

A Day in the House of Joseph

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A Day in the House of Joseph

Booklet 1

“Awaken, you sleepyheads!—The day is dawning and already puffy pink clouds are proclaiming the awakening of a new day!” calls Jacob, Joseph’s youngest son, and in a moment everyone other than the elder Joseph has risen.

“Where is Jesus,” Mary asks. “Did he not come home tonight?”

“We did not see him,” is the answer given Mary, the worried mother, and every word enters deeply into her soul, causing her pain yet calming her right after.

Without words, the family sits down at the large table in the roomy house; all but Joseph [are present]. After a psalm of praise [to God] they eat their morning meal, which consists of soup. Shortly after they all go to their place of work, for Joseph holds to Order.

Mary still sits at the table when Joseph comes in, kisses her and asks for Jesus. Mary begins to cry, and Joseph leaves the room without a word. Then Mary hears Joseph pray, saying: “Oh Jehovah, you great living God! On my knees, I look up to you giving thanks for your fullness of grace, which you gave to me throughout my life. Obediently and in good will I endured everything, recognizing in all of it Your justice and order! But Lord; now I don’t understand You anymore. Give [me] light, give clarity, give power so that I can endure the tests of grace, which You, oh great God, have decided upon us. Take the lead into Your own hands, and guide us out of our need and doubt!”

Mary kneels down next to Joseph, and from her heart filled with a mother’s love, flows a stream of love to the one who is absent, to Jesus. Thus they remain in adoration until Joseph says: “Lord, just as Jacob did [once, long ago], I will remain here praying on my knees until you help us, mercifully. Suddenly, the chamber is filled with a delicious aroma, and a consoling feeling enters into the wounded hearts. “Jehovah be praised and glorified.” With these words, Joseph gets up; and without any further words, Joseph and Mary hold each other’s hand in understanding one the other. “Oh Joseph,” says Mary. “Forgive me for growing weak in my faith. Continue to be my support, so that I can strengthen Jesus in his fight of life.”

The door opens and the longed for Jesus comes in, greeting his mother and foster father respectfully. “My son,” says Joseph, “you light of my eyes, you support of my age, see, your mother suffers because of you. She suffers because she loves you so much. Why can you not bring yourself to come home to us, who have already successfully gone through many a struggle of faith together? Jehovah will help you as well! Therefore, be our good son and become like your brothers.”¹

¹According to the revelation of the Lord, Joseph had five sons from a previous marriage: Joel, Josia, Samuel, Simeon, and Jacob. Jacob, the youngest, was 16 years older than Jesus.

With grave demeanor, Jesus answers: “My Joseph, and you My mother! See, My fight is about so much more than yours! You My loved ones cannot help Me, I have to rely on Myself. For if I were to accept your help, I would constantly have to return to you. But where shall I go when you no longer are [with us]? Do not think, My faithful Joseph, that I will ever go to a Rabbi or High Priest.-No! – For they all take their power from without, but I seek and find this power within [Me]! The more I overcome all hurdles, the more there is room for the love of God in this restless heart of Mine, the more lovely will the fullness be, of the great, living Wellspring in the primordial abode of My heart. ---

Therefore, forgive Me! I cannot and may not act any differently [than what I’m doing] if I want to ‘become My own Self’, which is supposed to reflect in the All [cosmos] and every place as the mighty Order of God in all human hearts. And the time is coming when you will understand Me.”

Astonished, the pair looks at each other, and for but a brief moment, they behold the glory sleeping in Jesus. “Leave us alone,” says Jesus, “I am going to the brothers with Joseph.”

At the Construction Site

Meanwhile, what are the brothers doing? – Sprightly they set out, and it seemed to Jacob as if the day was turning twice as nice. And yet their speech and worries were only about Jesus. Jacob, the quieter one of the brothers, said: “Everything has its time. Everything will find its solution! I don’t yet believe and understand that all that we got to experience and learn should come to an end already. For we people tend to want to stop halfway on the way; but never God. He brings everything He starts to a glorious finish! And you can say what you will, all the wonderful things we experienced with Jesus, I will never forget them, and they nurture my hope. Everything will be alright! Let us let Jesus go. – He always made up double the work he missed anyway. And in his absence, the same got done that we would have done, had He been there.”

The brothers had to agree with Jacob, but Joel said: “Today He was missed, though, didn’t we want to be finished today?”

Having arrived at the house they were building, they all got to work, but to Jacob’s chagrin, the work is not going well. With strong words, the brothers express their displeasure at not having Jesus there with them.

Higher and higher the sun rose, and noon was close when a silent Joseph comes in with the even more silent Jesus. A brief greeting and the new arrivals join in with the work. – And now the brothers have to recognize that the work is coming along twice as fast.

A heavy beam was to be drawn up, and it seemed as if the power wasn’t enough when Jesus came to Joseph, saying: “Here, take My place!” Then, a push, a lift, a tug, and the beam was in place.

Astonished, the brothers looked at each other. But one of Jacob's heartstrings trembled with joy, so that its reflection was visible on his face. Now the brothers looked at him as well, but they remained silent.

Wordlessly, they ate their dinner. Senior Joseph lay down in the shade and was soon asleep. The brothers quietly discussed the work that was yet to be done.

Jesus, however, knew no rest. It seemed, he wanted to make up for the three missed days, and the others let him be; for they knew that Jesus would not have any argument and was generally not easily approachable for any discussion. So they too took up their work again, but they could see that Jesus accomplished a great deal in that half hour. Calmly and in silence, the work went on, and in late afternoon they were finished.

And who did not go home with them was Jesus! "I want to visit a distant neighbour and talk to him about possible work, but I will be home at bed time."

So, lovingly they bid their brother goodbye, whom they had often afflicted with pain – but Jacob asked: "Can't we go together? Mother is at ease when she knows I'm with you; for you have become real quiet since ..."

"Stop, My Jacob, for one should not put out there what one doesn't know [anything about]. Unfortunately you all waste the best part of your strength with so much talking and wrong actions. Why don't you always give God the honor in your hearts and recognize the lofty goals, which God set for you? Therefore, My brother, ask nothing more. Love your brothers and make no exception with Me. Greetings to mother once more! I will be home today."

When they reached home, Mary's eyes looked for Jesus, and her heart was pained anew when her beloved Jesus was not among them. Then Jacob related the greetings and told what Jesus had said. Joseph added: "Yes, let us thank our Lord and God Tsebaoth and give Him the glory. For His ways and His thoughts are different from ours.

"And you, Mary, don't spoil my son Jesus even more, for He is no longer a child. He can give us more than we need, and it is weakness when we worry about Him. Today, as I have often done before, I watched Him in everything He does. In spite of a sleepless night, He is the most alert [of us all], and His needs are only half of ours.

Here God has something specific in mind!

Therefore, let us bow down our mind and believe in His Promise: There comes the time when our God will speak a yet more beautiful language than in times past!"

Mary is silent, but her sorrow is greater than her faith. She is 'mother' after all, and wants to live only for her son, even though already much suffering and pain has fallen upon her heart.

Jesus and Mary

To her, however, it seemed as if Jesus didn't want to see any of her grief; and she couldn't talk to him; for then He would look at her and leave the house without a word in order to stay

away often for days, without nourishment and without a bed in which to sleep. “What is going on in Jesus? – Why will He not speak to His mother? Am I not worth it? Or did I hurt his feelings?” Those and similar thoughts went round and round in Mary’s head, keeping her from finding peace.” For sure, today I will ask Him” --- so was her intent. Then she prepared the evening meal.

Hours passed – and all of them went to bed -- all except for Mary. She sat down on the bench in front of the house, waiting for Jesus, who appeared after a short while. Nodding, He greeted His mother and sat down beside her. Minute after minute went by without a word being said. Mary’s heart grew painfully tight, when Jesus finally spoke: “Why are you so sad and let worry depress you so? Have you forgotten the great service God did for you?

“Why are you making My struggle so hard for me? You are after all the only person who could understand Me!

“Not I have changed, but (all of) you are the ones! I am the same as always, only I must first pay My tribute back to the earth, to whom I too owe this tribute. Therefore, as long as these shackles still exist, I am obligated to wrestle with it alone!

“Why don’t you put aside all your human thoughts and wishes, for all these things that you think should make Me happy and serve Me would only be mankind’s detriment. The fight isn’t about Me, no! It is about the earthly humanness. I do not strive for human goals but divine ones!

“Therefore, give Me your hand and ban all sorrow;” and softly, [He said] “A yet greater One will someday break your heart. “Therefore, cease all your wishing and nourish only one hope: That is, that God and man may unify ‘in Me’!

“Only then can I press toward the goal. Then I can also engage people, human beings who, like I, strive for only the one goal in order to attain eternal life. So be calm now and believe: Soon the time will come; but I have much to do before I can begin.

“When I was a child, I had all your love, which was able to separate itself from your own ego. Then, you trusted God, the Eternal. You were shown many proofs of grace, and you pressed Me to your heart, thankfully. Today, when I need you a thousand times more, today, when I wrestle with the forces of opposition within Me, I run into non-empathy everywhere. That is why I am so lonely and will remain so until the ransom comes. Then you will all rejoice! What has been written will occur: The least (smallest) will be raised to the highest,² and haughtiness will come to fall!

You can be sure, Mary, the heavenly blessings begin only when humility and total submission [devotion] before God are paired up! And all heavenly glory pours into the heart with a childlike faith, just believing – not wanting to know! Therefore, do not hinder Me, the well within Me must [be allowed] to flow, so that the course of this world can once again be aligned with the laws of the eternal divine Order!”

²He who bows before God in humility, [feeling] small.

“Jesus!” Mary calls out, horrified. “What are you planning? Stay in the house and don’t cause new sorrow. What do you need to worry about finding new powers? What do you want to change here in the earthly being? Look at me! I, your mother love you so much; spare me further grief! How quickly the old Joseph could leave us in order to return to his fathers, then I will only have You! It is all over with the great hopes...

“Surely, I have to think often of past times; how Jehovah helped us, and how He sent visible angels to us. He must have planned things differently; for when I think about conceiving you: ‘A light in the darkness’ you were supposed to be. Yet today you almost don’t remember that you have a mother; you are deaf and dumb and you turn to other people. Oh Jesus, my Jesus, my heart is breaking from sorrow.

“Oh, if You only had heard your foster father complaining before his God, you surely would find your way back to us and be our good, dear Jesus.”

