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## End of the 'old world order' in sight?

The old-world era will disappear in the foreseeable future (between 2024 and 2032) and a new era will take its place. This will not happen without a struggle. What is about to happen will bring humanity out of its material intoxication. In the consecutive past three years (2020-2023), we saw the actual beginning of the terrible barren contractions, in which the world is currently in. But contractions do not remain contractions because from them inevitably come 'births' again, which no one knows if they will be 'miscarriages'. But there is much hope there too. Hard-robed reins will first have to be used that will, unbeknownst to man, enslave him again. Soon, no religion will be tolerated. We read all this in Jakob Lorber's Twelve Hours.

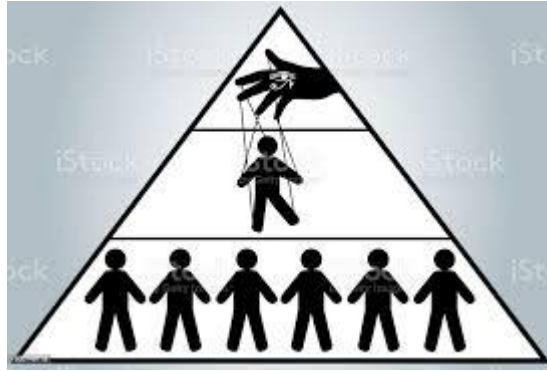
Some readers of the Jakob-Lorber-Bulletin prefer to see even more striking texts from the Lord, what He is up to in the coming period, or what the world is letting come upon itself. But the idea is by also studying, reading, researching, and acting on it yourself. There are plenty, indeed more than enough answers to be found in Jakob-Lorber literature, to which none remain unanswered. Yet many questions remain open, but these are answered by life itself. We recommend reading The Twelve Hours of Jesus one day. Although the details date back to 1835, they still remain relevant.

We are not going to talk about each of the 12 hours. The booklet on this outlines terrible things. In each hour, the Lord tells of the tremendous atrocities happening all over the world. Everywhere is tyranny. In reality, the preached God is not the real God, but it is Satan. How children and adults are still being sacrificed in those days and even these days, a picture in Europe, we can hardly imagine. But it happens. We prefer not to go into the many details. It is very sad and disconcerting. It is shocking. However resourceful Satan may be, secretly the Lord Himself has also come up with an 'invention' that will amaze Satan from eternity to eternity. The Lord has long since lit His torch to burn them all by fire in the future so that their dreadful stench will not even reach the third heaven and ruin the dwelling of His faithful.

The Lord warns us not to annoy the world, for every word we utter against the worldly people is an inflated foam, with deadly pestilence. If we heed His word and His counsel, the earth will not be burned by fire, when He will light it with His torch. Because it will anyway! To the living this fire will bring 'life', but to the 'non-living' it will bring death.

The whole story of the 12 hours is about denying God from worldly experience. The main ground is none other than politics. These do not care about humanity in real life, but people are used as 'slave men' in a disguised form. And we don't realise this ourselves, though. The Lord says about this, that we should just look back to His David who was himself a king, a great people's teacher, and a prophet. Then we saw that God was recognised from His destiny, and is also a people, a people of obedience and goodwill. However, that was 1,000 B.C. Church separations, sects, and admittedly later men, who said, let us now then examine the Lord's teachings, but these 'study heads' took His will but lukewarmly. The Lord says, Whoever does not take My kingdom, as I have proclaimed it, he will not get it, even if he were assigned to many sects.

For I alone am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The Lord must regard all these terrible things of mankind until our era [until the beginning of this third thousand world year] Behold, like an hourglass it is and there are few grains of seed left, for the clock is ticking on.



The idol Mohammed rules. Everywhere is slavery and tyranny. The horror of the slave trade. Paul did not do so badly with his persecutions of Christians. The beautiful land of Jacob was once blessed. But it is no longer there. How it looks now, truly, the harlot of Babylon is there opposite a pure virgin? Joseph of Egypt used to water an important part of the Nile, but which country does water the Nile now?

The land of Canaan was still home to the descendants of Central Asia from the times of Noah. These still knew something about that great God. But do you want to go back to Egypt, the land of the seven plagues? However, if you want to experience the highest degree of material attainment, then you will also find the highest degree of whole hell attainment literally there.

