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Friends of the Jesus Revelation through the writing servant and writing prophet Jakob Lorber feel connected to all people of the world as creatures and children of one and the same Father. This Heavenly Father embodied Himself in Jesus Christ about 2,000 years ago and did not manifest Himself as Savior and Teacher until age 30, for three years. The spirit friends of the Divine Revelation recognize in this eternal declaration a new and great Word of God and aim to achieve a joyful mutual exchange.

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### The present spiritual darkness.

[This is also a feature of this time - accompanied with hints from the Lord's Kingdom of heaven - received on April 20, 1879] - {from "the festival garden" - Mayerhofer (Festgarten)

Dear children! If the time in which you live is a dark, sad time, and therefore a sign that mankind has lived comfortably, and now there are only a few left who wish for a speedy resurrection; for they do not want My word to become Spirit and Life. It is quite comfortable for the majority to live without God and without a duty to Him [!] and to indulge themselves to material things as best they can.

They therefore cannot bear that there are still those who cling to God and religion, which is why they also allow tools [of hell] to be used - against my children, which I tolerate to a certain extent because firstly I tolerate them also leave free will, and secondly because through this the longing for me and my assistance is more and more desired in my children. In this way, they learn more and more to recognize the value of divine ordinances and seek to comply with them - when they experience how the wicked, despite all the hunting days, do not find any satisfaction.

Even though the wicked one has such a great material possession, it will never make him completely happy, because all this is not used by him according to My will; I have also placed **a great deal of need** in people to be connected with Me again and again, and that there is always a hidden need sometimes stronger than other times - and then again in those who ask nothing about Me, but often this has to be partly evoked by external events.

Likewise, at this time it is only possible with My divine power to bring the disrupted condition back into an orderly track. For the more they cheat themselves and seek advice through outer possession, the more all their plans must be in vain.



I now want to assert My right that they must seek, until they finally realize on Whom their well-being depends! Therefore, beloved ones, you have already had the experience in doing so, that only I can resolve it peacefully, be vigilant! If they want to rob you, show that you are an inviolable possession, protected by a God, and Whom they defy, but cannot overcome.

Prove to them what love is taught to you through My word, so that through you I can show and give them My divine merciful love; ask, so that I may give you wisdom, that you may gain it not only from the outside on My side but through the spirit that dwells in you and also aims only spiritual things.

So you see how it is necessary for me to arise entirely within you. As with you grieved the dark grave in which mankind has buried Me, so My resurrection is most necessary in you; For only through this act will you gain more courage and joy, to confess My name before all the world and to endure the persecutions that flow from it willingly in a firm trust in Him, whom you can now feel within yourself, and willingly endure. Amen!

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### Our preliminary work.

[Received on October 6, 1878] {From "the Festival garden" - Mayerhofer}

Yes, my beloved children!

The big day arrives! The first rays of the morning have already greeted you, where I Myself can be seen by many in the true light. The spiritual sun, which I am, will then illuminate many hearts; but it will be hidden, and its radiance will be visible only to those who pay attention to it and prepare their hearts. Do not be bothered in the hope that you will receive this glow of light as soon as you make a serious effort. This is the great invisible power of My being, where its outward opposition is possible; but no cross, no suffering, no relation to her can extinguish this flame in the heart if you seriously ask for it.

Take an example of Paul, who exclaimed, "Nothing will separate me from the love of God." So you too could cry out, "Nothing separates us from the love of the Holy Father, our God, Lord and Master; and everything I encounter is the motivation to draw me closer to Him. It is his hidden power that can make any occurrence in my life a blessing.

When you have acquired this assurance through striving to become obedient children in word and deed, then you have come to the point where the morning ray of My love surrounds you, heralding the strong sun, from which darkness must give way; That means that your sphere becomes clear, the dark spirits flee from you because they cannot bear the light that surrounds you. They know very well where it comes from, and that is how you feel relief in your struggles. This is the great hidden help of My love, of which My true children become a part; they will increase more and more in the light so that their surroundings also feel a blessing. Here, giving is as necessary as pure oil that maintains the light. Thus the spiritual sun or spiritual love will rise higher and higher until it fully illuminates you, and gradually the entire globe.

Through this information you will come to understand how to attack it, to change My big day of My coming. The spiritual sun is rising even when there are so few people who want its light and warmth with all their hearts and it will break through the thickest mist, but probably for those who appreciate the first rays of the morning with joyful hearts.



