You’re in a boxing ring and your opponent is the Devil, and I’m your trainer. I want you to sharpen your fighting skills, and what better way to sharpen your skills than against a tough opponent? The Devil has great skill in the boxing ring. But knowing that I have allowed him to be your opponent should not prevent you from putting up a good fight, because I give you permission to cream him. Give him a good fight that he won’t forget, so that the next time I put you in the boxing ring together, his knees are trembling and he’s almost begging Me not to put you two together again, because he knows what a vicious onslaught he’s going to receive for whatever tactics he uses.

The Devil is a vicious opponent, because he fights for keeps. But a diamond—in this case you—cannot be cut with a piece of velvet, and even the enemy is a tool in My hand. These experiences prepare you for times ahead when you will be able to pass on the skills you have learned to others who will be caught unawares by the gross darkness that will overcome the world. The tests strengthen your muscles of faith and prayer, your muscles of praise and of hearing from Me.

When you start to falter, just call for time-out and come to My corner. I love to fight the Enemy, and I love to train you to use the strength and the weapons I give with wisdom and agility and skill, so you can completely defeat him.

You are My champ! You’ll get a few bruises and cuts, but that should only make you even more fighting mad against the Enemy. It should just make your blood boil, and your enthusiasm for coming to Me grow. And remember, the crowds around you in the spirit world are cheering for you, not for him.

So give it all you’ve got.
“NO! YOU CAN KILL ME, JUST DON’T HURT MOLLY!”

KEEP CALM, CLAY, IT’S “WOLF’S CLOTHING” PART FOUR. IT JUST ARRIVED IN THE MAIL.

“Hey Mer, wassup? Thought ... uh ... you might like these wild-flowers ...”

IF YOU’RE VERY NICE TO ME ...

AH AH, NO TOUCHY!

... I MAY LEND IT TO YOU WHEN I’M DONE WITH IT.

MEREDITH?! WHAT’S GOING ON?!!
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Notable Quote:

Unless you can create the entire universe in six days, perhaps giving “advice” to God isn’t such a good idea.
Love works in ways that are wondrous and strange.
There is nothing in life that love cannot change.

NOTABLE QUOTE:

"Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways."

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ANOTHER DAY WITH THE GOOD OLE’ MOP

另一个人来洗拖把。我上周给你一个激活的马格，你教我，我的朋友们，你能教我圣经课程吗？

HI ... IT’S LEON. YOU GAVE ME AN ACTIVATED MAG LAST WEEK.

CAN YOU TEACH ME AND MY FRIENDS BIBLE CLASSES?
A Lily and a Hyena

(Jesus:) Consider the lilies. They don’t grow their own food, or reap it and gather it into barns. Their entire lives are totally governed by Me. I declare their times and seasons. I send the rain when they need it, and the sun when they need that. And I tell you that not one lily is plucked, not one withers away, except that I know about it and have willed it. And you are worth more than many lilies.

“Not one withers away, except that I know about it and have willed it.”

Now look at the hyena. It is a picture of a creature that doesn’t trust Me or depend on Me. It depends on itself, and so its life is a joyless cycle, a never-ending quest for the next meal. When can it enjoy life, or just sit in happy peace, bringing joy to everyone like a lily? It cannot. It cannot rest, it cannot stop, or it will starve.

I created the hyena, and in real life it is merely obeying the instincts I placed within it, like all the other animals in My creation. But I often use My creatures as illustrations of what man becomes like depending upon the path he chooses. This is why in this case I am portraying the hyena like this.

You can choose to be a lily or to be a hyena.

“It is a picture of a creature that doesn’t trust Me or depend on Me.”

ART BY ZEB
To be a lily means to trust Me for your future—for your life, for your education, for everything. A lily cannot move, so it can only trust that I will not allow it to be stepped on, or crushed or burnt by the sun. It can only trust that I will send the rain in time when it needs it. And if it withers in the summer, it knows that it will bloom again in the spring.

To be a hyena means to trust yourself and to take your life and times into your own hands. It means choosing to run around hither and thither, always on the search for more money, comfort, and happiness. But in the endless search for these things you miss the simple peace of being a lily. A lily just waits upon Me, content in the knowledge that I do all things well.

Choose well. Choose to be a lily arrayed in glory greater than a king’s, rather than unhappy animal like the hyena, always scratching and scraping for itself. In the end, the faith of the lily will bring it honor and glory and riches and power, unlike the shame and emptiness of the self-serving hyena.

