

Issue of pain, suffering and the early death of children

Why does PAIN and SUFFERING have to exist & Why does the Lord allow CHILDREN to SUFFER and DIE?

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**Be cheerful and full of serene courage; for God, our Lord and Father,
has created all His creatures for joy and salvation only,
but never for fright, sorrows, torments and pain.
(Spiritual Sun, chap. 59)**

**Said I: "You certainly also have your guardian angels
in heaven and would not be My disciples without them.
But the little ones have them, too, and for this reason
you shall not look down upon them, for they are
fully your equals. I told you this
because I know you do not like children.**

**If you cannot love these tender, dear and angel-pure little
children, how will you then love your neighbor and how will
you love your God?**

**If you want to educate human beings after My heart, you
must already begin with the children, for truly I tell you: The
instruction in the cradle is worth more than all the learned
institutes of the world. Whoever wants to form children into
human beings must love them and be patient with them. Such a**

child is by nature poorer than a hundred beggars; for it is poor in spirit, poor in physical strength and poor in possessions.

Therefore, I tell you and through you all the people to whom this gospel will be preached once again: Whoever receives such a child in My name receives Me. Once he has thus, full of love, received Me, he has also received the Father in Heaven and his household will be richly blessed. For such children are themselves a genuine and true blessing of God in the house where they live and where they are cared for, nurtured and formed into true human beings. And it does not matter of what sex they are, male or female, in their youth they are like the angels of Heaven.

(GGJ Book 13, chap. 41, 7-10)

[1] But now the innkeeper immediately came up to Me and said:
“Lord, does that also apply to us Gentiles?”

[2] I said: **“Of course! For there is only one God and Lord; He wants to bring up all people equally, and I therefore came into this world to open the door to light and life also for you Gentiles. And the time will come and it is actually already there when the light will be taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles.”**

[3] Then the innkeeper spoke: “Very good, Lord and Master, it is good that I now know that; I will ensure that my companions remain in Your teaching and act accordingly. For I already guess whom I am dealing with! You are a God and no man; for no man has ever performed Your deeds, and the words which You have spoken have never flowed out of the mouth of a man.
Such a thing is possible only for a god!

[4] But now I have another plea for You, who has now become a true god for me. Behold, we have a large number of children in this area, and I believe that if You would bless them in Your truly all-powerful way in future that would be of a great moral use in their maturity! Lord and – let’s say – my God, have I placed a decent demand on You?”

[5] I said: **“Well, go and let the little ones come to Me!”**

[6] At this the innkeeper sent his many servants out in a hurry to the whole area to announce to everyone that they should bring their little ones, where the wonderful Savior would bless and strengthen them.

[7] Soon afterwards a number of little children were brought to Me, so that I could lay hands on them and say the prayer of blessing over them.

[8] Since the children pushed their way forward to Me, because some more active ones wanted to be the first with Me, the disciples rebuked them for their impolite pushing and chastised their spoiled attitude. Then the little ones became shy and no longer dared to come near Me.

[9] But I rebuked the disciples and said to them: "Let the little children alone; for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!"
[10] Then I encouraged the little ones to come to Me without fear or shyness. Then the little ones took courage again and hurried to Me. And I laid My hands on all of them and blessed them. (GGJ Book 13, chap. 52, 1-10)

Why does PAIN and SUFFERING have to exist?

PAIN AND FREE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUL

HHG vol. 3, chap. 72

01] But when **Lamech** heard such new invitation from the Lord, according to which he could still come up with another question, although it had already begun significantly to dawn in the east, he was overjoyed and without much hesitancy he came up with the following question, saying:

02] "O Lord, You holy and most loving Father and Creator of all angels and people! **See, life on earth as trial of the spirit would in and of itself serve its sublime purpose quite well, if only one most unpleasant matter would not be coupled to it; this matter, however, is the ability to feel terrible pain!**

03] **Why must this body be able to feel pain? Why must cause it me pain if I bump into something, or if I fell somewhere or if I cut, pinch or prick myself? Why must so often develop very annoying pains in the body? Why does the fire burn me so unbearable and why must the woman give birth under such great pain?**

04] Behold, O You dear, holy Father, I absolutely can not tolerate this in the sphere of life with this my recognition and would like therefore to know from You, the Creator, the reason for this sad phenomenon!

05] For I presume with great confidence that the life of the spirit is completely without pain.

Therefore the life of the body could in a similar manner also be surely completely without pain!
- Am I right or not?

06] And the Lord, looking at Lamech very compassionately, said to him: "**Listen, My son Lamech, this time you have not even have the semblance of truth and rightfulness on your side!**

07] **Tell Me in your mind: Would any form of life even conceivable if it was not receptive of impressions of all kinds? if you had no feeling, would you still be alive?**

08] But let's assume hypothetically that man perceives all impressions as pleasant, for example such as the act of procreation. Would man not begin soon to destroy himself by continually bump, beat, stab, cut and burn himself and within one year there would be no limbs left on the whole of his body?!

09] Without any sensation - whether pleasant or painful, is only absolute death.

10] Thus pain is indeed life's biggest benefactor and most trustworthy protector, without which life could in no way be imagined to exist.

11] Moreover, you were given a painless body anyway! If you maintain it according to My order and are attentive while lying down, sitting, standing, walking and running, you will be going through life completely without pain; and if you are moderate in eating and drinking, you will also be spared any inner pain; and if you do not apply yourself too much to the works of the flesh, you will never know what there is a pain in the limbs!

12] Pain, however, is indeed the most real attribute of life, without which you would have no senses! It is the actual sensation and perception of love; and if this is getting out of its order, it feels this in the nature of pain but the order always as a very pleasant feeling.

13] Therefore never wish away pain; for it is your life's most faithful guard and once also will become the contractor and collector and total savior of the life of your spirit.

14] But to the extent also the purest spirits are unable to experience pain or not, a spirit will inform you at once! Amen." (HHG vol. 3, chap. 72)

The imperfect soul can still feel pain even in the purely spiritual life, but the perfected souls that are one with the Lord do not feel pain anymore

HHG vol. 3, chap. 73 - 75

01] When the Lord had hardly finished speaking, **Zuriel** was already standing radiantly among the small seated group in the temple, bowed to the ground before the Lord and then said to the Lord:

02] "O Lord, You great God, You most loving, holy Father and almighty Creator of all spirits and people from the old spirits of Your primordial heavens which existed forever just like You have

existed forever above all the heavens of heavens in the everlasting inaccessible sanctuary of Your light!

03] You have most graciously called upon me out of Your endless fatherly gentleness; then let also Your holy love known to me, what sweet work lies ahead of me to accomplish!"

04] And the Lord said: "**Zuriel, I know your old loyalty! But see, here by my side is Lamech, whom you know; so that he can become a full brother to you, resolve for him the spiritual part of his question, so that he can find out if the perfect life in the purest spirit is also capable of pain or not! Behold, that's the reason why I called you; and thus demonstrate to this brother according to the way of the spirits! Amen.»**

05] The Lord had hardly finished speaking when Zuriel already stretched out his hand, put it on the chest of Lamech and then said to him:

06] "**Brother, according to the most holy will of the Lord, for a short time step out of your rotten dwelling, and experience alive, how it is, that your hard faith makes you believe!"**

07] And as soon as these words were heard by Lamech, his body dropped backwards as of a dying man, - but his spirit was standing white shining before Zuriel.

08] And Zuriel at once took his hand and thoroughly squeezed it.

09] But Lamech cried out loud in the spirit and in his strong outcry said: "**But for the Lord's sake, what are you doing to me?! You crush my hand and cause me a really terrible pain!**"

10] But Zuriel let go of Lamech's hand and then said to him: "**Brother, you're now in the spirit; for behold, your dwelling rests fainted on the steps of the altar! But how could you cry out of pain when you earlier asserted that the pure spirit is incapable of pain?"**

11] And Lamech replied to Zuriel: "**O brother, you are a tough teacher! Even if experience is the best teacher, I surely would have comprehended it also in a somewhat more gentle manner that one is indescribable more sensitive in the spirit than in the body!**

12] **No, for this lecture I could be kindly thankful for all future; for the hand still burns me as if I would be holding it in melted ore! O Lord, take away the pain otherwise I must despair!"**

13] But Zuriel breathed on to the hand of Lamech and his pain was gone and he was with the fullest consciousness back in his body.

