

Explanation  
of  
**THE REVELATION OF JOHN**  
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Several years after the death of Jakob Lorber, [Gottfried Mayerhofer](#), who lived in Trieste, received valuable additional dictation from the Lord. The following text deals with part of the Apocalypse and deals with the coded language which John used.

Why such a coded language? The Lord has a very simple and convincing reason:

*"Had I as God of Love caused the entire process of development up to this day to be written in a language common to you, the words would have died away and nobody would have cared for their spiritual meaning."*

[The Lord Jesus:] This Revelation of John or – I prefer to say - this picture of manners for the entire period, which came over your earth after My transition into the domain of the spirits (until now and My return) - this revelation has been explained, explored and set forth by many a person who presumed to be learned, but so far no one has found the right key to open up the chapters of this Holy Word, nor to judge correctly the happenings and periods, all of which had to happen after My ascent, as long as man, a free being, was lord over his own actions.

Now, that we have almost reached the fulfillment of the entire prophecy and most of it is already over, I will explain to you this Revelation step by step in order that you may be able to judge for yourselves how far all of them were away from the real meaning by attempting to find out the literal sense of what can be expressed only by correspondence.

As long as man does not comprehend the interpretation or the spiritual meaning of words (called correspondence), it is useless to attempt grasping My Words in their innermost sense. Even the great amount of new messages which you have received until now, attest to the same; for, as you confessed so often, the more frequently you read them, the more spiritual appears their content, often different from what you thought previously.

You must start from the principle that I, being the **Highest Spirit**, can think and speak only spiritually and that I express these spiritual thoughts and ideas in words comprehensible to you according to the human level of intelligence; yet as you take and read these words, your interpretation is by far not final.

I had John write down this Revelation by adapting My ideas to his comprehension; had I spoken to him differently, he would have failed to understand Me, misinterpreted My words or not dared to write them down for fear of falling victim to a deception.

Hence, in this Revelation you find only symbolic pictures; you find the "Wrath of God," the plagues and still other things which were frequently used by the prophets in those days, but which should not have been taken that way, since I, the **God of Love**, cannot exercise anger, hatred or revenge. If you think it over more carefully, all this is impossible; by sudden destruction or moral compulsion I cannot immediately put into order all that does not please Me or is against My plans.

Should I become inflamed about things which I personally created this way and not otherwise? Should I pronounce a curse over creatures whom I put out as free beings and who therefore had to fail and fall in order to recognize the great divine properties and their value by their contraries?

How could you evaluate light, if you knew nothing of shadow or darkness; how could you understand the beneficial power of warmth, if you knew no cold; how comprehend sublime virtue, morality and moral feelings unless their opposites existed; how understand an idea of spiritual progress unless you also knew the road downward?

Behold, from all this you come to the conclusion that the writings of the Old and New Testaments contain much which is not meant as the letter shows, but which nevertheless - well adapted to the understanding of that time - embraces forever the great spiritual germ where, beginning with you people presently alive, your descendants, then the spirits in the highest Beyond with all their various gradations, and even the angelic spirits will always find therein increasingly sublime realities, the higher they stand, and the greater their own spiritual development and understanding is.

In this way all My words must be taken; thus they were and will be forever a rich mine of wealth with spiritual treasures which can never become exhausted, because I, as an endless Spirit, could think and speak only endless things and have My scribes write them down.

Now you have only a faint idea of what can and must lie within each of My Words; therefore let us take a further step and begin with the first chapters of the Revelation.

Behold, the first chapters of the Revelation are dealing with the **seven churches** which existed after My heavenly return. As the first and best ones they were expected to serve as a basis for preserving My religion and explaining the Jewish religious cult and for showing how one is expected gradually to go over from the formal and ceremonial to a spiritual understanding, as I once said: "Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets, I came not to destroy, but to fulfill" (and to complete) or to

restore the righteous, actual value of the fundamental truths as deposited in the Jewish religion; this happened more often in the sequence of time. Likewise it is the purpose of My messages given you directly since more than three decades. [Starting with Jakob Lorber.]

These churches, which consisted of only a select few apart from the persecution of people of different belief - were as beginners still exposed to the mistake of misinterpreting My Words. For this reason the symbolic mention that the members of individual churches should go with their leaders, who as stars or lights would show them the way they should walk. In reverse, also the churches (and individuals), united with their leaders, might become "shining lights" or guides for others who still are wandering around in the dark.

In the following chapters we find reprimands to these individual churches where - as in all doctrines of belief seven false prophets and overzealous propagators had arisen and where also all sorts of aberrations on the part of the human heart had occurred, because the understanding of My so simple Word was interpreted by diverse people also in diverse ways.

In addition these churches were not all in the same situation among themselves and with those with whom they had to live; they were also exposed to every kind of temptation, to which a church, just forming - in whatever sense - will be exposed.

In these seven churches you will meet all sorts of conditions, which must occur among free-thinking people, such as

(a) the zealous hanging on to a doctrine as well as a misinterpretation of the same,

(b) the vacillating hither and thither between a spiritual and secular direction, just as yourselves, since you also form a church, as it were; you can experience among yourselves, how "neither cold nor warm" (ch. 3,16) is in the same way applicable to you as in days past more than a thousand years ago; also you will set about quarrelling with the world surrounding you, the more you want to adhere to My doctrine, and the more your doings and dealings are in contrast with those of the remaining world.

So it happened with the establishing of each new religious sect, which believed to have entered upon a better way; so it is with you, and will likewise be with many others who want to make My Words applicable to the world.

