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MEDIUMSHIP -- HOW TO CONTACT GOD'S SPIRIT WORLD

Greetings, I bring you the blessings of God. My dear friends, in my last lecture, I have spoken about passing through the first door on the way to perfection, about this decision, the surrender, unconditionally! and how the difficulties have to be overcome. Since this last lecture, I have observed my friends, and for us in the spirit world of God, it is a great joy to see that this first step has been made, that this decision was made. Today, I will give you a few words about what happens thereafter. But I also want to say that we also see when friends who hear or read these words push them aside, thinking that they don't concern them, and do not even try to take such decision into consideration. This, too, is inscribed in the soul, and each one has to bear the consequences.

There are also many friends who believe they are long since on this path because they pray once in a while, because they make an effort to be decent human beings. I was not speaking of that at all. Such decision is much more. I want to tell these friends, not only those present, contemplate where you stand! Look at the possibility that you may not yet be at the point where you want to believe you are. But whoever has made the decision and gives himself completely into God's hands will feel what is taking place inside. At first, there will be a great relief and an inner joy which will take hold of him for a certain time. But I will say that it will not always remain this wonderful feeling. There is a danger that man somehow imagines, perhaps not directly with specific thoughts or feelings, that when the burdens and the unpleasant things or moods return, it is of no use anyhow. No, this is not so!

You are at the beginning after you have passed through the first door. I have told you often how then the work will begin, what it will consist of. Don't become less active, keep up your efforts in your spiritual work. That must be the price. Today I will not discuss this subject as much, because I have given you sufficient words in the past as to what to do to walk this path of perfection, of happiness and liberation. Today I will give you an outline -- I have not yet spoken about this so much -- of what beauty can be expected. You know about the difficult part; you know that it involves making and keeping the resolutions, even if it seems difficult at times, never to slacken, always to overcome by making the time available and renewing the will power continuously. Then, as time goes on, the beauty and the reward will more and more be felt. It will penetrate slowly through you, not by sudden experience.

When the spirit world of God observes that a human being takes such decision with true sincerity, that it was not only a resolution, but that he makes an all-out, true effort to progress and to realize the resolutions despite unavoidable setbacks and occasional failures, then he will, at first, receive increased spirit help. This is also a spiritual law. A human being who walks this path of light needs other spiritual help than the one who does not walk this path. Either an additional high and powerful spirit will be assigned, or there will be an exchange.

The spirit who had thus far led this human being completed his assignment, did his duty, and brought this human being safely through the door. Now this spirit can be given another task, while the human being will be granted enforced protection and will feel it too -- the guidance and the presence of such a more powerful spirit protection, quite certainly. Of course, this may already have happened before he passed this specific door because enforced spirit protection can be given a number of times, progressively, in the life of a human being whenever an important test has been passed or a spiritual decision has been made, either before or after he passes through the door. There are several crossroads in a human life. By this, I want to say that when one of you has already and distinctly felt such an increased spirit protection, it does not necessarily mean that you have already passed through the door on the path of perfection. You should understand clearly what this path really is. It is the intensive and continuous work on your own development, on your self-recognition, accepting for the first time your own imperfections and absorbing the spiritual laws, which then are incorporated in these imperfect feeling currents as time goes on. If you do not work daily in this manner, with help and advice from the outside -- for the time being, it cannot be done without it -- you are not on this path. I have to repeat this for certain friends again and again.

Furthermore, if man makes the effort, he will establish this contact with God's spirit world and -- that is the point -- he will receive distinct recognition and perception of God's spirit world, who show him his way. These perceptions will then no longer be incoherent phenomena which may appear from time to time even before the door is passed through, but they are a clearly understandable part of the whole, whose connections, system, and order man will comprehend better and better. He will thereby perceive more clearly how his spiritual path should continue, how he must work, where to start in each case, what the right alternatives in his life problems are, i.e., what God's will is, what the tests mean, what sense and purpose they have on the very personal level. The latter part is of major importance and constitutes a turning point in man's life because previously these tests and the minor or major trials did not make sense, which makes life more difficult. Now the veil is lifted, and thus man can remove the difficulties much easier. Furthermore, man will then also receive help in the material problems and difficulties, a help so far not had.