14] But the Lord then asked Lamech what he now thought of the sensibility of the spirit.

15] And Lamech said, "O Lord, just the opposite of my previous opinion!"

16] And the Lord said: "**That's all we need! **If sensibility belongs to life, it indeed needs to be most intense where life is united in its primordial fullness! By the way, the expression 'an unfeeling spirit' would be the biggest contradiction!****

17] But let's leave it to Zuriel to tell us more about it, that is why he is here! And so you can speak, Zuriel! Amen." (HHG vol. 3, chap. 73)

01] And straightway Zuriel began to address the following words to Lamech and said to him: "Brother Lamech in the Lord, our almighty Creator and most holy and most loving Father! Behold, I have, so to speak, demonstrated it to you tangibly before - while in a spiritual state - **that the spirit has a really mighty strong sensibility for spiritual impressions which in effect resemble very much the natural reaction, but not so in meaning!**

02] **But you still don't know yet wherein your spiritual painful feeling has its reason.** But that you also may understand such most clearly, I will tell you most faithfully according to the will of the Lord, and so hear me out!

03] See, you feel the impressions of the world because you live in it, either painful or soothing and pleasant; painful then, if the impressions are surpassing the powers dwelling inside you and soothing and pleasant if the impressions are felt in such a way that they do not exceed your inherent powers but correspond harmoniously with them.

04] If the impressions are weaker, so that your powers behave as by far conquering them, you will notice them quite indifferently, because you will find that your inherent powers have necessarily been activated in a below capacity counter state.

05] For only in a your strength harmonically corresponding reaction against the impressions from the outside lies the pleasant feeling which is also the very essence of all bliss.

06] Now, behold, **if you feel any pain in your body, it is not felt by your body but only by your spirit, who alone has the ability of sensibility!**

07] That you, however, feel pain as if it is felt by your body, has its reason therein, because your spirit dwells in all your body parts in a completely corresponding manner.

08] If, however, your spirit or your very actual I, can be exceedingly strongly excited by the coarse material body through external impressions, since it is as thoroughly as possible covered and protected from all sides, it will be even more excitable in a still completely absolute state!

09] But why? - Because the spirit in a completely absolute state reverts to the corresponding interaction with the ground forces and must perceive their strength even from a great distance, both in time and space, because without such awareness it could very easily get into an unredeemable captivity, in which it might have to endure

exceedingly significant and by far worse experiences than you experienced during my handshake!

10] If the spirit is imperfect, thus not fully developed and practiced in its senses of perception, it is still blind and deaf to the form and voice of the truth, and its absolute state will under any circumstances not be desirable because in such a state it will not be able to dodge the billowing impressions on him at the right time or to encounter them vigorously.

11] But of course, with a perfect spirit this is all together quite differently; since he is always united with Him, - who is sitting next to you!

12] Because He prepares the powers of the spirit in such a way, so that it is always well dimensioned against all impressions and excitations, through which then only an everlasting most blessed feeling of pleasantness can arise, but never a feeling of pain.

13] Note these words well; they will lead you into the deepest mysteries of life with the eternal love and grace of the Lord!

14] O Lord, I have fulfilled Your will with Your grace; so let me then go again in peace!"

15] The Lord then instructed Zuriel to withdraw but called on Henoah to speak some deep words about it. (HHG vol. 3, chap. 74)

01] When **Henoah heard such a request from the Father outwardly as well as inwardly, he rose and standing in front of Lamech he began to speak:**

02] "Brother Lamech, very important and highly significant are the words which the spirit Zuriel has spoken to you in a human manner and I can't give you a better word in this sphere!

03] But I know what it is, if the Spirit speaks in a human manner; but you do not know that because you are still sticking to the tongue and not the spirit.

04] And as such I therefore want to gently carry you over, according to the most holy will of our so very dear and holy Father, from the tongue to the spirit, where you then yourself can look and understand, how life in the spirit presents itself! Therefore listen to me in your heart!

05] Behold, when two winds blow against each other, where one is as strong as the other, a balance is thereby achieved in the air and a pleasant rest prevails on the earth's surface; the

air becomes clear - and pure, and the sun's rays can unhindered enlighten the countryside and warm it up with its unclouded light.

06] But if after the balance one wind is unexpectedly intensified and its opponent becomes weaker, then the stronger one starts immediately to forcefully push forward and in this way also drags and shoves mercilessly the weaker wind with it.

07] But for as long the weaker wind every here and there is attempting to master the more powerful wind, for as long it must put up with it, to be pushed and shoved around by the more powerful wind until finally it is nevertheless defeated; but if it gives up at once, then all pushing and shoving has ceased, - but thereby also the existence of the weaker wind!

08] You now say to yourself: 'Yes, but why does the Lord allows this to happen? For Him, the Almighty, it would be very easily possible to prevent such a fight!'

09] You're quite right; since for God are all things possible. **But if He would not permit the forces to fight against each other, they finally would go limp and would lie dead on the ground just like the stones of the mountains, which in and of itself are nothing else than such forces but in the highest degree judged and bound and therefore are immobile and therefore completely dead and have no sensibility.**

10] See, it is the same with the life of man! In his organs it blows back and forth. The spirit blows into matter and wants to drag it along; matter or the world blows in matter as the blood and the other finer juices and they in turn blow into the spirit and want to carry it away with itself.

11] If the spirit is more powerful than matter, it urges it and makes it totally subservient to itself; but if matter conquers the spirit, the spirit goes under and as the actual life suffers severely and very painfully, continually carrying the most oppressive burden of death and this is then the spiritual death.

12] However, if the spirit in such a death would became numb, it would thereby be lost forever beyond redemption; but the ever-increasing painful sensation of pressure forces it to continually defend itself and to fight matter. Thereby, however, its powers are exercised and constantly strengthened.

13] And in this way, over the length of time, it can still become a perfect winner over its matter and may also reach the freedom of eternal life, just as the matter of the stone over time is crushed through its in it dormant and suffering heaviness and finally is compelled to give way to heaviness in a dissolved state, when this force is freed again and becomes one with the general force, to which all matter is subject to, - which is also the case with the wind, where the vanquished finally is victorious over the previous winner." (HHG vol. 3, chap. 75)

PAIN, SICKNESS AND DEATH

GGJ Book 11, chap. 70

[1] I said: "My friend, you are delving into something which neither you nor anyone else really needs to know because it is wholly My business, and this means as much as: It is the concern of the eternal Father in Heaven and therefore an order of which, as far as the flesh is concerned, even I Myself may not, cannot and shall not make an exception.

[2] **Whatever the flesh has put on, it will also have to take off again, whether with or without pain, that is quite irrelevant; for after the separation all the pain of this world stops. For the air that the person's soul will breathe in the other world will be quite different to the air of this material world here. Wherever there is no longer any death, there is also no real pain, because the pain of the flesh is always only a consequence of a partial peeling away of the soul from the flesh.**

[3] But that does not mean to say that A SOUL IN ITS PURE CONDITION is somehow without feeling or sensation – for without that it would obviously be dead; but only in the world that corresponds to its being it will not find anything that thronged it, pressed it, tweaked it and squeezed it, and thereby causes a painful feeling, and so it will also never perceive any pain.

[4] Or is A COMPLETELY HEALTHY PERSON insensitive in his flesh to feelings of pain because he has never had the misfortune to be ill and has never received a blow or a jab from another person?! Only the reason for the pain was lacking for him.

[5] **The reason why a pain, which is always only felt by the soul but never by the flesh, exists is the pressure exerted by the flesh on some vital part of the soul when the former has become too indolent and thus too heavy.**

[6] Therefore any illness can be healed temporarily, if one understands how to unburden the mass of flesh; but there is no longer any relief for the old age of the flesh, although a person living in good order will generally know little of any pain right into a very great age. His flesh will remain until the last hour still very flexible and supple, and the soul will gradually be able

to remove itself from the flesh very gently in the actual best and true order. It will indeed not exactly wish to separate itself from the flesh even at a high earthly age, but if the very perceptible, blessed call comes from heaven: Come out of your prison into the most free, eternal true life!, it will not hesitate for a second to leave its fragile earthly house and to step out into the light of true eternal life.