In connection with these first chapters I must still say something, namely that the number seven is mentioned as a spiritual symbol, since we are dealing here with seven stars, seven churches etc. [Compare also the seven seals, the seven trumpets, the seven bowls of wrath. Ed.]

In order to bring this number seven somewhat nearer to your spiritual eye, I must first suggest that you consider more closely all uneven numbers so as to better understand the importance of the same, and also numbers like 3 or 7.

**Behold, when** you attentively consider the number Seven and also the number Three, you will notice - if you wish to judge something

symmetrically - that in the case of Three the two individual members happen to stand on the one and the other side, and in the case of Seven three happen to fall upon each side.

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For, taken spiritually, a harmony is possible only, if a fundamental basis, or center, finds itself somewhere, around which all things move, and upon which they depend and rest.

Thus, in the case of Three you always have to accept the middle number as central point, upon which the others relatively depend: they have proceeded from it, or have come into significance only through it; the same is the case with Seven, where Three on each side are the up-building, complementing and uniting factors of the whole.

Consider **My Seven Properties** (Love, Wisdom, Will, Order, Earnest, Patience and Compassion);(\*) you find Order in the middle; for without Order nothing can exist. Thus Order is the basic although Order has proceeded from Love, Wisdom and Will, Order must nevertheless be the basis of the first and that of the succeeding properties, namely, the basis of Earnest, Patience, and Compassion.

(\*) See in "John The Great Gospel," Vol. 7, Chapters 17-21, and "Sermons of the Lord" Hos. 16 and 32.

Take the first three properties: Love, Wisdom and Will; again Wisdom, identical with Order, is the basic fundament of the first ones; and take the last three, Patience is the main property between Earnest and Compassion; for, as I created free beings like Myself, Patience must be foremost in order that I may not destroy My own work within the next moment.

What I mention here of My properties: I could also prove this to you by the law of the seven colors and seven tones, where likewise colors and tones are material counterparts of My spiritual properties. But this is not the place for it. Instead we shall now proceed to the next chapters and their explanation; for, as the Revelation represents a marvelous picture of all phases of My religious doctrine, the explanations must also show you in great, but clear outlines how all things came about, and how now the millennium, or the end (of the old, humanly-erroneous, i.e., materialistic systems), or the return to the first beginning (spiritualistic beings) is supposed to reestablish this harmony, which once ruled between Me and My disciples, and which later will be reestablished between Me and entire humanity in order that there be only **one** shepherd and **one** flock. Amen.

*Continuation on July 19, 1875, in the afternoon*

The next chapter discusses a **Vision of John**, which shows to him the Lord and Creator as the Highest of the heavens in the picture in which

those who live there were accustomed to seeing Him, that is, sitting upon a throne, surrounded by *the* eldest and highest, who were adorned with golden crowns.

Here you see again that, in order to be understandable, I had to make use of the intelligence of John; so the number of the eldest is 24 - a number, which in Jerusalem the superior priests had, where, together with the High Priest, 25 represented the whole Council.

As regards the **four animals** and the **sea of glass** first of all, the animals themselves are embodied attributes of My own Self: the lion as strength or omnipotence, the calf symbolizing mildness, man as a spiritual potency, and the eagle as ruler of the universal ether. Notice that all these animals were adorned with many eyes, also had wings like eagles; this signifies the general ruling over earth and heaven, and the sea of glass represents omniscience. This means that before God's eye all things are transparent, nothing escapes it; with the swiftness of an eagle His piercing glance flies through the whole universe; with the power of a lion He governs everything; with the mildness of a calf He harmonizes all improper states. With the spirit like a man, as His image, He ennobles and spiritualizes everything in order that even material substance, being mindful of its spiritual origin, may arrive at the place whence it has proceeded. After all powers of creation, conscious or unconscious, bowed before the Only-Lord, also the elders fell down on their knees, who were to represent the spiritual great world in the Beyond in order to offer the befitting praise to their Creator as the Highest Lord.

Thus first of all John was shown figuratively what is the majesty of a God, before he was able to comprehend who in reality was the One, whom He, the Lord, made descend to this small earth in order to save mankind from the total loss of its spiritual dignity.

This is the entry to the entire great process of fermentation, which was started spiritually upon this earth in order that the only and purest doctrine be effectively founded, which was worth it that the Lord as a human earth-son suffered such a bitter lot in order to transmit new to the anew to the earthly inhabitants the highest potency of human dignity through His greatest humiliation.

What all in the sequence of time opposed this problem - as it actually went along its course - and what will be the final result of all this is described in corresponding pictures in the succeeding chapters, as it actually happened, where the divine was first raised by men and then degraded - but, ultimately raised again, will finally, as a spiritual victory over the material world, bring a permanent domain of peace and stillness.

The next chapter shows to John a book with writing on every page, closed and sealed with seven seals. This signifies My only and true doctrine, comprised in two commandments, which I pronounced to all men; this pronouncing by the "Son of Man" as "Lamb" - the symbol of innocence and sufferance - means the "opening" of this book of life solidified with My seven properties so that it should be made known to all creation, especially to the people of this earth!

And how this lamb - or I as the God-Man upon earth -had to break the seven seals one after another, and how the same had to correspond to the Seven Basic Properties of My inner Self, because My act of salvation was not meant only for this earth, but for entire material and spiritual creation, you will therefore discover that already the first symbol -namely seven horns and seven eyes – correspondingly signifies the actual earnest or firm will or power, with which I carried out, and will still carry out, My mission, accompanied by the properties of omni vision referring to each of these attributes. –

The **first seal** represents to you a picture of how out of the book came a white horse, symbol of My all-encompassing Love, crowned by all the other properties, and with a bow to wound even the hardest of hearts in order that all things some day may dissolve in love.

