praise and glory to honour Him. Therefore, let me send a short prayer to the Father so that His blessing may be granted to us and we will begin everything with His blessing and complete it for His glory."

After this speech, the angel stretched out his hand over the gathering and said: "Dear and good Father Jesus! We, Your beloved children, humbly ask you to look down to us from Your gracious highness and bless us and our food and drink, that we may consume it in our love for You, and sacrifice honour to You alone!"

Since I well received this speech and request of the angel, I responded by letting a bright sphere like a sun appear in the firmament which illuminated the area brightly and poured a radiant light on the whole company.

For a moment, the whole society - and especially the robbers and the liberated prisoners - were quite surprised, for they were no longer used to such a light in the spirit world. But when they had recovered from the initial surprise, they began to rejoice and praise, as they clearly noticed the benevolence of the Heavenly Father, and they began to enquire after the young man whose prayer was so forceful that the Heavenly Father immediately answered him with such glory. The brothers from the big company gently informed them that this was an angel and leader of the company. These words brought the new brothers into the highest state of bliss, and from all mouths sounded words of joy, hope and love.

After the excitement subsided somewhat, the angel again spoke: "Brothers and sisters, the dear Father Jesus has shown us His pleasure through this glorious light and therefore I say to you: Sit down, eat and drink and remember that this good Father Who blessed us with food and drink through this glorious light, once, 1500 years ago, did the same in the company of His disciples, saying: 'As often as you do this, remember Me!'

You should do likewise today and think of the dear Father, who once gave His blood and life for us as an atonement for the original sin on the cross!"

After these words of the angel, everyone fell silent, eating their food while silently thinking about the One Who once suffered so terribly – and Who now is everyone's Father.

13. THE ANGEL'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

(The angel thanks on behalf of all for the consumed meal; the glowing sphere which shone for a while slowly vanishes; the receivers thank their benefactors; Martin Luther ask the robbers after their beliefs, inviting them to join the road to salvation; the leader agrees, but the company hesitates because of the difficult prerequisites.)

When the meal was done, the angel again got up and addressed the company: "Dear brothers and sisters, our mealtime is over and we have been strengthened for a new life. It is therefore our plight to give childlike thanks to the dear Father for what we've enjoyed.

After these words, the angel folded his hands in prayer, saying: "Dear, good Father - our mealtime is over and we lift up our hearts in thankful love unto You, saying: dear holy Father, all our thanks from the depth of our hearts for this enjoyment, and we humbly ask you, dear Father, accept our thanksgiving which we send up from the depths of our hearts to Your honour and continue to grant us Your love and grace. Amen."

After this prayer of thanks, I let the shining ball slowly turn red, which you would call Bengali lighting, which then slowly dissipated. The angel remarked that this sphere expressed loving benevolence from Me and could therefore be only for a short while in the firmament - then everyone was satisfied and reassured.

Therewith the meal was finished and everybody thanked his brother personally, for sharing his provisions with him, which knitted the company even closer together and all felt like brothers and sisters of the same father.

The company got up and Martin Luther stood in front of the robbers and said: "Dear brothers, the grace of the Heavenly Father has been shared equally among all of us. Thereby you saw that we are all equal before God and that the dear Father Jesus sees us only as children, while it is men who divide people into classes, possessors and slaves, friends and foes. That that is unjust, we've been convinced of through the direct expression of the

luminous sphere of the Father. By this you should be convinced that we shall also act no different than brothers to brothers and sisters to sisters. Since we are convinced of this, I now ask of you two questions regarding your spiritual life, namely: Dear brothers, tell me – how is it with your faith? Do you regret the evil you have done to other people? Would you like to follow the true religion of Jesus our Father? Do you want to walk with us under leadership of the angel to the Father? Do you want to go with us? Express yourselves clearly! You have seen our Father Jesus' benevolence; you know that His angel is among us, teaching and guiding us; you have proof that we are on the right way which will take us to Paradise and in time, to the Father. Hence you can very soon reach your goal of bliss. Tell us, what is your opinion and intent from now on further?

The leader surveyed his comrades for a while and inquired about their views on this new situation and, after making his inquiries, said to Martin Luther: "Friend and brother, as far as I am concerned, I am yours, not so much my comrades; they are afraid that the way will become too difficult for them and the goal could not be reached. So you need to explain to them in more detail what you want them to do. As far as religion is concerned, you'll understand that a robber is not a prayer brother. It will take a lot of effort to make people who are not craving for a religion, rave about it. I do not claim to be a prophet, for I only know about myself, how I think about it, and I have already told you that."

14. SPIRITUAL EVALUATION OF THE WORTH OF OVER 2000 CONVERTS

(Martin Luther's great mistake that man is saved through faith only and its most disastrous consequences for the Protestants; a light as parable of Samaritan charity; Martin Luther's depressed remorse about the impossibility of recalling his error; the angel restores Martin Luther)

This statement of the robbers' leader, makes Martin Luther stop short. Since he did not quite know what to do, he turns to the angel and asked him for advice – what should he tell these two thousand robbers who have little appetite or yearning for religion.

The angel looked at him with a friendly face, saying: “Do you not know that the Lord has more joy about one converted sinner than over 99 just who do not need Him? See, here is not only one, but more than 2000. Think about what you will lose if you let them go without converting them!

Just think that this great work serves as atonement for the great error you have brought into the Protestant faith, which was mentioned when I arrived. If you would manage to convert them into repentant sinners and bring them to the Father, you can be assured that all will be forgiven you. Then think about the millions of people who, because of your wrongful teaching, attach no real worth to the works of charity towards their neighbour. Yet, that is the only thing which brings man to bliss in the spirit realm. So think about the most unfortunate doctrine you have raised, and that all Protestants will maintain it for centuries and arrive in the spirit realm without or with very few works of true Christian love – thus they underestimated the measure of works by which they could have obtained heaven; while this doctrine of faith of the justification before God and redemption of sin, is a false teaching.

Have not the Lord spoken the parable of the good Samaritan, where the love unto the neighbour was taught? But you have created a doctrine according to which human sinlessness and neglect of charity is the outflow, causing many people to miss their true life's goal upon earth. You indeed have not created any accursed dogmas like the popes did – whose believers arrive in most unhappy conditions in the spiritual kingdom, but yours have

established a careless life, while the blood of Jesus Christ would cleanse the Protestants from sins. Countless Protestants will build on this heresy, living in sin and thoughtlessness. Imagine what misfortunes you have brought to many millions of souls – then look at your present work, how small it is in comparison with your great sin – and you will have the courage to jump in and not give up until you have reached your goal.”

This answer and instruction of the angel all but crushed Martin Luther. He stood there dumbstruck and terrified, thinking about what he has done. Nothing bothers him more than that this heresy would eat like a devouring cancer and stay among the Protestant professing believers, continuing to spread and increase like a poison. Oh that was a frightful thought for the poor, tormented teacher of faith in his life. What would he not like to endure if he could only come into the world again and revoke his heresies?! But the gravestone covers his earthly body and there is no hope to relieve this great oppression of the soul of this man. 'The dead no longer speak among the living', here became a cruel truth. Beyond the portal of the grave no return, no change is possible. What you have sown, you will reap. Woe unto you if you have sown weeds – it will wax great and begin to oppress its surroundings and where possible, completely quash it.

There our hero of faith stands, contrite and repentant over his mistakes – without hope, without any light about how he could again make good what he has so enormously erred. He stood there for a long time immersed in his unhappy thoughts and considered this and that, but could not find any way out by which he could rectify this wrong. He could find no idea or plan in the whole of space and infinity.

While he was still standing there, dumb and depressed, the angel tapped on his shoulder, waking him from his introspection and said: “Friend and brother, I see your saddening pain and sorrow. Wake up unto new activity and think about it, that the Lord still has enough tools upon the earth. And if He will find it good, He will rectify your errors; and if not, they will be rectified here in the spiritual realm; indeed a hundred times more difficult and slower than in the world - which is a school of grace for the testing of the flesh of mankind.

See, the New Testament is read in all Protestant families. Do you believe that the other teachings which do preach charity, are overlooked by all Protestants? Do not believe that there will be millions adhering solely to your teachings, but they will also heed the teaching of the apostles, who

preach of the chastity of body and soul as well as charity towards the neighbour – take heed and do not get stuck in it anymore.

Therefore, pick yourself up! Remember that the Lord is merciful and He will certainly do what is necessary – and prepare to do your work to convert the robbers.”

15. PROPHECY ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF LOVE

(Martin Luther wakes up with joy at this instruction from the angel as if from a heavy, guilt-ridden dream; Glorious prophecy about the establishment of the Godly thousand year reign of love, freedom, equality and brotherhood on the earth)

This decisive exhortation and encouragement was like a soothing balm to the wounded and bleeding heart of the great religious teacher. As if awakening from a heavy dream, he looked at the angel, who offered him such a happy hope. Tears of gratitude rolled down his cheeks and glittered like pearls in the light of the sun.

He picked himself up and asked the angel in a trembling voice: "Friend, brother! Is it possible that the dear Father will mend my error? Is it possible that the error will not cause too much damage, causing me to never experience a happy hour here in the spirit world? Yes, if only that were possible, then I will be set upright again, then I will do everything that the loving Father Jesus wanted me to do. Because the happiness of my fellow-believers is also my happiness, my life. O tell me, dear brother, will that be possible?"

The angel watched with visible joy at the plaintive yet hopeful and joyfully speaking Brother Martin Luther and said after he finished asking questions: "Friend and brother, everything is possible with God, and the Father is pure love - that says everything. Believe, hope! The Father Himself leads His children and He will certainly lead them in such a way that, in the end, all will come to Him.

The Holy Scriptures contain all the teachings a Christian needs to arrive in a blissful state in the kingdom of spirits. You have not told anyone that the other teachings of the New Testament are superfluous, but they are there for everyone, and if they were authoritative at apostolic times, people will not think that they have been overridden by you. Those who are too lazy to think and work will always embrace whatever does not compel them to renounce anything, and behold, that is and will be so in all religions.

Look at the robbers, I tell you, there are Protestants and Catholics. And behold, does anyone except the leader take care of his salvation? No one,

and so there will be many among the multitudes of the living, and still to come to earth, who will put no importance to the doctrine of the faith. Whoever will seriously strive after God, will also obey the commandments of charity. But the lazy and selfish will find no benefit, even in the best laws of faith. So leave that to your dear Father - I tell you, He will do everything well. It would, of course, be good if the teaching were pure, as it was in the apostles' time. But times have changed, the weeds will continue to grow and create evil everywhere. But not only among the Protestants, but also in the Roman religion and all churches and sects which already exist and still will arise.

But after a few hundred years there will be a great lack of faith. False prophets will expand mightily and grow rapidly. But the Lord will also intervene and will promote His own case. On the one hand there will be complete faithlessness, on the other hand there will be a great searching for God in the world, for God will put the world in dire circumstances. All kinds of false prophets will arise and spread a great amount of written works to catch innocent people in their nets and use them for their purposes. Behold, then the Lord will awake many people who will break the lance for His cause; yet those will only be crude forerunners of the Way to the vineyard of the Lord.

The Lord Himself will guide and teach His good workers in His vineyard. Those will then become the very axle around which everything will revolve. On these workers, the Lord will at last build His Spiritual Kingdom and on the foundation of this pure teaching, the flock will then be gathered under the eternal Shepherd Jesus Christ. And out of the many Christian churches and sects, a new, primitive church of love will emerge without priests and ceremonies, for the Father Himself - who shed all His blood on the cross for them - will be the High Priest.

Love will be the religion of the thousand year reign of the Holy Spirit of Jesus our God and Father. Do you still want to establish such good beliefs which would follow the same way as that which I have just described to you? Because the priesthood on one side, the government on the other, and therefore all the educated or actually religiously depraved in the world, will join hands and destroy the religion and all truths of primitive Christianity. But when this time reaches its pinnacle, then, dear brother, will be the time when the Lord will mightily intervene and destroy all Satanic things in the world. There will be wailing and lamentation from the world, but it will not help them; events will follow one another like bad weather, promoting the

ways of the godless people. Man will then certainly realise the foolishness of their present worldly life, but who will care about the past?

New life will be spread among humankind like storms. The false prophets will fall into misery, while the poor people will awaken and rejoice in their newfound freedom, equality and brotherhood. The Lord will then send powerful, mighty men among His flock to preach His holy gospel. There will be a yearning and searching after a saving anchor like never before in the world. The motto will be: For or against Christ. The struggle will be going back and forth for a long time, but the power of the Lord will be great - and woe the opponents, they will be blown away like chaff in the wind. Everything will be destroyed that man has invented and created to fill their coffers and to exploit, suppress and rule over the blind peoples in their stupidity - until finally an eternal summer of Godly love will rule the world. Then the Father Himself will dwell and stay on earth among His children with His whole New Jerusalem for ever; and so at last this Satanic earth will be the home of a chosen, royal, Godly, priestly people and thus will be transformed into a heavenly paradise."

16. DAWN OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

(The angel reveals that the establishment of the millennial kingdom will be completed in 400 years and then the people will walk together with the blessed of the New Jerusalem in the light of love and Jesus will be God, King, Judge and loving Father to the people; Martin Luther's great delight at this revelation; his request for help with the conversion of the robbers; increase of strength and reward for courage)

Martin Luther stood there enchanted, watching the talking angel describing to him with lively colours, the progress and end of all religions. When the angel was done, Martin Luther asked him if that would still be a long while to come. "No," said the angel, "before four hundred years have passed, the whole religious struggle will certainly be over and the people will associate with the blessed of the New Jerusalem and love each other as children. This means: people will walk in the sunny realms of love and one heart and one mind will guide the people. They will be true brothers and sisters - yes, they will be called children of God and their God will be their Father, King, Judge and Love. No one will love anything more than the Father Jesus and all love will be spread from the Father over all. Then the kingdom of lies of Satan will cease to be and Truth will establish its throne upon earth and where Truth - that is the Godly Love - rule in unity with Godly Wisdom, there all darkness gets dispelled from the spirit of man."

This revelation enlivened Martin Luther in every fibre of his spiritual life. His face shone with joy and love for Father Jesus, who is called the executor of all these heavenly conditions on earth.

Now he said to the angel: "Dear friend and brother, you have torn me away from my grief and animated me with love and joy, and I became full of fire and zeal for the Father's cause. I now don't want to look at the sad earth anymore, but leave its administration to the dear Father and turn myself completely towards the inhabitants of the dear Father's spiritual kingdom. And so I am determined to not give up until I have taught and converted the robbers. They are our captives and hence will stay with us, so there will be no lack of opportunities to convert them."

Here the angel interrupted him and said: "Brother, here in the spiritual realm are no prisoners where true Christians live. You therefore have to befriend them with the understanding that they are free citizens of the spiritual kingdom. Treat them as brothers and they will, as brothers, listen to you, everything else is up to you. Pray therefore the Father for His holy support and then get to work."

Martin Luther no longer hesitated to begin his teaching and, turning his face eastwards, he kneeled down, lifted up his folded hands and quietly began to pray inwardly, as follows: "O dear Father, my much beloved Jesus and Saviour for Whom nothing is impossible - have mercy on me, Your useless servant and help me to succeed to Your pleasure, with this huge task before which I tremble! You know, dear Father, that I love You. You know how much I want to please You; yes, even more, to give You joy. You know, dear Father, how my love for You has kept me upright, to fight with the courage of a hero for You and to finish the huge task of translating the Bible and tirelessly completing writings out of love for You. My earthly lifetime is over and I stand before You, my holy Father, as an unworthy sinner.

O Father! Forgive me my great sins and offenses against You and Your children! You know best that I did not out of laziness do the good works, and not due to any other reason, came upon the discussed doctrines. It is indeed true that, just like with Abraham, much can be said for justification through faith before You, dear Father.

Therefore dear Father, I humbly pray: forgive me my errors and accept me in Your Fatherly love! See, dear good Father Jesus, how happy I would be if I could convert these many and great sinners and criminals, and bring them to You as repentant children! But O Father! How can I do this work without Your Fatherly help? I see the difficulty and the almost impossibility to do this. And yet it is everything to me to give You joy in this. For You I lived, for You I died and it is my greatest desire to come to You.

Oh Father, have pity on me and send me a ray of Your love and Your help, with which this work can be successful. Dear Father! I pray, do not abandon me in this difficult task which is a proving school for me for the magnitude of my love for You. Therefore, dear Father, leave me not without help, that my trouble would result in a happy ending. Amen."

After this prayer which he uttered with teary eyes, he was strengthened by Me, giving him full confidence in the success of his great task and he was determined to set to work with My help, without which he would get nothing done. He now got up, spiritually strengthened and confident of the success of this good cause, and walked over to the angel, to inform him of his firm resolve. Then he turned towards the robbers and slowly walked to them, still calling upon Me to help him in this great hour.

17. THE MESSAGE OF FAITH TO THE ROBBERS

(Martin Luther delivered a beautiful speech about faith to the robbers and they agreed to accept the faith of the true doctrine of God; opportunity offered to fulfil the commandment of charity.)

When he came before the robbers, he greeted them with the following address: "Dear brothers and friends in our free community! I greet you with the greeting of the Father Jesus: Peace be with you! As a servant, though an unworthy one of the Heavenly Father, I come to you to proclaim to you the love of the Father for His children. I will not treat you as prisoners, but as our free brothers, and share with you our light, our grace, which we have from the dear Father. Therefore, dear brothers, have no fear of me and no scruples against my words, for they are words of love and benevolence to all of you. We ask nothing unusual and impossible from you. No, my suggestion is based on the words of our dear Father, who speaks to us: 'My burden is light and My yoke gentle.' These words of our Father tell you everything. Yes, for sure it is, the yoke of Jesus is gentle and the burden is not difficult to bear. Since you know this burden and this yoke, my task now is to clarify everything so that you understand what it is and what your future task should be."

After this introduction, he began the following speech with simplicity: "Dear brothers and friends! We are not on the earth anymore, where all possible hindrances against the true, spiritual life according to the teaching of Jesus stand in our way. We are here no more people with rank, status and possessions separating us, but here we are all children of the only, eternal Father Jesus; hence we are all equal, all brothers and sisters without distinction. This consciousness binds us together and thus there is only a childlike and brotherly communion among us. Here, nobody is first or last, we are all the same; because we are all brothers, and so are your wives and indeed your loved ones our brothers and sisters. So that's the first point I had to discuss to show you that you are dear and special to us. Since we recognise and accept you as equals, we want to help you to become what I here explained. Your life has been a sad one, a criminal one and now you can give it up, for in our company you will lack nothing - why would you still steal and rob?

Tell me, dear brothers, will you accept this offer? If you would accept it to continue to be considered brothers in our company?"

These words seemed to the robbers as if coming from the clouds and they unanimously declared that they accepted the offer. You can imagine Martin Luther's joy at these words of the robbers!

With his heart filled with gratitude towards Me, he turned back to the robbers and said: "Brothers, friends! I knew that my offer would not be declined, for it came from love and was directed to love and as such the first step is done. Now comes the second question, which refers to the spiritual life in us and among us. On earth we had churches of stone, pompous ecclesiastical dignitaries with rich, ornate costumes the people had to pay for. These are not here. The church is our brotherly love and mutual supportive congregation. I am the priest. But not like on earth, but I will serve you with advice and in deed without pay or compensation. I am your fellow brother and not your ruler or bishop like on earth, but in the manner of Christ: the greater shall serve the lesser. I believe you will not object to that?"

"O God forbid, dear brother – that definitely not! We are glad for once to see a priest who lives and acts the words of Christ," answered the robbers.

[Martin Luther]: "I learned from the mouth of the angel that you are Protestants and Roman Catholics, hence hostile fanatics and mutual persecutors on earth. It is different here; we have no pagan church ceremonies, no church laws and human statutes. We are free of any church rule, we recognise nothing here but only our Father Jesus as our God and therefore our all, because He is at the same time Father, Redeemer of the original sin and Savior of our soul. Here are on the contrary only brothers and sisters. But no one is more important, but all are equal as you can see in our angel, who certainly is a great and mighty messenger of God, yet so kind and courteous to us sinners, like only the greatest brotherly love can procure. Say, dear brothers, whether this simple religion is good, or do you want the rule of the church as on earth?"

"No, no and a hundred times no, we are completely in agreement with your teaching. Just tell us what else there is to keep or believe!"

This mutual agreement brought great joy to Martin Luther, and he thought about how he should develop the further points that they would be adapted

to the states of the spirit kingdom and the soul conditions of the robbers. After a short pause he began again: "We are all brothers and sisters and children of one and the same holy and exalted Father Jesus, who in His boundless love for us, have 1500 years ago clothed Himself in the garment of a human - that is, in a fleshly body, and became a man, in order to preach God's teaching and brotherly love, and He finally shed His blood and life for us on the cross, to free us from all inherited sins, initiated by our fleshly primordial father Adam, by transgressing against the law of chastity. Our only task therefore is to love this dear and good Father Jesus above everything, and also His children - thus all human beings like ourselves - because all people are God's children, thus doing to them all that we wish they would do unto us if in distress and need.

We have practiced the commandment of charity towards you despite the fact that you were robbers and criminals in our eyes. It will thereby be clear to you what good such charity does someone when he needs it. So I ask you: do you also want to act towards other people the same as we acted towards you, instead of judging and punishing you?

18. THE GREAT TEACHING OF CHRIST ON LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

(The robbers ask about retribution; Luther's prayer for love to be instilled into the abused prisoners' hearts; his great, decisive lesson on imitation of the character of Jesus, forgiving the enemy as much as He forgives, as example)

Here the robbers were startled and asked, "But what if we had attacked you, and you had overcome us, how would you have acted against us?"

Martin turned to the angel and asked him what he should answer. But the angel replied that he should address the question to the liberated prisoners listening to the trial, who would give him the truthful answer.

Luther became concerned about the outcome, for this was a dangerous point. These prisoners had suffered much from the robbers and had been mistreated. And if they demanded vengeance - justification by judgement - then all the trouble would be in vain, and instead of winning, everything would be miserably lost. Good advice would be valuable here. But the crucial question was where to turn to, who would tell him the right thing to do.

In this great distress he withdrew from the robbers and knelt again, and began, with all fervour, to send the following prayer to Me: "O most loving Father and Redeemer Jesus! I have been asked an awkward question. The brothers, whom I believed to have won for our cause, have asked me a question that makes me desperate to win them over for our good cause. You alone, my beloved Father and Savior, can help me out of this critical situation. Therefore, I come to You again, my good Father, with the most earnest request: Dear Father, soften the hearts of the abused and give them love and compassion in their hearts to the robbers that they would forgive them out of love for you. And give me the right words on my tongue that I can soften their hearts and instil love in the hearts of the former oppressed and offended. Dear Father, I humbly ask you, do not abandon me in this great critical hour with this big task. But dear Father, stay with me and guide my thoughts and my words, that I will do the right thing and change the hearts of the offended to reconciliation and forgiveness. Amen."

After this prayer, he went, strengthened by Me, to his great task. He went to the liberated prisoners and addressed them with the following words: "Dear brothers and sisters! As the founder of the Protestant religion I, Martin Luther, stand before you today."

The moment when Martin Luther said his name, a roaring jubilation rose all around: "Hail, our religious reformer and apostle of the true teaching of Christ! Our Martin Luther be exalted!"

At this greeting which brought tears of joy to Martin Luther's eyes, he continued his speech after a short pause: "As I have learned from our guiding and teaching angel, you are all Protestants and thus my brothers and sisters in faith in our Lord and Father, Jesus. You know that our religion is a religion of love and that we are all brothers and sisters, because children of the Father Jesus. As children of this Father, whose love is limitless, our task is to acquire the same qualities and virtues that have placed our Father so infinitely above ordinary people. It is certain that we are Jesus' children, as per His own teaching in the New Testament. But He is absolutely holy and we are gross sinners, because we did not live according to His teaching and virtues. We, dirty sinners, can therefore not go to the Father and He also not to us. His main virtue as Jesus shines as a bright star. That is His love, through which all other virtues arise. For in His love, all good virtues are combined, even if their characteristics seem to differ.

We therefore consider Love as the basic character expressed through Jesus as the son of man, when He covered His divinity with the human body, to in many ways show evil man that God as Father, is Love. It was this love that motivated the incarnation of God the Father to carry for 33 years the body like a sinful man - and all this out of love for us.

The Lord's ministry lasted a full three years and He was continually persecuted by enemies who sought His life, even though He never did evil, but only good. This is what He taught: love your enemies, do good to those who did or still do you harm and pray for your persecutors - He not only taught it, but also practiced it.

At last He sacrificed Himself for us to free us from Adam's sin and to reconcile us with the Deity from whom we have alienated ourselves as lost

sons. All this He did out of love for us - yes, even more: When the henchmen mercilessly beat the nails in His tortured flesh and tormented His body, He cried out in His greatest pain: 'Father! Forgive them! Because they do not know what they are doing.'

See dear brothers and sisters in Christ! As our Father Jesus taught love and practiced it, we should do likewise to our offenders, tormentors and perpetrators of body and soul, else we do not act according to Jesus' teaching, nor to His example.