[7] Well, you will never be in a position to prevent this with your herbal concoctions and neither through the power of My will, because this cannot be the will of My spirit. But with the power of My name you will only be able to perform those same true miracles according to My will which makes itself most clearly heard in your hearts and never against it. Therefore you must also make My will, which is the true will of God, above all to your own, and it will then be impossible for you to fail in something that you want from Me and thereby through My eternal order.

[8] There can therefore be no talk of anyone ever dying because of the holy power given to you in or through My name. **Truly you should never withhold a healing from anyone, where my spirit says to you in your heart: Help this person!, but if the spirit says to you: leave him in the torture of his flesh, so that his soul will have enough of satisfying the desires of the flesh!, then leave him and do not heal him from his fleshly evil – for he should tolerate it for the salvation of his soul!**

[9] And now see that your worry was somewhat in vain! **Therefore go into my correct order and everything will then become clear to you!** If you still have some objection, then speak, before our host emerges from the new kitchen with the meal!" (GGJ Book 11, chap. 70)

PAIN IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD IS ALWAYS SELF-INFLICTED

Robert Blum vol. 2, chap. 164 - 165

7. Say I: "Would all be well, if punishment going forth from Myself were not also a judgment! **If I judge mankind on account of their great malice, then the punishment has to be seen as the natural consequence of malice, the way a person who inflicts a blow upon himself must show his pain to be a natural result.** Thus every punishment instigated by Me has to be seen in that light, freedom of the spirit and soul is not to be undermined.

8. Wherefore **this supremely evil spirit's punishment also cannot be any other than what he will give himself from his very own wicked will**, the monstrous product of his love. Only after he tires of such self-inflicted pain, and he smothers in his fury, shall it be possible to approach him along more lenient paths. He thus sinks gradually down to the lowest and most severe hell – yet not condemned there by Myself, but

through his own desire, because he himself creates this hell from his love! But whatever comprises someone's love also is his life, and that must not be taken from him!

[...]9. But some might say: Let there be such extremes by all means, but why man's extraordinary sensitivity to pain? The answer is easy: imagine a mankind without sensitivity to pain, and imbue them with free cognition and a completely free will, then sanctioning the laws any old way, and none shall abide by them! For **he who has no pain sensitivity also has no pleasure. And would not humans imbued only with sensations of pleasure and agreeableness soon mutilate themselves if at the accidental severing of a limb they only felt pleasure?**

10. If this Cado, howling with pain, were not sensitive to pain, he would be irretrievably lost. But as things are, he could still be defiant for some time. But if eventually gripped too mightily with pain, he will be ready to accept persuasion and enter upon better ways. (Robert Blum vol. 2, chap. 164)

The very painful experiences of Roman Christian Missionaries following their martyrdom, in the afterlife

Note: This is proving again that only true love for the Lord and fellowman can bring salvation and the true eternal life of bliss on the other side.

Sunsets to Sunrises, chap. 58

(Says one of the party): "Dear friend and brother! **All of us left earth in the year 1846, after Christ's birth. On earth, we lived in different countries and actually met only here in the spirit world. We were monks of the orders of the Jesuits, Liguorists, Minorites, and Carmelites. We are about eight hundred males; and the two hundred sisters are partly from the order of the Sisters of Charity and partly from the orders of the Teaching Sisters and Ladies of the Sacred Heart.**

2 Now, dear friend and brother, you know when we lived on earth and what we were. The rest you can easily imagine: all the foolish things we had to perform for the sake of Rome, which sent us out into the world to do some fishing. **And for this dubious honor, we had to give our lives – some in Asia, some in hot Africa and Australia, and others in America. And when we arrived here in the spirit world, expecting to receive the martyr's crown of eternal glory, the real trouble only began.**

3 And I tell you that you are the first human being we have met in this desert after actual, or just experienced, trillions of years. Isn't it terrible to receive such a reward for our martyrdom on earth? Men on earth are great asses, but we were the greatest - there is no doubt about that!

4 Of course, we did not believe any of the things we taught with glib tongues, for our only motive was to catch the goldfish for ourselves and for Rome. But, notwithstanding this, **we did preach Christ and converted many heathens to Christianity, for which, in the end, we had to**

suffer tortures. What a reward we received for this, you can see for yourself: indescribable wretchedness in this world.

I had to suffer particularly. I was in China where, thanks to my knowledge of the language, I managed to make many a profitable deal. With the aid of a beautiful Chinese woman, I even gained access to the Emperor's court. There, however, the woman, whom, unfortunately, I had taken into my confidence, denounced me to the supreme authority, citing fraud and other evil designs, including high treason.

6 I was seized and placed between two stone slabs, which the Mandarins then started to heat, and I was slowly fried to death. That is surely the most painful death imaginable, and one would think that with such a death one would have atoned for all one's mortal sins - but listen to this: This torture continued even after my death! Yes, I still had to face those two glowing rocks which I have already mentioned to you.

7 That was the reward I reaped so far for all my efforts on earth; what may still follow, I don't know. You have now a good picture of our nature and our fate. In short, we are poor devils whom you are now helping. If there is a God, may He reward you for it!" (Sunsets to Sunrises, chap. 58)

Pain associated with sexual activity and loss associated to all pride and greed related activities of the soul in the spiritual world

Spiritual Sun vol. 2 chap. 121

[1] If the guest has undergone such a scene of one of his principal passions, then he usually becomes filled with disgust for such a fleeting pleasure, by convincing himself that there is nothing real about it. **You must know that such spirits also have sexual intercourse in the hereafter; but instead of pleasure, they feel a very significant pleasure-pain, and this peculiarity makes them all the more feel disgust for their passion.**

[2] But if such a passion is defeated in this way, then the spirit seeks something else in itself, which otherwise pleases him in the world, for example a game. If that is the case, he longs for a gaming company. This is granted to him. He comes among well-known friends, and their first meeting requires nothing more than the quick arrangement of a game. And immediately he is put into the state in which he finds everything that is needed for playing as in his own home in the world: cards, money, and the like. The game begins, but usually ends with the loss of all his money and home. It goes without saying that he thereby gets hatred for the game; but unfortunately also for the players who took everything from him. But once again, our guide is immediately at hand, showing him the nothingness of his passion and how he distances himself more and more from God instead of approaching Him.

[3] In this way, does everything that he has done since his childhood turns up again for our new guest. Even music, when it constitutes a more sensual passion and is more than a profit-driven activity, operates there in the same way as an evil passion and is worked out in the same way. Even painting and poetry; in short, **everything that has led mankind in**

the world, at any rate of excellence, to a look of pride, must be carried out in a similar way.

[4] But in the end the spirit must do all this voluntarily, for no one is ever compelled to do something in whatever way, but he must so to speak force himself and judge himself!

[5] And this is the business of these angelic guiding spirits, who gradually introduce each newcomer into himself completely and let him find all that he has only ever absorbed in his whole life on earth: first the grosser things, and then the better things. (Spiritual Sun vol. 2 chap. 121)

Laziness leading to total weakness and despondency is countered by chastisement from the Lord (in the spiritual world) even in Hell

The Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 48

[23] You now ask: How so? This is, in fact, easy to understand! The life of the spirit consists solely of the grace of the love present in it and specifically with the corresponding activity.

[24] What happens to someone who retreats from all activity? He finally becomes completely powerless and so weak that he can barely defend himself against a fly. If he then would fall into the greatest, inescapable misery because of his complete inactivity, experience on earth teaches that such a condition on earth mostly results in suicide. Also in the spiritual world, would spiritual suicide be the result, for if such suffering spirits would find no salvation despite their pleas to the saints, they would become faithless and despondent, resulting in the true spiritual death!

