

What does not exist won't happen

1. I agree immediately: It is a curious sentence. We can be pretty sure that what does not exist in fact won't happen. And nevertheless, the sentence has, as far as I understand, a very deep meaning.

2. I begin with some stories:

a. A woman with cancer in her breast. The cancer comes in her bones. The doctors say to her that she will die. She says to them that she does not have any use for them any longer. That she has her own address. She prays and lives in a real relationship with God. The cancer does not exist for her any longer. It disappears.

b. Another woman with cancer in her breast. She refuses that the breast is taken away. "You can take just that little spot, not more." Sometime later there is again such a spot and it is taken away. Sometime later there, but she does not go to the doctor. He simply is of no use, she says to her flabbergasted friends. She forgets the cancer, it no longer exists and it disappears.

c. A man has to have a talk with somebody. He has to achieve something in that talk and he knows that the other does not like him. So he is afraid and very fearful that he will achieve nothing or worse. And then he forgets everything he knows about the man. He only thinks about what he wishes to achieve. He asks openly, looking openly, without fears, at the other. And the other says: Of course. I am happy to.

d. Friends are talking with each other. One of them knows, or discovers, that he has to say something to the other, which must be very disagreeable for him. He forgets that and he simply, in his simpleness (cf 1 Kings 22, 34), says what he has to say. The other hears and there are no difficulties. The speaker did not think about the possible difficulties, and they didn't come.

3. These are only some examples. Every one of us knows other ones. And we all know the reverse. What we fear for, what exists, happens again and again. Now and then we think that it is a knowing that something will happen, that we, or the other, has knowledge about the future. This is not true. By letting it exist, it happens. Time and again we are provoking what we don't wish.