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7 Words of Jesus on the Cross

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BERTHA DUDDE.

At the request of many friends Bertha Dudde wrote the following biography in 1953:

I have been writing messages, received through the inner Word since June 15, 1937. In answer to the many requests of my friends I will give you a picture of my earthly life, a short explanation of what I received spiritually, and my own feelings about all this.

I was born April 1, 1891, the second oldest daughter of an artist of Liegnitz in Schlesien, today's Poland I had a normally peaceful childhood, with six sisters in our parent home. I learned the cares of life at an early age. The desire to make money to help my parents made me learn the trade of a seamstress. As the financial needs of my parents continued, so the burden, and in this way I made myself useful.

My parents belonged to different denominations. Father was a Protestant -Mother a Catholic. We children were brought up in the Catholic faith, but never experienced pressure or force to follow the practices of the church so that each child in later years could pursue their own chosen course.

I myself was religious, but could not accept the doctrine of the Catholic system, although I respected the church. I could not represent something on the outside that my inner conscience had not accepted. So I did not continue to attend church, heard little preaching and had no knowledge of the Bible. I did not read any religious books or scientific literature and did not join any other group or religious sect.

Anyone knowing the Catholic teaching knows what a conscious struggle one finds himself in when he wants to loosen himself from it. I also was not spared from this. But the question as to what is the Truth, and where it is to be found, remained.

Often when I prayed the Lord's prayer I would beseech the Lord to allow me to find HIS kingdom. This prayer was answered in June 15, 1937, as I prayed quietly and waited on the inner voice. In this attitude I persisted often, for a wonderful peace came over me and thoughts which came to my heart, not my head, gave me comfort and strength.

Still I did not know that these thoughts were given to me, until in a strange dream I experienced something, which later proved to be the Truth and caused me to write down these thoughts.

So on a certain day as I listened inwardly a stream of words came to me, which I wrote down. This was the first message I wrote which started like this: **"In the beginning was the Word, 'a TE-DEUM' to the Creator of Heaven and Earth."**

Then came doubt,did you write this by yourself? In short, I have wrestled, prayed and gone through many struggles, but again and again the words came to me like a stream, a wisdom, which made me tremble. Then GOD HIMSELF took away my doubts. HE answered me and I acknowledged HIM as our Father, in HIS Word. My faith grew, doubt diminished, and I received and wrote daily.

The contents of the writings were beyond my understanding. Phrases, which I had never heard of, or read about, strange and scientific expressions and references continually came to me. Then came unheard of expressions of the Heavenly Father's Love giving refuge and providing enlightenment to all the questions of life.

The "Words" came to me in the following manner: After sincere prayer and a short period of composure I listened inwardly. Thoughts then followed coming to my mind, clearly, distinctly, and the words flowed smoothly always three or four, one after another, like writing a radio announcement or a weather report, slowly so that I could easily keep pace, writing line after line.

Now, I write the words in shorthand as a dictation without having any constructive or intellectual part in it. I am in no way in a 'trance', nor do I even form the sentences, but it comes to me one word at a time, neither do I understand the context while I am writing the words down.

After days, sometimes weeks, I transcribe the shorthand writings into longhand without changing or correcting a syllable. Each dictation takes about half an hour. I must stress that this could not happen forcibly or in a state of ecstasy. It all takes place simply and consciously, without any excitement or influence of my own will. I can interrupt myself at any time and finish the sentence after hours or days without reading the previous writing the dictated words continue again.

My will is under no compulsion, all that I desire is to serve GOD and do what HIS Will wants me to do.

I can truthfully say that I was led into this Truth, and these concepts were, in all respect foreign to me. It was only after years that I found confirmation of what I received, when I came to know the writings of Jacob Lorber. No one can imagine my joy when I discovered the literature of Jacob Lorber; "The Great Gospel of John" and the "Youth of CHRIST" Then I understood that other people were given the Word of the Lord, that GOD had spoken to HIS children at all times and that GOD will continue to do this in HIS endless Love and Mercy.

I found in Lorber' s writings the same as was given to me. I often could not understand the word that came to me, but in HIS Love the Heavenly Father gave me the explanation. How wonderful are the innumerable manifestations in which the Father displays HIS exceeding great goodness.

It became clear to me that my short education, due to lack of money and my lack of time to read good books or visit performances, became my advantage. I could now concentrate on my work from early morning to late at night, and each day I received that precious spiritual Word without knowing for whom I received it.

It is because of my ignorance of the Bible and the Catholic doctrine that I accepted the Word from Above without resistance. In my experience an earnest Catholic or Protestant whose knowledge is rooted in dogmatic theories is too much bound to their dogma to accept and embrace Divine revelations without resistance.

Still there are scientists at several faculties who earnestly discuss these Divine teachings with increasing interest. Their interest does not only concern the irrefutable explanation of the origin of matter and the possibility of its dissolution, but also the principle of the wrong teachings of different religions, systems and confessions. In the messages I received these errors are recorded and everyone is urged to give instructions concerning these doctrinal errors whenever there is an opportunity.

But everyone is free to take the LORD' s Word to heart or not. But whoever understands the spirit in the Father's Word and does not act accordingly makes the distance between himself and the Father even greater. When he does not follow the warning words of Love he puts himself inevitably under the law. He will also in the same measure lack in Grace, disregarding GOD' s commandment of Love.