Out of Love the world was created, out of Love I descended to earth, and out of Love shall consist the first foundation-stone, destined to establish My divine doctrine upon earth and never to be overcome.

The **second seal** released a red horse, symbol of wisdom, or humanly expressed, of reason, the power of discernment, which wants to weigh all things critically; this power will compare the divine-heavenly doctrine to material existence; in that way it will thereby uncover differences, which of course have to appear, since it is impossible to serve two lords. Therefore, the result will not be peace, but conflict just as human passions get into conflict with the divine principles of the spiritual human soul, whereby fanaticism will be produced on both sides, religious wars outside and pangs of conscience inside, as a necessary consequence when two extremes are confronted with each other as contrasts.

The third horse, which appeared, was black and had in its hand a pair of scales; this was the firm and righteous will which had undertaken to carry out or to pursue the ultimate goal through all obstacles quite undisturbed. Correspondingly the will is also the righteousness which weighs actions, whereby good ones are rewarded by themselves, and the bad ones punished the same way.

Righteousness or justice should prevail everywhere in matters of belief as well as in social life. As Christ I taught people to comprehend better their own traditional doctrine. I taught them love, I taught them wisdom which "directs" love into the right measure. I taught them tolerance or justice toward all things and all people. - These three seals are already the key for how My doctrine should spread, if it wanted to fulfill this purpose, always having as goal the ennoblement of the human gender.

The **fourth seal** shows you an ashy pale horse, that is, of undetermined color, neither cold nor warm, or symbolically, as it says there, death: for death does not signify a ceasing, only a change. Thus, in connection with the change caused by My doctrine, the color of the horse corresponds to the way of proceeding upwards or downwards; upwards to a higher spiritualization through accepting My doctrine, or downwards to the brutalization of even the noblest properties, which I, the Creator, have put into the human heart.

This seal, corresponding to the order or lawful procedure of all created things, quite naturally leads to the explanation of the **fifth seal**, where the human sacrifices are figuratively represented; they are the ones who, according to the teaching, fall materially on account of human passions. Besides, already intimated is the victory in which participates everybody who - despising the material things - brings as an offering to the spiritual reality the best he had on earth, namely his own nature and his own physical body. Thus, as before in connection with the scales justice was represented, here are correspondingly intimated the retribution and the highest joys, which are allotted to these who, in the middle of the battle, are able to protect and carry high the banner of their God and His doctrine.

The **sixth seal** shows you a complete revolution upon the entire globe, which means: the urge for the spiritual doctrine will change all social conditions. The eager haste to attain to the one goal will rouse the adversary to an equal haste. War and destruction will arise within and without. The rulers will lay siege to weak nations and the nations, when their rights are curtailed too much, will assault the ones in power. Thus the religion of love, peace and tolerance, in its struggle to survive, will produce only the contrary; these powers will battle with each other, until the spiritual will be victorious. This sixth seal, therefore, corresponds to the earnest, which means nothing but this: All strife against it is in vain; where a God will assert His divine right, even stones must give in, for His is the justice and glory in all eternities.

Amen!

Behold, those who were marked with the seal correspond to the ones who had overcome, and who will participate in **those** joys, of which I once said: "They who believe My Word and do accordingly will enjoy happy conditions in the Beyond, which no human eye has ever seen and no human ear ever heard."

These happy conditions are intimated by the long, festive white robes, corresponding to innocence; and the ones thus marked will receive the reward for all their sufferings and the distress which they have endured on account of Me and in the name of My religion.

In this manner the entire picture will unfold gradually, wherein the whole history of My doctrine will be clearly shown in certain periods of time, from the first word of love to all wars of religion, persecutions and fanatical offerings by priests.

The opening of the **seventh seal**, or the end of the entire evolutionary process, revealed to John in this chapter, where in spite of all plagues and calamities in reality only Compassion does its last work, is pictured in the seven trumpets and the following plagues, which will be only means of cleansing in order to lead humanity back to its best. The sounding of the trumpets likewise represents the consequent happenings in the moral-spiritual changes, which are bound to take place in the human heart as soon as the two-edged sword of doubt steps in and the suspicion of unbelief swings its scourge.

Thus figuratively the incense-burning (sacrifice) upon the altar of love became a plague for selfish humanity; as symbolically all things withered away, man in general closed his heart to all noble qualities; He did not want to accept a religion which demands sacrifices that will bridle his earthly passions.

As figuratively fire destroys all things, the selfish passions likewise destroyed all the good; in place of tolerance, in matters of belief, one endeavored to destroy with blood whatever was of a spiritual nature and therefore indestructible; things were that way still during the first (Christian) times under the Romans, where all kinds of horrors existed in connection with the fanatical religious customs of the pagan priesthood, who gave them even the stamp of religious consecration.

What happened to individuals later became extended to the great masses of humanity; the more the numbers of believers grew, the more persecution against them took place; the greater the zeal for the pure teaching was, the greater also became the sacrifices of martyrdom. Thus after the downfall of the Roman empire, new conditions developed, where two bishops were sitting on the throne, one in Byzantium, the other in Rome. Never united among themselves, they always supported this disharmony for their own selfish gains. In place of the former persecution of Christians among the heathens, now Christian people were persecuted in masses by the popes, because they did not believe what they (the popes) thought right, or what was not convenient to them for the moment to declare as right.