We pray daily: Father, forgive us our sins, as we forgive our debtors, that is, those who have insulted and hurt us. Therefore, we must do that too, because otherwise we will lie to God and ask Him not to forgive, as we do not forgive the neighbour who offends, harms or otherwise hurts us. But if we do not do that, we act against God's commandment of love, reconciliation and forgiveness. And as such we have no hope to come to the Father Jesus and see Him.

See, dear brothers and sisters, such is the commandment of love, and according to this commandment, Jesus our Father know that we should do the same if we want to become His children and go to heaven.

I therefore come to you with this friendly and brotherly plea: do you also want to act thus towards these robbers, who have inflicted much injustice and sorrow on you - like Jesus our Father have dealt with His enemies, forgiving them heartily without reservations - and take them as brothers into your hearts and love?"

After these last, anxiously spoken words, he kept silent and awaited the result of his speech.

19. RECONCILIATION, FORGIVENESS AND BROTHERHOOD OF OUR PARTIES

(A fiery discourse on reconciliation, resulting in forgiveness and avowal of brotherhood; the robbers' leader gives his reciprocal address of unification and brotherhood to the whole company)

A short silence ensued. But it was very short, for soon a man stepped out from the addressed crowd and said:

"Brothers and sisters in the Lord! Our teacher and liberator from the clutches of Roman priestly rule has spoken so beautifully to us that we are quite astonished at the beautiful compilation of the doctrine of love from the life of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. And now he asks whether we too want to act like our God and Father - as he now calls Him - as our Savior Jesus also acted towards His enemies and tormentors. It goes without saying that we are not allowed to do any different than our God and Savior on the cross did, because otherwise we would not be His, but Satan's children. And therefore I initiate by saying openly and freely: whoever wants to forgive with all his heart, out of love for Jesus, raise your hand!"

At this invitation, they all raised their hands and said aloud: "We forgive everything and extend the hand of brotherhood." After these words they go to the robbers and extend the hand of reconciliation and loving brotherhood.

Through this turn of events, Martin Luther was again strengthened in his confidence in a good outcome of conversion. So he was brave enough to make one last attempt. He turned to the robbers and said: "Dear brothers in the Lord - your question has been answered, and that in the best order. What do you say of it?"

Then their leader stepped forward and said: "Dear brother, you see, the most difficult task has been solved quite well and brotherly! Here we can clearly see the help and grace of the Lord to Whom you have turned in your distress. Through this we are no longer robbers and prisoners, but free brothers and sisters of your congregation. Because your speech about love, reconciliation and forgiveness applied to all of us. As the most difficult

question has been so brotherly resolved, we are no longer two or three different parts of a company, but we have become one body, one congregation through common forgiveness, reconciliation and brotherhood. It is indeed true that we do not all have the same concepts of the Christian faith yet, but through this your godly way of teaching we will soon catch up what we lack and understand everything. Just continue teaching and finish what you have begun, for we are all ear and heart in your teaching."

Martin Luther was overjoyed at this declaration of the robbers' leader and silently praised Me for it in his heart, that I have given him such a happy ending after such a desperate beginning."

20. FATHER JESUS COMES TO HIS CHILDREN

(Luther's speech on the preparation to receive forgiveness of sins from Father Jesus; Thanksgiving prayer for the happy outcome of the conversion; For everything one wants to achieve in the spiritual, one has to ask for grace and help from the Father; The prayer for forgiveness of sins; appearance of the angels; Forgiveness of sins; Hosannah- and Hallelujah-song for the great God and Father Jesus; Father Jesus descends, goes to Martin Luther - who recognises Him with exceeding joy - and takes over the guidance of the company as a new, unknown person.)

He then spoke again and said: "Dear brothers, I see that the most difficult task is done. One last thing still needs to be done, namely: Now that we are all of one mind, we want to ask the dear Father to graciously forgive us the sins we all have likewise committed. Let everyone now focus inward and think about what evil and sins he has committed throughout his life and thereby realise the magnitude of his own sins. Let everyone heartily forgive those who have offended against him. Then it is everyone's vital task to pray the 'Our Father': forgive us as we forgive. Let everyone have deep remorse about the sins done and crimes committed, and desire complete forgiveness thereof from Father Jesus, that we may certainly obtain the hoped-for forgiveness of our sins, when we ourselves met the preconditions for it.

I will therefore give you an hour of repose, for you to properly prepare for the communal prayer for forgiveness of sins, which we intend to perform together and in unison. For our mission from now on is to progress in what is good, that is the spiritual - in order to come into the destined promise of our Father Jesus - since the children is supposed to live with, or in close vicinity of our good Father.

I will therefore return in an hour. If any of you do not like this suggestion, let me know, that I may make a distinction between the willing and the unwilling. This is thus my last advice to initiate us all into progression towards spiritual blessedness. For we are inhibited for as long as we are still in sin, which stifle the development of our spiritual gifts. We therefore have to eliminate all possible hindrances to our rise to happiness in the pure spiritual regions. Whoever is then not in agreement with this proposal, step aside that I can see where we stand."

He now kept silent and patiently waited to see if anyone would move. But all is silent and peaceful and with that, indicating the acceptance of the proposal.

After this address, Martin Luther again moved away from the company, knelt and sincerely thanked Me for the happy outcome of the conversion, restoration of brotherhood of the whole congregation and prayed to Me to inspire the hearts of the brothers to fully recognise and have honest remorse about their sins. Then he rose and went to the angel, who stayed with the community all the while.

When he got to the angel, he received him with a very friendly mien and said: "You see, brother, that things went well, since you followed me. You have asked everything from the Lord and did not trust in your own power - which is the basic condition for spiritual life and the prerequisite for a successful undertaking if it is to serve spiritual purposes. See, I am a great and mighty archangel, but I do nothing out of myself, but everything through the love and dependence upon the Lord. I am therefore always successful, for the Lord alone is powerful. We are all but instruments of His power and His will and where He is acknowledged and called upon as the One doing the work, the results are assured when one have steadfast faith and trust in Him. So brother, in the meanwhile, strengthen and prepare to present yourself in a dignified way to the Lord and Father with your great request.

The angel then sat down and left Martin Luther to his own spiritual contemplation, who also sat down in silence.

The whole company was silent and busy with his own conscience. For a long time not a sound was heard, no word was spoken. Thus the hour of preparation passed by and the time arrived to ask God for the forgiveness of the sins they have committed throughout their lives.

Martin Luther calmly got up and for a long time - completely immersed in himself - looked upwards, as if expecting help from above, while silently praying to Me to give him the right words in his heart and on his tongue, in order to create the depth of impression on the company necessary for such a weighty situation, to have the utmost remorse as well as the

determination to not sin again, with the great consequence that I should be entreated to forgive all sins committed and for the blessing of My love to flow to the wounded hearts of the sinners.

When he was done, he turned to the congregation and said: "Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus our God and Father. It is a holy cause unto our Father Jesus that we would be cleansed of our sins which we have committed throughout our lives up until this day. I therefore ask you: kneel with me and pray in your spirits with me my words of prayer, which should carry our most heartfelt prayer to the Throne of our holy Father Jesus."

After this bidding, everybody knelt down - even the angel, which astonished him. But with a loud voice he announced that he himself wants to help them pray to the Father for the forgiveness of their great guilt, pressing down on their hearts. When the congregation heard this, they were elated, for it was like a pledge for them, that they would obtain forgiveness after their prayer.

Now Martin Luther began praying the following content-heavy intercessory prayer: "Most loving, holy and compassionate Father of Love! We, poor and distressed sinners most humbly plead You: dear Father, look in Your love, mercy and grace down upon us sin-ridden children and do not judge us according to our sins and transgressions which we committed against You and our neighbours, but to show us mercy and compassion. The burden of our guilt weighs heavily upon us and we truly feel that we are unworthy to stand before Your holy countenance. But Father, have pity and compassion for us, for You know the depth of our misery and none of us can present ourselves as pure to You. To the contrary - we are without exception - great and dirty sinners.

Therefore, dear Father, we have well considered how difficult it is for You, most holy Father, to come to us in our unworthiness. But we do know that You are Love and forgive everyone who comes to You in Love and ask for forgiveness in humility, if this is done with the honest intent to sin no more and to live according to Your commandments. We poor sinners come to You with this honest intent - to pray for Your forgiveness and then to sin no more.

Dear Father, turn to us with Your most loving eyes and see our earnestness in this matter - and we are decidedly determined to do everything You would want from us. We therefore hope that You would look with mercy at

our deeply grieved hearts and forgive our great guilt which burdens our hearts.

Dear Father, I humbly pray You to let Your mercy flow down to us and render our hearts tender and receptive for Your holy matters. Let us burn in love unto You and our neighbour and guide and lead us on Your way of Godly love unto You, so that we would not miss the way of the sanctification of our hearts and stay fixed in our life-senses and to work to reach the goal of the sonship of God, which You have graciously promised us.

Our much beloved Father, I call in Your name on behalf of the whole congregation in full humility and I pray unto You, that You would lovingly accept this our communal prayer and forgive us our many sins and transgressions, that we, relieved of the burden of our sins, in future may serve You and fulfil Your commandments of love.

Oh dear Father, see from above our sorrow-gripped hearts - for we are sorely conscious of how we transgressed against You and have deeply insulted You and we now come in remorseful humility to You in full faith and trust that You will listen to us; and in love and deepest humility, deeply moved with sorrow about our unworthiness, we pray: Father! Oh dear, good Father! Forgive us and accept us in Your love and grace, Amen!"

With this great prayer, with which everyone was filled with deepest love and humility and full trust that I have heard their plea, I let a great light arise in the east and a vast multitude of the most beautiful figures slowly moved over to them, who - still on their knees - waited to see what will happen. The angel bid them to get up and quietly wait. At these words of his, he begins to rise up and move towards the approaching figures, merging entirely into the glorious brilliance of light, same as he shone at his arrival.

The company stood as if enchanted by this unprecedented sight. The robbers and the prisoners especially were exceedingly surprised by the angel who previously looked just like them, but now is exceedingly more beautiful and well-presented as he passed into the radiant light and splendour. All were intensely silent and watched without a blink at the wondrously beautiful appearance in the heaven, as it moved closer and closer. They could clearly see that it was a multitude of blessed spirits, but they did not know what their purpose was.

At last they arrived at the place where the congregation stood waiting. Here they formed a choir all around in a circle, hovering peacefully and began to sing heavenly praises, by which the listeners were stunned with admiration and amazement, for it penetrated so powerfully through their spiritual limbs that they became quite nervous – a sign that they were not yet ripe, not yet pure enough for these inner pleasures. When the praises ended, they again heard the voice that once said: 'I have heard you'; this time the same word sounded again, with the confirmation: "Your sins have been forgiven you!"

At this confirmation, everyone kneeled down to give proper thanks for this great grace. But this time, the angels pre-empted them with thanksgiving, singing a heavenly Hosannah and Hallelujah to the Great God and Father Jesus so gloriously, that the listening congregation got completely enraptured into heavenly ecstasy.

At this moment I Myself appeared in plain clothing and walked directly to Martin Luther, who watched in astonishment, not knowing that it was Me.

When I reached him, I said: "My son, you have passed your test well. Therefore, your Father Jesus came to you and your congregation Himself, to continue to lead and perfect you to become ripe for entering heaven and to come to the throne of the glory of God. Martin, do you know me?"

Martin Luther studied Me intently, but for Me to be God, was too simple for Him, for he expected of God to appear in magnificent glory. Therefore he said that he did not know who I was.

Now I said: "My son, do you not know your Father of Golgotha? Do you know these wounds which once bled for you and for all people on the cross?!"

Only then Martin Luther saw the wounds on My hands and feet and was not a little shocked that he did not recognise Me before. He instantly fell on his knees before Me and pleaded Me to forgive him his blindness.

But I helped him up and pressed him to My heart and softly said to him:
“Martin! From now on you are free from such great trials. But we will stay together from now on and I will lead your congregation Myself, which is ripe to be accepted into My multitudes of children. But do not reveal Me yet for who I am, but stay calmly at My side and do what I tell you to do.”

21. MARTIN LUTHER AS JESUS' FAVOURITE AND CHOSEN APOSTLE

(The angels descend on the Father's command and teach the congregation; Father Jesus appoints Martin Luther as His favourite and chosen from the earth. Father Jesus as Leader blesses the heavenly good meal and then calls upon the angels to sing a song of thanksgiving)

After this first meeting which made Martin Luther to cry many tears of joy and love, I said to the angels: "Come down to us and stay among us. Then the angels withdrew their intense, blinding light streaming from them and slowly descended to us.

At their arrival, they deeply humbled themselves before Me and then remained standing at a respectful distance, awaiting further orders from Me. But I told them to go among the congregation and begin to teach them the most important laws not yet known to these newcomers in the higher regions.

The angels immediately went to work, for they could see inside each individual what the one or the other needed to know in order to continue growing spiritually. Separate groups soon began to form, diligently taught by an angel, to prepare them for their great tasks ahead. As such there were quite lively yet modest conversations in all the different groups. But I and the archangel stayed with Martin Luther, talking about the endured plagues and persecutions My beloved and chosen apostle had to endure upon earth.

A few happy hours passed in this fashion in which my angels had to fully explain and eradicate the many wrongful beliefs - not agreeing with My religion of love - to be false and not originating from Me. This great task was done with ease and the listeners faithfully accepted everything like children and rejected the old things as being useless.

When the angels finished the teaching, I called them back to Me and bid them to take care of a good meal. They suddenly vanished for a few minutes and soon returned, laden with bread and wine. I now called upon the whole

congregation to sit down, which they immediately did. I then lifted up My hands over the bread and wine and said in a loud voice, for all to hear: "Eat and drink to the honour of Him who gives to you and the angels heavenly food and drink!"

The angels then almost instantaneously distributed the bread and wine and boldly helped with the eating and drinking. As the congregation tasted the heavenly bread and wine, they were astonished at the unusual goodness and wonderful taste thereof and praised Me in their hearts for giving them such an extraordinary meal.

After the meal the angels rose and removed the dishes which obviously happened at spiritual speed. They then came to Me for further orders. I bade them to sing a song of praise and thanksgiving for the consumed meal, which the congregation could well tolerate, for they passed over through thankfulness into love, which makes the heavenly songs bearable - which the material sinfulness and sensuousness cannot handle, for the supernatural sounds of love would overcharge and harm the nerves.

22. THE JOURNEY: TO THE FATHER JESUS IN HEAVEN!

(The new leader ask whether the congregation wants to follow Him to the Father Jesus; Beautiful affirmative speech of a young man and the communal acceptance of it; The journey to the mountain)

I now say to the congregation: "I believe that none of you would like to go back to his previous territory, so I therefore say: Stay together! Here you lack nothing and I will take care that you will always be satisfied where I will be among you. But if anyone of you prefers to return to his homeland instead of dining at the heavenly table, you can go unhindered. I hold no-one back, but I should also mention that our way leads to the Heavenly Father Jesus and that I came here to lead you there. You should also not think that it will happen immediately - no, it does not happen so fast. We still have several stopovers where you will still have to often prove your convictions, desires and longings.

Always think that your Father Jesus sees what you do and that you will only be able to go to Him when you have been tried and tested in good things. Nobody escapes this road. Everybody has to walk on it, sooner or later. But woe to the one who is forced to do so through circumstances which do not allow a way out. He who proudly maintains his position, he will - so to speak - have nothing more to laugh about and his rise from the greatest misery, anguish and torment will be terrible. I therefore advise you: You are now - as you can see already on the way there - where in course of time all without exception will go even if they are in the deepest hell, for everything is transient but God and those who found their salvation in Him. So I ask you: do you want to follow Me or not?"

At this question, a young man stepped up passionately - and his eyes fixed on Me - said the following words: "Dear Friend, you seem to be a powerful man in the spirit kingdom. I see that the angels stand before you with reverence and obey your commands. You also have to be a great man in the spirit kingdom, therein that you committed yourself to take us to God. You have to be a very important messenger of His. Therefore, we will follow you. You want it and I hope that none of us will stay behind, for we are in fact already in heaven: we enjoy heavenly nourishment and we hear the angels' singing. And under such circumstances no one can ever think about the miserable district where we had to toil in the sweat of our brow! We here

have it better than on earth. We are tired of that and likewise with that area in the spirit kingdom where we have created earthly circumstances for ourselves. We did not have any light, nourishment and singing from the heavens. One indeed has to be a fool to leave heaven and go back to that unacceptable worldliness. That, never ever – we stay with you and you may take us wherever you will. Whoever is not in agreement with my proposal, do then as you will. I have spoken!"

After this speech, a silent stillness ensued and no one had words to the contrary. Therefore, I said: "I take your silence as an affirmative answer that all of you, as the young man expressed, want to stay with Me. And this is right, for no one can bring you to the destination of your journey faster than I can, so we shall stay together and journey to where all your blissfully happy brothers and sisters in Father Jesus longingly await you."

The company was content with this speech and all insisted to go, to achieve the longed for reward of this heavenly promise. With the unification of this company now established, I bade the company to strictly follow the instructions which I would give through the angels who remained with the company.

Now I gave the order to break up and follow Me. We followed a steep road up a mountain for almost three hours, with the top laying before us, promising a beautiful view. At our arrival I told the company to sit down and rest a while.

After about half an hour I said to the company: "You will now be shown a little spectacle of a truly evil appearance, but no one should be afraid of it for I am your protector and no one can do you any harm." This reassured the company and they curiously watched out for what would come.

23. THE APPEARANCE OF SATANA

(Bad weather induced by Satana, causing violent lightning and thunder; procuring of Satana and her frightening gestures; the leader's question about her destructive conduct against humans; her cheeky answers and reasons, as if she was the God who created humans, her great propensity to lie playing the main role.)

I then summoned the angel and said to him: "Bring Me the big snake that the converted children can see whom they have served when they still were in their sinful ways - that they will not in future again walk after their lusts and never return to their old sinful ways." The archangel bowed deeply and disappeared.

After a pause of about five minutes, the firmament suddenly began to grow black and dark making the company curious and anxious. Not long after, they began seeing lightnings and thunder coming closer and becoming stronger. The black clouds came to a standstill above us, looking very ominous - especially because the clouds were turning like a whirlwind, flinging out lightnings and thunders all around.

The next moment the roaring clouds began to come against the company. A desperate panic gripped all present and they desired to run away - but whereto, where this evil being could not pursue them? None of them knew. The lightnings and thunder now were very close to the company and thunderbolts hit all over with such force that all stood as if on thorns. The next moment it struck near where I stood. That was enough. "Down with her", I said - and immediately they could see a gigantic dragon being pursued by My angel, coming towards me. Then it stood before me, threateningly screaming the question of what I want of it.

I turned to the company and said: "Look at your god whom you have served for as long as you were in fleshly desires and arranged your life to it. This is the correspondence of your inner life. This is not just a correspondence, but here before you stands in actual fact the spirit of Lucifer, the great snake, destroyer of the human race." At these words, the listeners begin to nervously shudder in fervent fear.

But I turn to the dragon and said to him: "Say, you eternal adversary, what compels you to work against the love of God and seduce the people? Who did you any harm, that you can not restrain your pride and revenge?"

At these words, the dragon wildly roared - making the whole company shudder - and said: "What right do You have to disturb me in my rest, calling me up? What do I have in common with You? You are who you are and I am who I am; there is an eternal abyss between us two. I therefore ask You: what have I done to You that you brought me here?" This wildly roared answer made an anxious impression upon the audience and all were tense about what would happen.

I said to Lucifer: "Listen, evil being - have you not done unrighteousness in that you snorted out nothing but revenge, inciting people to all conceivable kinds of sins? So answer, that the company can witness your justification, whether you have the right to do so. If you won't do it, I will force you to."

I not sooner have said this, when the spirit of Lucifer began to roar in a frenzy and stomp his dragon-feet, making the earth shake like an earthquake. But I commanded him to be silent and quiet. The earthquake greatly frightened the audience, for they feared that Satan would not obey Me. But as they saw Me being silent and calm, they regained their courage and confidence in the good outcome of this spectacle. I again turned to Lucifer and ordered him to speak up, otherwise I will have to resort to forceful methods. But Satan had no excuse. He therefore again roared about the wrongs done to him in person.

I now insist on him speaking the truth and he finally said: "I was a god and self-sufficient, creating countless millions of spirits that populated the spiritual world. But when my power threatened to become too powerful, I was unjustly seized by a second God - because I did not want to serve Him and obey Him - Who defeated and transformed my whole spiritual creation into rigid matter.

Look, not only the earth, but the whole starry heaven with its countless millions of worlds of which most are still completely unknown to you, is a dungeon for my children whom I have created since eternity. Then came another God, demanding obedience and reverence from me towards Him. And since He was stronger than I, I was defeated, shackled and my soul was turned into rigid matter. I myself was shackled to the extent that I as a pure

spirit am only able to do what He allows me. I was bereaved of my children and He declared them to be His own – He put them in dungeons of rigid matter and allowed one after another to become human, as such taking everything out of me and declaring it to be His possession.

The spirit is a child out of me, whom I once created in love out of me. The soul and flesh of humans are out of my soul – partly as spirit, partly as matter in visible creation. Would I then not have any right to my children? I have created them, they are all out of my spirit and my soul and are therefore mine. So since I have no hope to soon defeat my opponent who is almighty, I will corrupt my stolen children, and these are you.”

At these words, the audience was terribly shocked that they were children of Satan.

But I now told Lucifer to keep silent and began giving them the following explanation: “Lucifer, tell us, who created you? Have you been from eternity or were you created by this God who has conquered you, bound you and turned your soul into visible matter?” Here Lucifer was silent.

I continued My instruction and said: “Your silence says it all; for if you truly were an eternal God, you would have protested that the God who conquered you, had created you. If you were from eternity, and you would not have been created, it would not be possible to defeat you, for you would have had the eternal primordial might in your power. But exactly in this lies your powerlessness, while the omnipotence lies in the true, primordial God, while you were only able to do what God allowed you to create. You indeed have created the spirits, but you are not the father, but only the mother of them – for you are only a woman and not a man. In order for the listeners to believe this, I want to reveal to them what you really looked like in God's original creation.”

At these words, the dragon again began to roar and behaved unruly in protest against this violation.

But I stretched out My hands and said: “Let this imaginary image disappear and let the truth be before us!” The dragon image immediately vanished and the most glorious female image stood before the audience’s eyes.

The company was overcome with an excited astonishment and said: "That much of heavenly glory the world has never seen. One could fall in love and worship her as a goddess, if one has not seen the evil, and indeed the Satanic evil in this glorious godly wisdom and omnipotence and have so tellingly tasted it."

After the excitement subsided somewhat, I signaled for quiet and continued: "Now, you glorious Satana, tell us whether men have children without women, or are you exempt from this?" At this question I paused for a while and waited. Satana looked down, saying nothing.

But I said to her: "Do you see that as it is with you today, so it also was with you with your fall? You had the task of populating the world with spirits, whom the eternal Love called into being through you. It was of course not material like today, but the will of the Godly Love created through you spirits as numerous as the morning dewdrops on the grass. But you were the one giving birth, not the Begetter. And this could only happen through the humble love of God your husband through whom also you came into being. But when you became rebellious, haughty and forsook the humble love, the begetting and also the birthing, ceased. Say honestly, is it not true?"

Again Satana kept silent and looked to the ground as if nailed to it. Therefore I again continued: "You now say that the humans are your children and that you have the right to corrupt them. If it were not that you were created as a component of God and as a part of His love that became evil, then you indeed would have had a right to speak like that. But you are taken from God, created by God and had to accomplish your task you were destined for. Since you, as a created being, have no right to declare your own what God had created through you, your task was merely to serve and love God, but not to - as an evil being - corrupt His children and make them like you. Since their souls and bodies are formed out of your soul, it is precisely the love of God who gradually wants to lead you back and redeem you through the soul particles of the people."

At this remark, Satana stomped, creating a tremendous earthquake, frightening the audience. But I stretched out My hands and commanded her to be still, which she immediately obeyed - in fact had to obey - since I paralyzed her.

“This is history and nothing else. Now you speak, Satana, whether what I have revealed was truth!”

Then Satana raised her lowered eyes and prepared to reply in full fury, what I calmly allowed. She now began with a lofty pathos to boast that she is a mother and therefore had the same right to the children as God - even more - since the human body as well as soul are in fact her body and soul, which are time and again stolen and used against her will. She said that she therefore is equally entitled - if not even more so - to the children, since their bodies are in fact taken and formed from her body. She therefore had right to all people in all worlds and creations out of her.

24. AN ALTERCATION OF THE FATHER WITH SATANA

(Omnipotent response from the leader; Satana's evil inner nature; Paradisaical view from the mountain)

Now I raised myself to a violent response to these legal claims of Satana and said to her: "Do you know what? I have just explained to you that you are not a divinity out of yourself, but a creature created by God, and you have to do as the One who created you as His tool, commands. Then you speak of motherly rights to the children. Listen, you incorrigible creature: is it the mother's plight to corrupt the children and turn them into devils and satans? Do you not know that the mothers - who corrupt their children to be thieves, robbers, murderers and monsters of humanity - are taken away from among others and put under care and training to be corrected?! What do you say to that?" Here she kept silent without a true reply.