In GOD' s Grace people are led anew to the gospel, which emphatically points out the purpose of man's being. For the merciful Love of GOD seeks to save all who still can be saved before the turning point comes. And it will come. The end-time of which seers and prophets have proclaimed is now here. According to the revelations given to me, the LORD does not differentiate between HIS children. "Come ye all to ME" sounds HIS call and blessed is he who hears HIS call and follows HIM. GOD Loves HIS children. HE wants to make them all happy, even when they do not want to know HIM.

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BERTHA DUDDE.

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Christ's suffering....

Christ's suffering on the cross cannot even be remotely made understandable to people on earth, since in their imperfect state they cannot comprehend what it means for a perfect human being to fall victim to sin, for people's iniquity effectively triumphed over Him Who had not caused them harm. The spawns of hell made the enlightened soul of Jesus, the man, tremble, yet it did not defend itself.... It endured everything; nevertheless it was horror-stricken by so much dirt and evilness from people. It suffered indescribably, even far more than the body, by what it had to endure. The soul was surrounded by darkness and its light was unable to bear darkness; all the same, it did not flee because it wanted to drain the cup to the dregs in order to redeem humanity. It gave up its light, because otherwise that which the love of Jesus, the man, wanted to happen to it in order to offer God a sacrifice for humanity's sins could not have taken place. Thus it allowed its light to become ineffective and found itself in the midst of darkness which tormented and frightened it tremendously and increased its suffering a thousand fold, for the suffering of the soul exceeded the physical pain, which can only be understood by a perfect human being. Jesus, however, was as perfect as His Father in heaven is perfect.... and yet it was still on earth in the midst of sin.... His kingdom was the kingdom of light, the earth was Satan's kingdom, and in this kingdom the soul of light allowed itself to be violated. And the purest and most translucent Being Which ever lived on earth was horrified. It had to allow itself to be touched by hands it detested, because they extended from hell and took hold of it, it had to hear intensely hurtful words; it was effectively detached from its world and totally at the mercy of darkness, which had certainly been its own will for eternity in order to achieve the act of Salvation, yet it was nevertheless no less horrendous, for it was being terrified and tortured to the point of exhaustion.... This is why Jesus exclaimed: 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken me....' At this moment in time it no longer remembered its mission, it only felt the separation from God, from light, for Whom it longed and for Whom it called in its distress.... It was the cruellest thing ever experienced by a person on earth, because He not only had to endure the body's suffering but also because the soul had suffered considerably more still, which humanity cannot understand. For this reason no human being, regardless of how much he would have to suffer, will be able to reach the extent to which Jesus the man had to endure, Who already knew about it long in advance and in His human nature prayed: Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done....' It was also the will of His soul, which had completely subordinated itself to God, to accomplish the act of Salvation and it accepted its fate, for its love for the suffering human race was greater than great, but likewise the guilt of sin was so immense that only the most extreme pain and suffering could count as a sacrifice of atonement, which therefore was carried out by Jesus the human being. Yet the depth of suffering was as immeasurable as His love, which made Him take all suffering of body and soul upon Himself in order to redeem humanity from eternal death.... Amen

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30.3.1956

Atonement of guilt through Jesus Christ....

Taking humanity's suffering upon Myself was indescribably difficult.... There was not one bad deed which did not have to have an effect on people, and you would have had to suffer immeasurably if you yourselves had had to remove every sin weighing heavily on you. The sin of the former rebellion against God was so immense by itself that you would have been unable to atone for it, neither in your constrained nor in the human state.... For this reason I took all your guilt upon Myself, I collected the result of every evil deed and burdened My human body with it, which then atoned for your guilt by suffering an extremely painful death on the cross.... I was moved by My love to help you.... And all the spirits of light, all first created entities who remained loyal to Me, were filled by the same love for you.... Love, however, will never let anything go astray, love will not leave anything in darkness, distress and agony.... Love offered Itself for the deliverance, for the redemption of the immense guilt.... Love Itself descended to earth in an entity filled with light and love.... But the forthcoming events on earth had to take place in a human form; Love had to take on a human garment, I had to embody Myself in the flesh and therefore took abode in the human being Jesus, Who was nevertheless so pure and without sin that I was able to manifest Myself in Him.... And this human being Jesus made amends for your guilt, Jesus the man took humanity's enormous burden of sin upon his shoulders and walked with it to the cross....

Even if the inhuman suffering were described to you many times, you would be unable to comprehend its profundity because your nature's imperfection would prevent it.... His suffering was incomparably severe, and He knew of this well in advance since He was filled by My spirit, because I Myself had taken abode in Him. Consequently He knew everything, He knew about His mission as well as His crucifixion. His soul trembled and shook because He was a human being, and although the Divinity He had achieved due to His love certainly gave Him strength, it did not diminish the extent of suffering.... A human being walked to the cross Who wanted to suffer on behalf of His fellow human beings in order to help them. Because this human being knew about the immense suffering of those who were held captive in the abyss by My adversary.... Jesus knew that a sacrifice had to be made in order to purchase the souls from this opponent.... He knew that the immense guilt of sin had to be atoned for to satisfy the Father's justice, Who could not admit any child burdened by guilt into the parental home.... He wanted to return My children to Me, He wanted to pay the purchase price for the souls.... And since the guilt was enormous, the sacrifice also had to be exceptionally momentous....