[25] Why! Because spiritual despondency means a complete, violent separation from the Master. For this reason, would such a condition not be allowed, even in hell. When evil would become too active there, the Master would chastise the evil in a very sensitive way. Would the evil cease because of it, the chastisement and pain would also cease. (The Spiritual Sun vol. 1, chap. 48)

The painful trial of life on earth. Instructions for those who want to incarnate here and become children of god. No pain and spiritual blindness on a solar world

Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 16

[14] Now I say unto you, Whosoever of you, my household and children, wants to read the conditions in the flame, come and read! If anyone has found the very heavy conditions acceptable, lay the hand upon the altar, according to the revelation, and **God Almighty will take his spirit, lead him into that world where He dwells and will shape the Spirit into a new man, who will only have to drag along a mortal, painful body for a short time, and will have to humble himself to death in this body. And when he then is humbled through and through, then he will have to be painfully killed, in order to rise from death to a true child of God!**

[15] Now see, a man comes out from the midst of the whole great multitude, and reads from the flame the following condition: "Dissatisfied with your blessed fate! What do you want? **Where do you want to go? - You have had no suffering so far, and never has any pain touched your being. Death is strange to you, and never has a heavy burden touched your neck. If you remain in this world after the eternal order of God, you can never fall, be spoiled, and perish. What your heart desires and feels, you have and will always have it.**

[16] **But if you are not contented with it and want to go there where the children of God are begotten, know that God your Lord will test you through all sorts of great sufferings, sorrows, and tribulations until the last drops of life has been powerfully tested, before you would be transformed into a child through death!** But woe unto thee, if thou hast not passed the test; then you will have to pay for the vanity of your striving forever in the wrath of God, and it will never be better with you, but always worse and more agonizing in your eternal state!

[17] **But in this world, where the children of God are begotten, you will be struck with the most perfect blindness, and nothing will remain in your consciousness of all that you experienced here to give you further conscious guidance; because you will be obliged to begin a whole new, painful and difficult life. Nothing will be left to you, but your greatest danger, the desires of the life of this world.** (Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 16)

[16] Some such foreign souls often travel through even very many other worlds, until they then risk coming to this Earth, led by their spirits. **Many are from solar worlds. Among them there are soon some very complete; but some often receive a great anger at everything that happens only on this Earth. From these come the very evil individuals for this Earth, who rob, murder and steal whatever comes their way. Also they usually have no love for the people of**

this Earth and seek only to harm them in every possible way. Such only rarely escape here the just punishment for their crimes against the Earth laws of order.

Quite often they return to their old homeland, where things are not too good for them either, for **their spirit often begins to discipline them in a terribly severe and painful manner, and the prouder, more hardened and selfish-stubborn a soul is, the longer will such a process last.**

[17] Yes, Sometimes the same thing happens to citizens of this earth who are enticed by the strangers to perpetrate many an evil deed. It is these souls, of whom unfortunately there are many, that are called '**devils**'. **These will later be tormented by their spirits out of God who will then be their guides until their complete betterment takes place.** And look, this accounts for the great diversity on this earth and the peculiar conditions prevailing among the people of this earth. – (GGJ Book 12, chap.89)

The Dark Side of Nature relative to the Human Life

Secrets of life, chap. 29 (through Gottfried Mayerhofer)

Wherever the eye roams in nature, man observes only strict laws. They also exist in the life of the intellect, for correct conclusions from one to the other do not allow another explanation.

This applies also to **the spiritual life, where there are immutable laws that punish everyone who tries to offend against them. The will to act in defiance of the spiritual laws is at the bottom of all misfortune, all suffering and all deception in the earthly-human life.**

In contrast, thinking, acting and working in harmony with these laws means joy, solace and contentment, as the spiritual product of duties fulfilled by a spiritual being.

Those people, who do not believe in a spiritual life, in God, are unhappy. **For everything else not stemming from a spiritual source is also unable to replace, as solace when accidents happen or in unexpected misfortune, what man has just lost.** That is why the wrong judgment both of fellowmen and of the world surrounding them.

The world is simple in its structure. The seeming matter hides the spiritual. He who denies this is deceived in his expectations. **For whosoever tries to follow his materialistic desires finds his worst enemy in the way his own life is arranged,** although he tries to deafen his reason and emotions. **So everything that does not love the eternal divine order brings about its own punishment.** For this reason the misery that befalls man, embittering his whole life, is his own work rather than that of others or even, as many believe, "My will"! [...]

People complain about the hard and difficult way of earning a living. Who makes it so difficult for them? Neither I nor the world, but one person for another!

Every one seeks to gain from that which he either had to learn with effort or which fell into his lap without his doing. Who else is it but unscrupulous people, who even use their fellowmen's misfortune to enrich themselves, thus making the cost of living more expensive.

Because such people without conscience are now in the majority, refuse to acknowledge a spiritual mission and believe neither in God nor in the immortality of the soul, you see how one seeks to gain advantage over another and none shows himself in his true nature.

Even the smooth artificial education does its part by turning what the children are taught into a cloak beneath which they deceitfully conceal the worst vices! [...]

Thus the whole world is like a fancy-dress ball where in most cases the mask has nothing to do with the nature of the one wearing it. **Whenever people now complain about the evil world, I ask: "who made it so bad? I or you yourselves?"**

Therefore, do not accuse Me. I am a long-suffering God and look on in patience as all, from the highest to the lowest classes, try to rule each other.

Lust for power is the great vice inspiring mankind, which with every step they try to exert over their fellowman. In vain did I during My life preach love, tolerance, forgiveness, even telling them they should love their enemies.

At that time most people turned their ears away from such demands and now that you declare it to be an enlightened age, are you acting differently?

These qualities preached by Me would have resulted in a peaceful living together of people. However, man with his animal passions yielded to the latter. He himself turned the earth, which equally provided for all, into a hell from which he cannot escape, And so I have enough trouble preventing individual people from total decline (into matter).

From this wild animal life, which wants to enjoy everything, there emerged, as from the box of Pandora, the host of diseases that already encumber the child in the womb with the faults of its parents and to which, in later years it will add its own.

[...]

I always reserve the right to use even all abuses, all misfortunes for My own purposes.

Whosoever refuses to seek the road to Me on the gentle path of love must, through his own fault, become prudent through misfortune.

With thousands upon thousands of people, preaching is of no avail; accidents of every kind, chronic illnesses, involuntary sacrifices must mellow them. Everything must appear to them hopeless, the world must turn its back on them, the body refuse to function. And all studied religious dogmas must prove to be untenable, until finally they begin to more seriously reflect on their own Self, their possible mission on earth, on the material world, so as to have an idea of what lies beyond it.

Only then are they capable of accepting something more serious, more lasting, once they have emptied to the dregs the cup of material pleasures and have received into the bargain another one full of sad experiences and disappointments.

Thus I am compelled to educate this world and this mankind, who is My own property and whose spiritual spark taken from Me must be returned to Me. Thus people must reach the goal, for which I have destined them, on a wrong road. And thus all their complaints are justified as they rail against the “vale of misery”, called human life, which they themselves have created and willed, and for which they must now naturally bear the consequences. (Secrets of life, chap. 29)

The spiritual benefits of illnesses and accidents for the soul. Parents' worries

The Lord' Sermons, chap. 24

If I allow men to do what they like and they thus create for themselves illnesses and accidents from which they could derive some spiritual benefit, why should I prevent what could only serve for their spiritual good? Surely I cannot consider everybody's worldly well-

being, but only the main purpose of his life on earth. How could I give My children that which would only be detrimental to them?

Oh you shortsighted and gullible people! You are like children who want at all costs to put their hands in the fire because they have not yet experienced the fact that fire not only gives light, but also burns. I could tell you of so many things that are prayed for! One wants money, the other health, the third success in his venture, the fourth complains that death has caused losses in his family, the fifth wishes to see his children in luxury and a life of pleasure rush headlong towards hell, and so on. But none of them considers that with the granting of the prayer the spiritual welfare of those involved would often considerably suffer. They do not take into account that suffering and misfortune are the corner-stones which form obstacles to the staggering ones when they indulge in worldly activities and tend to completely ignore spiritual progression.

You fathers and mothers desire for your children all the good things, as health, wealth, a long life and a high position in the world. Well, what you wish for, as tiny beings in My creation, would be allowed to Me too, I should also be allowed to educate My children in such a way that they may enjoy in the fullest measure all the good and beautiful things in My creation which I have stored up only for them, that they are spiritually sound, rich in love and can be set over great things close to Me.