*Continuation on July 20, 1875*

From the time of the partition of the Roman empire, where later the bishop of Rome became "a pope", from the time of schism the wars of religion started, the disputes of the church councils, the persecutions by ecclesiastical inquisitions, the subjugation of the kings by the popes, and finally the crusades, then the endeavors of the reformation and their bloody consequences in all lands, and through the mixture of human races: the development of various diseases as for instance the plague, etc., all of which were shown to the disciple John figuratively as the **trumpet calls** and the **bowls of wrath**. Likewise the corresponding spiritual picture The struggle of the woman with the dragon" was shown as the picture of the battle of human passions and worldly interests with spiritual progress and the doctrine of love, the travails to conclude the work begun as well as the passionate conflict, which evil elements stirred up against all those who turned towards better spiritual elements.

All these pictures seen by John express nothing but the violent resistance, which - first of all - My doctrine had to cause, and the natural progress how between good and evil the good finally must and will win. [Symbolically expressed in the battle of Armageddon?]

Do not be shocked at the form of the pictures; they are the apprehension of that time and according to the manner of describing in those days. For many centuries humanity could not be influenced otherwise a humanity which knew little love and at best gave in to fear. **Had I as God of**

**Love caused the entire process of development up to this day to be written in a language common to you, the words would have died away and nobody would have cared for their spiritual meaning. –**

Yesterday also you, My scribe, were still quite grieved about the explanation of John's Apocalypse, because I did not explain to you picture after picture, what the one and what the other should mean in a corresponding sense; indeed, you wanted to give it all up and not to continue this message.

You see, My child, here you judged humanly like many before you, who sought the explanation in the same way; but as the effort of your predecessors was in vain, yours would have been the same. -

The scorpions, the dragons with seven heads, ten horns and golden crowns all show the manifold explanation of My doctrine, how sometimes it compelled the people, supported by worldly power, to accept certain religious dogmas and ceremonies, from where religious sects arose.

The dominion of the church, well known to you from history, its tendencies and the means, which it used in order to attain the power, to which it really had lifted itself, and how the people in large numbers fell victim to the fanaticism of the Roman church and its inquisitions - this are all these pictures, which would move before your eyes like a panorama, if you wanted to read (with spiritual understanding) the history of the popes, kings and nations.

The later description, how finally the religious mood again slowly decreased, how material interest (seemingly) gains the victory, how gold and silver are now more sought after than spiritual richness - you can read all this in the following chapters, where, as in the beginning, is shown the victorious ascent of evil under the cloak of religious cult - where then is shown, through scientific discoveries, the decline of the former, also of every religiosity, as well as a going over to materialism.

Thus the downfall of the Roman church is presaged in these pictures; yet not as if I rejected the church, but how it has prepared its own downfall and must have the reward from its own works.

The killed prophets refer to the martyrdom in earlier days, where many a divinely inspired man - at the side of hypocrites - likewise had to climb upon the stake "*per gloriam dei*," since in none of the centuries I neglected to send prophetic awakeners in order that mankind did not suffer totally to be lulled into sleep.

The **bowls of wrath** and their individual effects signify the plagues and wars which man had caused in part by his own unnatural life and in part by malicious wars and horrors; still today, where you live, you can notice for yourselves how the effects of egoism, materialism, the unrestrained passions of man cause in general as well as in part- all sorts of accidents: accidents at sea on account of greed for gain, accidents on land for the same reason, accidents by physical forces, caused by bad management of the people in connection with their own soil (upon and under it), suicides and murders of all kinds as the result of wanting religious feeling, and lacking belief in another world, etc.

Take all this together and write it down in the symbolic language of the orient, as once My disciple John did, and you will be able to add to the 7 bowls of wrath another 7, which likewise would describe terrible conditions.

Thus My doctrine went through all the phases, of which the human mind is capable, from purest piety to crassest unbelief and rejection of all that was given. From the strict obedience to My commandments, from the pedantic explanation of My words to the total rejection of whatever is spiritual, although preached by a thousand voices within visible and invisible nature: in all this you see the picture before you, which was given in the form of cries of warning and trumpet-calls, which were however succeeded by action (or punishment) on account of not obeying. From the bowls of wrath and their vent - as symbol that the evil and the unnatural must punish itself - you see this all clearly before you how My seven properties gradually stimulate to the better, how man's free nature resists them, how erring upon erring, mistakes upon mistakes follow, how all effort is in vain, and how it is impossible totally to banish My words from man's mind, and how even the most vicious and most evil attitude nevertheless must and will lead to the better.

This long standing battle of the dragon with heaven, this persecution of the woman with her little child Christ as the initiator of peace - all this will now lie clearly before your eyes; likewise it will be evident that upon long struggle, upon long flowing to and fro a decision must be made, where it will be shown who is the victor and who the vanquisher!

You now approach this time; it is the spiritual life of peace, presented by the picture of the millennium that will fall to the share of those who are not marked with the sign of the animal, but with the sign of God.

As before My descent already a spiritual battle was in action between the spiritual and material, however in very gentle forms, and how after My departure this process of separating must lead to a final result, there shall, therefore, after this struggle which had lasted for more than a thousand years, a time of peace set in: when people will begin again to be men as I created them and as I want them to be so that they may be called My children.

This will be the time of requital - the time where the spiritual has vanquished the material, where man as a citizen of two worlds will feel at home in both of them in order that ultimately My words will be understood and My descent upon your earth in days past be revered and lovingly followed in its fullest worth and in the entire light of its divine purpose. This will be the time when the dragon will be conquered and made prisoner, where the ten commandments of Moses as well as My own two will be understood in their entire significance.

In this time of peace and quietude, after such a long and troublesome struggle, the kingdom of spirits will also be able to participate therein, where those left behind - warming themselves up by the example of the living people - will get along more easily than it had been possible for them until now.

