

Bridge Across the River

**Communications from the life after death
by a young artist killed in the First World War**

In 4 Parts

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It is I, Sigwart, and I want to say a few words to you.

Fear not, the Lord is near!

Every jarring of the earth is nothing but a closed bud springing open for us here.

Every soul that departs from the body is a new star in our heaven.

Every heart that loosens pain from the bonds of matter is a gleaming up in the spirit.

Thus it is good if you consider these events from a perspective that leads far beyond hatred and its human ramifications.

The Lord is near. This is the great turning-point toward the spirit, which will be inaugurated with thunderous storming. When our Lord touches the earth with the tip of His foot, everything will keep silence.

Remember this, so that you experience this mighty moment “in the spirit” and not in earthly terms. As yet the light-filled sphere of Christ is *above* the darkness deposited over the earth, but the breakthrough will happen soon. Michael is preparing the breakthrough. With his spear, which carries the flaming cross, he himself will break through to the body of the earth.

Before, it was “fulfillment”; today it will be “redemption” when with Michaels’ spear the heart of the world, which is now the body of the earth, succeeds in uniting with the spiritual world once more.

The battles of the present day are the battle of the spirit with the underworld. The victory must come, for Christ Himself is the field marshal of the legions here fighting for the victory of the light. You are permitted to witness this gigantic battle and the breakthrough of the light while you are still in your physical bodies.

Don’t be apprehensive. You are surrounded by so much light; soon our seed will be permitted to begin its new life.

I greet all of you who are striding with resolute steps from the darkness into the light.

I, *Sigwart*,

and all your loved ones in the heavenly world, greet you.

July 23rd, 1944 (through Lycki)

It is good that you felt our pressing, dear Lycki, as we have something to say to you that you need to know.

The mighty transformations have now begun to take their course. Even if at just this time everything seems more hopeless than ever before, the great turning point has happened. A huge spiritual host has invested its entire willing and action, its life impulses and will, so that after the darkness of night the powers of light will gain the victory after all.

Have no fear!

Continue trusting in your Lord and Savior! It will now be easier for Him, as the first breakthrough through the dark powers was a blazing signal, the blazing signal for the grand, dazzling turning point.

Amen.

October 26th or 27th, 1944

Only a few brief words to tell you how in these so endlessly difficult times we constantly envelop everyone close to you in the finest fabric of light. And this fabric of light brightens you from within and without, so that the darkness cannot get to you, unless you open the gates to it.

And that is what we want to ask of you today, dear brothers and sisters in the community of the spirit:

Do not do it, never open the gates, for if you do the inflood of dark forces will be much harder to turn back. This is the only danger for you. Remember that. All of us who love you are allowed to warn you of this danger. Always wrap the fabric of light more firmly around you in such way that not a single stitch loosens. Then you will be protected against everything.

Everyone needs to know this and everyone needs to act according to it; then you can look toward the future with reassurance. I am telling you this, I, your priestly brother.

And all your loved ones in spirit are with me.

Sigwart

December 25th, 1944, in the evening

Today, my dears, we want to proclaim the message of light to you, because you all need to know that it was through all the suffering brothers and sisters on earth that our Savior received the strength he needs in order to incorporate spiritually.

It is only from this darkness of night, out of which the cries of pain of millions of people resound, that He can derive the delicate substance he needs for this His path of sacrifice. Yes, it is the second path of sacrifice, but how different it is from the first one.

None of the visible miracles of that time and none of the things He did and caused as the growing and developing Son of God are occurring this time. Everything now is *inward*.

He will work no outer miracles, but His working will be all the more powerful, as everything that happened by way of a bodily I back then falls away this time and salvation is fully attuned to what goes on within.

The tide has been turned, the enormously large turning point of human concepts (cognition).

Life means faith,
Faith is hope,
Hope is strength,
Strength is love –
and love is our Savior!
Amen.

Blessed are you, blessed is your house, blessed are your prayers and blessed everyone whom you bless. Amen and amen.

The host of your friends in heaven.

March 13th, 1945 (in the evening, through Tora)

You have already undergone a huge transformation; you have become more transparent. The time has come, you must listen to me. I have entered into your midst. You are free and it will become light and clear around you if you step out to meet the unavoidable. Believe in the words of ours that I am speaking to you.

