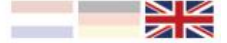


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# Readers' Reactions and Contacts



Gerard

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Dear people,

We are pleased to inform everyone that we have found someone willing to translate the bulletin into French as well. The translator is originally a Frenchman, also French teacher at a high school.

In fact, a large part of the world speaks French: Canada, Africa, France and neighboring countries. Who knows, French Lorber readers may report to us, as far as their e-mail addresses are still correct. (from Giuseppe)



For the donations donated so far we are very grateful and this may be said with special emphasis. Without these donations we could not have done it.

We sincerely thank our new translator and again thanks also to Elke and Relana. G.

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## CONSCIENCE

What is 'conscience'? Linguistically, you could say that '(ge)knowing' comes from two dimensions: the past [Ge] and the present tense [Weten=knowing]. Two syllables from past and present. Knowing or knowledge has to do with 'to know', 'confessing', 'exploring,' and 'denying'!

The tree of knowledge of good and evil has to do with it. [Gen.2:16,17] There is a dialogue between Adam and Eve about knowledge, knowing good, and 'evil'. The first human couple was confronted with the 'conscience', which distinguishes between plus (+) and minus (-). If you learn about something and absorb that knowledge, that database of knowledge will come in handy later. We think of education and training in all kinds of things. The Scripture emphasises this in many historical descriptions, likewise in the life teaching of Jesus through the New Testament evangelists and the New Revelation of John.

In the time of Adam, one of the primal fathers - this was Lamech - had his conscience so burdened in certain matters that he could no longer bear even the most beautiful music, for his conscience began to play up terribly through the increased vibration and the heavenly sounds penetrated him so painfully that it became (too) unbearable for him and he sent his musician away.

We read: '*Behold, now Lamech had no one left to comfort him. Nothing would appeal to him. Music stirred his conscience in the soft vibrations he kept hearing the last*

*sighs of his murdered brothers and the sound of the pipe cut through his heart of stone. And he cursed Jubal for producing such miserable things, which at the sound of every note did not kill him only seventy-sevenfold, but always caused him a thousand-fold death. Because of this, which always mightily disturbed his conscience, Jubal had to leave the court and was not permitted to show his face there if he still valued his life.'* [HH1-39:5]

Here it concerns a 'strayed' Lamech, who ruled the people as a cruel tyrannical man with social personality disorders. He lived in the lowlands below the Caucasus Mountains, bordering northern Turkey, Armenia. Now the people from the lowlands were invited by Adam to come to the high mountains under the leadership of the Lord. Could anything stir in their 'conscience', which was already so tainted? Once there, they bowed fearfully to Adam and his company marveled at this fearful attitude. But HENOCH told him:

*'Listen, Adam, and listen, all of you, fathers, these children have become completely despondent due to too much humiliation on our part; this humiliation has robbed them of their love for us and in its place filled their hearts with submissive fear.'* [HH1-81:10]

So conscience can also languish because of foolishness. Lamech later also went along to the height and was repeatedly confronted with his bad conscience. On the heights, there was also a temple. Should or could he enter it? To enter the temple with an unbelieving heart was an impure act, he thought to himself.

At the invitation of a WISE MAN, he said: *'I always have been the greatest, terrible sinner before God and am therefore far from pure enough to enter with a better conscience such a holy place.'* [HH3-54:7]

*'But who will come to this temple prompted by a certain habit to appease his foolish conscience, would be doing better if he stays outside; because who does not bump on this temple and does not shatter his own matter, will not find any life of the spirit and its wisdom in it, but rather the judgment of his spirit in matter and through this death.'* [HH3-169:8]

Every human being carries in his conscience a spirit that corrects him, even if it seems punitive. A spokesman told OHLAD, who directed 99 people: *'They do not know that those laws (given from above) already carry punishment in them from eternity as every human being **carries a punishing spirit in his conscience.**'* [HH3-174:4]

One of the thirty high priests in the low places had to answer to their general, who was once also a priest. This sub-priest, now in a higher position said to one of the thirty: *'See, you too had to turn off your conscience so that firstly your skin remained unharmed and, secondly, your stomach the to spare the pressure of emptiness!'*...[HH3-238:10]

With MAHAL [Noah's brother] his conscience played up and he expressed himself to his daughter Agla, saying: *'Thus my subsequent actions are now less oppressive for*

*my conscience because they are a consequence of the first act! Oh, if I only never had committed the first offense against the divine order, all others would not have happened! At the first step down into the depths, I should have turned back at once, - and I still would have been as I was from my birth, and all would still alive whom I've killed! But now it is too late and I have nothing left than regret about my first step down to the depths!" [HH.03\_303,06,07]*

In the following text, the Lord may be talking about the people of the Central Mountains in East Africa, who live in a hidden valley until this day, but according to the Lord's order.

