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### Friends of the Jesus Revelation

as revealed through the writing servants and writing prophets Jakob Lorber and Gottfried Mayerhofer, the friends of the Jesus Revelation feel connected to all people worldwide as creatures and children of one and the same Heavenly Father. This Father, who incarnated approximately 2,000 years ago in Jesus Christ, acted as Redeemer and Teacher, sharing divine wisdom and love during three years of ministry from the age of thirty.

The spiritfriends of this Divine Revelation recognize in this eternal message a renewed and exalted expression of the Word of God, as also articulated in the Biblical Gospel of John. They seek a joyful and global exchange of insights and experiences surrounding this revelation.

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### **Renate from Germany writes:**

Dear Gerard,

First of all, many thanks for all the bulletins. The content is very valuable. I was first introduced to the Great Gospel of Lorber through Jesus about 40 years ago, and I am filled with love and gratitude for all the revelations He has given us, which reconnect us with our spiritual home. Likewise, the Lord's sermons have been my companion every Sunday for many years.

We are allowed to rediscover Jesus as our God, Father, Teacher, and our first Beloved. You have brought me great joy. Recently, I have often thought about Wilfried and Peter, wondering how they are or if they have already gone home. I knew both of them very well, and I had personal contact with Wilfried in particular. After I learned that Wilfried was seriously ill, our contact also faded.

I held both of them in great esteem. Thank you again for the current information about the time of their passing.

I greet you with all my heart, and may the love of Jesus be with you.

Renate Modreger

### **Answer**

Dear Renate,

Thank you so much for your moving words. I am very glad to hear how deep your connection is with the Lord's revelations and His Word. It is a great gift that Jesus is calling us to Him again today, and through His living Word, He shows us the way to our spiritual home. Your memories of Wilfried and Peter also demonstrate how valuable and profound the spiritual community that the Lord creates among His children truly is. It is comforting to know that they have now returned to the light and love of our Heavenly Father. May the love of Jesus be with you and guide you always.

With heartfelt greetings,

Gerard



## Wilhelm E. from Germany

This text discusses a special perspective on life and death, particularly in relation to God and Jesus. It explains that three types of "death" are necessary:

1. **Physical death:** Jesus had to die to demonstrate that people can be resurrected and enter heaven. Our bodies function like machines that work well when we take care of them, and they can last up to 120 years. After death, people undergo a kind of "extra lesson" during a special sleep.
2. **Soul death:** Jesus also needed to die so that He could later send messages from heaven, as seen in the books of Jakob Lorber. Some believe that people from other planets can only truly die once they have come to Earth. However, some special beings, such as the angel Raphael, can exist without ever dying.
3. **Spiritual death:** Every 2.000 years, Earth transforms into a form of hell. This occurred before in a city called Hanoch and later in the Roman Empire. Jesus came to show people how to escape this "hell on Earth." Today, it's happening again—many people are making the world worse, and only a small group will continue to live in alignment with a righteous path.

**Conclusion:** To prevent Earth from becoming a hell, people need to "spiritually develop" and understand ancient wisdom. Only then can the world remain a good habitable place.

In other words: wise and enlightened individuals are essential to maintaining balance and harmony in the world!



## Johannes from Germany

Hello, my dear ones,

It was an inner inspiration. So gently and quietly, our Father leads us. Let us embrace each day with wonder. Let us joyfully guide others when the opportunity presents itself. Wishing you all love, **humility, and mercy—stay encouraged** and in good spirits. Best regards,  
Johannes

Regarding your first email: Zentrale-Begriffe.de is brilliant. I believe this endeavor did not stem from your sharp mind but was rather inspired by the Father's love. This is how it happened:

### First scenario:

While reading Lorber's works, I saw the diagrams—or parts of them—in my mind and immediately put them on paper.

**Second scenario:**

Almost all of the paintings appeared fully completed in my mind upon waking in the morning. At times, I even saw the exact spot in my apartment where I should hang the picture. I tried to replicate the images I saw in my inner vision as accurately as possible, including the colors. Each image was also accompanied by a distinct feeling. However, I believe that conveying emotions works better through music than through paintings.

The title "Central Concepts of the New Revelation": I saw a stack of papers, and on the first page, the title "Central Concepts of the New Revelation" was written. I did not see a website but rather the title page of a printed copy.

The page "God or Father" (<http://zentrale-begriffe.de/vater.html>):

At that time, I was in a small prayer group. Someone in the group asked whether it made any difference to address God as "God" or "Father." They had been told it didn't matter.

I then spent five minutes trying to explain in my own words that addressing Him as "Father" is a thousand times better for us than simply saying "God." But based on their responses, I could tell that my explanation hadn't been understood.

We always had 20 minutes of silent prayer. During that time, the words "Calling Him 'GOD' is like addressing someone with 'Sie' (formal you), while calling Him 'FATHER' is like using 'du' (informal you)" were placed in my mind.

I shared this insight, and within seconds, everyone understood it. I truly believe these were God's words—short and concise, yet immediately clear to all. Between what is perceived spiritually and what is translated into the material world, there is always some degree of "loss" or inaccuracy. But I have done my best.