I therefore continue: "You see, you are such a raven mother, for you only want to make evil ones out of your supposed children, and when they at last enter the spirit kingdom, you delight in their misery like a cruel tyrant. Go from before My eyes immediately, you miserable snake of hellish evil!"

The divine glory instantly turned into the dragon form again and she disappeared with terrible roaring and stomping, causing the earth to shake tremendously, frightening the community.

I turned to the congregation and said: "See, dear children, what the facts are! One has to have divine patience not to punish the snake. She does everything with impudence and hypocrisy in order to serve her purposes. And the majority of people prefer to follow the seductive cravings of her being and therefore there is much evil in the world, filling the hearts of people with sins and crimes against God and their neighbours. I have shown you the cause of corruption in the world, and you are well advised to remember that, to never again commit sins."

Then I said: "Our first encounter is over. This time, I alone was the doer. Other encounters will follow, where it will be expected from you to perform certain tasks. We will stay for one more hour on the mountain for you to enjoy the view unfolding before our eyes."

Only now did the audience become aware of the paradisiacal landscapes and regions unfolding before their eyes. And they were really delighted with the glories presented to their eyes - and they wondered aloud at the never-seen landscapes, stimulating their imaginations like magic. I allow them to look at and admire this beauty in peace and busied Myself with Martin Luther, which barely saw the landscapes, but his eyes, ears and heart were with Me, which prompted Me to relate to Him many beautiful stories about these landscapes - only the outlines, of course - which were related to the guidance of My children there.

When the hour passed, I announced that the time has come to break up camp and go back to the valley. Everybody then got ready to descend upon the given word.

“Onwards, children! We start our walk again”, I at last called out to the company and we quickly descended the mountain to the lowlands which looked very different to them than before they began to scale the mountain. Because their thoughts have become much more spiritual and directed towards God, thereby refining their spiritual sight, refining their heart and love raised their breast high unto God, who went before them, yet whom they thought of to be living in high etheric regions. When we arrived in the lowlands, we headed straight for the country road which was white as snow and winding through the valley.

25. THE FATHER'S FAVOUR ON THE CHARITY OF THE CHILDREN

(A village of poor people begging like annoying gypsies; Loving hospitality, clothing and reception of them into the company; instruction in the divine doctrine by the angels)

After we proceeded for two hours, we came to a village which seemed to be very poor. For I led the company again into poor and miserable regions – therefore this change in scenery. When we arrived in the village, many poor, half-dressed and tattered people came to us, begging for help and bread. I stopped and told the company that we would take a rest here for a while, without expecting any charity from them. We encamped on a large meadow close to the village and I inwardly prompted the inhabitants of the village to zealously beg from and ask the company – but I said nothing, as if I did not notice.

The company watched Me for a while if I would say anything and give any order regarding the poor villagers, who pestered them like gypsies for anything imaginable. Since I did not even look and seemed as if these tattered villagers are nothing to Me, or even stir My heart to charity, an elderly man stood up and said: “Dear Brothers and Sisters, I think our leader have seemingly no eyes, ears and no heart for these poor inhabitants of this place, to see whether we shall show if we have compassion for these poor ones. I would have dug into my provisions if my respect for him did not hold me back. But since he does nothing in this respect – as if he wants to prompt us to help these poor ones out of ourselves, we shall do it ourselves.

They seem to be poor, thirsty and hungry; yet we have enough of everything. I therefore suggest that we should act towards these poor like as our leader acted towards us! We will give them our food and drink and whoever have a garment he can do without, can give it to clothe these half-naked and tattered brothers and make them our equals. Brothers! Sisters! Here in my view is a field where we can show ample charity towards our neighbours! Let's go! Brothers, sisters, do to the best of your knowledge and conscience and become active in love unto the neighbour.”

No sooner had this been said, when they saw a crowd of people rushing towards them from the poor huts on a hill. When the elderly man saw this,

he said: "Ah, ah - look there, how many poor people live in this region! The more poor the better, so much more we can do good to them - for we are sufficient in number and lack in nothing necessary, so let us turn to our leader with the plea to help us. For He is a very mighty leader among us and He only needs to see our benevolent will and He will be sure to help us in need. I therefore suggest that everyone should do as much good as he wants and can. I am convinced that this would be the best way to thank our dear Father Jesus, who showed and did unto us so much good through His high servant, who stays among us as our leader.

After this address, he called out loudly: "Our Father Jesus taught: 'whatever you have done to the least of these children of Mine, it is just as if you have done it unto Me!' So let us also do good and noble things to these poor children of our Father Jesus - as much and as well as is possible for us."

These words were scarcely spoken, when all dug into their provisions, looking for what they could do - and were not a little surprised that there were bread and wine in abundance. Much life and movement ensued as at a big marketplace, as all realised that a miracle has happened and that there was enough bread and wine to share with these poor ones to sate their hunger and quench their thirst. They told the people to stand in lines and groups, for no one to be overlooked. This was readily done and the poor people were soon organised into many rows on the grounds. Now the business of handing out the bread and wine followed until all were satiated and satisfied.

When all was done, the old man again stood up and said: "Brothers and sisters! It is indeed so that many of you have two garments - why would you need it in heaven with the Father? There we will receive wedding garments, for there we will find the Bridegroom of our souls. I therefore suggest that everyone give his extras to the poor and then we will have done according to the words of our beloved Father Jesus in the sermon on the mount. Well brothers and sisters, let us do this; then we have acted as brother towards brother, sister towards sister and that is the only truth in our current situation with these poor."

Also this recommendation was favourably received and everyone did what he was able to. Soon there stood over 10 000 people well dressed and well fed, as equal brothers.

Only now I got up, went to the company and said: "Children! Your charity moves My heart and you have become through this much dearer and beloved to Me. Continue like this! And your entry into heaven will be glorious. I took the trouble to be active among you when you did according to My words and you have done truly well. But since these clothed and satiated people still have but poor homes, we will take them with us on our journey to heaven so that they would not miss out on anything, but they will be taken well care of with our food and they shall gladly stay with us. I therefore gave orders to the angels to also instruct them, that they may have one and the same religion and will become equal to us."

At these words, the angels stepped out with appropriate reverence before Me and silently awaited the order. When they did receive it, they immediately went to their newly adopted brothers and sisters and gave them proper education about the purpose and goal of man. And so we again had a good catch of fish.

26. SEIZING THE MOUNTAIN GORGE FORTRESS

(Walk through a mountain gorge; encounter with soldiers; decisive answer to the fortress-guards' leader; disarming the soldiers and seizure of the robber-murders' fortress)

Since the area really was miserable, the residents gladly left it. Especially in light of the fact that they were given food that tasted exceptionally well. When all this was done, we moved on again, for several hours. At last we reached a mountain gorge of five hours' length. Here we suddenly came upon a unit of soldiers who regarded us as enemies and demanded that we should go with them and justify ourselves. They wanted us to go to a fortress they have built in this gorge in order to watch over this passage, to be properly interrogated about what our intentions were in such great a number.

Then I stepped forward and said: "Brothers and friends, you can indeed see that we are unarmed and thus have no hostile intentions. Let us pass through in peace – if it would come to a struggle for power, our weapons will prove to be stronger than your weapons, for you can see that the whole gorge is filled with us. What could you do against us, since we can overcome you in no time? It will therefore be best for you if you would leave us alone as we leave you alone."

This remark did not suit the leader and he said: "I can make no concessions without our fortress commander, so let whoever is the first among you come with us and we shall see what our commander will say."

I then replied to him and said: "Listen, friend, I am no servant, but a mighty commander before whom everything should bow. I can therefore not accept your proposal, but if you would want something from Me, then call your commander to Me and I will tell him who I am."

This answer was enough for the leader and he immediately set himself and his unit up before us, threatening us. But I gave a hint to our accompanying angels and in a moment the soldiers were disarmed and thus incapacitated.

Now I asked the leader if he didn't feel like attacking us, since he had appeared so self-assured against us a few minutes earlier. He made a bitter face and said: "This is our order to act this way, so I couldn't have proceeded any differently against you. As I see now, you are quite powerful spirits, and therefore it's best not to mess with you."

[Me:] "Yes, friend, why didn't you realize earlier that we are powerful? Or do you still think you'll master us with your handful of soldiers? Oh, that won't work! On the contrary, we'll overpower you, and thus we'll march right into your fortress to destroy it. For you are nothing but robbers and murderers, and we are the destroyers of robbers' nests. So, we'll march into your robber-murderer fortress, and you'll go ahead to announce us."

The robbers and murderers standing in soldier uniforms, naturally still referred to as such from their earthly perspective, since no one can be murdered in the spirit realm, were completely shocked by this plan and rushed into the fortress to report to the commander what had happened to them, and that we were on our way to destroy their fortress because we had been attacked and thereby offended.

The commander quickly let the fortress-gates be barred and closed up all entrances, so we could not get in. But I knew about a secret underground entrance, so I said: "The company should slowly move up to the fortresses' gates and demand entrance. At the same time I and the angels will access the fortress through this secret entrance in order to not cause a stir as to who I am, for everything must yield before and obey Me - and I will very quickly open all the gates and admit the company."

27. JESUS' INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN THE SPIRIT REALM

(The leader's questions to the fortress commander: who they are and what their occupation is there; the untrue answer; Truthful response of the leader; explanation of the conditions in the spirit realm; what books will be read in the future.)

Now I had the overpowered individuals in soldier uniforms brought before me, of which there were over 3,000, and said: "Tell me the truth! What is your occupation here?"

In response to this question, the fortress commander told me: "We are soldiers and protect this gorge so that no enemy can pass through to plunder and rob in the land."

"Good," I said to him, "then tell me, who set you up here to guard this gorge?"

To this, he replied to me: "The ruler of the land, who governs this vast landscape that stretches out to the east."

"All right", I said - "So who is he and where does he live?"

On this question he could not give Me an answer and said: "It does not work like on the earth here in the spirit kingdom. You get recruited, are commanded and you do your duty - more I cannot say, for I do not know anything more."

[Me:] "Ah so! You know nothing more? What if I would tell you that everything you have reported to Me was a complete fabrication becoming of thieves and robbers - what would you answer Me to that?"

[Leader:] "That is not so. I said what I knew and I do not know any more."

[Me:] "Good, then I must enlighten you, what I know about this fortress, and so listen to the true story: You are a robber and murderer. Having arrived here from Earth as such, you gathered a gang of thieves just like you around yourself. And together, you built this fortress, where you are your own ruler and fortress lord, and you rob the traveling passersby, however and wherever you and your accomplices find them, and here you pile up treasure upon treasure from robbery and ambush. Now, your leader has overstepped and grabbed the wrong person, and that's why you have become my prisoner, along with your entire crew. Have you heard? This is the completely true story of your fortress and your commandership. The rest will follow soon."

Thereupon, I had the reformed and accompanying robbers step forward, which happened within a few minutes, and said to them: "These prisoners are robbers, just like you used to be, so you'll know best what should happen to them. I'm leaving these ones to you."

Now the converted robbers said: "Dear friend, our intention is to do the same with them what you have done with us, and so we first of all free them from all fetters, that they would not feel like captives among us."

I replied to him: "Good, you are free to proceed with them as you see fit. I won't stand in your way. Act according to your best knowledge and conscience, and it will turn out right. For if you act out of love for your fellow man, you can never go wrong." After these words, I left the robbers and turned to Martin Luther and said: "See, I'm letting the people act on their own, so that they become independent. For when given commands, everyone does what they're told. But when they have to act on their own, they're compelled to think about how to do what's right and carry it out well. For through practice, one becomes self-sufficient in action and a master of execution. Let's let the robbers put their newfound insights to good use. We'll go take a look around the large fortress, for there's bound to be something that will catch our interest."

We then leave the robbers and went to inspect the inner arrangement which looked promising. I first took him to the quarters of the fortress' commander, which was spacious and had many rooms. It is obvious that only the few who surrounded Me could have enjoyed this inspection. The greatest part of this numerous people filled all the free places of the fortress and waited on the results of our sightseeing, and what would become of the robbers.

The commander's home was beautiful, for everything beautiful which was robbed, the commander had arranged as if in a museum, to have it always available to look at and to be a visual feast.

Here, I must provide a brief explanation about the institutions in the spirit realm, so that readers will consider the entirely true narrative about the development and history of Martin Luther and his fellow believers not just as a fabrication by my writer, but rather understand that the same things exist in the spirit realm as on earth. This is well-known to spiritualists through spirit revelations, but not to other people who only care about what they've learned from priests. Anything else that priests don't preach or declare heretical is considered reprehensible and heretical to them, without thinking for themselves about whether it's actually true.

Have I not taught: "Test everything and hold onto what is good!" So do this and remember that not everything that glitters is gold! Your religious teachers are far too fanatical and intolerant. If they were truly my servants, I would enlighten them so that they would convey my pure teachings to you in the way I want them to be presented. They focus too much on the letter, or nibble at the outer bark, while the inner part, the core that represents the spirit, remains misunderstood, and thus the teaching is flawed.

I am Spirit, and as such, I give you only spiritual nourishment, and it is this that contains eternal life. What should I say about the Roman human doctrines? They are a malignant disease for the spiritual life of believers and lack any true foundation. And therefore, Roman and Orthodox believers are mainly the most miserable people when they enter the spirit realm. That's why I allowed the godless social democracy to grow and develop, to draw the deluded and fanatical people away from the church. Because the atheist and the doubter – if he was formerly a believer – is easier to convert than the fanatical church-adherent who will not speak a word – and declare everything a heresy, which is not according to the words of the priest.

Only still a short while and the rotten buildings of the false priesthoods – whether official or not – will cease to exist. And then My pure teaching will be taught by My own servants, while the previous falsity will be destroyed – but not by people, but by Me, so that you will clearly see what is good and what is bad. For only those books which will survive, will be recognised to be good. Everything else, be it a book or a newspaper or anything else that

prevents you from thinking of Me, will be turned into air, nowhere to be seen - otherwise the flock will never become one with its Shepherd Jesus.

That the books which I will provide through My medium, who reveals this to you, will be good and form the sole component of the future library, let this be a warning to you. Not that this medium alone will write the books, but I want to say that the books he presents to you through a separate announcement are good and contain the true teachings, and with that, you will know where you stand.

Coming back to the institutions in the spirit kingdom, I have yet to say that man himself is the creator of his dwelling in the spirit world. The lower his character and his qualities, the more miserable the landscape and dwelling that he can create out of himself.

Therefore: the more love, humility and spiritual unity, the brighter and wiser - the more beautiful the spiritual abode. It is the same as if one would compare in worldly sense, the difference between the pitch black night and the increasing light of the midday sun. As such the whole being of man: beginning as a dark monster, developing into an angel, shining like the sun; and all this according to what he himself creates and accomplishes.

Man is therefore by virtue either a child of God or a child of Satan - a devil in the spirit kingdom. Because the spiritual man cannot hide himself behind a fleshly body - but he outwardly looks, lives and acts as he is - for hypocrisy and disguise is not possible anymore after the falling away of the flesh. Thus man is in all things the creator of his surroundings, his dwelling and all that he needs, stand according to his inner values - because he has to create everything out of himself from within, as he created in the flesh with his hands. But once it is created, it is a reality to him, while the material world no longer exists for the spirit.

Therefore, through his virtues or vices, a person is a child of God or a child of Satan, a devil in the spiritual realm. Because spiritually, a person cannot hide behind a physical body; rather, they appear outwardly as they truly are, and they live and act accordingly, since hypocrisy and pretence are no longer possible after shedding the physical shell. Thus man is in all things the creator of his surroundings, his dwelling and all that he needs, stand according to his inner value - because he has to create everything out of himself from within, as he created in the flesh with his hands. But once it is

created, it is a reality to him, while the material world no longer exists for the spirit.

From this one can imagine the difference between the angel as bright as sunlight, down to the totally dark atheist and the sin-hardened transgressor; for when the light which creates out of itself through the Spirit of God in man is snuffed out and man becomes totally dark, having no love, no goodness, no works of charity and thus have no light – for he is given by God according to his virtues or vices and inner properties.

This is the reason why many spirits during spiritualistic sessions answer that they have no light – which tells you that you are dealing with lower spirits of devilish appearance. With them you will get nothing but lies, for they will make a fool of you. Therefore you should teach this, but do not put any weight to what they say.

This short explanation was necessary, so that you do not consider the states in the spirit world, as I am describing to you here, to be a fantasy. But if you do not believe Me, read spiritist books, visit a circle where there are manifestations of these spirits, then what is said here will be confirmed to you to be true and real. Any experienced spiritualist will confirm this. This is how it has to be and with that, enough of this.

28. PREPARATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ROBBERS

(Looking at the robbed collection fortress museum and the fortress rooms; destruction of the fortress; transformation of the grounds and the gorge into a flat field; consuming of a meal)

We looked at the beautiful, very significant museum of the fortress commander, which he furnished through robbery of the passing-through spirits. Then we walked through several big rooms which were the homes of the other robbers, which all looked very beautiful. For it is easy to impress with stolen goods.

I don't want to keep it a secret from you that the robbers also had their women, and they had to share the fate with the prisoners. After we had wandered through the whole fortress, we returned to the square where the converted robbers were negotiating with the prisoners.

When we reappeared on the scene, the prisoners launched into a tirade against us, claiming we had burst in like robbers and were now plundering their stores without any right to do so. Consequently, they refused to listen to the exhortations of the reformed robbers and demanded to be recognized as the rightful masters of the fortress.

I therefore went over to the screamers and said: "What rights do you have to this fortress? You have in fact said that you were only recruited mercenaries of the landlord. If this is so, then you are no lords, but only besieged captives and as such have no argument, but should only obey whatever we decide. We are by the way inclined to set you free if you could prove that you really are what you purport to be."

This resolute language brought the loudmouths to their senses, realizing they were dealing with someone who could stand up to them. At first, they fell silent, but then they began again, arguing that they had to be allowed to remain in the fortress because they were its guards. They asked to be left in peace and allowed to continue on their way, claiming they had done nothing to harm us except issue a few threats, which we had hastily taken as a

declaration of war, leading to our attack, defeat of them, and capture of the fortress.

I now told them they have no right to speak according to martial law in the spirit kingdom, since they have introduced this right in their fortress and diligently implemented it, as the great museum of robbed objects testifies. They should therefore not be surprised if we should straightaway destroy their fortress.

Now I gave a sign to the angels and they quickly charged towards the barricades as if to destroy them, and the powerful crashing and thundering of tumbling walls could be heard.

The robbers listened with horror to the crashing and thundering and couldn't understand how it was possible, since the angels had no tools.

Then I said to the fortress commander and his unit leaders: "Come here with Me to investigate your fortress as it looks now!"

They all immediately got up – including the ordinary soldiers – and went with Me and mine in the lead to go and see what had happened. But how surprised they were when nothing of the fortress could be seen anymore, and the whole gorge was filled up with soil. They did not believe their eyes and looked at us, wondering with astonishment who we were, that we were able to transform this scenery of the gorge and their fortress so quickly into a level field.

I turned to the fortress commander and said, "Now, surely you don't expect us to rebuild your robbers' den for you? However, if you have a sovereign lord to whom you can lodge a complaint against us, we are willing to go with you and accept our punishment. So, get up, you and your band of robbers, and lead us to your sovereign lord! For, behold, I had everything destroyed, and now the inner living quarters, including your residence and the very valuable museum filled with plundered objects, have been razed to the ground. You have nothing left to look after or stay for."

The commander anxiously looked for the place where his home stood and when he could not find any of the former anymore, he rigidly stood there before us, inspecting us with fearful eyes.

But I said to him: "Do not fear, we will do you no harm, but I only have destroyed your illusion, to deliver you from your delusions you have built with your helpers. Now you and your party are free from everything that was dear to you, but did not do you any good.

Now tell Me what you want to begin doing with your crowd? If you want to be converted together with your helpers, then I want to take you with Me and take care of you. If you prefer to do something else, tell Me freely. For we are not robbers or soldiers and therefore do not make any prisoners, but we only look for what was lost from the sheepfold of God. If you do want God, then you are welcome with Me.

If you don't want to, then you are free of us. Because you have nowhere to accuse us - since you know no other lord but yourselves - but I am a mighty Lord and everything has to bow before Me. If you would for instance again build a new fortress anywhere, you can be assured that I will find it. Then you will experience the same as you did here. Think now about what you want. You are free from Me."

After these words, I turn towards the angels who already again joined us and said: "Children! You have done a good job. We therefore want to rest here and have somewhat to eat. Create therefore also the necessary bread and wine here, but some more, that our miserable friends and their anxious women can have some before we part, in case they decide not to stay with us."

The angels hurried away and disappeared into the nearby forest, which was close to the fortress, but after a few minutes reappeared fully laden with bread and wine and laid it before Me. Now I stretched out My hands over the food, blessed it and had it distributed among all, which was quickly done.

Thereupon I said, "Eat and drink in honor of God, your Father Jesus, who at the Last Supper blessed the bread, broke it, and said, 'Take and eat, and whenever you do this, remember Me!' Thus, He also blessed the wine then, as I do today, and said, 'Drink all of it, for this is the blood of the new covenant, shed for many of you for the forgiveness of sins.' So drink today in honor and remembrance of this historic, highly significant event, when

under the bread, the teaching of God, and under the blood, the love of God, were expressed as a spiritual correspondence. Now, sit down and take your meal."

29: HOW DEVILS BECOME ANGELS

(Conversation of the angels with the robbers; how devils become angels; The commander think that as an arch-devil, he can become an archangel; the robbers declare themselves willing to convert; The leader's speech about man's plight to live a life of good report according to divine commandments)

This time however, the angels sat together with the robbers and merely ate and drank with them. The latter could not praise the goodness of the bread and wine enough and asked the angels how they could prepare so much so quickly. The angels told them that they where high spirits and have everything they want at their disposal, and that anything they want has to happen. Yet they are not masters from their own power, but they only do what they are commanded to do, and all through the power of God, whom they serve.

The robbers listened attentively to what the angels were saying and asked them if they could become what they were. "Certainly!" The angels said, "We were human and sinful as the people are, but we have been genuinely striving to fulfil the will of God as we have been taught to do when we arrived in the spirit realm."

Now the commander said: "But you were young people and willing to obey, since you had not yet tasted the vices of life in the world – that is apparent by your youthful freshness and beauty. But we were all men and some of us were already old, so we look compared to you like devils compared to angels."

The angels chuckled a bit and said: "Yes, yes, it is something like that. But we have also been all kinds of people and sinners, among us some who had to work their way up from the depths of hell and looked awful. See, all that has disappeared and the higher we rose in love and humility, the younger and more beautiful we became. So you too can become the same if you want to obey the law of love."

After this explanation, the commander said to his people: "I very much like the explanation of the transformation of devils into angels. I certainly am an arch-devil, for I am certainly not better than the devil and also no prettier. If one then look at these beautiful figures, one gets a true understanding of devils and hell. I have a desire to change from an arch-devil into an angel, and if possible, also into an archangel.

So I believe that it would not hurt you either; but do what you want. I am like the Romans who said: '*ubi bene, ibi patria*' (where it goes well with me, there is my fatherland). And in such company and heavenly food, I will never be sorry to have taken this step. I stick to my resolve. What will you do without me, without a fortress, without something to eat? I advise you, let us stay together and let us be instructed and initiated in everything by these angels who were devils, into the high spiritual life, and we will definitely not be sorry that we have taken this decisive step."

After this comical speech, the other robbers said to the commander: "We have indeed no objection, but now we want to hear the robbers who previously tried to teach and convert us, when we did not want to hear about it – for we were too much tied to our belongings and the fortress. Now that everything has been destroyed and we have become homeless beggars, now we are willing to accept everything that will give us bread and shelter. We want to know now what the aforementioned former robbers have to say, if they are content and if the journey is not too difficult. Then we will decide."

The angel immediately called the converted robbers and told them to relate their experiences from the very beginning, for the brothers to hear how things are with us.

The robbers now related all the things they have experienced, to which the new robbers listened with great interest. After they were done with their story, the new robbers declared that they too wanted to stay and join us.

Now I came to them and said: "You are like the rich: as long as they have enough of everything, they do not want to hear anything of God and repentance. If misfortune comes and they become beggars, then one hears them saying, 'My God, help!' But it is decidedly better to follow God's commandments when you still have full pockets. For then you can do good, and such givers are very welcome to God, because the rich rarely have a

compassionate heart and do good in secret. Such donors who let themselves be trumpeted in public newspapers have not given anything, because their reward is public praise, which serves public, political purposes.

It is the same here in the spirit realm: whoever does good out of the love of his heart has done more than one who wets his lips. It would be different if the public address would serve the purpose to incite kindheartedness - then the speaker has done much good and will receive his reward.

But this should not be a reproach to you, because your spiritual training is still at its lowest level, and thus does no harm to your being. But now I want to command My servants, that they teach you everything, and so it happens!"

The angels immediately moved in among the crowd and taught the robbers everything they needed to know in order to go with our company. It was of course not forgotten to explain that man should ask God for forgiveness of the sins committed and how to go about it, to obtain forgiveness.