(Titia, the daughter of Karl, has been asked to say a prayer, as there has still been a certain amount of unrest present.)

Yes, that was good; we thank you, Titia.

The force that is with you now is really large. You have broken the spell, overcome the hindrances crowding around you. We now want to send you a word of comfort at the turning point in time now throning gigantically above you. You should now wander your path tranquilly and with equanimity, and in the firm confidence that you will receive the grace consisting in the fact that your separation from what is precious to you on earth will only be temporary and without form.

You yourselves will remain unscathed in all the tribulations now to come. Do not be afraid; rejoice much rather, as we have already reached the first goal. And the second will follow shortly.

You need to know this, so that tomorrow when you awaken you assume a new attitude. The turning-point has already been made, it will happen during the night and tomorrow we will begin work with you, that is, a work of peace. Both friends and enemies will help us with it.

The visible circle and the invisible one you read about today are to unite to become a *single* one.

(We had read the communications given us by Friedrich Rittelmeyer during the summer of 1941 subsequent to the prohibition of the Christian Community.)

That is the turning-point *within*. And the external one will follow upon this deed once everything has been accomplished that you human beings have been charged with. Thank the Lord and do not lose heart in this holy final hour of trial as liberation draws near.

I want now to give you all my greetings. I am now connected with you and want to give you the power that will protect you. You are enclosed within it. We want to finish now and close with the prayer of entreaty for everyone who belongs to us, whether in an earthly or a spiritual garment.

(Tora asks inwardly if her feeling was correct that Fr. Rittelmeyer is present.)

I am with you, it was I who blessed you. Rittelmeyer.

All of us were speaking. This is the only way we can have a redoubled effect on you, Tora when we speak through you. No deception is possible then. We all form a protective barrier around you, so that nothing else can interfere.

For a moment you quite accurately felt the closeness of the exalted spirit of Friedrich Rittelmeyer, and now he will come to you more frequently, since his powers are strong enough to penetrate the layers of darkness. Call him when you need him. He will be glad to help you. And now, say the concluding prayer.

Sigwart

(Tora speaks Steiner's prayer "Guardians of your souls...")

April 14th, 1949 (Good Friday, Friedelhausen, through Lycki)

My circle!

My holy, beloved circle, I greet you, I am with you today with my highest being. Christ has endowed me with the strength to flow together with you.

The day Christ died and was laid in the grave has become more and more firmly anchored within you, my deeply loved ones, and this gift from you is the most exalted happiness unto your brother, who holds you by the delicate threads connected to his heart; yes, holds you like a mother holding her child so it does not lose its balance and stumble. I am deeply touched by a movement quaking through me when I feel this holy bond so utterly. After all, I see the origin of this entire event in my departure from you back then. Believe your Sigwart when he says that it was he himself who once crowned you with the fulfillment of what you had yearned for over several earthly lives.

The orbits you entered were moistened with tears. But these tears became the cause of the springing up of a thousand flowers, which you have given me in the past and still give me now.

My beloved circle, you have now found the way, the way that shows the holy traces of our Savior. Oh, do you know what this sentence means to me? The happiness bestowed on me by it is so unspeakable. Not through you alone, no: He was the one Who bestowed on me the highest that can be given a human being dwelling between death and a new birth; the unrendable bands between His heart and mine, the oscillation of His life, which constantly conducts to me the most light-filled of forces, which make my creating and my entire being gleam from within.

This is why my art always has and always will bear the stamp of holy art. As you know, from my childhood on the spark of this potential lay within me. But it has reached full development only now, and this is how it will remain. This direction is now incorporated in me for always.

Thus, my dears, our circle was the first occasion for the occurrence of this grace, of this heavenly gift, and you have a part in this gift, for know this through your love toward me: through you overcoming your pain for my sake, you laid the foundation for my unfolding. And without this profound love, it would have taken a very long time for me to attain this level. Now you know, my ardently beloved, that these deeds of ours have enabled you today to participate in the heavenly joy of the unity between my Savior Jesus Christ and me!

Amen.

Blessed be the deed of your love. *Sigwart*