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Foreword

Dear Reader,

Questions about the origin, purpose and goal of earthly life have long fascinated human beings. Where do we come from and where do we go after our death? Is there a life after death? And if there is, then, how are we to imagine life in the world beyond? What is in store for us there?

These questions about our existence probe into the spiritual reality of the beyond, a reality which can neither be accessed by our physical senses nor by present day methods of natural-scientific research. Unaided, then, it is difficult for us to acquire informed and detailed knowledge by ourselves.

Is it possible to gain insight into the world beyond?

Indeed, there are ways to gain insight into the spiritual world. Well-known examples are near-death experiences (NDE) occurring on the threshold of the beyond or, alternatively, impressive dreams perhaps involving a dearly loved deceased person.

Yet another means of gaining insight into the “where from” and “where to” of mankind is contact with the beyond through a human intermediary, a medium. This significant method of receiving spiritual knowledge has been known for ages – we need only remember the prophets of ancient Israel or the early Christians who prayed emphatically for the support and instruction from the spiritual world of God.

People today are no longer familiar with the idea of a connection between this world and the beyond. A relationship between the spirits of God and mankind would appear to many people to be inconceivable or impossible or even forbidden. This is due to a lack of deeper reflection and knowledge of the subject.

Testimonies from the Bible

Many varied testimonies can be found in the Bible showing that God spoke to people, that he spoke with Adam and Eve, with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as well as Moses. This communication with the spiritual world of God is of central importance in the whole of the Old Testament. At the time there existed almost a daily dialogue with the spiritual world through a medium or person with a spiritual disposition. It is a fact that leaders did not act without first consulting the spiritual world.

The people of biblical times experienced the connection between this world and the world beyond, particularly so during the period of Christ’s teaching activities and his mission. As the Son of God, Jesus Christ possessed the most perfect form of mediumship. He pointed out time and again that he didn’t achieve his extraordinary deeds, his healings and miracles out of himself alone but with the help of his Father.

The connection with the divine world in early Christianity

The certainty of entering into an audible relationship with the divine world in order to receive teachings in this way also invigorated the early Christians. In the New Testament, Christ promised to send his spirit of truth, who would enlighten them about all things (e.g. John 14, 26 and 16, 12–13). The fulfilment of this promise came a few days after Christ’s ascension when the apostles and their intimate acquaintances were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. There they experienced, in an impressive way, how holy spirits can speak to human beings in

an audible way and enlighten them about Christ's teaching.

It is reported in the Acts of the Apostles how the apostles became mediums at Pentecost: They were filled by holy spirits praising and glorifying God and his deeds. Through their mouths and in various languages they proclaimed the gospel in the streets of Jerusalem (Acts of the Apostles 2, 1–41). Since that event, the spirits of truth, speaking through human mediums, played a major role in the early Christian communities in the transmission of enlightenment.

At the onset of the institutionalization of the church, around the beginning of the second century, this living relationship with the spiritual world of God was repressed and finally prohibited. Since the development of the church hierarchy and the emergence of the authority of the priesthood, the priestly leaders of communities considered themselves to be the bearers of true faith and as its sole legitimate interpreters.

A return to the original practice of communication with the spirit of truth

For the future of Christianity it is of vital importance to return to the original practice that the earliest Christians knew, and to give the opportunity to the spirit of truth to speak, once again, to human beings. For Christian teaching to regain its former credibility, richness and vibrancy it is essential to tap this well again from which we human beings have always been able to learn the truth on questions of faith. Two outstanding testimonies from the recent past prove that even today it is still possible to gain enlightenment about the truth of Christ's Gospel.



Beatrice Brunner was born in 1910 in the canton of Schwyz. In her youth she trained as a dressmaker. She was the mother of two children and managed, in the difficult time during and after World War II, her own sewing atelier together with two employees. Beatrice Brunner's innate gift of deep-trance mediumship emerged toward the end of 1945, when a spiritually knowledgeable acquaintance recognized her gift and encouraged her to develop it. Thanks to their commitment she and her husband, Arthur Brunner, were successful in gathering a small circle of interested people which eventually led to the creation of a community.

Within this setting and until her passing in 1983, she acted as deep trance medium for 35 years. These circumstances enabled the spiritual world to offer comprehensive instructions and enlightenment on Christian spirit teaching in over 2000 lectures. Beatrice Brunner's extraordinary mediumship is unique in terms of its duration and scope.

Presently there are two exceptional testimonies to the relationship with the divine world

The first witness is the experience of the Catholic priest Johannes Greber (1874–1944). In 1923 when Greber was a priest in the German country parish of Kell (Andernach), he became acquainted with a small circle of people who gathered every week for some kind of church service in Koblenz. Among those present was a fifteen-year-old boy who acted as a deep-trance medium and through whom a divine spirit gave various explanations on Christ's teaching. Johannes Greber published these teachings in his book "Communication with the spirit world of God – its laws and purpose; personal experiences of a Catholic priest". Greber's book may be considered the basic work of Christian spirit teaching; that is to say, Christian teachings that comprise the otherworldly reality and provide information about our spiritual origin – precisely as Christ promised shortly before his death: "I have yet many things to tell you but you cannot bear it yet. However, when the spirit of truth comes he will guide you into all truth." (John 16, 12–13)

The second important source of teachings from the divine world are the 2400 lectures that were channelled from spirit over 35 years, between 1948 and 1983, by the deep trance medium Beatrice Brunner (1910–1983) within the GL Zurich (see box on page 3).

Most of these communications, of one to one and a half hour duration, were given by two otherworldly teachers who were well-known to the audience by the names of Joseph and Lene. A small number of lectures stem from ascending spiritual beings, i.e. from deceased human beings who reported on their past life as well as their experiences in the world beyond, thereby giving a vivid description of the laws of cause

and effect. The majority of these lectures are recorded on video and audio tape.

The spiritual knowledge channelled through Beatrice Brunner, as well as that received by Johannes Greber, form a continuum of spirit teaching tying into the tradition and insights of early Christendom. The aim of these teachings is to fill in the gaps in Christian tradition and to clear up errors thereby making available to human beings again the original teaching of Christ. In this sense, the spiritual teachers mentioned above bring us insights into God's creation, the origin, purpose and goal of all life.

Insight into the principles of Christian spirit teaching

We are aware that many people of today are ignorant and feel hesitant about coming into an audible relationship with and of being instructed by spirits of truth. Considering the established attitudes of today, this is understandable. Nevertheless, we would like to invite you to examine this journal impartially and to compare it with the Holy Scriptures. A selection has been made from the multitude of lectures received that will enable those seeking to gain an initial insight into the principles of Christian spirit teaching.

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A Brief Outline of Spirit Teaching

During a lecture trip through Germany in June of 1961, spirit teacher Joseph particularly addressed newcomers. In his introductory lectures he highlighted the major aspects of Christian spirit teaching focusing on the basic truths which, in the course of the centuries, have become diluted or lost. He paid particular attention to the subject of the “where from” and “where to” of human beings, the purpose of their earthly existence and the significance of Christ’s redemption.

Joseph: God bless. Dear brothers and sisters, it is a pleasure for me to speak to you. After all, we’d like to tie human beings closer to us. And everywhere I have had the opportunity to speak to friends it was always the same: I met those friends I have been linked to for a long time; but I also have listeners – I call them my friends as well – who’ve come here mistrustful and just out of curiosity. They want to know if it’s really true that a being from the beyond can speak through a human being. They are curious to know what it’s all about, if it makes any sense at all and if something exalted is truly on offer. They worry that there are all kinds of reprehensible things offered to human beings in this field. And this is true, there are indeed many deplorable things on offer to human beings in this field. But just as much as this is possible, the opposite is possible as well: it isn’t just that which is base or reprehensible that makes advances to human beings but the noble and good come close to human beings as well.

I’m a spirit of the good spiritual world of God. It is my task to campaign for the divine

state. I’d like to come closer to human beings and to bring the true Christian teaching closer to them. You call yourselves Christians yet you’re far removed from Christendom, the true Christendom, because the truth no longer lies within Christendom as it once did and as it should today and because human beings have formed it according to their idea to become what it is today. This hasn’t been accomplished easily; there have been fights until it became what it is today. You know all this and I don’t need to go into the matter further. People have fought against each other in the name of God; they have killed each other in the name of God for an idea – for what they thought was a noble idea. But human beings have, after all, been misguided; God doesn’t want people killing one another because of diverging attitudes.

As you know, human beings of varying spiritual development live among you, and human nature varies greatly. Some people are very open to everything new; others are sceptical since it is part of their nature to negate everything – indeed, one could say they have an intractable spirit in them. They’re not prepared to open up and accept something and certainly not if they don’t have sufficient proof. They are prepared to accept tangible things ... things that can be seen and touched. However, in this world the things we are fighting for are not tangible. In the Christian religion people are called on to believe, to believe in God and his holy spiritual world. When I now say that people are “called on to believe”, I am told that this is easy to say because people want proof. The spoken word alone isn’t enough; indeed, people don’t even believe it possible for a strange existence to speak through a human being.