30. A PLACE OF BROTHERLY LOVE

(Arrival in a place where all people live in communal brotherly love; Blessing of the meal; the angel's song of praise; consuming the heavenly good meal in the happiest of moods)

When the angels finished their teaching we again broke up and went to the already mentioned landscape where the landlord of the fortress lived. We came to stand there in a big place and asked after the lord of the place.

But the inhabitants said: "We have no master, but we are all brothers and sisters and live together peacefully and happily, for we are a communal family, each one does his duty and so we live one for all, and all for one."

Now I alone asked: "Is that your full principle, or do you act also out of love unto the neighbour? You see, we are very many, but your place is also very large and so you can give us a meal of fruit, since your fruit trees are quite full of ripe fruit."

"O yes," they answered, "we would like to do that, for this year we have a lot of fruit. Do you also need something else? We gladly give you what we have and you are welcome."

Then I said: "You are good people and I shall not let you be left without reward. We will go out into the big meadow and you should all come out. Nobody should stay at home, and bring enough fruit with you for us all to have enough, then I want to give you an exceptional surprise."

The friendly inhabitants hurried to the trees and collected a large quantity of the best ripe fruit, loaded it on many carriages and came to us on the meadow.

I now had the angels step up and told them to get bread and wine. The angels disappeared and brought after a few minutes so much bread and wine that also the great multitude of local inhabitants could be served. Of course, the greater the company waxed in numbers, the more angels

appeared to serve the bread and wine, so also now. One can imagine the surprise of the locals when they saw the disappearance and reappearance of the angels, who - fully laden - presented themselves before Me. When this was done, I let everyone sit down, blessed the fruit, the bread and the wine and let everything be distributed evenly. After the distribution, the angels again returned to Me and stationed themselves at a respectful distance, awaiting My orders. I now bade the angels to form a choir to honour God for the meal with a song of praise.

When the choir was formed, I said to the locals: "You are Protestants and very good people. Therefore you should be given much joy today."

I now let the angels sing the song of praise, bringing all those who have not yet heard the angels sing, into a state of the highest amazement, for they have never heard something so heavenly.

After the song of praise was sung, I let them eat the meal, at which all were in wonder, for they never have eaten such good fruit, since I have made the fruit through My will, to taste heavenly well. Especially the locals were full of praise, for it was the first time they took heavenly food into their mouths.

Everyone was happy and chatted and told each other what they had experienced. But I deliberately did not allow Martin Luther to hear it. It was not until the meal was over that I told the locals that a leader of the Protestants was about to appear, so they should prepare to listen to him.

31. APPEARANCES IN THE LANDSCAPE INDICATE THE INTERIOR OF THE INHABITANTS

(Appearance and speech of Martin Luther and the jubilating greeting by the fellow inhabitants; the latter are taken up by the company; journey to a very rocky region as indication of the interior of the inhabitants; Testing of the goodness of the up and coming children of heaven by fanatical Catholics; Love is the walking stick of the Father.)

After these words, Martin Luther stood up and greeted them with the following greeting: "Dear brothers and sisters! As the founder of the Protestant religion, Dr Martin Luther ..." At the mention of his name, a jubilation resounded: "Hail, our leader and apostle of the Reformation!"

As the jubilation subsided, he continued: "As teacher of the true teachings of Christ, I have shared sorrows as well as joy with you, bringing with it an eventful life. After many years of fruitful activity, the dear Heavenly Father decided to remove me from the world of confusion and persecution of the spiritual life I was called for. Here I stand before you and can tell you with joy that my life is blessed and my reward is great, because I am on the way to the Father, and am accompanied by these youths, who have sung such a beautiful song of praise to God for the given and blessed meal, as you can see. Also the heavenly good meal proves to you that we are surrounded by angels and go forward in God's love.

Your willingness to serve us with fruit, has made the best impression on our much beloved leader to the Father in the New Jerusalem. Therefore He has decided, through me, to proclaim to you that your mutual love and love of God and neighbor has motivated Him to take you with us as well. Stay therefore with us and leave everything here. Soon others will come to inhabit this place, while you can come with us to the Father Jesus, where you will find much more beautiful and better things than what you leave behind here. Do not deliberate too much, but embrace this unique opportunity and come along!"

The locals did not let them be invited twice, but when Martin Luther had finished, everyone shouted, "Hosanna to our God and Savior Jesus! Hallelujah to our beloved Jesus, our Redeemer! We go with you, we all want

to go and nobody will stay behind! For what we have seen and experienced here is enough proof that you spoke the truth. Therefore hail our faith teacher Dr Martin Luther!"

With that, the address as well as our stay here was ended, and so we left with our crowd of people of already 200,000 heads, to another very inhospitable region. After a march of several hours, we at last arrived at a very rocky region where no big, nor proliferate plant growth could be found.

I told the company: "Look at this region! As humans are inside, such the appearance of their environment, for it has been created out of their inner spiritual life - and so, see this inhospitable region of the spiritual life of its inhabitants. Here we will have to fight to overcome our own nature, to not be punishable.

So far we have collected Protestants on our great fishing expeditions. Your patience will now be tested against intolerant, fanatical Roman priests and their faithful. Be unitedly resolved to repay evil with good, with love. For the inhabitants of heaven must be perfect in love, humility and patience, like our Father Jesus - or else they are unripe for heaven, where love rules. I have led you here, for the sake of testing your virtues.

The children of the Father have to have only good virtues and know no difference between people. No religious hatred, no national hatred, no other evil against fellow human beings may confuse them, but they must see all to be equal, whether friend or foe. For just as God knows no difference between His children, so you should not know any. They are your brothers and sisters, for they are children of the same Father as you are. You must therefore have the utmost patience with them and not repay evil with evil, but with good. For as long as they are evil and discriminate between people, they are in spiritual darkness; and who has no light in their darkness, one should not hate and condemn, but take them lovingly by the hand and, through loving teaching, guide them through the spiritual labyrinth.

See, this is your task on our journey - and the sooner you prove yourselves to be children of the Father, the sooner you will reach the goal of this test journey, required by your Father. You need to be full of love - and when that is achieved, then your testing is done. So heed this crucial instruction, for it is the walking stick of the Father of love. But now we will try our luck and

we will boldly proceed to the goal of the redemption of these poor souls.

32. THE ONLY CHURCH THAT BRINGS SALVATION

(Heaven is where all people are brothers; Spiritual correspondence of man's victory over vices; A large, but very poor place of the Roman Catholics. The Roman church as the only one offering salvation? The pope as vicar of Christ? Peter never was in Rome; History confirmed by contemporaries and not by ranting and bickering.)

Silent and introspective, the large company moved on, thinking about the huge task of growth to inherit heaven and to get to the Father. Only now they realised why Christ's promises could not have been fulfilled yet. Now they understood that 'to enter heaven', means: the brotherhood of all peoples, languages, nationalities and religions, without discrimination.

Now the mystery of the coming together of the wolf with the lamb and the lion with the cattle and so on, became clear, that it means the different, disagreeable inner passions of people which need to be overcome and tamed. Everyone therefore decided to do his utmost best to not become angry, nor nasty and vindictive.

In this silent introspection, we finally arrived in the very significant place, which however, was full of poor and tattered people. We slowly proceeded and asked who lived there, even though everyone knew where they were, because of My explanation. Immediately some priests stepped up and said: "This is a Roman congregation, who are you? Also of Roman religion?"

I now introduced Myself and said: "What kind of religion is the Roman religion?"

[Priest:] "Well yes, have you never heard about the Roman Catholics or the Roman Catholic religion? What kind of man are you that you do not know this religion yet, since it was spread all over the earth and you have not yet heard of it?"

I however answered him: "Yes indeed, I have already heard of it, but I know no Roman and Roman-Catholic, but only a Christian as the solely saving religion."

[Priest:] "Well yes, that is the Roman Catholic one."

"Yes, good", I said - "why is it not called the Christian religion, seeing that Christ was the founder of it, but was never in Rome?"

The priests answered thereto: "That is well true, that Christ never was in Rome bodily. But spiritually, for He is Son of God and as such He is omnipresent, thus also in Rome and He is it, whose deputy our Pope, the holy Father in Rome is. The Pope as successor of Peter and deputy of Christ now names the Christian religion, whose head on earth the Pope is, the Roman-Catholic, because its head resides in Rome, where the first Pope, the Apostle Peter, first had erected his bishop's seat."

To this answer I gave them the task to prove to Me from the Holy Scripture that Peter was in Rome and the first bishop of Rome, since I could find it nowhere confirmed.

This question brought the priests into anger and they began to insult us and to suspect that we were heretics and probably Protestants, who were now spreading out to harm the true mother church of Christianity.

But I interrupted him and said: "Listen, you intolerant! History does not get proven by insults, quarrels and suspicion, but by contemporary written evidence. Where do you now stand, since only this is authoritative?"

The priest again began with insults, saying that we were heretics who do not believe what the infallible church has taught at all times, and therefore what they maintained, must be true.

"Good", I said - "I would have liked to believe you, since it is not for Me to argue with you and pull your religion through the dung, but only to find out the truth whether what you have said really is the truth, for with Me, truth is above all and I do not deviate one hair from it - neither do I oppose you and hence you have to control yourself better, to talk to us."

33. HOW THE ROMAN TRADITION CAME TO BE

(How the traditions were created; Peter's history - years 33-59; Peter's letter (57) from Neu-Babylon - later called Baghdad - to his congregations, which were spread from the Black Sea to Asia Minor and Asia; Peter's crucifixion at Baghdad (year 59))

This decisive answer brought the hothead somewhat to his senses and therefore he said: "We have found that this teaching was recorded already for hundreds of years and therefore, we believe it. True, it is not recorded in the New Testament, but was preserved by the traditions as it was collected by the church fathers and have left it behind for us. And these are incontestable, for already in the first century, this historical truth was being recorded, which continued over several centuries unto perfection."

[I:] "Ah, so! Continued through several later centuries, perfected and completed, that sounds good, but is not so easy to believe. Do you not know under what motives these notes originated? You are silent, because you don't know! But I know, therefore you will hear my enlightenment, for which I could even provide you with living proofs. But this later, for now I want to tell you only the facts, and so listen:

Indeed, the first report is from the end of the first century, but it neither tells the manner of death nor the place where Peter died. If these do not know, who will then know any better? Do you not know that traditions are highly unreliable, and that the later something is recorded, the more questionable is the truth thereof - and so it is the same here.

One heard indeed of the death and the place where Peter had breathed out his life for the new doctrine. It had also been correctly recorded in Rome, but the circumstance that Babylon and not Rome was recorded therein did not suit the Roman bishops. Therefore, these records were kept hidden and only the fact that he had died by crucifixion was made known, and instead of Babylon, whose name - before it was named Baghdad - was Neu-Babylon since the old one was in ruins, they recorded the city of Rome as the place of his crucifixion.

Later, however, the original message was destroyed and thus it remained with the forged messages. Admittedly, the so-called church fathers more or less recorded the way he died, but only as much as they here and there heard. The truth never got to the public, for it would harm the reputation of the Bishop's seat. And thus you have now been told the whole and true story in its main outlines. Do you have any proper evidence against this?"

This explanation of Mine made the priest blind with rage, and he would definitely have attacked us, if he did not fear our superior might. Therefore he screamed and the local people screamed even louder with him, calling us liars, heretics, rags, and so on. But we kept silent and allowed them to blow off steam.

When they calmed down again, I said to the priests: "Are these your full proofs for the validity of the chair of Peter in Rome, or do you have some more, which would be provable for us? Tell me, with what can you convince us that Peter was uninterruptedly the bishop of Rome from 42 to 67 and would have resided there? What historical evidence do you have for that?"

The priest responded: "The traditions, the record of the church fathers, and these are our authority, but not what You tell us. Therefore, leave us in our faith, which is solidly grounded and authoritative unto us, but not what You narrate. For you have no other proofs than yourself, and that does not suffice us. We want valid proof from You, which are founded in the same way as you want them to be founded by us, namely through contemporary sources."

To this I replied: "If nothing else is required, I can already provide some evidence, and if not believed otherwise, even Peter - because we are in the spirit realm and much is possible here."

At this address, the priests began to laugh and the whole crowd laughed with them and shouted: "Hear, hear! These fools tell us we are in the spirit realm, that we have already died, of which we know nothing. Listen, with such speeches you will not get very far - keep to the facts and leave such foolishness aside. Give us proof that Peter was not for a full 25 years bishop, living in Rome?"

I replied to them: "Do you not know in what year James, the brother of John, the Evangelist, was murdered by Herod?"

They said: "That was about the year 44."

"Good", I said, "then you also know that Peter after the death of James was thrown into prison by Herod in Jerusalem. Tell me then, what about the uninterrupted 25 years of Peter in Rome? That does not stop the historical criticism, so that is a lie and indeed the first one. Then I ask you, what did Peter, as bishop of Rome, do and seek in Jerusalem?" The priests kept silent and awaited My further objections.

Therefore I said: "Tell Me - what about this question: Paul relates in Galatians and Acts of the Apostles that he came to Jerusalem three years after his conversion, which took place in the year 34 after the stoning of Stephen. That was in the year 37. Then, 14 years later, in the year 51, he came to a religious gathering because of the conversion of the Gentiles and their circumcision according to Jewish custom. And there Paul met the three pillars of the congregation: James the brother of Judas, sons of James Alpheus - or Cleophas - and Mary, the elder sister of the mother of Jesus, the Evangelist John, and Peter.

Tell Me, how does this historically proven truth out of the New Testament relate to Roman traditions? I see the second lie - Peter was not continuously in Rome. I see that Peter was a pillar of the community in Jerusalem and not in Rome. I see that Paul came to Jerusalem unannounced, and found Peter there as one of the three pillars of the community and was not summoned from Rome. I ask you: what will you answer on this, which would be valid to Me!"

The priests stood as if on thorns, for their congregation began to say: "Is this how it stands with the historical truth? We are therefore deceived by you - that is not good! And we believed so firmly in your fabricated story. Listen, dear man! If you know something else that is convincing, then tell it. We see that you are speaking the truth."

I said: Good, if you want to hear the truth, I will give you even more proof of the priestly trickery regarding matters of faith, so listen to Me: The third very decisive proof that Peter was not the bishop of Rome is the first letter of Peter to the confessed Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. This letter was generally recognized as having been written between 51 and 61 and was written in the city called Babylon, or later named Baghdad. The named countries are all in Asia - from the Black Sea down Asia Minor to the border of Cilicia, and if you include Syria down to where Babylon was and where Peter had visited his early congregations; and as the book of Act relates, we find Peter in Lydda, Galilee, Samaria, Joppe, Caesarea, to Tyre and Sidon, etc. - also in Judea, Galilee, Phoenicia, Syria, Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Bithynia - under the general name Asia - where many areas and places in and around the named countries in Asia are understood. So it will be clear to you that Peter had to take care of a large diocese, if one would take the current names, and that not in Italy, but in Asia.

See therefore in this explanation, the third great lie of the Roman Church, according to which Peter would have been in Rome and the bishop thereof. I ask you, you priests demanding proof, is what I said true or not?"

34. WHY ROME FORBID THE READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

(They reason why Rome forbids the reading of the Holy Scriptures; The Catholics' observation of the company, their good judgement; Confession of a priest about their dark soul-life; his colleagues claim that whoever do not believe in the sole salvational Roman Church, is a heretic! The brute force practiced by the church; Paul's teaching and his presence in Rome is said to have built the sole salvational Roman church!)

But the priests kept silent; yet, at this, the people with heightened rebellion, called them liars and deceivers. But I appeased the people and said: "Behold, dear brothers and friends, so it is with the historical proofs from the New Testament, being the first sources of the records of faith. This is why the Roman priests forbid the reading of the Holy Scriptures - lest you learn the truth about how they feed you with lies and deceptions in matters of faith.

As with the chair of Peter in Rome, so too with many other teachings, which they dictated to you, allegedly under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, under penalty of church discipline. I want to free you from Roman lies and delusions and ceremonies, which have soiled your spiritual soul-garments and have plunged you into darkness; I will give you even more truths, which will, if you would believe and accept it, give you a new garment, greater light and a more beautiful form. But in order for you to more readily believe Me, I will leave you alone for a while that you may have a look at My company, where you will notice different stages of spiritual development. So, have a look at and talk with My company."

At these words I withdrew and went back to Martin Luther, where I discussed the great impact this explanation had on the priests and their congregation.

The poor inhabitants now moved in among the company, who received them with friendliness and provided all information as requested. The beauty of the angels surprised them beyond their expectations. They therefore asked them where they came from, since they were so splendidly dressed and were of such beautiful bodily appearance. These answered them with

angelic friendliness that they were servants of this Lord, who spoke to them and thus were clothed so beautifully by Him. This answer was enough to bring them fully over to My side, so they rushed off to their initial place and waited upon Me.

The priests were still standing there, sadly discussing the threatening miserable future, caused by My explanations. When everyone was together, I stepped forward again and asked them how they were satisfied with what they have seen. They could not speak enough about everything they had seen - including that some may not have progressed far in the spiritual realm yet, for their faces are not particularly inviting, but still beautiful, even if they do not have white garments: "And so we found different stages. But we did not see anyone as beautiful as Your servants, though many seemed to be rather highly advanced, but Your servants are so beautiful, that we could believe them to be angels - and we liked them best."

I replied to them: "The people as children of God are all so beautiful and will become even more beautiful if they direct themselves exactly according to God's will and His eternal commandments. And so you are not excluded from this, if you want to live and act according to the truth that I will now reveal to you."

Now there was a short pause. As the priest noticed the quiet, he at once began speaking to Me, saying: "We can see You are a great and mighty lord, and we begin to believe that we really are spirits. For the peaceful character of Your vast multitude of people, their clothing - especially the youths who could truly be called angels - proves to us that we are in another state than we previously thought. Our darkness of faith is probably to blame for the spiritual darkness we are in, that we previously did notice that we do not live among people in the flesh.

We are like lunatics in a mental prison, and we have not noticed our changed condition. Only the strange twilight which never went away, seemed to us to be something alien. But I tell you, we lived like fools and did not know that we are in the spirit realm. And I believe that it is our own fault that we came into such misery. We therefore wish to again be put in such circumstances, where we would be able to discern light from darkness. These are my true thoughts; what do you say, my dear colleagues?"

But they, rather surprised by the turn of events, unanimously said: "No, that will not do, we are and stay priests, for we know our duty – and, whether we live in the flesh or in the spirit realm, will not allow ourselves to be so quickly deceived like you, but we want to first test everything. Then we will make known to you what we think.

For Peter not to have been in Rome, does not make our Roman-Christian religion heretical yet. But yours seems to us to be, for whoever does not believe in our church, which alone saves, is a heretic according to our church laws, and therefore also you, who have intruded upon us without obtaining our permission to do so. We will already answer you, you fine historian, so speak only! We are listening.

His colleagues' reply did not surprise the little old priest, therefore he said to them: "You can do as you want, I will do as I want, so I will listen. Who will be right - that is, who can prove the truth through the Holy Scriptures, him I will believe and I will stay with him in the future. This is my confession and I keep to it." After these words, he remained silent.

But I said to the other priests: "Do you want to engage in a dispute of faith with Me? Very well, go ahead! I am ready to give you the right answer to make your building of lies and deception collapse. I am all the more willing to do this, in order to enlighten your congregation as well as Mine, what kind of terrible lies of faith were dished up as pure truth to the poor listeners and how the church silences the Spirit of truth through church and political punishments, forcing them to believe. The Spirit of truth can indeed not be suppressed, but the instrument guiding it, can. And that is the soul, suppressed through physical punishments. I have finished speaking, now you can present your objections against Me as a heretic and an intruder into your congregation."

This decisive speech frightened the priests and no one dared to enter into a religious debate with Me. So a few minutes passed by and everybody tensely awaited the next confrontation.

Since no one wanted to begin, I said: "You have spoken of a church that alone saves, and this is said to be the Roman church. Good, tell me, when did Christ establish a 'church of Rome that alone saves'?"

This question came unexpectedly, but one of them collected himself and said: "And yet it is a fact that the apostle Paul was in Rome, wrote various letters and taught the church of Rome. Thus the Roman Christians received from Paul's mouth the true and thus the solemn doctrine of Christ, and therefore the Roman is the sole salvational church, because the others are detached from it and they preach other doctrines than their mother church."

35. THE DAILY PRACTICE OF REPRODUCING GOD IN THE MASS

(The teaching of Christ; The life of the apostle and the non-Christian life of a priest; Various faith-related questions to the priest; Evidence that the body of man is the living temple of God; The truth about the Tabernacle and Host; Jesus had, through His suffering and death, paid for inherited sins, for all time and for everyone; The lie about the daily reproduction of God and crucifixion of Christ in the Mass.)

[I:] "Ah, so you come to Me with your 'sole salvational'! Then you will also have to enlighten me on how your counter-doctrines relate to the true Christ doctrine. I ask you the question: when has Paul taught that the priests are a super-human class among the people and that they have to be paid by the people for lies and heathen ceremonies and are not to work? Has not the apostle, written in the first letter to the Corinthians that one should earn one's bread by the sweat of one's brow? Did he not work the whole week as a craftsman and teach the congregation free of charge on the Sabbath? And when he said: 'the worker is worth his wage', the worker first had to be employed by the employer. But you violently enforce this with church and political punishments, and treat those working for you, like slaves. You throw them into the dungeon, torture them and burn them on the stake, when these poor, forcibly oppressed employees make only a sound of unbelief or indignation against your robber-like way of implementing faith. Did Christ and did Paul drive the principles of the doctrine of God into the heads of the believers in this way? And did they let themselves be fed highly and expensively? Speak, you 'sole salvationists'!"

This heavily expressed word shattered them, for it was then the time of great ecclesiastical corruption of doctrines and morals, and the poor people groaned under the burden of the Roman church.

The priests put their heads together and deliberated what they should answer Me. But they could not, for the evidence spoke too loudly against them, so the speaker said: "Do you know what? We just tell Him that He should keep speaking, we shall answer afterwards."

I said: "Also good - I will proceed and you should listen well, that I can get a good answer, so I again ask: when did Christ teach that man should build churches of brick? Why have the apostle and the later Christians built no churches for hundreds of years? Why do you keep the truth from the believers, that Christ taught through Paul in the first and second letters to the Corinthians and to the Romans, that the human body is the living temple, or the living church of God; that this human temple should - through love unto God and the neighbour, through the works of love and liberal giving to the neighbour - be sanctified and by that, the human heart would be elevated to become a worthy and living temple of God wherein the Spirit of God lives, namely Jesus Christ. Why do you withhold the truth of faith from your listeners and fetter them in dark heathenism, that the church built by the hands of men is the temple of God and that God is imprisoned in the tabernacle in the wafer you call the host.

God is omnipresent - that you indeed teach - but you claim that God specifically resides in the tabernacle. You enclose the tabernacle, remove the key and only unlock it again when you want to present this portrayed God you created to the believers. Thus, this God of yours is a prisoner made of baked dough and nothing more.

And since we are already talking about your God, we shall immediately proceed to the fabrications of the Roman papal God. Tell me, does it not say in the letter to the Hebrews that Christ suffered only once, and with the one-time sacrifice of His body, He cleansed people once and for all from the original sin that Adam committed? Why do you teach them the opposite, that Christ offers Himself many thousands of times daily through the hands of the Roman priests to His heavenly Father for the sins of the people, and that the Mass is the bloodless daily crucifixion and sacrifice of Christ?

Tell Me, you are spirits. Therefore you feel spiritual, and yet it hurts you the same as when you were in the flesh. Say, why would the spiritual body of Christ not feel any suffering, since - according to your own doctrine of the Mass - the same suffering as on Golgotha happens? And tell Me, what of a comical heathenish God is that whom you fabricate, present to the people and finally let them eat?

36. GOD DOES NOT ANSWER PAID PRAYERS

(What does the blood and body of Jesus mean? The Roman priests as daily manufacturers of their God! And therefore more than God? About confession and the forgiveness of sins; Priestly police-like interrogation through confession; Sanctuaries and indulgences are fraud; God does not answer paid prayers; Priests as fraudsters and deceivers of the people.)

“Did not Jesus at the Last Supper merely bless a bread, break it, and after distributing it to His disciples, say: 'This is My body,' thereby indicating the teaching of God that He taught, and He urged them: 'Take and eat, and so often as you do this, do it in remembrance of Me.' If the bread were truly Jesus' body, then the apostles would have eaten Him, and so there would be no Jesus anymore. If it were conceivable that the bread were Jesus' body when a person spoke the words of consecration: 'This is My body,' etc., then the person would be a daily manufacturer of his god, and thus significantly superior to God.

This man-made God, fabricated, worshipped and finally eaten, is no God, but a dark, heathenish fabrication, excelling in stupidity all heathen teachings since antiquity.

If I now present to you also the appropriate explanation about the chalice and the blood, that it represents God's love for mankind and that Christ's words: 'Drink all of it', means the active love towards the neighbour, just as Jesus gave His blood and life out of love for mankind – I believe that you would understand Me.” A common affirmation followed.