I can tell you, my dear ones, the feeling of happiness, the joy, the victory, the inner liberation after each battle won, cannot be compared with anything else which man will ever experience! And since my teachings aim at making contact with the world of God's spirit possible for each one of you, I will now specifically advise how this is to be started. If man truly progresses, then the contact will be established. One will hear, another one will see, another one will feel, or in many other ways. There are quite different ways how this contact can operate.

As you know, there are also human beings who have been born with this "gift," even before they walk this path. It is what you call mediumistic. And if a human being has such an innate force -- I do not even want to say "is blessed with it" -- it may be a great test. Because if one has such spiritual experiences, due to this innate force, not knowing what it is, it is a great burden for him, a test. God's spirit world wants to say that it is an indicator for him so that he gains better access to God's reality and His spirit world, and thus to this path of perfection. But frequently man does not understand and gets stuck with his head in sand. And the more these forces operate, the manifestations appear, the unhappier he will become because the more obstinate his attitudes are, the more the low forces will make use of him -- a consequence of the law. This is one possibility.

The second possibility is that a human being knows of these things and thus uses his mediumistic ability, so to speak, on an entirely outer level without walking on the path of perfection himself. Such contact, as in the first case, is also a danger for the medium as well as for those who participate. If, however, a human being, before such contact is established, walks on the path of perfection, of development, of self-recognition, discipline, humility, and crosses through the first door, and if he wants the contact at first for this one purpose alone, then this mediumistic ability will develop in a wonderful way. Of course, the same would hold true in the first two cases if man would walk the path of perfection.

Then there will be no tests of a certain category, as with a medium who believes to be able to help others without walking this path. Such a medium must suffer very specific trials, major tests of a certain kind. I cannot go into details now. This contact should have one purpose only: development upwards. When this is recognized, help will be given. And only then man can help others, or others can be helped through him. I will revert later on to a question which one of our friends intends to raise and which fits into the subject.

When man has reached the point that he will receive answers to the questions relating to his development, then his faith will be strengthened tremendously. Where faith, prior to that, was still wavering, it will no longer waver. Now you will ask: "How shall I start this? What should I do first on this path? What should I ask?" I say this is different with each individual, what to start out with. There may be a spiritual problem which blocks the way and which has to be removed first, something where man has a rigid prejudice and where he is not open to words from others. Then he should take this problem and ask for help here. But he will only receive an answer when he is sufficiently open to say to himself, "I am ready, when it is God's truth, to accept this answer which I have resisted up to now." Such an openness must always be there, quite certainly. And it may take work, will power, time to attain this soul condition.

Otherwise I say, just start to think: "Where are my imperfections? Where are my faults? What is the worst fault that hinders my progress most? What are the faults which I have recognized so far, but about whose consequences and extent I did not yet render account of? And which faults do my friends and my foes ascribe to me? How about the latter?" Think about these points. Many times you will say, "This is unjust, it is not true that I have this fault," and you may be right. But there may and must be a bit of truth in it even though it may be in a different way than you were told and than you took it. Contemplate with great honesty and with absolute desire to know the truth. The more resistance you feel, the more truth must be in it! My dear ones, there you will find the core of truth, in these faults which others tell you you have but you yourself cannot see and admit them. Write these faults down so that you have them black on white, so that they are fixated and cannot disperse again. This helps very much.