This time is referred to in the Apocalypse as "the millennium" or "the New Jerusalem"; for as once Jerusalem was the place where in the temple the holy Ark of the Covenant was kept, where once the eternal fire burned and where only psalms and incense-burning on the altar of sacrifice should pronounce the purest divine service for IEOUA, - this Jerusalem which was defiled by its own priests, desecrated by them, had laden upon itself curse instead of blessing by My death which I suffered there as a man, - this Jerusalem, the destruction of which had been predicted by the prophets and was confirmed by Me, - this city which was for the Jews the sanctuary of all imaginable things and still to-day is the bone of contention for various religious sects, - this Jerusalem will again spiritually descend upon your earth; it will come as in the glory of its time, bringing peace and quietude to all those who believe in The One, Who once had preached in that city, had suffered and was crucified, but had arisen again.

This city, as symbol of the first communion of the Creator with His creatures, will descend with the palm of peace, offering it to all those who, after struggle and suffering, have gained filiation with God.

As in those days the Jews knew only one Jerusalem, so in the days to come there will be only one church; there will be one shepherd and one flock: Religious sects will disappear, the God, Creator and Lord, who once walked as man upon your earth, will be recognized as what He was, is and everlasting will be as your Guide and Father of all.

The communion of the world of spirits will still be increased and relieved by the reality that I will come in person, visible to My children, in order to console, pacify them and actually to prove that what I once spoke, what My apostles wrote, and what John in his Apocalypse said will be fulfilled; then, when all spiritual and material wars have ceased, all people will easily understand Me, comprehend and willingly fulfill My commandments which begin with neighborly love and end with the love for God, because then they know how to live right.

But upon this millennium still another epoch will follow when the animalistic human nature makes its last effort and when the fallen great spirit requisitions his descendants; but his effort will be in vain, and then also to him will come the question, whether forward or backward, which will decide his further existence or non-existence.\*

*\*In John The Great Gospel, Vol. 10, Chapter 188,21 it says: "The Prodigal Son is already on his way of return, but he still needs an endlessly long time until he will have completely returned into the Father's House." (Remark by the translator.)*

All this, My children, is the real essential substance of John's Apocalypse. It is given in pictures, but when read with spiritual eyes and the language of correspondence, it will show you clearly how this little flower of love, the human love, which I planted into the hearts of men, could never be rooted out, and how - in spite of all plans of rulers (be it in the spiritual or material sense) - this germ of divine origin could never be destroyed. It could not be, since Love is the essential nature of My on Self; and Love was the reason for which I called into existence the entire universe: How could this spark be lost or suffer to be destroyed? In vain men shook this building,

endeavored to mystify My Words and to analyze them falsely. All they caused by that fell back upon them; they had to pay for it, had to harvest what they had sown. So now you see how, little by little, all scientific and cunning explanations of the Word of Love (the Scriptures) melt away like snow before the sun of truth. - Behold, the greater the effort of resistance on one side, all the quicker moves the process on the other side. Thus the final result of all this activity and drive will only further My doctrine, more and more bringing It into the right light and thus more and more prepare the transition into the millennium, where the New Jerusalem as the symbolic temple of peace will re-establish the communion between Me, humanity and the domain of spirits, where neither trumpet-calls nor bowls of wrath produce destructive effects, but where even your earth-globe, the beings living upon it, including the animal- and plant worlds, take on the same type of love as man himself.

When also you - and likewise you, My scribe - will no longer be earthly witnesses of this epoch, also you and you all will in the Beyond participate in the general joy, where of an entire human gender, held together only by the bond of love, one person helpingly gives a lift to the other, where neither lord nor servant, but the bond of brotherly and sisterly love has chained together not only individuals, but whole nations, where territorial boundaries have disappeared, and both rulers and popes no longer work towards making dutiable the physical and spiritual forces.

Also you, My scribe, will only there completely come to know for what purpose were your efforts in My service, for what purpose your own sufferings and those of yours served to let this seed of love, which I once planted and which in some individual cases off and on bore fruit, but as a whole never could breakthrough, now renewed through your hand, has become the Newest Gospel, which in other words and written in a style different from the one used at and after the time of My apostles, only now and in this form is more readily •accessible and comprehensible.

Now that scientific education illuminates manifoldly the hearts and heads of men, it is easier also on My side to point to nature surrounding you, and to your own inner self; for, though not all, at least some are then able to recognize in the wonders of nature My Voice, to feel and comprehend It.

Guided by a rational religion even in the most secret folds of their hearts, they will now more readily listen to the prompting of other spirits, even to My Voice and trust It. Thus the communication with the world of spirits has become a binding substance, which first of all bans death with all its horrors to this world and secondly presents to you the otherworld as it really is, not as most people have imagined it.

All this must and will contribute to the fact that at the beginning of the next century a great spiritual progress will open up, not suddenly as in all of creation, but making nncsible a gentle, slow going over from one stage to .

I admitted all this in order that beside the free will of men, beside the strongest means, which are applied by them to gain their aims, not their purposes shall be fulfilled, but Mine, which go further and have a higher far-

reaching intention, because they are calculated not for the short life-time of man, but for an eternity, where other purposes also require other weans.

Mere you have a spiritual far-reaching explanation of John's Apocalypse, not the way the world expects it from Me, but as I believe the world could understand it, when it has learned to read with spiritual eyes. Pictures remain pictures, and with each picture is always carried a thought which endeavors to express itself in individual forms.

In this manner, as I already said, you must take these pictures of the apocalypse, not verbally; by taking them verbally you would have no real foundation and, as I told you in the beginning, only contradictions would result.