The Lord said: *' See, on this earth in regions far away from here, there are living descendants of Cain! For them, a revelation was enough, and they are still living in My order until this very hour; and the few among them who more or less have sometimes ballasted their conscience by their faulty actions, are now wrenching their hands to Me and begging Me for mercy, in this global night of the approaching judgment!'* [HH3-352:7]

If the man cleanses his conscience, his life will become convivial! But he too can purify his conscience through a Christian congregation and in this way, as further described by the Lord: *'For example, if anyone owes Me something, as one man owes to another, then man can clear the other of that debt to ease people's lives as much as possible and give them everywhere the opportunity to purify their conscience and live a good-natured life.'* [Earth, ch. 71:21,22]

The Lord says: *'But he who wants to find out the secrets of life through his worldly intellect will certainly never find them out, but will still lose through his intellect the little life he had previously earned in his youth.'*

*'For truly, I say to you: whoever does not believe such an inner Word, when it makes itself known - either in the heart of every better-thinking man by an **admonishing conscience**, or as an audible word through the mouth of an awakened man - with a childlike, simple and pious spirit, and then does not remain a mere hearer of such a Word, who wonders at the most, sometimes about this, sometimes about that, what is therein, - but becomes a doer of it, then I say to you once more: Verily, verily, **hearing and seeing will not bring anyone into heaven, but only doing!**'*[The Fly, ch. 12:18]

*'Conscience, the voice of the heart, tries to correct the one who is unfaithful in marriage, incidentally words to a very weak person.'* [HiG.01\_40.11.04.22]

Every human being has a conscience that guides him or her to the right course. The only question is whether man listens to his inner voice (that is the conscience).

***'But every man has a conscience given by Me, which is like John the Baptist - while all other notions, teachings, and qualities sleep in man as dead, conscience first awakens and announces itself as such! This often awakens all other teachings, admonitions, notions, and qualities'***

*'But if a man does not do this and allows the awakened John to be a "good man", then John will become a statue again - and everything in the chapel will be completely dead again! And this applies, as noted above, to the whole world, to this*

*time, to you, and everyone! - John is at home everywhere, at the bottom of everyone's church spirit. Those who pay attention to this John will be most helpful. But whoever ignores the life of John and does not listen to him, but only to the joyful and happy things of this world, his home chapel will bring him no fruits of life. [Gifts from Heaven, part 2]*

The Lord allows man to be purified more and more by His merciful love to hold up a mirror to the soul and what remains of hidden dormant issues of conscience that need to be 'cleaned up' in the therefore sick body and can be very confrontational.

*But when the outward, soul-redeeming love of Jesus Christ begins to flow into the diseased organs of both body and soul, illuminating the organs and causing the soul to perceive as a **warning conscience** of the multitude of sinful beasts, then the soul trembles, and then, in this humble pain, expressing itself in true repentance, it prays to God in crucified love for mercy and pity, and behold, then the spirit (his mind) perceives it and begins to stir again in the vesicle (the divine spark) where it had withdrawn. '[HiG.03\_40.06.17.17]*

*'The dead one says that in everything ecclesiastical the **once-extinguished conscience** characterises itself; among mortals, this means, among other things, what is worldly; one must find out for oneself how to enliven oneself spiritually.'* [HiG.03\_40.08.24.29]

*'We know that all evil and false occurs through the spirits dwelling in man, which collectively strive to win man's will for themselves. For the Lord warns us not to fall victim to the creeping spirits that can secretly occupy a man to gain his free will. Further, the*

*Lord says: '**You know that all evil stems from the evil spirits that dwell in man, all of which strive to win over man's will to ultimately seize his love with it as well, which would make the man himself a possession of hell and very often becomes so if he does not pay close attention to his admonishing conscience, which arises in man...**'*

*When man sins, the Lord protects the heart, in which love resides and keeps man alive. The evil spirits cannot then do anything'. [HiG.03\_40.12.02,04]*

*Paul reproached Peter for burdening and complicating the conscience of Jews who believed in Jesus. Peter himself, before leaving Jerusalem, where he usually stayed, usually in the house of Lazarus, Nicodemus, or of Joseph of Arimathea, was compelled to hold a so-called church meeting in Jerusalem. He prescribed to these congregations what they had to strictly observe. They were partly Jews, partly Christians. This church meeting was indicated very briefly by the evangelist Luke, but it bore little fruit. At this meeting, Paul again reproached his colleague Peter quite sharply, because he still wanted to remain completely one with the Jews as a Jew and placed too much value on their statutes, which Jesus had abolished'. [HiG.03\_64.03.22.a,15]*

The book of 'Bishop Martin,' ch. 15:16, and ch. 16:6 describe the theme of 'conscience'.