“Since we have finished with the Mass and Communion, I must also enlighten you about how confession is. Christ's teaching on the forgiveness of sins is logical: If you have offended God, only God can forgive you. It is the same case as when one offends the Caesar, the king, or the ruler of the land; for this, the laws are applied, and no one can pardon the criminal except the ruler, and so no one can forgive the sins that a person has committed against God except God alone. Whoever arrogates this power to himself thereby becomes a criminal against God himself, without having forgiven the sins, and so from one, two sinners are made.

The same goes for the forgiveness of a sin committed against one's neighbour. Should not everyone pay his debts? Can a stranger say: 'You owe nothing to your neighbour'? And would a creditor who lends money to someone, agree and say: 'Because that person, who is completely foreign to me, said to you, you are no longer indebted to me: Yes, quite right, I am satisfied with that.' But will he not say: 'This stranger is first a fool and second, who can believe such nonsense. Pay, or you will have to deal with me!'

“So it is also with insults and harm against one's neighbor. No one else can forgive you except the insulted and injured neighbor. Therefore, go to him and ask him for forgiveness and not the one to whom it does not concern. An exception to this is the situation when one does not know the whereabouts of the insulted person. And if the insulted person, despite repeated requests made by oneself or through his friends, does not want to forgive, then God is the final authority, who, upon the request of the sinner, forgives and charges the insulted person with the sin of unforgiveness. But your priests have introduced, specifically at the beginning of the thirteenth century, a police-like inquisition in order to know all the people's secrets; and when anything suspicious would surface, to scandalise and sue them through hired good-for-nothing mercenaries, then interrogate them, then torture them and - in a best case scenario - to eliminate them at the stake or to kill them in some other way.”

At this explanation, a great murmuring and threatening against the priests began who, enraged, waited on the end of My explanation.

[I:] “And your sanctuaries and indulgences are according to these explanations about the Mass, communion, and confession, nothing other than swindle, to empty and plunder the pockets of the dulled and blinded people, and to keep the believers from their salvation. Because paid prayers, Masses and the like, are not answered by God, because the prayers are not offered out of selfless love for the neighbour, but are paid for like day laborers.

It is the same as if someone would create an invention, and he is in the service of a factory owner. But he did not create his invention at work, but in his free time - and the factory owner would come and say: 'the invention is my property, for you are in my service.' I ask you: what right does the factory owner have on this invention? I tell you, none at all - in fact: the worker represents the payer, who is in fact his subject, but the priest is the

unjust factory owner, who takes the invention (that is, the benefit) for himself, which he had no right to, nor to compensate the worker. As such, the factory owner is a thief and a robber and likewise is also the paid-for praying priest a thief and a robber, for pretending to have precedence with God, he takes the money out of the poor man's pockets; and because paid prayers are of no value with God and thus are worthless, they are cheated and robbed of their money and the salvation of their souls.

37. NO-ONE IS HOLY, BUT GOD ALONE

(Prove that no-one is holy, but God alone - therefore no-one should be called 'Holy', or 'saint'; the reason for canonisation of saints; Saints do not appear when prayed to; Faith in only one God: 'Come to Me, I will quicken you'; Argument of a priest, calling Jesus a false prophet - he offers to present prove.)

[I:] “Although there are still a lot of things to complain about, I want to emphasise the saints. So listen: Whoever knows the Holy Scripture, also knows that in the Revelation of John (15:4) is written: 'No-one is holy, but God alone', and yet the popes have canonised Mary, the apostles and countless people and have thus assumed supreme power of the Only Holy One. All this happened out of greed, because the people brought - and still bring - money and all kinds of gems as sacrifices to wooden and painted idols.

But I tell you, this is all foolishness and deceit, and if anyone has achieved something, it was due to his firm faith, which is rewarded by God. But for you to be convinced that this is true, I will draw your attention to your daily prayers to your painted saints: have you ever seen such a saint coming to you, as you as spirits can easily see us?”

To this question, all denied that they have ever seen such. On which I remarked: “That will be your proof for you to drive this nonsense from your faith in future. Because it is: 'You shall believe in one single God and Him alone you shall honour and worship'. And Christ, as this God, taught His listeners: 'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' He did not say: 'Go to Mary, My mother, or to the saints.' From this you should see what the true and what the false faith teaches. I have finished. Now it is your turn to speak, you priests of these poor people, robbed of the salvation of their souls, and wandering in spiritual darkness.”

At this prompting, a young priest began to speak like this: “Listen, young man! You are an excellent instructor and illustrator for lowly people, who would take every word for truth. It is different with us. We consider your explanations to be heretical distortions of the truth, for our doctrine is different and this alone is authoritative to us. Who are you? What do you want here? I believe nothing other than to sow seeds of discord and

religious weeds. I am not convinced by your explanations that you are speaking the truth. Even though your explanations were very well presented, we can present counter-arguments. But who will argue with you? You are a very good artist of your falsehoods and you will claim yours, and we will claim ours to be truth. If you can provide us with valid proofs, then give it to us. Otherwise, we will declare everything to be a distortion of the truth and you as a false prophet, with whom we want to have nothing to do."

At this question, I rose and said: "Friend! That is no answer to My clear and weighty proofs, but excuses, suspicions and slander. But I do not feel Myself insulted so soon, so I set you free to choose: choose whatever proofs you consider to be valid for you and your colleagues! Behold, we are here in the spirit kingdom and I am a mighty Spirit, and so I hope I can fulfil every one of your demands, if they do not go beyond the limit of what is allowed."

38. THE DESCENT OF THE APOSTLE PETER

(The priests demand proof of the apostle Peter, and he comes down to their greatest embarrassment; Transformation of the young Peter into an old man, getting accused of being a swindler and sorcerer; Peter disappears again; an old priest joins the company out of love for he leader (Father), followed by the whole community, except the young priests; Departure, encampment of the company and the meal; The angels sing a song of praise; They then recognise the argumentative priests to be an angel and repent of their former behaviour against the leader.)

This answer angered the young priest somewhat and he did not know what to do. He therefore turned to his colleagues and asked them for advice about what to do.

The others said: "Good luck! Here one can either experience and learn a lot, or the young man will fail. You know what, tell him to call down the holy Peter, since we do not believe that it is possible. For the holy Peter must be heavenly-glorious and very powerful. Therefore, just put him to this test and you will see how he will fail miserably. He is indeed extraordinarily beautiful, yet he is human just like all others. He is therefore no more powerful than them."

The young priest turned to Me and said: "Friend! Since you pretend to be a much mightier and higher spirit, we have decided what we will demand of you - to call the holy Peter for us to come here, that we can hear what he would say about your explanations."

But I replied to him: "You selected the best man, so let it be according to your wish."

At that moment, the firmament shone as if a glowing sun had appeared, and then a human figure moved slowly downwards and the closer it came, the more brightly the area was illuminated.

At last Peter came down, bowed deeply before Me, withdrew his blinding light which emanated from his body and reverently asked Me: "Lord, what is your holy will?"

But I pointed to the priests and said: "Peter, go and answer these unbelievers what they want from you."

Immediately, Peter turned to the priests and asked them: "Dear brothers! What is it you specifically called me for?"

But they were at first so deeply embarrassed and completely shocked, that no-one could utter a single sound.

But when Peter approached them very kindly and they observed his youthful appearance and features, they immediately began to doubt and said: "Peter was a very old man, but you are a young man. How could we believe you that you are the old man Peter? And therefore your statements are not credible to us."

On this, Peter said: "I am young and beautiful, but that is not a sign of deception, but of my advanced state of mind. Well, you want to have old Peter. There he stands, as he was and lived."

At that moment an old man of over 70 years stood before them in an old Jewish garment. The priests looked at this transformation in astonishment and said: "This is sorcery, you are a trickster and not Peter. For Peter was a bishop, but you look like a common Jew, and we want to have nothing to do with Jews. Depart from us, you deceiver!" And Peter disappeared from their sight at that moment.

Then I turned to them and said: "O you unbelieving and obstinate sinners! Who can deal with you?"

At this expression, the first priest who spoke to Me, said: "Friend! Accept me! I want to be with you, for my heart pulls me so much, that I cannot stand it here any longer. I've seen and heard it all and can say nothing but:

where so many have had such a loving reception, there will be a place for me too. Therefore, dear Friend, accept me! For my heart pulls me to you."

I answered him: "Dear friend, your wish is fulfilled. But also ask your fellow congregation members whether they are not willing to go with us into a beautiful future."

Immediately the old priest turned and said: "The one who is so loving, powerful and wise leader of this vast multitude of people asks you whether you are also inclined to move on with Him from this desolate region, where a beautiful future shines towards you.

For my part, I am His, for I saw from His words and explanations and from His dignity that even Peter bowed down so deeply and respectfully before Him and called Him his Lord, that there must be something special here. Also my heart, I tell you openly, is so strongly drawn to Him that I will no longer leave Him.

Whoever shares the same disposition as I, let him come along; for I see that the whole company begins to move forward."

At this address, everybody got up and followed their old priest. But the young priests stood there as if nailed down and did not know what they should do, since the entire congregation had abandoned them and was following Me - the One they just tried to insult and offend. What shall they now do, alone in this deserted community? Now good counsel was precious and dear, but not to be had. They therefore decided to follow and spy on what would become, what we would do and where we would go.

We proceeded a short hour and a half from the place and I let camp be set up. Then I went to the new troop with the old priest leading them and said: "Dear Friend Marcus, your love for Me is a decided pledge that you have become a true shepherd for your flock. Stay therefore with them in the sense of the true teaching of Jesus. My servants shall teach you what to believe, how to live and how to act. But now we shall have our meal - sit therefore down, for it will be distributed forthwith."

After these words I turned around and at My hint, the beautiful angels stood reverently before Me, bowed deeply and waited on My commands - whereupon I told them to bring bread and wine for all.

The angels immediately disappeared, which greatly astonished Marcus and his company – they watched Me without a word. After a few minutes, the company began to make way for the heavily laden angels, who put the bread and wine down before Me in great mounds.

I now stretched out My hands over the food, blessed it and let it be distributed, which happened in a few minutes. I then bade the angels to sing the song of praise, which greatly astonished the company, for their voices penetrated right through their nerves. Then I let the meal be consumed.

The betrayed, stubborn priests crawled like thieves behind the congregation, regretting their resistance when they heard the angels sing and said, "Oh, we donkeys and oxen with our Roman wisdom, there you have it. These are angels, because their voices are super-humanly beautiful, and so is their form. And we bickered with the lord and leader and have treated him meanly! Who knows who he is? Let us ask, though, if we may have a bit of the meal these people are eating."

And so they secretly went among the back rows and asked whether the bread and wine were good. "Heavenly good", they answered the enquirers and said: "Well, now you stand like the oxen on the mountains with no help. But you have at all times fought hands and feet against the truth and was mean towards the leader.

Go and work the earth instead of us – you are free, for we will not go back. It seems to us that we are already halfway to heaven, because of the wonderful, glorious singing and heavenly meal which exceeds everything conceivable and previously experienced."

39. THE CLOSER TO ROME, THE CLOSER TO THE ROBBER'S AND MURDERERS' NEST

(The priest ask for forgiveness for their previous action against the leader, who forgives them their sins and accommodates them; Love as the only salvational church; The priests ask to be admitted into the company and are accepted; The closer to Rome, the closer to the robbers' and murderers' den; Instructions in the true teaching of Christ.)

Suddenly a youth stepped forward and asked them harshly: "What is it? What do you want there, you nosy Papists?!"

The frightened priests bundled together and said: "Dear young man, do not be angry! We followed you to see who you really are. It now seems to us that we have terribly transgressed and grossly sinned against your leader. Go, young man, and tell him that we have greatly erred and we ask whether He would gracefully forgive us our transgressions, about which we are truly sorry that we have allowed such nastiness in our youthful overconfidence. Tell him that we are heartily sorry that we have insulted Him."

The angel turned around and brought Me the message. I told the angel: "Bring bread and wine for them." This was immediately presented. Then I set off and went with him. There, I blessed the meal, divided it Myself among them and said: "Your sins are forgiven! Eat and drink and think in love about Him who have died 1500 years ago for you, and who looks with love from the height of His grace, to your repentant hearts."

With tears in their eyes, the priests thanked Me for the forgiveness and the meal and asked Me whether they are allowed to come along.

I answered them: "Oh yes, but the congregation consists mostly of Protestants, indeed of very loving, peace-loving people, whose motto is to live strictly according to Jesus' teaching. But whoever wants to live according to this teaching, since it is the teaching of divine love, is welcome to Me, whether he be Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Mohammedan, Jew, Chinese or Japanese, for in this teaching there is one 'solely saving church', which is called Love!"

In this is contained all Godly virtues, and therefore, if this pleases you, you can stay – otherwise, not. For hatred and strife may not be in our company, but love is the sole leader of us all – so if that pleases you, I have no objection.”

The young priest looked at his colleagues to see whether they agreed. And these nodded their agreement. The speaker again turned to Me and said: “Lord and leader of this company! We are of one mind and humbly ask You to accommodate us.”

I say: “You know the conditions, so stay if you like them. Up until now here were only Protestants, Romans and some who thought little of God before they were converted, namely robbers – but these are not robbers anymore, but they were robbers and murderers from Roman Catholic soil. Based on the teaching of Jesus Christ, lambs were made out of wolves, while the hypocritical and shabbily kept Christian faith created all manner of sinners, especially thieves, robbers and murderers as seen on Italian soil, where there are many clergyman. For it is a well-known saying: “The closer to Rome where the popes rule, the closer to the robbers' and murderers' den, both physically and spiritually.”

This remark of Mine was made with the purpose of completely chopping off all contentiousness from these young, arrogant spirits, through proper humiliation.

Under such remarks the time of the meal was now over and we were ready for the journey again. But as I was in no hurry to leave, I told the angels to thoroughly instruct the newly added congregation together with the priests in the Christian teaching and ways which are our conduct and rule.

The angels immediately set to work, and soon one could hear quite loudly discussions about the earlier principles and the current new order. Especially the congregation's attention was drawn to My earlier explanations and instructions, which opened their eyes and their minds to what measure of miserable spiritual and physical slaves they were under the Roman belief-system with its human statutes, and they said: “We are so glad to at last have been freed from such unhappy parsons' slavery. What do we need priests for? This teaching is so easy, that if you have heard it once,

it is enough – one only needs to live and act according to it, then everything is good. We therefore want to hear nothing of any priesthood anymore; and if anything is not clear to us yet, we have you we can ask.”

40. JESUS, A JEW IN THE PHYSICAL

(The priests discard all priestly dignity and want to be brothers and friends; The sporadic fishing expeditions for the noble fish for the highest love-heaven; Heavenly promise to the priest; Jesus a physical Jew, hence love and tolerance for the Jews; The priests humbly submit to everything.)

We were unfortunately stuffed with human statutes in the bishop's seminary of the Roman Church - from which only pride, greed, ambition, bossiness and all kinds of other dark spiritual vices began to grow in us like mushrooms - and we did not shy away from any means to satisfy these lusts, to get whatever would benefit us. Hence also our darkness in the spirit world.

But now we see that it is becoming lighter around us, for we became humble - so we will diligently work on soon making good again our former misdeeds, and so we stay with you, not as priests and superiors, but as brothers and friends, willing to help and serve you in everything."

This open confession made a deep impression on everyone and at this moment I stepped in among them and said: "So, children! This gives Me joy that you have become wise and humble. Only like this can I use you. And only when these intentions come into full action, can I take you with Me into heaven to see the Father Jesus. For I am on a great fishing expedition, which happens only at certain times, when I gather the noble fish for the highest love-heaven, which is the New Jerusalem and the throne of Jesus, your God and Father. Stay true to your intention and you can enter to the throne of Jesus your Father.

This promise made a mighty impression and everybody promised to comply with everything which would be asked of them.

And so I also added with that: "It is for leading this company of Dr Martin Luther - who worked so diligently and tirelessly in the world - to joy and into heaven to Father Jesus, that I have set out on this great fishing expedition, and I accept everyone who is capable and willing to follow Me. I will therefore also accept Jews, that you too may get accustomed to love,

humility and patience, because you previously have persecuted the most noble Jews of Jesus' disciples.

This reproachful reference that they have persecuted the most noble Jews, was a bitter pill to the priests, because of the intolerance they harboured against other faiths.

Therefore I also said, while focusing firmly on them: "How could you have loved Jesus, while you hated the Jews? Was Jesus not physically a Jew? Do you believe that He was dressed differently than how you have seen Peter? And behold, He was the Father God Himself, and instead of a triple-crowned Tiara and a pagan priest's suit, etc., like your Pope, wore the clothes that you hated so much that you did not want to associate with a Jew, even though he was Peter, the rock of faith in the Christian church.

Behold! You must get rid of this arrogance, this megalomania, this intolerance! You must become worthy of God's love! You previously were inhabitants of hell and now it depends on you, and you should become as loving, as humble and as patient with the weaknesses of your neighbour, as Father Jesus was with you, if you want to achieve your goal. Otherwise I cannot take you with Me, but have to leave you in the sphere of the virtues which appeals to you."

This speech swept away the last trace of their vices. Ashamed and deeply humbled in their hearts, they promised Me to do everything to fulfill this task set by Me and asked Me how they could make amends to Peter for the offense caused, to which I replied: "Do what you promised, then you will also come to Peter, for he lives with the Father Jesus."

41. THE THREE-LEVELED HELL AND WHERE IT ACTUALLY IS!

(Song of praise and thanksgiving for the happy ending of the conversion; March and arrival at the mountain basin, in a Jewish village; The Jews wants to do business with the company; Explanation about virtues, vices and characteristics of the transition from earth to the spirit world and survival as on earth, as Paul said: 'Where the tree falls, there it lays'; The three-leveled hell and where it actually is.)

I now again call the youths and bade them to sing a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Father Jesus, because things have worked out so well. This I mainly let happen to impress upon the company that man should praise and thank God for everything. After the song was finished, I let the company again break up and we were on our way again.

After a difficult march of several hours, we reached a large mountain basin, wherein again poor huts stood, like those of the poor inhabitants we previously took with us. The difference was that those housed poor inhabitants, but here lived rich Jews – but inside they were so miserably poor that they could not procure any better huts out of themselves. They sat in front of their stores, waiting to buy and sell something.

When they caught sight of us, they quickly prepared to do some business. Here I must again remark that the human, when he dies, arrives in the other world with the same virtues and vices and with the same passions, desires and lusts as he had on earth. Hence the saying of the apostle Paul: 'Where the tree falls, there it lays'.

Having arrived in the spiritual realm, the person seeks the same occupation that was pleasing and familiar to them on earth, and creates from themselves the images that their thoughts and ideas pursue and thus also goods for trade. Yes, in the lower, so-called spheres of hell, it goes on as humanly as on earth. The picture of life changes, however, when the person rises spiritually higher, to ultimately completely disappear and make way for the higher purposes of life.

This should not surprise you, because the souls of the deceased dwell in the earth, which represents the lowest hell. The second hell is on the earth, so that the spirits of the middle hell walk among men. Therefore the people of today are so hellish, because they are influenced by spirits which increase and thereby enlarge vices, passions, desires and lusts through their active influence.

Therefore beware of these, so that the spirits find no nourishment and entertainment with you. For just as a worldly man does not go into the church, and a man who is conscious of his life's purpose does not visit theaters leading to hell, dances and booths and societies that deteriorate morals, so also the spirit does not remain with a man whose current is contrary to the spirit. The first or the highest hell is above the earth, in the cloud region. All men reach there when they have died, where they decide by their way of life whether they belong up or down.

But I want to remark also that each person experiences a different way of life in the spirit world and always according to his inner spiritual currents, and that there are therefore many millions of different ways by which spirits are guided, with no lack in variety.

42. THE MESSIAH-PROPHECY AS THE GREATEST IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

(Invitation of the rabbi and the whole congregation to discuss the Messiah; Meadow campsite in a mountain valley; The rabbis said that no one believed any more in the messianic prophecy, Belief in Jehovah was sufficient; Leader defends the truthful prophecies of Jehovah, since they were fulfilled; The rabbi confirms all fulfilled prophecies, except for the Messiah, who was only a pious legend of the prophets; Defending the prophecies of the Messiah - the greatest of all prophecies - question to the rabbis: 'How can you brand your prophets to be such pious liars?')

When we arrived in the basin and the place, there were immediately calls to the left and to the right to buy something. But I let the angel go before us to announce that we are not going to buy anything, but we want a great debate with the rabbis with regard to the Messiah. They should therefore all close their stores and follow us towards the meadow and grassy places, where there will be enough things of interest to hear.

Although they preferred trade to the Messiah, who no longer wanted to come, they still followed our invitation and brought their rabbis or priests with them.

We encamped along the road, which was bordered by extensive meadows and grassy fields, for outside the mountain basin there was a second area that formed a deep valley and belonged to the mountain basin. Here we remained camped and waited for the Jewish community that was following us.

As we all occupied our camping grounds and left the Jews a good central space, I said that the priests or rabbis should come forward, that we may engage in an important discussion, dealing specifically with the person of the Messiah.

Several Jewish temple priests came forward and said: "We are very surprised that you expect of us an unprepared discussion about the Messiah. Who of us still believes in a Messiah, who believes that the prophets have told the truth, since the prophecies were not fulfilled? We

hold on to Jehovah and that is enough for us. Now you give us your perspective, what you think about it."

On this speech, I stepped up and said: "If you believe in Jehovah, you should believe His promises, for God does not lie and what He promises, He does. How could you claim that the prophets have not told the truth? Have not every single prophecy of those God-appointed men come true? What about the prophecies about Edom, Moab, Babylon, Ninevah, the kingdom of Judah, about the destruction of Jerusalem, the destruction of the kingdom of Israel? Tell Me! Was the prophecy concerning these things true, did it come to pass or not?"

"Yes, unfortunately", answered the priests, "that has come to our greatest misfortune; but not so the sage or prophecies about the Messiah, for we do not know how we in fact should judge it. Had it been a promise made by Jehovah, it would, like the other prophecies, have come true, and we would have become a great and powerful nation that would rule the world. For then the Messiah would have come down from heaven with great glory, and with His Divine power, would have subdued everything and handed it over to us. We, the chosen people of God, would have become a royal, ruling people of the world and would have converted all people to our faith.

Unfortunately! Unfortunately! All this has failed to happen, and the people of Israel has become a slave instead of a ruler, and therefore we believe that it was merely a pious legend of the prophets, for it did not come to pass, thus it was no prophecy. Now, what do you say to that?

On this, I answered: "No prophecies to the Jews have been so magnificently and often presented, than those about the arrival of the Messiah. Since Adam's time, through all the prophets and seers up to Malachi, who - 440 years before the beginning of the Christian reckoning of time - acted as the last prophet, prophesied about it. How can you call it a pious tale, while it stood at the pinnacle of all the greatest of prophecies? How could you therefore turn your prophets - whose prophecies proved to be fulfilled - into pious liars with regard to their prophecies regarding the Messiah?"

43. THE DIVINITY ANNOUNCES THE NAME OF THE CHILD JESUS BORN FROM A VIRGIN

(The rabbis could not deny the messianic prophecy which was defended with all strength. Questions from Isaiah and Micah about the Messiah. The priests denied the fulfillment of the same. They were told they speak differently than they think. Evidence that Mary and Joseph were from the tribe of David and that Isaiah did not lie.)

This objection came like a thunderbolt upon the priests. One looked at the other to see what he would say. But none found words to refute this My fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy. Therefore I said further: "But if the fact is thus, how should the Messianic prophecy, which stands in the middle of the prophecy of Daniel, which was fulfilled, be an exception and be a lie and not truth?"

Again the priests were silent, for they had no ground upon which they could build their response, and so I myself continued and said:

"Brothers and friends! Our matter is serious, for I came to you to redeem you from an illusion that makes you prisoners of your false assumptions. It is decidedly My concern to show you the true way to your Jehovah and to prove that the Messiah is not a pious legend, but a long since fulfilled, completely true prophecy of Jehovah. Therefore listen to Me, so that we may come to clarity and so that a great spiritual benefit may arise for you!

When Adam transgressed against God, Jehovah promised to send a Saviour. But this Saviour would be Jehovah Himself, who spoke through Isaiah: 'Behold, a virgin shall give birth and whom she has birthed shall be great and will be the Lord Himself with His power. And the child shall come from the tribe of David and the Lord will put the reign of His kingdom upon his shoulder and He shall reign eternally on the seat of David.'

The prophecy further states that He would eat honey and butter to discern good from bad. This says that He will be full of Love and Wisdom. His name shall be: Wonderful of Creation, Counselor of wisdom, the Power of the Almighty, the Father since eternity, the Prince of the kingdom of peace. The power of Jehovah shall be in Him and Jehovah Himself will accomplish this and be in Him and guide Him. His birth shall be according to Micah in

David's native city of Bethlehem, where Jehovah - the Ruler since eternity - will enter the flesh and from there begin His spiritual kingdom.' Now I ask you: have these prophecies been fulfilled or not?"