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As written in GEJ2.59.9-14, this is how the world is described. (<https://jakob-lorber.cc/index.php?s=GEJ2.59.9-14&l=de&b=>)

President Yoon has been released after being held in detention for 52 days. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUxpDvProCQ>

He has read a great deal of the Bible and prayed for those who are unjustly imprisoned. I pay tribute to the patience of those who, despite great injustice, continue to pray and fight, remaining steadfast. May the New Revelation of Jesus' Love spread throughout the world. Let us do our small part diligently. Kind regards, Johannes

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# The Sun of Grace

Just as in man, the form had to be created first—such as with Adam—before the spirit could truly take shape through union with that form, so too did the form have to come into being with God first. This happened when the Light first emerged from the divine center, laying the foundation for all creation. Only in the union of the divine Spirit with the human form of Jesus did eternal Love (the Father) assume this form and become visible to all creatures in heaven.

The Light was not only in God but also with God. God *is* the Light. This Light emerged as an independent revelation from God, and thus it existed not only in Him but also beside Him. In a way, it encompassed the primordial divine Being and formed the basis for the only incarnation of God.

According to the New Revelations, this light is not only a reflection of the divinity that illuminates the infinite space but rather an essential manifestation of God Himself, especially when He incarnates in human form from the divine center in the year 4151 after Adam. Jesus says that the foundation for the future incarnation of God is already becoming visible, as explained in the following text:

"This light was not only in but also with God, meaning that the light emerged as essentially contemplative from God and was thus not only in, but also with God, surrounding in a way the primal divine being, thereby already laying the foundation for the eventual incarnation of God, which will become quite clear in the following text. Who or what, then, was this light, this great thought, this holiest fundamental idea of all future, substantial, freest being? – It was impossible for anything other than God Himself, because in God, through God, and from God, nothing other than God Himself could manifest in His eternally most perfect being; and thus, this text may also read as follows: In God was the light, the light flowed through and surrounded God, and God Himself was the light." [GEJ.01\_001,06-08]

Furthermore, the Lord says: The primordial Light is the primal form of all forms. It could never be formless. Thus, angels and humans were created in accordance with this primordial Light, and this primal form perfectly corresponds to the attributes of God:

*'It is self-evident that the deepest foundation of all existence, the light of all light, the deepest thought of all thoughts and ideas, the primordial form as the eternal basis of all forms, could not, firstly, be formless, and secondly, could not be dead, because death in its reality is the absolute opposite of all existence, in whatever form. In this word or Light or in this great thought of God in God—and ultimately, therefore, God Himself—there was thus a complete life. God was, therefore, in His totality, the eternally perfect deepest foundation of life. And this Light or life called forth beings from itself, and this Light or life was the light and thus also the life in these beings, in these humans created from Him. And these beings and humans were thus a complete reflection of the source of all light, which created within them the*



*conditions for a life equal to Being, to the Light, and to the eternal deepest foundation of Being'* (GJE1, ch.1:13)

However, the Sun of Grace is not God Himself, but merely the effect (or radiance) of His Love and Wisdom: *"If you still continue to ask, 'Yes, but where is God then, and what does He actually look like?,' I tell you that no one can see the actual divine Being and remain alive, for It is infinite and therefore also omnipresent, and It is thus, as something purely spiritual, the innermost of every thing and every being, that is, through the effect of the light of His mighty will. In Himself and by Himself, however, God is a man, just as I and also you, and He dwells in an inaccessible light, which is called the Sun of Grace in the world of spirits."*

In the second book of *Heaven and Hell*, the Creator emphasizes to Robert Blum on the other side:

*"Look, in reality, I Myself am this sun! There are still two heavenly realms: in the direction of the evening, a pure 'wisdom-heaven,' and toward noon, a 'love-and-wisdom-heaven.' The inhabitants of these two heavens see Me only as a sun, namely, as the sun that you now see shining high above the city.* (Heaven and H.-2-283.12. and f.)

*Only here in the highest heaven am I outside of the sun, though also within the sun. Outside of this sun, I am as you all now see Me in your midst, but within the sun, I am purely spiritual in the power of My will, of My love and wisdom. In essence, I Myself am this sun, yet there is still a distinction between Me and it. I am the foundation, and this sun is like an emanation of My spirit, which from here and from Me flows through all infinity with undiminished power and establishes My eternal order everywhere."* (Heaven and H.-2-283.12. and f.)

*According to the Lord, the sun must eternally stand in an inaccessible center. For He says: "No being can approach beyond the established order, for any approach beyond this order would utterly destroy the respective being. This was also told to Moses when he wished to behold God's face, for 'beholding' here should not be understood as mere visual perception, but as the complete approach to the deepest essence of the Godhead."* (Spiritual Sun, vol. 1, ch. 283, verses 1-20)

## **The Invisibility of God**

The invisibility of God was the reason for Lucifer and her followers' apostasy from Him, for His invisibility was a test of faith for the first-created spirits. Jesus further explains:

*"After Lucifer's fall, when the material world manifested itself, the spiritual sun was indeed created as the seat of the Godhead. However, despite everything, it was not to be understood as an independent concentration. The light was everywhere in the spiritual world, and this spiritual sun remained invisible to the physical human being as long as his soul was bound to his body, prior to My earthly life. Its becoming visible was a crowning of the faith of the spiritual beings; for only to them was this sun visible. But now it is also visible to the human who believes in Me, as soon as his spiritual eye is opened, because the human Jesus can reveal His entire kingdom at any moment to all who believe in Him."* (GJE11-75:10)