Joseph of Mary asked the vice-chancellor Cyrenius whether, as an unbeliever, he had no problems with his conscience. But Cyrenius answered him: *'Not in the least, because, if there is no other god than these, which are made of metal, then every human being is more divine even than this stupid metal, in which there is not even life! However, I think that "somewhere there is some real deity" who has eternal life and is omnipotent. That is the reason, then, that I despise that old-fashioned nonsense.'*[Youth of Jesus, ch. 35:7]

Cyrenius questioned a group of people whether they were speaking the truth. In the process, with the Lord's intervention, a lion was used to test everyone with a clear conscience. The story goes like this: *'Whoever of you has a clear conscience, he comes forward, then he can convince himself that these grim beasts also have respect for faithful servants! When this was said by Cyrenius, they all came forward except one. ..The lions did nothing to them. Now Cyrenius asked the one who had remained standing: 'Why are you standing there? Surely you can see that your comrades have nothing to fear from the lions? 'Mercy Lord!' the addressed one now said, 'for my antlers are not pure! Cyrenius now asked him: 'Then what does this impurity of your conscience consist of? Speak up! if you don't want to die!' [Youth of Jesus, ch. 136:8-12]*

John the Baptist acted in a human desert with an **awakened conscience**, which, according to Jesus, John is - purely spiritually speaking. Thus he prepared the way for the Lord into the hearts of those who had become a desert. [GGJ1-5:7]

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## Guardian spirits

Jesus says: ***"Surely every human being has been given an invisible guardian spirit, which must accompany man from birth to the grave! Such a guardian spirit always influences man's conscience, but will increasingly abandon man entrusted to it, if, led by his self-love, he voluntarily abandons all faith and all love of neighbor'.*** [GGJ1-92:14]

The entire chapter 232 of GGJ, part 3, is all about conscience. In the 10th verse, the angel Raphael says to Mathael: *'If, however, you have not acted and spoken properly in some way, the opposite part of the organ will be stimulated by us and a fearful feeling will come over you and tell you that you have gone outside the divine order. And this organ is very delicately called in the language of morality: 'the conscience.'*

**It may be clear that conscience is an inner voice within ourselves that will never deceive anyone.** Mathael says to Murel: *'God gave me from the beginning of my existence only my conscience as my judge, and I lived righteously before this inner, stern judge.'*

John the evangelist said to Zorel: *'Your soul was itself always developed far enough to be able to distinguish the unreal from the real. However, if a soul, with a sharpness like yours, can do so then it also sees the difference between good and evil, and if*

can, it sins against its own knowledge and its conscience. However, he who sins against his knowledge and his conscience can only be cleansed of the old filth of his sins by true repentance and come into God's favor' [GGJ4-72:1-4].

According to Matth.16:17, every love, will, and conscience will forever be a judge. So every person will one day be judged according to his way of life. The Lord says in the New Revelation: *'I tell you, moreover, that the very temptations on the part of the devils are not nearly as bad as you think in your foolish faith! The actual devil is the man with his worldly lusts himself! Out of that comes self-love -that is one devil-, the lust for a luxurious life -a second devil, the lust for honor, pride, lordliness, wrath, revenge, envy, avarice, arrogance, whoredom and contempt for your fellow man - those are nothing but devils begotten on their own soil and ground! Therefore, you in particular, should not have such a great fear of the devil, nor denounce him; but **denounce yourselves in your conscience** and truly repent of it, and make a firm resolution to become very different people, and become them!* [GGJ6-10:12]

In every man, God has given in the soul 'wisdom' and 'conscience' and 'free will', so that man can distinguish between good and evil, and man can choose with her will whether one or the other, and what she then chooses, according to which she will then be directed by herself, either to death or to true life. The Lord says we should not burden our conscience like that. *'Therefore, let no one put a conscience on you anymore, neither by a bishop and priest (i.e. not appointed by God), nor by a feast day, nor by the old Sabbath and new moon.'* [Laod., ch. 2:1]

Who among you has ever experienced your inner spirit telling you not to do that which you intend? I myself must confess to having experienced this repeatedly, but not listening to this inner voice and was allowed to reap the most wry fruits of it.