With this, go to your personal spirit friends, open yourself to receive an answer, deeper understanding, and connections. If you truly want to receive the truth-answer and you open yourself wide enough to be willing also to hear what may be unpleasant, and if you say: "Father, Thy will be done, I want the truth about myself, I do not want to shy away in cowardice, vanity and self-pity," then you will receive the truth. There will be much more happiness when one inner truth is recognized, which you had, at first resisted, because this will be more confirmation to you than an answer which pleases the ear, because such a pleasing answer might lead you to say: "This may be my own wish. I hear what I actually want to hear, and the contact may just be my imagination." But

if you realize something which you had resisted before, my dear ones, then you will clearly feel with the presence of your spirit friends that other world which is doubted so much, the world which you cannot see or touch. It will stabilize your wavering faith. It is God's first answer which can only be given when man is willing and makes the first step towards discipline.

The reward is great because the stability and security which arises from the fact that you get personal answers and know the reality of God's spirit world by your own experience, your own enlightenment, by your own feeling cannot be substituted by any word which you hear and read. These outer words are necessary; they may be the push to make you do what is necessary. This should be the beginning of your path. And then you will notice every day things that happen, details. And when you think about them from this viewpoint and again ask your spirit friends: "Help me to recognize the truth; what is the meaning and the purpose of this experience; where does it fit in on my path of development?" you will again receive answers. I have to warn you that you have to repeat every time when you open yourself, and not just mechanically as a routine, that you also want to hear what is unpleasant, and build up enough strength to bear it. It is not sufficient to do this once because truth cannot penetrate as long as the door is closed -- and it is closed unless you ready yourself every time to accept what is inconvenient and unflattering, whatever the truth may reveal.

You will again receive the answer, be it by recognition or be it by inner knowing or be it that within a few days somebody is inspired to give you the answer. This happens frequently; God's spirit world works also in this way. This means, "Keep your eyes and your ears open in this direction." Such answer may be connected with a little side test (it may also be a major test). Sometimes it involves that you learn the humility and modesty to be told something by another person, or even be open for it. If this test is passed, then there will be again the wonderful enlightenment of the deep recognition of spirit reality as much as when the answer is given in the direct way. All this will no longer be words for you, but you feel the wonderful system of guidance on this path more distinctly as time goes on. This is the second step, my dear ones, which should be undertaken.

And I want to say, whoever continues on this path and thus gains a certain stability will one day be moved to feel the desire to give God something for it. At first it may seem to you that a sacrifice is expected from you: sacrifice of time, of discipline, of decision which may not be hard each time, sacrifice to overcome that which is so difficult, etc. For the time being, you see only the burden, the price that you have to pay and what you have to give, while the resulting happiness is only a word that you don't know yet. But if you are willing and start paying the price, you will soon recognize that you will receive a hundred times as much as what you gave. Of course, I know that these are just words for those friends who are not yet that far. But remember these words, you will find them come true. Then you will be ready to offer your services to God to help in His great plan. And here also you need only willingness; the "how" leave to God. Each one will be guided how to be of best service. Then you will again experience that the readiness to help and serve no longer constitutes a personal sacrifice, after it materializes, but it will become the greatest personal joy which you can imagine.

For two friends here, I see very specific tasks and services. With you, my friend, I see that you will be able to train mediums in this way. You will enable the medium to establish contact with God's spirit world and teach them the requirements, conditions, and the effect of the laws. More

and more mediumistic persons will be led to you, and have already been led to you or you to them. You will be able to help many to bring their service onto a higher level and work in the plan of salvation. It is a wonderful task that is waiting for you, but a few things have to be fulfilled yet.

In this connection, I want to say that the good that has been created already by certain mediums to convince certain circles of the reality of the world of spirit will by no means be diminished by contact with God's spirit world. Instead, it brings spirits closer to earth because such kind of proof, as skeptical human beings want it, can also be given, even though in a different way, by God's spirit world with other conditions, and man has to accept that he cannot choose how proof is given.

When man is willing to wait and be patient -- and this can be explained to the skeptics -- then the proof that is given by God's spirit world, spirits joined in the higher places, is incomparably more effective and of longer duration than the proof that is given by less evolved spirits which may be very impressive at the moment, but the force dispels. In many places, it is believed that skeptics can only be convinced when spirits which are still closer to the earth are brought in and fascinate man in their own way. It must not be so. Science, too, could gain more if men would not force their conditions on spirit, but accept the conditions of the world of spirit, and this is not so very difficult. Man must only be enlightened about the variety in the conditions and about the spirit laws and how they work.