The first priest stepped forward and said, "The prophecy is correct, but what do you want to prove? When was Jehovah born as Messiah in Bethlehem? We do not know anything about that! If you know something, tell us."

This answer was smartly calculated and cunningly presented in order to render the prophecy unfulfilled. But I replied to this that they should not pretend to be as ignorant, but should speak as they think in their hearts, namely about Jesus of Nazareth who was born in Bethlehem. This remark that they speak differently than they think, made them hesitate. And they wondered how I could say that, since I could not see into their hearts. I therefore could not know that they are speaking ambiguously. It would therefore be better for Me to not go too far, for they speak as they think and nothing else.

I immediately answered them: "Yet, it is as I have said, that you think of Jesus and demand evidence for the alleged fulfilment of these prophecies and I will give it to you: You know that the mother of Jesus was from the tribe of David. Hence Jesus, Mary's son, was a descendant of David - same as Joseph the husband of Mary, was from the tribe of David. But of Mary, the Mother of the child, Isaiah said: 'Behold, a virgin is pregnant and she gave us a boy.' What did he mean by Mary being a virgin, being pregnant and gave birth, or did Isaiah lie?"

44. GOD DID NOT ALLOW HIS BODY TO BE CREATED BY A SINFUL BODY

(The priests could not believe Mary's virginity; Jesus as God the Father Himself; how Jesus' body came to be; Mary's story, her chaste solemnity; Christ came like a spirit from the mother's womb.)

The priests were looking at Me in silence, for a virgin to be pregnant and give birth as a virgin while having a husband, they could not understand – so a priest asked Me how one should understand this.

I answered him: “You see, it is easy to understand, if one has correctly understood the first prophecy. The child of Mary was – as His names indicate – the Creator of the world, thus the Father God, the Almighty Ruler of the worlds, whose love and wisdom has created everything, rules and guides everything. Do you now believe that God would have allowed His fleshly body to be generated by a sinful human in order to become man? Oh, if that is what you think, your thinking about Jehovah is very common. Your faith is then no better than that of a heathen, indeed, even worse.

The heathens let gods beget children with goddesses, but you would lower Jehovah beneath an idol. I tell you, the body of Jesus was created in the body of Mary through God's will, which is called the Holy Spirit in spiritual language. That is why Isaiah called her a virgin being pregnant and giving birth.

She was educated in the temple under the greatest care until her fourteenth year, and watched over like a gem. For she firstly was one of the few daughters from the tribe of David, giving you an indication that she was not naturally conceived, but spiritually. Therefore the temple watched over her with special care, because the time of the prophecy of the Messiah had to be fulfilled.

The story of the conception of Mary by her mother Anna is as follows: Joachim and Anna were already highly aged people; and in order to serve God better and with greater purity, they separated. He built a field hut and lived there. But Anna went to the temple and served there as a maid, and prayed and praised God in her heart continually. After three years, God

incited in both Anna and Joachim a special yearning to see each other one more time in this life and this yearning increased so intensely in both their hearts, that they desired nothing other but to see each other one last time.

Finally, this longing won Joachim over and he said: 'I know where she is. I shall definitely find her there in the temple among the servants. I cannot stand this longing and would love to see her.'

Said and done. He went to the temple and searched for her among the servants. Suddenly he saw her and rushed over to her. At the same moment Anna saw him too and rushed towards him with open arms and so they embraced each other and pressed each other to the chest in the presence of all the temple staff.

At that moment, Anna conceived Mary through the Spirit and she said: "Listen, Joachim! I have conceived, for a feeling of bliss flowed through my whole body and that can be nothing else.'

'But how is that possible?' said Joachim, 'Without any fleshly contact and conception. And consider, that you are 74 years old, that your time for such a wonder has long passed.'

'And still it is so, I tell you', Anna protested - 'with God anything is possible.' And so they both rejoiced the whole day about this encounter and this rare incident.

In the evening, however, Joachim went back to his field hut, which he had built for himself outside Jerusalem in the surrounding area. That was the last time that Joachim and Anna came together, for he died soon afterward, while Anna reached her 84th year in the temple.

After her death, Mary was cared for by the servants and taught in all women's work. I tell you: Mary was chaste like the sun and more beautiful than the latter - spiritually. And only such a purely holy vessel was fit to receive and carry the body of Jehovah, and not any worldly mother.

I tell you also: in the temple, the angels played with her and brought her delicious heavenly food. Such a pure mother as Mary was, has never been seen in the world. So I hope that you would understand that Mary was spiritually conceived, and that she again conceived spiritually in pure innocence and gave birth as a spiritually clean virgin – for Christ was indeed human, yet more spirit than human; indeed without sin, therefore He came forth from her body as a spirit. Well, what do you say to that?”

45. THE VIRGIN CONCEPTION OF MARY AND JESUS

(The argumentative rabbi contradicts the two-fold virgin conception of Mary and Jesus and demand as proof to see and speak to Mary himself; Mary appear and disappear, because he does not answer her two questions; The other colleagues recognise the truth)

The priest smirked and said, "Listen! You are an imaginative historian, something the world has never experienced. Tell me, how can you prove that to me? Your first proof was probably good, with this invention of a two-fold spiritual conception, and to be pregnant as a virgin and to remain a virgin even after birth - behold, that transcends ordinary human comprehension. And so I regard your story to be naive and nothing else. You have to come to me with other evidence and not with fantasies."

On this, I said: "It is easy for Me to provide evidence, but I would prefer you would believe without evidence. Look over there - there stand some priests who wanted Me to call the apostle Peter, which happened - yet they still did not believe until they were brought to believe through other evidence. I can give you all the evidence you desire, for I am in the first place a mighty spirit and secondly, we are in the spirit kingdom, where everything is possible."

Then the rabbis asked Me: "Yes, tell me if You know - how Mary is doing and where she is now? Can one not see her and ask her whether it is true as you have so fantastically dished up for us?"

[I:] "Oh yes, one can see her and speak to her, but would that make you believe? You are still very much in doubt, and such doubt will not leave you with such evidence. Do you not want to forego such extraordinary evidence?"

"No, that will not do," the rabbi retorted, "for I cannot believe anything supernatural. I therefore need strong evidence to believe at all that the story of Jesus is true. Now you come to me with such things that I have become completely unbelieving. So evidence, only evidence, and very strong evidence I would like to have, in order to be able to believe anything."

"Tell Me what evidence you want", I replied.

"Now then, Mary could give me the best answer", laughed the rabbi. "Just call her and it will be good." But he thought to himself: well, it's getting deeper and deeper. I know that this will be impossible for him. Then one will laugh at his fantasies and boastings.

But I said: "Friend, prepare yourself, that you will be able to ask proper questions, that you will not be sorry to have asked something unusual."

Because he was still reckless with his desire and laughed, I said: "Your will be done!"

This was barely uttered, when there was a strong and brilliant flash and Mary shot with lightning speed down from the heights before the frightened rabbi and looked at him, asking what he desired from her.

But he stood there as if thunderstruck and dumb and could not utter a word, because her supernatural beauty and dazzling radiance emanating from her, made him forget all his questions. And so he stood there, dumbstruck and watched and wondered about this appearance. Mary again asked him what he wanted from her. But he still did not dare to speak, and since he merely admired her in silence, she suddenly vanished from his view.

Only now he awakened from his enchantment and became annoyed at having achieved nothing. But the other rabbis and spectators said: "Are you now convinced and cured? This often happens to mockers. We, your colleagues, have attentively watched it all and have gained the conviction that Mary is a very pure and high spirit and that it would give us much joy if we could see her one more time."

Since this statement came from their inner conviction, I said: "Anyone who believes My words and lives and acts accordingly, can go where Jesus Jehovah and Mary, the apostles, and all highly advanced spirits are. I do hope that the appearance of Mary has convinced you that I spoke the truth.

For I have called her down here to testify of the truth. And since I've done this and it was possible for Me, you have evidence that I spoke the truth."

46. EVIDENCE FROM THE PROPHETS ABOUT THE MESSIAH

(Evidence from Jeremiah about the weeping of Rachel at the murder of children at Bethlehem; from Malachi about Elijah as the forerunner of Christ; from Isaiah and David about the life and death of the Messiah and from Daniel, that Israel would be scattered all over the world because of the Messiah.)

But none of the present Jews dared to contradict Me, so I spoke again: "See, at the time of Jesus' birth, Rachel wept for her children murdered by Herod, and so this prophecy of Jeremiah was fulfilled.

The prophet Malachi prophesied that Elijah would act as a preparer of the way for the Messiah, and I tell you, not only Elijah as John the Baptist, but also Moses as his father was there at that time.

Isaiah foretold how the Messiah would live and die, and see, everything has come to pass exactly, so also what David reported in his Psalms about the death and resurrection on the third day. Each and everything that was reported in the many writings of the prophets about the Messiah has been fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

What still holds you back to believe in Jesus? Daniel foretold the conclusion of the drama, that Israel would be besieged and scattered all over the world because of their unbelief and hardheartedness. And see, also that has been fulfilled in the year 70 after Christ. I ask you: are all these I have related to you truth or not?"

The rabbis asked Me what My intention was, whether they would say yes or no? For they gain neither benefit nor suffer harm through it, and therefore it does not matter to them whether it is true or untrue.

To this, I answered them: "It certainly is not what you think, but every human is a child of God and should strive to come to God his Father, that it may be well with him."

47. A Jew who wanted to do business in Heaven

(The Leader gives a quiet explanation to the industrious Jew; The heavenly meal; The angels sing a psalm; The Jews consider whether they could also do business with such good wine, bread and fruit; The Jewish town gets buried by an immense earthquake and the Jew's lament over it. The Leader comforts them and promise to take care of them if they would live according to Jesus' teaching. The proposal suits them.)

Then a Jew asks Me: "Listen, Friend! Can one also do business in heaven? For see, I've grown old in buying and selling, and where there is no trade, there is no income. Then there is also no good life. I am all for trade and it has always honestly sustained me, and so I have also here in the spirit kingdom turned to trading and live from it. Religion, Messiah - all that is the rabbis' concern and not ours."

I listened quietly and said then: "Now, tell Me, why do you carry on trade, if not to live well and to be happy? You have seen Mary, what a glorious spirit she is, and behold, you also can become this. As regards eating and drinking, I will give you all the proofs how one feasts in heaven, and so be My guests. If My food does not please you, then you may do what you want. If it pleases you and you want to stay with Me, then you must follow the teaching of the Messiah Jesus Jehovah Zebaoth. But I will compel no one, rather you are free to do according to your free will."

After this explanation I called the angels and bade them to bring wine, bread and fruit for all. Everything was put before Me in heaps within a few minutes, as usual. I now stretched out My hands over it, blessed it and had it distributed. Then the angels again gathered before Me and waited for further orders. This time, I had them sing a Psalm, which made the Jews so nervous that they begged to stop, for they could not handle the beauty of their voices.

Then I said: "This is due to your materialistic attitude, with your constant buying and selling and trading. See, here are some others who also were deeply buried in matter, but they have left it all out of thankfulness and have accepted My teaching, feeling truly happy because of it. But now, sit and eat the meal."

The Jews could not marvel enough at the extraordinary quality of the meal and thought about how they could also produce something so good in order to carry on trade with it.

The meal was barely done, when a great earthquake happened, and amidst thunderous crashes, a part of the mountain broke loose above the mountain basin where the Jew's village was located and spilled over the whole place. A fearful howling ensued among the Jews when this happened, for they were made beggars, and lamented and moaned about this great mishap they experienced.

But I turned to them and said: "What does it matter about your rags and trinkets? I told you that you have no need to concern yourselves with anything before Me except only to fulfill the teaching of Jesus, all the rest is then My concern."

This offer pleased them, for the Jews are clever and understand how to gain advantage from everything.

48. JESUS, MARY'S FIRST AND ONLY SON

(Reservation regarding the Gospel of Matthew. The Leader's thorough explanation about it. All Jewish priests declare that they accept the teaching of Christ, but without any ceremonies. Love as the only commandment of faith. The Jews would like to trade also in heaven.)

Now the Jews gather together and discussed about what they should do. The doubting rabbi said to them: "Wait a moment, I still have one doubt which gives me no peace. I therefore need one more explanation."

After these words he stepped forward and said: "Hear, dear Friend! I still have some doubts, therefore I come to You for clarification, and these are: Mary was the wife of Joseph. Then it says that Jesus was the first son of Mary. And thirdly, four brothers and sisters of Jesus are named. Dear Friend, how do You explain this to us?"

I answer you: "The truth was as follows: Mary was 14 years old when she conceived. To avoid shame when they discovered the pregnancy, and by God's providence, they drank the 'cursed water' without any harm, which the temple gave them to drink as a test of truth that they did not transgress through physical contact, the priest then married them in secret. But Joseph was then almost 70 years old, a widower and father of five sons from his first marriage. Joel, the eldest, then Joses, Simon, Judah and James.

The sisters mentioned by Mark were not children of Joseph and Mary, but relatives who were kept in Joseph's house like his own children and therefore they were called sisters. Joseph was too old and too God-fearing that he would have dared to touch Mary, once he knew that she was the chosen bearer of the Messiah. The inadequate mention by the evangelist (Matthew 1:25), that Jesus was Mary's firstborn son, is to be understood in this way and not otherwise. See, this is the whole mystery."

When the rabbi found this to his satisfaction, he thanked Me, went back and said: "Now am I in the clear about everything. I therefore agree to join your company and accept Jesus' religion, now that I have seen that Jesus truly was the Messiah and therefore, Jehovah Himself."

The other priests said: "We are of the same conviction and have long since understood who the Messiah was. But everything is not yet as clear to us as to you. Therefore we held back; for we were Jewish priests and disagreed with the Roman ceremonies. Here it seems to us as if no priesthood has any power, for the leader is evidently the supreme lord and priest here, to be seen by His thorough knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and His correct interpretation of it; and see, He has nothing priestly about Him and I am therefore of the opinion that we are dismissed of teaching and practising any priestly ceremonies."

When this speaker finished speaking in the name of all, I went over and said: "You have guessed correctly. Here is no priesthood and no ceremonies in an earthly sense, but here, love is the greatest and only commandment and from this, everything develops. Therefore I say: try to convince also your congregation to be of one mind with you, and then My servants shall thoroughly educate you on what to believe and how to live according to the commandment of love."

The priests immediately began discussing their transition with their faithful and gave them a truly urgent and convincing speech. But these said: "This is all right and good and we believe you, for you know the Holy Scriptures exactly. But tell us, why do you not ask what we will do in the future? Without business, without trade and selling, there is no life, for we were accustomed to it since our youth and it is very difficult for us to do anything other than trade."

49. IN 1854, MARY WAS RECOGNIZED AS A VIRGIN BY THE CATHOLICS

(The priests gave an effective answer to the business-loving Jews and they accept the teaching of Christ. The doctrine of Mary's virginity among the Protestants. In 1854, Mary was recognised by the Catholics as a pure virgin. Jesus' wish that also the contemporary Protestants would recognise this as did Martin Luther and his congregation in 1546.)

The priests, irritated by the foolishness of their believers, made serious faces and said: "Oh yes, trading also takes place in heaven, come only with us, you can also set up your booths there, offer your foolishness for sale, and charitable people will take them from you and burn them in the fire of truth."

This serious reproof had a good result. The Jews were silent after this effective answer – it drew their attention to their helplessness, that they have lost everything, and said: "We go with you, for here we will starve. With your company we have eaten and drank so well, we have never tasted anything like it."

This conversation among themselves brought it finally to the point that they decided to go along, upon which they were immediately instructed by angels.

When the teaching was done, I said to all: "The whole explanation about Mary, her virginity, and the whole history of her existence I gave you, is regarded on earth as heresy, and all who think otherwise, are condemned under a curse. Even among you Protestants, this coarse view of Mary was spread, but now you know the truth, and thus you all will have a knowledge and a sense of the virgin motherhood of Mary, which is also a condition for not cultivating unholy thoughts about Mary and God in the future."

It is well known that until the year 1854 Mary was no better regarded in the Roman church than in the Protestant one, and her sinlessness and immaculate conception were denied. Now, however, the facts are known to you, and so you may change your false teaching, as your deceased ancestors

in the year 1546 immediately recognized it as false and accepted My clarification as correct and worthy of the holiness of God.

Thus the company increased by several thousand heads as the Jews joined, and became more diverse, which also contributed substantially to mutual tolerance.

50. WAR OF THE SPIRITS IN THE CLOUD WORLD

(Journey up a mountain. Gathering of the cloud spirits among lightning and thunder. Their confession about why they as Romans attack the Protestant areas with strikes, floods or hail. The peace spirits punish the evil spirits for this.)

When the explanation ended, we again departed. This time, we made our way up a mountain. At our arrival, I said: "Sit down and rest."

After a short hour had passed, I said to the company: "Pay attention now! There will soon be something new." Everyone now pricked up their ears and sharpened their eyes, to see what there would be. I summoned the great archangel to Me and said to him: "Go over the mountains and bring the cloud spirits to Me!"

The angel immediately vanished and it did not take long before white clouds rose up from all sides, which – the closer they came, the denser and darker they became. It finally began to flash and thunder, threatening to become more violent. It discharged violent cracks, heftily hitting here and there, unsettling the company.

Now I said: "Come down to Me, you angry spirits!" With lightning speed, the enormous amount of spirits descended to Me and encircled our area.

When this happened, I said: "Tell us the truth, what drives you to push around your wickedness in the clouds and frighten and harm the poor inhabitants of the earth?"

On this question, a spirit stepped forward dressed like a priest, but very dirty, torn, and hideously formed, and said: "I and my colleagues were Roman priests and very angry at the Protestants, because they disturbed our peace and comfort with their false doctrine. When we had died, our wickedness, since we were free from all restraint, turned into great desire for revenge. And so we resolved to punish severely the living Roman Christians who had converted to Protestantism. Therefore we gathered together our believers, of whom there was a great number, and moved into

the Protestant regions. There we found our opponents peacefully hovering in clouds over their regions and guarding them like protectors. When we arrived, they came toward us and asked us what we were seeking in their regions. But we answered: We are seeking out the regions of the heretics and want to repay them properly for their treachery against our Roman mother church.

The leaders of these spirits said: Hear! Who goes from us into your Roman-Christian regions to harm your relatives on Earth, because they do not convert to our religion and oppress and persecute our poor who have been left behind?

We answered: We are in our right, since we belong to the one church in Rome that makes salvation possible, from which these heretics have fallen away as apostates. We did not make much of a fuss with them, but seized them, beat them thoroughly, and drove them into flight. That it proceeded very violently and that there were many lightning bolts and thunder is self-evident. When we had triumphed, we let the region be properly covered with hail. But it did not last long and we were attacked by powerful spirits and partly thrown down to the earth fixed in rain, partly driven into flight, and among the latter were also we. Since that time our cloud raids and cloud wars have repeated themselves, in which we sometimes remain victors, sometimes defeated.

We are indeed always the stronger ones, but when the chase becomes particularly lively and violent, high, bright spirits come from above, and these defeat us every time and make peace. Therefore we mockingly call them "Friedensgeist" [peace spirits]. But we do achieve one thing, that we often punish these heretics on Earth with exemplary lightning strikes, floods or hail, and that is a relief for the good cause of our church. Admittedly we lose many thousands of our comrades in each defeat, since the peace spirits mercilessly hurl them down to the Earth, where they seep into the ground in the water and are bound there, until freedom also blossoms for them through the loosening of their prisons and bonds. But we still satisfy our revenge, and thus we carry on a constant mutual war. We have told You our occupation. Say, what do You want from us, that You had us driven to You by the mighty spirit?"

51. TEACHING ABOUT THE PAINS OF HELL AND ETERNAL DAMNATION

(Question of the Leader to the priest, whether Christ have taught to repay evil with evil. The priest answer like a Papal slave, caring neither for Christ, nor for the Bible. Hell opens for the Roman priest as heretic and anti-Christ. Papal dogmas - not Christ's teaching as chief doctrine. Truthful confession of the priest.)

[I:] "What I want from you, will soon be clear to you. I ask you as priests: Has this been described in the New Testament as corresponding to love? Has Christ taught that this is how to love your enemy? And commanded to do evil? Say, you evil devils, where is it approved in the Bible what you do against those of different faith?"

They were not prepared for this question, but they held themselves together and said: "We do what the Roman church prescribes and we do not worry about anything else. We do our duty and that is enough."

"Your answer is curt and you answered Me like a slave", I said to him, "But I am not satisfied with it. I want you to answer Me as priests and justify yourselves on basis of the teaching of Christ, since you always present yourselves as servants of God!"

[Priests:] "Ah, what Christ, what Bible, we live as free spirits and care neither for this nor for that. We do not know You and wonder, although You seem to be a powerful spirit, how You dare to disturb us and hold us accountable, since we have never done anything wrong to You? So, what do You actually want from us?"

I answered: "I want you to give up your terrible activities and live as Christians according to the teaching of Christ, or I will have to speak to you more seriously. For you act like villains and your measure is full. Either turn around and follow, or I will have to impose a sentence over you."

[Priests] "Ah, what are you saying! Threatening punishment in the realm of free spirits. That is not bad. God does not punish, but You want to punish?"

You go Your way and we will go ours, and thus we will get along quite well. Only spare us Your threats, for we are not receptive to them."

"Good," I said, "I will make you receptive for it. In the world you have often preached of hell and eternal damnation awaiting the evil ones and the transgressors who do not want to convert. See, you are such great sinners and transgressors against your neighbours who do not convert and mock about it. Therefore I say: "Ephatha!"

At this moment the whole mountain trembled and split open at the top, from which flames and smoke rose upward. "Bring them here!" At these words the angels shot swiftly behind the evil spirits and drove them together to Me. These, however, raised a tremendous outcry from fear and terror and begged Me not to drive them into hell.

I said to them: "Why not? You have so often cursed the heretics and anti-Romans and condemned them to burn in hell with Dathan and Abiram, why should you not belong there, since you are the greatest heretics and antichrists? For everything that violates the teaching of Christ is heretical and antichristian. And therefore I see in you the greatest heretics and antichristians."

The spirits pleaded with Me not to throw them into hell after all, they will do everything I would want, if only I would spare them hell and the eternal hellish flames.

Now I replied to them, "You are ready for hell, but I do not want to act according to Roman, but the Christian teaching, if you would promise Me to better yourselves and do no more evil."

The spirits fell on their knees before Me and thanked Me for this grace and asked Me to instruct them what and how they should do in the future, that they might act correctly.

I asked the priest: "Tell Me, you alleged servants of God, what have you taught the believers that you do not know, how a Christian should live and do in order to obtain eternal life?"

These answered Me: "You certainly know how our Roman doctrine is constituted, where the Pope is the central figure, and where the papal human ordinances constitute the first and main teaching, for these bring in money, but the teaching of Christ brings in nothing. Therefore You know that our main task was to teach that by which we earn money. We sheared the sheep to the best of our knowledge and ability and fed the believers with unchristian ordinances which were prescribed to us to teach from Rome. And this is a jumble which is good for nothing, and through which we ourselves have become unbelievers, since we have seen from the course of history that God does not punish transgressors and evildoers of the commandment. Behold, thus reads our confession of faith."

52. THE REFORMATION AS A PUNISHMENT FROM GOD AGAINST THE PAPAL DOGMAS

(What the Godly punishments are. The Protestant counter-movement. Light on the Divine penalties against the Roman church. The hellish crater closes again. Freedom of action. Explanation about hell in the cloud level. The commandment of neighbourly love. The spirits acknowledge their injustice and ask for instruction in the true teaching of Christ.)

Thereupon I replied: "Your confession of faith is otherwise quite correct, only in this case not, that God does not punish. How can you as priests assert this and say He does not punish, since you know the Bible and know that God has punished individual people as well as entire nations."

They replied to Me: "We have indeed read that, but the history of the Roman church robbed us of all faith, since we saw the root evil of this church rising ever higher without punishment, and yet nowhere was there any help shown to put an end to this monster."

"You mean then that there is no God," I interjected, "because you have not noticed any punishments? That is indeed fatal, that you do not see the forest for the trees; there have indeed been a great many punishments. Only this is the case, that the punishments of God alternated with the wickedness and evil deeds of men, and you did not know the motives why this or that occurred. There have been evil popes, rulers and peoples, and the punishments followed according to spiritual calculation. To perceive this was not given to you, because you always judged externally and with prejudice. Tell Me: What do you regard the Protestant counter-movement as?"

When the priests heard this question posed, they began to think and said: "Yes, how should that be a punishment from God? And we ourselves diligently participated in it and helped to persecute the Protestants and harm them in life, as now in the spirit realm."

Thereupon I replied: "Precisely this is a great punishment for the Roman fraud, lies and deceit, which through the dogmas of the popes has poisoned the world and draws the people into heathen darkness. The priests do not know, because of their great pride, greed and lust for power, how they

might still further stupefy all mankind and then enslave and exploit them, and behold, here stands the man who came as a punishment from God upon the Romans and properly salted their food.

And I say to you, this will bear good fruit and will increasingly harm and damage Romanism. Then science will also begin to grow stronger and increasingly undermine the evil structure of Roman heathenism, and thus all manner of things will develop and eat into the Roman church like a cancer, laying bare its foul interior, whereby the believers will fall away with increasing strength and finally cease altogether.