(Jesus:) Do not worry about what I may ask of you in the future, or whether you will be able to handle it. It is not for you to think about those things, for I love you and I am sensitive to your needs, and I will take you along at the pace that I know you can go at. Don’t work so hard trying to take a peek around the next bend in the road.

Part of the reason you fear the future is because you don’t yet understand how deep and unending My love is for you. Do not worry that My love will run out. You are like a small goldfish in a great river, fearing that it might drink too much water and dry up the river! There is always more of My love. I only ask that you swim in it, revel in it, and enjoy it. Love Me by swimming happily about, having full confidence that My love for you will never dry up. It will never run out.
I AM A COORDINATOR OF HELPERS IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM.
WHERE I WORK IS A BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY.
PICTURE THE BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD,
AND YOU'LL GET A TINY IDEA OF HOW BUSY
IT IS AROUND HERE,

WITH SPIRIT HELPERS COMING, GOING, BEING
ASSIGNED OR REASSIGNED,
MEETING UP WITH NEW TEAM MEMBERS,
BEING BRIEFED BEFORE THEY
EMBARK ON A MISSION,
OR HELPING COORDINATE
ALL THE BUSINESS.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF TEAM NOW
BOARDING ON DECK 119
FOR INDIA.

JESUS,
BE WITH THOSE
MINISTERING TO
THE EARTHQUAKE
VICTIMS IN
INDIA.

AND PROTECT EMIL
AND ABNER AS THEY PICK
UP OUR TOOLS TODAY.
You three will be on security detail with a team going to pick up their PPC order!

Sure thing, Haspacia.

There are many like me whose full-time job is to process requests, both from the Lord and from you on Earth,...

...and assign appropriate beings to the many needs that come up every day.

I wonder if spirit helpers are allowed to have relationships while they’re watching us?

Dear Jesus, please anoint my driving and keep your angels around us.
FIRST OF ALL, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE EARTH IS A MERE SHADOW OF THE SPIRITUAL REALM, WHICH IS THE EVERLASTING REALM, WHEREAS THE RULES THAT GOVERN YOUR EARTH WILL SOME DAY BE DONE AWAY WITH.

SO YOU’LL BE GOING AGAIN, VIGILANT?

LOOKS LIKE IT!

SPIRIT HELPERS AND RELATIONSHIPS

I MISS YOU WHEN YOU’RE GONE.

IT WON’T BE SO BAD, SWEETIE PIE!

WE’LL JUST BE A MENTAL PROJECTION AWAY!

—WHETHER THEY ARE FORMER EARTHLINGS OR SPIRIT BEINGS BORN AND RAISED IN HEAVEN, THEY ARE NOT AUTOMATONS WITH NO FEELINGS OR EMOTIONS.

I DO AFFIRM THAT YOUR SPIRIT HELPERS HAVE RELATIONSHIPS.

IT’S LIKE TO LOVE AND TO HATE,

TO BE HUMOROUS AND SERIOUS.

TO LAUGH AND TO CRY,
When spirit beings are assigned to assist earthlings, they are fully focused on their task. They are very capable of reining in their personal desires and "hormones"—to put it in terms you can understand—and when they’re working with one of you in a full-time capacity, they are single minded.

There’s a drunk driver approaching the intersection. See to it he gets pulled over by the police!

Yes sir!

Keep me underneath your wings...

Jesus, please anoint Vigilant and his team on their mission.

Now, for the final part of today’s assignment...

Because the job requires heavenly beings to be surrounded by a very earthly environment and to be away from their loved ones for stretches, it is a sacrifice.
However, when spirit beings volunteer for this profession, they state their preferences. They communicate in detail, and things such as how much time off they would like, and so on,... are discussed with us coordinators.

There are occasions when spirit beings in a relationship together are assigned to the same job for a stretch.

Abner is really getting the hang of prophecy. Though he hasn’t told anyone about it yet.

In Heaven love is expressed in a much broader way, and many beings are accustomed to having several ongoing personal relationships at the same time.

If he only knew you like I know you...

I’m sure he’d be spending a lot more time in the spirit!

I’d like to go for a month!

I’d like to be back for the Universal Seminar!

They’re willing to spend away from Heaven,
Then, if you add in the close working relationship that spirit beings frequently forge with their co-workers,

It was good to see you again. Say hi to Kalida for me when you get back.

Sure will, sweetheart. Drop by for a visit sometime. Kalida would love to see you again.

