

### **Text SD 34: Spiritual rebirth and personal tests**

*People who experience one or more spiritual rebirths are especially blessed. Every new spiritual insight and every internalized spiritual experience are gifts from God and a help on our way to him. But they are also an expression and consequence of the work on ourselves.*

"The spiritual rebirth is a permanent one, not a one-time one! It is an ever striving fulfilling self-evolving" (Weidner 2000d:45). Spiritual rebirth is permanent in that each additional spiritual knowledge attracts spiritual knowledge from the origin. Spiritual rebirth is a puzzle to be put together piece by piece so that the spirit soul becomes perfect(er) (cf. Weidner 2000d:47).

"Jesus the Christ said: 'Without me no one comes to the Father!' And now one should know what the Christ spark, you say to it the 'Third Eye', means and what the God spark at the zenith means. This is only a help for you, and if I symbolically go upwards from the spiritual forces, I come to the Christ spark and through the Christ spark to the God spark" (Weidner 2000d:198).

The "earth life has this purpose, that your spirit soul, therefore exactly you yourselves, on the spirit-soul pre-drawn life way comes closer back to the creator. Therefore, consider your earth life path as an examination path. To a certain extent it is therefore predetermined according to duration and personal kind. Those individual stations of destiny on your life path ... are intermediate tests" (Weidner 2008b:124).

No one else imposes trials on us, but we ourselves (cf. Weidner 2001a:122). "Consequently, trials are not punishments, but trials have the purpose of purifying one's own soul" (Weidner 2001a:122). In this regard, we have prepared ourselves as fluidal humans, i.e., before incarnation, for life on earth and have learned how to behave in these trials (cf. Weidner 2001a:122).

It is to be considered that God wants happy people - also on this earth. This is only possible if we are anchored in spiritual activity (cf. Weidner 2005b:75).

Personal attacks or even violence are behaviors of spiritually less developed persons. Not infrequently - if the attacks are not due to pure malice - such attacks are an expression of a limited capacity for truth and perception on the part of the attackers. In other words, the attacking persons feel subjectively and emotionally in the right. Therefore, "'Pray for those who insult and persecute you.' Consider this truth thought: the persecutor and insulter is weaker than the persecuted and insulted from the spiritual truth point of view. Why? Because in his spiritual inner = God spark and Christ light expressed in Jesus' words, he is farther from the 'kingdom of heaven' than the one he persecutes or offends" (Weidner 2000c:95).

In conflicts with other people, we should always respond in this way: "Forgive, forgive and learn to forgive again. It is one of the most important life activities on this earth for you humans" (Weidner 2009b:98).

When we are attacked, we should automatically respond with the thought, "I am vibrating too low" (Weidner 2000d:223). When we swing too low, we are attacked.

That which is "joyful and transparent to God in our existence is threatened in our lives by everyday life. Outwardness ceaselessly saps the strength of the inner man until the very essence of our life slips from our hands. Our existence constantly slides down into the dull, insignificant and opaque. Our most beautiful insights become inanimate formulas. The first love cools down. Existence becomes a flotsam thrown to the cliffs by the current of life. As soon as the inner strength weakens even a little, our life falls back into a dull, mindless thingness, and existence becomes inessential. In small, in itself banal events of everyday life we experience how an existence becomes joyless and selfish, how the inside of a person burns out. ... In the Christian self-understanding, simplicity of heart is 'the' characteristic feature of the person who has become inward. ... Heartfulness is a 'state' in which a person's heart and soul is fully present in everything he does" (Boros 1978:42/43).

It is important to recognize the spark of God and the light of Christ in opponents or persecutors - and to send out selfless love to them (cf. Weidner 2000c:96): "With spiritual loving and spiritual praying, God and Christ also gave you miracle weapons that make you superior to persecutors and insulters. Good thoughts and God-blessed prayer, often sent from afar, smooth the waves of unkindness and injustice. ... [This] makes you and your circle of life more shielded and protected against further attacks of persecutors and insulters. For the negative beings have thus had their direct connections to you interrupted, so that they must first establish new connections again" (Weidner 2000c:96).