“Woman, cease [your wailing]. Oh Mary, you don’t know what you are wishing for! If I were to give in and do your will, I would surely not fulfill God’s wish! God’s wish and will lives in Me like a seed, and therefore I have to water and take care of it. I am not seeking new powers, oh no! It is the old Primordial Power, which must be unearthed in the human heart. That is why I beg you, be still and let Me have stillness as well; someday there will be a recompense for you, your loving, worrying and sorrowing. Only a brief time, then the way will be cleared and the path made straight to this Primordial Power within. Then you will follow Me, not forced but propelled by the Spirit, for which I am struggling, and which I have to set free of all sludge and soul-bindings. And this is so hard, so hard!

“Oh mother, do understand Me this time. Don’t let me beg in vain! Be big and strong and look to the One Who chose you! Oh mother, bless Me, your son! Today I’m still your son; I’m uncertain if I can say this again. For something greater, mightier has chosen and taken hold of Me so that the enemy of all life can be robbed of all his weapons.

“Look down to Me; I am kneeling before you proclaiming the love of a son. And what have you done up until now? You nourished My body but My soul is longing for a love that is life and understanding, and this in such a measure that it would frighten you! Believe Me, My mother, a longing lives in Me, which cannot be stilled until I am loosened from all the soul-transient being. It is the Spirit which lights the way for Me to the fullness of power and life – in Me! And it shows with even greater clarity all the obstacles to this goal! And a great hurdle was My childlike but blind love for you! I wanted to conquer, not hurt your feelings. I wanted to fight, overcome, but you were not supposed to see any of it! I wanted to make you happy – as a good son would, and yet I failed. For it held Me back until I finally decided to fight, openly and freely, all these powers of opposition *in Me*.

“It is the reason why I left you all and hurried toward the stillness of the forest and to the mountains high. And I found My way only when the spirit of love in Me became stronger and stronger, the Spirit which admonished and quickened Me [bidding Me to hurry]. I do not get

tired – if I don't wish to and I do not hunger – if I don't want to; but My heart cannot yet keep silent – when I want it to; there are still too many earthly wishes present.

“Now I have clearly explained My inner life and My goal to you. Bless Me, for I need your love! But continue your silence with the brothers, and do not show any more that you grieve over Me. Do not promise it to Me, but to yourself. And Jehovah's spirit and love will flow about you and strengthen you until the finished victory! – Good night!”

Testimony of the Archangel

Quickly, Jesus disappeared into the house, but to Mary's soul all his words once more resounded loudly and mightily.

After a silence of some minutes, suddenly a [bright] flash tore into the night, and there stands [stood] a brightly shining form before the frightened mother.

“Be not afraid, you afflicted one. Chosen are you before all mothers, for you are to experience all the glories of the eternal God's love! Great things are upon you and the entire world! You should not forget this, for listen:

“The victory has fallen upon Jesus!

“All of hell is raging and tries everything to cause Jesus to do something using foreign powers. And the worst thing for us is that we have to see His struggles and are not allowed to help.

“Wherever Jesus stands alone, there is the opposition in great numbers. You too, blessed mother, stood on the side of the opposition, and have made the victory difficult for our Lord and God in Jesus. Therefore, strengthen yourself in my light and in my words, and wherever faith is lacking, let there be only love and hope. Thereby you will open the gate for all the good in you, and by having a right, strong Will, you will find enough strength [to do so]. And whoever works with this power has not worked in vain.

“Now, I have to go until God the Lord calls us again in order to serve you continually in His unending love.

“Then we will hasten in sweet, holy desire and can continue to nourish the seedling in your bosom. Let us be steadfast!

“And thus I remain in humility your blessed servant Gabriel. Amen!

Joseph's Visit to the Construction Site

“Greeting in God, brother of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” With these words an old man with long flowing hair and beard shakes the hand of Joseph, who is advanced in years. “Finally, I

get to greet you, for I long to speak with you! Two days ago, I was here, but your wife referred me to you with my critical question weighing on my heart.”

“A heartfelt welcome, dear brother Andreas of the Lord! May the spirit of Jehovah illumine us so that we may understand each other. I know from my wife that you were here, but I can assure you, in the name of Jehovah, that you are misinformed about my son Jesus. Why do you bother about Him? And even if Jesus leaves the house and stays away, which seems for us long nights, HE is still too good of a son to bring shame to us, who are from the tribe of David. But come and rest [from your journey]! Maybe you can speak with Him yourself, for He is having breakfast in the house.” ---

Embarrassed and with trepidation the old Jew returned today only because of his love for the house of Joseph having had a thought, whose fulfillment he cared much about for a long while now, which was why he bothered more than usual about Joseph and Jesus.

Just now, Jesus enters the work shop, greets them, briefly looking at Andreas penetratingly with His large eyes and wordlessly extends his hand to him.

Andreas takes His hand as if he didn't want to let go, ever. Then he says to Jesus: “My dear, young friend and brother in God! I am always feeling drawn to you, as if you were my son! I share the joy your parents have over You, but unfortunately also the pain of your not fulfilling your responsibilities with the holy earnestness, which God – through Moses – transmitted to us and our people.

“I [have] come in order to make You and Your parents a proposition. You [all] know that I own a lot of land and in this mighty time, when the army of the Gentiles, the Romans, are threatening to destroy all faith and good morals, I need a dependable young man.

“You know that I don't have a male seed, only my daughter Edith is with me; and it has become lonely and hopeless in my house since Jehovah has called my wife to the kingdom of the dead.

“Oh see, dear brother Joseph, you are old, like me; your sons are doing your work. They get along without you and do well on their own and they know what they are doing; you stayed poor, however, and your property has not increased.

“I don't want to criticize your often blind love and false modesty, which does not help but hinder you. Therefore, let now wisdom speak – and come to us, you, your wife and Jesus, your youngest son. All else we leave up to Jehovah, the Lord.” –

Joseph looks at Andreas for a long while. – Then, with stirring words, he lets him know that this is not possible, “for Jehovah wants us to remain in Nazareth. But let us ask Jesus as well!”

Jesus, having listened to the entire conversation comes toward the two old men at once, bows before Andreas and says: “Useless is any word coming from My mouth, because in your hearts and minds I am nothing other than the spoiled favourite of My mother, and as such have no will of My own. But this is where you are so wrong! And if you think such a son would be

useful to you, as son-in-law, I assure you I may never entertain such thoughts, for My life has a higher goal.

“But since you are sincere, and you, Andreas have come to us with good intentions, let us converse about what alone is badly needed, now – and for all times.

“You, oh so righteous Joseph, how could you forget so easily the great show of God’s grace?

“And you oh Andreas, you just-one after the Law of Moses, how is it that Jehovah’s promises are not enough for you? Are you not both of an age where worried questions should be a thing of the past?

“You, Joseph, see in Me the great task resolved: that by My great stressful fight with Myself, I am developing abilities, and a will, before which you must bow. Consequently, you should realize that God, the Eternal, as the great, true LOVE, would not allow such a successfully led battle to be fought for naught; for His love is based on true wisdom. And that I stand before you now, not as your son but as the One who can say:

A little while longer, and the battle comes to an end! Then

I will build a way that leads straight to the true goal of
mankind. And this Holy Way is called:

R e d e e m i n g l o v e f o r a l l l i f e t h a t i s s t i l l b o u n d !

“You, Andreas, your longing is: To be happy and not to have to see the bad luck of others. Why do you worry about your daughter Edith, who you love with all your heart, and wish for her the greatest happiness? And in her newly found happiness, you are trying to forget your age and the fact that your death is not far. [However,] did you ever know true happiness? No, and once more I say no! For you have reveled in the titillation of passion, which does not know real love. What have you done thus far to reward the goodness of Jehovah God, which has made you exceedingly rich and great before the world? Have you ever known what it means to be ‘rich’? – I shall tell you a name that is rich! And that name is ‘JESUS’ – and is standing before you. Rich am I! For what I have does not belong to the earth’s might,³ and ‘the world’ will never envy Me for My wealth, because it is invisible.– Only few hands reach for this high possession which is called ‘Freedom’; to be free in your will and desires, to be free in all that you do and how you act. To recognize no power, except for the divine one within man and outside of man, that is true wealth above wealth! Therefore, travel homeward and examine your wealth, whether or not it is the kind which stays with you after your physical death. Maybe then you can understand the meaning of My words!”

³ It means that it is nothing earthly and temporal

“Joseph,” Andreas calls out, “did I not know that your son has gotten crazy ideas in His brain, due to Him always being by Himself, and He pushed aside all clear and smart thinking, just so He can be known as ‘special’.

“Don’t make the mistake, dear brother through Abraham, in thinking that these stories that are circulating about Jesus will bring joy to the house of Jehovah and the high priests. For in all of Israel’s history, no such case is known. And truly I cannot understand that you let it get that far. For especially from you we only knew the fear of God and faith. But it is not too late! [Why don’t] you and your wife use all of your influence and move in with me. For in different surroundings Jesus will become a different person, and we will reach our goal as well.”

“Dear brother Andreas,” Joseph answered solemnly, “You could have saved your speech, for you don’t know Jesus like I do. The very thing we want is what He won’t do.

“How much did my wife worry and fret. She fought! We have prayed, - and do you know where it has gotten us? Only the assurance that Jesus is called for other things.

“As of now, I don’t yet know how it will all pan out; and who knows how much of it I will have to experience, but this one thing is sure:

“Jesus is different from us!

“For instance: We pray or sing our Psalm, and Jesus goes alone up to yonder rise! We are all hungry and spent from a hard day’s work, and Jesus seems to have an iron nature! We have the need to speak our mind, and Jesus never does. Not one word can you get out of Him. And I am surprised that He spoke at such length with you.

“We, for instance, every now and then contemplate the future; - Jesus not even once. But let someone ill or a beggar come to the house, Jesus is with him, consoles him and gives him alms. And thus I have observed Jesus in all His doings and actions, never having any reason to criticize or take Him to task.

“A Troup of Romans is coming down the road, stopping at the well. You know yourself that it is strictly forbidden to give bread and water to the poor hungry and thirsty prisoners. What does Jesus do? He goes out there with bread and water, looks at the Romans and they tolerate Jesus refreshing the prisoners. And how I worried about His deed! But Jehovah had mercy on us. We did not suffer any misfortune. On the contrary, my sons acquired a profitable commission from the Roman commandant.

“And thus I live in the recognition that silence is the best route in this case. If Jesus can be silent all day, I should be able to remain silent too even if the mouth would love to say a lot.”