Furthermore, I see another task for you, my other friend. I see that the task which waits for you is that you, at first quite slowly, will recognize man's aura. In the beginning, it may be manifest just once in a while and somewhat nebulous, only a part of the picture. But when you cultivate it, take care of it, make something of these perceptions instead of disregarding them, then this gift will develop. You will not only see the various colors of the aura but also certain sketchy forms because man's aura is formed in various ways and these signs can partly be seen by others. Thus the aura may reveal sickness or soul trends or thoughts not spoken. But all this has to be learned, and you will receive help, my friend.

Now you will rightly ask, for what purpose? Nothing is given that has no purpose. The purpose is that you may receive, later on, physical healing forces. When you then recognize the aura of a person, you may find the mark of sickness in it and know what that sickness is. You would then also receive healing force to heal it. Yes, such a wonderful task may be yours. I will say, God in His wisdom is so wonderful that this would not only bring greatest happiness, but it also would not at all impair the fulfillment of earth duties. Trust and let yourselves be guided; just leave it to God. I beg you, learn in every aspect: "Where must I let myself be guided? Where must I act myself?" This you can also ask your personal spirit friends.

These two messages were given to me; I was allowed to convey them. Other such messages will be given, be it by me or by personal contact. And those who did not receive a personal word should not think "why not I?" Everything has its good reasons. Trust me also in this even though you may not always be able to understand the reasons. But, all of you, try to establish this contact with the world of spirit. It is possible for each human being, everyone! Or do you believe that God has created this contact for only certain human beings? No! Man's conscious and unconscious urge and aim is certainly, in its entirety, to penetrate the density of matter. What is your technical progress? Contemplate it. Actually it is nothing else than to overcome matter. Each technical gain

is only overcoming matter, which is a hindrance for you -- only that technique uses outer forces and man on the path uses inner forces. This is the difference. But the inner forces are incomparably more effective.

And now I will answer your questions as well as I can.

QUESTION: I would like to ask you why it has been made so difficult in our time to establish the contact with God's spirit world?

ANSWER: The contact with the spirit world in general has not been made difficult, but man prevents it. He prevents it by his whole attitude. Most human beings do not believe in this. They are not open for it, and the mediumistic forces which slumber in many human beings, who could be used for it, remain latent. But what you perhaps mean is not only a contact with the other world, but more specifically with God's spirit world. And such contact was always more difficult to establish because it is self-evident that the most precious treasure which man ever can obtain cannot be granted just so, easily, without battling for it, just offhand. Of course, God's spirit world must test and test such a medium to see whether he/she is worthy and capable. Such a medium must not only be morally unobjectionable, have the highest principles, but must also have a free and relaxed soul. There are still quite a few human beings who meet the first requirement, men who are good and of good will to help others, even are willing to walk this path of perfection. But there are many, many who don't go through all the way, who get stuck somewhere along the line, in a fault which is not recognized and thus cannot be overcome.

It is a great temptation for a medium who has already reached a certain step and some success to get caught in a certain pride, not able to conquer it, not able to master it. Absolute humility is also one of the requirements. How difficult it will get for a medium not to identify with the spirit that manifests and then exalt himself over others! Many, or quite a number, therefore reach a certain point successfully, then they get stuck. As I said in my lecture today, nobody can help others, who himself is not rooted in this path of perfection in the most active way. Examine all the mediums whom you know from this viewpoint. Most of them will say that they pray, make efforts to be a decent human being, but they do not continuously develop in the sense that is required. They do not heal the sick currents of the soul, which, more or less, are present in every human being because each unrecognized, unconscious emotional movement, each unrecognized fault which is not battled, each prejudice is a block for God's spirit world to break through. It is not "not being allowed" because the human being would not deserve it; no, the channel is just not clean enough.

