

THE NEW REVELATION – LORD’S WORD ABOUT HIS BIRTH ON EARTH



A presentation of the NEW REVELATION

Few of our fellowmen know that for more than a hundred and thirty years, there is on earth a vast ensemble of spiritual writings known as the New Revelation, whose authors, the Austrian Jakob Lorber and, later, the German, Gottfried Mayerhofer, alike all the prophets of the scriptures, sustained that they were nothing but simple messengers of God’s words. The two men explained very clearly that these writings were not conceived by them, but only the fruit of a mysterious dictation perceived by them as coming from the area of their hearts. The real author who spoke the words they put on paper, declared himself to be, in all these texts, Jesus Christ Himself.

Consequently, if we accept the hypothesis sustained everywhere in these writings that sum up more than 10 000 pages (contained in a few dozen volumes), we also admit that, in fact, we have nothing else here but what we can find in the Old Testament, where the prophets tell what they hear directly from God. But this time, in particular, although confessing about Himself as being Jahve God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the author

presents Himself with the name He had during His earthly incarnation, 2000 years ago.

Other notable differences between the stories of old Jewish prophets and the revelations Lorber put on paper between 1840 and 1864 and then by Mayerhofer between 1870 and 1877, refer to the incomparable quantity, clarity and consistency of the last ones. In fact, it is easy to observe that if Jesus Christ is, truly, the author of these writings, He addresses a more intellectually and morally mature humanity, according to this one's spiritual level.

But suppose we don't let ourselves so easily convinced by the fundamental affirmation of these writings – according to which they come, with no intervention, from Jesus Christ. Let's try then to get a little closer to these two people that wrote them with the greatest easiness and without any hesitation. From the first lecture, one can observe that the vastness and, most of all, the extraordinary quality of texts produced by them could immediately indicate they were true literary geniuses, matchlessly seers, theologians and mystics. However, the first one was a musician, while the second, a career officer. None of them was related, by profession, to religion, science, philosophy or literature and, as their personal contribution to the elaboration of the messages put on paper, this was totally denied by them. Both considered themselves to be just simple and humble scribes of God, receivers of His word, having no other merit but the one of committing It to paper.

Without entering an analysis of the writings, one can immediately ask if the two people could've eventually compose them in an abnormal mental condition, characterized by symptoms of hallucination. Then, we should consider that these people psychical health wasn't doubted by any of the people around them. Moreover, psychiatrically files emphasize an incontestable truth: the hallucinatory states specific to such a disorder leave unmistakable traces on the graphic and content of the suffering's writings, which get even more affected as time goes by.

As Lorber, for example, is concerned, not only his own written confessions were kept, but also affirmations of contemporary personalities who assisted, during many years, to the realization of the New Revelation's works, and these accounts present the process of writing as rapid, fluent, without interruptions or corrections and the writer as being in a calm state of inner, but fully lucid receptivity.

Either he wrote directly or dictated, at his turn, to other persons, witnesses affirmations show that Lorber really behaved as if he had heard, in a manner inaccessible to the ones around him, a clear and uninterrupted speech. His home was searched in order to discover his eventual sources of information, but in it was not found any other book with the exception of the Bible.

Mayerhofer let also a few written testimonies about the way this interior dictation unfolds, which clearly confirm that his writing experiences and Lorber's were fully similar.

In the case of the New Revelation, unlike that of the known Christian Scriptures, there is an incomparable possibility of validating the authors and the process of writing,

because the manuscripts of the New Revelation were kept. After escaping a few times the peril of being destroyed (particularly during the WW2), they are for many decades in the care of the German Lorber-Verlag Publishing House. Hence, they can be consulted at anytime for an evaluation of the most unusual way in which they have been accomplished, and as for the authenticity of the writers, there can be no doubt there.

On the other hand, over time, the New Revelation's publishers and some of its supporters, considered that other more recent works, put on paper by Bertha Dudde, Johanna Ladner, J. Widmann and others, are a continuation of the divine messages received by Lorber and Mayerhofer, but these hypotheses still remain a reason of dispute for the followers of the New Revelation. However, without getting into more careful consideration, we could observe that from these newer writings lack the profound spiritual revelations about the natural world, the vast historical narrations and those concerning the existence after death, the scientific predictions and clear prophecies from the amazing works written by Lorber and Mayerhofer.

Returning again to these two, it's worth mentioning that none of them intended to make nor obtained any profit from putting the works received by inner Word on paper, although they both dealt with this labor until the last months of their lives.

In order to write what the Inner Voice dictated to him, Lorber gave up a life of well-being as an assistant of the director of the Trieste theater, ensuring his subsistence only from his music tutorials; thus, he managed to dedicate himself for 24 years to the writing of those mysterious revelations he received. For this fatiguing work, he was appreciate just by a few closed friends and died anonymous, as it would come to happen in Mayerhofer's case too, some decades later.