Fortunately, in the middle of Africa, there is still an unknown land, dotted here and there with large simple huts.



That land is landlocked and impossible to reach because of unclimbable mountains. Behold, that is the only point on earth, where the unspoiledorgin

highly benevolent human class is still to be found. All these people are all still in an inward contemplation and except for an apostle Thomas, once sent by Me, no foreign foot has yet entered this land.

And so this rather small nation sparingly inhabiting that hot environment alone, is in My pure teachings, which have not yet become corrupted or clouded until this hour. It is at the same time the only small appendage that still connects the earth to My heavens. And now pay attention to what I have to say to you about it: If any insolent foot shall enter this sanctuary half-heartedly, I will cast My torch over the earth. For to the east and west of this little land, two nations are lurking full of greed for the gold there. This they do with all kinds of ladders, for they know, that there in the enclosed unreachable mountains lies a paradise, with everything in it. And they will be able to get it. Admittedly not the real gold they seek, but still they will find gold and it will greatly pollute and depress our earth.

In southern Africa, there seems to be another piece of land called the 'good hope'. This is really for Satan a good hope. He has 'hijacked' this good hope. The blood of mankind is drunk, even of coloureds on ships, mixed with rum. The slain are cast into the sea and the next enslaved coloureds take their turn.

Everyone, therefore, explores his own inner world above all else. Man, who today is generally lost in selfishness and lost in pleasure-seeking because he is trapped in a materialistic illusion, can only be reclaimed for true life through a return to the divine primordial law of pure love.

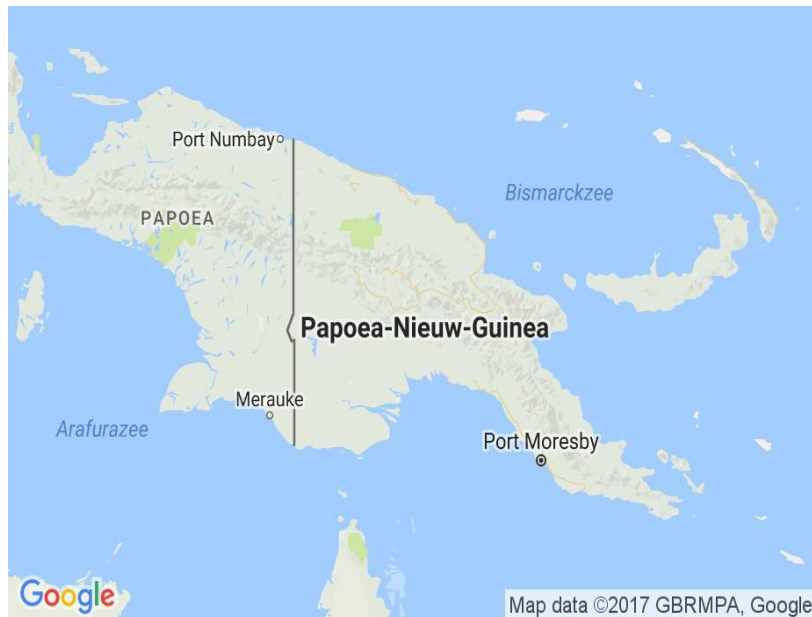
Through the distress of time, the spirit is awakened, and it makes one feel the emptiness of time and its error - then the nostalgia for the paradise of true inner happiness and peace will awaken.

The terrible neglect of the best in the world, that is, of the culture of the heart! With this neglect - as a result of the reign of the material world spirit that has emerged in this way, which the Holy Scriptures refer to with the characteristic word 'antichrist' - things that are essentially divine and eternal have no place in this materialised world.

So poor 'civilized' humanity no longer knows God and ideals, fortunately with an increasing number of exceptions. Isn't it extraordinarily sad! This condition is referred to in Scripture as 'the last age' because the actual human - the divine in man - has almost completely disappeared.

The Lord says: the world has the word in the interpretation and I have the interpretation in the word....The images in this book were shown to Lorber and the people in his company in a living-realistic vision, a spiritual 'tableau vivant'. The reader should therefore imagine that this text describes what Lorber envisioned as a living image.





New Guinea, as an island, is also considered part of Australia. It has few mountains and, judging from its origins is even younger than Australia; for Australia is only barely a little over 3,000 years old. The island of Guinea, however, is almost 700 years younger than Australia. However, this land was discovered by some Asian peoples much earlier than Australia.

