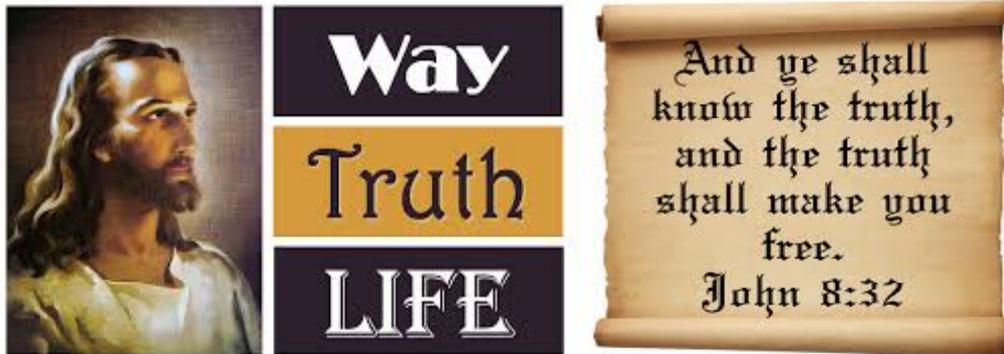


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I am the Way, the Truth & the Life (John14:6)

Jesus Preaches in Peter's House

(Jesus says:) '[...] after the Prophets, God sends you His own Son and I implore you, for your good and because I love you as only God can love, the God Who is in Me to work the miracle of Redemption. [...] The Son of man is amongst men to lead them back to God. Follow Me. I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.'
(Poem, Vol.1 p. 326; Gospel, Vol. 2, p. 388)

Jesus Preaches at Bethsaida

(Jesus says:) 'Satan has challenged the Eternal Father for centuries. Elated with his first victory over man, Satan said to God: "Your creatures will be mine for ever. Nothing, not even punishment, not even the Law You want to give them, will enable them to earn Heaven, and that Abode of Yours, from which You expelled me - me, the only intelligent being in Your creation - will remain empty, useless and sad, like all useless things". And the Eternal Father replied to the Cursed One: "You will be able to do that as long as your poison is the only thing to rule over man. But I will send My Word and His word will counteract your poison, it will restore hearts to health, curing them of the madness with which you made them wicked, and they will come back to Me. Like lost sheep that find the shepherd, they will come back to My Fold and Heaven will be filled with souls. I made it for them. And [...] Mine will enjoy light and love, songs and beatitude and infinite, eternal, sublime freedom". [...] Satan, of course, lays snares for you, to sift you. And I also circumvent you to sift you. The contestants are two: I and he. You are in the middle. The duel of Love and Hatred, of Wisdom and Ignorance, of Good and Evil is over you and around you. I am sufficient to ward off any wicked blow against you. I come between the satanic weapon and you and I am willing to be wounded in your stead, because I love you. But you must ward off your internal blows with

our will, running towards Me, following My way which is Truth and Life.'

(Poem, Vol.1, p. 507; Gospel, Vol. 2, p. 118)

Jesus and Mary

Mary is distressed. She has heard what happened at the synagogue and She is sorrowful. Jesus comforts Her. [...] He then answers: 'Mother, if the Son of man should go only where He is loved, He should turn His step from this world and go back to Heaven. I have enemies everywhere. Because the Truth is hated, and I am the Truth. But I did not come to find easy love. I came to do the will of the Father and to redeem man. You are love, Mother, My love, that compensates Me for everything. You, and this little herd, which grows in numbers every day with some little sheep that I snatch from the wolves of passions and I lead to the fold of God. All the rest is duty. I have come to fulfill this duty and I must accomplish it even to the extent of crashing against the stony hearts unyielding to good. Nay, only after I have fallen, wetting their hearts with blood, I will soften them, stamping on them My Sign that will cancel the Enemy's sign. Mother, I descended from Heaven for that. I can only wish to accomplish that.'

(Poem, Vol.1 p. 566; Gospel, Vol. 2, p. 189)

Jesus to Gamaliel

Doctrine is acquired by constant meditation, aiming at the knowledge of the Most Wise One. Truth is achieved by means of absolute loyalty to good. Whoever intrigues with evil, finds Falsehood and loses Truth.' **(Poem, Vol.1 p. 610; Gospel, Vol. 2, p. 243)**

Jesus & His Apostles

(Jesus has just reproached Peter.) Jesus, still resting His hand on Peter's shoulder, says: 'After what has happened, you have understood that it is a grave

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matter to be at My service. I reproached [Peter] but My reproach applies to all of you because the same thoughts were in most of your hearts, either fully developed or in germ. I have thus demolished them for you, and he who still cherishes them proves that he does not understand My Doctrine, My Mission or My Person.