And for this reason Jesus the man knowingly accepted the suffering, for this reason He allowed what was done to Him and what no other human being except Him could have endured.... He consciously walked the path to the cross and suffered indescribable torment which ultimately ended with a most painful death on the cross.... You humans are still unable to appreciate the magnitude of this act of compassion but you should always remember that He was completely innocent and suffered on behalf of you, who could never have returned to the Father from the abyss without His act of Salvation.... I Myself was within Jesus the human being, He was full of love because He could never have done this task without it. However, I had to remain silent during the most painful hours of His path of suffering because a human being had to suffer and die, since the Divinity within Him could not suffer, but according to divine justice the Divinity within Him could not redeem any guilt without atonement either.... One day you will be able to understand the full depth of what is still inconceivable to you, and then you, too, will be able to participate in this greatest act of mercy. Due to His human existence Jesus the man lived in your realm and His soul, having descended from the kingdom of light, suffered terribly because it had looked into the deepest darkness and was besieged by the forces of hell.... Thus Jesus the human being not only suffered physically but endured the most intense torments of soul which increased His suffering a thousand fold.... However, He brought you humans salvation from sin and death.... Amen

'It is finished....'

The One who allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross on behalf of your sins has truly accomplished the act of redeeming humanity from sin and death. For I Myself dwelled in the human being Jesus, thus it was not a mere **human being** who accomplished an act which should only be judged in an earthly sense, but **I Myself** took pity upon the whole of humanity and atoned for its sin in order to enable its return to Me, which had become impossible for every single person because of the original sin, that is, the guilt of the past apostasy from Me and the fall into the abyss. It must repeatedly be emphasised that **I Myself** have offered the sacrifice in a human shell.... And it must be stressed that 'Love' made this sacrifice, but that I Myself **Am** the Eternal Love. You humans are unable to comprehend the full depth of this act, but you can be certain that it was not 'human work', even though the human being Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross; yet it only happened so that humanity would take notice and become aware of its enormous guilt, the redemption of which required an exceptional deed which was and will remain unique. Thereby the **complete redemption** was accomplished so that it only depends on the human being's will to release himself from the guilt of sin which burdens him for as long as he does not acknowledge Jesus Christ's act of Salvation. The act of Salvation has been accomplished for all time.... It need not be repeated, it covers the redemption of all once-fallen spiritual beings because I Myself attended to it, for the sake of My love I Myself wanted to remove the guilt and for the sake of **justice** I made **amends** for it. The enormous extent of suffering the human shell had to endure was sufficient atonement for Me.... However, the **human being** Jesus would have been **unable** to endure the extent of suffering by Himself had the **Love in Him** not enabled Him to do so. Time and again I stress that this act of Salvation is and will remain unique, because its redemptive effect will last for all eternity. As long as fallen spirits still exist, the divine Redeemer Jesus Christ will also be mentioned, and the acknowledgment of His act of Salvation will always liberate people from the guilt of their past apostasy from Me and, truly, no **further sacrifice of atonement** will be necessary because I Myself accomplished this sacrifice for all eternity.... Thus you humans should be satisfied with this explanation and not pay attention to satanically-inclined events which cannot be brought into harmony with My act of Salvation. For if ever My act of Salvation is described as incomplete, if ever people are shown a path to happiness other than the path to the cross, then the divine working of the spirit cannot be spoken of; then there will be forces at work which seek to prevent your redemption, which try to deter you from Me, Who wants to be recognised and acknowledged in Jesus Christ.... In that case you should be careful, for My adversary knows how to present himself in an angel's garment of light and then you will find it difficult to expose him. But always call upon Jesus Christ, Who certainly recognises His enemy and adversary, and appeal to Him for protection. For He and I are One, and if you pray to Me for correct thinking and for protection in every spiritual adversity then you will no longer have to worry, for then you will be guided wherever you go, the 'redemption' will reveal itself in you.... and you will clearly and assuredly recognise which way you will have to take and where danger threatens you. I have redeemed you from all sins, for My crucifixion was the atonement for your guilt. And this act of atonement cannot be lessened by My adversary, nevertheless he will continue to try to influence you humans such that you become unsure and start to doubt Me as your Redeemer Jesus Christ.... For during the time of the end many false Christs and false prophets will arise and try to pull you onto wrong paths. Then you shall be strong in faith and know that you should only keep to Jesus Christ, because by doing so you acknowledge Me Myself and call upon Me as a Father in every adversity and distress of body and soul.... Amen

Good Friday....

You should always remember My infinite love which motivated Me to accomplish the act of Salvation for you.... Whatever the man Jesus had experienced and endured on earth He had accepted because of His love for His fellow human beings whom He knew were suffering grave spiritual poverty. Even as a man He already knew of humanity's immense guilt of sin and the hopelessness of releasing itself without help. This knowledge was the result of His life of love, and thus He took pity on humanity and wanted to help. However, as a result of His love He also realised that He had to fulfil a mission.... that I Myself had sent Him to earth to serve Me as a vessel, and thus I Myself could accomplish the act of Salvation in Him for the redemption of the said immense guilt of sin.... And in accordance with this mission His life on earth progressed.... a life of untold difficulties and pain which first had to mature Him and which His soul experienced simply because of His association with sinful people, because His soul had descended from the kingdom of light into darkness.