The Lord said in the book 'Bishop Martinus': *'When your conscience warned you, you did not heed it, but did evil against your clearly **protesting conscience**. 'Were your upbringing and your Creator guilty of this too?'* [Bishop Martin, ch. 20: 24]

*'Since the Godhead has assumed a body, She has also written the whole material creation in Her name, and thereby made every human being independent and thereby obliged him to act **according to his own conscience**. All the world now rests on God's shoulder and that of free men.'* [RB2-181:17]

To a superior Jesus said: **'But conscience must have Me as the foundation of love for Me and all men, for then it rests on pure truth'**. [GGJ1-68:19]

The Lord says: *'...These bucks and boors are not as unbelieving as they look; they just don't want to believe, to sin all the more freely! For if, because of the signs, they were to accept My teachings, they would also get a conscience, which would hinder them in their evil doings. Therefore they prefer to believe nothing and reason every still so obvious truth from their hearts so that they can still do unhindered what their evil lusts whisper to them.'* [GGJ2-25:8]

A certain SOREL is given great consideration in the GGJ for his burdened conscience. John the Evangelist said to him: 'But he who sins against his knowledge



and his conscience can only by true repentance be cleansed of the old filth of his sins and come into God's favor.' [GGJ4-72:1]

*'Repent, repent of your crimes, and do sincere penance so that you may become pleasing to the true God! Then you should first be carefully taught all that is true, show you the true way, and lead you on it for some time! If someone who had been perfectly instructed in this truth nevertheless fell back into his old mistakes and acted as badly as before, he would sin, because he would then act against his firm conviction and bring his conscience into great turmoil. Therefore, the images you used are true only for people who, like animals, have never known any truth. But you are no layman of the real truth; on the contrary, you know it almost as well as I know it, and you have long known it as such. And your conscience also always denounced you of every bad deed of yours, but you paid little attention to it and tried to drown it out by all sorts of false, understanding considerations.*

*You also always felt repentance when you had done something bad against your conviction and conscience, but penance and real improvement did not come to you until now.'* [GGJ4-72:4]

In the heart, according to Jakob Lorber, there is a particle of the spiritual sensor, which is called CONSCIENCE there: *'Well, it is whispered into the feeling center of his heart, which is called "conscience", and from time to time he receives firm warnings from us. If he takes any notice of these, there is no more talk of being lost and corrupted. Then the hidden help comes incessantly from above and grants the soul more and more insight and strength to free itself more and more from what it has become entangled in; then only some goodwill is needed, and then it already moves forward with great strides, - at least to the point where man, fit for a higher revelation, is seized by God's Spirit Himself and led onward into the true light of life'.* [GGJ5-97:3]

So we receive from above a secret help that always gives the soul insight and strength. A person who is fit for spiritual revelation will be seized by the Spirit of God.

Where man 'hides' his conscience, he will have to make his way outside God: *'For where one does not make it a matter of conscience to disregard the commandments of God, and to set in their place worldly precepts as holy and given of God, there all faith in a true God is completely lost.'* [GGJ6-64:13]

*The flip side is, if one calms one's conscience and chooses the right path, one becomes a person worthy of praise. There is a difference between harming the body and the soul which follows: 'The harm to your body God will one day repay a thousandfold; but the harm to your soul God will never repay you. For God has given the soul reason, understanding, conscience, free will, and the law to be able to judge with it what is good and what is bad, and it can choose with its will one or the other. According to its choice, it will also be directed by itself, either to death or to life.'* [GGJ6-196:9]

We should constantly examine our conscience. To the Pharisees, Jesus, therefore, said: *'What you should do, I have already told you, and you will thereby come to light and life; but I tell you also, that it is good for you to examine your conscience closely,*



*and thus fathom the extent of all the sins and vices you have committed.'* [GGJ7-163:17]

People's slowness to work on yourself is Satan's old yarn. The Lord explained as follows: *'The slowness of men is the old yarn of Satan, into which they willingly allow themselves to be caught until their eternal destruction. And yet men could not be created more perfect than they are! They have intellect, insight, a completely free will, and a conscience that always warns them, and men and teachers everywhere and at all times awakened by Me, who are very active and have wisdom as great as the angels. But their pleasure-seeking and inertia constantly pulls them away from all that is right, true, and good. And so they fall victim to the realm of corruption, and nothing can help them but one judgment after another and one punishment after another. And even that helps only an extremely small minority.'* [GGJ7-181:25]

