

“And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having **authority**, and not as the scribes. ... 'What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For with **authority** He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”
(Mark 1:21-28)

“Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, 'By what **authority** are You doing these things? And who gave You this **authority**?’”
(Matthew 21:23)

“All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
(Matthew 28:18)

“You know that those who are considered rulers over the *Gentiles* lord it over them, and their great ones exercise **authority** over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ... For even the Son of Humanity did not come to be served, but to serve.”
(Mark 10:42-45; see also Matt 20:25; Luke 22:25)

“Those in heaven are made great, and are given positions, power, and **authority over others**, in that one single angel is more powerful than ten thousands of spirits in hell, yet not so from themselves but from the Lord. And they have that power from the Lord in the measure that they believe they can achieve nothing from themselves and are accordingly the least. And they are able to have such a belief in the measure that **humility and an affection for serving** others exist in them, that is, insofar as the good that is essentially love to the Lord and charity towards the neighbor is present in them.”
(Secrets of Heaven 3417.3; see also 9039.3)

“I had many opportunities to observe that people who had been endowed with the highest positions in the world inevitably took on an air of **authority** as a result. ... In the ones who have received the gift of faith and of love for others, the air of **authority** combines in a miraculous way with one of benevolence, so that it disturbs no one.”
(Secrets of Heaven 1507-1508; see also 5721)

“In heaven all people are as **equals**.”
(Secrets of Heaven 7773)

“There are two kinds of **ruling power**: one comes from love for our neighbor; the other comes from love for ourselves.”
(True Christianity 400.8)

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power and authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. ... 'Behold, I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.’”
(Luke 9:1-2; 10:17-20)

“Those who are led by the Lord, believing what is true and leading a good life, cannot suffer injury from their poisons, since they live in light received from the Lord, and in that light those full of guile are seen as serpents and their guile as poison.”
(Secrets of Heaven 9013:5)

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“Angels are called **powers and authorities**.”
(Secrets of Heaven 4932; see also Rev 18:1)

“The Father...has given [the Son] **authority**.”
(John 5:26-27; 17:1-2; Matt 28:18)

“The **Father** means the Divine goodness of the Lord's **Divine love**...while the Divine truth of His Divine wisdom is meant by the Son.”
(Apocalypse Revealed 613)

“From all these places it is clear that it is Divine Good which is called 'the Father' and Divine Truth 'the Son', and that the Lord **governs** every single thing in all creation from **Divine Good by means of Divine Truth**.”
(Secrets of Heaven 3704:14)

“The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own **authority**; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else **believe Me for the sake of the works themselves**.”
(John 14:10-11)

“At this day nothing but the **self-evidencing reason of love** will restore [the Church].”
(Canons of the New Church 1)

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when...I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord.”
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

“Inner enlightenment from the Lord is our sensing on first hearing **whether what someone is telling us is true or not**.”
(Divine Providence 168; see also TRC 354)

“O reader of mine, put your **trust** in the holy Word rather than in councils, and turn to the Lord and you will be enlightened.”
(True Christianity 634.2).