You must also understand that in the domain of spirits an association of ideas and thoughts prevails which is different from that of you who are living here, and that therefore visions such as the ones seen by John must have a character different from your, now accepted, well organized speech.

Behold, already in earliest times, the expression of a thought was not a language of words, but rather a language of pictures; the ancient Egyptians filled even their monuments with such designs.

Still to-day in oriental languages there exists the usage and manner of a picture language; all these leftovers of a long forgotten time where humanity still was nearer to its original fountain, and where its manner of expression was nearer to the spiritual world - all these examples prove that after the transition into a higher life speech and communication among spirits will be different than by slow words, where you often use many to express a single thought. Even My entire creation, is it not a picture language for all of you? It will remain such until you are able to recognize the deeper-lying spiritual Why, until you recognize why this all was created thus and not otherwise.

Also I speak in pictures; do you not likewise have an inheritance from earlier times, a language of flowers? - Who gave it to you? Who had the idea to foist the meaning of human words on flowers which are something entirely different from words?

As you have this language, just as I have Mine in visible nature, so also spirits of higher regions have their language of communication, which seemingly looks quite different and sounds different from what in reality is hidden therein.

Therefore it is a vain effort of your scholars to clothe pictures of a spiritual nature in worldly words. Therefore My present Words, in order to take a step forward in My housekeeping beside the explanation of a great revelation; do not think that you already have exhausted all.

It is true: there are only two laws of love; but how these are made use of in entire creation, how they are exploited, and how they are expressed in millions of forms, worlds and beings - of this you have not the slightest inkling. This great picture language will remain a closed book for you, since you are not able to decipher the tiniest animal or tiniest plant, what place it

has in entire creation and why it just appears upor your earth, in this form, why it is composed of these components and why it occurs at this place:

Imagine, My beloved children, the millions of worlds, the millions of beings, the millions of spiritual principles which in numberless forms make each place of this visible world a paradise, especially if the attentive observer can read the spiritual script, the pictures of the language of correspondence; imagine all this: the expansion of creation, the dimension of worlds and beyond all that is visible the other great invisible world, where all these forms re-appear spiritually in an ennobled manner; in addition imagine the millions of living beings, beginning with the animal unto the inhabitants of all these worlds, their gradations with reference to organization, be it according to their physical, or be it in their spiritual form, and think that in the domain of spirits there are likewise so many spirits, which in part have to go through life-periods upon those worlds in a human form, and in part have never been enveloped within coarse forms; in addition to all this, think of He as their Creator, Who has arranged all things that way so that nothing is in need of a change, that one thing proceeds from the other, that everything multiplies by itself, preserves itself and goes over to higher levels as perfected creatures; imagine this Creator Who considered it worthwhile to descend upon your globe out of Love to you, all humanity and the domain of spirits, choosing there the most miserable fate that can befall man - and then judge for yourselves what it means when T, the not-to-be-named, the incomprehensible, everlasting God teach and guide you as your loving Father: Wherefore comprehend, or at least sense that there 'rust be a Love which surpasses yours by far, a Love which can and will not forget anything nor anybody; which - although its inner Self and its Nature appears as in pictures - nevertheless wants to be understood by the thinking children, whom He created for His and their enjoyment in order that they should return the Love, which He has so lavishly put into everything.

Dear children, learn and make an effort to read and understand My great picture book; do not just turn over its leaves; it is worth more, there is more in it than you believe, more than appears to you in fleeting moments.

I will leave it for you alone to understand the peaceful pictures and will explain to you the more severe ones as for instance the Revelation where it seems as if only the wrath of God and His inexorable requital rule in order that you do not misjudge, also in these pictures, the God Who is Love only; just as in cases of accidents and affliction you should not accuse or blame Him, but in most cases yourselves.

Therefore so many words, so many messages where in every instant your attention is called now to this now to that, for a time approaches where the spiritual wind, which already manifests in its movements, will blow stronger, when you should not, like reeds, bend now here now there, but where you, conscious of your own progress, should walk exactly that road which I have designed for you.

For as time now makes it unavoidable, false prophets (Sermon 33) will arise, as it is figuratively written in the Bible, nuisance will be committed with the purest doctrine, with the communication with spirits, yes, indeed with all things, so that it bears fruit for man in the satisfaction of his animal

passions. Before the kingdom of peace can approach, many a bowl of wrath will be poured upon humanity by the people themselves, since the parties, spiritual or material, will stand opposite each other increasingly rough the more time presses toward the conclusion. Just by this struggle the last bowls of wrath will be fulfilled, which, after all resistance will help no longer, is followed by a depression, a dejected frame of mind and howling, where some despairingly, others cheerfully, will with resignation await the end and also the victory of the good cause.

Most of the Revelation has come to an end as a crisis of evolution, yet the worst is left; but be patient and put your trust in Me!

You want to become or be My children; therefore first of all show yourselves worthy of this name, and the palm of victory, as the Revelation expresses it, will not be wanting:

Be prepared for all things: Not I, but man's animal nature, man's artificially produced unbelief, man's indomitable desire to rule and the greed for money, will also help to fulfill these bowls of wrath and trumpet-pictures:

It is quite natural that a process of purification must take place before I once more descend upon your globe. As in sultry weather a thunderstorm purifies the air by forcefully throwing down all noxious exhalations, destroying many injurious insects in order that a new pure air may be wafting, even so in the spiritual process of purification: since resistance is strong, severe explosions have to follow, without which no clearing is possible.