To two Pharisees, Jesus said: *'God has given every man a perfectly free will and a mind and a conscience that always warns and reprimands; 'without these three things, man would be no more than an animal. But to test his free will, man is also innate in his flesh the inertia and self-love in which man feels most comfortable in this world.'* [GGJ7-193:1,2]

Man is awakened not only by new prophets as in ancient times, but also by his conscience. The Lord said: *'See, such a teaching has been received by every people, and when they begin to forget it, they are immediately reminded of it again, partly by reawakened wise men and partly always by their own conscience, and so no one who has reason and sound faculties of mind can be completely excused if he acts contrary to the laws known to him. And when someone in the beyond comes into the state of his love and his free will, he will also not be able to say before God that He has wronged this or that one; for to the one who wills himself no injustice occurs.'* [GGJ.08\_017.04]

*Every soul will receive what it desires. If it is something bad, the consequences will be made clear to it beforehand. If she heeds this, she can easily be helped; however, if she does not bother, she will be allowed unhindered to have and enjoy everything as she wants it from her love.'* [GGJ.08\_017.05]

He who does not listen to his conscience, which is a good guide during life, carries hell in him. *'However, he who carries hell within him is deaf and blind in his soul, only now and then his conscience reminds him of it, otherwise, he would not be able to perceive hell within himself -because a hellish soul is already as good as complete in death through the direction of all its matter.'* [GGJ.08\_018.07]

*'A soul, which by its good works according to My will carries heaven in it, can also perceive heaven in itself in broad daylight and from time to time at night in clear dreamscapes. For dream-visions are given to man so that during his earthly life he may have certain intercourse with the world of spirits, both lower and higher, according to whether the soul by its good works according to God's will has built up and created in itself more or less of the true heaven.'* [GGJ8-18:8]

Man can numb his conscience with the so-called worldly mind. The Lord said to one of the Essenes: *'If you now profess the truth and can speak and act accordingly, why*

*have you not done so from the beginning? What evil did we ever do to you before, that you have shown yourself to be a nefarious deceiver towards us for years? Now make up for all the deceit committed to us, otherwise, you will not escape our just revenge!* [GGJ8-156:1]

*'Yes, friends, this very evil language does the inner conscience constantly speak against the one who wants to profit from gullible mankind by cunning and deceit and does so with the help of his cunning worldly mind; but such a man finally numbs his conscience, which is the inner spirit of life and truth in man, and then deceives the blinded more and more.'* [GJE8-156:2]

According to the Lord, we should make amends for everything that still burdens our conscience, so especially in this life: *'Your sins, for which the Pharisees are to blame, I have already forgiven you; if, however, according to your conscience, you have committed another crime against anyone in violation of the law of Moses, make it up to him -and if he will forgive you, it is also forgiven you perfectly in all heavens.'* [GGJ9-48:4]

*'However, if you meet a hard man who will not forgive you, do not be afraid, for in that case your goodwill will be accepted by Me instead of the work, and that irreconcilable man will see his hardness listed as guilt on his reckoning!-For I alone am the wisest and most righteous judge, who alone pronounces his most right judgment firmly on everyone.'* [GGJ9-48:5]

We know the story of the mountain cave in Palestine, in the mountains of Kisjonah, west of the Sea of Galilee, where Pharisees from the Jerusalem temple kept their gold, coins, and everything valuable in it, but were caught doing so under the Lord's guidance. Their conscience was greatly tested.

A Pharisee said to a Scribe: *'Listen! The gold and silver canyon, which frightened you so much and from which you could no longer find a way out, showed you the condition of your soul which is armored with mere lust for gold and which, despite of all its thinking and searching, can no longer find a way out of that condition into the free space of pure and living truth from God. The miners, whom you saw extracting the said metals in large lumps from the mountains, are your own insatiable lusts for such earthly treasures. And the miner who said to you that there was no way out of that chasm, nor did he gently tell you that you would surely perish, is your own conscience that admonished you, as it were, for the last time, very seriously, because you no longer heeded his softer admonishing voice.'* [GGJJ-9-80:3]

*'At this, you became so frightened and anxious that you fell to the ground unconscious. This is a sign for you, which I think you should understand as follows: because you began to despise and flee from your lust and thereby stripped your soul of its armor, you gave up your old love and, consequently, your material life, and you fell to the ground dead, as it were. And because you did so, another and already freer life soon emerged in you.'* [GGJ.09\_080.04]