Behold, I want the same you yourselves want. The difference consists only in that you humans, in order to become My children, have to go through different schools from the ones you let your children attend. This is where our opinions differ.

Besides, it is only a short period of time during which you are concerned for your children's welfare, whereas I take care that the everlasting future life of My charges becomes one full of bliss and unimagined enjoyments.

Thus you can see that in this point I often have to be unbending and write your silly prayers into the sand to be blown away by the next breeze, whilst My arrangements are written as laws in imperishable stones of eternity. Therefore, consider your supplications well and do not ask Me for the ruin of My children! I have created them for life eternal, as spirits, as angels, and not for a life of pleasure in worldly filth to one day maybe bring Me a defiled soul.

So when you make supplication and ask for My help, bear in Mind that I already know in advance what you will ask for and that you cannot tell Me anything new. Bear in mind that men would never have got into difficulties if it had not been My will to teach them through their own mistakes. Do not forget that your only consolation is your trust in Me. I, too, had trust when in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the face of My greatest suffering which I had to bear as man, I prayed: "***Father, let this cup pass from me!***" But the cup was not taken away and I had to drain it to the last drop. Remember that I then said: "*Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, O Father!*" These words with which I willingly submitted to My fate may serve you as your sole guiding-star in your life on earth.

Yes, make supplication in My name, entreat Me from the depth of your heart. Such entreaty will comfort you and give you peace, and with it you have done your duty towards Me. But leave the fulfilling, or otherwise, of your requests to Me.

I see better and farther and cannot grant everything that blind and immature children want. Why? Because as adults you can see clearer and are more sensible. And what small children are in relation to you, you are in relation to Me, even much less.. (The Lord' Sermons, chap. 24)

Why does the Lord allow CHILDREN to SUFFER and DIE?

SICKNESS AND EARLY DEATH

GGJ Book 14, chap. 26

[1] Says a Greek Jew: "Lord and Master, this is now quite clear to us, but there is still something for which I have no true explanation. **Why do so many children have to die at the most tender age while still undeveloped, and why must physical death almost always be preceded by a bad illness which weakens and kills the body?** Once a man is mature, he could as a soul leave

the body easily and painlessly, and children should never die before reaching a certain maturity. However, what happens all the time is this: Children die at any age, and the bad diseases are always there and are a continual plague for men. O Lord and Master, why must that be so on this earth?"

[2] I said: "This need not be so at all and was not the case in the deep past, for do you ever read in a chronicle of bad illnesses amongst the men who were devoted to God and living according to His commandments!? They all lived to a ripe old age and their passing was a gentle, painless going to sleep. Also, no child ever died, for it was begotten by very healthy parents and nourished and raised according to sound and simple natural principles.

[3] Only later, when arrogance and with it a whole legion of the grossest sins against God's commandments and laws of nature gained entrance among people, did all sorts of bad ailments occur among them through their own fault. The thus weakened people could then no longer beget healthy children. Such children, already crippled from the womb, gradually became prone to more and more attacks from all kinds of diseases and began to die at all ages.

[4] Because this is now happening you must not think that God had ordained this for men for some inexplicable, secret reason. He allowed it, firstly, so that the people be prevented from too much sinning through their ailments and, secondly, that they, through their painful suffering distance themselves from the world, go into themselves, recognize their sins, detest them and in patient submission to God's will attain eternal bliss.

[5] This is also the case with children. What is on this earth to become of a child that is physically completely stunted, particularly if the parents have already been born in sin? Who will educate them and who heal them from their ailments? **Is it not better to take them away from this world so that they can be raised by the angels in the specially created realm of children?**

[6] I tell you: God knows about everything and He cares for everything! However, since most men nowadays no longer know about God and His existence, how can they be expected to know what God does and what He ordains for their possible redemption?

[7] If God had not allowed the corresponding ailments to follow the sins of men, more than half of mankind would totally perish and the earth would turn into a complete hell and had to be destroyed, its dead wreckage wandering about in endless space, as this visible space of stars and worlds can testify with similar examples, about which My disciples can tell you more. – And now I ask you how you have understood this?" (GGJ Book 14, chap. 26)

THE GREATEST CAUSE OF DISEASE – CARNAL AND SENSUAL PLEASURES

GGJ Book 14, chap. 27

[1] I said: **“Of all vices the most evil is prostitution, fornication and all kinds and variations of lewdness. It is, however, idleness, disdainfulness and haughtiness which induce the people to this vice. Because haughtiness does not respect anything; but looks for all available means to satisfy its carnal passions.**

[2] **If then such a man begets children, what miserable and with many ailments afflicted people thereby enter this world! This sin is, therefore, a main source of the worst afflictions in this world.**

[3] **However, there are also gluttony and revelry, anger and various resentments, vices through which all sorts of ailments develop in men, tormenting them in the most miserable manner.**

[4] **Did I not say, after I had healed him, to the sick man in Jerusalem who had waited a full 38 years at the pool Bethesda to be healed: ‘Go and sin no more, lest you suffer something worse?’ His bad gout was, therefore, also an outcome of his many previous sins. And this applies to nearly all those who were healed by Me. Had they never fallen ill through their many sins, their souls would have perished. Only a rather serious and painful illness sobered them up and showed them how the world rewards those who worship it. Through their illness they lost their love for the world and longed to be soon set free from it. Thereby their soul became freer and the healing of their body occurred also at the right time.**

[5] **Apart from these main causes responsible for most illnesses of men, who are anyway weakened from birth, there are still others, through which man in his weakness can fall quite severely ill, but I emphasize it again: This can happen only to the one already weakened from birth. I will briefly summarize the reasons for you.**

[6] **There is, firstly, the ingestion of bad, impure and poorly, not freshly prepared food and also of bad drinks, then the eating of all sorts of unripe fruit. Also, many have the bad habit of cooling themselves down too quickly when hot. Again others, unaware of their inherited weakness, expose themselves to all kinds of dangers, thereby either perishing or suffering lifelong damage.**

[7] Well, this is not God's fault, so much the less since He gave man intelligence, free will and the best laws of life.

[8] **Against man's indolence there is no means other than all sorts of allowed calamities, which must necessarily follow the non-compliance with the divine will.** These will wake up man's soul which is fast asleep in its flesh and show it the unfortunate outcome of its indolence, and it will then become more careful, wiser, more active and resigned to the recognized divine will. Thus, the various ailments now afflicting men are also of decisive advantage.

[9] Of course, they are also a kind of judgment coercing the soul towards the good. Yet the soul does thereby not lose its free will entirely, and it can better itself considerably during or after an illness, although it will have to accomplish its further perfection in the beyond.

[10] There are also sick people who have entered this world sick from the womb because of the sins of their parents or ancestors. The souls of these sick people are mostly from above and merely undergo a temporary life-trial on this earth. These are anyway well cared for in the beyond in the realm of spirits, and whoever cares for them in love and patience, will be invited by them with the same love and patience into their heavenly abodes in the beyond. (GGJ Book 14, chap. 26 - 27)

CARNAL AND SENSUAL PLEASURES – THE SINS OF THE PARENTS

EARTH & MOON chap. 59

You know that certain human beings, male and female, are much afflicted with carnal desires, while there are others whose sensuous carnal nature is almost totally impassive. Such human beings do not react even if they are exposed to the most delightful flesh, whereas others would again enter into a frenzy at the sight of feminine charms. Yes, there are fools who, at the sight of a female, fall in love to such a degree that they completely lose their senses if they cannot have such a woman as their wife or, at least, for occasional sensuous pleasures.

The reason for such carnal inclination, especially if it expresses itself severely, frequently lies in being possessed with one or even several lecherous carnal devils.

How do these devils enter the flesh of such a person? Human beings themselves prepare opportunities without number or measure. **Such carnal devils live especially in all “heating” (that is, alcoholic) beverages, in wine, in beer, and particularly in all distilled spirits. When people drink such alcoholic beverages and become severely inebriated, they have with certainty accommodated at least one or more carnal devils in their bodies. Once these carnal devils are in the flesh, they itch and torment the genitals in such a severe manner that human beings cannot but satisfy this enticement in sensuous pleasures.**

These carnal devils are nothing but impure souls of departed human beings who were very much addicted either to drinking or to carnal sensuousness. The reason for entering the flesh of a living human being is for the improvement of the- carnal devil, because the flesh was their element. They carry on in their new abode in a considerably worse manner than they did when they were in their own flesh.