I have come to be Way, Truth and Life. I give you the Truth through My teaching. I mark out the road, I point it out and level it for you through My sacrifice. But I give Life to you through My Death. And remember that whoever answers My call and follows Me to cooperate in the redemption of the world must be prepared to die to give Life to other people.'

(Poem, Vol. 3, p. 390; Gospel, Vol. 5, p. 346)

Jesus & the Pharisees

'So You are God, the Word of God?'

'I am.'

'And You say so like that? In the presence of so many witnesses who could report You?'

'The Truth does not lie. The Truth does not make calculations. The Truth is heroic.'

'And that is the truth?'

'The Truth is He Who is speaking to you because the Word of God translates the Thought of God, and God is Truth.[...]

'But those who cannot believe that You are God, will not commit sin. They will be justified...'

'No. If you had not known Me, if you had not been able to verify My deeds, if you had not had the opportunity to examine My words, you would not be guilty. If you were not doctors in Israel, you would not be in the wrong. But you know the Scriptures and you see My works. You can make a comparison. And if you do so honestly, you will see Me in the words of the Scripture and you will see the words of the Scripture in Me, translated into My actions. Thus you will not be justified for failing to recognise Me and for hating Me. There are too many idols, too much abomination, too much fornication, where God only should be. And the same applies to every place where you are. Salvation consists in disowning all that and in accepting the Truth that speaks to you. Consequently, where you kill or you try to kill, you will be killed. And that is why you will be judged at the border of Israel, where all human power lapses, and the Eternal Father only is the Judge of His creatures.'

'Why do You speak so, Lord? You are severe.'

'I am truthful. I am the Light. The Light was sent to illuminate Darkness. But the Light must shine freely. The Most High would have sent His Light in vain, if He had hidden that Light under a bushel. [...] Why perish in Darkness when the Most Good God sends you Light and Medicine to cure you? It is not too late yet. In the time still left to you, come to the Light, the

Truth, the Life. Come to your Saviour who stretches His arms to you, and opens His heart to you, imploring you to receive Him for your own eternal good.' **(Poem, Vol. 3, pp. 808-10; Gospel, Vol. 6, pp. 381-3)**

Jesus visits Anne near Lake Merom.

(Jesus says:) 'Anne, you always say that you would like to serve Me in every possible way...'

'Yes, my Lord. Both Judas and I. But You never apply to us. This is a great feast for us because Your disciples are somehow part of You, and having them in the house, we seem to be serving You.'

'It is in fact so, because what is done to a disciple is done to the Master and even one glass of water or a piece of bread given to assist those who work for Me will be rewarded by God Himself. The disciples take care of the spirits of believers, and believers must love and assist disciples considering that they have given up everything and are ready to give up their lives in order to show believers the Way, Life and Truth which the Master taught them with instructions to give it to believers.'

'Oh! Lord, let me call my Judas. Your word is so holy!...'

'Call your Judas' agrees Jesus smiling. And the woman goes out and comes back again with her husband to whom she is repeating the Master's words. **(Poem, Vol. 4, p. 338; Gospel, Vol. 7, p. 292)**

Jesus Speaks in the Synagogue

(Jesus says:) 'God sent His Word to you that He might speak without killing you with His voice. God had already said so much to man and it was more than man deserved to hear from God. So much was said by means of the Law of Sinai and through the Prophets. But so much was still to be said and God kept it for His prophet of the time of Grace, for the One Promised to His people, in Him is the Word of God and through Him forgiveness will be accomplished. Founder of the Kingdom of God, He will codify the Law with new precepts of love because the time of love has come. And He will not ask the Most High for vengeance on those who do not listen, but He will only beg that the fire of God may melt the hearts of stone and the Word of God may penetrate them and found in them the Kingdom which is the Kingdom of the spirit, just as its King is a spiritual King. To whoever loves the Son of man, the Son of man will give the Way, Truth, Life to go to God, to know Him and to live the eternal Life. Sources of light will be opened in whoever accepts My word, so that they may know the concealed meaning of the words of the Law and they may see that prohibitions are not threats but invitations of God, Who wants men to be happy, not damned, to be blessed, not cursed.' **(Poem, Vol. 4, pp. 768-9; Gospel, Vol. 8, pp. 299-300)**

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Jesus Speaks to the Judaeans

'You always say that You will be going away soon, then You say that You will always speak? If You go away, You will not be able to speak any more.' objects a Judaeans in the scornful tone in which one would speak to a person of unsound mind.