But first the earthly shell which enclosed the soul had to be purged by these pains and difficulties, by always resisting the lusts and passions which adhered to it in order to become a worthy receptacle for Me Myself, but Who then completely and utterly permeated Him and thus became as one with Him.... And now His real mission began: to bring light to the people, to proclaim the truth to them, to preach the Gospel of love and thus to show and exemplify the path which they had to take as well if they wanted to enter the kingdom of light and bliss after their death.... in order to finally conclude His earthly path with an incomparable act of mercy.... with His most bitter suffering and the excruciating death on the cross as sacrifice for humanity's guilt of sin.... And this mission was indeed accomplished by a human being but I Myself was in this human being, I Myself, Eternal Love, accomplished the act of Salvation, because only love was able to make such a sacrifice, only love could suffer the torments of the cross, and only love could find the strength to patiently endure in complete consciousness until His death.... And although the man Jesus exclaimed on the cross the words 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me....' it was, after all, only a declaration that the Deity within Him did not compel Him to His action but that the human being Jesus voluntarily offered the sacrifice on behalf of His fellow human beings, that the love within Him motivated Him to continue but that It did not inhibit His freedom of thought and action. Jesus, the man, took humanity's entire burden of sin on His shoulders and walked with it to the cross....

Not one of you can understand the full meaning of these Words.... Although I Myself accomplished the act of mercy, because without love the man Jesus would not have been able to take the extent of pain and suffering upon Himself.... yet at the same time the 'Deity' could not suffer and thus the level of pain and suffering had to be endured by a soul capable of suffering, by a human being Whose body was sensitive to pain and Who thus made amends in this way for what had caused the whole of humanity to become guilty before God. And His soul also suffered beyond words since it came from the kingdom of light and experienced the darkness on earth as indescribable torture.... The man Jesus was 'My Son, in Whom I was well pleased....' He was devoted to Me in every sense, with all His love, He lived amongst sinful people and His soul ceaselessly searched for Me, His God and Father of eternity, His love forced Me to flow into Him incessantly, and thus unification between human and God could take place, i.e. 'God's human manifestation' could proceed in absolute lawful order. For I could never have chosen to take abode in a human shell which was not pure love because I Myself cannot unite with something impure....

And every immature substance became spiritualised through the suffering of the man Jesus.... and at the same time the whole of humanity was released from the guilt of sin because one human being had sacrificed Himself for love on behalf of His fellow human beings. The man Jesus glorified Me Myself through His death, and I glorified Him by choosing Him as the eternally visible outward appearance for Myself.... by becoming a visible Deity in Him for all My created beings who make themselves worthy of 'Seeing God'. As long as you live on earth you can forever visualise My infinite love which had helped you to become liberated through the act of Salvation.... but you will only understand the complete profoundness of this act of mercy when you have entered the kingdom of light yourselves, when the light of realisation permeates you once again as it did in the beginning.... Then you yourselves can participate too, you will experience it as reality and only then understand My infinite love which did whatever needed to be done to regain its children who once went astray due to the immense guilt of apostasy from Me.... Amen

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28.11.1960

Jesus' Words on the cross: 'I Am thirsty....'

I thirst for your love.... and when you remember the Words I spoke on the cross 'I Am thirsty....' you will know that it was not simply a physical longing but that My soul was thirsting for My living creations' love.... that the 'Deity' in the man Jesus spoke, since now the act had been accomplished when I was waiting for death on the cross.... I thirsted for your love which was to bring you back to Me after I had redeemed the guilt of sin for you. For first you had to revive love in you in order to recognise and acknowledge Me Myself in Jesus Christ and thus **knew** the reason for the act of Salvation, for only **love** was able to reveal this knowledge to you, only through **love** were you able to recognise Me.... Jesus the 'human being' had voiced these Words on the cross but He was already united with Me and thus they were God's Words which arose from the tortured body, and these Words are to be understood as I explained them to you.... that the Deity yearned for the love of Its living creations.... Jesus the human being was not aware of having spoken these Words, and I expressed Myself such that people only understood the earthly meaning of the Words, because they would not have grasped that the Deity had permitted this superhuman suffering which, however, was the atonement for the original sin on account of which I had descended to Earth. The reason for people's immense guilt was due to the fact that they had once rejected My love and had become heartless themselves.... And I longed for the love of these beings which Jesus' crucifixion returned to Me provided the being itself is willing. And precisely this willingness presupposes **love**.... Once I possessed people's love they also came back to Me of their own free will and were able to do so, because the act of Salvation was accomplished for the whole human race. And if you consider Jesus' Words on the cross in this way, then the love He longed for should impel you to Him, in which case you show your love for **Me** for which I have yearned since your apostasy from Me.... For 'love' brought you into being, 'love' gave you the test of will because you were intended to become even **more** than I was able to 'create' for Myself.... because you were meant to become My 'children'.... My love pursued you into the abyss in order to help you come up again, and My love accomplished the act of Salvation for you.... And in return you should only grant Me **your love**.... you should love Me with such depth of feeling which only a child can feel for its father. When I sacrificed My life on the cross for you, your guilt was atoned for and your return to Me became possible, My sacrifice of love was able to ignite your love in you, you were able to recognise it as such since you were no longer held captive in darkness because I had brought 'light' to you:.... My divine teaching of love, which showed you the path to Me and compliance with which signifies the re-transformation of your nature into love, will subsequently result in your lasting unification with Me and thus also the fulfilment of My yearning for your love.... Amen

B.D. 7764
4.12.1960

Jesus' last Words on the cross....