When these corrupt souls carry on too unrestrainedly and begin to ignite their impure desires more and more, they often cause many dangerous diseases. The guardian angel-spirits allow this, so that the soul of ailing human beings may not totally perish in a furious rage of the flesh.

Such so-called hot beverages are the first means through which these carnal devils enter a person’s flesh.

The second path is just as dangerous as the first, and it is attending a dance! You may safely assume that, at any such dances, there are at all times at least ten times as many invisible, flesh-addicted impure souls present as there are guests. Under certain circumstances it is easy for them to enter the flesh, which here is severely stirred up and exceptionally susceptible to that type of filthy soul riff-raff. This is also why people who have attended such a ball feel an actual aversion to anything higher or sublime. This may easily be observed, especially in cities. And as far as students are concerned, it often happens that those who were once diligent students do not think about books or learning after such a dance, but do think continuously about the white neck, bosom, arm, and so on of a female, and have the eyes of the object of their affection

constantly on their minds. Their senses are occupied with nothing but the object at the dance, which gave them such great pleasure.

This is why so many students give up their studies. Many, instead of studying the sciences, study only for their daily bread in order to become, as soon as possible, married with their lovely dance partners, such as they may be. And if such a couple actually marries, they are as incompatible as man and wife as the day is with the night.

The initial time such a married couple spends together is spent strictly in sensuous pleasures. Therefore, in a very short time all the specifica are completely used up, which specifica should have been dedicated to the formation of power for procreation; and this is usually followed by fatigue of the flesh. In such cases, the carnal devils that inhabit such a human being seek a way out by suggesting, as would a family doctor, that such a soul look for other flesh.

Thus the wife soon becomes disgusting to her husband, and vice versa. She gradually begins to look for young paramours; the husband, however, will usually go out at night to get “fresh air.” And such a relation continues until such a married couple become weary of each other; soon they divorce, or merely go their separate ways. Such occurrences – which are presently the order of the day – are the fruits of the ball or dances and such like, and the consequences of possession of the above-mentioned evil patrons of the flesh.

At first, this state of possession does not express itself with the same severity in everyone as it does in some, such as those who, through alcoholic drinks, have accommodated such unclean spirits within themselves. The spirits which come out of these hot drinks may be easily removed by means of a strong prayer for the soul by her spirit, whereupon a normal condition of the flesh is restored. The alien spirits which were attracted through the pleasures of dancing are not, however, so easily removed. It requires a considerable amount of fasting, prayer, and self-denial, through which the soul unites more and more with her spirit. The spirit then reaches through the soul and throws the evil riff-raff out of the house of the soul.

What would such a couple generally do while at a dance? Besides dancing, they would usually eat and drink throughout the dance, and afterwards they may eat even more than normal, because they want to “replenish their energy,” which is the same as a guarantee to the carnal devils of a lifelong pension and lodging in their souls and blood. **The physical body of many male and female dancers, when they have accommodated too many such guests, will in a very short time cease to exist, because these malicious carnal imps, who are no longer able to find any more room in the kidneys and parts of the genitals, prepare their dwellings also in the spleen, liver, and lungs. Wherever such an emigrant from Hell makes his home, he kills the flesh wherein he dwells. The consequences of this are hardening of the spleen and liver, consumption of the lungs, and emaciation. When two or more enter the lungs, they then cause galloping consumption.**

The Lord says: **“I tell you that you may be assured that most human ailments originate from their hellish inhabitants, for which they themselves have paved the way into their own flesh; many already begin the school of Hell in their youth, and these are the true children of the world. These human beings do not sense that they are accommodating foreign guests of the dirtiest kind. These spirits not only seek to place the mood and flesh of the landlord in a sensuous mode, but also work in this manner upon the soul to the extent that she begins to find pleasure in all kinds of worldly things.”**

These worldly things, especially for females, are **“fashion”!** The charming flesh must be covered in accordance with the prevailing fashion, the hair must be curled, and the skin must be embrocated with well-scented potions. For men, there must be the ever-present hellish tobacco, and many young dandies, if they have a little money, will frequently smoke as much in one day as ten poor people spend to buy enough bread to feed themselves.

You should also know what the spiritual significance of this fashionable **smoking** is. These evil inhabitants make every effort to familiarize the soul, while living a physical life, with the hellish vapors and stink of tobacco. Therefore, after the soul leaves the body, she does not become aware of her stinking company immediately, nor does she sense early enough that this fine company, completely unnoticed, is leading her into the third Hell.

It has already been said that each soul, after the death of the physical body, comes first into the company of angels, whereat their evil company must yield in the twinkling of an eye. It happens in this instance as well. But such a soul does not remain permanently in the company of the angels, but instead is placed in a position whereby she may restore herself completely. In other words, she is brought to a place where, through free activity, she may regain the necessary specifica for her restoration that she squandered on this world.

Here the aforementioned evil carnal company can approach such a soul unnoticed, although these hellish beings stink pestilential to a soul that is pure to a certain degree, and such a soul easily notices their presence. But a soul whose sense of smell has been so dulled no longer notices the approach of evil company. And we certainly cannot mention the sense of sight, since the soul does not have sufficient light yet, as the viewing of the soul comes only from the inside. Therefore she can only see that which is within her, but not that which is outside of her.

Such spirits are outside of such a soul, and that is why she does not notice them. However, through the sense of smell she can perceive their presence and determine exactly where they are. Once she has accomplished this she can withdraw into her spirit, and soon she will be able to see where her enemies are located and what their intentions are. Once these hellish spirits notice that they have been detected, they flee immediately. A hellish spirit can endure everything, but not the brilliant eye of a pure soul, and much less that of an angel. And in order to protect themselves from My eyes, they erect mountains as cover.

You may easily conclude from this why I often rallied against this highly detestable smoking of tobacco. You have likewise been given to understand how the excessive carnal desire in a

human being comes into existence, whither that leads, and how human beings can protect themselves. (EARTH & MOON chap. 59)

THE EFFECT OF THE LECHEROUSNESS OF THE PARENTS ON THEIR CHILDREN'S SOULS AND BRAINS

GGJ Book 10, chap. 63

[2] **Where therefore lecherousness and fornication have taken strong roots in a nation, the people are without any outer life sphere, sluggish, cowardly and indifferently and cannot find in anything an elevating and blessed pleasure and do not find any delight in a beautiful form or figure anymore. Their case is the mute, animal-like desirous pleasure of the flesh; for everything else they either have a very small or no sense at all!**

[3] **Therefore, above all, take care, that this vice does not take root, and married couples should only do as much, as it is absolutely necessary to father a person!**

[4] **Who bothers his wife during her pregnancy, spoils the fruit already in the mother's womb and plants in it the spirit of unchastity; since the spirit who urges and agitates the couple to have sex beyond the natural norm, the same spirit is transferred to the fruit in an exponential manner.**

[5] **Therefore this also must be very carefully be considered during the act, that firstly the coitus is not performed out of common lecherousness, but out of true love and inclination of the souls, and secondly, that the woman who has conceived should not be touched and be left to rest for another seven weeks after given birth to the fruit!**

[6] **Children who have been conceived in this orderly manner and have ripened in the mother's womb without being bothered, will firstly come more soul perfected into this world, because the soul in a perfectly developed organism can surely much easier care for her spiritual progress than in a completely spoiled organism, where she continuously has to repair and patch; and secondly she herself is more pure and brighter, because she has not become impure by the lustful**

lecherous spirits, which by the often daily lustful repeated procreations in the flesh have been transferred into the embryo flesh and also the soul.