Well, I can't give you profound insight into God's order and his plan of salvation in the space of one hour but it is possible to show you a tiny part of this order and a bit of the plan of salvation. I have to revert to what I said earlier: Why is it that the Christian belief no longer has the kind of vigour that it did in the very beginning of Christendom? Today people may go to this or that ecclesiastic community to hear what the pastor has to say – well, perhaps they go to church at least once or twice a year on certain Christian holy days because it's expected. But what is the priest able to say? His message is forgotten long before they have returned home because it made no impression on them – because they have become estranged from the truth. And we spirits of God try to bring this truth close to human beings again; we try to reinvigorate the Christian belief. Many people find it impossible that this should take place ... but it does because Christ made it possible! Did he not say: "I shall not leave you behind orphaned. I shall send you the comforter, the spirit of truth." (John 14, 16–18; 14, 26; 15, 26; 16, 7) Christ fulfilled his promise. Comforters were to come to mankind to instruct them on unclear or misunderstood things. But what happened? As I mentioned in the beginning, human beings have recast the Christian teaching as they saw fit.

We would like to bring the truth of Christian teaching to human beings again and explain to them the true purpose of life. If human beings had this knowledge they would then understand different fated events, not only their own fate but also the destinies which befall their fellow human beings. However, when it concerns the purpose or high goals of life, they can only be understood and achieved if one has a source to go to from which one can always draw strength and, so to speak, recharge one's batteries. People in general feel the urge for the higher life and so seek spiritual nourishment in order to gain insight and strength.

Well, I don't wish to go in too much detail about it but I would like to suggest to you what we consider necessary for human beings to know. I'd like to explain to you something about the plan of salvation and the significance of Christ's act of redemption, because human beings know so little about it – they don't even know who they are and where they come from. And people have to be informed about this; they have to know who they are and this is what I'd like to address briefly.

Human beings are fallen angels; they are presently connected to Lucifer. A very long time ago they were united in the heavenly worlds living in happiness and bliss. However, they became dissatisfied and followed Lucifer, who was the first one to stand up and dispute the rights of Christ. Christ is the only begotten Son of God and King of the spiritual world. God empowered him to reign over the spiritual realm; all spiritual beings were to submit to Christ's sovereignty. He was and is the loving, kind and leading angelic prince of heaven. Lucifer, his brother, became jealous of his position; he also wanted the power and esteem that belonged to Christ. Although Lucifer was a wonderful being of light, his beauty and grandeur did not match that of the only begotten Son of God. Lucifer wanted to dispute Christ's standing as King of the spiritual world and this led to the revolution.

At that point, God intervened. All beings who sided with Lucifer were cast out of heaven. This is the separation from God. However, God took pity on his children and created the way for them to ascend and return home. After all, a loving father doesn't wish to see his children unhappy for all times; he doesn't want to see them damned – as some Christians believe. As a loving Father, God wants to embrace his children in his family again and so he has opened the way for them to return to him.

This is what happened and paths of ascent were created. I haven't enough time right now

to explain this to you in detail so I'll just focus on the time when human beings were called to live on this earth. Keep in mind that the people of that early time had this connection with the divine world – precisely as it exists here. They received guidance from a divine spirit, and they aligned their life accordingly. However, God gave them free will which gave them great possibilities to wheel and deal according to their own taste. However, these ascending beings were subject to the ruling power of Lucifer. Therefore, it wasn't just the good spiritual world influencing and speaking to them but also the powers of the depths ... and this is still true today. Today, human beings are still within the sphere of Lucifer's power who has nothing else to offer than doom, harm, dissatisfaction, disloyalty and so on – he wants to hinder human beings in their ascent.

As heaven was closed to the angels after their fall, God then wanted to open up the path to his house. None could return to heaven and all had been consigned to hell, the spiritual depths, the realm of the dead. As mentioned already, they were, nevertheless, given the chance to ascend and enter earthly life. However, after their earthly life they had to return to Lucifer's realm, that realm of the dead, because heaven remained closed to them. Someone had to come to open again the door to heaven ... and it was Christ, the King of the spiritual world, who volunteered to tread this path. He asked the Father to prepare the way for him to enter the earthly realm where he wanted to teach human beings about the heavenly Father and bring belief in God closer to them.

And this is what happened. Christ was sent into this world and became a human being in every respect. Heavenly messengers, angels of heaven, heralded the Lord's birth to those simple shepherds. They heard the voices and the singing of the hosts of angels which approached them. The shepherds in the fields

heard their voices just as you hear words from the spiritual world in this hour. After all, God's laws are still the same today as they were in former times; God has the same possibility to speak to his children – today just as then. However, just as it was in those times, not all people of today are willing to believe and accept it. At the time, only a few people heard these words and paid homage to the redeemer and went to pray to the little child.

Presently, as I cannot explain to you all the details of how Christ grew up as a human being, I prefer to move directly to the principle theme: his task – which is important for human beings to know about. Christ was to spread the belief in God in the broader and true sense throughout humanity. At the time a belief in God existed among the Jewish people; but this belief was not the kind of belief and teaching as Christ taught. Christ told human beings: "If someone asks you: 'Accompany me part of the way', then go with him and accompany him further still." (Matthew 5, 41) This means: If someone asks you for something don't turn your back on him. Christ also taught: "If someone slaps you on one cheek turn the other to him also." (Matthew 5, 39) Are there human beings today who are able to accept tacitly an injustice done to them and to say: "He doesn't know what he's doing"?

Once you have really understood Christian teaching in its true sense you will be able to cope much better with many things that occur in life. You will understand the naughtiness of your fellow human beings much better and you will be able to forgive them without burdening yourself or becoming incensed about it.

However, let me continue with Christ's task and his act of redemption. He told people: "I am the Son of God." And the Jewish people, who were, after all, strictly religious, said: "He's an agitator. He's a blasphemer; on no account is he the Son of God" ... and this despite his giving so many wonderful proofs. He made the blind see,

the lame walk and effected so many wonderful miracles, for instance the multiplication of bread, and so many others. Indeed, he was able to call back to life the so-called dead. People saw and witnessed this, and yet just a few of them believed: "He is Christ, the Son of God." All the others turned away saying: "I don't believe this; this is not true; there's something fishy about it." The same is true today as well. Some of those who listen to me for the first time may immediately understand whereas others say: "This is nothing; I don't believe it." This is the way of mankind, of the world. And it'll take a long time until they really recognize that it actually is so.

And so, these Jews, scribes and Pharisees, managed to nail Christ to the cross. They said that he blasphemed God and could never be the Son of God. "If you deny your belief and confess that you're not the Son of God", they tormented him, "we shall set you free." However, this Son of God knew what it was all about.

After all, he had also experienced temptation by Lucifer. When Christ was in the desert without food or drink and he felt hungry and thirsty in this hot country, it was easy for the tempter to approach him; because Christ was in every respect a human being. He had to suffer, feel everything and be exposed to temptation just like every human being. He was to go through this earthly realm as a human being, prove his loyalty to his Father and fulfil his task out of his own strength. And so, Lucifer approached him promising him the gold of this earth if he knelt down and prayed to him.

Tell me, dear brothers and sisters: Who is able today to actually grasp the sense of these words even though at certain times of the year people are regularly told of the temptation of Christ in the desert? People don't give it much thought or they think it's some kind of a story. Many are unable to believe in the reality of Christ's life and death at all. Well, those people we cannot help.

If Lucifer managed to lead Christ into temptation it shows that the lower, gloomy powers try anything and everything in order to prevent the fulfilment of the plan of salvation. After all, it is not in their interests that mankind finds its way back to the Father's house; they don't want the doors to the heavenly realm to open – no, they should remain closed.

During his earthly life Christ heard the voice of his Father time and again; he also heard the voice of his high and elevated brothers and sisters who came to him bringing consolation and strengthening him with spiritual nourishment. They also came at the time he was praying in the garden of Gethsemane. There he heard the angels tell him: "You have a severe path in front of you; they will nail you to the cross." And he was afraid. After all, what human being would not tremble if he were told in advance what difficult path he had to tread and the kind of pain he had to endure? Only when Christ had resolved within that he would tread the path despite all the severe suffering in order to bring back his brothers and sisters to the realm of God, did the angels appear to strengthen him. They brought him the invisible nourishment of God and strengthened him in his earthly body. This enabled him to confront his task full of strength. Christ wanted to redeem his own; he was their King. An earthly king should also do something for his subjects; he should ensure their interests and well-being. Well, the spiritual King and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, knew what it was all about; he wanted his own back in his realm. Therefore, he decidedly stepped onto this difficult path.

The good spirits stood by his side; however, I mustn't omit to mention that they were not allowed to ease his pains. Those gloomy powers of Lucifer stood nearby, and they should not be entitled to claim: "It isn't a perfect deed of redemption because Christ didn't have to endure any pain. The angels relieved him; he didn't

have to experience suffering as would a normal human being." No. Christ was human in every respect and felt pain and fear just like any other human being. While enduring his great agony he decided from deep within to speak his final words of steadfast loyalty to his Father. And during the time of his greatest distress the angels of heaven withdrew because Christ had to tread the most severe path of his life all by himself and without God's support. During the time of his teaching mission he received the support of his elevated brothers and sisters whom he saw and spoke with often; however, he was on his own during the time of his greatest suffering on the cross. In his great anguish he spoke the words: "My God, my Father, my Father why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27, 46) He would have given so much if only he could have seen one of his noble brothers and sisters just to know that he was on the right path. Until the end, these gloomy powers forced themselves violently upon him with the intent of bringing about his downfall: "You have deceived yourself! You are not the Son of God ... you have fallen victim to an illusion and deceived yourself!" They tried everything in order to dissuade him from his path, from his loyalty to God ... but they did not succeed. Christ waited and remained loyal to the Father.