They start the day feeling refreshed and invigorated and expose themselves to the sun's rays, even when the sun often shines on their heads with oppressive heat [i.e. if the cross of their understanding cannot be understood as a ray of grace]. You also appear on that solemn day, encouraged by the dawn, which dispels the darkness; seek the light in Me and through Me for your own person, but also plead for enlightenment for your fellow human beings, dispel the dark mist through prayer. Then the spirits of hell will have to depart, and you will be strengthened to learn to endure the necessary midday heat, and dinner will then make you happy. On the evening of your life, you look back with gratitude on the many blessings you have received from the direction that eternal love has shown you. Amen!



### A reminder call for this time

Received on February 22, 1880 - {taken from "the Festival garden"]

Loving children! The prayer that I taught My disciples Myself so that My later successors would also receive it, begins with the words: OUR FATHER! These words should immediately indicate My being so that anyone who wants to pray realizes that he is now talking to his God, who is at the same time his father. I do not want the human being to feel encouraged by the title to see in Me, the mighty Creator or Judge, but the Father.



All the requests of the "our Father" prayers contain trust to Me, and My children can therefore submit to Me whatever they want, what they desire, and what they lack. Whoever calls on Me as the heavenly Father must have recognized Me as the same, and in such a way that he can therefore ask with confidence:

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done!" With these words is expressed the greatest longing for Me and the state of the interior, or the relationship between Me as Father and man as a child, as it should be indicated, because it shows how I, as a Holy Father, still care for everything, listen to My children's weaknesses, forgive them and protect them from evil when they come to Me. But the children also have to admit their mistakes; why attention is given to this in the requests.

Now if you have a desire in your heart to pray and talk to Me, pray the Lord's Prayer, as it is labeled by you as a general prayer, although unfortunately, most people are so saturated with it that they prefer to buy a prayer formula with a lot of money from an acclaimed wise teacher, imagining themselves to be more than others who - as they say - merely dwell on the Lord's Prayer.

How few people are today who place the highest value on My Self-given prayer, and who grants access to the spirit by making serious self-examination in uttering these words. That is why you see the signs of the times everywhere - wickedness and disdain for My being and blindness, even in those people for whom their sins have already been exposed.

Also with these people the Lord's Prayer no longer has its divine value; they often cry to Me for mercy, until their voice is hoarse because they think I am an unrelenting judge, and at the end of such prayers some hasten to hang themselves at the Lord's Prayer to have it recited, as this is so. 'n learned use.

Where are My children, who come to Me with friends, present their whole being to Me and realize that without My fatherly love they would not have the right to do so! I am now looking for these children and asking them the question: "Have you seriously prayed the Lord's Prayer and examined yourself in the process? Blessed are those to whom the spirit can testify that it has already

happened, to whom I want to open My kingdom and grant all other requests, as I promised in Matthew 11. Amen!



# A signal of the times

In this section, the keynote is laid on the theme, "fulfill the physical and spiritual laws of nature as fundamental wholeness!"

Received on February 1, 1895 [taken from the Festival garden]

I tell you, to whom I open the heart, which is the true spiritual ear and eye, will immediately realize whose spirit you speak with whose voice; they are like the star of the wise men in Bethlehem; Whoever follows this star in a straight line will find what the wise once sent: the Child in the stable of Bethlehem, namely, the highest in the most humble, as a symbol of the greatest dignity and humility.

But with whom I will not do it, these will regard the light as darkness, and those who follow the light as vain jesters and fools, because they neither hear nor see, so are stick-blind, as long as I leave them in their blindness and deafness. But when the time of their maturity has come for them, then they too will hear what you hear and see, then they too will recognize in the Son of Man the supreme Deity Himself and will testify that I am the Lord, the God of heaven and the earth, Who makes Himself called 'Father', 'loving Father' by His children.



But lest you be mistaken and pay even more attention to the star [of Bethlehem] than to the sun itself, therefore I also add, whoever carries the sun of life, the light of all lights, carries itself, surely it

will not follow the light of the stars, which shine only to those whose spiritual eyes would still be blinded by the sun of life; that you, whom your Father Himself has already recognized in your own heart in the fullness of His love, as the highest, noblest and best good, you will then understand that I not only for a little Childbearing in My heart but for all people prepare food appropriate to their spiritual nature; therefore I say today as always: be of one mind! And loves each other! For you are all children of ONE Father, even if you have different names, you are still in the spirit of My love! That's what your faithful Father Jesus says. Amen!