With you people on earth each battle must come to an end, when one party acknowledges its impotence, but My omnipotence, against which every resistance is fruitless. -

Wherefore consider this explanation of the Revelation as a picture, which presents to you all phases that one single idea of God has to go through in order to arrive at its real value! Take these pictures as a symbol of how much it costs till the good vanquishes and the evil declares itself conquered: Being spiritual thinkers, take these pictures as corresponding intimations; for as John spiritually saw the course of Christianity, so in the life-course of each individual the same is reflected in spiritual and material development.

Such struggles, such trumpet-calls, such bowls of wrath will be emptied over ideas - and blessed is the one who, making use even of the most bitter, nevertheless understands to extract from it what is salutary:

The spiritual process of purification and development is everywhere the same, namely, a struggle between spiritual nature and animal nature, the offering of oneself and tolerance toward others; thus everybody should examine his own life and he will find in these pictures of revelation more or less recorded his own life story.

He will find many a flower and many a leaf parched on the tree of sweet hopes; he will discover many a water of living truths dried up. He will see many a wicked, seducing passion ascend as a dragon out of the bottom

of his human heart; and he will find many a childlike idea of pure love destroyed or chased away by animal passions.

The multi-headed hydra of doubts, crowned with formulas of excuses which endeavor to quiet one's conscience in connection with wicked or forbidden actions, etc. Everyone could trace in his own heart all phases of the Revelation; fortunate the one who upon this rapid torrent of human passions, carefully navigating the cliffs, has finally arrived at the haven of rest, of spiritual rest. His own consciousness will give the palm of victory also to him; his heart will swell with the thought how a kind fate guided him safely through all dangers and how he can thank his God for it; finally after such long and stormy struggles a time of peace and clear consciousness has come where he arrived at the recognition of the only truth which shows him his further way and has clearly designed for him his mission in both this and the other world.

Also for him God will be nearer as Father; visible nature will no longer be a dead book of inexplicable pictures, but everywhere he will recognize the voice of his Father, which exclaims to all:

**"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened and I will cause you to rest."** (Matthew 11:28):

Now, My children, may this word be for you an instruction with reference to your own course of life, where My goal is to clarify for you all things in order that you may know what I want with you, and what you, My children, should want for yourselves! Prepare yourselves for all in the future:

Do not lose your trust in Me and your own strength; then, with My hand, you will emerge victoriously from every battle. Amen!

### Revelation, John Chapt. 12, 1,2 and 5

Text: And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and with a crownlike garland of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and she cried out in her birth pangs, in the anguish of her delivery. - And she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd all the nations with an iron staff, and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.

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Disclosure: But friends, how can you not understand such a clear and simple matter which so closely concerns you all and is already so clearly unfolded before your eyes: Where do you have your spirit, where your mind? Whereto is it directed? It might be quite sensible for somebody to ask at night "Where is the sun?" But to enquire during daylight where the sun might be, would that not be blind or eagerly to close one's eyes and with the position of the sun to play what you call "blind mouse"?

What then is the "woman," which appears in heaven clothed with the sun? The "woman" is the noble picture of a human being without the strength to bring forth, but nevertheless receptive and able to do so. Accordingly this woman is a perfect image of man, hence no scuffed picture, no "off-measure" of man.

Likewise is also My doctrine which, of course, appears in the most perfect heaven, because it is within Me and proceeds from Me; it is, like the woman, a most perfect symmetry for the spiritual man, yet by Itself not capable of bringing forth. But by My doctrine man becomes receptive for all good which is love, that is, pure, heavenly divine love which is the everlasting spiritual life out of Me, the "Child", with which My doctrine becomes fertile in the heart of man.

I speak only of my pure doctrine as of a perfect heavenly woman, not of a false doctrine and a monkey woman. It is quite natural that this perfect woman, or My pure doctrine, is surely clothed with the sun or with My Light of all light, because it comes out of Me!

Because this most perfect, heavenly woman, or My purest doctrine, is capable of receiving only heavenly love out of He, she tramples upon the moon as the unsteady symbol of self-love or worldly love - in order to speak to you somewhat scholarly - a polarity which is totally opposed to her heavenly nature; thus she is also adorned with twelve "stars", that is, the ten commandments of Moses, and uppermost the two commandments of Christian love, not with the twelve apostles or with the twelve tribes of Israel, but -as already said - adorned with all twelve laws of everlasting life.

The woman, or the active doctrine out of Me within man, becomes, and already is, pregnant. With what? -Have you never heard of rebirth? Does it not say: "What is not born out of the spirit cannot enter into the Kingdom of God!" ?

Behold, the Child, with which the woman is pregnant, is the Pure Divine Love, which causes outer man great pain because of the manifold self-denials, until this heavenly love within man's spirit becomes mature for glorious rebirth into everlasting life.

You must mil imagine that mere doctrine as the designated woman would become pregnant - no - only live active doctrine, taken up within the belief of man, is the designated pregnant woman, from which love to God is born as a new child, and this is rebirth into everlasting life.

But the Child is male! Why not female, a woman to develop further? - Because in this love, as in man not in woman, lies and must lie the creative power of bringing forth.

This Child, or the love to God (that is divine Love) born out of My doctrine within man's spirit, will then with an iron scepter or with the most unyielding power of God subdue all nations, or all demands and sensuous passions of the world, and will thereby, out of Me, draw the spirit of man and all his inclinations to Me, and will have his happiness at My throne, which is the true Wisdom out of Me everlastingly!

Behold, this is the most easily conceivable meaning of these verses; all things must thus be considered and understood in this only, true light, otherwise it is a twilight that in the course of time will mislead every guide into dark swamps and morasses.

This should be well understood and taken care of  
Amen.