And then, he suddenly saw the host of angels coming toward him carrying with them his precious spiritual garments; that was it then – that's when he could say the words on the cross: "It is done!" (John 19, 30) Now he could shed his body. And his brothers and sisters readily took their high and noble brother into their midst and accompanied him to the gates of the realm of the dead. He "descended into hell and rose again on the third day" [as it says in the Apostles' Creed]; he descended to hell, into the realm of the dead. Now he could confront – spirit to spirit – his former brother; a great, violent battle ensued. Now the reckoning began: Christ, as victor, dictated

his conditions because he had fulfilled his mission. According to these conditions Lucifer had to release all those who wanted to follow Christ; all who no longer wanted to side with Lucifer and his grotesque behaviour came over to the side of Christ. Christ wanted to draw them all upwards. He departed from the realm of the dead with a massive crowd. Lucifer had to let them go; he no longer could keep them in his realm. Yet, he still had many followers who remained loyal to him believing his flatteries and promises and who did not believe in the Redeemer. Lucifer is still able to dominate all those who are willing and at one with him in his thinking and intentions. But Christ took with him all the others; he had opened the gates of heaven for them. They were to ascend again and return home.

After his ascent from hell Christ appeared to his disciples here and there to their great joy. Yet, there was one who didn't want to believe saying: "I only want to believe when I can place the tips of my fingers on his wounds; otherwise I won't believe." And when Christ was suddenly among them again standing in front of him he said: "Here, come, you unbeliever, place the tips of your fingers on my wounds. Blessed are those that do not see yet still believe." (John 20, 27 and 29)

How was it possible for Christ to appear to his own here and there? Through spiritual procedures he was materialized and was able to appear to them. He built up a material body visible to human eyes so that they could see him. After all, God gave him this great and enormous power; as the Son of God he possessed this prodigious strength which enabled him to show himself to human beings. And he appeared to them time and again until he told them: "Now, I shall leave you." That's when they saw Christ rising to the heavens. Shortly thereafter, during the festival of Pentecost, they experienced the fulfilment of Christ's promise when the spirit of

truth came to the apostles filling them with courage and energy, enabling them to go forth and spread Christ's teaching.

Now comes the other point: God in his power and might could have forced mankind to accept the Christian belief. However, he did not do this. No, to the contrary, human beings are free to decide on which upward path they wish to tread. And so, God gave human beings freedom, and out of this freedom they can decide. And we spirits of God, we fight for human beings; we stand near them and try to support them; we want to save them from harm and bring the good near them. But the same is true with human beings: they have to decide out of an inner conviction: "Do I want this, or don't I want it?" As we approach human beings today we tell them that they possess good sense and reason. When they return to us after their earthly life we will tell them that God gave them a wonderful gift – free will – so that they could decide for themselves. It's unacceptable if they put the blame on the way they were taught because they will be told that they should have thought about things. Blaming their behaviour on someone else will not stand.

However, God is lenient with his children; he knows that life on earth is difficult. And when someone returns to the world beyond he'll be evaluated and judged in view of the life he lived. Perhaps he enjoyed a religious upbringing – perhaps not. Well, whichever way it was it will be made clear to him: "You'll have to make good all your bad deeds; you'll be punished for them. And every good thought, every good word you've spoken will be rewarded. And so that you'll recognize the justice which governed your entire life, your whole lifespan will pass in front of your spiritual eyes so that you will see and experience again all your good and evil deeds." And there won't be any "No, that wasn't me; I was forced to do it", because it will be right in front of your own spiritual eyes. The

life you lived plays back as in a movie. And if you're thinking: "How is this possible?", let me point out to you that you too can record and replay events. Everything you have in your earthly world has existed in the spiritual realm for a long time. Every word and every thought is – if I may explain it to you in your own terms – recorded on an ever so sensitive disk. It cannot possibly be erased because it's the spiritual field of human beings that absorbs every word and deed, which will be replayed in detail to every individual upon his return to the spiritual realm.

And then, according to his life, he'll be led to this or that sphere where he'll have to make good and pay his "debts" to the last farthing. In judging a human life, the most important thing is his relationship with his neighbours – didn't Christ himself say: "Love God above all and your neighbour as yourself"? (Matthew 22, 37–39) You should not think of your neighbour as a stranger; he is your brother as he too belongs to God's family. Like you, he is a child of God and belongs to the same family as you. God is the Father of both of you, and he gives to you and gives to your neighbour – without distinction.

This is the unity in the faith in God. Therefore, we shall never fight against any religious community nor will we ever force an individual to follow the path we recommend to him if he's unable to tread it and to believe out of his own aspirations or innermost desire. After all, we know that time will ripen him and make him gain insight. One cannot bring a human being to a higher level of spiritual understanding by force; this is always and only a result of his own insight. He himself has to achieve the high spiritual values – and this isn't an easy thing; it's a battle. Even if we desire nothing more than to win over a human being we leave him where he is; we only ask him to decide: "You can see here what is shown to you and you've heard the

words. You yourself have to decide what you want." The churches to which people belong are like crutches, and this is good – one shouldn't take the crutches away from them because they could no longer tread the path; therefore, leave them this support.

Human beings should realize that in every religious community – whatever its name – the good is there and is taught. Therefore, one should recognize the true core or the major core of it, follow it and do good deeds. People should not fight against each other because of religion; they should not turn away from others because they have this or that attitude. This isn't divine. If God wanted to, he could force mankind to believe – but he doesn't do so. There's no spiritual growth by force. The seed for it is placed in the human soul which has to grow very slowly; it has to sprout and put down roots all over, and it has to be able to blossom. A ripening has to be achieved and fruition – everyone will eventually reap what he has sown. Everyone is given the opportunity to do so. Therefore, gradual spiritual growth is of much greater importance.

Well, when I say that one has to pay off down to the last farthing it also means that you're not on earth for the first time; you've been here often and you'll be returning many more times. You will return to the same place and be confronted with the same problems and fears until you've fulfilled your task and led a God-pleasing life. Those who know about the connection with the spiritual world and spirit teaching will understand what it means to pay their "debts" to the last farthing. God forgives a good many of the injustices committed but psychic or physical harm caused to a neighbour will have to be atoned for in one's own body. If one tortures a person, causes damage, offends or slanders him and so forth, it will be met with severe punishment.

God in his goodness grants the opportunity to atone for some of the guilt in the world be-

yond; however, harm caused to one's neighbour will be revisited in another life. You will reap in your next life what you've sown today or in this life. This is part of spiritual growth and ascent. Life is nothing but a test; and so, one goes from one life to the next, from one test to the next. Once one has become noble and has understood the true sense of a virtuous life and lived accordingly, one will be able to fulfil one's tasks in the spiritual realm as well. And, after a certain time, it will no longer be necessary to tread the path through earthly life – this phase of development has come to an end. However, if you're of a good heart you will have seen that it will take a long time until this degree of perfection is reached so that you no longer have to return to the earthly realm. Human beings depend on one another: The strong have to offer a hand to the weak helping them upward, always ready to offer others forgiveness and benevolence.

The divine plan of salvation provides so much which enables human beings to ascend to this higher life, to live in the true Christian sense offering benevolence to others rather than fighting one another. It's a question of being understanding with one's fellow human beings – I believe this is of an increasingly urgent necessity. After all, we know very well about the battle mankind is involved in and the state of affairs deviates more and more from the true Christian belief and its deeds. Therefore, it's so important that we advise human beings how to live. We'd like to explain the true purpose of life and tell them: Look, all your good deeds will be rewarded and you'll achieve spiritual wealth. Earthly wealth and earthly standing is perishable – it's destined for transience. But the things one cannot see – the mercy shown to one's neighbour, the benevolence and love one gives, self-restraint and the things that are difficult to overcome – this is what creates inner spiritual wealth. And it is this wealth that will appear when one stands in this world of reality.

Your eyes don't allow you to see into this other world. Nevertheless, it exists, even if human beings negate it; and even if you don't believe that spirits surround you, it's true all the same. And when one day you will have shed your earthly body and actually stand in the other world, you will say: "How stupid of me! I should have believed it; it was explained to me." Indeed, that's what we tell you, and human beings have been given many proofs over and over. However, if they don't want to believe then they won't believe. For God, time doesn't matter. For us divine spirits who act on his behalf working in his realm, time doesn't matter either. This is why we know that human beings can grow and ascend spiritually very slowly only. Then they'll be able to grasp the sense of the higher life.

Well, dear brothers and sisters, I've given you enough for this hour. As I have already said, it's impossible for me to go too deeply into God's order and his plan of salvation in this brief time that's at my disposal. Nevertheless, I know that it has made you contemplate certain things. Don't reject immediately what you've heard in this hour. No. When you're at home and settle down to rest, bow down and bend your head saying: "God, if you are actually here and really exist, give me proof – give me the proof I need." Not everyone needs the same proof. For some a little hint is all they require; others have to be shaken strongly until they can believe. Everyone has to pray for this insight and this proof. And even if you don't understand today or tomorrow what has been given to you in this hour – years may pass, ten or even more years – an event may suddenly occur which will remind you of this hour and you will then regret not having searched further in this field. All this lies within the free will of human beings. There are many books; there is sufficient literature available on this subject. Those who seriously seek the truth will find it. And no one

will regret having kept alive this true connection with the good spiritual world.