God tests people, among other things, because he cannot know how we decide in our free will. For "a test by God would be superfluous and completely purposeless and worthless if the result of the test were already known to God, our Father, without a test" (Weidner 1986:104), because with God there is nothing purposeless. And, "All the tests to which the children of God are subjected by their Father would, after all, not be genuine if our Father already knew in advance what the outcome of the tests would be" (Weidner 1986:106).

"So what does one need ... to be able to stand in trials? First of all, the weapons of light: At your human level, which is still very little developed, as a great, tremendous point the strong will belongs to it. And as the next point the most perfect selflessness. ... The strong will is the unwavering look in the direction that leads closer to God, unaffected by whatever may happen. For almost every moment a test approaches you, be it a feeling, a thought, be it words or a deed. Always consistently using your strong will for what God wants, that is the direction, that is the goal, that is your direction through Christ!" (Weidner 2010:178/179). "I come to the second point, to the most perfect selflessness possible. This is perhaps even more difficult for some of you than the strong will, the first weapon of light. I also give reasons why: namely, if a person has no desires, is not focused on matter, has no human expectations of tomorrow within him, then this person is very likely to pass his tests that are put to him. He has brought to himself as perfect selflessness as possible, trusts in God, and does not wait for what might 'look out for him' here and there" (Weidner 2010:179).

However, it is also true: "But our Father knows us to the deepest depths of our primordial spark of light, because we are partial primordial sparks of light from him, and he knows our smallest reactions on the basis of our tasks determined by him, which we have to fulfill according to his plan. Therefore he can foresee with the greatest probability how his child

decides voluntarily. But he does not interfere with the free will decision of his children" (Weidner 1986:106).

A person in trials has to struggle

1. with what he has recognized and what he is willing to do;
2. with his own decisiveness and the conveniences that always get in his way;
3. with his own practice, for it is not knowledge and will but practical activity that is the source of his opportunity for advancement;
4. with the overcoming of the senselessness of his actions, which often and frequently comes to him, since he sees outwardly no or only little fruits;
5. the inner readiness for renunciation, sacrifice, pleasure is often not met by him externally;
6. actual progress often becomes a prey to doubting oneself;
7. t he measure of the trials is often a waiting for success, for praise, help and support; if then still more trouble occurs, the measure seems full to some and he overturns everything" (Weidner 1988:99/100).

"By whom will you be held responsible? ... If you are developed enough, you will be called to responsibility by your spirit soul, that is, by yourself" (Weidner 2005a:97).

"Every human being ..., speak spirit being, is his own judge when he comes to the hereafter. ... The developed human being, that is, the spiritually mature, conscious human being, who comes to the hereafter, who is familiar with the spirit doctrine, is his own judge. That means in other words, he will be accompanied in his situation by the guardian spirits and guiding spirit beings, but he will not come to judgment as it happens to others who have not wanted, who have missed opportunities and who have indulged in earth life" (Weidner 2011:147).

"And now it is with those who have come into the other world spiritually consciously matured that they themselves, if the opportunity is offered to them, want to make amends. And here comes in the injured party or the injured party, person, spirit soul, whatever you want to call it. And usually what happens is that there is a mutual forgiveness, making amends and so forth. Then the soul is free, the spirit soul. Then it is uplifted. Then what has been done is a benevolent effect. To be free from the fetter one has put on oneself on earth" (Weidner 2011:149).

"Many people want ... to have information about their future, but do not understand that through their actions they shape their future destiny themselves" (Weidner 2005a:154).

*The path of spiritual development consists of a series of spiritual realizations - or if you will: spiritual rebirths. Self-tests, tests by unexpected situations and unforeseen experiences are part of this path.*

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