Oh, the human spirit is a free spirit; but once it has taken a certain direction, who can change it, without destroying the spirit? And just imagine how the Father's heart can be weary, when He, like a caring head of the family, has to stand idly by while hail destroys His fruits. Therefore I say: woe to you tyrants, you will share the fate of your brothers, the devils; but infinitely more woe to you who have power in your hands to bring true light to all the peoples of the earth and do not do it, but, out of vile greed and worldly lust, hurl them into an even greater labyrinth of darkness than in which they were before in their innocence.

Yes, I say again: infinitely woe to you when the payment day shall dawn for you: truly, you will receive that which My deity in Her innermost depths of Her fire of wrath can invent and devise! I need to say no more. For to deprive a man of his God is the greatest abomination; I do not need to tell you more.

To use My word for the lowest, greediest, and covetous purposes, like all the above, is the greatest abomination; I do not need to tell you more!



Japan consists of only islands and it is the most populous country on earth. It is almost as big as Great Britain in terms of surface area. The (present-day) Japanese consist only of Mongols, Malays, and a small number of primeval inhabitants; they are absolutely unrelated to the Chinese and surpass them in everything - both in development and savagery. What also contributes much to their far surpassing the Chinese in a wide variety of sciences is the fact that in their language they have only 48 simple letters, the Chinese on the other hand have about 50,000. Their language is very supple and malleable, their religion a sophisticated paganism, and their tyrannical state laws to a very high degree on a level.

Slightly above the north-western half of the Japanese island of Nippon is still the rather large island of Sado, which is a refuge for the primeval inhabitants, who enjoy some privileges here. Some Portuguese have also retreated to this island; but they are not allowed to leave and they must worship everything from Japan and the full moon. The entire population of Japan is about 40 million, and 4/7 of them are female. Apart from mechanics, mathematics, nautical science, geography, and astronomy, they are ahead of the peoples of the earth, and they have great wealth and secrets.

The inhabitants of Sado occasionally still possess second sight and still have knowledge from the primeval times of Meduhed. Their number is 3 million, not including the Portuguese, whose number is only a few thousand.

Furthermore, I have shown you the extremely tyrannical, severe conditions of other island states, especially Japan, and also briefly about the northern state of Russia. If you take another look at Japan, you will be able to count it on your fingers and demonstrate with the clearest of signs the inner distress of the prodigal son and also of the present church conditions, as far as their innerness is concerned, more than crystal clear.

Luke 15:11 describes the prodigal son. Although things are indeed like this in the world, I have not, nevertheless, told you these circumstances to show you from them how things are everywhere in the world because you will read of such and a thousand times worse things in the future. But the reason I have told you these things is only so that from them you might learn the great mystery of the prodigal son a little more deeply, to your great advantage.

Now, of course, you are thinking: what does the prodigal son actually have to do with all this worldly cruelty? And you are curious, how the prodigal son will find his way out of this whole labyrinth of the world. But I tell you, it is even easier to discover the prodigal son in all these scenes and understand him than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

To understand the whole thing, it is necessary, first of all, for you to find out who this prodigal son is. If I will show you the prodigal son, even if only by his name, you should be struck with a more than sevenfold blindness if you did not notice at the same time, that a great covering has been removed from your eyes. And now prepare yourselves and hear the name! Behold, his name is '*Lucifer*'! Look, this name contains in short order the whole, to you eternally incomprehensible and endless meaning of the prodigal son.

Consider now, that the whole of present humanity almost only constitutes the limbs of this one prodigal son, and specifically those descended from Adam's unblessed line. You see, this prodigal son has taken the entire wealth, which was his due, and is now wasting it during time spaces too wide by your standards. (material worlds in the universe). From the story of the prodigal son, you know what his ultimate fate was. Now consider all these circumstances

in the world: truly, you will see nothing but the ultimate fate of the prodigal son, on a very large scale.

Look at the lack of justice: what do you think could be the reason for this? Truly nothing but frivolity and the resulting dulling of conscience. Now look again at the prodigal son, whether this was not the case with him when he left his father's house? Look at the insanities of Asia: what else are they but the natural consequences, which, with time, have gradually come to the present height of horror?