In this moment Mary comes in and gazes questioningly at the three men, because everything has been so calm and quiet in the workshop. Then she warmly greets the guest, walks over to Jesus and tells Him that she needs help with something. Jesus answers humbly: “Do stay here for a few moments; there were negotiations because of Me, and if you feel like it, you and Joseph, you can move in with Andreas. I will stay here until this urging life in Me commands My move to action! Man is still very badly off who on one hand only wants to gain

for himself many benefits with his holdings. On the other hand it is just as wrong when a man carelessly leaves the ground that has nurtured him for many years and has brought him much luck and many a good life. For only in the fulfillment of his duties does a man let go of his spirit of worry and lets trust grow, first within himself and then in the eternal God and Creator. Thus many things are taken care of as if by themselves.

“Dear friends, and you too, Mary! I am sure of success because a ‘new life’ is already announcing itself in my bosom. However, I will only call ‘life’ what you all cannot yet grasp; for not human willing brings about this success! No, but earnestly conquering one’s own wishing. My hope is not for tomorrow or the day after that, no, I count on today! I want to fulfill the tasks life has for Me today. And God the Eternal gives Me the strength [for it] and lets Me succeed!

“Look here at this rough, large piece of wood. It takes at least 2 or 3 hours in order to bore a hole through there, but I only take the iron to it, press forward, and the work is done.

“How long, dear friend, do you think this feat took Me? It took Me years to learn to concentrate My will to the extent⁴ that these powers were put to order in Me, as if a second man within Me with enormous strength hastens to My aid. But you will not understand this until later.

“Therefore, be calm and still and don’t talk about Me! And don’t be angry with Me either. Happy is only he who can handle what comes toward him – no matter what or how – without losing his calm and inner peace so that the man can learn to count on the help which comes to him– as if all by itself – from within.

“And with this let us end our conversation. Come, Mary, I want to help you with whatever you need done. God’s blessing [be] with all of you! But you, dear brother Andreas, be today Joseph’s guest! There is still much I must do, which I cannot share with you for the sake of your calm. Greetings to your daughter Edith; I know she knows Me and loves Me in her own way. I love her too, but only the way I love you. That is why any other [human] desire must be eliminated, even at the risk of losing what you call “happiness.” The goal for which I strive is necessary, so that in the future all people strive only for the one goal, that is, to become one with God. And even if opposition mounts upon opposition, or obstacle after obstacle tries to hinder Me, I have come far enough to know that all that can be pushed aside by the innermost calm and godly dignity.

“Absolutely nothing may separate us from this holy bent toward God so that God may become present within us, with all His love and power. But as long as God and man are two, Satan has the ability to triumph. Only when God and man have “become One,” has the victory over all separation been won! Then I can be everywhere! Then the awakening, joyfully-working, glorious life can reveal itself, for it is in and of God. Give Me not opposition, but keep My words; they will someday be a light, a signal, for you to align yourselves with this divine Spirit of all life!

⁴ We too should learn to harness our will power in this way so we don’t scatter our energy or degrade our power.

Happy are you, Joseph, for having finally decided not to be a hindrance to Me anymore! Great are you, Mary, before God because you bow to My will in meekness! However, the enemy of all life is watching, I've known it for some time. [Let us all] hold on to the precept: 'with God – everything, without God – nothing.' And now, God bless! Amen!

Conversations of Jesus with the Son of Zacharias Upon a Solitary Mountain

Amid high mountains, sitting upon a rock, Jesus beheld the glorious constellations which presented themselves to His eyes. It was night time, and intently His eyes were scanning the far night sky; only in the lowland were the wooded hills still visible. His eyes searched the distance again and again, only to then, as if disappointed, look back to the sky. Jesus, now overcome by sleepiness, didn't fight against it. This was the third night, after all, on this high mountain. The stars were growing dim, and a slight rosiness on the horizon, as well as the liveliness of the birds, proclaimed the beginning of a new day.

Jesus awakened feeling chilly. He wrapped Himself more tightly in His cloak. Once again His focus was on that point in the lowland. As of now, there was nothing to see. Jesus got down on His knees, propped His head up in His hands and began to pray:

"Holy Father, You love of all loves, You life of all lives, I am engrossed in You and in silent adoration on this morning; but see, I need you. Your power is needed here. I see the path, and clearly, the tasks that are still awaiting Me as a human being, but I badly need this consciousness: that You are in Me, that you live in Me, no longer as a second life-next to Me, but as My Own life! Oh Father! On this coming day, too, the smallest thing shall be a witness to Me: You are with Me and in Me! Amen!"

Jesus got up. His eyes were once again trained to this point, which now in the twilight revealed itself as a narrow pass. Above the pass a vulture circled in order to descend upon its prey. Jesus opened His mouth and said, as if talking to Himself: "Redemption shall someday come to you⁵ as well, once the seed has been planted and the enemy [been] overcome. Oh you poor Earth – with your even poorer earth dwellers. How happy you would be if the enemy of all life would fulfill God's will as your peaceful shepherd. However, good Father, the time has not yet come for Your love and goals!" Jesus walked around and continued to look at the rising sun, which looked like it had been dipped into red-hot coals. The sun rose higher and higher in order to glow and shine with white light.

Jesus reached for the light as though He wanted to bathe in it, turned around, and suddenly saw "His Shadow": His outstretched arms, His body from head to toe forming a cross!

"Oh you cross, you symbol of humility, you sign of powerlessness, you emblem of the eternal divine creation, under your sign I will be victorious!"

⁵As correspondence – of greedy vulture souls.

And shivering, Jesus sat back down on His stone in order to continue watching the narrow pass.

“Will he come? – Will he follow the call of the spirit?” Jesus asked Himself, and prayerfully He said to Himself: “Oh You Eternal Love, it is Your Will – (that John should come). He shall belong to Me. Open wide both of our hearts, so that we will mature to be used in Your services!”

As if guided by an invisible hand, along the narrow pathway there came a young man, now hastening with long strides towards Jesus. His face red; his pulse and breath fast and heavy, for he had run all without rest, over rocks and forest paths, through shrubs and thickets through the night in order to be at the place where Jesus now sat.

“Let me rest here with You, My beloved brother, and allow me to ask: What does this mean? For three days now [I feel] the mighty pull that draws me to you, yet I have been doubting myself, for I knew You to be in Nazareth with your loved-ones.

“And stronger yet became the urge, and I left the Father house – where mother is now worried – and I set out for the mountains. And suddenly it seemed as if the strong urge was changing to power and assurance within me. [It was] as if an invisible finger was directing me on the way through the many, many obstacles.

“And now, thanks be to Jehovah, I am here. Now I finally have clarity: You need me. – Tell me why and for what? Pray tell, brother of my heart. Would we not have had more comfort and convenience at your house than here in this wilderness, above us the sky and far below us, home. Here [we are] like god-forsaken ones, without food and safety. Tell me, what does all this mean?”

“Softly, Jesus answered: “John! Give me Your hands and let Me look into your dear, trusting eyes! I know you are without guile, and yet I am in great fear and mourning for you.

“Let Me finish what I have to say, and look at Me as well. Look hard, so that all your concerns can be put to rest and you can perceive the core [essence] of My soul! Oh, see, up here in this pure mountain air, surrounded by pious beings, we are without any pressure, which the depths inflict upon all hearts. Tired from hunger and thirst, yes exhausted, there is nothing here with which to be filled. Here it is easy for the Spirit to strengthen and refresh us. Here, our souls become much more pliable to receive the sublime nourishment and lofty gifts straight from the hand of the eternal God.

“I have called you and you have come! Remember the conversation of our fathers. Remember what we often talked about during our short visits! But you have forgotten it. You have allowed your mind to influence you. Have you not yet felt it, that with all your honest willing and wanting, you have remained poor and restless within?

“You see, we both are called to higher things than you can ever fathom. Let Me share with you how much I have fought and struggled; yet it cannot be put into words. But consider: for Me it was always holy earnestness when it came to this great, mighty life’s goal. Do you

think that God the Eternal has to come for you in order to give to you His gifts of grace? Brother, if this is what you think, you are totally wrong! (Only by enormous, inner struggles and with holy earnest can man attain these divine gifts of grace!)

“Because of His endless blessings while leading us, and because of His grace, we are both called to bring back to HIM lost lives! And all that was lost now lies in our hearts, as never-ending wealth that is of God.

“Only the slightest attraction, even the smallest love for that which is temporal, does not allow this Being, so full of grace, to come to the fore in us.

“I have recognized this, our, mission, have envisioned the wealth of power and fullness in our spirit, and I am growing stronger more and more in My will to turn from all that is earthly.

“Therefore, dear John, do look into your heart as well. There lies your cradle, the resting place of the eternal Love of God. The new life springing from this love develops only there, where this love is.

“Everything you see is sick within, deathly sick. You can search the whole world over; no helper can be found. The helper lives only first in us as an insignificant smallest atom, which wants to be nurtured and fed by our love for this ‘New Life of God’. And now you will ask: With what shall I nourish this life of God in me? There is no easy answer. It is this: You [nourish it] with whatever earthly wishes you sacrifice; with all that you diminish of your own soul-being. Then all cumbersome powers will be ready to be of service to you.

“I need you as My harbinger, as the one who has to alert people of that which is to come: As divine life – in Me – to all people!

“You know the temple and its hypocritical dealings. You know scripture and all prophecies. You have known for a while now that the Eternal Love wants to embody itself in Me on this Earth and at this time. And still you hold on to the rigid law. See here, if God has given you the powers to dismiss sin, you should not think that all people are made that way. Have you lived through all the depths of your soul already? And can you call the means your own that it takes to heal the sick? No, that would be fallacy! For all your belief, doings and workings can only rely upon what you have learnt in the temple and in the schools.

“One needn’t be a sharp spirit in order to judge all the wrongs and mistakes, and one doesn’t have to be illumined to recognize all the evil.

“However, the time is now here when all that which is divine in man shall be revealed. It can only be revealed to us, however, in the light of our true, earnest, sacred service to God and by sacrificing all that is earthly in our own Self, and that [should happen] with all people.

“Therefore, look about you: rays of light are about us in order to help us recognize in the light that all that, which wants to live has to be saturated by the light. For it is light that aids all growth! It is light which opens up the darkness in our soul! And it is light which allows us to recognize all that is pernicious in us!”

“Dear brother Jesus, Your love is great, this I feel now in this hour; but I do not yet understand you. Indeed, I still remember your former speeches concerning our future, and I remember that You described my end as unsatisfying, when you spoke of it as: A sacrifice of your [John’s] self-love [ego].

“But I became all confused when I thought about Your all-too serious words, though spoken with great love. And so it is today, again in this morning hour.