[7] How easy could a soul lift her heart already in the earliest most tender childhood, just like Samuel, to God out of true childlike, most innocent love! And what marvelous primordial basic signs will in this way out of the true depth of the heart be brightly illuminated engraved on the young, tender brain before any material signs, from which light a child explains to itself the right meaning and relation of the later pictures coming from the material world, because these pictures are so to speak planted on a brightly illuminated and life true ground and are expanded and parsed into individual components, as through and through clearly illuminated, and thereby easily viewed and comprehended by the soul.

[8] With such children already from early on an outer life sphere starts to develop, and soon they easily become clairvoyant, and everything in My order will begin to submit to their will. **In comparison, what are the children already spoiled in the mother's womb? I say to you: Hardly more than seemingly animated shadow pictures of life! And what is the main reason for it? This, what I amply have showed, namely the result of lecherousness!** (GGJ Book 10, chap. 63)

GGJ Book 10, chap. 67

Note:** In order to understand the nature and functioning of the **etheric human brain** (which is the actual instrument of the mind and is connected to the material corresponding organ during life time in the body) and also the disastrous effect of the carnal sins of the parents on the brain of the child, please read *The Great Gospel of John*, Book 10, chap. 59 to , particularly chap. 67 – ***An unspoiled and a spoiled brain and chap. 71 - A wrong education affects the brain)*

[8] However, now we have a **spoiled brain** in front of us and we will see, how this by an additional, most bad and most wrong upbringing will be spoiled even more, and by that you will more than clearly recognize, how completely fruitless and without wisdom such a world-wisdom compares to a true, heavenly organized wisdom! Just look at the chaos of such a brain!

Nowhere an orderly coherence; here and there only a crippled little brain pyramid! The whole story looks rather like a gravel heap than a brain!

[9] The brain obtains such a shape already in the mother's womb! What should become of such a person in future, what progress will he make in the true school of life with such a brain?! Yes, if it was left at that and one would start with a careful education of the heart for about ten years! **But where is the education of the heart?!** It is not thought of anymore, and in the higher standing classes of nations it is completely absent! The lower

classes of nations, however, do not know anyhow anything better about a soul - or life development than the dear animals of the woods, and their properties resemble completely those ancient inhabitants of the woods, who feed and live off the robbery and blood of other more gentle animals." (GGJ Book 10, chap. 67)

The effect of the presence of lecherous people on young girls

Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 113

[7] Are there only few of these men of pleasure on Earth? O no, I can assure you that **for every money miser there are a lot of such persons who are addicted to flesh. The father who has a daughter with a charming appearance can be sure that she will often be looked at with lusty eyes, especially in the city.**

[8] One will say now: this does not matter, thoughts and lusts that cannot be executed are tax-free. But I add here: indeed, for the blind of spirit who is not capable to look even one hair further than matter.

However, what would a father say when his spiritual eye would be opened and would see all those with lustful eyes before him who dishonor his daughter in all possible ways?

[9] Her body can be protected, but who will protect her spirit and its radiating sphere of life with which these lusty people come in contact with and influence with their shameful lusts? Do you think that this will not have a negative influence on that daughter? Then you are seriously mistaken.

[10] If you will often take your daughter to places where she is looked at by lustful eyes, then in a short time she will be sensually changed and secretly mock and ridicule the moral warnings of her parents. Her senses will be more and more directed to places of which she suspects that sensual men will be there. Many will say now: 'No, this is too extreme, this is too exaggerated. What kind of harmful result can an innocent lust or secret lustful thought have on a strange person without any touching?' I only say on this: for men with such views and such spiritual attitude this announcement is as less intended as the sun for the center of the Earth. Then I will ask those who have experienced in the so-called clairvoyant mediums and seen for themselves the disturbing effect on such persons at the arrival of lusty people, where this effect comes from and what its cause is? Even when such uninvited guest does not touch the medium, he nevertheless feels a convulsive and often painful effect when such guest comes in.

[11] Look, the reason of this is that the spiritual sphere of the medium is immediately brought down. This has no bad moral results for the medium because his sphere is more closed up and because every medium will immediately do everything to get rid of such guest.

[12] Question: does this also happen under the natural circumstances where the sphere of every person is more extensive and wherein he does not perceive the harmful influence?

Truly, the reaction under the natural circumstances is much worse than under the mediumistic. And therefore, for such unchaste thoughts and lusts a separate commandment has been given in which it is stated that everyone should abstain from them and reject them.

[13] So he who observes the behavior of such lustly person will see again a perfect image of Hell. He only has to take away his matter and look at him purely spiritually, then he will see astonishing things. First a lecherous person in every respect and besides that a furious person who wants to avenge himself in a shameful manner and with all furiousness on his Creator, as well as on the whole creation because of the supposed imperfection of his nature.

(Spiritual Sun vol. 2, chap. 113)

The devil of play and the rearing of children

EARTH & MOON chap. 60

Other kinds of human beings have, from early youth on, a particular inclination towards all kinds of games. They are unable to spend their time on anything else but dallying and playing. This inclination is awakened by shortsighted parents who ceaselessly provide little children with all kinds of toys, with the intent of guiding them towards activity.

Verily, this is just another way by which evil souls of departed human beings gain entrance into the flesh of such children. These children are constantly driven by the spirits that dwell within them to possess more and more toys. Some children have so many toys that it represents a considerable amount of money for their parents. The children become so occupied with these games that they no longer take interest in anything else.

This Devil of Play that takes root in early childhood unites within himself a constant addiction for play and entertainment, later on for material greed, and finally, in addition to this, a disguised lust for power. This devil is the most difficult to cast out of a person.

If children must have pastimes, would it not be better if they were given such things for toys that, in one respect or another, relate to My childhood on Earth? (*Reference The Childhood of Jesus, by Jakob Lorber. - ED.*). Thus **good inclinations would be implanted in the children.** And they would, as they grow older, enthusiastically inquire in detail regarding the significance of their toys. Under such circumstances, a spiritual teacher would certainly have a more pleasant task in setting up a new vineyard, would soon harvest remarkable fruit as well. But in the instance here, the opposite course has been taken: instead of I leaven, the child is being prepared, at a very tender age, for I fell, which will triumph in the end. (EARTH & MOON chap. 60)

The Nature and consequences of ANGER

EARTH & MOON chap. 61

We shall, further, unveil another very dangerous kind of possession. It consists of being **possessed in the earthly flesh by the Devil of Anger. This is the most dangerous of possessions**, because the Devil of Anger not only possesses the body of such a person, but also a multitude of evil ministering spirits come with him.

Anger is the most glaring contrast to love, and it forms the essential main ingredient of Satan. Anger cannot exist without nourishment; therefore it is constantly surrounded by countless nourishing spirits, on which the Devil of Anger sucks and which he consumes. Since love cannot exist without nourishment, which is to be loved in return, so anger cannot exist without anger in return. Let us see what kind of riff-raff surrounds anger for its succor.

Hate is the main provider for anger, followed by haughtiness. Out of this comes forth selfishness, envy, greed, adultery, fornication, and contempt of everything divine, the greatest of disdain for other people, murder and bloodshed, lust for power – and, in the end, a complete lack of conscience. These are the assistants of the Devil of Anger, each of whom has a considerable multitude of evil subordinate spirits, which are easily recognizable in the most manifold passions of a human being possessed by anger. This evil spirit is just as difficult to cast out of a person's flesh as it is to extinguish a fire that has seized every part of a large house. In this instance, there is no other remedy but to let it burn down to the last beam, and then examine the cooled ashes to ascertain whether there is anything left that the fire has not consumed.

Since this Devil of Anger is very wicked, we must gain the understanding as to how this ejection from Hell enters into the flesh of a human being. This spirit does not enter with time into a person's

flesh, but is placed in it during the act of procreation as a seed of Hell. And since it determines the progress of the flesh, it must be there.

The seed itself does not reach a level of independence unless the newly born human being obtains the opportunity to develop it.

Not until such a person is subjected to the wrong upbringing will this evil substance gather in the liver. Once this substance is present in the fullest measure, it awakens the independence of the Devil of Anger. Soon he takes the whole soul captive and draws her into his sphere, through which a human being becomes a real devil in a very short time.

For many, it is not necessary that this carnal devil fully attain his own independence and that the evil evaporation of specifica spread through the whole body; it begins in the blood, which flares up easily when it approaches satiation with this specificum.