*'The man who then soon came to you and asked you a very important question, which you could not answer, was again your conscience, **your spirit from beyond from God**. When he went away from you, you immediately saw an evil animal, which*

*was nothing but your old lust, which haunts you in your mind despite the already freer state of your soul. But because you now have an abhorrence of your old sin, even the memory of it is repulsive and vile to you, and you make an effort to flee that evil animal, lest it seize you again and ruin and kill you. Such a justified fear of yours about your evil animal is seen by heaven, which sends a lightning bolt of living truth from God. This touches your evil animal so well, that it jerks and squirms for a while afterward, but still finally plunges into the abyss and does not emerge in your soul.'* [GGJ.09\_080.05]

*Note:*

Swedenborg saw evil animals in the spiritual realm in the lower realms. These were deceased people still alive in their false lusts.

*'In one garden you also saw very beautiful women and girls, whom you would love to talk to and get to know more closely. But when they, who are the deepest living truths, catch sight of you as a pure, outwardly sensible person, they flee from you, and you think, 'Why don't they want me, why do they flee from me?' Then your conscience awakens again and shows you how poor you are in works of love for God and your neighbor, and how much injustice that you have done to the poor widows and orphans you still have to make up for, which your mind, however, still shrinks from.'* [GGJ.09\_080.07]

**"Then your conscience says again:** *'Seize him and bind him, by which your outer mind is meant, and cast him into a dark dungeon, where snakes and toads dwell!' In other words, this means as much as: 'Capture your worldly mind yourself with the help of your living faith in God and His Anointed One who has come to us, and banish it and return it to the dark world and its poisonous cares; for from the word of God a new and pure spiritual mind must arise, otherwise, you cannot enter the place of true, comforting peace of soul.'* [GGJ.09\_080.08]

In the book 'Secrets of Life', the Lord explains why conscience is handled in man, as pure 'conscience': *'It is not the deed that stamps the value, but the "why" of such a deed! Man sees the act, but only two know the motive, I and the doer, with I representing his rewarding or punishing conscience.'*

*'So what are "conscience pangs" other than the uneasiness that one has acted contrary to his spiritual dignity? Therefore, as often as you undertake anything, as often as thoughts creep up on you, be attentive to them so that they do not humiliate you; for everyone carries his book of life in him, and at the end of his career he will be able to see in a picture what physiognomy (facial expression) his spiritual man will have on leaving this world; For the reflection of the life lived in the world will be the expression of the garment of the soul, in which the total of all thoughts, desires, and lusts will portray the spiritual man to the other spirits in such a characteristic way, how he has formed himself not physically, but spiritually. '* [Secrets of Life, ch. 14:27,28]

*'Even though man is cruel, no existing law punishes him except his own conscience; only there, where man has no other judge but his free will, where he alone thereby stands before a God and Creator, there to exercise mercy by free impulse, by noble inner love urged on, **even against the last insignificant animal or creature in***

**which life is suspected, there also to act magnanimously, that elevates, that rewards.** It is not that you have not trampled on a worm, no, but that, obeying higher laws of life, you have become masters of your passions; it is this consciousness that elevates you above the masses, exercises your love and mercy, and so will become second nature to you, whereby you will not then deny to your neighbor what you have granted to a weak, minor animal! [Secrets of Life, ch. 21:47]

Also in the book "Secrets of Creation", the Lord informs us that He speaks to our hearts through a spirit: *'Through this spirit, I speak to a man in his heart; I exhort, advise and comfort. And this is something that, despite of the aversion of many, cannot simply be reasoned away; that is why you also call it 'conscience' because it is a certain 'knowing'.*

*'By this voice, I gave My will to the prophets in the Old Testament, and by this same voice I now guide and direct mankind towards its approaching end, the shifting. For the time has come when soon the chaff will be separated from the wheat; to this the political, temporal and spiritual upheavals that are noticeable all over your earth point.'* [Secrets of Creation. ch. 1:7ff.]

*'Animal people that you are, I do know why you avoid the sight of the starry sky because it stirs your conscience because certain feelings might awaken in you that you would like to suppress. You avoid all serious questions and even avoid the answers because they do not agree with your worldly ideas.'* [Secrets of Creation. ch. 31:26]

In the book of the 'Sermons of the Lord', disease, which no one can hide, is used and is a way of pricking the conscience.