Let me add and make clear that there is also another connection that is much easier to establish – it's the connection with the lower powers. If you wish to be in connection with the realm of God you have to fulfil the laws and conditions that are decisive in the realm of God; you cannot live according to the conditions applicable in Lucifer's realm of the dead. Only then will one find the correct answer.

For those who are in true relationship with the divine world, life begins to make more sense and becomes increasingly worthy of attention. In addition, deep within, one is happier and looks forward to the next day. It becomes easier to show compassion to an annoying neighbour because one has the understanding that he lives in ignorance. You are better able to handle difficulties because you understand them better; at the same time, you are able to improve them because you possess spiritual strength and guidance. Problems, then, no longer appear to you as problems because you are guided in a wonderful way. Some recognize and feel this guidance whereas others maintain: "It's me, myself, who navigates the boat of life." Well, one has to pray for insight in these matters.

Spirits can look not only at the outer person but they can also see his innermost because the spiritual field of human beings is open. It's like a book which one can read, but not every spirit is able to read it. There are spirits from Lucifer's realm who also can do as I can but their goal is entirely different. They want to win over human beings to their side: they flatter them and they don't recommend they let go of vices as would a good spirit. In saying that I can not only see the exterior of a human being but also his spiritual field or his innermost, I'd also like to add that a good spirit will never embarrass someone in public – he'll never say: "You have this and that fault ..." After all, we want to raise human

beings because we know the difficulties of life – we don't want to blame him for his faults. After all, a doctor doesn't scold a patient even if he is himself to blame for his illness. Rather, the doctor is a helper; he has to help him and has to try to bring about his recovery as quickly as possible. The same is true with us: we too wish to bring salvation to human beings ... salvation for their soul. So let me say that I can see and read part of the innermost of human beings.

My brother over here [Joseph points to a nearby listener] had an experience in his early youth that has stayed with him throughout life, so to speak. Even if he's not always conscious of it he remembers and thinks about it every now and again. May I add: The guardian spirit you have is a female, a young and beautiful being. Spirits have to learn from human beings and vice versa. This being accompanying you has to learn something from your life and your activities; she has to learn all about the good you do.

The brother in the second row right at the edge near the column has a Chinese guardian spirit. This Chinese spirit influences you with his particular spiritual nature. In your life up till now you've always preferred the truth; you love the truth and aren't afraid to speak the truth. And this spiritual guide, this Chinese, supports you in your nature the way it is. Don't think that your guardian spirits are always, let's say, relatives or have white skin; they could be beings from another nation or race.

This brother [Joseph points at another listener] bears in his soul a sword that is slightly pulled out of its sheath. This doesn't mean that you wish to fight – although you'd like to fight for certain things: spiritual things or a spiritual position. And this is expressed in your soul picture. You'd like to be of a happy nature; and this on its own is already of significance. If you reflect upon this soul picture, about this sword that is partially pulled out of its sheath, if you give yourself time to think about these things

you'll find precisely the answer – that which I'd like to tell you. These words are spoken for you only, they concern only you. This is always true for such messages. The others don't need to know about it – everyone lives his own life.

With this we just want to demonstrate that we don't just see the outer person, we also recognize your thinking and intentions. What we would like though is to elevate this thinking. We'd like that everyone – irrespective of where he is or what position he holds right now in his daily life, whether high or low – live in the true Christian sense in his place, in his environment, showing the true content of this Christian teaching. Each individual has the opportunity every now and again to give of this spiritual water to ignorant human beings, offering them an explanation for their problems; every human being has to deal with problems, big or small.

Well, dear friends, I withdraw again to my realm from where I came. May you be happy and pleased and go forth into your life as happy human beings. May you be able to fulfil your tasks and always be accompanied by divine blessings. God bless you!

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Questions and answers by spirit teacher Joseph

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FALL OF THE SPIRITS AND THE PLAN OF SALVATION

How was it possible that in heaven, in this glory and perfection, disharmony, a revolution against Christ and the consequent fall of spirits could come about?

Joseph: Indeed, you ask yourselves: "How was this possible; how could this possibly have happened? After all, God had created perfect creatures; how could they possibly have such thoughts since they lived in happiness and bliss?" This requires an explanation. Only God is perfect in his nature; he alone is perfect. His creatures don't possess perfection. After all, doesn't it say: "Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly." (Job 4, 18) God alone is perfect. His creatures are to strive for this perfection.

Mankind is exhorted to strive for perfection as are all the spirits in the beyond; in other words, to become like God in their thinking and intentions (Matthew 5, 48). Therefore, those angels who sided with Lucifer did not prove themselves worthy.

Let me also try to explain it like this: God's creatures have been given free will as a matter of course, as you've been told repeatedly. God gave them this free will and this free will enabled them to develop their creative activities in the beyond in many different ways. There were no restrictions: they were free and without constraint. This freedom was part of the heavenly bliss; it was a requirement in order to live in happiness and to be active in honour of God. However, this freedom became their undoing. It would have been possible for God to intervene at the beginning of the revolution but he did not, because these creatures, these spiritual beings in their infinite multitude were to be free of will and not restricted. Their abuse of this freedom

resulted in this disharmony or in this disobedience for which they were to be punished. Bear this in mind: They had been given the law of obedience; and if God's will, his order and laws are no longer obeyed it results in disorder, injustice and strife. Therefore, God cast out of heaven all those who sided with Lucifer. They had fallen in disgrace and were no longer worthy to partake in the glory of God. (11.7.1958; 18.6.1961; 22.4.1978)

Dear Joseph, how was it at that time: the moment Lucifer began to develop negative thoughts and to feel jealous of Christ did he not lose in brilliance and strength? Didn't the other spirits notice this?

Joseph: One has to imagine it as follows: Lucifer didn't develop the thought of becoming king himself from one day to the next; this took a very long time. At first he admired and adored Christ greatly – this time period I cannot give you in numbers of years. All I can say is that the light-bearer's admiration for Christ at the time was great as was his intimacy with Christ and God. An infinitely long time passed before this thought rose slowly in him and spread more and more but only from that moment on.

Why did God not intervene? This is precisely the point: God had given free will to all his creatures. This light-bearer could have suppressed his thoughts of stepping into Christ's position; if that had been so, then, he wouldn't have continued to campaign and there wouldn't have been a revolution. He would simply have had, let's say, the wish to be in this position as well. God would certainly have forgiven him this thought.

However, in his attitude and attacks Lucifer deviated more and more from the divine. God intervened only when he overstepped the limit or when he thought himself strong enough to confront Christ in order to dispute his kingdom. The fact that God did not intervene for a long time encouraged him to win over to his side still more spiritual brothers and sisters. After all, he did not rise against God, just against Christ. Since such an infinitely long time had passed he was no longer aware of having pledged obedience to Christ; rather, he considered he had the right to push Christ aside.

However, during Lucifer's long period of campaigning didn't he loose in brilliance?

Joseph: No. He only lost his brilliance when God cast him and all his followers out of heaven; only then did all of them loose their brilliance. (12.10.1977)

Dear Joseph, the church teaches that the suffering of Christ on the cross was a representative suffering, i.e. that he atoned for all our sins. What do you say to such a statement?

Joseph: At the time, Christ was nailed to the cross by human beings who were under the influence of devilish powers. These recognized him as the Son of God and believed that if he were to die such a terrible death no one would ever worship him again.

Dear friends, human beings shouldn't believe that Christ suffered for all their past and future daily sins. Christ redeemed mankind from the sin of apostasy from God because all of the fallen had become estranged from him. You still have Bibles with pictures of this apostasy, this fall of the angels which was actually the separation from God. It was for them that Christ opened the way back to God. This was the battle he fought in the realm of the dead after his earthly death.

Christ descended into hell after his death on the cross and engaged in battle with Lucifer and defeated him in spirit ... he who once was his brightly shining brother in heaven. Christ laid down the conditions whereby Lucifer was no longer able to reign unrestrictedly; his rights were curtailed. Now he had to release all who were prepared to return to heaven.

So, it is not a question that all the sins of human beings were redeemed through Christ's earthly death. The path leading to God is now open, but human beings are themselves responsible for what they do in earthly life. This has to become clear to Christians, in fact to all human beings. Christ hasn't redeemed human beings from the sins they commit in earthly life; rather, he has redeemed them from the sin of death. And the sin of death means separation from God or being dead to God. After all, God is the Father of the living. Therefore, all those who long ago committed the sin of death showed themselves to be disobedient. They, therefore, were cast out of heaven into the realm of the dead – for God they were dead; they had committed the sin of death. Christ has redeemed human beings from this sin of apostasy from God.

Consequently, the sin of death no longer exists for human beings, but there is the sin against the spirit. People can no longer be threatened for having committed a sin of death and be damned because of it. Christ has redeemed human beings from this sin of death but not from the sins of their daily life. For these sins human beings are responsible themselves and they have to atone for everything down to the last. (18.4.1954; 2.10.1976 und 11.9.1976)

Christ established conditions after his victory over Lucifer. What are the implications of these conditions for mankind?

Joseph: Prior to Christ's mission of redemption Lucifer possessed an enormous power over

mankind. You cannot imagine what had been done to mankind prior to Christ's act of redemption and how fields, crops and animals were destroyed in order to cause damage to human beings; Lucifer did just as he pleased. He brought strife and conflict into families so that people killed their own relatives. This was going on long before Christ was born, and during his human existence horrible things continued to happen in this world. Among other horrors, human beings were sacrificed alive to evil spirits. This was all part of Lucifer's unlimited right; this is how he reigned over this earth and human beings because they belonged to him and were his subjects.