“Just now it comes to my consciousness again where we are, and the mysterious way I was drawn here. Oh Jesus, this place [solitude] makes me feel anxious. Let us turn around! On the way home we can discuss what it is You need me to do for You. Come, let us get away from here, and don’t let me beg in vain.”

“Oh John, if you do not want to understand Me today, you will shatter a support, a hope in Me! Oh see, for three days I am sitting here in expectation, and now that you are here, you take no part in my [great] struggle? You feel My love, and to your heart it feels like balm; but now you are showing that you do not yet know true love inside of you.

“Love is only ‘love’ when there is no hesitation; for wherever things have to be carefully weighed, love risks nothing! Only ‘true love’ gives everything, without hesitation. But the guide of this true love must be God’s light and His wisdom! That is why many things, yes, everything that is your own has to die in you!”⁶

“And so continue; get it all off your chest, but consider that in all happenings there were always two [involved]. When Adam was put upon the Earth as lord, as representative of God, everything created was to him in a kind of relationship, like man to wife. Adam [functioning] as the divine procreator, and creation as the child-bearing one. But by his own doing, by the love for his own self,⁷ all this ⁸wonderful glory inherent in him was destroyed.

“Then Adam – as the one who begets – was supposed to find himself ‘in the woman,’ which is why God unified in Eve all that is creature-like. However, Adam went down, wife and all!

“Until today, God the Eternal cared for all fallen and bound life Himself. Now, finally, in the two of us all conditions are fulfilled where we, like an Adam and an Eve and as pure as they were in the beginning, can be influential, first in a blessing, stimulating fashion to the wasted (lost) inner life of mankind, and then – as if on its own accord – to all creation!

“Here we are, before the two of us are great tasks. I know Mine and I have shown you yours. Now it all depends on our being [successful].

“I am now already at the end of My great fight [with Myself]! I want to support you and show you your more than glorious, huge goal.⁹For, Brother John, if you fail in this colossal,

⁶ All shortsighted self-will as guide in us must therefore die in us.

⁷ Instead of sacrificing his own wishes for divine tasks!

⁸As the free lord over all earthly creative powers.

⁹ To this day, Jesus is asking for this decision of every single Christian!

immense [violent] time, an even greater test will come upon you, one that is yet much more tremendous!

“Oh see, if you have ‘Me’ so that you could say: I and You – we are one? Then I (as the love) mean everything to you! And you, (as the one who understands this love) would be the first to bear fruit of eternal being. Later, you will have to search first – and sometimes you will err, and the tests of your faith will be measured exactly by how much inherent power you have to bear them. Therefore, speak [your mind] and be open with Me.”

John remained silent. – Finally, he confessed: “Dear Bother Jesus, the profound meaning of your speech is incomprehensible for my limited mind. You are placing questions and tasks before me of which I am not worthy. Why don’t you look for someone one better than I! One who has the right appreciation and understanding for this great, powerful love you described to me.

“I cannot go against my nature and cannot live a life that is still strange to me. Oh see, you know my upbringing: [It was] strict and by the rules of the laws of Moses. But this love for which you want to fight is too mysterious for me, and I fear you will shipwreck mightily. That which you portray for me in your life as a struggle to overcome your flesh and your self-love, they are puzzling to me. Your goal is to depict a life in God, and you want to pave the way for us human beings to act as helpers and saviours for all that is lost. Oh my Jesus, You good and dear human being. Stay what You are and you will best serve Yourself!

“Don’t believe that You can destroy the temple power! Do not believe the keepers of the temple will believe you! I know this full well, and it is exactly this life lived with them that has rendered me so rough and tough. Surely, I know better than to consciously allow myself to sin; and if I did sin during the day, I did penance in sack cloth and ashes before night would fall. But I have never heard of this love, forbearance, and goodness except from You and from Your and my mother – and my father who is long gone. Believe me, if I could, I would destroy the temple because that is where sin dwells mightily. But I am only a person – and that is why I will keep true to my intent to herald the coming of the kingdom of God to all people!¹⁰

“Whatever light power and might You bear within, verily, it is within me as a longing [feeling], yes, I sense greatness in You. But knowledge is more important to me than fathoming. So, look for others to help You, who would voluntarily follow You! For You are the Lord in your personality and in Your being.– I am [merely] your slave [servant]. Therefore, oh Jesus, let me relish the right, today, to call you brother! Let me embrace you one last time, and let me kiss your mouth and true [faithful; loyal; sincere] eyes! And from this memory I want to draw when life deals me hard blows – oh my Jesus, my brother!”

“Come to My breast, My John! Spiritually, I have always tied you to Me, for I love you – love you so much! [Why don’t you] grasp the Spirit in me, and sense the sanctity of this holy morning hour. Drink till you are full and let all your misgivings disappear; for only one thing is

¹⁰ Jesus – by His own insights – attempting to choose his own high calling!

needed, and that is: Recognize Me! Recognize in Me the Spirit of Light and Life!¹¹ Then you are equipped to be My messenger and way preparer.

“Of course, I will look for ‘brothers’ who – altogether – will embody what you were supposed to depict. Oh see, I could influence you, like I did when I pulled you up here. But in the future, I am not allowed to do this anymore either, because the enemy of life has too many spies. Therefore, only what happens in voluntary heart-love can be the right thing to let happen. Therefore, relish this hour in the right way!

“For now it is the Spirit of Love bringing us together, and trying to strengthen our wills for the holy work [that is to be].

“Whether or not I can speak to you in that way again depends entirely upon your attitude, upon the condition of your heart. If you wish to be My faithful John and remain so, bar from you all know-it-all tendencies and all self-righteousness. For it is a hundred times better to suffer injustice than to cause it. And if you truly want to rise and work in this spirit of love, then you should live in such a way that none of your fellow-men walks away from you disappointed. Heaven’s might and blessing belongs only to the heart that can bow humbly before God the Lord. For only a heart permeated by His Spirit will be able to work and serve in this love. Oh, My John, overcome all your concerns and become free! Our time has come, and everyone needs our help! Behold this beautiful land, peace still resides in its hushed forests. But let people move in, and all peace is gone. They no longer know what peace is and what it is that serves peace. They do not know what love is, and what it is that serves love. And so we arm ourselves for a cheerful service in this love.

“Do not ask where or when we serve. You will know the answer in your heart. But if you go your way without Me,¹² I will learn to bow to this too, and will not stand in the way of your self-chosen service to the great, divine work.

“Now I have let you know My wish. Choose yourself! And your wages will be in accordance with your effort. So let us part. May your way back be easy and free. As for Me, I will stay here on this mountain for the night in order to become more stable and one with the holy god-being in Me. So receive My blessing of love and remember the words from your Jesus! Amen.

John was finding it hard to say goodbye; for the first time in his life, he felt what it means to part. With tears in his eyes, he called out to Jesus: “I will await your call, oh faithful Jesus, and God be with us, until we see each other again.”

Hurriedly, he disappeared down the hollow pass – and Jesus is alone!! Under His breath he mumbled: “Oh John, if you had stayed with Me [today], freely, we would have never parted all the way to victory. This too, I have to overcome today.

¹²Your own way of the mind without the love, through this earthly life.

“And tonight, if I meet no one else, I will hasten home to mother, who is longingly awaiting Me.

“Oh God – oh Father – oh You Love! – How I thank you that My mother understands Me and no longer asks questions! Her gentle hand on My head gives Me strength, it is balm for My wounded soul. Thank You, oh You glorious Father for glorifying Yourself in Mary’s heart,¹³ and for letting Me feel the great, mighty, glorious goal!

“Though many dark days will first pass, the most difficult time has been overcome. Oh, how happy I would be if Joseph just like Mary would learn to understand Me.

“But heart, you must grow silent so that God may speak in you.”

Thereby this scene on the mountain was ended.

¹³ As the great, all-understanding Love.

A Day in the House of Joseph

Booklet 2

Jesus and Jacob on their Way to a New Work Site

One beautiful morning, Jacob and Jesus sprightly walked the land, with their tools on their backs and in their hands. For a long time, they walked silently through villages and towns, until Jesus began to question Jacob:

“Has your heart finally grown still?”

Jacob answered: “Not quite, not yet – but I am actually used to walking dumbly next to and with You.

“Oh see, my brother Jesus, I have forgotten nothing; I hope and believe. But since You finally allowed me to speak, and we are both alone, my Jesus, let me be open with you that these were hard times for us, hard for us, hard for You. But, do tell me, was, and is, all this necessary? The grief at home!...Our old father Joseph can do almost nothing any more. And You Jesus, You good, good man, You still manage to remain lonesome, silent, and [the way] You avoid people.

“Have You already forgotten what You Yourself taught us? When I look at the notes, my good Jesus, I think I’m sitting at the eternal heaven’s door. But as I now observe Your behaviour, I am sitting at the gates of hell, and immense conflict is in my heart. It is true, You do Your share of the responsibilities better than us all, but I cannot understand the way You are acting.

“When You were still a child, you came to [me] Your Jacob. And now, when we could get along much better, You avoid me? I am surprised that father agreed to us having to live and work far from home for about two weeks, and that Mary, Your mother, agreed with it just like that.”

“My Jacob, don’t ask so much all at once. Everything had to happen the way it did because that is how I wanted it. And in the end, you will see and understand why I chose you for this work-journey.

“Write everything down. Do not judge Me, not even for the smallest thing. For everything has its good reason!

“And the reason why I no longer came to you in the school of life was that I no longer needed it. But I give you, My brother Jacob, the good advice: Come to Me ever more often, and let Me advise you. For in My heart lives the fullness and great wealth.

“How happy could you all have been, if you had heeded the revelations that were such a blessing, and if you thereby had contributed to everything resolving itself easier and faster.

“Today, My Jacob, I am truly standing, not only with one but two feet on the true godly ground. And that which Moses only felt, I **know**: This ground is holy!

“And how could I achieve all this? Only in the stillness, you see, and by being alone![It took] a mighty strong will to fight My heart. [It was] bad for Me and for you; you did not want to understand what was necessity of life for Me.

“That is the reason – I became still – and closed myself off to you.

“All the grief in Joseph’s house burnt in My soul; many tears I shed and many a pain penetrated My heart. It wanted to be mirthful with you, wanted to be glad and merry.

“Yet it would have been the death, the spiritual death for many.

“It is easier to speak about these things when they have been conquered; but believe Me, so much is yet to be overcome!

“The fact that mother worried and suffered horribly is understandable; but the fact that you encouraged her in her wrong action and that you even ridiculed the holy love, which bound us (for she loved Me only as her son), that was an injustice, was very wrong! But now even that has been resolved. And this approaching part of our lives will hopefully be more peaceful and more heartfelt.