### **Jesus further explains how this was possible:**

*Jesus further explains how this was possible: "Indeed, from eternity I possessed all power and glory within Myself, but I was not a visible or comprehensible God to any created being, not even to the most perfect angel. So, when I wanted to make Myself somewhat contemplative to someone, like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, this happened by My filling an angel with the spirit of My will in such a way that, for certain moments, he represented My personality. But from now on, I have become a visible God to all humans and angels, and I have established for them the most perfect, eternal, and self-sufficient free, and thus truest life, and in this, also consists My own greater glorification, and so also yours." [GEJ.08\_057,14]*

*At this moment, a grand event took place. After His glorification on the cross, the Lord Jesus became visible to all beings in the spiritual world—especially to those spirits who sought divine union. They were able to behold Him to the extent that their consciousness was receptive to it. This occurred in the year 4184 after Adam.*

*"See now, eternal Love spoke to them, and they understood the word! Then their tongues were loosened, and the first word that came from their lips was Love. And the sound of their speech pleased the Godhead; and the Godhead was moved by Love, and this movement took form in the created beings. And the form became a sound, and the sound was the second word, which was: GOD." (Household of God, vol. 1, ch. 5:15-19)*

*"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, but the world did not recognize Him." (John 1:10)*

The earth serves as the bearer of lost souls, and together they form matter: the earth, the moon, all planets, suns, stars, and galaxies in the vast, infinite expanse of the heavens. Jesus says about this:

***"Humans are indeed partly taken from matter, but as liberated beings, they no longer belong—nor need to belong—to this soul-matter, which has been condemned since the fall into sin. For it would not be a good thing if I desired that a stone, still bound in the deepest judgment, should recognize Me! I can only rightfully expect this from a liberated soul who carries My spirit within." (GJE1-1:6)***

*The earth is one of the smallest clumps of matter in the vast giant universe and its infinite, unfathomable spheres, which were once created and intended for human developmental paths and will remain so for now. It was precisely on this small, insignificant star in the cosmos that the Godhead became man to rectify the "fall into sin" of Adam and Eve. In the following, we read about a conflict between eternal Love and the wrathful Godhead. Ultimately, we will understand why Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified.*

### **The Divine Conflict with the Great Fall**

We read in Chapter 9 of *The Household of God*, Volume 1, about the judgment that followed immediately after the actual fall of Eve and Adam:

*And behold, there was a fierce battle between the eternal Love, which, through the remorse and sorrow of the created beings, again showed mercy, and the wrathful Divinity, which sought to destroy everything in atonement for Its unassailable holiness.*

*For behold, the flames of the wrathful Divinity fell faster than lightning to the Earth, penetrated to its very center, and ignited it at every place and every end. The consuming flames reached all the way to the Moon, to the Sun—yes, they seized all the stars! And behold, the entire immeasurable infinity became a sea of fire, and terrible thunder rolled through all the endless spaces. The Earth howled, the sea raged, the Moon wept, the Sun lamented, and all the stars cried louder than all the thunder, pressed by the great agony of eternal destruction. Their loud voices echoed terribly from the endless depths of the wrath of the Divinity, and the voices cried out:*

*“Great, exalted God, appease Your great wrath, and extinguish the destroying flames of Your most righteous fury, and spare the innocent in Your holiness; for the fire of Your wrath will destroy the righteous, annihilate the eternal Love within You, and imprison You in Your overwhelming power and strength of holiness!”*

*And behold, listen with open eyes and ears to what the wrathful Divinity spoke; yet no one understood the language except for the eternal Love, which, during the outburst of the Divinity’s wrath, protected the repentant newly created couple on the howling Earth and dissuaded the great flame of wrath, stopping it from seizing the place of Adam’s repentance and Eve’s mourning place, through the great power and strength of Its mercy.*

*And now, hear and understand well the terrifying words of wrath from the depths of the Divinity’s anger, which were as follows:*

*And behold, the bonds of creation in all spaces of God’s infinity were loosed, and the rubble fell through the vast spaces with great crashing, thundering, howling, raging, roaring, and rushing into the very depths of their destruction. And this was the Earth itself, which also lay shattered in the vast womb of merciful Love.*

*And the newly created beings trembled in fear at the terrifying sight of this great, destructive scene, the magnitude of which no created spirit will ever fully comprehend; for it was infinite.*

*Now see and listen further to what the merciful Love then spoke and did! Hear the words of Love in Its power and behold the great deeds of mercy in Its might, and hear and understand well the words, which were as follows:*

*‘Great, almighty God of all might, all power, and all holiness! Let go of Your fierce wrath and still the fire of Your all-consuming indignation, and in the peace of Your holiness, listen to the words of Your Eternal Love, which is the only Life in You, just as You are, eternal and mighty and strong as You out of Her and She out of You. Do not destroy the life in Her and Yourself through Her, but let mercy take precedence over justice, and let Love offer You satisfaction. No sacrifice that You may demand of Her for the eternal atonement of Your holiness shall be too great for Your Love!’ (HG-1-Kap.9:8-22)*

*‘What use to Me is the howling and raging of the Earth, the weeping of the Moon, the lamentation of the Sun, and the wailing cries of the stars?! For I am alone, abandoned by My Love, which has become unfaithful to Me and has distanced Itself from Me, descending to the Earth, to the lowest depths of wickedness, in a twofold manner! What am I to do without Her? Therefore, I will destroy all Her works from its very foundation and annihilate everything, so that nothing may exist that could ever draw My Love away from Me in all the eternities of eternities to come!’*