*'Leprosy is a disease that no one can hide. It shows itself openly on the human body. In spiritual terms, this means the open display of all bad qualities, all evil passions, and habits, which are the result of bad attitudes and a neglected upbringing. If, spiritually speaking, a soul is so depraved within itself that it has lost almost all its spiritual value, then the spirit, **My divine spark embedded in it**, drives it so far that it is no longer ashamed to show this filthy interior even outwardly. The soul is also forced by this process, as it were, to reveal its conscience to those close to it and, through its lifestyle and way of thinking, which is the result of the sucked-in false principles, to expose itself to the world and to undergo bitter experiences, only to finally come to the realization that a better, higher and more moral striving and working only leads to true peace.'* [Ecclesiastes Ch. 9:9]

*'He who has only vague notions of My words or knows nothing at all, I cannot hold him responsible for his actions as much as those who know My teaching and understand how and when to act according to it. These are punishable if they deliberately sin against it, and they will be reproached, not by Me, but by their own conscience, for their timidity and meekness, because they are so lacking in strength and because, surrounded by spiritual help from above, they have allowed themselves to be so caught up in the net of worldly pleasures that they have thereby lost their spiritual value.'* [Ecclesiastes Ch. 23:21]

*'Therefore, before deciding to follow Me, everyone should ask himself whether he also possesses the strength and stamina to confess and defend the banner of My love, and doctrine of faith, always under all circumstances and events.*

*It follows, as I have told you many times before, that it is a serious matter to follow Me, to hear My words, and to carry them out.'*

*'This should not be taken lightly, because only those in the strictest sense are accountable and therefore sinners, who know the law or My will and yet go against it, although their conscience advises them against it. That is why it is also said at the end of this chapter: 'He who has ears, let him hear!', which in other words means: 'One must not let My words go in one ear and out the other, but take what is heard well into one's heart, ponder it and act accordingly!' [Ecclesiastes ch. 28:2]*

***'Here before you in this chapter is My entire teaching as a summary of all that pertains to man. You are shown the extent to which his sufferings, sacrifices, and struggles will once have a spiritual value and how he must use his conscience as a scale and guide for all his thoughts, words, and deeds if he is to be called My child one day.' [Ecclesiastes Ch. 31:1]***

## **Afterword**

The following now typifies a special practical experience. We had the honor of interviewing someone and one of us was already familiar with this person because during his life we were allowed to get to know him closely. There came a day when he (a Lorber reader) communicated something familiar to us. And so it happened that he wrote and told us the following, which also had a resemblance to those things, with which I have had to deal in my life. So his story was as follows:

*'As a six-year-old boy, I walked on the Moon. This was a terrible experience. I did nothing but cry and cry and walked lonely up one yellowish mullet sand mountain after another. My situation was comparable to walking through a desolate Sahara and I was completely on my own.'*

When I awoke from the (gas)anesthesia, which took place in a big city hospital, my ears had been surgically punctured due to a chronic middle ear infection. I was very happy to be back in the earthly 'now'. When I told my 'dream experience' to my parents, they did not understand. They couldn't answer it. But for me, it was a bizarre Moon experience and that experience has stayed with me all my life.

Years later, I realized, I had experienced an out-of-body experience at the time. When I listed my inner life and did my bookkeeping this way, I realised, that administratively, I was deeply in the red. True, I am not an accountant, but how could I still pay off these many debts incurred in the rest of my short life because after all, most of it was already over! However, I would never want to end up on that Moon again.

I was shown in that out-of-body experience, so to speak: 'This is what your condition may look like later'. Bizarre. I never understood this until I came into contact with the Jakob-Lorber-Works 20 years ago and read the book part 'The Moon'. Was this

foreseen back then to give me a serious warning in my life? Would I create those conditions? The latter unfortunately happened.

Then, fortunately, something came along my life path, which completely shocked me and partly changed my overall life. From then on, I started thinking more seriously and earnestly about the development of my being and saw, that all worldly glory, glitter, and attention was only and caress of my ego. The primal sense of religion in me returned.

For My conscience gnawed at the bark of my soul and I saw the need for a self-examination. In this, the Bible, given to me by my mother, and the numerous spiritual works were of great help to me. For - in retrospect - I was already preparing myself for a place somewhere on the Moon in the afterlife or even in hell, which I had created for myself because I had indulged in all kinds of excessive forms. Had I not been corrected by 'fate' or even died prematurely, my being would very likely have been banished to the Moon for a long time.