Now go on to Africa again: take the prodigal son by the hand, and when you now take a somewhat sharpened spiritual look at it, will you not discover with wonderful fidelity? Not only in the present condition, but in all conceivable situations of this country, yes, I say: not only of Egypt, but of all Africa, and of course not only in or out of that, which the present time offers, but during all times up to wherever the thought of a human being may reach and even further - that the prodigal son found himself in the same circumstances, when he had squandered his fortune and he also thought in all possible ways how he might again acquire some possession, which would resemble his former possession?

Only: just see where all these fruitless barbaric efforts of this whole continent bring all those, who want to get rich there, too! *(For today's reader, this view is no longer correct! Asia and Africa were brought into this situation by the 'civilized' Western world in Jacob's time up to the present day).*

Now let us return to our prodigal son, and let us watch for a moment how he struggles with the very great distress of death. See his soul, how it is compressed to one point; and truly, that is where it must come! But look: now happens to the soul of the prodigal son that which I told you about the souls that get second sight as a result.

Behold: her great distress now spreads in swift vibrations and these reach the great Father's house, and the vibrations of the Father filled with love minnows the vibrations of the prodigal son filled with fear, misery, and distress. The soul of the prodigal son experiences such a holy, gentle blowing from the great Father's house. Encouraged by these holy vibrations, it returns to its half-decayed home, lifts it up again, and turns in deepest, self-deprecating humility to the Father's house - to the Father's house, since you know that the prodigal son is reversed. But what happens there? Look: only the rags are taken off the son and burned; the son himself, as you know, will be taken up again.

Look, now the whole mystery of the prophetic figure of man, which had not been revealed until now, lies open and exposed before you. If you now somewhat check the circumstances of the time, you would have to be more than dead if you did not now perceive the holy vibrations of grace, which are now emanating in streams from the holy Father's house!

You yourselves too are limbs of the prodigal son! Spread your souls wide and let the spirit in your souls be awakened, and, like the prodigal son, turn in all humility comforted towards the great region of your loving Father. Truly, I tell you: He will meet you halfway!

See, the time of My grace is almost upon you, and therefore, I have also given you this, so that you will recognise that it is the great time about which the prophets have sung - yes, the time proclaimed with My own mouth beforehand. So persevere for another short time and rejoice, in great confidence! For truly: the great Father's house has come closer to you than you suspect!

But how you can recognize the prodigal son and all these circumstances of the time in yourselves, how this prodigal son is found again in every human being or rather finds himself again, how the "great man" is won in miniature, dear children - this is what the last hour will faithfully reveal to you! Amen!

You, who have come to know the 'great man' more or less from Swedenborg's writings, may think that this is now the 'greatest man'. But I tell you: that is completely wrong! This man, whom you see there, is nothing more or less than the prodigal son who has found himself again, though not in his omnipresence, but it is that prodigal son, who has found himself again in each individual reborn man. Or in other, more easily understood words: that is one of the all-important ones in My new kingdom.

In this image, the right proportion is represented and it shows you the perfect measure of a human being, who is infinitely more exalted than the whole endless shining universe in the form of the prodigal son, which I have shown you before by division! If you now take in this image somewhat, you would also begin to understand a little about the return of the prodigal son. You must not think that this Lucifer, whom you have come to know in the eleventh hour, will return as a whole person.

If such a thing were possible, there would never have been a material creation. But this lost is found again in every individual human being who lives according to My words and is born again through the word and salvation, and so he will return to the great Father's house! I tell you not for nothing: 'in the great Father's house'. Because for people who have become so great, there must also be a very great house ready, where they can again take up residence with their Father.

See: by this prodigal son, who is called Lucifer, is thus understood every single human being in himself; and when a whole people has become one with Me, this whole people likewise becomes only one person with Me. And all people who have ever lived and will live on earth will also be but one person in Me, when they have become one with Me.

Then in each of you, the prodigal son will be found again and his condition will become as I have shown you, since another human being has taken the place of the former one, which has merged into one. Only then will you, as found again, see and recognize in yourselves in the clearest light the great truth that I have given you in these 12 hours. For as was said



earlier, all human beings also make up one human being, like one all: then also search for all evil in yourselves. And when you have found it and, with My powerful help, have removed it from yourselves, I, as your holy Father, Who has already come to meet you more than halfway, will come to you completely, free you from your rags and then take you into the great Father's house of My eternal love!