### Revelation, John Chapter 13, 15-18

Text: And he was permitted also to impart the breath of life into the beast's image so that the statue of the beast could actually talk, and to cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast. (Dan. 3:5.) Also he compels all (alike), both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave to *be* marked with an inscription (stamped) on their right hands or on their foreheads. So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), that is, the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is (room for) discernment - a call for the wisdom (of interpretation); let any one who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number - the number of a certain man; his number is six hundred and sixty six.

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In My name go ahead and write, I know what you are lacking; your prolonged eyes do not suffice for reaching far-distant things in order to see them; in case of semi-distant objects you only see the one-sided bark; but of the very near ones you do not see anything, as they are too close and therefore offer less interest. These verses of the Revelation are however within easy reach, yet you cannot grasp them: Indeed, the simpler a thing, the more stupid you behave; next time ask for that which seems easiest to understand. Verily, then you certainly will become more humble than by these super-easily understandable four verses, - therefore harken:

In the beginning this chapter speaks of three beasts: Firstly the principal dragon, secondly the beast that arises from the sea with seven ten-horned heads, and thirdly a lamblike animal with two horns on its head.

You already know who the principal dragon is after I have told you so often and especially in the "Twelve Hours" of My arch-enemy:

But if you wish to recognize the second beast, look at your own, so near, self love, and you will find confirmed all its attributes. It comes up from

the sea of all selfish desires, having seven heads, that is, for each commandment of neighborly love an individual head with ten horns, by which in the case of each head, so to speak, all the commandments are contravened. A wounded head is the punishable theft or robbery; and does this injure the beast in any way? Oh no, for, this wounded head is, indeed, completely healed by all the political state- and trade-laws; thus the whole world is living under such laws and acting accordingly; thereby the whole world is daily mocking the lamb and its commandments.

The third beast comes up out of the earth, looks like a lamb, but has 2 horns. What is this?

I tell you, it is the one nearest to you: it is your industry which greatly supports and finally even idolizes the beast from the water and with its two horns directly contravenes the ten commandments of love: A glance at America and England proves that it is so:

To what an extent, however, this third beast is such industry is shown for instance by the most cruel maltreatment of children in English and American factories, where children must work from 5 o'clock in the morning to about 9 o'clock in the evening, constantly standing, almost half-naked, often beginning already with their eighth year of life. Only once in the day they are given some poor-quality bread to eat and get no more than 15 minutes of rest at noon; each minute above is punished by terrible lashes with the whip. Beyond their destination as individual slaves they do not receive any education. If only you could really see with Me and through Me the nature of industry, you would say: "O Father, that is indeed the Dragon himself!"

Does not the second beast exercise all power of the first beast, whose head-wound was healed? Does it not cause that the former, wounded beast is fully worshipped by almost all principal inhabitants of the earth? Do they not everywhere speak of adored kings, princes and other industrial founders and inventors? Are not in the whole world monuments erected in their honor? Does it not do the greatest signs and make fire fall from heaven? That is, it teaches quite reasonably before the blind people, as if such diligence were the actual nature of all religion - the most dignified veneration of God, perhaps even the best adoration? Is that not pure robbery of the fire from heaven to make people believe that I may be venerated also through horror? This will continue yet for a short while:

Behold, the seduction of earth's inhabitants, the beast's statue with the sword-wound of all political justice, is now completely alive: People were forced even with their blood to erect this statue; now it glitters, speaks and commands, kills and is adored by all worms and greenhorns, who on account of this are being given the title of scholars and journalists; they are adored still by a numberless host of blowflies, who want to have something of every thing without working in order to gain thereby.

But now, should anybody dare not to adore this beast, he will soon find out what worldly hour has struck for him!

This, however, is the spirit within the beast's statue, that self-love and avarice with all the great of the world have reached their highest zenith,

which is the full number 666, since self-love is equal to 600, the robbed fire from heaven 60 - that is the divine commandment applied selfishly: - and finally only 6 to neighborly love, which means the most complete Slavery: Instead of giving for one hundred, one demands for one hundred:

Behold now and comprehend the mark of the right hand and the forehead among great and small, rich and poor, free and slaves! is it not the desire to rule by either power or worldly reason? Tell Me whether one can achieve anything without this mark? Without this mark what is one person to the other? I tell you, if anybody among you has daughters, would he gladly give them to an "unmarked" person, or will they ask for an "unmarked one"? - Therefore, can anybody still procure worldly happiness, without having a mark, or having received an office by the beast?

You, yourselves, are "marked" - with the exception of My scribe, whom I have kept unmarked until now with great effort. I tell you however, if I permitted him to ask for one of your daughters, would you not low. at him strangely and advise him politely to desist there from, since it would not be profitable, because he is not "marked" ?

If you did such a thing with one whom I have made into your light during the night of nights, what would you do, if another unmarked person dared to demand such a thing from you? - I tell you, you would wall your daughters in alive, that is, you would send them into a convent:

I think, the mark will now be sufficiently clear to you. Who is able to buy and sell now without this mark?

But the 42 months will soon come to an end, since the commandments of neighborly love have already been applied 5 times 7 times to self love; yet I tell you, endeavor to annihilate the mark through the fire of My Love, and you will attain true, inner life: Since this mark burns every one out into the world, it is therefore just now so difficult to attain inner life out of Me and within Me; wherefore permit that I burn you back from the world of the beast through Ply Love; then you will find life, now and forever!

Amen, amen, amen!

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**To be remembered:**

"...in none of the centuries I neglected to send prophetic awakeners in order that mankind did not suffer totally to be lulled into sleep."

"Had I as God of Love caused the entire process of development up to this day to be written in a language common to you, the words would have died away and nobody would have cared for their spiritual meaning."