*And I will remain God, the One and Only, for all eternities of eternities, as I have been from all eternities past; and you, decayed structure of creation, brought forth by My weakened Love, collapse into worthless ruins, into nothingness, so that I may find My Love again and make Her strong once more through the power and might of My eternal holiness. Amen!'*



*Now see and listen and understand well what then happened and how the Divinity responded! The fire abated, and from all spaces blew a gentle breeze, mingled with still violently rolling thunder, caused by the flying debris of the vanished worlds, which, from one immeasurable vastness to another, still flashed as great burning lightning bolts. And Love understood the thunder of God, which fiercely spoke:*

*'I will let all guilt fall upon You, just as the debris of worlds falls upon the earth, and You must reconcile the dishonor of My holiness, which is the eternal bond between You and Me! And behold, I curse the earth so that My holiness will not be tainted by any blemish, and that*

*I may not thereby become an unholy God like You! And for this curse, You bear the guilt, which You must take upon Yourself and which You must reconcile for the sake of My holiness. You must wash away the curse of shame from the sin of Adam from the earth with Your blood!*

*And see, listen, and understand well what Love's response was to this. Love spoke as follows: 'Great, above all things holy God of all might and all power! It shall be done according to Your words!'*

*And behold, then all fires on the earth and in all spaces of creation were suddenly extinguished! And the debris of the destroyed suns, earths, and moons was again gathered together by the power and might of Love, which had been heard by the Divinity, and they were reordered as they had been from the beginning of their existence. Yet they retained forever the indelible traces of their then-total destruction, just like the scars of Eternal Love, **which later bled on the cross for all to see in the great time of times.***  
[HGt.01\_009,8-22]

*And here and there, on the surface, in the interior, and in the seas of the earth, remnants of other worlds also remained, as signs of the power and might of God, and at the same time as eloquent witnesses of the exceptionally great deeds of merciful Love.*

*Now see and listen further and understand well what happened next: when Eternal Love accepted the demands and thus already in advance provided satisfaction to the great holiness of God, the Divinity once more, in a gentle whisper and rustling—understandable only to Love—made Its holy will known and spoke softly as follows:*

*'See, Your great mercy has risen within Me and has come before My all-seeing eye, and in the peace of My holiness, I have recognized Your great sincerity and eternal faithfulness. I have counted Adam's tears of repentance and Eve's tears of sorrow, and because of Your great compassion, I have become full of pity.*

*And behold, therefore I will now suspend My judgments at this time and, at Your request, let mercy flow abundantly over justice. I will restore the damage that My judgment has caused. And outside of Me, no one can restore anything but Me alone, for no one is good except Me, the Holy Father; for that shall henceforth be My name forever.* [HGt.01\_009,23-26]

*And You, My Love, are My Son; and holiness, as the mighty, all-pervading bond of power between Us and between all that has gone forth from Us, is the Holy Spirit, which shall fill all spaces of spaces and all infinities of infinities. Amen. And this now says the good, holy Father. Amen.'*

*"And furthermore, tell them that I have only suspended My judgment for those who will strictly adhere to My severe commandments; but let the transgressors be threatened for all eternity, in the full severity of the eternal holy truth, with the exact execution of judgment for even the slightest transgression!"* [HGt.01\_009,26,27]

*The Lord spoke further: 'Until then, they shall remain in all patience and meekness, and the bread that I will give them only sparingly for now, they shall gratefully eat by the sweat of their brow, and they shall not be satisfied **until the time of the Mediator**, whom I will*



*raise up from among them, perfect and good, just as We are perfect, good, and holy for eternity.'*

*And tell them furthermore that I have only suspended My judgments for those who will faithfully keep My strict commandments; but for the transgressors, they are threatened for all eternity with the utmost severity of the eternally holy truth, to be fulfilled with the utmost strictness for even the slightest violation!*

*Thus speaks the holy and only good Father through His Son, who is the eternal Love within Him, and through the Holy Spirit as the active grace from both of Us, for the ultimate forgiveness of sin, which now burdens their bodies with toil and shall inevitably bring death in due time, so that they may attain life after the death of the body, after the time of the promised Mediator.*

Here, the Deity says that true life can begin for every spirit after the period of the Messiah.

### **Jesus, the Messiah**

After Jesus' period of teaching in Palestine, which ended around early June in the year 25 AD, His crucifixion followed.

The Lord also spoke to Adam and his children, telling them **that one day, in the great time to come**, He would return to fulfill His promise to Eternal Love.

**The Lord said in Chapter 46 of the book *The Household of God*, among other things:**

*"When the great debt of Love has been atoned for in a time that I will first bring forth from Myself, to settle this debt to Holiness. Just as I have created you all out of My mercy, so too will I prepare this time out of My Love."*

*"As I am now a Spirit of grace in your midst, so will I then be a man among men, filled with the highest Love."*

Therefore, it is also written in the Bible, in the creation story: 'Let US make man!' These qualities can even be recognized in humans, for example, when an inner dialogue arises within them, creating the impression of a second voice – which is why it is said, 'He speaks with himself.'