And here are the latest mailings.

It’s easy to understand that not many spirit helpers suffer loneliness, even when their job keeps them away from their loved ones in Heaven. Life in the spiritual realm, for those who love Jesus, is one big love-fest.

I wonder if our spirit helpers ever get a break?

It was good to see you again. Say hi to Kalida for me when you get back.
The Lord has set up a wise and loving system whereby each spirit helper gets regular time off. It’s not like your spirit helpers necessarily need a complete break from you, but there are times when they need to be refreshed in the halls of Heaven. It’s not like your spirit helpers necessarily need a complete break from you, but there are times when they need to be refreshed in the halls of Heaven, or they need to do extra research for soon-coming challenges you will face. Your spirit helpers also need to be revitalized and renewed on a regular basis, and they often slip away when you’re sleeping to do this. Of course, you always have at least one guardian angel nearby, and your spirit helpers never all take off at the same time.
SUPPLY SUPERCEDES DEMAND

This corner of Heaven has a whole school dedicated to training new potential spirit helpers in how to communicate with Earthlings.

How to release Heavenly protection, what the rules of interaction with Earthlings are, and so on.

There are different grades, depending on the kind of student. Sometimes a person arrives in Heaven who needs to communicate with someone or someones on Earth right away.

In that case, we have to put them through this school right away.

When people are far behind in knowledge of spiritual workings, yet they still need to communicate with someone on Earth for some reason, they will be given a very basic course.

And then a spirit helper will be assigned to them to do the footwork and walk them through whatever they need to do.
WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE ARCHIVE, WITH ALL THE NAMES AND PERSONAL DETAILS OF EVERY POTENTIAL SPIRIT HELPER IN HEAVEN.

Writers and artists and musicians often sign up to be on call for duty on Earth, making themselves available for whenever someone needs their help—kind of like temp workers, or temporary jobs.

It was as if every beggar in Timisoara had chosen to gather in this one muddy alley...

Then we’re able to immediately contact someone if their help is requested, or if the Lord recommends that they be assigned to a job.

Thank you Jesus for helping me with this spirit story!

Dictionary
If a task is God’s will and you’re willing to do it, we’ve got the spirit helper for you! Submit your request to the spiri-port today.

There are so many skilled people in Heaven, and they’re eager to share their resources with those on Earth. The supply is much, much greater than the demand, so don’t ever hesitate to request the spirit help you need.
(Jesus:) When gazing at yourself in the mirror, or at other times of self-inspection, you can tend to blow things out of proportion. You feel others have it so much better in the way of looks, or qualities, or resilience, or personality, and on and on the list goes. But if you were to just step aside and let Me do the analyzing, and let Me teach you what you do need to change, then you’d feel much more relaxed. You could stop this self-effort of trying to make yourself a certain way, and being blown about with the ever-changing opinions and ideas of those in the carnal-minded world around you. Instead you could focus on what actually is needed, and the things you need to progress in.

Just gaze into My face, sweet dear. You’re beautiful.
Check out that keyhole

(Jesus:) There are a lot of appealing forms of entertainment in the world today—things that are fun and get your mind off your problems. The problem is, many of the world’s diversions are things that you have to dirty your spirit to partake of. It’s tough to be patient for your rewards in Heaven, when it seems like your peers in the world are creating their rewards down here on Earth.

This is why I especially bless you who believe now, without seeing. What are you believing? You believe that I’m as wonderful as I say I am, and that Heaven is a cool as I say it is. You believe that if you forego the pleasures of sin for a season—if you avoid immersing yourselves in worldly pastimes and time wasters—that you will inherit My Kingdom.

There are cool feelings, scents, sights & sounds in My Kingdom. There is dancing. There are highs and thrills that nobody on Earth has experienced. But you can get a glimpse of them, and the closer you come to Me, the clearer your glimpses will become.

I can’t let you through the door yet. Your body would have to die for that to happen, and it’s not your time yet. But I’ve shown you where the keyhole is, and there are sights through that keyhole that will make every sacrifice on this earth worth it!

Sure, it takes a little work. You have to bend down, put your eye up to this little key-shaped crack, and concentrate real hard. It’s fuzzy at first, but if you keep at it—by exercising your gift of prophecy regularly—things will get clearer. All of a sudden, you’ll forget that you’re still stuck on Earth. You’ll forget that you’re sacrificing anything! Your whole body will feel ripples of heavenly excitement as the wonders you see with your eye spread through your whole body and spirit.