“Listen, My Jacob, I wanted to be alone with you and work with you at this time. I will not use any super-natural powers; for ‘My time’ has not yet come! But in the house of Zachaeus, where we work, let Me as the younger one give out the assignment and work-impetus. Our reputation as carpenters is very good; and where we work, in the house of Zachaeus, himself from the line of Abraham, he [Zachaeus] shall be prepared for the work of the kingdom of Jehovah. Later he shall become an important witness for all eternity.

“However, I cannot say this is how it will be, or this is what I want, because the human being’s free will I must honor, as well as yours!

“And for this reason and life’s principle I will, from now on, do everything in such a way that not even the slightest pressure is used. Heed this, My brother Jacob!

“So let us both remain silent for a little while. We will stay overnight in the next village.

“Bear in mind My words.”

Stopover with a Proprietor of an Inn

Thus the two continued on their way, Jacob with misgivings in his heart, and Jesus with a thoughtful countenance. After a long and arduous hike, they reached the Inn. And in accordance with the Jew’s customs, they washed their feet and asked for food, drink, and a place to sleep in the name of Jehovah, to which the friendly proprietor agreed.

A noisy clamor could be heard from the next room full of Roman soldiers drinking; but they both acted as if it was of no concern to them.

When they had finished eating and drinking, the old proprietor came and asked how they were doing. Jesus cordially thanked him and then asked the proprietor:

“Since you asked us with good intentions and in a good way, allow us to ask you a question:

“Are you content and happy?”

The old proprietor looked at Him with penetrating eyes, saying:

“Young friend, You are the first who asks for my contentment and happiness. If I am to answer you honestly, I have to say: ‘No!’ For sorrow after sorrow burdens my heart.

“Listen to these aliens, how they carry on, acting like lords. And we have to watch powerlessly, as they blaspheme everything that was holy to us. And should some other day the Templers [clerics] stop in and we complain about it, [their answer is] we didn’t pray and sacrifice enough!”

“And how I had hoped that our beautiful fatherland would be honored to house all Jews as free and happy people, loved and blessed by Lord God Tsebaoth!

“But now I have grown old and gray; who knows how soon I can go home to my fathers? – And how I had hoped for the Redeemer, the Messiah. How I have, in the stillness, saved love upon love and wealth upon wealth in order to honor the One Who is going to lead the people out of Roman Babylon!

“For years one would occasionally hear about the child prodigy. And now for me, stooped from age, all hope is dwindling.”

“You, dear Innkeeper have told us more than you meant to, but drawn by our love in us for you, you just couldn’t stay silent. For, verily I say unto you: I understand your longing, your hope, and also your pain. In My heart too lives the total confidence that redemption is near. Soon the time has come! Of course, you will hardly experience it. – But go now to your guests, they are calling for you.”

The door opened, and a subordinate commander, his cheeks all aglow, came to their table and invited them both to come to the adjacent room with him, since they were alone, after all. Jesus thanked him but declined and invited him:

“Please sit down at our table. See, we have been on our feet almost all day and still have ways to go; we need some quiet [time] now. But we could stay together for a little while.”

The commander looked at Jesus, extended his hand to Him, saying: “When I look at You, something stirs in my heart and puts me in a right joyful mood. That cannot be caused by the wine I had. You, I could make friends with you right now!”

Jesus stood up and extended His right hand to him:

“So shall your wish be fulfilled! Now, at this hour I have nothing more to offer you than My friendship. But there will come a time when My friendship will be the greatest happiness for you.

“It is My nature; when I acknowledge a human being as My friend, I want to render him totally happy. And My love will be like a rising sun, which envelopes everything in a bright glow.

“And so, become happy! Call Me ‘My Jesus’ and burn My picture into your heart whenever you have to be elsewhere fulfilling your commitments.

“For see, I too have received you into My heart, and I want to love and bless you! My whole heart is filled with the one thought: ‘What must I do to have all people recognize what happiness awaits those who strive to make others happy?’

“Oh see, you are a Gentile, I am a Jew. But our hearts did not ask: Who are you, but we allowed the pull of love to take us prisoner in order to never again be apart, save physically.

“I am – That I am! My great task still lies before Me, just like a beautiful panorama seen from a high mountain, and clearly I see the path that I must go. When the time has come I shall proclaim to all [in the world] who will listen that their present wrong and mistaken actions [and thoughts] in all the world are its downfall. And that every man shall only work on himself in order to shatter the shackles that tie us so tightly with the world. Go ahead, look at Me, My dear Julius. I know your name, but not only since today. I’ve known you for a long time, and you too will wish to know Me better.

“Give Me your word of honor to keep to yourself the things I tell you, and today will be for you a day full of grace. And when you see the One of whom your brother told you so many

things and who put the following on your heart: When you meet 'Jesus,' hold on to Him. Hold on to Him, if possible, so tightly that He may become your friend!

"True, My brother Jacob was a witness to many glorious, powerful revelations from God. But he experienced the same thing your brother Cornelius did: They have not yet recognized the Spirit in Me. However, everything needs time.

"You, however, do recognize the Eternal God of the Jews and receive Him within yourself. He is the One who can give us the power to remove all shackles, all urges of dark passions, all evil instincts in us¹⁴, and then you will understand My words.

"All blissfulness has its source in your own inner abode of the heart. But as long as passions completely control [the] man, no true happiness can develop in him.

"You ask: 'How should I understand you, my Jesus?'

"I tell you this one thing: Watch your soldiers,¹⁵ how they act on and off duty, how they behave when they are sober and when they are full of sweet wine. Then you will see My answer."

"Because if I were to tell you what you need [to know], I would be in the way of your future happiness. But if you find out everything on your own, think of Me, and I will support you with [My] blessing in the fight with yourself.

"Mankind's greatest happiness is in being without [having any] wishes. But the steps to this happiness do not lead upwards, towards honor and fame, but downwards to –not wanting-to-be anything, to being ready to serve, to having a sense of sacrifice and of wanting to help.

"You are a Roman, a man of [strong] will. Therefore, will it, and we will never separate, even if physically we are far apart. However, think in this like Me: He who has My friendship cannot be a 'friend of the world'; for the world at large is hollow, rotten and sick, deathly sick! That is why I arm Myself to be ready for the fight against the world, so that I can serve and assist and bring to the glorious goal all those who loan Me their friendship."

With this, the old proprietor came back into the room, and Julius said to him: "My good man, bring us another jug of wine and two goblets; for I have made friends with this young carpenter fellow, and this has to be celebrated."

The proprietor left, but not before he gave Jesus a long glance. Silence governed the room, and it was as if the words Julius spoke came to life. The proprietor came in with the jug of wine wanting to fill the goblets, but Julius said: "Oh let me, You first, my Jesus! Then you, Jacob, and you, old man, as a witness, and me last." And so Julius took the filled goblet in his left hand, and with his right hand he took Jesus' left and said: "Come let us drink to our friendship, and you let everyone know, so that the spirit and the being of pure, true brother love and friendship (the love of a friend) connect us for as long as we are human beings on earth; and so that no dark and hard times may bring doubt into our friendship, but that we help and serve one another in all times of need."

Jesus answered, saying: "Amen and amen! May it be so for ever more!" The three men guzzled their wine with gusto. Jesus, on the other hand, drank His wine sip by sip, as if He

¹⁴ As enemies of our inner peace

¹⁵ As correspondence of inner trained powers.

wanted to relish every drop one by one. Then Jesus asked: “Oh, dear Julius, leave us now alone. We would like to retire, for with sunrise we have to move on!

Julius did not want to go along with that and said: “Today is an exception.” However, Jesus remained firm, saying: “Let us say good-bye for today and God willing, we will see each other again soon.” And without asking, Julius took Jesus’ head in both hands and passionately kissed Jesus’ forehead and lips. “So there, My Jesus, so that you remain clear in my memory, I took what my mother enjoyed doing [to me]. And may your love become my strength!” Then he hurried toward the door, when Jesus spoke once more: “Julius, what you did to Me today – in and out of love – I will daily do to you, in the spirit, if you do not lose Me in your heart. And so love blesses you!”

The old proprietor was amazed and could not grasp it: A Roman makes friends with a young Jew. Then Jesus said: “Do you believe there are no people among the Romans to whom we should pay the highest respect? I am fully conscious that I have not graced someone unworthy with My friendship; for Julius by himself is better than all those who belong to the temple of Jerusalem. And I do not exaggerate when I say: ‘I’d rather give My love and friendship to ten people of a different faith than to one priest from the house of Jehovah.’

“Don’t let them fool you! Be sober and remain kind-hearted; then your eyes too will behold ‘Salvation,’ which serves the people. So let us go and rest.”

Thus an important day ended on the way to His glorious purpose.

Conversations with Julius about the FATHER in us

Early, the first sunrays had just appeared, the two wanderers found themselves in the inn eating breakfast; the old proprietor, who did not want to miss the opportunity to shake hands with his rare guests, was present as well. And so they sat at table; from the kitchen David’s Psalms could be heard being sung by the other dwellers.

The old proprietor then said to Jesus: “Dear young friend! Forgive Me, an old man (because I do not understand you in your youth). How could you make friends with our enemies, who are heathen? It is unbelievable with what ease You associate with others. And you hardly paid attention to Your brother. I truly cannot understand You!”

“My dear man, you faithful, just soul, save My stepfather Joseph, there is probably no other like you. But let Me tell you this: When it comes to true life, you have no inkling, never mind the knowledge. For see, what I did and do is [straight] from God’s life of love. What you do is follow the rigid laws! Oh see, My life’s goal and principle is to make [others] happy and to bask in another’s happiness. All things created are surely meant for the human beings. However, the human beings caused restraints, enriched themselves with things that should serve all people, and thus inequalities developed, where there is the one who has no sense for spiritual beauty and who lives out the pleasures of the senses, and another has too many worries to enjoy such beauty. I, on the other hand, love all that is beautiful and want to make the ugly beautiful as well.

“Inside this soldier’s breast, I saw a beautiful soul. That is why I had a heart for it and was able to place a thought of love into it, as a life of God, which someday will be resplendent, by the grace of God.

"I see in you as well a longing, a trait – but it cannot actualize itself. Your sense is aligned differently. Reluctantly you serve the Romans and see them as your enemies, as opponents of Jehovah.

"I say unto you from out of My spirit: I could not imagine a better harbinger than the oppression of a foreign occupying army. Because they prevent the temple from many a thing, after all, which otherwise would lead to Heathendom. And some are forced to think about the 'whys' and 'wherefores.'