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# Jakob Lorber on 14 March1842:

JAKOB LORBER on March 14, 1842: "Love is supreme and holy above all! So whoever has this has everything; for he really has Me Himself, and behold, that is more than all the prophets. All the apostles, including Peter, Paul, and John, and so on. Swedenborg's teaching is true and good, you can still believe so many things, but this belief is love too!



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## A sight of our time

Received by a friend of Mayerhofer on 1 Nov. 1870

[ From 'the Festival garden']

You want me to show you the vision seen yesterday again so that it stays on your retina longer, and so listen: yesterday afternoon I showed you the true moral height to which people should actually rise, and I have moreover, in addition, also shown the lower level stages of morality on which the people are now standing, together with the great purpose which I connected with humanity and My patience with this very humanity, however long it can endure its wrongdoings. [Note: Many other beings exist on the countless Earths in the universe!!]

Yes, it is true. I have set a beautiful and lofty goal for all of humanity, and have contributed everything so far so that they could achieve the same. Thus, I Myself, as God and Lord of Infinity, have set great examples to what extent a GOD can humble Besides, as free beings, He never forced people to follow this fine example, unless His own heart urged Him to want to live the same.

When I once had Moses say to the people in the creation account: 'And God created man in His own image', I meant neither Moses nor the physical image, but My writer of that time understood from that the spiritual man, who, in the bodily clothed, My picture should be. To realize this idea, it was necessary beforehand that at the end [of life] the outside [of man] should ultimately be identical to the inside.

Yes, My children, I have created humans in My image, which should express the highest morality and the highest possible soul defect. The properties must therefore also be shared with humans, the Mines as children instead of participating in adopted beings, so that they seriously remain close to Me as great spirits, which is only possible if they possess My properties, as far as they are in harmony with their level of time. But to attain these qualities, they must also have spiritual power, first of all, to acquire them and if they achieved them, to be able to hold onto them.

My light as God, consisting of the divine properties, could only be a light if one also knew that there was a shadow. So to grasp my spiritual, highest, moralistic light being, just to grasp it, to have the urge to attain it, the dark side of it had to be fought through first. [By the night to the light!].

When does a clear view make a bigger impression on you, if you always have it in front of you, or if after a long time you have wandered around in a dark forest and suddenly notice between narrow rocky gorges that you are suddenly leaving this shady area behind and come into view of a beautiful landscape? - Without the dark forest and narrow gorges, you wouldn't have to appreciate the beautiful, smiling area, except for the forest!

The same is also true of My great, much greater creation, founded on moral qualities, created not only for your Earth nor for your short life on it. The law of the spiritually beautiful, lofty, and true looks far beyond all heavens, and far beyond all material things and its possible changes.

If you as a human being approach Him, the material body with all its possible beautiful forms would come to the background, but only the spiritual human being as a true descendant and possible

likeness of My I would then also appear much higher. It is true that he radiates out of the form because he holds up to it, whose likeness he is. But this shine through is only secondary. In this sense, Moses said that the form image of the first man expressed My likeness because then the inner [spiritual] and the outer man were still one.

But after this purity as a primitive gift was lost after the fall of the first man, it could no longer be passed on to the people who were born afterward but it had to be conquered, therefore you can also consider that So, after I have mapped out the way back... for Myself, I also had to be patient with the people, yes, a lot of patience, until they all learn to conquer all shadows and fully master My attributes.

Therefore, when I showed you the whole ladder of all possible moral grades, up to the last, the grave of a sensual, bad person who is closest to the animal and probably even below him, I wanted to prove to you that, there are so many millions of worlds, each different, expressing a certain level of my spiritual properties in their inhabitants.

All these worlds look more or less like felled forests, where there is actually spiritual darkness. These are great levels on which all created beings struggle up to Me, some easier, some more difficult, some faster, others slower, and so are you on one of these stepladders and certainly not on the lowest one, which you may recognize from the sacrifices and the graces that I have brought for you, to shorten the way for you to My heart.

My patience, therefore, has another reason than what you understand about it; for incorrect reports would go around more often, with Mine not even being taken into account. This is why I watch, help and temper, wherever possible, for so long, to ease the way that I have set for my children. It's laborious and it must be so; for My children, along with many other pursuing spirits and souls, must serve as examples to them. Hence the often repeated physical and mental discomfort that I send to them.