I always want to give to you what you desire. You only need to take notice of your inner voice and it will instruct you truthfully, because I want you to live in truth and gain a clear understanding: My crucifixion has brought salvation to you humans, it has redeemed your past guilt of sin.... As the human being Jesus I took extreme pain upon Myself, and a most bitter death was My fate.... However, since I was unable to suffer as 'God' I took abode in a human shell which was **capable** of suffering and which also mustered the **will** to suffer on behalf of His fellow human beings in order to satisfy My justice, in order to open up the path to Me for His fallen brothers. Yet His will was **free**.... He was not impelled by the Deity within Him to accomplish the sacrifice He wanted to make for Me.... although **love**.... Which was Myself.... was the cause for which He mustered this will... Yet I Myself never coerce the will of a human being and neither does My love. However, anyone who **has love** can't help himself but emanate it. And thus, the human being Jesus, too, radiated love and thereby only wanted to please humanity. Hence He only ever wanted what would help people to become blissfully happy. The will of the human being Jesus was **free**.... yet He had completely subordinated Himself to Me and My will. Consequently, His will **could not** be different to Mine. For the love in Him was so powerful that it had merged with the Eternal Love, with **Myself**.... Thus I Myself was in Him, and I Myself achieved in Him the act of Salvation

And yet, the human being Jesus had to take the final decision Himself when He undertook the most difficult journey.... the path to the cross. And even though I, the Eternal Love, was in Him, My divine Spirit withdrew, that is, Love... the spirit.... no longer urged Him into action; it kept quiet and apparently left the human being Jesus to struggle on His own.... And this was the most difficult of all, the fact that the man Jesus felt **alone** in His suffering and nevertheless walked the path until the end.... He was not alone, for I would never have been able to separate Myself from Him again, Who had become one with Me.... But I no longer expressed Myself, because the atonement of the original sin necessitated an extreme amount of human suffering and torment which the human being Jesus had readily taken upon Himself, and therefore the sacrifice of atonement has been the work of the most merciful love that was ever accomplished on earth. And these pains lasted until His death on the cross and made Him proclaim 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken me....' I was in Him but I did not speak, yet it was only the body which suffered until His soul recognised Me again, when He called 'It is finished....' and 'Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit....'

The body suffered until the end and I had to withdraw Myself during these hours or His already spiritualised soul would have rendered the body insensitive to pain, because My spirit is unable to suffer. And the human being Jesus had already attained the spiritualisation of soul and body as a result of His way of life on earth.... But the purpose and objective of His earthly progress was the redemption of the guilt of sin, which was only possible by way of an excessive extent of suffering and pain.... Hence the 'Deity' withdrew and left the 'human being' Jesus to His tormentors, who truly carried out the most shameful work on behalf of My adversary, because Jesus Himself wanted it this way.... For His soul had offered of its own accord to descend to earth in order to make the sacrifice of atonement for His fallen brothers; it had offered to take on flesh in order to accept these said immeasurable pains and torments because only a human being was capable of suffering. And I accepted the sacrifice since it was, after all, made by 'love'.... which may never be rejected. And 'love' stayed in Him until His death, even if It no longer allowed It's **strength** to take effect.... Thus I Myself must have been in Him too, even if I remained silent at the end so that the act of Salvation could find its culmination: that a human being allowed Himself to be crucified for His fellow human beings.... that He truly made a sacrifice which I accepted as an act of atonement for the whole human race.... No 'divine strength' alleviated the sacrifice for Him, for 'Love' Itself remained quiet, although it had taken complete possession of the human being Jesus....

And this, too, is a mystery you humans are as yet unable to grasp.... The man Jesus had to taste the greatest suffering: to feel alone and abandoned. And precisely **this suffering** redeemed the sin which every being had burdened itself with when it **left Me**, Who had given them all My love, which they rejected. The human being Jesus had to experience this suffering, and therefore He spoke the words 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken me....' Yet you humans will never be able to understand the magnitude of the act of Salvation as long as you live on earth. Nevertheless, one day it will strike you with a sudden, blinding realisation and you will praise and worship Me without end.... For this act of Salvation applied to all of you, you all may participate in the blessings of the act of Salvation, and as a result of the act of Salvation the path was opened for all of you to return to Me Amen

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?...."