Through the blood it enters into the nerves, through these into the nerve spirit, and through the nerve spirit into the soul. When the nerve spirit has penetrated the soul, then that person is already half a devil, and it is not advisable to associate with such a human.

Such people are easily recognizable, because they flare up severely over any minor thing that touches them in the very least, and they are immediately ready to curse and fight. They may be compared to a red-hot iron, that by itself seems to be perfectly quiet. But throw the lightest of sawdust upon the iron, and immediately smoke and flames emerge.

For children that are so inclined, all of this may be avoided through a proper upbringing. The greatest evil in bringing up children is

pampering. The child realizes soon how he can be naughty without being punished. Then he will attempt and dare constantly to become more and more disobedient. If the parents then punish such a child very little or not at all, the child has already reached a certain solidity in anger.

Soon he becomes impetuous and demanding, and literally commands that he be given what he asks for. If the fulfillment of his desires is denied, he becomes infuriated, impudent, and presumptuous.

Should the parents be intimidated by that, and give in to the impetuous demands of the child, then the child has already reached the first degree of devilish independence. Thereupon the

adolescent child begins to pose as a brutal lawgiver to his parents. At this point it would not be very beneficial if the parents did not yield to the desires of their ill-bred child.

When such a child gets older, taller, and stronger, the life of many such parents would not be safe if ailments did not restrain the carnal devil of such children. Only ailments cast out this carnal devil to a certain degree, especially during the time when he has taken control of the blood. Scarlet fever, heat rash (miliaria rubra), skin rashes, smallpox, and other ailments are the means of elimination of this destroyer of human nature. Only these ailments cast this evil specificum out of the blood.

I come to the assistance of these angry children by allowing ailments to manifest.

But once an ailment is over, it is spiritually and physically beneficial for the parents and the child to assume a sense of reasonableness and to rear the child in accordance with My order. But if they pamper the child even more after the ailment, the circumstances that follow are usually much worse than before. Because when this carnal devil that is in the child notices that the path through the blood has not been successful, he then attacks the nerves. Once he has seized these, the child becomes extremely sensitive, which the parents usually consider to be an ailing condition. Because of this, they give the child everything he desires, in order not to irritate him because of supposedly weak nerves.

At this point, I have to intervene again and afflict the flesh of the child with dysentery and a severe cough in order to drain off this specificum from the nerves. This helps the body of such a child for a while. It is almost better if such a corrupted body be taken earlier from the soul of such a child, even before the carnal devil seizes his soul. Parents who have very few children usually pamper them too much, and that is why I take their children from them.

Since I pursue a higher purpose with human children than their being merely vain toys for immature parents, I have no alternative but to take the children away from such parents and hand them over to My angels for their further education. I usually choose those children that are pampered by their parents. The excessive love of parents is usually the cause of their death. If I let them live in accordance with their body,

their soul would sooner or later become the property of Hell. That is why the death of the body is better, so that the soul remains preserved for Heaven. That is why no one should be surprised that so many children die in their youth, and often even in the cradle, because I know best why I take them so early from this world. It is better that they become weak spirits of Heaven than strong spirits of Hell on Earth.

**REASONS FOR THE DEATH OF WONDERFUL BOY JOSOE
(AND PREPARATIONS FOR HIS RESURRECTION BY THE LORD)**

GGJ Book 4, chap.11

But in the same vault was also another corpse placed there by friends of Jairus. **It belonged to a boy of 12 who had died of a serious illness already a year and a half ago.** This one was lying in a coffin of cedar wood and was already fully decomposed except the bones [...]

JAIRUS: [3] This boy was – one could say – an angel. He was pious from the cradle and by his tenth year he already understood the Scripture and kept the commandments like a God-fearing adult Jew. In short, his truly childlike pious way of life and his astonishing mental abilities showed the best promise. But then he contracted a bad illness which no physician could control, and thus in this boy died everything one could have expected him to soon realize.

[4] Here one really must ask why the Lord God who is full of love and mercy allows this to happen to people who trust and rely on Him. Thousands of poor children live homeless and without education and God does not call them away from this earth, whereas children of parents who can afford to give them a God-pleasing education usually have to die. Why is this?

[5] If it pleases God to put only savages on this earth who can hardly utter five words, then God does the right thing in promptly removing from the earth every child that shows better spirit and letting only the idiots live beside the apes. But if God wished to have on this earth spiritually awakened, pious, God recognizing and loving people, I think God should pay more attention to the life of such children than has been the regrettable case until now.”

[6] Say I (the Lord): **“My dear friend, Jairus, you speak as you understand it from a human viewpoint, but God acts according to how He in His divine way understands and must understand it from eternity or you and all that is would not have an existence. But you nevertheless do an injustice to God with your grumbling.**

[7] For if God had taken from the world all the children who already in their childhood had given evidence of intelligence and talents, all of you who are now here with Me would already have decayed in the earth. But since you are still here at a considerable age your blaming God is unjustified. For also all of you revealed in your childhood particularly much intelligence, you were children of very wealthy parents and God still allowed you to live while He outside among the heathens took many thousands of poor children from this earth through dysentery and other bad illnesses which caused their poor parents quite as much grief as the parents of this boy are still living and have adopted for this boy three other poor children.

These three children are now quite worthy successors of the one child who in time, because of his great talents, would have been pampered and spoiled too much by his parents who loved him more than God, and in the end he would have become nothing but a conceited, proud and self-willed poor wretch with whom no high priest could have achieved anything.

[8] God, however, saw that in advance, removed him at the right time from this world and in the beyond gave him to the angels for a better education so that he might have a better chance to sooner reach the destination set for him by God as for every human.

[9] In addition to this, God had planned for a time to come when for you few God's name shall be glorified. And behold, that is the reason why God let this boy die already a year and a half ago so that he would be properly decomposed when the Lord God will once more restore him to life. Therefore lift the coffin out and open it." (GGJ Book 4, chap.11)

Note: Read about the actual miracle of the boy's resurrection in the Great Gospel of John, Book 4, chap. 11

Reasons for the short incarnation (early death) of souls from other celestial bodies

GGJ Book 12, chap.89

[13] (John) In addition – mark this well – this Earth in particular is specially chosen and designated by God, so that exactly on her, because of the only possible achievement of the childhood of God here, among the most varied types of people and characters which appear on it there is such a great difference, which after this Earth however in the whole infinity cannot be found to such a great degree on any of the countless many other planets.

[14] **But since it is only possible here to attain to the true and sole sonship of God – a fact which is well-known in its profundity to all the primordial spirits in the whole of infinity – you can well imagine that many spirits bring souls from other globes to this earth, so that also a soul from another world can be purified in the matter of this earth. Well, many succeed at their first attempt, but very many fail. If the alien soul incarnated in the flesh of this earth cannot endure the heavy pressure**

of this matter right from its entrance into it, it is immediately taken back by its spirit to the place from which it came.

[15] Many souls, particularly those from other worlds, cannot stand the sight of this very poor world, which is the least beautiful of all. They are those whose senses are usually poorly developed. They usually hold out for quite some time, imitating the true people of this earth in a few things. However, after such a usually short, but to them deeply significant, life they return, usually after several decades, to their homeland, of course unrecognized by the people of this earth – often successful in their great endeavor, and achieve with certainty what they attempted at the first time. (GGJ Book 12, chap.89)

DESTINY OF CHILDREN AND IMMATURE SOULS AFTER DEATH

GGJ Book 4, chap. 82

[1] **SAY I:** “Then hearken to Me! Behold, **all such immature people mostly are put on the sun just seen by you, and receive all necessary life-instruction in those extensive schools.** Thus also **deceased little children are instructed in the central equatorial region and reared there – but mainly on the spiritual part of the sun.**

[2] **Upon the sun viewed by you, unripe souls receive another body, but without birth, and this then, together with the soul becomes spiritual and can then go over to the purely spiritual.** How such souls are transferred there and by who you have witnessed with your own journey to the first sun. (GGJ Book 4, chap. 82)

*Note: To find out in detail about the life on the Spiritual Sun of departed children and, particularly, about their spiritual education, please see **The Spiritual Sun vol. 2**, from chap. 67 on*

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