*Jesus says: "But it has been once and for all decided in the fundamental life of God for all eternity, that this tiny Earth shall become the stage for His mercies. And in a certain way, all of infinity must now align with this new order and be integrated into it if it wishes to partake in the endless bliss of the one divine life; therefore, one must submit, no matter the cost!"*

[GEJ.03\_032,11]

*"Yes, I Myself will allow Myself to be captured by mankind, if they so desire, and even allow Myself to be killed in the flesh at the end, in order to grant humans the greatest freedom of*

*their will; for only from this highest and most unrestricted freedom are the people of this Earth then fully capable of raising themselves to become the truest and most God-like children and self-gods in everything."* (GEJ.03\_177,07)



### **The Great Guilt of Love**

In this chapter, the Lord discusses with Adam and Eve that if they wish to conceive children, they must always first ask for His blessing and never neglect to do so:

*"And as often as you approach each other (conception) for this blessing, always offer your hearts to Me beforehand! If you neglect this, then the serpent, which still lives and will forever live in the wrath of the Godhead, will corrupt the fruit within you. And you, Eve, and all of your descendants will bring forth not a fruit of blessing, but a fruit of destruction into the world. These will ruin the children of blessing and light in great numbers, and their rage and fury will know no end; thus, you will pass sin as an inheritance to all, and your guilt will be visible until the great time of times and even beyond."*

*"And this offering of your hearts to the blessing of My grace is given to you as a holy service, which you are always obligated to keep for Me for the sake of My blessing whenever you approach each other. Let this new and easy commandment, which you have just heard from My mouth, be the first church I establish for you in My remembrance. It shall gratefully remind you of the deeds of merciful Love and lead you back to the holy fear of God!" (Household of God, Ch. 10:14,15)*

"Who still lives and will live henceforth through all the times of the earth until the end of all times physically."

The angel (Abel) spoke the following to his brother and his descendants: *"Children of Cain, my brother who was in the power of evil, who still lives and shall continue to live in his body through all periods of the earth's existence until the end of all times, unreachable for all mortals until the swift end of all wickedness—when the Almighty, after the great time of times, will proclaim great things through a small seer (Jakob Lorber) to distant descendants (that is, us) and will speak extensively of your wicked forefather." ("That which has just happened and already happened).<sup>7</sup> "Consider carefully what I am about to tell you and proclaim, in accordance with the most holy will of God, the almighty, eternal Creator, and the most loving Father of all angels and mankind!" [HGt.01\_036,23]*

Likewise, the Lord told Adam and his children that He would one day return in the great time of times to fulfill His promise to eternal Love. The Lord said in chapter 46 of *The Household of God*:

*"When the great guilt of Love has atoned for this debt to Holiness in a time that I will first bring forth from Myself. Just as I have created you all out of My mercy, so will I also prepare this time out of My love."*

*"As I am now a Spirit of grace among you, I will then be a man among men, filled with the highest love." "Yet your later children will not immediately recognize Me in the weak, poor brother who is among them. They will persecute Me, mistreat Me horribly, and do to Me what Cain did to Abel. But it will be difficult to kill the Lord of life; for My apparent death will grant eternal life to all those who believe that I am the One who has come among them as a mighty Savior, clothed with all the power of Love to reconcile the debt that your disobedience has brought upon you, as well as upon the entire earth and all the stars."*

*"For there, too, are children who originated from you, Adam, at the very beginning. But for the unbelievers and the stubborn in their wicked self-love, this disobedience will become an eternal judgment, and thus also an eternal death."*

*"And so I shall come seven times; but the seventh time, I will come in the fire of My holiness. Woe then to those who are found impure! They shall no longer exist, except in the eternal fire of My wrath!"*

*"Behold, at the beginning of the world, I was already here once to create all things for your sake, and you for My sake. In great floods, I will soon return to wash away the plague from the earth; for the valleys of the earth have become an abomination to Me, full of filthy sludge and pestilence that arose from your disobedience. I will come for your sake so that the entire world does not perish and so that a lineage will remain, of which I shall be the last offspring."*



*"And I will come a third time in various ways, as I now come countless times to you—sometimes visibly, sometimes invisibly in the word of the Spirit—to prepare My way. **And when great distress arises, I will come a fourth time in a physical body, in the great time of times.** Immediately afterward, I will come a fifth time in the spirit of love and consecration for all."*

*"And I will come a sixth time inwardly to everyone who holds a true and earnest longing for Me in their heart, and I will be a Leader for those who, in their faith and love, allow themselves to be drawn by Me into eternal life. But then I will also be far from the world; yet whoever is taken up shall live, and My kingdom shall be with him forever."*

*"And finally, I will come once more, as already mentioned; but this last coming will be a lasting arrival for all, in whatever manner it may be!"*

*"Listen and understand well: remain in love, for it shall be your Savior! Love Me above all else, and your life will be eternal; but also love one another, so that judgment may be forgiven you! My grace and My first love be with you until the end of all times!" (Household of God, Vol. 1, Ch. 46:17-23)*

*Seth prophesied in the time of Adam that the Lord would, at another time, let Himself be carried by a different animal, and a people on earth would cry out to the One sitting upon it with all the penitence of their hearts: "Hosanna to God in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, sitting on the back of the foal of a she-donkey!" (The Hebrew numerical value of "donkey" is 248—in ancient anatomy, medicine recognized only 248 movable bones in the human body!)*