Whatever is unrecognized in man and deviates from the spiritual laws is like a block that we cannot penetrate. Every stubborn opinion is such a block. We cannot get through with the truth when man is not opened for it in such a way that the opposite of man's opinion, if it were the truth, could then also penetrate. I do not even speak of the basic requirement that a medium must place his/her gift only under God's will, not requesting any personal advantages of material or spiritual nature.

Thus there exists hardly a faultless and perfect instrument because even a human being who meets the requirements as best as possible deviates somewhere, if only in a detail, from the law, and then there is already a block for us. It is very difficult to make this clear to you because everything spiritual -- the movements, feelings, thoughts -- are air for you, but for us they are solid forms and

sometimes, therefore, walls, walls made of granite. If, however, a medium meets the requirements to a great extent, if the medium continues to develop, not thinking that the goal has been reached, -- that is not possible -- then these minor blocks are not important. We can construct, so to speak, around it. It may be used also as a test for the human beings. Each test is meant as a healing agent for the soul, if it is passed. When a certain level is attained, these minor blocks, due to the still existing imperfectness of the medium, will never prevent the human beings -- neither the medium nor the participants -- to break through to the truth in order to attain perfection. This is the only goal of God's spirit world, the only reason why such a contact can and should exist.

QUESTION: The various religious philosophies differentiate between dualism and monism. Is dualism a level that leads to monism, and is monism the actual truth?

ANSWER: You can call it a level, as you say. But it is extremely difficult to explain this at all, not only because it is not easy for you to comprehend it but also for the following reason. I tell you absolutely truthfully that I cannot break through in this medium with regard to this question. This is such a case. She is relaxed enough that I can bring these words at all. But her development has not yet reached the point that I can break through with this explanation. Maybe in a few months, maybe in a few years, maybe in a shorter time, that I do not know. Then I will answer this question. Whenever she has progressed enough that this block disappears.

QUESTION: Then, in a certain relation, it depends very much on the medium?

ANSWER: No, because when the contact with God's spirit world has been established, this world will always see to it that, despite the imperfectness of those who use this contact, always that is given what is good for them and what furthers their progress and thus brings them closer to God and bliss. As I said before, we can build around the blocks. Therefore each one will be given what is necessary to attain the highest he is capable of. What more do you need? What else should be the purpose of such a contact? You can acquire the knowledge to be able to discriminate whether a spirit of God's world, joined in the higher spheres, breaks through, who is able to help and teach you in this way, or not. Everything else is details. A spirit of God's world will always urge all to establish as soon as possible a contact with God's spirit world. He will help to attain it and will give advice accordingly.

Of course, in the beginning of mediumship, as long as tests have to be given, there will be once in a while, due to the blocks, untrue statements. That really does not matter, my friends, because everybody who, in best will, is about to progress will always search within, by profound meditation, whether a personal message coincides and what can be learned from it, etc. Just hold on to the basic conditions which are taught in all religious philosophies -- to fulfill God's will, eliminate faults, work on self-recognition, etc. As far as the great, general questions with regard to creation are concerned, those who are on the right path, even when they are not yet secure or when the medium is not yet far enough so that we have to say, "In this question, the truth cannot yet break through," can say to themselves that it is not of such utter importance to know all these answers. They will be able to wait in humility until recognition comes, when deserved, where there is no more question in such areas. They just will follow what is written in your Bible: "Examine everything and keep the good."

Then man will know what to accept because it obviously is God's will, and when to be careful in accepting, at least weighing it in humble, patient attitude, not rushing to know everything at once. If man's attitude is perfect, he is not dependent on a medium nor on spirit per se. Thus it will do him no harm when a medium is still in training and in a transition stage. Here it largely depends on the human being, how open he is, whether he tends to mingle everything in one pot, how far he used common sense, and how humble he is. It is also lack of humility to expect that you human beings deserve "just so," an immediate answer to the most intricate questions about creation, God, etc., to make the contact with God's spirit world right away, without standing the tests and proving worthy of it.