However, what these two simple people who remained almost unknown in all the time since they accomplished their mission and until present, is far above the level of all known mystic or religious writings.

All fundamental questions of humanity find their answer in these writings, a living answer which can be perceived in a satisfactory manner by the human intellect, but which still has infinite deepness that touch the heart, remaining impossible to encompass by mind's representations.

But if we still hold on to the hypothesis that Jesus Christ is not the real author of these writings, then it is necessary to explain how could one or more basically lying persons, be them either Lorber and Mayerhofer or others who might have served them as source of inspiration, preach incessantly the most important values of humanity, confirm and validate the Christian Scriptures, the ideas of some great mystics, acknowledged for their inspired works, such as Emanuel Swedenborg and Jakob Boehme, the more recent communications received by Sundar Singh, to offer a perspective of the afterlife consistent with recent, scientifically documented, stories of Near Death and Out of Body Experiences, to make amazingly exact scientific predictions and clear prophecies concerning the evolution of civilization that were confirmed, sometimes after dramatic scientific controverscies,

decades after being put on paper?

What kind of occult interests should have had the author or authors of these writings that managed to join together history, religion, literature, philosophy and natural sciences with an unknown spiritual science, in the name of One God who loved mankind so much that He decided to descend among people and even to give up the life of His body, in order to save them from the pitfall of an autodestructive, mortified existence, completely unworthy of the spiritual status given to them at their creation and to open their way to the eternal life, which belongs to Him?

The only major interest we can detect behind these writings (which is also stated in them a great number of times) is to motivate people to love God and their fellowmen, without any conditionality.

If there would still be another, in contradiction with this one, surely that would be extremely bad represented in the texts of the New Revelation.

And since the love of God and men, as in the case of Gospels and the other writings mentioned above, is the main teaching of the New Revelation, then any authentic Christian should feel stimulated to search the way in which the New Revelation confirms, purifies, strengthens and develops the lessons of Scriptures.

However, it would be best if any person, regardless of his religious appartenance or deepest convictions, would try to approach this extraordinary teaching of love and liberty, in order to see by himself if this awakens in him an inner response, a more profound recognition of his heart and conscience.

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*We most gladly present here the revelations of the Lord from **The Childhood of Jesus** (through Jakob Lorber) and **The Sermons of the Lord** (through Gottfried Mayerhofer) on the subject of His birth, the event that marked the beginning of the Kingdom of God, His new apiritual creation.*

LORD'S WORD ABOUT HIS BIRTH
(Excerpts from the New Revelation)

LORD'S REVELATIONS CONCERNING HIS BIRTH
FROM "THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS"

Chapter 14 - See, There In The Hill Is A Cave

- 1 THUS THE TRULY DEVOUT group of travelers came within six hours of Bethlehem and rested in the open.
- 2 Here Joseph looked toward Mary and saw that she must be full of pain, so he thought quite disconcertedly,
- 3 'What is the matter? Mary's countenance is filled of pain, and her eyes are filled with tears. Perhaps her time presses her?'
- 4 Therefore Joseph looked at Mary again more closely, and behold, this time he found to his great surprise that she was laughing.
- 5 At this he asked her, 'Mary, tell me, what is going on in your heart? For I first see your face filled with pain, and then laughing and radiating great joy!'
- 6 And Mary said to Joseph: 'See, I now have two nations before me! The one wept, so I wept with it out of sympathy.
- 7 But the other walked before me laughing, and I was filled with joy and happiness, and had to laugh along with it and take part in its joy.3 - That is all that drew pain and joy from my face.'
- 8 When Joseph heard this he was reassured, for he knew that Mary oftentimes had visions; accordingly he had the journey resumed and went up toward Bethlehem.
- 9 When they came close to Bethlehem, Mary suddenly announced to Joseph,
- 10 'Listen to me, Joseph! That which is within me begins to press me with great force, so call a halt!'
- 11 Joseph was thoroughly alarmed at Mary's sudden announcement, for he now realized that her time had come.
- 12 He therefore called a sudden halt, whereupon Mary hastily said to Joseph,
- 13 'Lift me down from the donkey, for That which is in me presses me mightily and wants to leave me - and I cannot resist Its force any longer!'
- 14 At this Joseph declared, 'But in heaven's name! You can see that an inn is nowhere in sight - where then shall I put you?'
- 15 And Mary said, 'See, there in the hill is a cave - it can hardly be a hundred steps to there. Bring me there - it is impossible for me to go on!'
- Thereupon Joseph led his party of travelers to there and with great good luck found
- 16 some hay and straw in this cave, since it served the shepherds as a stable in time of need, and immediately had a makeshift bed prepared for Mary.