Long before Christ incarnated, prophets had been sent; the Son of God took on human existence in order to take up battle with Lucifer – this I have already explained to you. The prophets were to console people in the hardships they endured by proclaiming to them: "Someone will be coming and you will be liberated from your misfortune." People on this earth were comforted in their suffering by these prophets; there was talk about a redeemer, and believers in God – they existed as well – turned toward God and begged him: "Be merciful and send us this redeemer." This happened on this earth. However, this consolation was not just brought to human beings on earth but as well to those living in the realm of Lucifer. I presume that all of you realize that you are incarnated spiritual beings; spiritual beings that have ascended from below, from the realm of Lucifer.

This is how Lucifer exercised his power over mankind but after the redemption through Christ, Lucifer's rights were curtailed; his unlimited power was taken from him. However, the rights that were granted to Lucifer are still intact today. He was and is allowed to tempt human beings, and he was told: "Those under your spell will please you. However, those who listen to Christ belong in his kingdom."

This is still so today. When observing the world you can see everywhere the constant battle between good and evil. You can see the influence of the evil and the good spiritual world. When a person decides for the good and noble life he'll have to overcome all vices such as cantankerousness, avarice, slander and so on. Indeed, in his striving for the high goals of life he has to forego so many things. Therefore, life isn't always pleasant but, alternatively, it's very easy to allow one's feelings to run freely and to just think of oneself. (20.9.1975; 10.6.1961)

Report of a spiritual homecoming by spirit teacher Joseph, 22 March 1975

What Are the Expectations of a Human Being Who Was Devoted to Doing Good in His Life yet Had No Belief in God?

In this lecture spirit teacher Joseph tells us of the experiences of a deceased man who received from divine spirits quite special attention and insights into his own spiritual past.

Joseph: God bless. Dear brothers and sisters, tomorrow Christianity commemorates Palm Sunday, when many people spread clothing and tree branches on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The crowd cheered him, and Jesus hoped he would be acknowledged as King [of his spiritual kingdom] in Jerusalem – as is written by the prophet [Zechariah]. (Matthew 21, 1–11; Zechariah 9, 9) However, this was not the case.

Today, Christian churches proclaim the suffering and death of the Lord. However, they fail to enlighten people about the reason for Christ's human incarnation or about the purpose of all life. This is of the utmost importance; if people were properly instructed many would be enabled to believe. However, Christian churches keep quiet about it and only speak about the suffering and death of the Lord, about the resurrection and about the reconciliation with God brought about by Christ. They don't talk about the cause of this incarnation. It is of the utmost importance, too, for pastors and life counsellors to be knowledgeable about this as well. Based on this knowledge they would be able to better help many people. However, as it is, most people just live in ignorance.

Well, human beings today are not easily prepared to believe something without convincing reasons. In order to give a convincing reason Christian churches would have to speak about a subject which they principally don't like and ignore. They'd have to speak about spirits; in fact, about good as well as evil spirits. However, this is precisely what they don't want to talk about using as an excuse the phrase from Deuteronomy 18, 11: "One mustn't ask the dead." The reference here, however, is to those separated from God as is the case wherever the Bible speaks about the dead, the spiritually dead that belong to Lucifer. God, however, is a God of the living (Matthew 22, 32).

Christ too explained many things symbolically which, unfortunately, haven't been interpreted correctly as time passed and cannot be understood literally. Therefore, the Christian church omitted many things – which has led to what it is today; but I don't need to speak about this any longer. For us it's important that we explain to mankind the true belief. Therefore, we talk freely about spirits, about the lower and evil ones as well as of divine spirits. We teach that human beings are spirits themselves incarnated in their human body.

This said, I draw my friends' attention to the fact that Christ himself gave strength and power to his disciples so that they could drive out evil spirits from human beings (Matthew 10, 1). Likewise, let me point out to you that human beings possessed by an evil spirit were guided to Christ and he was asked to drive out the evil spirit, which he did but this is never spoken of. To ex-

plain it to people would entail going back much further, to the reason why there are such spirits of possession.

Over the years I've opened the gates of heaven for you so that you might have a look into it in spirit. I've instructed you about God's order and laws – and I shall do so time and again. In so doing, I am able to enter the innermost of human beings trying to convince them of the truth; and you'll find confirmation in your Bible of what we spirits of God explain to you. After all, it is our duty to bring the truth close to human beings and to lead them toward God.

It has to become clear to human beings that they can have a relationship with the holy spiritual world of God even if Lucifer is the ruler of this world. You have sufficient proof that humanity is under his influence ... and because there are always new friends joining in the middle of this spirit teaching, so to speak, these facts, these circumstances have to be repeated. Without such explanations it isn't possible for them to understand my further information. Therefore, those who are connected with God have to realize that they will be tested by many temptations in life and will have to engage in many fights; they have to live here on earth in order to prove they belong to God and are members in the chain of the divine family. This must be readily expressed by human beings who still have the possibility to hear God's word despite being far removed from him.

And so, I'd like to share with you yet another account of an experience which is intended to broaden your insight. You will see that there is so much to learn, how manifold the divine laws are, how great God's love and mercy is and that you haven't the right to humiliate and condemn your fellow human beings. After all, it is written that if someone asks you for forgiveness you have to forgive him and even if he repeatedly annoys you, you should always forgive him (Matthew 18, 21–22).

You should try not to be too attached to this earth and the externalities it has to offer. Apart from believing, Christians should also do good deeds. However, there are those who do not believe yet do good deeds and I'd like to tell you about such a man. He had a wife and children. His wife was a firm believer but she suffered because of her husband's lack of belief in God. Moreover, of their six children only two were believers; the others were just as lacking in belief as their father.

Nevertheless, this man did many good deeds in life; he tried to relieve hardship whenever he could. He helped wherever he could according to his strength and he truly did much good. However, he lacked belief in God. Whenever there were family discussions about belief he made it clear that he believed one could lead a noble life and do good even without faith; that one could demonstrate it to one's fellow human beings by doing good out of an inner desire, not just because of one's belief – because belief also demands good deeds. One should be good out of an inner desire, as was so in his case, and, so he thought, manage without belief in God. After all – so he spoke – he could not understand that a gracious God could allow so much strife, so many wars, blackmails, defamation and so much suffering in this world. A kind hearted God could not possibly allow so much suffering to be caused to his children. Thus he did not have an answer as to why there isn't a better order in this world. And because he never received a correct answer as to the why of Jesus' life – and generally speaking that of human beings – he thought he was right to say that it would be impossible for a God to exist. All the same, he felt the need to do good deeds. This was his frame of mind which is also the attitude of so many human beings today.

Now let's turn to his spiritual homecoming because it's very interesting to know how someone like this fares in eternity ... someone who did

so much good yet had no belief in God. Let's take into consideration too that there are also human beings who do believe, who pray a lot, but don't do any good deeds; they are only interested in their own welfare. Many pray that God may help the poor without doing anything about it themselves.

Now, upon his return this man was greeted by his guardian spirit who guided him away from his deathbed to a place near his earthly home. When he opened his spiritual eyes he found himself sitting on a bench in front of a friend's house along with his guardian spirit. However, he didn't recognize him as such because he looked like and was dressed like a human being. As yet, he hadn't noticed the change he himself had undergone and, at first, couldn't even remember how he came to be sitting on this bench in front of his friend's house.

As it was, this friend suffered from tuberculosis and was no longer able to work although he had a large family to look after. He had his own workshop though no one worked there any longer, even though he should have been active and earning his living. The deceased had previously helped his friend as much as he could; he also got other friends to help occasionally thus ensuring the daily bread for the sick man and his family. In addition to this, our deceased friend also helped elsewhere and, wherever he could, organized additional help for needy people. In this way, he acquired great respect among those who knew him despite his lack of faith in God which was known all over the village.

And so, while he was sitting on the bench next to what he thought was a stranger, he asked him from where he came and what he was doing here. As I have already mentioned, our friend wasn't yet aware of the changes which had taken place with him. The stranger – in reality his guardian spirit – at first just said that he wanted to have a look around and see what was happening. He explained that he came from “far

away” although he'd been staying in this vicinity for quite some time.

Now, our deceased brother told him of the plight of his friend who regularly sat on this very bench. He himself did not know how he came about to be here instead of working on behalf of his friend in the workshop. He still thought like a human being because, even though separated from his earthly body, his entire earthly consciousness, his entire thinking had been transferred to or attracted by his soul. Therefore, he still felt like a human being until he gained better insight into his situation.

Presently he stood up and went to the workshop but it was empty – the people he thought had volunteered to help were not present. He wanted to start working, but everything suddenly appeared very peculiar to him ... he couldn't get a proper hold on any of the tools or the material or produce anything.

Then he began to perceive the change that had happened to him; he now was certain that he had “died”. He looked around and looked at the stranger next to him who began to speak to him: “Have you realized now that you no longer have anything to do with this world? After all, you no longer possess your earthly body. Look at your hands and spiritual body as closely as you can. There's still a similarity with your earthly body and its clothing but with these hands you can reach through material things; they no longer form an obstacle to you. You noticed this when you walked through the door; you didn't have to open it first. Therefore, you've overcome earthly matter.”