This does not only apply to the medium but also to those participating. It may be a test for one of the participants, that he rejects something that is inconvenient, thinking that all which I said here might just apply to it, where he has a hidden sore spot. Even if he may not always feel the inner confirmation right away, he should, especially in areas which cause personal displeasure, be particularly careful to reject it and ask God again and again for recognition of the truth. After such realization, then it may happen that he also perceives the truth of those words which he did not want to accept. And again, after such recognition, he will feel great happiness.

All personal questions should be approached in this way, while the attitude in regard to the general questions should be humble and patient. All knowledge in this area is grace, which each one must earn. When medium and participants have passed the tests -- everybody is able if he makes the effort -- then more and more can be revealed as time goes on. And as far as the major general questions are concerned, much of it is beyond man's comprehensibility anyhow. You -- I do not only refer to those present, but generally speaking -- have so many, many wrong concepts per se, even about things where information is available in your world and where you don't need spirit to enlighten you.

Therefore if you understand a little more or a little less about the great questions of creation or if you have somewhat erroneous ideas or not about it -- as it even happens with purely earthly questions -- it does not matter as much as to develop spiritually and accept those advices from spirit which must be right, at any rate. If you have this attitude here, then you will receive, increasingly, confirmation and proof which will strengthen your trust in the contact with God's spirit world, be it personal or through a medium. I want to explain to you that this connection is on good ground, recognizable by the fact that there is sufficient inner relaxation and no vanity in the medium so that these explanations were at all possible to break through. If you test all mediums -- even in this respect, mediums should be tested -- then you will get to know that this is frequently not the case that a medium is so relaxed. Just this should be one proof of the dependability of the contact and on what a good way she is.

But to revert to the question of our friend, the only statement I can make for the time being is, both is true. God is personality and form (gestalt), and this unity is also true. I cannot get through with more now.

QUESTION: What I would like to ask is difficult and maybe too stupid when I ask the question. I have this problem repeatedly. When God provides a plan of salvation for us, then I must revert to my constant question. If we turned away from God by going on a wrong path, not God's path but the other one, why did God make His plan of salvation so complicated and so

terribly difficult for us? I know it is necessary for our development, but the whole thing appears to me as being too difficult?

ANSWER: It only appears to you that way. When these difficulties exist then it is only because the individual being could not do it any other way. And other ways have been tried out my dear friend, before the earth, as it is now, was created, but it was found out that it did not work. Therefore God has created these conditions. Sorry to say, it only works by way of pain, suffering. Other ways were tried. To you personally, I wish to say, try to apply the words I said in the beginning today. Because if you have made contact with God's world in this way, you will be strengthened. You will understand what these words mean: the grace of faith.

It can be given to you when you meet the conditions. Study these words which I said in this respect. And you will receive the answer quite certainly in this way. Something is happening inside of you, as in many other human beings, because man says, "God must prove his justice to me, then I am willing to recognize Him." My dear ones, how foolish such an attitude is you will understand when you have gained the recognition, because it is such a wrong thinking and feeling. Man should assume that it is more likely he is imperfect, not God and His creation. This is not meant as a reproach. It is just so with many human beings, the same obstinacy which originally led to the fall, also a simple mistake in reasoning, in healthy thinking. Revision of thinking is needed.

Look at creation, which you can only see and partly comprehend. Look how wonderful everything is made, the minutest detail in that part of creation which you can see. Then contemplate why you would expect that God has to prove to you his greatest love and justice before you grant Him to enter your heart. It should be the other way around. Do you understand?

QUESTION: Yes, but it is often so difficult to see God's will. I would like to do it, but I do not know on which path I have to go?

ANSWER: This is, for instance, what you should gain in this contact. If you want this contact for just this one purpose, to recognize God's will, you will get the answer. Knock and it will be opened. Yes, if you are filled with the desire to do God's will, you will receive the answer. But, oh, you do this always with a back door, always with something else to fall back on, with reservation. You are willing, but at the same time, you are afraid that God might request something which is unpleasant to you. It is just a halfhearted surrender to Him, as I explained in my last lecture.