"For all just and clear-thinking Jews are friends of the Romans and foster – without a doubt – with them the respect for the eternal God! [They do] not fight the Romans, God and church; but they think soberly about dogma, the rules of the temple, and their [Templers'] erroneous, hungry tendencies!

"Therefore, try to do everything gladly, and of your free will all that God lets happen, and the life will develop in you. You will awaken from your long sleep and will recognize the 'signs' of our time.

"Look at Me, in years by far the younger one, [I] know this life better than you, even if you had gained a thousand earthly years of experience. For I am in real close connection with the Spirit, which has let you and all of creation come into being out of Himself. And even if as a simple carpenter today I still need daily bread and work for a living, when My time comes, all present people will realize that the kingdom of God has come to them. If you could acknowledge that I was at your house as your guest, verily, from that moment on you would be ecstatic. The way it stands, you will not recognize it until someday in My kingdom.

"Our way keeps going forward, but we leave with you our loving blessing. Try to receive Me in your heart the way you have done with each of your children. Then your remaining years of life will become like a summer evening, and you will be happy cherishing your memory to have been with the One Who can bring you happiness for ever more. And now, in Jehovah's name, let us continue our journey. May God's love and blessing remain with you!"

Quickly, they took their leave, before the old inn keeper could come to his senses, and with adoration in their hearts they scurried away on the sandy street.

There, at the next bend in the road, a larger troop of soldiers awaited them in orderly formation. When they got nearer, their sub-commander stepped forward and called for a salute. They thanked them, as Julius appeared; for it was he who was awaiting them. He begged them to allow them to accompany the two, since his subordinates were only executing marching exercises and their return, so Julius, was of no consequence.

Jesus gave an affirming nod, and Julius commanded the troop to continue their marching exercise, while Julius stayed behind in order to walk with Jesus and Jacob. Jesus extended his hand to Julius, saying: "Thank you for ordering your troop to go to their quarters last night, since I, your best friend, direly needed quiet surroundings. You thereby did Me a great service. For yourself, however, you will do a thousand-fold favor if you use this commando for silence for yourself and your inner man. Can you understand this?" ---

"Yes – and no – my best Jesus, for what you are telling me leads me into my inward life. But I do not yet know for what purpose? For see, my entire upbringing was aligned with depicting an educated man, a man of honor and distinction and to fulfill my post; to do justice to all; to avoid sin and spite, and to acknowledge the stronger one. There, now you have my

description. But if you have anything more to add, I ask you as my friend with all of my heart to do so.”

“Dear Julius, I have known you and that for quite a long time. And because I know what goes on with you between duty and honor and because I also know your good and honest will, I let you find Me! And if you think of it as coincidence, I say unto you that there is no such thing as coincidence and cannot be the same but only guidance.

“I need you because I know your will! You showed Me your upbringing. Let Me tell you about Mine: From My earliest youth I was conscious of My ‘mission.’ My foster father is strict and just and endeavoring always to fulfill the law of Moses.

“And so in My childlike obedience and unflagging energy, many a thing that you would consider unfathomable, dissolved in Me. So My spirit in Me bonded with the SPIRIT of all life. Yet I still saw in Myself all those big obstacles, which kept Me from deifying in Me all that was still so bound and shackled.

“So I lived a life that led me within [to My inner man]. Outwardly, I did and do My duty toward everyone. Inside of Me, however, I am – for a long time now – untied and free, no longer shackled to the earthly being. Today, victory and recompense awaits Me. And no Caesar or Prince could pay better than, or as gloriously as, I am being rewarded by God! For although I am an inhabitant of the Earth, I nevertheless bear all Heavens, and all glories, and all power, and all life – within Myself.

“And now I only need a little bit more time to wait for the call by My heavenly Father, Whom I will follow immediately when the time has come. Do not ask about it as you will find out soon; and then you will understand a few things, which I may not tell you today. [You can] be certain that I will never rebel against the law or the temple. But showing all man how he must act and live will be My holiest task!

“Mankind is darkening more and more; here heathendom and there idol worship; here superstition and there unbelief. That is largely the outer being of the human being. Add to this man’s greed and lust for power, connected with the greatest of evil. Tell Me, My Julius, could you remain silent if within you were truth and light, power and consciousness – if in addition within you [dwelled] a Spirit which propelled you like water being driven out of a well?

“Within you, you say: No! That is why I say to you: I can and shall not stay silent either, but totally give Myself over to serve My heavenly Father Who lives in Me and Who reveals all things to Me! Without His Spirit, however, I am no more than you. You too can unfetter your spirit from the soul’s transitory being so that it may serve you and show you life in its fullness.”

“My Jesus! How can I grasp and understand all this so quickly? – All that I experienced in those few hours is too new to me, and too unfathomable! For then You are no longer the weak, small, human being; for then You are an Ambassador of Your God?!

“But then I cannot understand why you avoid the temple. Was not Your mother raised in the temple, after all?! (Although she came into the greatest conflict with the temple [people] due to her pregnancy.)

“See, I have been told by Cornelius; and I would have given much if I could have stayed with him always. With much love for You he used to tell wondrous things about You, some of which I almost could not believe; but then the news ceased. How happy he will be to hear You stayed the same, and he will always remain true to you for the rest of his life.

“Let us continue with Your Father, Who lives in You!

“Tell me, this I do not understand. Who, What, and where is Your Father? Can I too see Him as I see You? Or does He hide behind fate, as our gods tend to do? With all my heart, I want to ask You to release me from my lack of clarity, so that I can learn to totally understand you, and can discard all those things I vainly cultivated.”

“Yes, My dear Julius, you ask many things, but whether or not the answer will satisfy you, I don’t yet want to inquire in My spirit. Therefore, listen:

“My Father from eternity to eternity is the Spirit of all life of God and His name is: The Eternal Infinite Love .

“The love of your mother toward you, tell Me, My Julius, who, what, and where was it? It was there as [in the form of] a holy, invisible impetus, feeling and sensing, and lived only in the heart of your good mother. And whatever this Love wanted, the hands, feet, eyes, ears, and mouth brought to fulfilment.

“And thus the holy LOVE lives in Me full of POWER and CONSCIOUSNESS. And whatever was hands, feet and all limbs with your mother, that I am in My own person. Only there the limbs reacted automatically, while I am doing it consciously, on purpose and always will.

“Did you understand the image? You nod with your head but in your heart there is doubt; for the concept of My entire speech is new to you.

“You have heard of the God of the Jews, which is supposed to live in the temple of Jerusalem and Who witnesses to His presence by glowing flames. You know all the trick maneuvers of the temple, and you wonder about the stupidity of the Jews but have never thought about your own? I think differently – and surely I know about everything.

“Therefore, begin with yourself. Absorb every word from God in your heart. Think: Every single word is a crystal. When cherished and kept safe it is a glorious possession. But if dropped to the floor, you cannot only lose it but, worse, it can break and you have lost it forever.

“Only he who absorbs My word and conducts his life in accordance with it will become aware who My father is and what He is and wants. But He can only live in the hearts of those who follow Him willingly as in one and the same spirit.

“He was from eternity to eternity, and this Spirit’s name is LOVE! LOVE! LOVE!

“I as the Son of Man have chosen the banner of love. By being faithful and conscientious in accepting and fulfilling His commandments, I have enriched Myself with the Spirit of Love, so that nothing else lives in My heart except MY eternally glorious FATHER!

“And as a true witness of His Being, I extend My hand to you in brotherly love once more. See, I told you that I need you! And since you now recognize Me as the one who wants to witness to a true God-life in man, I ask you: Protect My own, since I may not do it through the power of God in Me!

“See, I want to avoid Nazareth and all the places I spent My time as a child and youth, so that all the people living there are not forced to accept something to which their inner man does not yet agree. It will be easy for you to fulfil My request, since you will in future time dwell there often.

“You too, My Julius, do not accept anything your heart cannot affirm! Going forward, be sure to seek all things within yourself thoroughly, and you will indeed find Me, your Jesus, your friend and brother.

“We have to say good-bye, for your mission, your duties require other paths. Still, ponder My words! Vivify them within you thoroughly, and you will become free of all doubts. Do not

seek Me any other way but within you! Let My image and My spirit arise in you and you can hear Me! And then you will – in a loving way – soon communicate with My Father as I communicate with Him.

“Let this be all for today. We will meet again on our way back home. For My time has not yet come. Tell your soldiers to rest so that I can bless them as I walk by. And so be blessed through the power of eternal love, from your Jesus. Amen.”

The two continue on their way, and soon they are out of view for Julius and the soldiers. Julius said to his soldiers: “You just saw a human being who has become my best friend. This man exudes happiness, truth, light and power, and He will become a mighty blessing! Commit his image, his form, to your memory! He is an ambassador of the God of the Jews and will not despise all of us but love us in accordance with His testimony. Let us go back [home].”

In the mean time Jesus and Jacob walked toward their goal. And without a break or rest, without speaking with the mouth, but all the more with the heart, driven by the power of the Lord, they reached their destination by sunset.

Arrival at the Aged Zachaeus’ House

Awaiting Jesus and Jacob, the elder Zachaeus first busied himself with waiting on the new comers and providing them with refreshments.

It did not take long for everything to be thus ordered, and Brother Jacob longed for rest. Jesus, on the other hand, wanted to discuss a few things with his host and builder, which is why he said to Jacob: “Let them show you your room, and you go ahead and rest. I will follow in two hours.”

So Zachaeus gave the appropriate orders to make sure his guests had their rest. Jesus stayed behind with His host so as to plan and talk about the work the brothers were to do there. In the course of conversation, Jesus agreed that Zachaeus would benefit if an edifice were to be added to the spacious house, giving him more space for certain functions.

There was sufficient wood already at the site, and a few workmen and some servants were promised. But when the wages were to be discussed, Jesus said: “You, My dear Zachaeus, let it stay whatever you and Joseph, My foster father had discussed. Thus we re-affirm our previous agreement, our contract.”

They talked for a while, until Zachaeus asked about Mary, Joseph, and the ‘wonder boy.’

Jesus smiled and said: “Yes, they are all well. And life is always good when God our Lord’s will is being fulfilled! Joseph is getting tired. The burden of the advancing years weighs heavily, and he is longing to be with his fathers. Mary is well, as if she were growing younger, and she makes it look easy to go about her daily chores. The brothers are doing their work as well as they are able, and the ‘wonder boy’ is long gone, because he never was.

“If all Joseph’s friends and neighbors had remained faithful to him by not talking about Him, all these stories and fairy tales would not have circulated, which caused the elder Father, Joseph, many a difficulty and often tested his faith.