Finally, I draw your attention to the fact that in this time I have come to meet not only you but also many other prodigal sons. But pay particular attention to My coming in you, and do not worry so much about the general ones. However, whatever you experience concerning the general, prayerfully dedicate it to Me in your hearts and do not worry about everything else; for the great 'when', 'how', and 'why' is well preserved in the best hands. Amen. This I say, your great, holy, very loving Father. Amen.

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Finally, this. So far, in all Jakob-Lorber-Bulletins, we have discussed the birth year of Jesus in great detail. Three possibilities. They are all correct, down to the finest details. And however correct it may seem, the inner soul says, that it is what Luke historically describes and testifies about the birth of Jesus at the time of Tiberius, and still holds this for the most true and correct. Nor could it be otherwise, for many terrible scenarios should have passed by now. First, however, we have much to endure.

"First the banks crash. Then comes hunger. Then comes war. More and more people are gripped by the dark suspicion that something is fundamentally wrong with our system. But few want or can imagine that this system will collapse in the near future. Yet the great European prophecy paints exactly this picture: A complete collapse of the system through revolution and war and the subsequent renaissance of monarchy and church."

Fifteen years ago, the German seer Maria S. already had impressive visions that seamlessly fit into the great European prophecy - and that already at a time when she herself knew nothing at all about the visions of the other great seers. In recent years, her visions have become increasingly clear. And the remarkable thing: Maria S. received her visions partly with a specific year. The waves of colossal shocks now upon us are:- Unknown epidemics - A huge increase in taxes and duties - A dramatic increase in the devaluation of money - A global banking crash followed by famine, popular uprisings, and the flight of our politicians - A civil war in Turkey - Revolutions across Europe - A surprise attack on Western Europe by the Russians.

A three-day eclipse causing the death of billions - The coronation of the new European monarchs. Ruben Stein spoke to the seer several times and compared her visions with those of other great European seers. The result is staggering.



Jakob Lorber describes the above in great detail, saying in other words. It is certain, that from 2024-2032, we will experience the greatest upheavals on earth, the likes of which have never been seen before. We are literally at the front door of the earth's greatest events. Let each see for himself, who and what he is, and what he can do for others. It must not be the case that each lives for himself. We will soon need each other's help greatly, both the poor and the rich....

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## Money in our society

About money, the Lord said the following:....'My offices are not exchange banks and not money shops! For whoever serves Me because of money does not serve Me out of love; but whoever does not serve Me out of love, his service is foreign to Me, just as I must be a stranger to him because he does not serve Me out of love; with him, I have already settled the account. But how can he be a faithful servant, who, without being authorised to do so, sells the treasures of the Lord like a thief for the most shameful prices?!'

'Iscaiot at least sold Me still for thirty pieces of silver, without knowing beforehand what was going to happen to Me; for he was blinded and lost.- But now I have been tortured, killed, and resurrected already for the most shameful mockery price available at any time. O, you shameful thieves, you murderers, what can I compare you to? You children of the dragon, you brood of vipers, you brood of snakes! Do you serve Me like this, must I find you like this?!

"For I had it said by My beloved Paul, that he who serves the altar will also live from the altar, but only by works of love, which make all things change for the better; but you have no works of love, - therefore, you are robbers and thieves and assassins of the gospel and of all truth.

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According to the work shall be the wages! Love is not for sale but only obtainable through love again. I am love itself and without exception available for no other price than only re-love. With love, I bought you all; therefore I demand love in return from you all. So whoever wants to serve Me, let him die to Me out of love, in which I died for him on the cross; and

whoever wants to come to Me, let him come in love to Me, who bled for him on the cross. (Household of God, part 1, ch. 2:11, etc.)