Complete surrender is "God, Thy will be done, even if it is unpleasant for me, also if I cannot understand it now, because you are justice, you are love. This I know; it is the only yardstick I have; nothing else I know for sure." Of course, such thoughts must be cultivated in order to be absorbed by the emotions. You have to contemplate this repeatedly and build these thought- forms. Then they will slowly penetrate into the emotions. If you have this attitude and ask for God's will in this way without other support, without a back door, then you will receive the answer at all times. Do you comprehend this?

QUESTION: How is it with connecting material and spiritual interests? God and mammon? What is the right integration?

ANSWER: When money, as everything else, is just a means for a purpose and not the ultimate goal, then the integration is right -- when you consciously aim at not being bound by money, but use it as one of many gifts from God, such as health, talent, or others, gratefully without being tied by that which money can offer. When you use the lack of financial struggle to devote more of yourself to spiritual progress, then the integration is right. But this is apparently very difficult for many human beings. Many find their way to God easier when in financial trouble, while a carefree life makes man deviate from the spiritual path. This does not mean that it is necessary for man who owns property to squander it; when he is strong enough, the riches don't burden him. He may have joys when he withstands the temptation, which money, more than other things, brings along. But, in principle, it holds true for every gift from God. Only a fanatic would say that man has to give away everything and live in poverty in order to make spiritual progress. Such a task may be required here or there from a human being, but these are exceptions.

In these cases, such human beings may have to set an example in order to disprove those who say that it is not so difficult to progress spiritually when there are no material worries and that it is impossible to get involved in spiritual things when there is need of the daily bread. This exists also that a highly developed spirit is given such a mission for his earth life. Then he is led to this knowing by recognition in meditation. But it is more frequently the case that a human being who lives carefree must take this as a test. He must prove that, despite material temptations, he walks on the path to God, that he does not get captured by this spirit which rules matter.

There are no fixed rules where to draw the right middle or integration line in each detail because man's characteristics are involved. A human being who tends to be miserly needs the right integration on another track than one who tends to squander. Each one has to find the right middle line, and each one will find it on this path.

QUESTION: In other words, poverty is not a must for one who strives spiritually, as many groups assume?

ANSWER: By no means, it must not be that way, as can be so in some cases, but it must not be so. When several groups make this a general principle, then it is because, as I said before, man so often fails the test money brings per se and thus finds his way easier in poverty. But it is not considered here that man in the course of his incarnations has to prove that he holds on to the path under all circumstances.

QUESTION: I feel a great discrepancy between the following. The Bible says that God has created man in His image and has also made him ruler over the earth. When I thus have rulership over the earth, then I am quite certainly master over myself, over my health, over everything. I am capable, therefore, to start with myself, first, in order to become ruler over the earth thereafter. Thereby I should be capable, since I am made in the image of God, to really create everything what I want. But then it is no longer God's will?

ANSWER: But you will realize on this path what God's will is, and you want this.

QUESTION: By trying to establish the contact with God?

ANSWER: Yes, you will have to have this connection with God's world on this path. It will be strengthened increasingly. Your recognitions will grow. You will not only perceive what is God's will by what a spirit may tell you, but also through your own recognition. Your spirit will grow more enlightened, seeing, stronger. Your spirit core develops, pulls out of the molds the crusts which cover your perfectness, and thus knows what God's will is and wants nothing else.

QUESTION: But this is a long way?

ANSWER: It is the path of which I speak, on which you can all go and which means bliss and more bliss, more liberation from everything that chains you, earthly, emotionally and spiritually.

My dear ones, I have given you enough for today. Contemplate my words. Continue on this path in peace. God's blessings flow through you. May they burn in you to enable you to walk farther and farther and attain more and more happiness and joy. The blessings fall on all my friends near and far.

God be with you!

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