He became pensive; then he walked about and tried immediately to walk through walls and return back the same way. He succeeded without any difficulty and said: “It's really true; how peculiar!” Then the stranger said: “Well, your life as a human being has come to an end and a new time begins for you now.” Then our brother wanted to know: “Do I have to stay

here? Is this eternity or heaven?" By now they had left the workshop and returned to sit on the bench; the stranger answered: "No, this isn't eternity; that is still ahead of you. After all, you're still sitting on your friend's bench and you've just been in his workshop. This cannot be heaven. The surroundings here are also familiar to you: the paths and houses. You even can go to your own house. Therefore, you're still connected to the earthly world and have to try to let go of it."

Well, he agreed but first wanted to know so many things. He no longer remembered that he hadn't believed in all this as a human being but now, as a spiritual being, he was very curious to learn what he would be facing. He wasn't yet thinking of God, or a higher power that exercises its rights over what was for him till now an invisible world. And he wanted to know more from this stranger, whom he had now recognized as a spiritual being. He asked him: "Did you also live near here? You told me earlier that you come from far away but that recently you've lived around here. Where do you come from? And what kind of work did you do and where did you live?" He still thought and spoke like a human being who thinks and speaks without belief in God. So the other replied: "I don't belong to this world. I come from the spiritual world and am your guardian spirit." "You are my guardian spirit?" our brother exclaimed in amazement. He became very pensive; however, he was still in a state of unbelief. He had just realized that he was still alive and simply hoped for a better life without giving any thought to God.

His guardian spirit continued: "Indeed, you didn't believe in God", which he had to admit. The guardian spirit continued: "You know this has its consequences. Why didn't you believe in God?" he asked his protégé kindly and amiably. Our brother replied: "I simply couldn't. Have a look around this world yourself. You certainly

will agree that it's so distressing to see the constant strife and quarrel; and then, all this hardship, hunger and all the sickness and suffering of so many human beings. If these are children of God, as the churches preach, why doesn't God take care of them? Why does he send them into such a world where so much suffering is in wait for them?"

However, his guardian spirit taught him: "These are tests – severe tests – which human beings have to pass through. I shall instruct you and try to enlighten you about the purpose of life; this is something you were not taught about as a human being. Well, if you wish to enter a more beautiful world now it depends on certain conditions: Someone will have to intercede on your behalf. After all, even if I am your guardian spirit I cannot guide you to the high heavens yet because you're a stranger there. You've done many good deeds which have enriched your soul; you've become wealthy in your soul because of your good deeds which you fulfilled out of the goodness of your soul. However, it's a shame that you lived in unbelief. Nevertheless, can you remember some relative who believed and who has crossed over to eternity and who could pray for you or has prayed for you?"

Yes, he remembered his wife's deceased parents who were pious believers: "Yes, I do have such relatives, and I'm sure that they would vouch for me because I helped them." The angel said: "Let's assume so and hope that they will do so on your behalf." Then he asked our brother to follow him. But before taking his leave from the world he wanted to look in on his friend again. His guardian spirit accompanied him saying: "We shall both be present when he awakens as spirit and greet him." Our brother was pleased to hear this since he realized that his friend's hour of departure from this world was not far away.

Everything happened very quickly; escorted by his guardian spirit they moved so fast that he

could hardly observe the passing surroundings. They suddenly arrived at a crossroad in the spiritual world with a house close by. The guardian spirit invited him to enter because his pious relatives were awaiting him within. They greeted him joyfully thanking him once more for all the good he had done for them, and they explained to him: "We've prayed and pleaded on your behalf that God may treat you graciously and mercifully. We've pleaded incessantly with every divine spirit in our vicinity not to forget you and to make preparations also for you and to be merciful with you and reward you for all your good deeds." Once again they said how they had told every divine messenger not once but time and again about the good deeds he had fulfilled here and there at great sacrifice and with all his strength.

Through their pleas and entreaties, these grateful relatives had succeeded in securing special care for this brother. They deeply wanted this kind soul to receive instruction and enlightenment in the spiritual world about the purpose of human life, about Jesus Christ's act of redemption as well as about the divine creation. And so, it happened that higher spirits of heaven took care of this unbeliever. The two pious and just relatives were permitted to be his intercessors because they had so much to be grateful for in their dismal life, which included a better life for their daughter, but all the same it had been more than painful for them to see his life as an unbeliever. And they had entreated the divine spirits to influence this human being so that he would find a way to believe. However, with him it was impossible; his rejection of any belief and his will were too strong.

Well, they all met in this spiritual house in the world beyond to talk things out. The question was what would happen next because the two relatives didn't know themselves how the heavenly world would decide. Then they were joined by some of these divine spirits who had

helped him to be granted this grace and mercy. They greeted him but, at the same time, accused him of unbelief. However, they also said: "We appreciate the good you have done." And it seemed as if they were interpreting the divine law for his defence since he had relieved so much of the suffering and hardship of his fellow human beings for which he should be rewarded. He was asked: "Are you willing to make up for your unbelief with a special task?" And when he affirmed this – after all, he was of good will – he was told: "You will, nevertheless, have to endure purification for the things you've done wrong in life including your unbelief."

At this point they didn't wish to press him further but asked him to follow them. The relatives said farewell after which they all left the house by the crossroad. One of the angels went ahead to show them the way they should go which was the road leading straight ahead across a wide field. And so, they strode together along the road, he together with his guardian spirit and, ahead of them, those that had joined them in order to greet and instruct him.

They arrived at a place where there were many small houses scattered across a wide field. They were one story buildings and upon entering one our brother just saw bleak walls around him; everything was austere and extremely modest. However, suddenly the walls seemed to become alive and – strangely – it appeared as if there was fire in them. He didn't realize yet what was going on here, but he was told where to look and given the explanation: "Here you'll see vividly before your eyes what once happened. For your instruction we'll let you have a look into your past."

This enabled him to look way back into his past when he was still living with his spiritual family in eternity. He was instructed about everything while he was staring at the pictures on the wall. His earliest past became alive in front of his eyes and he once again experienced

this in just the same way that you experience something in a film. But this experience was of short duration and the pictures faded away; now he was to think about it and ask questions. However, the things he saw went so far back into the past that he was unable to make any sense of it and didn't know either what he should say or actually think of it.

With the divine spirits he then left the house; they went into another of these widely spread houses and from there into yet another and so forth. However, in every house he saw in front of his eyes a further part of his past life. Each event was for a brief moment only, but in every house there was something special again that impressed him. In this way, he gained some knowledge about the divine creation, the plan of salvation and how Christ's deed of salvation came about. Finally, he was led into a house where he was shown the world, its wars, hardship, starvation and misery. He was led back into centuries of the past; everything went by very quickly. Then he was given time to think and reflect.

He was then led into his purification for which he was guided to yet another spiritual house, though everything there looked different. There was a bed and some objects, but looking around the room he found it very small. He was told that this was the place of his purification where he was to gain higher insight which meant that he should be filled with remorse and find understanding and belief in God, Christ and the holy spiritual world. He was left here by himself; he was given time but he indeed had much to process spiritually. He contemplated deeply about everything he was shown and which he admired very much, and he directed his thanks to God for being so merciful with him.

From time to time his guardian spirit came to console him and to speak with him. "Do you see now", he told him, "it was Christ who guided

mankind toward God, and it is Christ through whom everyone has to find his way to God. Everyone will be given the opportunity to follow the path leading past, or through, Christ to God according to God's will. After all, God will welcome everyone back and be merciful with everyone – with the believer as with the unbelievers, with the just as with the sinners. All of them will be received by him because God is full of kindness and love; but the paths of human beings leading to him differ very much."

Well, dear brothers and sisters, I've given you insight into the divine world, in its laws and order, in the love and mercy of God which he is prepared to grant his creatures. It is up to human beings to foster their spiritual development in order to grow closer to God and to experience heaven in its truthful glory, splendour and peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, may God's blessing accompany you all and may he influence you in your thinking so that you become strong in your belief. May you be guarded and protected on your path. God bless you!

Trance address by spirit teacher Joseph, received in German through the Swiss medium Beatrice Brunner at the Academy of Music in Zurich, 22 March 1975

Questions and answers by spirit teacher Joseph, 4 Oktober 1961

GOD IS NOT THE ORIGIN OF INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD – HUMAN BEINGS THEMSELVES CAUSE INJUSTICE TO ONE ANOTHER

Dear Joseph, on several occasions you have told us that no human being has to suffer injustice. However, how should we understand this in light of the profusion of injustices on this earth?

Joseph: Dear brothers and sisters, when I say that no injustice is done to human beings, I mean that God himself causes no injustice to those on earth. Human beings don't have to suffer any injustice from the spiritual world of God; never will the spiritual world judge or punish mankind unjustly or wrongfully.

You have to differentiate this carefully from all the things that human beings can cause through their own imperfection of heart and soul due to the fact that spiritually they are not very evolved and thus are at quite some distance from God. They can cause damage or harm to their fellow human beings through their base feelings. Simply put, this is cause and effect among human beings.

A more spiritually mature person will never libel someone else or cause him pain. There can be moments when he speaks out of turn or makes a disparaging comment, but he'll realize this straight away and try to improve or excuse himself. This is a spiritually elevated person. On the other hand, an ignoble person spreads evil. And for this, one cannot take the spiritual world of God to account and say: "After all, it says that God is just and no one has to suffer injustice."

You live in a world which is populated by human beings of differing spiritual development. There are those of a high spiritual standing as well as people who come from below and are standing still on a lower level; it is a multi-coloured confusion. Those coming from the lower levels inevitably are the "problem children" who spread unpleasantness.