'Look at your industry and all the money matters which are actually the focal point of all statehood. Anyone who does not see in it the bustle of constant fluctuation must be struck sevenfold with blindness. You will notice everywhere, both in general and in individual cases, a swinging up and a soon falling back again. One country swings up, another swings back and ends up at the lowest position of its swing again. Soon the first up-swinging empire falls again and another swings up. As many more times as you have noted that a kingdom had worked its way up to the highest peak, so many times that was also a clear signal of its fall, which was even faster than its swing upwards." (Spiritual Sun, part 1, ch. 13:12)

'Furthermore, the word of the gospel says: 'Whoever wants to enter into life with Me, take up his cross and follow Me!' Tell me, my dear wife, when on earth have we done such a thing? I have never carried a cross and you much less; our whole cross consisted only of mere worldly money worries. (Spiritual Sun, part 1, ch. 37:7)



'Further, the Gospel says that the Lord says to the rich youth, 'Sell all your earthly goods, distribute the proceeds among the poor and follow Me, then you will possess eternal life. ' But what does the great Teacher say to the youth, or rather to His apostles, when the latter wept away from the Lord after such a proclamation? Look, those words were full of special meaning and, it seems to me, we are now undergoing the very sad meaning of these words which read as follows: 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man through the gate of the kingdom of heaven.' (Spiritual Sun, Vol. 1, ch. 37:8)

.....'And the people were so deceived by the temple that they did not recognize the Lord of Glory and even in the temple decided to crucify Him. Even Judas was paid with money in the temple and finally threw this blood money back into the temple himself as a strong testimony that the temple had been a murder den of God's Spirit from time immemorial.' (Spiritual Sun, part 1, ch. 70:4)

'But such a money owner cannot excuse himself in a way how he got the money, whether through speculative betting, winning a lottery, or inheritance. In any case, he stands before God as a healer next to a thief. Why is that, someone might ask?' (Spiritual Sun, part 2, ch. 91:8)

'What does it mean to get rich through fortune speculation? It is and means nothing but the usurpation of the legitimate earnings of many, depriving most of them of such earnings and appropriating them alone. In this case, a man made rich by chance and speculation is a ruthless thief. He wins the lottery in the same way because he only benefits from the efforts of many others. In the case of an inheritance, however, he is a healer who also takes possession of the illicit property of his ancestors, who were only able to make it their own in the above two ways.' (Spiritual Sun, part 2, ch. 91:9)

*(But there are also inheritances that benefit heirs whose parents have earned and saved a fortune through hard work and diligence and pass it on to their children with love)*

'Let's suppose a millionaire is living in a village. Will he make the village happy or will this bring bad luck? We shall see. The millionaire sees that public money banks are fluctuating; what is he doing? He sells his bonds and buys real estate. The government, of which he was previously a mere subject, is, as usual, in dire financial straits. Our millionaire is approached to lend money to the state. He does it for a good percentage and on the state's own safe mortgage. His neighbours, the other villagers, also need money. He lends it to them without any objection of an official deed writ. Things go on like this for several years. The state gets less and less rich, and the village neighbours don't get richer. What happened? Our millionaire intervenes on the rulers, the statesmen and they don't get a penny more, and have to surrender to mercy or disgrace, they get at most a travel allowance out of sheer magnanimity. Our millionaire now becomes the (state) ruler and at the same time master of the neighbours who owe him money. These, because they can pay him neither capital nor interest, will be subservient to him.' (Spiritual Sun, part 2, ch. 103:14)

*(This is a great representation of how things are going in the world, especially at the moment. Think also of the 'WEF' = World Economic Forum).*

'Here we have a very natural corollary of fortune matters bestowed upon the villagers by a millionaire or possessor of excess self-love. There is no need to say more about it.' (Spiritual Sun, part 2, ch. 103:15)

'Where two or three are working together in My name or in My love (that goes without saying), there I am in the midst of them; but certainly not there, where one deliberates only on worldly, military, and monetary matters, rather than on My word and My love, - and not where those who call themselves My priests also plan fortresses, machinery and railways.' Hidden Bible Texts, ch. 14:11]

'And look further at usury, envy, and avarice!- These three are from top to bottom the "soul" of human larvae (after all, the name human is too exalted for such dead servants of death anyway!). Yes, they cannot even be called "sinners" anymore. For the sinner is (yet at times) repentant and (sometimes) at least still has the desire to improve his life. Only this three-fold worldly soul, which determines the value of every human being only according to eternally accursed money, does not repent.'