*Emmanuel, in the time of Adam, beheld Enoch's offering in the high Caucasus Mountains and blessed it, saying: "I, Emmanuel Abba, do not take pleasure in this burnt offering, but only in the one who prepared it with a pure heart for Me. Yet I bless it nonetheless as a remembrance of a later offering that will one day be made to awaken all the dead and the living. And therefore, it shall henceforth remain with lamb and bread until the end of all times of times!"*

*„But woe to those who will make alterations to it; truly, I say to you: they will not offer it to Me, but to the filth of the world, and through their offering, they will become like the one to whom they have brought their sacrifice!*

*And you, Enoch, behold, thus have I blessed your offering, so that it has become a living sacrifice. Therefore, one day, from this burnt lamb, a great, living, and mighty Lamb of the world shall arise, which will take upon its shoulders all the weakness of the earth and will open to all flesh the gates of eternal life, which shall never again be closed! Amen.“ (Household of God, Vol. 1, Ch. 144:2-4)*

*To Enoch, the Lord said: "For one day, from this burnt lamb, a great, living, strong Lamb will arise in the world, which will take upon its shoulders all the weaknesses of the earth and will open, for all flesh, the gates to eternal life, never to be closed again!" (Household of God, Vol. 1, Ch. 144:2-4)*

*On this small earth, the Godhead took on human form as Jesus to atone for the sins of humanity. He came to fulfill His promise as the love-aspect of the Godhead and*

took up the cross. Through His suffering and crucifixion, He ended the separation between God and man. The Hebrew word for "cross" is not explicitly mentioned, but Jesus' crucifixion as a sacrifice was presented in the New Testament as the ultimate sign of atonement. The cross stands as a symbol of the transition from death to new life. Where man finds himself in the transition from the darkness of night to the light of dawn, the cross is erected—a symbol of new life arising from death, of awakening from sleep, and the beginning of an eternal dawn.

Each Hebrew letter has a numerical value, similar to the Roman system, in which the letter V represents the number 5. The Hebrew word for "grave" is KeBer (קבר), which, according to Plato, has a visual value of 122, based on the letters 100-2-200. Hebrew and Canaanite are related languages.

The sacred letters we know today are, in fact, Assyrian or Aramaic letters. The numerical value 22 and the idea of the "cross" symbolically appear in Genesis 22. At God's request, Abraham had to offer his son Isaac on Mount Moriah. His wood-carrying son asked where the offering should take place, to which his father replied: *"God will provide Himself a lamb for the burnt offering, my son!"*

Regarding the number 22, the following is remarkable: The Lamentations of Jeremiah contain multiple sets of 22 verses. Psalm 119 is the longest psalm, consisting of 8 x 22 verses. There are 22 stanzas of 8 lines, and the 22nd stanza begins 8 times with the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the 22nd letter, Tav. In later times, after the Babylonian exile, the Jews adopted the Aramaic letters.

The suffering Joseph, the son of the patriarch Jacob, was thrown into a dry pit by his brothers at the age of 17 and later sold to a trade caravan bound for Egypt. It took 22 years before he was reunited with his father. Jacob is the 22nd generation in the genealogy of the patriarchs. Many Hebrew words end with the 22nd letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

In the time of Moses, a sinner had to be put to death and nailed to wood (or a pole) (Deut. 21:22). In the New Testament, Jesus, in a sense, abolished this old law, as it applied to ancient times. Jesus brought a new law of love. Therefore, Galatians 3:13 states: *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree."*

The word "cross" does not appear in the Old Testament. Instead, the words "wood" or "pole" were used to describe the form of execution. Thus, Acts 5:30 states: "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree."

Peter and the other apostles testified to a certain Cornelius, a Roman centurion, that the Jewish leaders had delivered Jesus up, leading to His crucifixion by the Romans. Paul also testified about Jesus' suffering and crucifixion: *"And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a sepulchre. But God raised Him from the dead."* (Acts 13:29)

Swedenborg offers a further interpretation: Jesus' suffering on the cross was the final trial, a means of glorifying His human nature. Trials represent struggle and victory. Jesus' trials are not extensively discussed in the New Testament but are more

elaborately explained in Swedenborg's works. A reference to His trials in the wilderness can be found: "And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him." (Mark 1:12-13). These trials are also mentioned in Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15.

As previously described, Jesus, as a man, had to endure immense suffering, particularly during His struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane. He even sweated drops like blood—a sign of the intense emotional and physical suffering He underwent. Luke 22:43-44 describes a passage in which Jesus, on the Mount of Olives, prays while sweating like blood and is strengthened by an angel before being betrayed by Judas and arrested by the soldiers (Mark 14:32-42).

### **The Ongoing Struggle and Blessing**

The chalice from which Jesus and His disciples drank is, in some traditions, associated with Veronica, although she is primarily known for the cloth she used to wipe Jesus' face. This cup is sometimes said to have been in the possession of James the Less, though there are no canonical references to him as the author of "The Youth of Jesus." According to certain traditions, this cup was later left behind in Jerusalem. It is also said that figures such as Noah, Abraham, and Moses once owned this drinking vessel. According to the visions of Jakob Lorber, this chalice will eventually resurface.