Behold, this is the future of the base harlot who does everything for money and knows no other god than herself. Now, what say you to this?"

"Yes, is that what the punishments look like? Then the entrapped person will not see it," answered the priest. "We thought about visible destruction and violent measures and these we haven't seen yet, but now we do understand it well. But dear Lord! We still see with fright the flames and smoke rise from the mountain which You have split to open up hell for us. You can indeed do what you want, just close up the hell-crater again, that we can have some more life and freedom."

"It happens according to your request", I answered. "But you are worthy of tasting somewhat of what you have oppressed your listeners' spiritual and physical freedom with, rendering them without resistance, without the ability to think and to act. With you the saying proves itself: 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.' Since complete faith-slavery rules with you and still does in the world, it is obvious that the Spirit of the Lord is not in you, neither in any oppressors of freedom - but Satan, who represents the antithesis of God."

As the crater of hell closed again, the spirits also became more courageous and said: "It is a known matter that one becomes fearful under the pressure of force and threat of punishment and promises to do everything. Therefore we ask You: Give us complete freedom to remain or to go, then we can decide what we want to do."

I replied to them: "Do you believe that I will really punish you? O no, I only wanted to make the hell hot enough for you, with which you have always frightened your believers. With Me there are no such punishments, but you

would have worked yourselves through the multitude of your sins ever more into darkness, into anger and into dissatisfaction. And thus you would have fallen ever deeper down by yourselves.

The weight of your sins would have pressed you ever deeper to the bottom of hell, until you finally, having become completely hellish, would have recognized your sins. Meanwhile you would have suffered and endured much. Do you believe that your warlike life in the clouds is not a hell? On the earth there is war, murder and robbery, which violates the fifth, seventh and tenth commandment of God, thus a sin of Satan. Should your cloud war be something different? O by no means! You murder love from men, thus the noblest, the divinity in man. You rob the opposing spirits of rest, of peace, of satisfaction and those on the earth of material happiness. Thus you are evil and servants of Satan and will not escape the punishments which occur of themselves when one does not respect the commandments of God, but transgresses them."

Tell Me: Are you happy with your cloud-wars? What do you gain from it? Who insulted you and challenged you to wage war and do evil? Certainly not the Protestants, but by your own impetus. Do you not understand that the one doing evil is a devil and a servant of Satan?

Does that mean to fulfill 'love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself' by acting against God's commandments and persecuting your neighbor as a brother and child of God and causing him harm? Tell Me, you wicked devils, is that not acting directly contrary to the teachings of God and Christ?

This thunderous speech made the priests and their troops abashed and despondent and they did not know what they should answer Me. They discussed among one another and also asked their followers their opinion about what to answer Me. But these said: "The Lord is right in everything and we cannot justify ourselves before Him. And since we have acted unjustly, it is our plight to turn around and begin to live like Christians.

But who gives us the right teaching, since according to His explanations your previous teaching is a doctrine of devils, because we acted and thought devilishly, believing we were doing right. Do you know what? Confess our wrongdoing and ask Him whether He would not know how to give us the

true teaching of Christ, according to which we would like to live and act rightly and well.

The priests said: "The true teaching of Christ is indeed contained in the Holy Scripture, but we are so darkened that we can no longer recognize the pure and right amidst the great chaos of the church fathers and papal dogmas. But we do want to carry out the will of our accompanying people." And so they returned to Me and said: "Dear Friend! Your explanations are surely quite correct, and we realize that we are evil spirits. But what are we to do, since we can no longer discern from the great chaos of our teachings and interpretations of Holy Scripture what is good or bad. And since our followers have instructed us to ask You to explain to us the true teaching, we do so all the more willingly, as we ourselves lack the true light in this matter. Be so kind, if it is agreeable to You, give us the true light of faith according to the teaching of Jesus! Everything else will then surely follow."

53. SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE IN THE HEREAFTER

(Their request is granted them. Amazement of the cloud spirits about the heavenly meal and the angelic singing. Journey to the valley. Invitation of the inhabitants of a village of the sick, for a religious discussion. What is the cause of their illnesses? The sick are oblivious about their death and being spirits. Ignorance of being dead by Divine decree. Institutions for the sick and health colonies in the spiritual realm. Reference to a spirit, visit to its grave at a cemetery.)

“I'd like to do that”, I answered, “but it is up to you to also immediately change your previous way of life, for you to gain any benefit from it. To only know does not help you at all, but only to live and act accordingly.

Look here at My company, among them are beings of equal and even greater evil than you, but these have, after they realised their iniquity, discarded their previous lives. They have accepted My teaching and stayed with Me. They are Protestants together with Dr Martin Luther, Roman Catholic Priests and people and Jews with their rabbis. And all of them are able to live among each other and interact in peace and love, humility and patience – why could you not? I shall teach you and if it suits you, you can stay with Me right away. I will take care of your food, but under the condition that you live and act as My teaching prescribes.”

I now call the angels and let them be thoroughly instructed. When the teaching was done, the priests stepped over to Me and thanked Me. They then said that their followers indicated that they want to stay because of the simplicity of the teaching and the consequential loving co-existence – therefore they also want to stay and acquire heaven through love, humility and tolerance. By this, our company grew to about a third of a million heads.

After this great fishing expedition, I let foodstuffs and drink be provided, blessed it and let it be distributed. Then the angels sang the song of praise, after which the meal was consumed. The new followers now asked where they in fact were, for everything seemed to be so heavenly good and beautiful, that they actually think that it must already be a kind of heaven.

On this, I said: "Heaven is everywhere, where love, humility and unity rules, yet the true heaven of love is with the Father and such loving soul-condition must first be developed. The more pure and spiritually noble the soul becomes, the higher bliss it enjoys. The bread and wine comes from heaven, but your enjoyment of it will continually increase, the higher you rise spiritually. The same goes with the singing, which now penetrates your nerves, making you feel nervous. The more loving and humble you become, the more enjoyable and glorious it will be for you.

Strive therefore to be truly zealous in acting according to the teaching of God, and the quicker and better you comply to it, the sooner you will reach the Father Jesus in heaven, where your bliss is sealed. But we now want to break up immediately and go down into the valley - so come with us down to the lowlands."

When we arrived in the valley, we made a longer trip on the road that led through the valley, so that we came after several hours to a truly wretched region. Here I ordered a halt to take a rest.

After an hour's rest, I told the angels: "Go into the village lying behind this hill in front of us and tell the village residents to come here to us, that we may have a religious discussion."

The angels immediately went into the large village and announced My commission. But here there was a hospital, where many thousands of sick people were staying for the sake of their healing. Therefore the inhabitants asked what was to happen with those sick people who could not go.

The angels answered: "Carry them here, for it will be of immeasurable benefit for their healing, if they would be present."

The compassionate caretakers of the sick picked up the various stretchers and chairs and carried the sick to us, and set them up as if in a large sick-room, while those of the sick who could still walk, moved over to the other side and waited on what would happen.

Now I stepped forward and said: "Everyone of you is a sinner, and by your many and various sins, you developed illnesses. Therefore, dear friends, it is a main task that you recognize that you are sinners and that your illnesses originate from that, then it will be possible to heal you all.

But the healing also depends on the fact that you accept My teachings, put them into practice in deed, and firmly believe that I can heal you. For he who does not believe, he repels the healing from himself and remains sick. Now stand attentively and do what I will tell you. Those who cannot stand will also be able to listen like this."

Thereupon I had those who could still walk line up in groups according to illnesses and said to one from the group: "Listen, Primus! You are the most miserable among this group, go and recount your life story on earth without embarrassment. For know, you are coarse sinners and as such you have been afflicted with illnesses. From these you died and were brought into this your previous hospital in the spirit realm by merciful people who want to earn their heaven through it."

This explanation surprised all the sick and listeners and they replied: "We did not know that we died, how is this possible? Everything else is correct, but that we are dead and are spirits, we do not understand. How can you prove that to us, for we still have the same bodies as always and our wounds and pains are where we have always had them?"

My answer to that was the following: "It is divine providence that people, as on earth so also in the spirit realm, often undergo a treatment which does not enlighten them, but they must begin to think for themselves. And so they come into the spirit realm without knowing that they have died. Such souls are then placed among those who likewise know nothing of their departure from the earth. These poor ones are left in their ignorance until they begin to reflect on their sins and have the good will to become good people. Once this has happened, then their illnesses slowly begin to heal and they move on from the institution into recovery colonies, where they continue to develop and also heal their sick souls from sins which were the cause of their illnesses."

That such a soul does not realise that it is a spirit, is because it did not realise that it had died and that the soul is the actual suffering part of the human body, not the flesh. This must be evident to you from the fact that man commits sin in the flesh, but the flesh does not suffer after death, but it is dead and turns into other living beings, without feeling the slightest pain, without perceiving its transformation. Whereas the soul must suffer for bodily sins and transgressions and often has to pay heavily. So then it is certainly the soul that enjoys the pleasures of the world and not the flesh, for otherwise the flesh would have to suffer after death and not the soul.

The body is only an instrument of the soul, which is animated and moved by its nerve-spirit, and is not responsible for its actions after death, like the tongs of the blacksmith for the botched work. Now you know the story of how you came here, which can even be better proven by showing you the cemetery of your hospital – and so, do search for your grave!”

54. CONFESSION ON ONE'S DEATH BED IN ROMAN FASHION IS USELESS

(The spirit reads its grave inscription and is amazed to be dead. Life-story of the deceased. The second spirit's story about its death. Communion and deathbed-confession in Roman fashion is worthless, while still going to hell. Teaching about when sins are forgiven. The spirits' astonishment to be in hell and questions about hellfire, Satan and devils.)

Primus and the whole company remained silent for a few minutes, waiting for the result. He suddenly reads: “‘Here lies buried Primus Weber, who was born here in Altendorf in the year 1490 on February 28 and died in the year 1530, on October 5, of an incurable illness. Peace to his ashes!’ Strange, peculiar! Me - and dead? That is a wonder to me, a mystery,” he said, absorbed in his thoughts. “And I knew nothing of it!”

[I:] "Yes, already 16 years your decayed and decomposed fleshly body lies in the grave, - and since you are convinced of this, then tell us your life story, after which you became ill."

The sick one now began relating his life's story by saying: “I was the only son of good parents, who saw me as their treasure and zealously tended to me, but they unfortunately loved me way too much and allowed me everything. I became a gallant young man and was partly loved, partly hated, because I was too audacious, too pert and too foolhardy. I searched out young like-minded people and together with them, began to do many evil and sinful things.

My parents indeed recognised the consequences of infantile parental love for children. But it was too late. I did not allow myself to be restricted anymore. My parents wished for me to marry; but the girls fled from before this libertine and no-one wanted to have anything to do with me. For there were already children outside of wedlock, and so I continued my life without a wife in public scandalous ways.

My parents mourned and grieved over my misguided life so long, until grief had consumed them and brought them to the grave. I was at that time 30 years old and ripe in all vices. With these I entered upon my inheritance and kept foreign servants without any special supervision. One can imagine how things went in my house! The servants were lazy and thievish; the girls, whom I liked to see, likewise. Year after year my household declined and fell ever more into debt.

My wild, unruly life without any rule or order brought along feared illnesses. So I had to go to the hospital, leaving everything to the whores I've been living with. The debtors showed up, the estate got sold and the money distributed to the creditors. Even though I knew about everything, I was bedridden, sick and abandoned by all but the hospital nurses.

For years I stayed in the hospital, for they could not cure me anymore. I cursed and prayed, to no avail. Now I learn that I died in the year 1530. When was that, how long has it been?"

"16 years, I tell you", I answered him, "For according to earthly reckoning, it is now 1546. I believe that you are now convinced that your illness and your death was a consequence of your sinful life and your desolation in the flesh!"

"That's right", said Primus.

I turned to the others and said: "So tell Me, all of you in this group, whether you had different causes for your illnesses!"

"No, we more or less were in the same sins as this fellow sufferer."

Now I go to the second group and asked the first one: "John, tell us your life's story, for you have a different illness."

"Yes, unfortunately, but equally deadly. Because now I already believe that I am in the spirit realm, since my friend Primus admitted this, so I did the same and also convinced myself that I am isolated from the world.

My story is short: I lived well, ate and drank whatever I liked, visited taverns, was a keen dancer, caught a cold, developed pneumonia, and died. It goes without saying that I have committed manifold sins simultaneously. I did confess and took communion at the end, but it was worthless, for I am in no Paradise, but came into a hell of the sick?

Yes, of course, for Roman-style confession and communion was never taught or instituted by Christ, but by prying and policing priests."

I said in reply: "God would have, by the way, forgiven you, because you were ignorant. But there was no seriousness to improve yourself, no intention to stop sinning, but you told your sins to the priest as one pays off a debt, he gave you absolution and you remained the same as after every confession. Thus you lied to the priest, but especially to yourself. You know, the sins are not forgiven if one does not fully seriously intend to commit them no more and do penance. Since you did neither the one nor the other, therefore they were not forgiven and you came as a coarse sinner into hell, into this hospital."

[John:] "What, this is supposed to be hell? Where is the hellfire? Where is Satan, where are his devils? I see nothing of that. Therefore explain this to us, for this is entirely foreign to us and does not agree with the Roman-Christian teaching of our priests!"

55. EXPLANATION ABOUT HELL, SATAN, MATTER, SOUL AND GOD

(Revelation, what hell is. What Satan, matter, soul, and God consist of. Life story of the third spirit. Where the cancer disease originates. Life story of the fourth spirit. Revelation about war and God's punishment for it. The mighty soul and body doctor, who heals all patients. Great praise for the good meal.)

Now I said to all: "Hell is a miserable, sick condition of your soul, of your spiritual body. Hellfire is the frequent annoyance and anger, your wild dissatisfaction. Satan is your impure thoughts which conjure up for you all worldly, unspiritual things. It is the one evil, infectious breath, leading the thoughts on wrong ways, yet it is a spirit, the same as God is a Breath and a Spirit and you yourselves are the devils for as long as you are evil and sinful."

This completely truthful explanation caused a great sensation throughout the whole company and Martin Luther stepped over to me and said: "Dear Lord! Tell me, if Satan or Lucifer is but an evil, soul-sickening breath, how could this breath then present itself as a dragon and a heavenly beautiful woman?"

On this, I answered the whole company: "The Spirit of God has omnipotence in Himself to produce everything conceivable. Your soul-bodies are also a kind of breath as well as an artfully formed body. Likewise also dust - matter - of which human bodies on earth consists, are of the same breath as that of the soul - but compressed, condensed breath, made visible to fleshly eyes, out of that breath.

But since the spirit of Satana or Lucifer is a part of the Godhead, he can transform himself into any form permitted by God. Only into forms of love and acts of love can he not be transformed, because he is made up of hatred, anger and arrogance, which are the opposites of love and humility that represent the Deity. The breath of which your souls consist is a fine spiritual, while that from which the body is built, is the coarse spirit of the soul of Satana, transformed into matter."

After this explanation, I went to the third group and asked the nearest sick person after the cause of his illness.

He then answered: "My parents let me study and I became a doctor. Yet unfortunately such a doctor who maltreated people and slowly robbed their money from their coffers through such procedures by which I was the one who profited, lusting after gain, but ended up the loser. Heartless exploitation and robbing of the clients were my only thoughts. That lasted several years. Finally it happened that I had pressure on my chest, turning out to be cancer - and the cancer ate deeper and deeper until it killed me.

I believe that was a punishment! I devoured my clients' wealth - the cancer, my heartless chest. I ask any of you sick standing here with me where their cancers come from and see, all have had such a previous life, that one could regard their cancer as punishment. I do agree that not all cancers have the same cause as mine, but it is often the case; and so is here one with cancer in the nose, caught by infection, from wanting to enjoy everything etc."

I went to the fourth group and asked one of the sick, from where his illness came. He related to us his life's events, which he had experienced on the battlefields, and said: "It will here also be a sheer punishment from God, for I have thoughtlessly murdered and robbed, even though it is forbidden in the commandments of God. But man expected of me to swear an oath of loyalty to the monarch and he ordered me to go, with others, to wage war against his enemy, and there I had to kill, murder - and while I was in the enemy's territory, I robbed however it suited me. Because war is nothing but a raid of robber-murderers under the refined name of soldiers, whose chiefs and leaders are decorated officers, but who can make no other expression, because their heart knows no love and no compassion, but heartlessly slaughter and annihilate the enemy who never have done them any harm, whom they have never seen before. At such a skirmish I got a gaping wound as payback for my heartlessness, and since I am now in the spirit world - that is how I died. I know a few others here who have had similar experiences, so I regard it as a punishment for the transgression of the commandments of God and for my heartlessness."

Now I said: "Your and the others' confessions are completely true and since you have acknowledged your guilt, you are ripe to be healed. And so I want to stop questioning. I am a mighty healer of souls and bodies and cure those who believe Me. Can you believe that this is true?"

Then a patient answered and said: "Since You are the leader of such a great army of people, it cannot be any other than that you are speaking the truth. And therefore I firmly believe that it is possible for you to heal us."

[I:] "Very well judged, so get up from your bed!" The sick man looked at Me full of joy and jumped up high and rejoiced with his whole heart over his healing and thanked Me fervently for it. After this, the sick requested from all sides that I should heal them too.

I said: "I will do that, but under one condition, which is that you let go of your materialistic, worldly way of living and live according to the Godly commandments in the future. But these My servants shall also instruct you on how you have to live. Do you agree with that?"

Everybody raised their voices and agreed to My conditions. Then I said: "Your illnesses have disappeared and you are completely healed! So get up from your beds so that you will continue to be strengthened by Me."

On these words all sick and ailing got up and rushed to Me to give thanks for the instant healing. It goes without saying that there were much tears and outcries of joy. When the initial jubilation subsided, I said: "Remove the beds, crutches and bandages and then come to us, all of you, for a light meal that you also may be strengthened and completely recovered."

The healed now removed everything and quickly returned. But I told the angels to bring bread and wine and told the merciful nurses that they too should partake of the meal and they did not let them be invited twice. Bread and wine were meanwhile provided; I blessed it and let it be distributed among all. And again there was no end to the praise for the goodness of the meal, until nothing of it was left.

56. THE TEACHING OF LOVE, HUMILITY AND FAITH-TOLERANCE

(The healed become aware of the unusual things about the company. Instruction by the angels. All are added to the company. March and arrival before a large cemetery. The spirits are instructed regarding the company, that they live according to Jesus' teaching, regardless of religion or nation. The Roman Catholic spirits wait on the last judgement. Invitation to the spirits for a religious debate.)

After the meal, the angels sang the hymn of praise to God, which caught the attention of the new society, as they realized that something extraordinary must be happening, for the meal was supernaturally good and the singing was heavenly beautiful. And so they keenly watched the angels who removed the dishes, for their youth and beauty caught their attention. The latter immediately returned and instructed the healed patients about what to believe and what to let go of.

At this occasion, the healed ones asked the angelic teachers what we were and where we were going. But they answered: "We gather people who are willing to live and act in accord with our teaching, and we are on a journey to heaven, to Father Jesus - and if you are willing, you can come along."

Then I stepped forward and said: "Only strict adherence to this teaching taught to you by the angels, will make it possible for you to come with Me. Therefore, you must carefully consider whether you have enough good will to do so."

All of them replied and said: "We would do it out of gratitude, but we would rather do it because we hope to reach our spiritual goal soon."

[I:] "Good, so bring everybody along - also your caregivers - for they have had much love, compassion and patience with you. They therefore first of all, also deserve to be rewarded with heaven."

This promise drew tears of thankfulness and they rejoiced like children over promised candy and treats. After this scene we broke up and again got to

the road, leaving the pitiful abandoned village. For the healed ones were happy to get away from it, while the caregivers were relieved to be leaving behind the long, grueling work that had plagued them for so long, and were now going to reap their reward.

After a march of ten hours, we arrived at a cemetery in a large city on earth and set up camp before it.

Immediately some spirits came to us, asking us where we are going and what our purpose was. But I answered them:

"As you see, we are spirits like you and I am their leader. This society consists of Jews, Protestants and Roman Catholics. With us, all differences of faith have been eliminated. We live according to the teachings of Jesus, and this is the teaching of love, humility and tolerance, and hence of peace. Through these virtues which we diligently practice, we have become a single family. We consider ourselves all as children of Father Jesus, and therefore as brothers and sisters among each other."

One of the spirits then said: "Very nicely spoken and to hear, but tell us: Has the last judgment already taken place, that you wander around the world and enjoy life? We here are pure Roman Catholics, but we have decided to wait around until the trumpet will resurrect our flesh unto the last judgement. We firmly believe this and therefore we patiently wait for the fulfilment of this promise."

Now I answered them: "You will wait until you run out of patience. Instead, come all out to us, that we can discuss our differences and you can all hear our debates, instead of sitting in the graves and rot."

57. ABOUT THE YOUNGEST DAY, THE JUDGEMENT AND RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH

(Explanation about the youngest day and the judgement. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven. Boredom and cold while waiting in the grave. The angel of the last trumpet call. Resurrection of the flesh. The teaching of Christ as spiritual light, Roman dogma is spiritual darkness.)

Immediately, the speaker shouted: "Brothers and sisters, come over here for a religious discussion!" And immediately, a massive amount of ghosts, along with their bishops and priests, emerged from the earth, head to head, and gathered before us, having broken free from the cemetery walls.

When this was done, I stepped to the front and said: "Let the priesthood step up!" This immediately happened.

Then I asked: "So, tell Me, what are you waiting for and hoarding in your decaying graves?"

A bishop now answered Me: "Our teaching taught us that, at the sound of the trumpet, the angels would let all people's bodies be resurrected, to be taken to the judgement - some to eternal life in heaven, others to eternal death in hell. As such the Lord Jesus will give the sheep and the goats each their deserved reward - so we wait and rest in the grave until this shall happen."

"Friend!" I replied: "There you misunderstood Paul. It explicitly says that blood and flesh will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. You have waited for it in vain for hundreds of years. Some of you have already gone through and have reached their goal, but the majority is squatting and waiting quietly. I am now here to kindle a light for you, if you would quietly listen to Me."

The bishop answered Me: "You know, Friend, if you have something wise to tell us, just tell us. For we are very much bored and we feel a certain material cold, and we would like to have a good light about our condition."

But also then say what you know, for we are free to accept or reject, so proceed with your explanation!"

[I:] "Since you are of good-natured character, so I shall right away explain how Paul's words to the Corinthians are to be grasped, namely: The youngest day is every day, that you live, for the past one is the old one. The youngest day for your soul was however the one, on which you have died. For in that day, a change happened in you: your daylight turned into a strong evening twilight - and that was your judgement - for by that you have reaped the reward of your faith and your works in the world.

See, your garments are gray and dirty, your nature still very materialistic and therefore you feel material cold. You are very miserable and dissatisfied; also your food is bad and you are hungry. Tell Me whether this isn't true and whether this was not a judgement for you?"

"Verily yes", said the bishop, "I've been worse off here than the worst convict in the world, for he receives his food in his cell, so that he does not have much to complain about. Yet I can only moan and lament about my unexpected situation, but to no avail. I have prayed to God, to Mary, to different saints, but nothing helped. I therefore stopped praying and have patiently accepted my fate. Now tell me more!"

[I:] "It is good that you acknowledge that things have not turned out as you expected. That's why it will be easy for you to understand where it all comes from, and so listen: About the last day and the last judgement you have enough evidence that you are already bearing the consequences of these two. The angel with the sounding of the trumpet was merely your last breath, when you awakened from the earthly, into the spiritual life, wherewith also was the angel of death, who severed the spiritual connection between your soul and your fleshly body. These followed you here and now you are in your soul garment, which - as you can see - looks very miserable. What do you say about this explanation?"

[Bishop:] "Yes, what shall I say? Whether I believe that what you say is the truth or not, I do indeed carry the sad evidence of it on my body and so I do believe that you have spoken the truth. I have to believe you: I see me and my whole congregation, together with my co-bishops and priests, that they are in the same condition as I am, yes even better off than I, since their

garments look better than mine. And where one cannot hide anything, one speaks freely from the liver. Perhaps my honesty can help me.”

On this, I replied: “If you and your colleagues shall not become unruly if I would tell you the truth, you can still be helped to go over to a much better condition. For I am a high Spirit and it is possible for Me to do everything for you if you would believe, and not resist Me. See, I have here a considerable company. I had a lot of trouble to convince them of their errors, but now they are together like lambs. The true religion of Jesus has united Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews into one flock. And ask the Roman priests if they have not found the truth here and if they are not happy.”

The Roman priests stepped up immediately and said: “As long as we held fast to the Roman dogmas and ceremonies, we were in the same miserable condition as you are. Look at us! Our clothing is considerably lighter and more beautiful than yours and our condition is highly satisfactory, and we are visibly increasing in our spiritual progress. Do as we did and all will be well for you.”

The bishop now asked the speaker: “Yes, tell me, how could you get along with heretical Protestants and Jews? That is then against our Roman Catholic religion.”

