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**BD 3132** *Condition to the truth - way to God ....*

Only a few people take the straight path to reach the truth, the direct path to God, Who offers it to them without restriction. People do not become small and humble in the sense of the word and bow before Him in the realization of their own inadequacy and weakness. They estimate their intellect too highly and likewise their own strength. And so they think they can acquire the truth by researching and brooding. But one thing they forget is that spiritual truths are only given by God Himself, that no man can take them for himself, but that they must be given to him, and that the Giver of truth considers those who come to Him like begging children and in a feeling of spiritual poverty ask Him for His gift of grace.

Man should wrestle and pray .... wrestle against the enemy of his soul, who wants to make him incapable of recognizing God by feeding him error, by taking possession of his thinking, thus this wrestling requires a strengthened will .... and pray for strength, grace and truth. The gift of grace, which God directs to earth, enlightens man completely about it, so that he only needs to go the way (prescribed) shown to him to be introduced into the truth.

And whether also the people in the most different way seek to reach, they must enter this one way .... the way to God, otherwise they can never penetrate into the deep knowledge, although a knowledge is opened to them intellectually by fellow men. It will only gain life if its spirit is enlightened by God and this presupposes the humble prayer for it. Therefore, the first thing that must be present is faith in a being that connects with man as the giver of truth, if he strives for a connection with Him. The belief in this being is the prerequisite to be introduced into the truth. But if this faith is not present, then the intellect will only be active in a negative way, i.e., it will draw conclusions which deviate from the truth, because it is then a welcome object for the forces of darkness, which now make it their business to confuse its thoughts.

God can only express Himself where He is acknowledged .... but acknowledgment is faith .... And this first faith in a perfect entity will experience an all-encompassing expansion in a short time, because as soon as this perfect entity is asked for enlightenment of the spirit, for the supply of pure truth, it will now also be possible for man to believe everything that is mentally presented to him, because this is the characteristic of truth that its supply is accompanied by the power of recognition, that man therefore recognizes truth as such and this is convinced faith.

If a man tries to reach knowledge intellectually, he is just as convinced of the truth of his mental results as every representative of a school of thought proves this, but the man who seriously struggles for truth must also seriously ask himself whether the prayer to God in all humility of heart for the pure truth and the right knowledge has formed the basis of his knowledge ..... For God is the giver of truth, and God also distributes it from the one who

consciously turns his will to Him and manifests this through heartfelt prayer. This is a condition from which God does not depart and which is therefore the touchstone where different results claim the right to be recognized as pure truth .....

Amen