Therefore, if someone feels he has been the object of real damage or an injustice, he has the right to defend himself. One doesn't have to tolerate and accept everything and say: "Well, I have a spiritual attitude so I'll just tolerate it and say nothing." There are limits to this. In the case of smaller, petty things one might very well think: "Oh, it'll pass and doesn't bother me." However, in significant matters one can and should defend oneself; otherwise the offending party very well may become, in your terms, more and more impertinent and daring, so to speak. After all, the divine world also banishes spirits who do not align themselves with an order and makes it impossible for them to continue in their ways. Therefore, human beings have a certain right to defend themselves; but, as mentioned, not in the case of petty matters – it has to be something significant.

In more trivial matters, it is better for the person concerned to turn within and ask God: "Please show me the right way to behave toward this person." And then he shouldn't act spontaneously but ask several times. In this way, the spiritual world has the possibility to act within its power. Perhaps it can even out what is uneven; it can conciliate and perhaps bring about an appeasement.

Lecture given by spirit teacher Lene, 19 January 1966

How to Enter into a Close Relationship with Your Guardian Spirit

There are various guardian spirits around a human being each fulfilling his task related to him on behalf of God and Christ. Some of these guardians fulfil their own purification near him while others may be apprentices learning how to protect human beings. Deceased relatives may also be among them. However, every human being has a guardian angel who is particularly connected with his charge and takes the lead in caring for him. It is this angel who speaks both praise and punishment into the soul.

Lene: God bless. Dear brothers and sisters, pious and spiritually connected human beings would very much like to know something about their guardian spirit. They'd like to know his name, the particular task he is carrying out in relation to his charge; actually they'd like to know so many things about their guardian spirit. Over time I've told you about this; I want you to know how important it is to have a good relationship with your guardian angel and that this relationship isn't praiseworthy in every case.

The guardian spirit or guardian spirits would very much like to come close to their protégés. However, this isn't always possible. You should be aware that you don't have a guardian angel – and I mean now the main guide of a human being – all for yourself; but that he guards other brothers and sisters as well. Nevertheless, this leading guardian spirit assigned to you regularly inquires after his protégé.

People are always surrounded by spiritual brothers and sisters who are near human beings

on behalf of God and on behalf of Christ. Some of them undergo their purification here whilst others are apprentices learning how to protect human beings. They are instructed how to confront a human being; and it happens quite often that deceased relatives fulfil their task as guardian spirit. They aren't necessarily recently deceased relatives but can also be great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, great-great-aunts or -uncles and similar relatives. They've been given the task of guarding and protecting one of their descendants.

Those who have taken on this task are spiritually on a beautiful plane, because they have already passed the great purification and gained substantial insights. After all, they are the ones who have become acquainted with the divine laws and who intervene in the life of human beings on behalf of higher spirits. If it concerns one of their relatives they are particularly eager to help him as much as possible, as much as they're able to. After all, they are pleased when one of their relatives has made progress or taken on a particular spiritual position; indeed, they're proud to be able to say that their protégé is a physical relative. However, one shouldn't assume that this is the case with every human being. Not everybody is fortunate enough to have an ancestor who has reached and lives in those spiritual heights so that one benefits from him.

I have mentioned already that there are also beings who are in the process of learning the responsibilities of a guardian spirit. And since in the divine world there is but one reigning King, Jesus Christ, and but one heavenly Father who extends his power and might everywhere, those

differences of creed and or race and colour in the human world are unknown in the divine world. No, here in the divine world all move upwards hand in hand. For instance, a black being – and don't be astonished – will, as a spiritual being, have the same skin colour because every colour is a tribe on its own. There are Indians, Chinese, Japanese – human beings may keep their distance from one another, but in spirit there is no such distance. There's no difference or preference based on one's standing or religion. Those of goodwill will be summoned, taught and instructed about the divine plan of salvation irrespective of the tribe to which they belong. In spirit there is but one teaching, and therefore it may be possible that apart from one of your relatives you may perhaps also have a black guardian spirit. Perhaps he's an Indian, Japanese, Chinese or a member of some other race with which, as a human being, you're unfamiliar and therefore it's hard for you to believe that someone of a religion other than Christianity can also be a guardian spirit at the same time.

A person professing a faith other than Christianity will also be given the chance to ascend. After all, if he was a pious human being endeavouring to live according to his religion and doing his utmost then he too will be instructed about further things. Even if during his human life he had no knowledge of Christ's teachings, Christ still died for him as well – just as he did for all mankind and all races. It should not be assumed that those individuals who did not affirm Christ in their lifetime will be left behind in the divine world; the prophets they worshipped were their link to God. Therefore, they too had to live the best life they could in light of their belief; and, depending on the way they lived their life, they will be given their rightful place in the world beyond. And so, they too make their ascent and, in the divine world, they will acknowledge Christ as the King of the spiritual world. They strive eagerly to listen to and learn

about his teaching, and so, they too are also sent to Christian human beings. They are to walk alongside them and learn together with those who are fulfilling a task with that particular human being. An ascending spirit of goodwill can learn from human beings and vice versa, human beings learn from spirits.

Therefore, quite often there is a colourful or mixed society next to human beings. And all in the service of God and living in the divine order are prepared to obey the instructions given by the higher spiritual world ... their only wish is to move upwards. They also recognize the necessity of working, because heaven can only be gained by work.

This shows you that there are various spirits going through life with you. In the very beginning of my lecture I spoke about an individual's main guide, his guardian angel. This specially selected guardian spirit directs his brothers and sisters and he will often come to 'visit' his protégé if he is well pleased with him. And quite often these companions send for this guardian spirit because they need his guidance about various things.

Human beings are often tempted. The question then arises of just how far the spiritual world can go to intervene when people are being tempted. Well, it depends on people themselves. They are given opportunities to act by themselves and obviously the good spirit world wishes only that an individual does what is best. However, it isn't allowed to act on his behalf because this would rob him of his freedom. The person himself has to act and his spiritual companions try to steer him toward the good. This spirit clothed in the human body has to prove how much he cares to come close to God. Now and again, though, the accompanying and guarding spirits can intervene in his life. And how do they do this? If a pious person, and by that I mean a believing human being seeking justice, is tempted to do something here or there

that from the spiritual point of view isn't correct – for instance, by turning something unfairly to his advantage thus causing pain to another person in some way or committing an injustice – he may say to himself, provided he is of a truly pious heart, that same day or maybe the next: "Indeed, I have a bad conscience; I shouldn't have done this." He momentarily thinks this quickly but forgets it rather soon. However, he'll be reminded of it again and pretty soon he'll receive a hint from his spiritual companions or I could also say a punishment. If he's attentive he'll notice that in the following days there is no success in this or that as he'd hoped or he's overcome by uneasiness and finally has to say: "Stop! This is my punishment; I shouldn't have done this. Now, I've been penalized." Perhaps one has to experience a loss in some form as punishment because one tried to turn a situation to one's advantage; now, it can be said, the affair has been balanced. However, human beings don't know how it came about. They think: "Now I've been given an answer" – but not everyone thinks in this way. And do you know what we say, how we look at this? Those of you receiving this spiritual lesson should consider yourself lucky because it will serve you to reflect on this. Consider how it is with children. When a child is disobedient he may be reprimanded by his parents and possibly receive a smack. Perhaps he may cry but pretty soon the matter is forgotten, also for the parents. The little punishment has settled the misbehaviour and it is no longer spoken about. In spirit it is similar: once one has received a reprimand, everything may be in order again. It isn't spoken of again; it isn't important, but one has the definite feeling that one acted wrongly.

However, there are other more significant offenses for which a minor sanction is not enough – this evil cannot be brushed aside or settled so quickly. The guardian angel then comes into the picture. This leading spirit has

seen the offense; the human being has written this guilt into his soul himself – he is responsible. The guardian spirit will judge his protégé immediately and imparts the punishment into his soul. And this 'speaking into the soul' is truly recorded.

Today, your technical progress is such that you'll be able to understand when I say: "It has been spoken into the soul, and it cannot be deleted." You too can record the spoken word and listen to it whenever you like; to do so you need your apparatus. In spirit, the technical equipment you have is not required. However, there is a force that serves to recall the earlier spoken words – just as a certain power enables you to listen once more to the spoken words. Therefore, you have to use this power – you call it electricity. You need electric power; otherwise you could not hear the words again. Power is available in different intensities, and so you use the power in this form. The same is true in spirit. There are so many possibilities to record the spoken word by means of this force or this power.

And so, this spoken punishment remains in the soul of the human being and cannot be deleted. Good deeds are equally recorded in the soul by the active and living human being in the same way, and the guarding spirit's words of praise for his good deeds are spoken into the soul as well. On the one hand there is the punishment and on the other hand there is the praise for a good action, about a good deed, about the overcoming of something and so forth which the divine spirit speaks into the soul. The supreme law in the divine world is justice in all things.

It's the same with you human beings: a minor injustice may possibly be judged by a single judge who pronounces the sentence. However, if the offense is important, then you say: The tribunal has judged, sentenced and punished. And by tribunal one no longer means one person, but

several who sit together or who sit in judgement over a human being, in which case one says: "The tribunal condemned him."

In the divine world this elevated spirit judges a human being and sentences him. He acts on behalf of God as you would say: "God has punished him" or "God has punished me for it." This is how it should be understood properly: It isn't God himself who becomes involved in order to impose punishment; rather, these tasks are fulfilled by those who have been appointed by God. The divine spirit judges in the same way as earthly courts pass judgement over human beings. If necessary, he'll meet with other higher brothers and sisters and together they pass judgement over the human being in question. And so, the sentence will be spoken into his soul by the guardian spirit.