Excitement? Do some people say the world has more of it? Well, they don’t know what they’re talking about, and they sure haven’t seen anything yet!
(Jesus:) Throughout your life I have you cross paths with pleasant and compatible people, as a token of My love to you. I want you to have friends. I want you to find people you can enjoy life with, people you can share laughter and tears with, in true camaraderie.

Then there is the other sort of people I allow you to cross paths with: those who are harder to love, less compatible with your personality, and seemingly more self-centered and selfish—even spiteful at times.

You need both, you know, for the personality clashes drive you into My arms. They teach you deep lessons about loving the unlovely, even the unlovely in personality. They are also tests, to see if you will cast the burdens on Me, or carry them yourself, allowing yourself to become resentful and bitter, and letting such people mar your own spirit.

There is always going to be someone like this in your life—someone you just don’t jibe with, someone who seems to overlook principles of love and kindness that to you seem so basic. Just come to Me whenever you come across an “HTL”—Hard to Love—and I will give you secrets of how to overcome in each situation. I will tell you how to pour out My unconditional love and how to draw them in, even when they don’t seem to respond. Even if they don’t reciprocate, rest assured that I will, for with every drop of love you squeeze out to others, I pour more of My love into you.

Thank you for bringing this to Me rather than letting it fester in your heart, for it is a dark seed that could do your soft little heart much damage if allowed to remain and grow. I will pull it out and pour on the healing balm of My love.
I am a teacher of powerful arts in Heaven.

Thank you for joining my class today!

I teach spirit beings, some former earthlings, how to channel the energy and the power of God.
A large part of my class is reeducating former earthlings on the true meaning of magic.

Many mistakenly believe that Satan and his followers have the monopoly on the magic market.

They certainly get the most advertising space on planet Earth when it comes to magic, but this is no indicator of who is more powerful—Satan or God.
God has given the kingdoms of the world over to Satan for a space of time, and so he struts throughout the earth, boasting of his power and offering it to those who will worship him in return.

But Satan is the great imitator.
There are so many former earthlings—people who didn’t learn that much about the Lord or the Word while on Earth—who think that God is too “polite” or “good” to use His amazing powers in any kind of awe-inspiring way.

But you see, God doesn’t have to prove anything.

He uses His power when and where it accomplishes His perfect will. Whereas Satan uses his lesser power in many useless forms, for he is insane with the desire for vainglory.
I know that some of you on Earth sometimes wonder what is wrong with “white magic”—casting spells for the good of others, or to help yourself, and not to harm anyone.

How do you even define what is white magic, and what is simply using God’s power through prayer—for casting spells is much like prayer.

I shall give you a simple answer, one which you should ponder when you have time. The difference between good and evil magic is all in whose power you are requesting.

It’s all in who you are glorifying. If you are praying for something in order to glorify God, to help another soul, and you are asking for this energy or power from God or His Son Jesus, then you are in the clear.

I REBUKE THE ENEMY WITH THE POWER OF THE KEYS!

I CLAIM A MIRACLE FOR ZERTI BY THE POWER OF THE KEYS!

I'M HEALED!

POOF!

HUSKS

ABRACADABRA
If you are praying for something in order to glorify yourself, for selfish ends, and you are asking for this energy or power from any source other than God and His Son Jesus Christ, you are making a big mistake.

No matter what label you put on the latter attempts to lease spiritual energy—white magic, good spells—it makes no difference.

I, Lucina, love to teach for the glory of God. His ways are awesome.

Call on me if you would like to know more.
(Jesus:) There are game worlds in Heaven, where you can get "lost" and play out your dreams and fantasies. For example, there's a game center that, to enter, you first go into a special locker room. You can go with a bunch of friends, or else go by yourself and just play with others who are playing.—Thousands of people can be involved in any one game!

Once in this locker room, you enter a private room about the size of a shower stall. There you look at a screen, and choose what character you want to play. You can browse through and look at all the characters—but most people don’t flip through them all, because there are lots. You see the full images of the characters—what they look like, the front, back, their outfits, and so on. Then beside each image is a list of that character’s portfolio—who the person is, his name, his history, any friends or family he has, his occupation if he has one, and any special details that you need to know.

Say you pick a medieval setting, and you choose to be a knight whose father disappeared while searching through a mysterious forest for a hidden treasure. When you press the button in your stall that says "Accept," a transformation takes place. You’re outfitted in the clothing your “character” is wearing, and not only that, but all of your physical features change to match that character! I’m not kidding! This is disguise and role-playing at its finest. There’s a mirror in the stall, so you can get used to your new, temporary appearance, before you begin the game.