See how soft iron is, how it can be bent and wrought, just to become hard steel, which takes the great fire test, for two elements must come into action: fire and water to form them in this way. So also with your souls; they have to; yes, they must be able to endure the greatest extremes, from the highest to the deepest, in order to be able to withstand every obstinate adversity so firmly and to look down blessedly and contentedly on the path traveled and to look forward to the crown of their auspicious victory; for only the challenged and acquired goal prepares true pleasure!

Since I have arranged these laws in this way, I constantly look at the motive happenings of the people; It is true that I give them hints and warnings in various ways, and only at the end, when all these means no longer help, do I take up the rod to lead My children faster through suffering with a shorter path to their goal. [the eternal love of holy power].

Make sure that the material of which your future clothes are to be made up is permanent, worthy of your own and Mine so that one day you can enter My kingdom adorned as My children!

There you will see some things in a different light than from here with your limited field of vision; there the spiritual vision expands, and some of My laws are written far above past and future; there then you understand My I and you still have to become in [My] image; only then will you fully realize

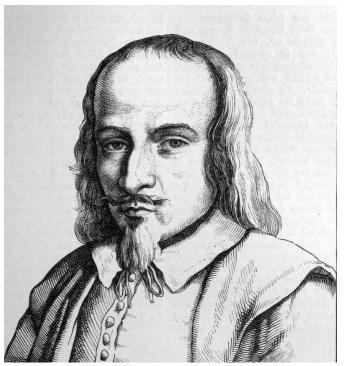
what it means: man must become the image of God, his Creator, as Moses said and I want it to be understood by you spiritually and also to be pursued!

My picture! The Word [the Bible] alone, is sufficient to understand that the image of God cannot be easily attained, but that it must be pursued with great effort. So do your very best to express this image through your mind and also through your outer form, and do not worry about anything that is going on around you.

Whoever wants to mold you in His image [once He has begun this work], He will not half finish it and will give you all the means to do that which will make you what He has appointed you to become, namely become His children! Amen

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# The way to Christ.



Jakob Böhme

This book was sold at an auction four years ago for 410 Euro. It was an antique dealer, written by Jakob Böhme. The book is no longer available. Böhme was inspired by the great alchemist - Paracelsus. Where he worked with sulfur, quicksilver and salt in alchemy, Böhme derived a spiritual meaning from it: "the processes of God's revelation in creation". Nature is like a book that man must read, just as the dog, which is let out by his master or mistress, is reading his "newspaper" in the

natural environment. As the light of the sun reaches every corner of the earth, so the center of God is the heart. Love, which is also His quality in the Son [Jesus Christ] that lives in Him.

The life of every being arises from an inner presence of opposing and constantly warring forces. Apparently the contrast between positive and negative sets life in man in motion. The divine is reflected everywhere, including in nature. As Swedenborg emphasizes that the book of Genesis is written in "spiritual correspondences," Böhme saw the "signature" reflected in our language. The fall of 'Lucifer' is reflected in his own words: 'devil [teu-phel = phal = val] - A nation lived near Osnabrück: the' Teutons', from which the 'Teutobergerlandschaft' owes its name . Dui = Teu. Boehme saw it in the organs too. For example, he stated that walnuts have the shape of our brain, and you can eat this well for the brain.

According to Boehme, the Deity has an unfathomable depth that can ever be described. Lorber also states that on the one hand, the Deity exists as the eternal judge, and on the other hand the Father as the great LOVE. So it is better to fall into the hands of our Father than into the hands of God - Both attributes make up a Being. So it is also the wrathful side of God in the Old Testament. The Son in God the Father is the source of light and the power in the soul of every human being. Man can make his own choice [free will]: either for the eternal light or for the eternal darkness.

Lucifer and Adam are very closely related. The fall was a free choice. The fall of Lucifer was not God's intention. Boehme compares the devil to a thistle; for just as the sun makes thistles thornier, God's love could not have stopped the devil. Being "born again" is a long process in this life; a few achieve this during their life, but most only on the other side. The "belief alone" is not enough. We have to work on ourselves a lot. It is not that the Father has predestined who is to be saved. After all, at birth, the man was given the "free will" of God, which cannot be altered.



The Old Testament prophet had a vision of God's throne chariot

All principles of God include the masculine and feminine. Man's free will is also their conscience. According to Böhme, the conscience would reside in the soul or in the heart as the "inner eye". Jakob Boehme's main work is "Mysterium magnum" [1640]. Other books include the "Triple Life" and the "Three Principles". The Dutch, German and English translated book "Aurora" ["Red of the dawn in rise" - also in Dutch] is highly recommended. Most of his books are in English, the German-language almost only in Old German.



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