

Further meanings of the cross/symbol of the cross

In our material world, gravity causes everything to fall down. Figuratively speaking, we humans always describe God's heaven as if it were above and hell, in which we proverbially find ourselves here on earth, as below.

The pole viewed from above downward stands for the Fall. Likewise it stands for the life way of the human being or the fallen spirit. Laboriously the human being "works" himself again from "below" (the hell) upward (heaven). The work consists in the never resting activity of love, which in and of itself does not hold any difficulty, if now man would not come across all kinds of crossroads on the way. That is what the crossbeam stands for. Again and again something gets in the way of the human being; tests of every kind, where the faith and also the love to God and to the neighbor are tested again and again, so that the spirit manages to complete itself out of its own activity, bundled in diversionary maneuvers and holding attempts of Lucifer. The self-made arrogance, the love of oneself and the world make it difficult for the human being to carry out the simple activity of love. The crossing of the two bars stands for deviations on which we sometimes walk, if we do not act in the sense of the divine order.

A very sinful life can also cause a new fall. Imagine the stake again. There is a risk of slipping from top to bottom again and again, or "falling". The path gets steeper and more arduous uphill the further you get. This stands for the tests, which become more and more difficult with the way up.

The intersection of the two beams is quite far up. This stands for the long way of the spirit, depending on the depth of the fall. If the spirit has fallen to the mineral, it has to climb up many steps of the "ladder of Jakob"; then plant, then animal, then man. As a human being, one then still has a way to walk himself, in which one follows the inner voice, also called the voice of the conscience (guardian angel) before the love of God has mercy (crossbeam) and God finally reveals himself to the human being.

We know that the cross is the symbol of Father and Son - faith and love. So we also know from the statement of the Lord Himself when He walked among us that in our prayers we should ask the Father in His name. (John 14:13 and 16:23-24)

This means that when we ask the Father for something with faith and trust, we should do so in the name of Jesus, that is, in the name of love, that is, in the presence and performance of love. For surely we know that this is the first commandment, to love the Father with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. And the second: love your neighbor as yourself.