Once you are transformed, you are then transported in an instant into your character’s “world.” There you find the remaining belongings—your horse, your money, and so on—and you find yourself in the castle that your character lives in. What’s more, you’re in mid-sentence with a servant of your castle, telling him...
that you are finally setting off to explore the forest. You explain to him that you must discover the mystery of your father’s disappearance. Even your voice has changed to fit your character!

A beautiful but tearful young woman approaches you, and kisses you passionately. Remembering that your character’s portfolio mentioned his young wife, you kiss her passionately back. Now that you’re getting warmed up in your role, you reassure her, “Don’t worry, darling, I will come back alive, and we will be happier for the knowledge of where and why my father disappeared.” Walking from the castle you think to yourself, “Hmmm, nice wife! Maybe I should delay my trip for another day!” Not to worry. When you finally do reach the center of the forest, you find an old hermit—and his ravishing daughter.

Remember, too, that if your friends joined the same game, they might be playing the roles of the others you’re meeting. Of course, their disguises are perfect, just like yours is, and that’s the fun of it, that you can enjoy an adventure together without even knowing who’s who! Imagine the fun you’ll have talking about it afterward! “What? Linda?! You were the hermit’s daughter? I thought I knew that kiss.”

Well, that’s just a little sneak peek. Every sacrifice you’re making is worth it for the rewards I have prepared for you. Here. Not just everyone gets all the rewards, either. I have special levels of privilege and you who have served Me so faithfully on Earth will have full passes to every fascination imaginable in My realm.
ED: WILL THIS BE THE END OF 'TERNITY?'

WILL THE AGENTS OF EVIL, DARKNESS...

...TRIUMPH RIGHT NOW?!!

WILL THIS COMIC STRIP COME TO AN ABRUPT END BEFORE IT'S HARDLY EVEN GOTTEN STARTED...

...THUS ALLOWING THE ARTIST TO HAVE A WELL-EARNED BREAK?!!

NO WAY!!!(I WAS JUST TRYING TO ADD A LITTLE SUSPENSE TO YOUR LIFE)

I WILL NOW STOP MESSING WITH YOUR HEAD SO WE CAN GET BACK TO THE ACTION.

Okay, Now Where Were We?

No, That Wasn’t It.

Nope.

Try Again.

Oh Yeah! This Is The One!

Suddenly...

WHA?!!

GASP! SHE KNOWS THE ANCIENT CHINESE MARTIAL ART OF...
To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.
HA, HA, HA! POWER OF THE KEYS! WHAT? DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO TURN INTO ...

HAHAHA! POWER OF THE KEYS! WHAT? DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO TURN INTO ...

LORD, HELP US! I CLAIM THE POWER OF THE KEYS!

LORD, DELIVER US!

YES! BY THE POWER OF THE KEYS YOU WILL BE DEFEATED! JESUS WILL FREE US!

THANK YOU, JESUS.

(A SWORD?)

YES! BY THE POWER OF THE KEYS YOU WILL BE DEFEATED! JESUS WILL FREE US!

(THE MONSTER)

LORD, HELP US!

I CLAIM THE POWER OF THE KEYS!

LORD, DELIVER US!

A SWORD?

YES! BY THE POWER OF THE KEYS YOU WILL BE DEFEATED! JESUS WILL FREE US!

THANK YOU, JESUS.

(JESUS:) FIGHT FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF THOSE IN BONDAGE. FIGHT FOR FUTURE FREEDOM. FIGHT THAT YOU MIGHT ESCAPE THE SNAKE OF THE FOWLER AND THE HANDS OF YOUR ENEMIES! FIGHT THAT I MIGHT CLOSE THE MOUTHS OF THOSE WHO WOULD SPEAK AGAINST YOU IN THEIR DAMNABLE PLOT TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER.

USE THE KEYS TO DEFEAT WHAT OTHERWISE MUST COME UPON YOU.

("CONVINCION VERSUS COMPROMISED," ML #361:190)

(Jesus:) Fight for the deliverance of those in bondage. Fight for future freedom. Fight that you might escape the snake of the fowler and the hands of your enemies! Fight that I might close the mouths of those who would speak against you in their damnable plot to divide and conquer.

Use the keys to defeat what otherwise must come upon you.

("Conviction versus Compromise," ML #361:190)