Jesus replies again in His patient sorrowful tone that sounded severe only when He began to speak to the Judaeans and later, when He replied to the internal objections of a Judaeans.

'I will always speak that the world may not become completely idolatrous. And I will speak to My disciples who have been chosen to repeat My words to you. The Spirit of God will speak, and they will understand what even wise men will not be able to understand. Scholars will study the word, the sentence, the manner, the place, the how, the instrument through which the Word speaks, whereas My chosen ones will not get lost in such useless studies, but lost in love. They will listen and they will understand because Love will speak to them. They will distinguish the ornate pages of learned people or the false pages of false prophets, of the rabbis of hypocrisy, who teach polluted doctrines or teach what they do not practise, from the simple, true deep words coming from Me. But the world will hate them because of that because the world hates Me - Light and it hates the children of the Light, the dark world that loves darkness propitious for its sins.

My sheep know and will know Me and will always follow Me, also on the ways of blood and sorrow, along which I will be the first one to go, and they will come along after Me. The ways that lead souls to Wisdom. The ways that the blood and tears of those who are persecuted because they teach justice will illuminate so that they may stand out in the dark fumes of the world and of Satan, and they may be like trails of stars leading those who seek the Way, the Truth, the Life, but do not find who can take them there. Because that is what souls are in need of: a guide who may lead them to the Life, to the Truth, to the right Way. God is merciful towards the souls that seek and do not find, not through their fault, but because of the laziness of shepherds who are like idols. God is merciful towards the souls that get lost when they are abandoned to themselves [...]

God is merciful towards those who have been deceived only because the rabbis of God, the so-called rabbis of God, have taken no interest in them. God is merciful towards all those who come up against depression, darkness, death, through the fault of false teachers who have only the appearance of teachers and the pride of being called such. And for those poor souls, He sent the prophets.

(Poem, Vol. 4, pp. 801; Gospel, Vol. 8, p. 338)

Jesus Speaks in the Synagogue at Ephraim

(Jesus says:) God is the aim of every spirit. Every soul tends to that God, [which has] an indelible embryonal remembrance of the Truth and [yearns] for it. Oh! Make that remembrance and yearning grow greater. Open the doors to your souls. Let the Light enter! Let the Life enter! Let the Truth enter! Let the Way be open! Let everything gush in brightly and vitally, like the rays of sunlight and the waves and the winds of equinoxes, so that the plant may grow from its embryo and rise upwards, closer and closer to its Lord.'

(Poem, Vol. 5, pp. 133; Gospel, Vol. 9, p. 29)

Apostolic Souls

(Jesus says:) 'If the world were merciful, [...] the world would possess God, and what tortures you would fall like a dead leaf. But the world and, in the world, especially Christians have replaced Love with Hate, Truth with Hypocrisy, Light with Darkness, God with Satan. [...] But blessed are those able to remain in the Truth and work for the Truth. Their mercy will be rewarded in Heaven.'

Jesus further states:

'Do not harbor hesitation and doubts. What I have told you is true. As the Creator, God is also where He seems not to be. Is He not worshipped in Truth, or is He not worshipped at all? But He is there, all the same. Who has given life to the far-off Patagonian, to the Chinese, and to the idolatrous Africans? Who keeps the atheist alive so that he will have time and the opportunity to find faith? *The One who is* and whom nothing can harm. The presence of life in creatures and the origination of all things are the witness to which every living being must bow his head, even if wishing to deny it. Now, to lead distant souls to God who feel Him by instinct but do not know Him and do not serve Him in Truth *is the greatest form of mercy*. I said, "Take the Gospel to all creatures". But that command, do you think I gave it to those twelve alone and to their direct descendants in the priesthood? No. *I want every truly Christian soul to be an apostolic soul.*'

(Notebooks 1943, pp.165-6)

The Essence of Faith

(Jesus says:) 'Do you see how the essence of Faith is like a wonderful circle without interruption and surrounds you with a single vital embrace? But if you break it violently out of mental pride, hardness of heart, and the heaviness of the flesh, then it presents a gap which no human reason is able to fill. And what always happens, happens to you. *You rush out through the abyss opened up by your will, which does not accept with the simplicity of children [...]* and in *your rush, you do not stop at the mire of the earth. [...]* You should also believe, my children, that

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it is enough to reject a part of Truth to create a chaos in yourselves. It is enough to accept one point less of my doctrine in order for the whole edifice of Faith to be shattered and for you to find yourselves as if amidst the ruins of a building that has collapsed, full of fissures and dangers.

