FOREWORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

"In the beginning was the Word! And the Word was with God! And *God* was the Word!"

Oftentimes has this saying reached humanity. It can be gathered from it that everything arose from out of the Word and that this Word finds its origin in God. In the Word of God, which emerges from God, thus lies the creative power out of which creation develops as well as all the creatures living in it to which men also belong. Even the Old Testament begins with a description that, following upon the utterance of God, heaven and earth, plants, animals and human beings formed. Now, in creation the Will of God manifests in the form of the unbendable laws of creation to which everything that has arisen is subject. These laws confront the human being demandingly, but they also support him helpingly wherever a harmonious compliance takes place.

As a small reflection of the Word of God, the human beings living on earth are given the *human word* in order that with it they can express their will and contribute to development and ennoblement. Through the sensing of the force-movements streaming through creation, human beings once formed words from initial sounds. This happened in several places on this earth, and thus arose, over time, completely following the

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swinging of the laws of creation, the different languages. Surpassing the others in the power of its expressions, the German language, which not without reason is referred to as the *Language of the Spirit*, thereby formed itself. Each of its words, correctly used, immediately allows the true concept, the true meaning, to arise as a picture. Powerful is it therefore, since each word, corresponding to the concept, moves forces which have an influence on the visible and to the eye invisible environment of the human being and consequently also determines his fate. Through inner openness and spiritual striving, man can experience the meaning of the words for himself and then use them beneficially and furtheringly.

However, as the goal set by human beings of a joyful upbuilding in creation which manifests to the honour of God increasingly altered, and they followed only the rising desire towards fulfilment of all wishes for their own earth-lives, they closed themselves to the ability to sense the true meaning of words. The words remained broadly the same, but now there is a lack of knowledge of the concepts connected therewith. Through his own decision man blocked himself from access to the *ability* to conceive the high value and deep meaning which lie alone in the experiencing of the true concept. Brought about by a onesided thinking, which is directed only to the earth-life and no longer knows any higher-lying goals, words are understood and used today in a manner that no longer reflects the concepts embodying them, thus their true meaning. The consequence of the wrong use, resisting the laws of creation, then brings with it not only earthly suffering but also suffering of the soul. -

The present book shows the beauty of the German language in its true meaning and use. It is a "School of Concepts" that moves twelve concepts again into the right light of understanding; concepts that stand for themselves and yet are all interconnecting, are building up on one another. In the conceiving of these concepts lie values that enrich the entire existence and bring the human being nearer to his high, his spiritual goal; for then, with his spoken human words he will swing in one accord with creation's harmony.

The explanations of the concepts arose at the beginning of the previous century and were written in line with the body of thoughts of the work "In the Light of Truth", The Grail Message by Abd-ru-shin. "Heed the word and not the bringer!" is Abd-ru-shin's call for his Grail Message. This shall be observed also in regard to the present book whereby the naming of the author is omitted. Every statement made stands for itself, and the reader is called upon to decide how he wants to react to the words.

As a small insight into the Grail Message "In the Light of Truth", the sign-posting from Abd-ru-shin "For guidance!" is added at the end of the book.