“Unfortunately it is almost always the case that everything lofty is soiled, and that which is base is presented as gold before man’s immense curiosity.

“Both of you, you and Joseph used to be such good friends. How many years have you not seen each other? You would have gained much, very much, had you maintained a

connection with Joseph's household. But, let us not speak about it anymore. We can talk some more every evening.

"One request I have unto you, for both, Me and My brother: Let us move about freely in your house, for as long as we abide here, for I am used to being alone for an hour in the morning! And should we both be absent during the evening blessing, please excuse us, for we like to find our peace while watching for hours the glorious constellations. There was never disharmony over this in Joseph's house, and I feel just as at home in your house."

The man nodded in agreement and asked if perhaps he could come along on occasion, which was joyfully accepted.

Thus the day ended.

Jesus and Jacob While Building an Edifice

Now followed days of strenuous work, but during the pre-Sabbath and the following Sabbath day, the house of Zachaeus was quiet indeed. His son with the same given name who had come home to visit his parents was exceedingly happy to see the uncommonly great progress that was already made on the edifice. He said to his father: "Listen, for two carpenters having managed this is truly a masterly achievement; and what particular, ingenious work! It was a good thing to hire the Nazarene!"

"Yes, my son, you are right. But you won't believe how drawn I am to the both of them, especially to the younger one. The way he acts, you know, so conscious, and yet so humble; and such a learned individual, which you cannot even find among the richest people, I have found in Him. And I have great pleasure in watching them time and again."

"So, where are they today, are they in the Synagogue?"

"I don't know; for both of them left early morning together and will hardly be back today, since the older one of them took along bread and wine. In general, these two are every day a greater puzzle to me. Do you think they will talk with each other? Not a word, not a sound, only a cheerful, glad nod. Every now and then a tender, affectionate touch passes between them. Other than that, one sees nothing and hears even less."

"But father, how is such a thing possible? There has to be some kind of communication? Just look at the good work they are doing. No one worked in accordance with his own thinking. You know what? Next Saturday, ask them to come to you. I too would like to know them. You have made me curious. For now, let us not speak about it any longer."

Jesus and Jacob returned late. They had been visiting a good friend for whom Jesus had once done a great favor.

In the coming days, they worked hard again; then on the day before the Sabbath, Zacheaus came to Jesus and Jacob with his request. He asked them both to spend the Sabbath at his house because his son, who lived somewhere else, would like to meet them.

Jesus said: "My dear Zacheaus, we too would like to get to know him. We have been here nearly fourteen days and have only seen each other. And you know, seeing causes a longing for a connection. But I have good reason to postpone My longing.¹⁶ But I am happy to get closer to you. Let us finish up here first. Eight more days, and we will be done. Then we will

¹⁶ See page ...45 in German text.

rest and together we will serve one another with the gifts our eternal Creator has bestowed upon all of us.

“This evening we would like to go up to our hill and refresh with the beautiful starry sky.”

Inner Experiences – Beneath the Starry Sky

All three walked silently to their hill and sat down under a tree. For a while they were able to see and hear how the birds were wishing each other a good night. Then it became very still, and nightfall came quickly. The moon came up and spread a soft light, and the sky shone with exquisite splendour.

That was when Zacheaus opened his mouth and spoke: “For seventy-two years I have lived on this spot of Earth, and never did I become conscious of the beauty such a night sky offers.

“I never saw the sky as I did today. Oh Lord, how beautiful are your works, so that we shall rejoice in them and so that we might have a taste of how You have built the spiritual heavens.

Then Jesus spoke: “My beloved, as beautiful as these luminous stars, as calm and still as this cheerful, beautiful evening, and just as harmoniously as all these constellations affect us, likewise was man created.

“What may be all the magnificent things in the cosmos compared to the unfathomed and unseen things in our heart.

“Just as in peace and holy order one star serves another with its light, thereby creating life, in the very same way a man should serve another with the sacred inheritance from the heavens with which every man is endowed.

“By this our Earth would be greater yet than paradise. It would be a place where words to describe the greatest blessings would be inexpressible. So, let us close our eyes, tightly close our mouths and look within, so that the stars will also shine in the heaven of our hearts and we can rejoice in them.”

A long silence ensued. Suddenly, Zacheaus spoke: “I am experiencing wonder after wonder! It is as if I am no longer on earth but on one of these beautiful stars.”

Then Jesus spoke: “[Could you] be silent for just a small hour more; then we will talk about it! So be it.” And so the three men sat as if asleep. Only the occasional deep breath showed that they were still awake.

Jesus said: “Let us get up and go into the house now, so that father Zachaeus does not catch a cold in the cool night air.” And then they all walked back in silence.

Having arrived there, everyone had gone to bed, for they had prepared for the Sabbath, being that no work could be done on the Sabbath.

Having arrived in the room, the three made themselves comfortable, and Zacheaus began, saying: “Well, you dear friends, and especially You, my dear Jesus, do tell me the meaning of today’s experience! If I didn’t know that I was awake, I would have thought I was dreaming. It was so wonderful!”

Then Jacob said: “Please tell me Your experience so that I can see it clearly as well,” and Jesus nodded in agreement.

“Yes, let me share with you,” said Zacheus. – “I am up on a high mountain, on its highest peak, where there was no room for a second person – and I see far, far off, the land so beautiful, with the ships and boats and enjoyed the most beautiful view.

“Suddenly the sun hid behind clouds, it grew dark as if a thunderstorm was about to come, and I wanted to turn back. But I couldn’t go back because it was too steep and I could not see the road. I became afraid and worry for my life caused me to become increasingly agitated. Still, there was no way out. It grew darker and darker. I was afraid. It grew darker and darker, and I was very afraid; and I began to call out and to pray: ‘Oh Jehovah, stand by us! Do not leave us; for here great peril threatens!

“For even though I was alone, I was thinking of you as well when I was pleading and praying. And my frightened prayer and pleading grew worse and more fearful. I would have liked to get down on the ground, but dare I did not; for the tip upon which I stood was too small. I thought I saw heat lightening in the distance, but was unable to make it out due to the darkness that was getting still blacker.

“When I did not know what to do any more, this small, beautiful, sparkling star appeared, like the ones one can see almost daily in the sky. It came toward me, and the nearer it came the larger it grew, and the brighter it became all around me.

“The same [star] came nearer and nearer to me, and its light grew as bright as the sun. Now when it was very near, it seemed to me as if the selfsame star was a brightly shining cloud. I wanted to cry out but could not. I felt you near me but was unable to give you a sign.

“Suddenly, the cloud went right through me. I stood in the midst of it and hoped it would leave. That was when I realized that it was no longer a cloud but I suddenly stood in a garden. All this light and strangeness had disappeared. I was somewhere back on earth, yet everything was strange and unknown to me. I looked around and began to move forward; it then seemed as if I had wings. That was how fast I was moving. Still there was no destination.

“Beautiful, magnificent things did I behold on my journey, and blissfulness streamed through my heart. There, suddenly I became afraid; I was alone, after all. And so all my blissfulness left me and with it the sense for all the beautiful things [I saw].

“I sat down under a huge, strong palm tree, and I began to think about my predicament. That is when I saw not far from me a little rippling stream. I got up and saw and drank the water. Oh, how good it tasted, like the best wine. Then I drank again, with both hands and big gulps, and my heart was anew filled with bliss.

“Then, finally, I took hold of myself and was able to turn to Jehovah. Piously, I knelt down and truly poured my heart out [to Him]. I gave thanks for His benefits and kindness and asked to change my life; for to live in this glorious paradise – alone? I ask you, dear friends, is it not torture?

“Suddenly, there comes a person from afar, and do you know who it was? You Jesus, it was You yourself! But Your face was more serious; Your beard was fuller; and Your gait more dignified than now. You came toward me, took my hand and said:

“Yes, Zacheus, your prayer will be answered! But you will have to vivify and populate your world yourself! And I will show you how, I Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Man, seen from the inner love, the Son of God!”

“Then I heard inside of me: ‘But let us arise now and go into the house.’ So I opened my eyes and saw myself among you; and everything was like before. This is the true recall of my experience; however, who can give me light to satisfy me?”

Jesus spoke: “Dear Jacob, do tell our friend and host what you saw!”

Jacob answered: “To You first of all, oh Lord and God Jehovah Tsebaoth, all praise and thanks for such glorious and blessed Revelations once again! I was here on this hill and beheld these glorious stars.

“Then it was as if I was transported from the Earth, carried by arms, so soft, and I was pressed against the bosom of a being I could not yet recognize.

“Then the being said: ‘Do not be afraid, you faithful servant and shepherd of our faithful God Who has taken on flesh and blood, just like you. I want to carry you into your magnificent, beautiful house, so that you can sun and strengthen yourself according to your own discretion.

“Next, a star came toward us, among myriads of stars. We hurried toward it, and in a few moments, not only were we there, we were [standing] upon it, which represented a great, great and beautiful world.

“Enormous palaces, all imaginable splendour, every kind of lavish wealth could be seen. Even though the streets were narrow, they were also bright, paved with gold and silver, and the people, how beautiful; yet simply dressed with a snow-white tunic and a belt about their middle. The women and girls wore the same attire, only they wore a golden band, set with rubies, in their hair.

“Thus they came toward us and greeted us with wonderful welcoming songs. No matter where we cast our eyes, we saw only cheerful, happy, and blissful people! And the call resounded from the center of these many, many people: ‘Welcome is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’

“Then there was a great stillness. A choir with harps and other instruments began to set up in front of us, and a song or Psalm rang out, so lovely and beautiful as I have never before heard it.

“And, just imagine, [over the music] I forgot to look at the one who had been carrying me with his strong arms, and suddenly he disappeared.

“I did not lack anything, for the new and magnificent beauty captivated all my senses. Then an elder, very beautiful looking man came toward me, holding a cup in his right hand and saying to me: ‘Oh Lord of this, your house, we welcome you in the name of the Lord. But do not turn down this drink, as proof of our love for you. We are waiting for you with longing until you come home. We know that your time has not yet come, that you still need to commit a holy love-service in God’s great Work. But strengthen yourself, so that we too can be strengthened by your love for us!’

“I took the chalice and I drank. When I did, my inner being was filled, and I wanted to call out—That is when, beloved Jesus, I heard Your voice, saying ‘Let us go into the house’. And I was once again the Jacob I was first!”

Zachaeus’ eyes grew larger and larger, and with every testimony he shook his head, then he said:

“Listen, I just hope there is not some hocus pocus going on here! It is incomprehensible to me.”

Jesus said: “My dear, precious friends! Yes you dear house-master, everything is alright!