My pain and death on the cross was indescribably excruciating and every description of the suffering is just a faint comparison with My real suffering because I foresaw every phase of My act of Salvation, I knew what My last task would be and I did not have the reassurance to reduce the pain for Myself since I had to suffer the last hours as a mere human being. I certainly had all the strength because God's, My eternal Father's, strength of love permeated Me until the end, but by using My will I Myself made no use of the strength of love, I did not accept its effect to reduce or alleviate the pain with its help, otherwise the act of Salvation, which called for the utmost amount of suffering in order to redeem humanity's original sin, would not have been completely valid.... And the Deity within Me knew My will and allowed Me to continue, It withdrew Itself because it was My will to achieve the highest degree of love for humanity, which again was only for My Father, for Whom I yearned during the greatest agony, during the most severe suffering and particularly during the final minutes of My physical life.... And this yearning increased because I no longer used His effect, His strength of love.... And in this longing for Him, for My eternal Father, I exclaimed the words 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?....'

I Myself had wanted to complete the act of mercy for sinful humanity as a human being, because the greatest love I could offer My Father was to allow Myself to be nailed to the cross on His behalf, because He Himself had come to earth and taken abode within Me after all, because He had wanted to carry out the act of Salvation for His children Himself, but being 'God' He was unable to suffer.... And hence I accepted all torments and pain on His behalf and endured them to the end.... No matter how often and intelligible I try to explain this to you.... you will never quite understand it until the spiritual kingdom has received you, the kingdom of light and blissfulness.... And the simplest explanation is always the words 'The Father and I are One....' It was already a complete unification and therefore I was able to say: 'It is finished....' Jesus the 'human being' had sacrificed His life, He had suffered as a human being and experienced an unspeakably painful death.... But He also had united with the Eternal Deity, because love was within the man Jesus until the end or He could not have said: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' And if 'Love' Itself stayed silent then only because it was necessary in finalising the act of Salvation, so that death could then be ascertained by all the people in His vicinity.... so that His body could be placed into the grave from which He rose again on the third day....

Every expression of God's spirit in the end could still have caused people to doubt Jesus' death on the cross, because they would have recognised His bond with Me and faith in the act of Salvation would have been the compelling result, but it had to be a free decision of will.... You will not be able to understand this quite yet either, but as soon as you yourselves unite your spirit with the spirit of the eternal Father you will become enlightened, and then you will also understand My Word, which always aims to offer you an explanation that you can understand in accordance with your soul's degree of maturity or love. Especially in regards to the act of Salvation you should receive the pure truth and be given complete understanding, so that you can comprehend the magnitude of My love, Which came to earth for you humans, for your guilt of sin, Which accomplished the act of Salvation in order to re-open the path to the Father, to redeem your immense guilt of sin, for this had closed your path to the Father's house forever.... Amen

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The sin I had taken upon My shoulders was an inconceivably heavy burden and could only be redeemed through an equally immense sacrifice of atonement, as the path to the cross and the extremely painful suffering and dying on the cross was for Me. For this had been excruciatingly painful.... You humans are incapable of even remotely imagining that measure of suffering, for I felt abandoned by the strength of God, I.... Who had always been united with the Father.... had to walk the path alone, which seemed to last forever but which I nevertheless took upon Myself in infinite love because I pitied the human race and knew that only this sacrifice of Mine could bring salvation to humanity.... Time and again I had to experience the brutalities of the executioner's servants, and the whole world of hell participated.

Yet I was not allowed to defend Myself by using My indwelling divine strength, for this act of Salvation had to be an act of free will, on account of which I covered this path of suffering as a 'mere human being', always praying that I would be able to complete it, that I would not fail before the end, that I was also permitted to endure the death of the cross, which concluded the act of Salvation in the first place. You will only be able to assess the whole extent of torments and humiliations I had to endure when you enter the kingdom of the beyond, where you will be able to behold My crucifixion. Yet during your human existence you lack all concept of My torments, since a lesser measure would have killed you already, however, My will to redeem you was so strong that it gave Me the strength to taste all suffering to the extreme.... that I also endured the death on the cross consciously and still was able to pray for My tormentors 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do'....

They did not know that by nailing Me to the cross they nailed the Father Himself to the cross, Who wanted to redeem all people from every sin.... I knew that He had merely withdrawn Himself from Me so as not to exert force on Me as a human being, for only the **human being Jesus** was able to suffer and this suffering reconciled the Father. For this reason I spoke the Word 'It is finished....' in order to state that an eternally predetermined act had been accomplished.

However, its results encompassed the past, present and future.... And thus all beings which once had fallen away from God are redeemed.... One day in the beyond you will always be able to witness the crucifixion of Jesus, the human being, but no person will ever be able to assess the appalling torments as long as he still lives on earth.... for he will lack the understanding. His immense suffering, the immense suffering of the man Jesus, not only involved the physical pain inflicted on Him, instead, the suffering of His pure soul, having descended to earth from the kingdom of light for the sake of this act of Salvation, was far greater.... Only a soul which already dwells in the kingdom of light is able to comprehend what it means for a pure soul to be in the slough of sin.... what it means for a perfect soul to stay in the midst of imperfect creatures.... but then it is also able to understand the depth of love which motivated Jesus to provide help for His sinful brothers, and then they will tremble with awe and give thanks and sing their praises to the One Who has redeemed the world from all sin.... Amen

'7 Words of Jesus on the Cross'

(Spiritual correspondences of JESUS' WORDS from the CROSS
explained by Emanuel Swedenborg)

,I am thirsty!'