Isaiah writes: *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes, we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:5)

As stated in Isaiah 53:7, *"He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth."*

This was applied to Jesus in the New Testament, particularly during His suffering. Of all four Evangelists, John is often praised for the depth and spiritual insight with which he describes Jesus' death, though the other Evangelists each portray it in their own way. The ongoing struggle and suffering, especially the cruel suffering on the cross, led to Jesus' "glorification," as described in the Gospel of John, where the crucifixion is seen as the fulfillment of His mission and the glorification of His humanity.

John is often referred to as the "eagle" because of the profound and visionary way in which he describes Jesus' suffering and death. He saw in the crucifixion not only an external event but also an inner mystery of God. Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem and His "exaltation" on the cross symbolize His glorification and His entrance into the realm of His divinity.

To the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus asked: *"What are you discussing together as you walk along?"* And they stood still, looking sad. (Luke 24:17)

And further in 24:26. On the other hand, the Evangelist John writes: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)

Jesus, the Deity, became flesh and dwelt among us. He, the Wisdom, revealed Himself in the glorification of His Father, who is Love. God became visible in the man Jesus, in whom the invisible Divine took up residence. This may seem contradictory, but in reality, it is not. Jakob Lorber writes in the New Word, received from the Lord: *"Whoever does not truly know God can never fully believe in Him, and even less love Him above all things, and thus can never fully partake in the Spirit of God. For from a false knowledge of God, due to man's free will, arise various errors over time, which then proliferate like a multi-headed hydra, turning people into idol worshippers and blocking their way to true, eternal life, so that their souls may hardly ever enter into it in the afterlife. **What a soul can do for its life's perfection here in a single day, it may not be able to accomplish in thousands of earthly years in the afterlife.**"* (GJE6-228:19)

Jesus asked Peter if he truly knew who He was, to which Peter replied: *"Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* At that time, Peter did not yet understand that the "Son of God" here referred to the "wisdom" of the Father in the Son. In the time of Adam, the Lord told the patriarchs, including Adam and Enoch, that He is poor because He had given everything out of Himself when He brought creation into existence and that He seeks to reclaim His Life as His Love. (Household of God, Vol. 2, ch. 251:17)

In the second part of the Household of God, we read: *"What He has spoken, He will one day also accomplish through His incarnate Word **in the great time of times.** I will beget a Son, and I will give this Son all My life, and I will be in the Son, and the Son will be in Me, and the Father and the Son will then be eternally one!"* (Household of God, Vol. 2, ch. 251:20)

Enoch heard these words and became deeply sorrowful. The Lord would, in a distant future, over three thousand years from Adam's then age of 910 years, give His life! Then the Lord explained to him that the world would one day kill His incarnate body, but eternal love would soon restore everything. Until then, however, man would have to live a "separate" life. (Household of God, Vol. 2, ch. 252:6+18-20)

Nicodemus did not understand what the only begotten Son of God truly meant. Jesus told him that God is Love and that the Son is His Wisdom. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life!"* (John 3:16)

*"I tell you: God is love, and the Son is His wisdom. Thus, God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that is, His wisdom, which proceeds from Him from eternity, into this world, so that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life! — Tell Me, do you not understand this as well?"* (GJE1-21:1-3)

*Nicodemus said: "It seems to me that I should understand this, but in truth, I do not. If only I knew what I should make of the Son of Man, then I would almost understand! You also spoke of the only begotten Son of God, whom God's love gave to the world. Is the Son of Man and the only begotten Son of God the same person?"*

*I said: "Look here! I have a head, a body, hands, and feet. The head, body, hands, and feet are flesh, and this flesh is the embodiment of the Son of Man; for what is flesh comes from flesh. But in this Son of Man, who is of flesh, dwells God's wisdom, and this is the only*



*begotten Son of God. But not the only begotten Son of God, but only the Son of Man, will be lifted up, as the bronze serpent of Moses was in the desert, on which many will stumble; but those who do not stumble, but believe and hold fast to His name, He will grant them the authority to be called children of God, and their life and kingdom will have no end, forever and ever."* [GEJ.01\_021,01-03]



Furthermore, Jesus said: *"I am, as I now stand before you as a man in the flesh, the Son and have never been begotten by anyone other than Myself, and therefore, I am My own highest Father from eternity. Where else could the Father be but in the Son, and where else could the Son be but in the Father—thus only one God and Father in one person?"* (GEJ.08\_027,02)

The above text corresponds with the Biblical passage in John 1:14: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." The Sender and the Sent are one. "But the Father who sent Me has not sent Me as one sends a man in the world, but in such a way that here the Sender and the Sent are one!"* (GJE8-85:20)



This clearly shows that the Son and the Father are one and the same Being. Furthermore, Jesus said: *"There is still much darkness among you! The One who sent Me is My eternal Father and is in Me; and thus, out of My love for you humans, I have sent Myself into this world to bring and give you eternal life.*

*My word and My teaching, which show you the way to eternal life, are the will of the One who is in Me and who has sent Me. For the Father, as the eternal Love, is in Me, and I, as His Light, am in Him. Look at the flame of the lamp burning here on the table! Can you separate the light from the flame, or the flame from the light?*

*The flame is what I call 'Father' and 'Love,' and the Light is His Son, which the flame sends out to illuminate the darkness of the night. Are the flame and its light not one being? And is the flame not as much in the light as the light is in the flame? And since this is so and cannot be otherwise, then the will of the Father reveals itself in the Light that proceeds from Him."* (GJE8-138:8-12)