'Where is the rich person who regrets being rich?! If someone already has so much that if he were to spend five thousand guilders a year, he could live on his capital alone for a hundred years and more, he wants to get richer and richer all the time. And if he has to give a poor person a hundred guilders once, how unwillingly will he do so! - How few rich people there are who are rich with a happy heart for their poor brothers and sisters - surely I know best. I

tell you, if you started counting them on your fingers, there would be a few fingers left for this city, even though there are more than five hundred rich! [ Gifts of Heaven 2- 17-12-1841]

'I tell you: if many a haughty, rich worldly fool could see what is behind his money and other goods, he would instantly be so violently frightened by it, that he would be consumed with endless fear to one point, - which, however, for a most important reason can and must never be allowed, which you would not yet understand at present.' [Gifts of Heaven 2- p.280:9]

'But pray for all those rich in worldly treasures! For they are (because of their greed for money and their pride) those who are the most difficult to help; and therefore, in spiritual terms, they are also the poorest creatures. They will in all eternity find it difficult to ever see Me, the Father, because they have made themselves food for Satan with their treasures themselves, and so are devoured by him and dwell eternally in his belly!' (Gifts of Heaven 2- p.290:10)

'See, the workers want to be paid because otherwise. they would have nothing with which to get a loaf of bread from the moneyed bakers (and those from the millers and those from the farmers, etc.).'

'The artisan also wants to be paid well; for otherwise he could not buy tools with which to make anything, and likewise no bread. For the greed of the people now no longer gives bread for nothing .' 'The merchant and the shopkeeper especially want a lot of money, for without money they also get nothing to trade with. And without money, there is no bread for them either.'

'The state wants a lot of money, how else would it pay the many, many civil servants and give them the bread for often not very hard work if they could not provide it to themselves with the money received from the state?

'You can now think what you want; in the worldly world, without money in the present age, it no longer works under any circumstances!!! 'Yes, I tell you, now the world's money is as necessary as I am for heaven. For as without God, nothing is conceivable, so also without money both now and always no world is conceivable'.

'For every world lives and exists from its deity. As all the heavens exist and live from Me, so also the whole world exists from money and lives from this world god.'

'Or does not everyone seek to monetise that which is not yet money as soon as possible, so that the god of the world will become all the more powerful with each individual as well as in general?' (Gifts of Heaven2, p 301: 2-9)

'.....Because look, we should grant them this miserable, brief happiness for their pecuniary virtues, since they decide everything in the world with this one right life for them anyway! [Gifts of Heaven, Part 2]

'See, such pure materialists, are always the most lukewarm spiritual people! Yes, they are as sluggish as the very matter to which they are attached - and therefore they cannot rise above the dead nature of theirs and of all other matter either. 'Because matter is for them something fixed and the only comprehensible thing, their minds too are completely absorbed in it, totally surrendering to matter and thinking entirely from there, as long as a spark of life still glows in him. And all the spiritual is therefore also nothing but pure folly to him.' (Gifts of Heaven - p. 311:3,4)

'Among many rights, the tenant Herod also had the right to mint coins bearing his name and image. Money then, as now, was a medium of exchange, and all businessmen, all



merchants, and changers used the same as something absolutely necessary. To get their hands on this medium of exchange. they had to buy it against raw metal or against other good and noble kinds of material used in Herodian currency, in which case they then became fifty years utter owners of Herodian money.'

The Child Jesus in Egypt said to Joseph and Cyrenius: 'So I keep saying: on gold and silver still rests God's Curse!' And the Child, Who stood close to Joseph, laughingly added: 'Therefore you can no more shame the proud gold and the haughty silver than by distributing it appropriately to beggars! You, dear Joseph, have been doing that all along; therefore that old curse will do you little harm, any more than it did to Cyrenius. I am not at all worried about that money; here it is just right! [JJ.01-234:23-27]

Jesus said in His first year of teaching: 'As for the money in the temple treasury, about this, I want to tell you very frankly: That is something horrible, which the degeneration has brought with it, not so much for a few poor in spirit, who think they can earn heaven by it, but all the more for those, who take the money out of the treasury and spend it at night with the girls of pleasure! As long as there was no money, there were no public women like there are now. With the advent of money and all kinds of pass currency, in Jerusalem, as in almost all other cities, there came a great number of girls of pleasure, and the men sinned with them day and night! And when those from their own country are no longer good enough for those with lots of money, they send for virgins from the mountain countries, buy them in Greece, and then commit the most shameful whoredoms with them in Judea! And take it from Me that all that, and a thousand times worse, is the result of money so highly praised by you! [GGJ1-94:12]