(John 19:28)

That the Lord thirsted we read in John:

"Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst. And there had been placed a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. And when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, It is finished"
(xix. 28-30).

Those who think of these things only naturally and not spiritually, may suppose that they involve nothing more than that the Lord thirsted, and that then vinegar was given to Him; but because all things which the Scripture said concerning Him were then consummated, and He came into the world to save mankind, therefore He said, I thirst, by which is meant that from Divine love He willed and desired the salvation of the human race. But that vinegar was given to Him, signifies that in the coming church there would be no genuine truth, but truth mingled with falsities, such as exist with those who separate faith from charity, or truth from good, this being signified by vinegar. Their putting it upon hyssop signified a certain purification of it, for by hyssop is signified an external means of purification (as may be seen, n. 7918). That every particular of the things related in the Word concerning the Lord's passion, involves and signifies Divine, celestial, and spiritual things, may be seen above (n. 83). From the passages adduced above it is evident what famine signifies in the Word. Let them be examined and well considered, and it will be seen by such as think at all interiorly, that natural famine, hunger, and thirst, can in no way be meant, but, spiritual.

(Apocalypse Explained – 386:30)

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The reason why He then said, I thirst, was, because He desired a new church, which should acknowledge Him. (That to thirst, in the spiritual sense, signifies to desire, and that it is said of the truths of the church, may be seen, Arcana Coelestia, n. 4958, 4976, 8568.) (Apocalypse Explained – 83)

**,And they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh:
but He received it not.'**

(Mark 15:23)

**,They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when
He had tasted thereof, He would not drink.'**

(Matthew 27:34)

**,After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now
accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I
thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they
filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it
to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar,
He said, It is finished: and he bowed His head, and gave up the
ghost.'**

(John 19:28-30)

Every circumstance related in the Evangelists concerning the passion of the Lord, signifies, in the spiritual sense, the state of the church at that time with respect to the Lord and the Word. For the Lord was the Word, because He was the Divine Truth; and as the Jews had treated the Word, or the Divine Truth, so they treated the Lord concerning which fact see above (n. 64, 195). Their giving to the Lord vinegar mingled with gall, which was also called wine mingled with myrrh, signified the quality of the Divine Truth from the Word with the Jewish nation, namely, that it was mingled with the falsity of evil, and thus altogether falsified and adulterated, therefore He would not drink it. But their afterwards giving to the Lord vinegar in a sponge, and placing hyssop about it, signified the quality of falsity among the upright Gentiles, which was falsity arising from ignorance of the truth, in which there was something good and useful; as this falsity is accepted by the Lord, He therefore drank that [which corresponded to it]. The hyssop which they placed about it, signified the purification thereof; the Lord's saying, "I thirst," signified Divine spiritual thirst, which is of Divine Truth and Good in the church, by which mankind are saved. Concerning the quality of the falsity of evil with the Jewish nation and that of the falsity of ignorance with the upright Gentiles, in which was good, see the Doctrine of the New Jerusalem (n. 21). (Apocalypse Explained – 519:2)

**,And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,
saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My
God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?**

(Matthew 27:46 + Mark 15:34)

There are two things for which the Lord came into the world, and by means of which He saved men and angels, namely, redemption and the glorification of His Human. These two are distinct from each other; and yet in reference to salvation they make one. It has been shown in the preceding sections what the work of redemption was, namely, that it was a combat against the hells, a subjugation of the hells, and a restoration of order in the heavens. But glorification is the uniting of the Lord's Human with the Divine of His Father. This was effected gradually, and was completed through the passion of the cross. For every man on his part ought to draw near to God; and as far as man does draw near, God on His part enters into him. It is the same as with a temple, which first must be built, and this is done by the hands of men; afterwards it must be dedicated; and finally prayer must be made for God to be present and there unite Himself with the church. The union itself was made complete through the passion of the cross, because that was the last temptation endured by the Lord in the world; and it is by means of temptations that conjunction is effected. For in temptations apparently man is left to himself alone, although he is not; for God is then most nearly present in man's inmosts and sustains him; therefore when man conquers in temptation he is inmostly conjoined with God, as in temptation the Lord was inmostly united to God His Father. That in the passion of the cross the Lord was left to Himself is evident from His exclamation upon the cross:

O God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? (Matt. 27:46); as also from these words of the Lord:

No man taketh My life from Me, but I lay it down of Myself I had power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment received I from My Father (John 10:18).

From all this it can now be seen that it was not in respect to His Divine but in respect to His Human that the Lord suffered; and that thereby an inmost and thus a complete union was effected. This may also be illustrated by the fact that when a man suffers in body his soul does not suffer, but only grieves; and after the victory God takes away this grief and wipes it away as one wipes away tears from the eyes.

(True Christian Religion – 126)

,When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, he saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.‘

(John 19:26, 27)

By the cross of Jesus stood His mother.... (And) Jesus...seeing His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, (also) said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" And He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" (Therefore) from that hour the disciple took her into his own [home]. (John 19:25-27)

The meaning here is that the Lord did not acknowledge Mary but the church as His mother. That is why He calls her "woman" and names her the mother of the disciple. He named her the mother of this disciple, John, because John represented the church in respect to its good acts of charity. These good acts are the church in actual practice. Therefore it is said that the disciple took Mary into his own [home].