Now, isn't the modern world doing just this? Doesn't it choose from my speech what it finds most convenient and refuse the rest? Doesn't it perhaps believe in individual points while denying the others? But, children of my love, reflect. Can I have come to speak useless words to you? Deceitful words? Impossible to be believed and to be put into practice?

No, creatures of my pain. *I did not say a single word which is useless and do not say one. I did not say a single word that is not true and do not say one. I did not say a single word which is impossible for the spirit - I mean the spirit which is generated by God, part of God Himself enclosed in you which the spirit cannot believe. I did not say a single word which you cannot practice if you just want to do so, for I am Intelligent, Just, and Good and do not give foolish orders, burdens superior to your strength, nor do I make demands which, because of their severity, are in contrast to goodness.*

Be faithful to Me, dear children. *Accept my Word without wanting to criticize it, and where your weakness does not arrive at understanding, turn to Me - the Light of the world.'*

(Notebooks 1943, pp.339-40)

Love & Faithfulness

(Jesus says:) 'The apostolicity of the Church did not end with the Apostles. It continues with the lesser apostles. Every saint is one. Every "voice" is one. And I, the Head of the apostolic Church, can choose and disseminate these little apostles of mine everywhere for your good.

Are they unpretentious as compared to you learned ones? And what were the first twelve? Fishermen, illiterate, ignorant. But I took them and not the learned rabbis because they, since they were aware of being nothing, were able to accept the Word, whereas the rabbis, filled with pride, lacked the ability to do so. Humility is what I seek, and if, though remaining loving, pure and generous, they became proud, I would abandon them without fail.

There are two things which *I absolutely* require in them: love and faithfulness to the Truth - and not only to Truth as God, but also to Truth as virtue - and sincere humility.'

(Notebooks 1944, pp.443-4)

I am the Author of the Work

(Jesus says to Maria Valtorta, the victim soul:) 'Now, listen. Imitate Me in keeping silent and speaking as I did in the decisive hours of my human life. I

remained silent or told the truth, depending on whether the one examining Me was deserving or whether it was right to speak or right to keep silence to serve and glorify the Lord. Imitate my example, soul of mine. Be silent with those for whom all words are now useless. I ordered you to do so over two years ago. Speak with those who may rightly know the truth. Speak without acrimony, but, rather, with the sweetness which wins hearts over. But speak. This is also a long-standing command which I am repeating to you. I said, "Be silent" when they do not ask you about yourself, the extraordinary gift, the work, and its Author. But if they ask you and *deserve to receive a reply*, speak, stating the truth to glorify the Lord.

I acted this way before Caiphas and the Synedrium, before Pilate, and before Herod, when each of them separately asked me who I was-in order to condemn Me, save Me, or mock Me. I could remain silent, making allowances, as long as the natural creature - I, the Man - was under consideration. I *could not* be silent when the Messiah and his Eternal Divine Father and my mission and the will of God were under consideration. One is not silent, even if speaking leads to greater martyrdom and death, when one must defend the truth and glorify the Lord. And once you have spoken to defend the truth, prevent abuse, and glorify the Lord, endure and be silent; endure and speak only to beg for forgiveness for the blameworthy. Convert those who sinned and entrust *our* creature to those worthy of protecting it. *Our* creature, Maria. The work whose Author I am, and you are the one who formed its body with so much suffering and watched over it with heroic love. And you watch. Now more than ever.'

(Notebooks 1945-50, p 516)

The Truth is a Solid Diamond

(Jesus says:) 'The truth is not something blurry, vague like a little cloud in the sky... It is a solid, square block of diamond, luminous, transparent, quite beautiful, but hard, unassailable by winds, rains and fingers. And since the truth comes directly from what is most perfect on Earth - that is, from Heaven - even if man wants to destroy it and sometimes seems to succeed on the Earth, in reality, the truth remains intact in its kingdom and, sooner or later, is known and recognized along with the merits of the spirit that was faithful to the truth.'

(Book of Azariah, p. 35)

The Truth Will Make You Free

(Jesus says:) 'If you settle in My Word, [...] your faith will be complete and you will become My disciples. [...] If you come to Me you will know the Truth, and the Truth will make you free.'

(Poem, Vol. 4, p. 574; Gospel, Vol. 8, p. 59)