The Lord warns several times in the Lorber works to be careful not to end up on that Moon world. For the most part, my life had not gone the way I would have liked it to in retrospect. So the time was pressing on me to give my all and still make much good of it.

The imparted warning that was laid in my childhood and also shown to me became more and more conscious so that I felt the need to share it with others. Especially the spiritual message of the Moon. The gleam of my inner soul life was one of the gleams of the Moon. It may be clear that I once established a relationship with the Moon myself, but was severely caught off guard in the process.

The fact that I was 'coincidentally' born on a Moon day and even suffered from a nasty stomach ailment many times during my life, has, according to the teachings of (g)astronomy, a certain connection with the Moon. By the age of 14, I already had a stomach ulcer. Just as each organ might have an analogous relationship with the spiritual radiation of our planetary solar system, the stomach in particular might have a connection with the Moon. All the spiritual in me was not being digested optimally, and so physical and spiritual digestion went wrong in my youth.' So much for this message from our Lorber friend. These were literally his words. He has confided many other things to me, and hopefully, I may learn more about them.

## **Explanation**

We conclude in this particular story, then as the center of gravity we are certainly dealing with an OWN KNOWLEDGE here. The Moon is the first sphere of matter in 'astronomical space' and in the vast ether above the Earth as the child of Mother Earth. Astronomy and (g)astronomy are very closely related. Indeed, in Greek, stomach means 'Gaster', and 'Gastritis' can be, an irritated feeling in the sense of experience. Just as the Sun image represents the I-force, the Moon image represents the I-feeling. The Moon reflects the Sun and the I-feeling is a reflected I-force. If there is a conflict with the I-feeling or with the soul force, then there also cannot be a balance with its own inner Sun, its spirit force.

The mystery of the Moon is covered in surprising detail in the Lorber works. Let the true light of the Sun come into full play in the letter writer and everyone else. G.

## Afterthought

In general, conscience is seen as an inner voice that warns us when we are about to do something wrong and it only withdraws when we have already done something that is wrong. It is something that every human being originally possessed and still possesses but can be suppressed.

In the Jakob-Lorber Works, this term (the inner voice) is used in the highest sense: namely, to receive a new will through regeneration from the Lord. This is conscience in the most essential sense: 'Do no one harm and do good to all'. (For whoever does goodwill also meet good).

Swedenborg also described a beautiful theme on 'the conscience in man'. Here we should think carefully because it sometimes seems that certain quotations contrast with Lorber's, while Swedenborg accentuates the profound meaning of 'conscience'. Defined in this way, according to him, only a good man has a good conscience; for the evil ones apparently have no conscience anymore, and the idea that the torments of hell are the spines of conscience is only a pious thought. As a conception of what should and should not be done, anyone can have a conscience, but it is formed in a person by a particular belief or mode of action in which he is and lives. Only according to its inner perception, conscience is not uniform.

There is a 'false conscience' among unbelievers who are still in the simple good, and a 'false conscience' among those who are in the natural good. The latter is so-called because the natural good, inwardly selfish, is worldly and unreal. This natural good is that which is so often held for the 'false conscience'. It has led many people to assume this standard.

But conscience is nevertheless a relative thing. The evil conscience of a good person is like the good conscience of a bad person. The right idea of a 'spiritual conscience' is found in biblical teaching and that is to act according to religion and faith.

Consistency and conscience touch each other. The former means 'serious self-awareness' and the latter means the 'inner knowing'. Swedenborg says: 'What else is conscience but to do no evil in any way, or to do good to everyone in every way? (Secrets of Heaven 1076) Conscience is twofold: inner and outer; inner conscience is the conscience of spiritual good and true, outer conscience is the conscience of what is just and equitable. (Secrets of Heaven 5145)

Conscience is formed from what is revealed and made known from the Word, and when the Word speaks or dictates, it is the Lord who speaks. (Secrets of Heaven 371)

Spiritually oriented people have a conscience that dictates or prescribes. However, the conscience is formed by the knowledge of the good and true, which they have absorbed from their parents and teachers. Then it is formed by their own study in the



teachings and the Word; for by these things they add to themselves faith, though the things may not be wholly good and true. This is why people of any doctrine have a conscience and even pagans. (Secrets of Heaven 2831)

Conscience, considered in its true nature, is a spiritual willingness to act accordingly according to religion and faith. ([True Christian Religion 666](#))

Conscience is a kind of sensation; for to act against one's conscience and according to one's conscience, that is nothing but to recognize whether something is so or not, whether it should be done or not. (distinguishing)

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