However, you know that in the divine world there are also angels of intercession because in an orderly state the accused will be given an advocate. One tries to emphasize the best of an accused in order to achieve a lenient punishment. The spiritual world of God is penetrated ever so much by love and justice. I believe I have explained this to you quite clearly: the good a human being does will be spoken into his soul by his guardian spirit. These words are his personal words of praise ... provided the human being deserves it. However, the rest is written there as well. And once one crosses the threshold to the beyond, the divine spirits stand there. Everything can be seen; he is marked for the life he left behind, so to speak. And now he faces judgement. Both the good deeds and the offenses are evident: which will weigh heavier, his offenses or his good deeds? The elevated divine beings now state their findings: "He's done more evil than good. Therefore, he deserves this punishment", or vice versa.

However, when a divine spirit reaches the verdict that the returnee has committed so much evil, then an angel of intercession steps to

his side to defend him. Think of it this way, the returned soul is at first surprised at the life he is faced with; he is sad and regretful because he now sees that life goes on and what was proclaimed is in fact true. He scoffed at this and behaved unjustly. Many recognize their injustice and become sad about it and shy at the same time; not everyone is able to defend himself. And so, they're silent and quiet – but only some of them. Then the intercessor intervenes informing his elevated brothers or sisters that the soul doesn't deserve this punishment because, he argues, the returnee's good deeds should weigh more heavily. And so this advocate tries assiduously to gain a better position or to achieve a less severe purification for this returnee.

The holy, elevated beings of heaven will always concur with how a human being should live. However, they also know how difficult human life is and that it's only fair that there is someone who can make this clear to the elevated angels. You have no idea of the enthusiasm with which these holy ones of heaven work for the benefit of a returnee. If someone is burdened with several evil acts which are marked as a great guilt, but in general he is of good will, an interceding angel will suggest to his elevated brothers and sisters that they themselves should go to earth for a longer period and observe closely the dangers in order to gain understanding for the difficult life of human beings. These interceding angels are true artists of persuasion; but you mustn't think that this or that soul gets away so easily. Nevertheless, such an interceding being contributes a great deal toward mitigating the punishment. Of course, this angel has to bring proof – evidence so to speak, according to your own terms – in order to obtain leniency for the being concerned.

The divine world too can let mercy prevail since heavenly mercy is something precious and wonderful. Nevertheless, this mercy cannot be given to everyone – the returnee must be de-

serving of this mercy. His nature must be such that he can be granted this mercy. He must possess a certain spiritual dignity in order to be entrusted with this preciousness.

These holy brothers and sisters make great efforts to obtain this mercy, because they point to the King of the spiritual world time and again and to his great deed he fulfilled and by which he redeemed mankind. Many benefit when an interceding spirit speaks on their behalf; many a soul, in his sadness, falls to his knees clinging to this interceding angel because he finally feels hope. They begin to feel the true justice and great love that reign in this strange world. And despite all their guilt they feel comfort at the feet of this interceding being.

Then the holy ones withdraw in order to assess the returnee for his future and the deserved punishment he has to undergo in his new homeland. And so, the divine world pronounces judgement and the word of the intercessor is given considerable weight. On the one hand, these intercessors are artists of persuasion and, on the other hand, they are the pure expression of kindheartedness. Their nature is ever so noble which makes it impossible for those strict beings to ignore their plea. And so, this divine spirit is pleased because he has given of what is in God and in Christ: wonderful love, forgiveness and pardon. In this way he has shown leniency and the unfortunate soul has experienced the goodness of God.

Every returnee is punished, yet he knows: "Everything is just; I was even granted an advantage by this intercessor." This is how one experiences the heavenly world if one has deserved it in this way. Every returnee is given an intercessor; even if he sees that the returnee is full of guilt and carries a heavy burden he still tries to achieve the best for him knowing full well how far he can go.

Nevertheless, the great effort of these intercessors on behalf of the returned souls I've just

been talking about concerns those souls who have aligned themselves with God, who believe in him and try, time and again, to immerse and strengthen themselves in their belief but who, out of weakness, often act wrongly.

Well now, what about people living on earth? What should they do and what should their attitude be vis-à-vis these spiritual beings? They should try to maintain good relationships with all the divine spirits of good will accompanying them. After all, there are also evil spirits which approach individuals in order to tempt them. People who know about this have to protect themselves against these evil spirits by nurturing a deep friendship with the holy spirits and the spirits striving upwards; they have to try to come closer to their guardian angel.

Many would very much like to know the name of their guardian spirit. Actually, his name isn't important. What is important, however, is that one can say: "Holy; holy is he!" After all, one is also accompanied by unholy beings. The holy ones try to positively influence the life of human beings with the strength at their disposal. It's a good thing if, during human life, one already tries to initiate a connection with these intercessors by begging for mercy. One can pray for such an intercessor during one's lifetime, however, it's not good enough to just say: "Dear God, please give me an intercessor as well." More is needed; it requires good deeds. Only in this way is it possible to gain the services of such heavenly messengers. It is of great advantage to look for a good intercessor during one's lifetime, to ask for him while one is already in human life. However, heaven doesn't accept any orders; a service in return is requested.

You can come into close connection with your guardian angel by asking:

*"Please ignite a little flame in my soul
so that it may shine
and illuminate the path in my life."*

And with this little flame I mean that you can ask your guardian spirit for help to develop a good heart and healthy senses. A good heart and healthy senses are very important. In this way, human beings can beg for this little light, this little flame.

And if one asks in this way:

*"Make it possible for my heart
to be as good as the heavenly world wants it to be
and help me be of a sound mind at all times",*

then one doesn't ask for health, well-being or similar. A good heart says everything – and to be of a sound mind. This is what one should ask of one's guardian spirit. And when the individual contributes his efforts, this little flame will become a light illuminating the innermost of his spirit. This is what the divine world desires and one's heavenly reception will be in equal measure to the light with which one returns.

Human beings have been given a small light for their life, a light from God. In many instances, however, this light has darkened. It should become bright and shine in all directions. It shouldn't just shine in the close circle of one's family or one's loved ones – it should radiate wherever one is. The light should so shine that others benefit from this light and follow it. This is what one should try to achieve. If one attains this, one has generated something that was given by God so that one can live in this world. This light isn't present only to support work and the pleasurable and comfortable activities of life; rather, through this light spiritual life should become active and love should be expressed transforming the individual into someone of whom one can say: "He is a divine human being acting like God."

And so, dear brothers and sisters, you can meditate about your guardian angel and those spirit friends accompanying you. Some people have many followers, some don't. It all depends

on the will of a human being and the life he leads. Those who have already gained spiritual wealth are often visited by the holy ones of heaven, because they cultivate and take care of this spiritual wealth in order to conserve it. Therefore, try to enhance your spiritual wealth; try to form an increasingly deeper relationship with your guardian angel and don't forget to ask for mercy and request an intercessor when the time comes.

May God bless you and give you strength for a God-pleasing life. God bless you!

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HOW DOES A GUARDIAN SPIRIT GO ABOUT INFLUENCING HIS PROTÉGÉ?

A guardian spirit is given to every human being as support. By what means can he influence his protégé and how is he able to make himself felt by the human being?

Joseph: Dear friends, let me explain to you how some of your guardian spirits talk about you among themselves and how they also discuss with one another what is on their mind. And so, one of these divine angels says: "I've found the most effective way of transmitting divine strength to my protégé." At which point the others ask him to explain how he achieves his success. He replies: "I prompt my protégé to go out into the open. I usually prod him to go walking for one or two hours by himself or together with someone he feels comfortable with. During this time I find the opportunity to inspire him and draw his attention to many things; and he feels me and listens to me. I then influence my protégé with all my strength and transfer to him everything that serves his spiritual progress."

Another guardian spirit says: "I make use of every opportunity to influence my ward with all my strength. And if he fulfils only the slightest good deed I reward him in some way." Another agrees and adds: "I don't reward my protégé so quickly; I'm not as generous as you." But the former angel of God says: "With my method I find I've had the greatest success with my protégé so I'll continue to do so." And yet another says: "With my protégé I make use of the time when he grants himself an hour's rest and relaxation in order to infuse him with effective strength and to provide him with what he requires. This is how I guide him to his goal; this is how my strength is most effective." Yet another angel of God says: "I make use of the early hours in the morning when I pray together with my protégé. This

gives me the chance to speak with him, and he can hear me. During the day I either encourage or reprimand him. He usually asks me: 'What did I do wrong? Tell me.' And I can then tell him what injustice he committed and when. I have a very special relationship with my protégé."

Well my friends, this is an explanation from which you can deduce which kind of special methods your guardian spirits employ and the special rights they are granted. They're free to transmit their spiritual strength in the most effective way they can. You will also notice that they observe their protégés closely and that, in time, they get to know them so well that they can give them exactly what they need. And so, one person is led into the open air while another is rewarded at every opportunity. If this is the manner of one guardian spirit you shouldn't feel deprived if you're not rewarded by your angel at every opportunity or believe that you have no angel of God. If you're not often rewarded then perhaps your angel simply feels that it's better for you to be guided in the way he's found to be best. But whatever the case may be, he is around you and makes use of every opportunity to influence you with all his strength.

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