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Just Love, Heavenly and Earthly

**Gottfried Mayerhofer, on 28 January 1872, "Secrets of Life"
(Lebensgeheimnisse).**

**"According to the heavenly ways, one cares for nothing but the love and
knowledge of God, the Lord cares for all else."**

You mentioned this passage from "The Spiritual Sun" as of reference for your doubts, on the basis of which you would like to regulate and prove your love of God and love of neighbor. In the Gospels you find similar words which have the same meaning expressed in other words, e.g. where I said to My disciples, "Do not care for tomorrow, for every day is has its own sorrow," or when I told them, "Look at the lilies in the field, they do not work, they do not spin, and yet Solomon's garment is nothing against their splendor, or if I forbade My wrestlers to carry neither two robes, nor a sack, nor a stick, etc. All these passages have their truth, and this should be observed. However, to interpret them literally, is wrong, is amiss.

The first sentence you cite is already disproved in the first word, in which it is said, according to heavenly nature. - Where are you now? Are you already in heaven or on earth? - Behold, every relation in which a man or spirit is received also has his laws, according to which must be acted. Thus, on earth, you cannot act quite as you do in the spiritual realm, as in heaven; - You are to modify these terms; you can effect celestial bliss in your actions here on earth by your own consciousness, but keeping these feelings permanent, or putting all the earthly things together, you cannot act; For thou art man, and not spirit; - You must start from other principles and concepts. Behold, I will bring you to this, and with a single question which you should ask for yourself in every action, and this question is: "How and under what circumstances can I work the most good?" If you use the goods of the earth, which the Heavenly Father has entrusted to you, that you do not harm with your gifts, and always leave you with sufficient remedies.

Where can you be more effective if you condemn yourself to the begging, or if you help as much as you can, as far as you can?

See, at My time, there were also empires and fortunes, some of which were My friends, and I took nothing from them, but gave even more; I did it because I knew how to use the happiness of the earth, and gave it to them to exercise the virtue of charity in the greatest measure.

The passages which I cited above from the gospel were more adapted to those conditions in which My disciples lived, and to which they were yet to come; They had a great task, so they

had to leave the house and the court, because they had to leave Me, because the world had become their house, and their family humanity.

So you have to understand everything to adapt to the circumstances, because otherwise you are going to be like individuals, who abuse only too much all means and substances which have been given them by Me for temporal livelihood.

Take the simplest things which, misused, bring sickness and death, while they are moderately applied to the health and well-being of man. Behold, fire and water, etc., the lethal effect of abuse, and what blessing in regulated application.

Your newly invented cures and remedies - how do they work when reason guides them? And what is the result when exaggerated zeal leads to extremes? -

Therefore, let your spirit be urged to unite with the soul; Follow his wishes, but connect them with your living conditions in which I have placed you, and be assured that I knew best that under these circumstances your spirituality might be most easily reached. See what you would like to strive to be compared with those who died in ancient times as martyrs for My teaching; I did not demand this sacrifice from them; They would have been much more useful to Me if they had remained alive; they are, as examples of the highest self-sacrifice, for themselves. But they had been much more beneficial to me, had they not gone too far in their ambition, and had gradually shown, by a long time, what they might at once accomplish with their heroic death. - (Also an important hint for zealots.)

Your husband's doubts about charity "in the sense of Jesus", as he says, belong here, and he does not want to make it clear that what is given is not what is given, but how it is given.

The heavenly sense of Jesus is the How. With spiritual love of love the material sacrifices must be brought, then the divine, the sense of Jesus will spread blessings everywhere-the scattered seed will bear fruit, though not always for the recipient, but for the giver. –

In that way the love of neighbour must be practiced. In that way I practiced it during My lifetime, and so you should look at it, too, then the true peace comes to your heart.

The divine spark, My spirit of love, is placed within you, then finds nourishment and can strive after its union with the soul. That way the soul acts divine, though clothed with earthly matter.

Then you, my dear child, will see the words of the cross, which I have given you, in the radiance of the light of suffering. Then you will consider the circumstances which transcend your intellectual life as necessary and exploit them as steps of spiritual well-being, And also easily endure your worldly life-cross with resignation and surrender to My will.

Amen.