'But that is only the beginning of the curse, which is attached to money.' However, there are times to come that will be worse than the one in which Noah built the ark, and their misery will be due to the gold and the silver, -and only a fire from heaven that will consume all the products of hell will deliver men from the wretchedness of all miseries! '[GGJ1-94:13,14]

'Thomas says to Judas: 'Surely you don't want to know everything today, o: then go home again tomorrow! It's just as well, that the Heet: has finally gone on his way again, otherwise, you would have had a long time to talk about your stupid money tomorrow too! The Lord is right; that cursed money will be your death yet again because you find it so particularly attractive! Surely the Lord has told you clearly enough, what value money has and in what way it is very detrimental to the spiritual life of man; but you have long thought yourself to be wiser li than God and therefore you too can put the crown on your wisdom before God! Just be careful not to choke on mere wisdom one day!' [GGJ1-95:04]

(The Lord:) 'Whoever of you has a lot of money should not always lend it to those who can repay him the capital with high usury at the appointed time, but also to the poor who cannot give him back either the capital or the interest, then he will have his money due from Me and I will already repay him capital and interest tenfold here and a hundredfold in the hereafter. However, he who lends his money only to those who can repay him capital and interest at the appointed time or, in certain cases, have to repay him by judicial compulsion, he has already enjoyed his wages entirely here and has no more to expect from Me; for he has thereby served not Me, but only the world and himself.' 'You may say: 'Surely, if one lends money at interest to someone in need, that is also a good deed; the borrower has thereby saved himself from distress, has become a rich man and can then, after all, return capital and interest very easily! For surely the lender has run the risk of losing his money, in case of

an unfavourable speculation! "But if the borrower has benefited from it then surely no God with all His wisdom can object if he, the borrower, repays to the lender the capital including the agreed interest! For, firstly, the lender is also a human being towards whom another has the same obligations as he has towards him, and, secondly, the money lent may constitute the lender's entire property, from which he must live like the farmer from his land and soil! If, however, the lender allows himself to be repaid the money lent, as well as the interest thereon, what is he to live on? Or has the borrower even remotely the right to demand to keep the borrowed money, even though he has earned a great deal with it and can and should know well that it is the only possession of the kind lender? About this, I say: 'Everyone who has money should, if a friend comes in need of money and asks for a loan, do not refuse it. He who lend him the money at the legal interest rate has already done a good job for him, which will also be appreciated in heaven. But it is the borrower's duty not only to conscientiously repay the lender the money he has borrowed together with the stipulated interest, but even more so; if he has earned a lot, he should also share the profit with the borrower out of his own free, inner need because after all, it was only with his money that he made the profit. But the borrower should not demand it one way or the other! You can all do this in all kindness, but for that, you do not have to leave the other completely!' (GGJ4-98:1-3)

## Money, currencies



'If, however, to the one who can lend money comes a very poor man, from whom it is not to be expected that he could or would make beneficial and advantageous use of a larger sum lent, then, as far as I am concerned, no man is obliged to lend to such a poor person the money he has asked for, because in this way he would wilfully have thrown away his money, without it having been of any real use to anyone, would in a certain sense have been thrown away and would only have put the borrower in a situation where he would be inclined to indulge in all kinds of superfluous excesses, which he would have to indulge in depending on

his nature. Such a course of action, therefore, would with particularly good, but much rather, though not exactly bad, could still be called very stupid, -which neither My love nor even less My wisdom could please.'

Ah, it would be an entirely different matter if some poor man wanted to borrow money from you when you know he knows how to handle money and has only become poor through an unfavourable combination of circumstances. You should not refuse him this, even without interest and without the certainty of ever getting the borrowed capital back!

If the man has used the money well, as your brother he will know what to do next; for he has the same obligations to you as you have to him.' 'Should, however, he no longer be able to return the borrowed money, you should therefore not get angry with him or seek the credit from his descendants; for that would be harsh and entirely against My order.

If the descendants and especially the children or the eldest children have become wealthy, they will do well, and that would be pleasing to Me if they redeem the debt that their poor father or grandfather made with a human friend. In such a case, therefore, the human friend will know what to do with that money out of love for Me and my neighbour!

'When I say, therefore, that you should also lend your money to those who can give it back to you with it, I only mean by this that you should act with your money or other stock only as I have now shown you; anything less or more would be either foolish or very wicked, and thus a gross sin against true charity!' (GGJ4-98:4-7)



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