“This experience is simply new to you! Oh see, when you, Zacheus, turned off your senses¹⁷, your natural being removed itself and you envisioned – in pictures – your correspondences and your inner condition. The high tip of the mountain represented your righteous life in God’s eyes! However, all the beauty of your natural life could not keep you from entering into your true, spiritual world. The star did not come to you, you were drawn to the star and you became acquainted with your true inner world, which someday will be your eternal home. All the beauty of your inner world are the consequences of your righteous and wise way of thinking; and since you tried to fulfill the law of Moses, your new and true own world was able to offer you a drink, as a thank you!¹⁸The reason you did not meet any inhabitants was that in all, your life went beyond the law of Moses but you never unselfishly and purely went above the law of Moses simply for love’s sake. You sacrificed and believed you did enough. That is why I came to you, not only in your spiritual, but also in your natural, world in order to show you the way that leads to a life in God, to true happiness and blissfulness!

“You see, to be ‘happy’ means to ‘make someone happy!’ And it means to use the unrighteous mammon to dry someone’s tears, to help in any way you can. Those things cause prayers of thankfulness and blessings for you and your house[hold]. Every blessing from a thankful heart becomes an inhabitant of your inner world, who will forever thankfully serve you and will add to your happiness!

“And now I want to say nothing more to you than this: You can believe and fashion your further life by this [principle], or you can continue living your life as you have been doing. For I do not say, do this or do that. Your own heart has to determine it, and the draw of love will bring you clarity.

“To you, Brother Jacob, I need not say anything except: Do your duty as before and continue your silence with everyone.

“And now let us go to our rest. Good night! – God’s blessing is with you.”

Jesus bowed before the elder [man] and left the room with Jacob.

But what did Zachaeus do? He stayed sitting at the table, meditated upon every word many times over, mumbling something incomprehensible. Finally, he got up and said: “First, I have to talk things over with my son; but now I am going to bed as well.” But he found not a minute of strengthening sleep.

On Sabbath Morning on the Rise

New Inner Experiences

Hours went by, and Zachaeus was the first one up and about in order to meet again with his two friends on Sabbath morning. He did not have to wait long, for the door opened and Jesus and Jacob entered the room. They were surprised to see the old man awake already, and

¹⁷ The outer senses are meant here.

¹⁸ But here, only as a natural drink from a well, not as with Jacob!

after their greetings he told them that he hadn't slept all night because his inner being was all stirred up.

Jesus said: "Well, didn't you call upon God the Lord to take away your excitement?"

Dumbfounded, he looked at Jesus and said: "Oh, young friend, could I have done that? When my entire thinking was taken up with what I had experienced? It didn't even let me come to have clear thoughts, until I considered asking my son about it. But now that you are here I feel better already; but let us eat our morning meal!"

Jesus declined humbly and said, sweetly: "Would you not like to come with us again to the hill? We saw the sky so beautiful during the night; it must be that much more beautiful early morning."

Zachaeus agreed with an affirming nod. Carefully and silently the three went to the rise, and the sun began to color the horizon with a shining red hue. When Zachaeus tried to speak, Jesus said: "Let us behold everything in silence so that we will miss not a thing." And so all three sat down on a bench covered with moss and morning dew, looking at the rising sun.

Calm and stillness caused a state of aloofness from all earthly matters, and so Zachaeus and Jacob observed all goings on in the sky, and in the valley on the earth. Jesus seemed to be absent, spiritually; only sighs and deep breathing indicated His presence.

The sun rose higher and higher, and the eyes of Jacob and Zachaeus must have grown tired, because the elder said to Jacob: "Now I have seen enough of the wonderful things, and it has refreshed me! But You, dear Jesus, seemed to have slept. For you had your eyes more closed than open."

"Not so, my old, dear Zachaeus! I have long ago made it my habit to see everything, you look at with your natural eyes, within Myself! For everything you have seen was refreshment for your world of the senses, while all that which I saw within Myself was life after life for My world of the heart. But I ask you: What was it that had you so enthralled? Do share freely with us so that the truth can be set free from pretense."

Then Zachaeus started: "So that I do not earn reproof, let me thank God.

"God, You the Eternal! No one is like You, and everything is Yours! Your creation is testimony of Your greatness and beauty. And I thank You, also in the name of my two young friends, for being privileged to experience all that I did this morning. So receive our thankfulness on our knees. Amen.

"Now, dear friends, I looked and saw how the light, in the battle with the night, turned out the victor. When the crest of the rising sun became visible, almost everything was lit up so that I could see the tiniest clouds. Although it was as if these bright little clouds were veils, held up by invisible hands, that were supposed to convey that Earth was not even worthy to receive 'this light.'

"But the higher the sun rose, the more the little clouds disappeared until I no longer beheld them. Of course by then I could no longer look into the sun either.

"Now my thoughts more and more got taken up by the events going on in nature. In the valley all I could now see were patches of damp fog, which did not settle [on the land] but were vacuumed up by the light of the sun.

"Then it got very lively. Birds, beetles, doves, chickens, all of them eagerly searching for water and food.

“Then I stopped looking and made comparisons, and while doing that I became blissfully tired. For after all, Earth is gloriously made and paradisiacal and beautiful. This was when I addressed Jacob.”

Now Jesus, turning to Jacob, said: “Would you now tell us what you saw?”

Jacob began: “Well, my beloved, my heart is overflowing and richly rewarded for many a thing that, up until now, the earth has dealt to me in sorrow.

“For in the rising sun I saw a man whose mind was fixed only with matters of earthly kind; not once did he look up, away from the earth. That was when it seemed to me as if countless beings stepped up to him, and I heard: ‘Oh Lord, You life of all lives, You light of all lights, permit us to walk in front of you in order to prepare the way for You, so that Your truth, Your light-filled being may become heritage of the Earth that you love so dearly.

‘Many thanks to you faithful ones of My Father for your [good] will. But the time has not yet come; for first I alone, and as the first one, have to fulfil ‘the sacred work’. However, at the end of ‘Great Times,’ I will need you to help those who want to complete this ‘Sacred Work’!

“And lovingly with blessing, His hands stroked the fold [spirits] in order to then turn to the Earth and send it streams of fluid.

“And so I too made comparisons and regretted being an inhabitant of Earth right now. For I thought to myself, there is He, saying: ‘Alone and as the first I must accomplish it, while in faraway times every man will be capable to do it?’

“Then I was disrupted in my thoughts.”

And Jesus said: “Right and well said, but do seek the explanation, and it will come to you!”

Zacheaus pleaded: “Dearest young friend, would you share with us what you saw and observed, as you say, ‘within you’ as well?”

“Yes, gladly you shall hear it! This time I only saw you Zacheaus and you Brother Jacob resting at the breast of My holy Father. And in your happiness, a ‘holy happiness’ poured itself out in Me. And this I needed as a source of strength for My upcoming spiritual struggle!

“Let it be enough now! Let us go into the house! A messenger is awaiting you, dear Zacheaus, he wants to speak with you.”

Slowly, they walked back [to the house]. With Jesus in the middle, he took each of them by their hand, and in silence they arrived.

A messenger came toward Zacheaus with the news that Zacheaus, the son, cannot come to the father’s house for the next Sabbath gathering, because important work and meetings with the [Roman] military headquarters prevented his coming, and that he would appear midweek instead. He also asked that the two Nazarenes would not be allowed to leave until he could speak with them

Thoughtfully, Zacheaus showed Jesus the letter, but Jesus said:

“I know about the content. It was My wish and that is how it happened, so that you will find time today to come to the Sabbath celebration with and in yourself. And so we take a holiday. We will be back for work tomorrow.”

Zachaeus pleads with them: “Please stay here today, otherwise I am alone.”

Jacob now speaks up, quickly: “Don’t ask Jesus to change His mind, for it would be in vain! One word of His is like a thousand.”

Then Jesus speaks, taking both Zachaeus' hands in His: "Oh see, we are leaving you today for your sake, so that you may become Lord of your own free will. For whatever you may decide should come from your own free impetus! If I were your guest the entire day, you would not get to make a decision independently. Therefore, let us leave it as said, because it is best! Now be blessed for your righteous Sabbath celebration within you!"

Thus the two left him and went to the room where the untouched breakfast meal was awaiting them, of which they partook in spite of the Sabbath.

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Then they left for a nearby small wooded area, where Jesus said to Jacob: "Thank you so much for not giving Me away even though you recognized Me! But I ask you, please see in Me only 'your brother' until redemption and 'the time' has come! For I too see in Me one or the other thing which is still unredeemed and bound! And since I did not want to leave you all alone, let us spend the day in quiet tranquility [contemplative], to give the wishes that want to make themselves known a chance to become, in their root, strengthening pillars. For I say unto you, My Jacob: This is now the most sacred service to ourselves, in order to someday be armed for the great service 'to the work of the Lord'!"

"Dear Jesus, Your will be done! Just one thing I ask of You: I so quickly doubt. When I watch You so human, I see that You are like me. You eat, You sleep, You work like Me. Yet, sometimes I see: You cannot be human, only God can be like that!

"Then I begin to question, and thus I fall into the same old problem! Oh, give me clarity since we are alone!"

"Dear Jacob! You will find it in You! And whatever you have found, do not let it be taken from you by human concepts!

"It would mean to bind you, if I would reveal to you things about My being. Yet you would not be free of your doubting.

"Doubting and exploring mean fighting. And fighting leads to victory. May it be your motto, just as it is Mine! Only that which is acquired with much effort remains yours – for all eternity!

"For see, for you people it all has to do with: Who you are, what you are doing, and what is your standing before God and human beings. In lovely harmony, everything will complement itself! And this way you will never be at the mercy of [or: subject of] your thoughts and the moods they create.

"Yes, the more stable you have become, the more real is your world in which you could look about yesterday! And so pay heed to this as a result.

"In a very short time, we will be 'one' in all things. Did you understand?"

"Yes, my Jesus! You are my salvation, and without You I am nothing! May Your will become mine!

"Bless me so that I may become worthy to celebrate a true Sabbath next to You; connected with You without the use of words!

And so Jesus blessed him, saying: "So that we will become eternally 'one'. Amen.

[The two men] became still; and wide grew their hearts full of love. And in this stillness, the Spirit was strengthened; the Spirit which gives all people consolation and power, joy and blissfulness!

Thus both men had no other wish but to develop and become a useful tool for the Eternal Love.

Day turned to evening, and they got up and walked back to the house silently in order to eat their evening meals and to turn in.

Therefore, come, follow Me – to the inner chamber.

Amen.

The End

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