But this one did not let himself stay in debt of an answer and said: “See, very well! We know that Christ, Peter and all the apostles were Jews after the flesh and appearance, which we are constantly reminded of by the present Jews and so we could tolerate the Jews among us very well. Regarding the Protestants, they have the teaching of the apostles as their doctrine. If that is not true, than also Christ as well as the apostles have not taught truth, and they would be nothing but swindlers and deceivers. The latter are we decidedly, as long as we have lived and acted according to the papal human statutes – for in Christ's teaching is light, the dogmas preached darkness. The truth of this is evident in your souls' condition, as you have confessed yourselves.

Through the teaching of Christ in the New Testament on which the Protestant religion is founded and even the teaching of love, humility and tolerance, we all can live as brothers and sisters in the best of unity. Look at our Leader's servants! They are as beautiful as angels, and so clever and

powerful and quick, that we are in awe of them. What if you would hear them sing? I tell you, they sing heavenly beautifully. If you would only know how powerful our leader is, you would be dumbstruck before Him; but in order to not speak too soon, I stand back.”

58. MARTIN LUTHER'S BEAUTIFUL CONFESSION OF FAITH

(Martin Luther presents a beautiful confession of faith to the Roman Catholics. The priests become meek. The people want to be instructed in the true teaching of Christ and go along. Even the priest succumb to the truth of this teaching and join the company. The company leave the evacuated cemetery.)

The bishop with the clergy looked astonished and did not know what to say. Now I said, "Dr. Martin Luther! Come forward and say a few words."

Immediately he stepped forward and addressed the following words to the priests and their congregation: "The love of our God and Father has made me the apostle of the Reformation, as Saul before Damascus had once awakened to be the propagator of the Christian religion. To be sure, the nature of the revival is different, but we both served the same purpose: Saul against Phariseism, I against Romanism.

The same thing that Christ reproached the Pharisees for, the same applies, but to an even greater extent, to Romanism. I fought against the papal church with the doctrine of Christ and thus I succeeded in achieving the same thing that Saul - later called Paul - did against the temple. Christ triumphed and despite persecutions, the Protestant religion spread because it is purely Christ's teaching, as we have taken from the apostles. And see, because of Christ's religion, our company has been formed and feels most satisfied and happy together. We have no dogmas or ceremonies. Love alone is our leader, this alone makes us happy. The fulfilment of the greatest commandment in the law, which is the love of God and neighbour, makes us a family of the children of God.

I ask you, dear brothers in the Lord: Can there be a better religion than this? No, there does not exist any better. This is shown to you by our society standing together fraternally, consisting of people who in earthly life stood hostile to each other like dog, cat, and wolf. From the irreconcilable ones became one flock, of whom the Shepherd is our Father Jesus in heaven. If this is the case, the evidence before you demonstrates - how can this religion of love and unity not be the only true one - the only saving one? How can we designate a religion that has set itself the task of slandering,

persecuting, torturing, and roasting the true confessors of Christ at the stake as the Christian religion, in which it is said: To love the enemies; to transform those who do evil into friends by doing good and to pray for slanderers and persecutors?

See, that is the religion of Christ – and we, the much-persecuted and grossly slandered, alleged enemy of the Roman Church, invite you to be friends and tell you: allow yourselves to be instructed in the foundations of the teachings of Christ and stop ranting about the sole salvational Roman Catholic religion! For a religion whose priests correct God and pretend to be wiser than Christ was, because they do not declare Him all-knowing in their human regulations, but declare Him ignorant by corrective criticisms, is not a Christian but an anti-Christian religion, full of haughtiness and sacrilegious arrogance against divine holiness and omniscience, and that is the Roman Catholic one.

Therefore I say again: leave the Roman building of lies and deception and take the hand of brotherly love we offer and become confessors and servants of Christ and not of Rome and the pope. We then can redeem you through our leader of your misery, for we can take you along on our way to our heavenly Father Jesus. This the popes cannot do, because they are in the same darkness and misery as you. That I have spoken the truth, you can see in our company who consists of all possible kinds of sinners – yet in the short time we have been together, our clothes have been washed to a lesser or greater extent in the blood – that is, in the love of Jesus. The same awaits you, if you willingly and solely accept as the only saving what Christ taught and the apostles wrote down."

This fiery speech subdued the priests so much, that no-one dared to say anything contrary. Instead, their whole company stood up as one and said aloud: "We want to hear the true teaching of Christ without consideration whether our priests think it to be right or not and we want to go with you. For we had enough of crouching in the graves and suffering all kinds of misery. We therefore want to break loose of everything and trek with you. We ask you, teach us that we may know what we have to do in the future."

I turned towards the priests and said: "The future of your congregation is in My power. I want to teach them and take them along. But I would not like to leave you here alone, but also make you happy, for our journey leads to the Father Jesus in heaven. Allow therefore yourselves to be taught and converted, that I may take you along and make you blessed."

The priests looked at each other and since no-one resisted – yes, even the chief bishop nodded good-naturedly – the speaking bishop spoke again: “Friend! Your speech is convincing, yet also bitter for us. But the conviction that everything really is as you say, compels us not to resist the truth. Therefore let us also be taught in everything that we taught wrongly, and we want to make everything good and bow to the truth. And if you want to take us along - we ask for it – then we shall strive to win your approval with our way of life.”

I now let the angels teach the new congregation, after which bread and wine were provided which I blessed and distributed, the song of praise and thanksgiving was sung, which brought much joy and satisfaction to the newly converted. Through properly applied instruction, we managed to add the new company to ours without great effort, through which it grew considerably to more than half a million heads. When all this was accomplished, we again went our way and after a lengthy walk we arrived at another large town, where we again set up camp.

59. FULFILLING OF THE MAIN DOCTRINES

(Arrival at the big town, where Protestants and Roman Catholics live in brotherly unity. Adding them to the company. A foretaste of how one dine in heaven. The angels sing a Psalm, accompanied by unseen heavenly music. The full number of the company.)

As soon as we sat down, a great colony of spirits approached us and invited us to come to their town. We said, however: "We are too many, come all to us out here, and then we want to spend a time together in a very cheerful way."

The spirits rushed back to their rather significant town and told everyone that they are invited to come out to a great company to spend an enjoyable time together. Everybody immediately got up and hastened out to us and asked us what is so special, that so many are travelling together.

On this, I said: "We are pilgrims to Father Jesus and accommodate all who want to come with us, so also you - for I know that you are very good children and have given the heavenly Father much joy through your hospitality."

[Residents:] "Oh what are you telling us! But say, how did you know that we are hospitable? We don't do anything special. Since our Father in heaven gives us enough of everything, we share our excess with our brothers who pass through here. And so we only do our sacred duty and nothing else. And with that we gave our dear Father much joy? Tell us also: how do you know that?"

[I:] "Oh dear, good children, I know very much about you and I am here on behalf of the Father, to take you along and bring you to Him. For see, a great event happened on earth. The new apostle of the teaching of Christ, Dr. Martin Luther, has departed the earth and I met him and a part of his congregation, who longingly awaited his departure from earth. And when that happened, I have sought out those spirits who I found to be ripe for conversion and brought them along. As such we came also to you to take you along, if you would agree to it."

[Residents:] "With great pleasure, for we are all good people together, Protestants as well as Roman Catholics. We have recognised each other through mutual love and were refreshed by the teaching of Jesus. We have truly tolerant people among us and they have taught us the benefits of mutual love and tolerance. And so we have limited ourselves to only a few main doctrines of Christ and fulfilled them, and there has always been contentment and unity among us, and we have thereby become nothing but brothers and sisters.

And so we also consider every stranger who travels through here as a friend and brother, entertain him and accompany him for a while on the way. We want to do the same for you, yet behold, we now are your guests, which gives us much joy. But especially because you told us that you want to take us along to the Father. Now, that will give us joy if our wish to go to the Father would be fulfilled - for which we have been preparing ourselves for so long."

At this truly childlike, joyfully presented speech, I said: "Yes, the Father too is happy to count you among His children. Millions of angels and spirits await My return with joy and they watch with their eyes every step and stride I made on your behalf and rejoice in My travel experiences. I therefore want to give you somewhat to eat to give you a foretaste of how man dines in heaven."

Then I summoned the angels to bring fruit, bread and wine - and when it was blessed and distributed, I let a Psalm of David be sung and accompanied by unseen heavenly music, which so completely overwhelmed the company that they stood there enchanted and did not know anymore that they are not yet in heaven. There were happy faces and joyful conversations about the imminent coming to the Father Jesus in heaven.

When the meal came to a close and the dishes were cleared away, I said to the company: "Dear children, our gathering has come to an end and we grew to an impressive number of a million pilgrims. Prepare yourselves for events which will shortly follow, and so we want to set out immediately."

60. WALKING THROUGH HEAVENLY BEAUTY

(The beautiful road in heaven. Heavenly garments for the travellers. A heavenly landscape, including a heavenly mountain grotto with a heavenly representation of the temple in Jerusalem. The daylight of the Love-heaven.)

The whole company prepared themselves to travel and awaited the order to resume the journey. And so we started off on a completely new path, which no-one had noticed before, as I made it appear at the moment of departure.

This road was as white as snow bordered with heavenly flowers and trees with a wonderful aroma and never seen magnificence. Everybody rejoiced and glowed with joy when the company's clothing changed into dazzling white, adorned with the most beautiful roses. For everything transformed into love during the last meal and song with music and so the point in time had arrived for also the least in heaven to be clothed with heavenly beauty.

So we leisurely strode along this very broad path and all had enough time to admire themselves, each other and the beautiful road in the heavenly realm, which captivated them. At last, a beautiful landscape began to spread out alongside the road, filled with the most glorious foliage and earth formations.

Now I said: "Children, we want to go into this landscape for a while and investigate somewhat what can be seen here."

All complied to My suggestion with visible joy, and so we went into the velvety soft meadows and grassy fields, strewn with the most glorious flowers they have never seen before. We wandered through the valleys and over the hills, constantly finding and admiring new formations and new beauties.

When we have wandered up and down for quite some time, we came to a glorious lake with several little islands. The water was crystal clear with many fish of various colours and forms, animatedly and cheerfully skipping in it. Some swan-like birds swam on the water and sang a lovely song, like

no bird on earth does. The shores of the lake boasted of lush vegetation and spread the scent of its flowers far and wide.

The little islands, shimmering like stars in the mirror-smooth lake, invited us to pay them a visit and so we passed over the water which carried us as if a road and we had a look at these sea-mounds which, with their most beautiful flowers, looked like heavenly gardens and dispersed various wonderful fragrances from the flowers and foliage. After we had seen everything, we went on our way again.

The landscape became increasingly more beautiful and glorious. All sorts of rare, never before seen trees casted shadows on the merry travellers and cheerful birds perched on their branches sang and twittered their lovely tunes. Everything breathed life, everything rejoiced in its existence in this heavenly splendour. At last we came to a mountain, at the foot of which was the entrance to a large grotto.

I stopped in front of the spacious entrance and said: "Children! We want to have a look at this grotto, so follow Me!" We all entered, finding the most beautiful crystalline formations of all colours. There were animals, plants, flowers and rare forms, trees and monsters, which no-one with the liveliest imagination could imagine. For humans from earth can but think about what he had seen somewhere. Yet God is inexhaustible in thoughts, ideas and creations of the rarest things.

We went deeper into the grotto and then encountered a formidable appearance: A huge temple with splendid translucent pillars resembled the shape of the former temple on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, but only much more glorious and impressive. We walked through the splendid pillar avenues into the actual temple, of which the walls glittered with gemstones, alternating like the most beautiful starlight. This is unprecedented glory never seen in Jerusalem, but indeed does exist in heaven. The temple's height seems to reach cloud level, enhancing the overall impression. The cladding of the ceiling was of the finest and most delicate blue, made from the finest silk and studded with stars, whose light sparkled like big, brilliant diamonds with various colours. The floor was white as snow and dazzlingly beautiful.

In the middle of the temple stood a kind of altar made of the purest, most brilliant gold in such splendid form, as never yet seen by mortal man. Above

the altar hovered two cherubs of brilliant white colour in praying position, from whom emanated a ray of light, maximally enhancing the effect. Before the altar stood the seven-armed candlestick made of transparent, rose-colored crystal, from whose gold-glittering candles, whose shape represented a glory of perfection that far surpassed the most grandiose thing in the world, lights burned in seven colors in rainbow shape, but in such beauty and clarity, as only God is possible to produce. And this color light spread the finest fragrances in the temple.

The pillars, which support and adorn the temple, were covered with foliage - which seemed to have grown from the translucent pillars - which, in the most delicate light green colour and embellishment, pressed through the subtle light. The most beautiful little flowers were artfully attached to this foliage work.

The sight of the inside of this temple made an enchanting impression on the crowd. You can deduce the size of this temple from the size of the crowd. And you can very well believe Me that all this together - since the colours and compositions were not created after human, but Godly wisdom - presented something unreachable for human fantasy. And you will also understand that such things can only be seen and clearly grasped by highly developed spirits!

But to understand me, what difference exists between the fleshly look of a sinful man and the spiritual look of a high inhabitant from the love heaven of the children of God - where I was leading the company to - it should be known to you that this air, in which you live, and which represents a part of the deity, is a light for the spirit dwelling in the children's heaven with the Father Jesus like the strongest electric light, while it is lightless for your material eyes without the sun. In such high light lives the blessed of the third or love-heaven as easily as you do in sunlight, but with the difference that they experience an inexpressible feeling of bliss, which gets maximized by the contemplation of God. On the other hand, you can only feel the light and the pleasant warmth for as long as it does not get too hot, while you could be straightaway blinded by electric light.

That the exterior of the temple equalled the inner splendour, you can imagine. The walls, dazzlingly white, alternated with the most beautiful inlays and adornments of the liveliest fantasy up to the eaves. Up from there, the impressive, golden roof with the most magnificent domes rimmed with glittering diamonds in masterly, divine craftsmanship. Such was the

inner and outer of the temple as if an enchanted capsule to the company, who dumbfoundedly looked at such unimagined splendour, glory and magnificence, until I woke them from their spell and directed them to other events.

61. BEAUTY AND BLISSFUL FEELINGS IN HEAVEN

(Martin Luther awakens from the magic veil of heavenly beauty and blissful feeling, awaken the company and make them aware that they are in heaven. Exit from the grotto into a heavenly meadow with a heavenly orchard, where a heavenly meal is consumed accompanied with angelic song and music.)

From the temple we passed through a crystalline white, gloriously formed pillar colonnade, splendidly adorned with all conceivable decorations in windings deep down. Having arrived, I led the company alongside a large brook, in which various multi-coloured fish frolicked, up to a gigantically high wall at which foot a beautiful pillar gate offered thoroughfare. We walked through this colossally broad doorway and found ourselves in a recess at the back of where the previous brook falls from an immense height, forming an effervescent water shower, splashing back high into the air like a fine rain, in which the rays of light produced the most glorious rainbows. This beauty, framed with the most magnificent wall formations – of which one can find only a faint idea of in the subterranean caves of for instance the Adelsberg grotto, but with the difference that here everything is seen crystal clear and in full colour, while there, it is dark and dirty. The whole company stood there, silent and motionless as if covered by a magic cloak, bathing their eyes in the bliss of these glories.

Suddenly, Martin Luther said: “Brothers, sisters! We are already in heaven, because these glories exceed all human imagination. Here we see the promise fulfilled: no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart ever perceived what God has prepared for those who love Him. Think back to the last meal, the singing and the music and about these heavenly beauties and continual surprises and it will be clear to you that we have already passed through the gate to the kingdom of heaven. For since that time everything has been exalted above every, yes, even the boldest imagination, for we are constantly indulging in blissful feelings that we were never capable of before. And look at our forms! How young and beautiful we have become – and our clothes, rimmed with golden adornments, inlaid with glorious harmony with rose flower edgings, emanating a golden glow like the reflection of the sun. If this is not the true heaven, then I do not know what heaven is.”

This address woke the company from their contemplation about the enchanting fairy-tale spectacle of nature, and only now did they begin to reflect on the great changes that were taking place in them. And so ensued a murmur of mutual admiration and contemplation throughout the whole company, which lasted until I reminded them again that we wanted to continue on our way.

Immediately everyone got up, and we reached the outside and out of the grotto through a similar columned gate as the entrance gate. In front of us laid a heavenly meadow in glorious floral splendour, shimmering and glistening like velvet, silk, and crystal, but much more glorious and magnificent than humans on earth can ever grasp. I let the company admire the greatness of the meadow and its floral fragrance as much as they wanted.

When everyone had sufficiently delighted their eyes and noses, we again set off and came to a gigantic orchard with the most beautiful and fragrant varieties of all kinds of fruit. Here I let camp be set up and ordered the angels to pick enough fruit for all and bring it to Me. This was done with spiritual swiftness, for it does not need to be done with hands, but with one's will and that works at the speed of thought.

Within moments, there were already large piles of fruit before Me and I stretched out My hands, blessed it and let it be distributed. That these fruit which are eaten in the spirit realm – same as the bread and wine – are not like the material earthly, as you can understand. It is spiritual and works spiritually on the enlivening of the soul and elevation to higher spiritual life-spheres. When the fruit was distributed, I again had a Psalm be sung, with invisible musical accompaniment, which sounded ever sweeter as the company rose spiritually higher and advanced in love. The same goes for the fruit, which could not be praised enough for its excellent goodness and wonderful taste; for as I have said: through spiritual refinement of one's being, the food also gained a higher refinement when consumed.

62. ARRIVING AT THE NEW JERUSALEM

(The heavenly cottages. The humble clothing of the inhabitants and the wedding garments of the heavenly travellers. View of the huge city of New Jerusalem. Cries of Hosanna and Hallelujah for the new arrivals. Announcement of their arrival of the heavenly travellers with trumpet calls. An incalculable number of peoples rushes out of the city to receive the arrivals, cheering them: 'Hosanna to our God and Father Jesus!' - and fall in humility on their faces.)

After finishing the meal, we got up again and walked up to a small hill, where a great many of the cutest and most splendid little houses stood in endless rows. We wandered along the broad road that stretched through the middle of this plateau, and were greeted in the most respectful manner by the inhabitants, and welcomed in the most cordial manner. They were a kind of heavenly villa, surrounded by the most beautiful gardens and decorated with lush vegetation in the most beautiful setting.

Only one thing seemed strange to our society, that these inhabitants, although they were in the most glorious shapes physically, had very simple clothes, while they themselves shone in heavenly splendor and radiance. I therefore explained to the company that they were dressed in wedding garments, for they are to be taken to the wedding feast of the Bridegroom - while these wear the garments of humility, even though they have even more beautiful wedding garments than the company, being higher and further advanced in the spiritual. Their curiosity was satisfied with that.

So we went along the long, beautiful road. Finally, we reached a mountain spur of this high plateau, from where an endless, gigantic city presented itself to our eyes.

I said to the company: "Here before us lies the longed-for goal: the city of New Jerusalem."

At the mention of the city of New Jerusalem, a great jubilation sounded up from the company and from all mouths sounded: "Hosanna to God, the Father Jesus! Hallelujah, our Saviour and Redeemer!"

At that moment, a series of powerful trumpet blasts sounded throughout the huge city and an incalculable mass of the most glorious people in wedding garments glowing like the sun, pushed through the gigantic gates towards us. So we also descended and went some distance towards them. Then we stood still and waited on the rushing people. The closer they came, the more they organised themselves and approached us in a crescent formation, with a mighty angel in their lead. When they reached a certain distance from us, they all stopped at the sign of the leading angel – and when they called out: “Hosanna to our God and Father Jesus!”, they all fell down on their faces and silently waited for further instructions.

63. DR MARTIN LUTHER'S RECEPTION IN THE NEW JERUSALEM

(Martin Luther proclaims to the company that this divine worship was for the Father Jesus, which is their current leader, provoking from them also a jubilating greeting of Hosanna and Hallelujah, then fell down in humility on their faces. The Father Jesus let them stand up and announced Martin Luther worthy to be received as re-founder of the Christian religion. Introduction to the great ones of the New Jerusalem, who reaches Martin Luther the hand of brotherhood.)

In this moment, Martin Luther stepped forward before the society, which looked concerned about whom the prostration was intended for, and said:

“Dear brothers and sisters! I know that you are astonished about this unexpected event, that the whole of the New Jerusalem would fall down before us and by that show divine reverence. You see the glory of their beings and their clothing, which by far surpasses ours, that it could not apply to us, but to our Leader, Who is God and Father Jesus Himself. Therefore, lift up your loving hearts to Father Jesus and say with me: 'Hosanna to our God and beloved Father Jesus! Hallelujah to Him, the Redeemer of our souls and Saviour, who has so patiently taught us and brought us Himself through His graceful guidance into the New Jerusalem to the throne of His love, glory and holiness!’”

A jubilating approval, praise and honouring of My Person was the consequence of this brief explanation, after which the whole congregation also fell on their faces and awaited further orders in silence.

Now I commanded all of them stand up to welcome Martin Luther, for whose sake this great fishing expedition was undertaken. For through him (as I have said) My religion has again regained its original character, as far as the changed conditions and world views allowed.

As I announced this as My will, an old, dignified man got up and said: “Dear Father! Shall we accompany him with song and sound into the New Jerusalem?”

[I:] "Yes! And introduce yourself to him, that he may know who he has before him."

A great choir of angels and musicians immediately appeared with a variety of instruments, of which many is still unknown upon earth. Then the honoraries or dignitaries stepped to the fore, including Moses, Elijah, David, Solomon, Adam, Noah, Joseph the foster father, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph the Egyptian, Joshua, Samuel, the patriarchs, prophets and the apostles and many others who are great and mighty in the spiritual kingdom and introduced themselves to him, to give him the hand of brotherhood and friendship.

After these followed the great women of the heavens, like: Mary the mother of My body, Eve, Noah's mother Ghemela, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Anna the mother of Mary's body - all gave him their hand in friendship and said loving words.

When this was done, the huge procession ordered itself into the usual order, with the archangels singing, accompanied by the best musicians. At My side went Martin Luther and beside and behind us, the great ones of the heavens.

64. DR MARTIN LUTHER AS A GREAT ONE AND PRINCE IN THE NEW JERUSALEM

(Accompaniment of Martin Luther into the New Jerusalem in procession, with angelic song and music. The city population in formal reception attire. The heavenly castle of Zion festively decorated. Jesus sits on the throne in the pillar hall and let the great ones step forward. Then He calls up Martin Luther to the front, presents a solemn address and betoken Martin Luther as a great apostle, equal to Peter and Paul in merit on behalf of the Christian religion, and as a great one and prince of the New Jerusalem. Final scenes of the great triumphal procession.)

As we entered into the city where the whole population was in a festive mood and dressed in ceremonial attire and positioned themselves on both sides of the great street which runs all through New Jerusalem, they bowed down to the ground as we passed. As we arrived at the castle Zion, it was decorated most gloriously from top to bottom. Now the procession stopped, and I went up the golden-glittering, glorious stairs into the colonnade to the throne and had the great ones of New Jerusalem step forward. After bowing low, they silently waited for My further orders.

I now called forward Martin Luther to Me, who immediately followed and showed the same reverence as the great ones. I then gave the following address: "Dear children! A happy event is playing out before your eyes. A man, as there was none since the time of the apostles, left the dark earth and came to us, heavily laden with merits for the kingdom of God. His struggle on earth was difficult against the anti-Christianity of his opponents. He had to endure much slander, hostility and persecution from his enemies.

But he knew he was fighting for higher, Godly purposes. He therefore fought tirelessly like Peter or Paul in his time. I tell you, he deserves all laurels, like the first apostles. He indeed did not give his life for Me, but he would certainly have burned at the stake like Jan Hus, if his mortal enemies would have gotten their hands on him. For that he had to suffer and work in life and that is incomparably greater in merit, than if he would have died a heroic martyr's death soon after his appearance.

For 29 earthly years, he stood tirelessly for Me in battle against the despisers of My true religion. And great are the successes and it becomes ever greater, that which have been and will be brought to life through his work; and his work will grow, prosper and flourish and spread throughout the world unto the time of distant generations, when I will again set foot on the ground of the earth and gather My flock for the millennial kingdom.

I tell you, his merits is great for Me and My kingdom of the Spirit. Hundreds of millions of souls will rejoice to have come very close through his work, and have escaped the darkness of Romanism. Therefore I also tell you that with his arrival, a prince and great man entered into My New Jerusalem, whom you should receive as an equal brother in service for My sake!"

At this address, all the great ones again fell on their faces, remained in the deepest awe for a few minutes, then they got up and went to again offer the hand of brotherhood. At that moment sounded an innumerable Hosannah and Hallelujah through the atmosphere and the angels sang a great song of praise, which they only sing at extraordinary festivals. This was followed by great festivities and heavenly processions with song and music, with all the blessed involved. But to describe that is impossible, because one has to see it and enjoy it, in order to understand what is impossible to grasp and comprehend through the written word.

Thus was the guidance and completion of my apostle and favorite in the spirit world, and together with him, about a million spirits who would have not reached the goal of their souls for a long time, participated in the triumphal procession with him and most blessedly reached the highest heaven. Amen.