(We explained in *The Apocalypse Revealed* that Peter represented truth and faith, James charity, and John works of charity - see nos. 5, 6, 790, 798, 879 - and that the twelve disciples together represented the church in all its elements - see nos. 233, 790 [798?], 903, 915.) (Conjugal Love – 119)

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That the good of charity constitutes the Church, is also signified by the words of the Lord addressed to John from the cross (John xix. 26, 27), "Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved, who stood by; and He said to His mother, Woman, behold thy son; and He said to that disciple, Behold thy mother; and from that hour that disciple took her to himself." John signifies the good of charity, and a woman and a mother, the Church; and the whole passage signifies that the Church will be where the good of charity is; that a woman in the Word means the Church, see nos. 252, 253, 749, 770, 3160, 6014, 7337, 8994; likewise a mother, nos. 289, 2691, 2717, 3703, 257, 5581, 8897, 10490. All the names of persons and places in the Word signify things abstractedly from them, see nos. 768, 1888, 4310, 4442, 10329.

(New Jerusalem and it's Heavenly Doctrine – 122'; see also *Apocalypse Revealed* – 821')

7 Words of Jesus on the Cross.‘

Received by Antoinette Grossheim

FOREWORD:

This booklet “The 7 Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross” was received in 1863 by the inner voice of the Spirit and written down in Graz by Antonie Grossheim, a woman who belonged to the group of friends of the great mystic and servant of God, Jakob Lorber.

Further details of Antonie Grossheim can be found in the short, interesting biography “Jakob Lorber”, written by Lorber’s friend Karl Gottfried Ritter von Leitner.

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

1. WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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

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

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LORD TO HIS CHILDREN

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

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

[3] However, all the others to whom everything is more precious than to seek your eternal destination and to acquire the means to reach that goal, I, as your Father and future Judge, advice you: leave the world and its temporary pleasures and return to Me in word and deed, as long as there is still time. For it will not be long anymore till My patience will be exhausted and you will experience the judgment of My wrath. For you know from the Scripture how terrible it is to fall into the hands of the living God. Also, I say to you: verily, verily, Heaven and Earth will perish but My Words will not perish.

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

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

[6] I however spoke in the fear of My earthly flesh from the cross to the bystanders 7 words in the old Hebrew language of which there is not a correct explanation up to the present day¹. Therefore, My mercy brought Me to repeat them, and this with the correct explanation of their meaning, for the future (this means the present) times and in this way to reveal their true sense to the people who are of good will.

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

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

3. THE 7 WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

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

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

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

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

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

¹ 1863.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

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

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

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

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

[5] On that day I also appeared to a few of My disciples, as well as to My mother Mary. Now finally the time had come that, after the fulfillment of My offering of death that was imposed to Me by the heavenly Father, I had still time and opportunity to speak to My friends and explain to them the importance and the meaning of My bitter suffering and death. No account could be found anywhere in the world up to now of what I discussed with My disciples during that time till My ascension, since only something was mentioned in the letters of Paul to the Ephesians which is almost the same as My teaching when I was on Earth in the spiritual body.

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

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

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

6. EXPLANATION OF THE WORDS ON THE CROSS

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

[2] In order to save in any case the human children from eternal death, there was no other way for the merciful love of the deity than to break the bands of eternal death by the incarnation of the eternal Word and the death of the One who

became Man (Jesus). However, the temporary forms of evil are by that not abolished, for the consequence of sin is inevitably a punishment. And oh, in what kind of sea of sins and vices did men sink away by now.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[13] Because look around you and you will see how the world makes progress in the field of worldly sciences, arts and new discoveries. People examine the most secret powers of nature, and I allow that all My works are subjected to them since I created everything beautifully and to be of benefit for My children. But for what purpose are they using all their sciences? Only to enrich themselves with worldly treasures and to indulge in their pride and audacity. By that the wealthy forget completely their poor brothers who fall ever deeper in all kinds of need and misery, and in their lamentation they call to Me for help and mercy.

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

[15] The fourth word: “Mary, see your son, and you, son, see your mother.” I did not actually speak this for My mother because I knew that My disciples would not leave My physical mother alone. But by that I rather wanted to show in a way what kind of love I carried in My heart for My children. I wanted to advise them all to trust the merciful love of God that was symbolically compared with the love of a mother. And with ‘son’ was meant the children of men who can make themselves worthy by the strict observation of My teaching.

[16] But where among the people can one find the strict observation of My so simple teaching which is so much benefit for the salvation of the soul. Only a few of all My children are still observing half of My will. The others are either too entangled in their haughtiness or they are too much surrounded by too many worldly worries to care for MyWord. So My divine teaching has developed into almost an illusory teaching or a traditional custom, and by that sin is dominating among the people.

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

[18] I have warned and am still warning every individual person and whole nations in general through diseases, the failing of their worldly speculations, wars, inflations and such like. In the past and at present I allowed that people, by their stubbornness, inflict to themselves and often on both sides, the greatest possible damage. And often all this is still in vain. People look for the causes of all those bad situations anywhereelse, but instead of blaming themselves, in their sinful state they blame Me, their humble and tolerant God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. AFTERWORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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