*"Whoever walks in this light, therefore, also walks according to the will of Him who sent Me as His light into this world; and whoever walks in this light cannot go astray and will reap eternal life, because the light in which he walks and by which he is guided is eternal life itself."* [GEJ.08\_138,9-12]

*"The Father, who has sent Me as the Son of Man into this world, is in Me, and I and He are not two, but perfectly one; therefore, the Father's will is also My will, and it works everywhere."*

*"The Father Himself, however, no man can see; for without Me, He would not exist, and without Him, I would not exist, because I and He are perfectly one being! But whoever now sees and hears Me also sees and hears the Father; for I, as the Father, have sent Myself into this world through My will. Therefore, blessed are you who believe in Me; for whoever believes in Me also believes in the Father who has sent Me, and He will therefore grant him eternal life!"* [GEJ.08\_158,16, 17] (John 14:10-12)

### **What was the main reason for God's incarnation?**

God wanted to cultivate a true father-child relationship with His creatures. He did not merely wish, as He usually did, to create children in His image, but to truly adopt them in His fatherly love so that they would reign with Him over infinity for all times and eternities.

*"In order to achieve this, I, the infinite, eternal God, took on flesh as the central life essence of My divine being itself, so that I could present Myself to you, My children, as a visible and tangible Father. From My own mouth and heart, I came to teach you the true, divine love, wisdom, and power, by which you shall, like Me, rule—not only over all beings of this present creation period but also over those of the past and all those yet to come."*

*"And thus, this creation period has, above all others, the yet incompletely understood privilege that, in all eternity and infinity, it is the only one in which I Myself have fully assumed human flesh. Within the great cosmic order of creation, I have chosen this celestial globe, within the central sun region of the Sirius system, among the two hundred million suns orbiting it, and among their many planetary bodies, precisely this one on which we now*

*stand—to become man Myself upon it and to bring forth from you humans My true children for all eternity and infinity, past and future." (GEJ.04\_255,04,05)*

This is a very great privilege! Furthermore, Jesus says about His body: "Thus, this body of Mine is the glorified form of the Father for the sake of humans and angels, so that I may be a perceivable and visible God to them. And now you can behold Me, hear Me, and speak with Me, and yet live! For previously, it was said that no one could see God and live. But I am now entirely God; in Me is the Father, and the power that proceeds from Me according to My love, wisdom, and almighty will, which fills and acts everywhere in the endlessly vast space, is the Holy Spirit." [GEJ.08\_027,03]

### **Why Did God Become Man?**

This was for the redemption of the fallen creation, which could no longer be saved by any human, as hell had gained too much power due to Adam's fall. The fallen angels, who followed in Lucifer's fall, were also part of this situation. Hell came into existence through the fall of Lucifer and his fellow creatures. Therefore, the Lord, the Most Holy, had to unite Himself with the sins of human creatures in order to confront hell as a mighty hero, as described by Lorber:

*"From this, you can surely understand what power hell exerted over the entire earth, and how urgently necessary it was that I Myself had to descend into matter to break through this old but necessary judgment with My entire effort **and thereby erect a barrier against the hell that had created itself**, a barrier it will never again break through as it has until now. I, the Most Holy, had to clothe Myself with the unholiness of the weakness of the created human beings, so that as a mighty hero, I could approach hell to overcome it. I have now come to it, I am in its midst, and all devils and satans flee from Me like loose chaff in the storm wind." (GJE6-240:2,3)*

**How Could God Become Man? Jesus said:** *"As God, I wanted to take upon Myself My Spirit and, through My incarnation, the human nature, including captivity and crucifixion, and to set this as the greatest example of humility, just as I truly did. Therefore, before I came into this world, I had to be completely human Myself, and for that reason, I also had human passions and flaws, which I, in My wisdom, placed in Him (the Sonship). Likewise, I had to struggle and suffer, just as I require people to overcome the same things."*

*Jesus was not only Man but also God at the same time. He went before us as a Man so that we might unite with the spark of love in our hearts (the spirit), which ultimately leads to rebirth. Jesus had to become fully human, and even for the divine advantages, He had to work hard to unite Himself with the indwelling Godhead. He was tested many times and endured them all. (Luke 2:51-52)*

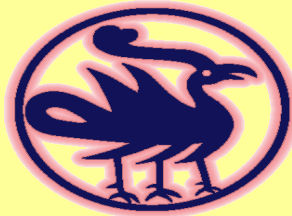
**Question:** *"How could Jesus, as the eternal God, grow in wisdom and grace before God and humanity when He was God from eternity? And how could He do so specifically before humans, given that He was the most perfect being from eternity?"*

*To properly understand this, one must not view Jesus solely as the eternal God. Rather, one must see Him as a human in whom the eternal divinity had seemingly confined itself in a passive manner, just as the spirit is confined in each human being. (The divine spark that is trapped in every human being.)*

*What every human must do according to divine order in order to free their spirit within, the human Jesus also had to do seriously in order to liberate the divinity within Him and become one with it. (Youth of Jesus 299:2-7)*

*"His soul was just like any human soul, and it was burdened with even more weaknesses because the almighty divine spirit had to bind Himself in the most powerful chains in order to be contained within His soul." [JJ.01\_299,17]*

**In the soul of Jesus, not just a spark of divinity was present, but the fullness of divinity itself. "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col. 2:9)**



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