- Chapter 15 - And Nature Stood Still

- 1 WHEN THE RESTING PLACE was prepared, Joseph brought Mary into the cave, where she lay down on the bed of hay and straw and found some relief in this position.

2 When Mary was thus provided for, Joseph said to his sons,
'You two oldest keep watch over Mary and give her the proper care if she needs it,
3 especially you, Joel, since you learned something about this matter from my friends in
Nazareth.'

4 Then he told the other three to look after the donkey and the ox and to find a place for
the cart inside the fairly spacious cave.

When Joseph had looked to all these things he said to Mary, 'Now I will go up on the
5 hill and hurriedly seek a midwife in the city of my father and will bring her here to give
you aid.'

6 After these words Joseph went out of the cave. It was already late in the evening and
the stars were well discernible in the sky.

7 Here, in Joseph's own words, are his remarkable experiences after leaving the cave, as
he told his sons upon his return with the midwife when Mary had already given birth.

And Joseph's words were as follows: 'Children, we are on the threshold of great things!

8 Now I begin to understand what the voice told me on the evening before our departure.

Truly, if the Lord were not present with us - even though unseen - such wondrous
things as I now have seen could not possibly take place!

'Listen! - After I left the cave and went on my way, it seemed to me as if I were not
9 walking! And I saw the rising full moon and the stars in the east as well as in the west,
and lo, everything stood still, and the moon did not leave the earth's horizon, and the
stars on the western horizon would not set!

'Then I saw flocks upon flocks of birds sitting on the limbs of the trees - all had their
10 faces turned hereward and trembled as in times of great, imminent earthquakes, and
could not have been dislodged from their places with shouts or stones.

'And I looked around on the ground again and saw a group of workmen not far from me
11 who sat around a bowl filled with food - some held their hands motionless in the bowl
and were unable to lift food out of it.

'Those who had already lifted a morsel from the bowl held it at the mouth which they
12 could not open, so they might eat; and all faces were turned upward as if they saw
great things in the sky.

'Then I saw sheep which were being driven by the shepherds; but the sheep stood
13 motionless, and the hand of the shepherd who lifted it to strike the tarrying sheep
remained in the air as if paralyzed and he could not move it.

14 'Again I saw a whole herd of rams who held their muzzles over the water but were
unable to drink, for they all were as if completely paralyzed.

'And I also saw a brook which had a long waterfall coming down from the hill, and
15 behold, the water stood still and did not fall down into the valley! - Thus all things on
the ground appeared as if they had neither life nor motion.

16 'As I stood there or walked and did not know whether I was standing or walking, lo, I
finally saw life again.

17 For a woman came down the side of the hill directly toward me and when she reached
me, asked; Man, where are you going so late?

18 And I said: I seek a midwife; for there in the cave is one who would give birth!

19 The woman then asked: Is she of Israel? I replied: Yes, lady, I and she are of Israel.

David is our father!

20 The woman asked further: Who is she that would give birth there in the cave? Is she
your wife, or a relative, or a maidservant?

I then answered: Since a short time my wife only before God and the high priest; but
21 when she became pregnant she was not yet my wife and was only entrusted into my
care from the temple by the witness of God, since she had formerly been brought up in

the Holy of Holies!

22 But do not be surprised at her pregnancy - for That which is in her is wonderfully
conceived by the Holy Spirit of God! At this the woman was amazed and demanded of
me: Man, tell me the truth! - And I said: Come and see, and convince yourself with
your own eyes!

- Chapter 16 - The Vision Of The Midwife

THE WOMAN consented and followed Joseph to the cave, and when they arrived there,
1 the cave suddenly became enveloped in a thick white cloud, so that they were unable
to find the entrance.

2 At this phenomenon the midwife expressed great surprise and said to Joseph,
'My soul has this day experienced great things! This morning I had a sublime, wondrous
3 vision, in which everything turned out as I now have seen it in reality, still see it and
shall see more!

You are the same man who came toward me in the vision. I also saw all the world rest
4 in the midst of its appointed rounds and saw how a cloud came over the cave, and
spoke with you as I now have spoken.

5 And I saw still more most wondrous things in the cave, when my sister Salome came
after me, to whom alone I confided my vision in the morning!

6 Therefore I now say before you and before the Lord, my God: A great salvation is come
to Israel! A Savior came, sent from above, in the time of our great distress!

After these words of the midwife the cloud quickly withdrew from the cave, and a light
of such intensity streamed from the cave toward the midwife and Joseph that their
7 eyes were not able to bear it, and the midwife exclaimed, 'Everything is then true that I
have seen in the vision! Oh man, you fortunate one, here is more than Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob, Moses and Elias!'

8 Thereupon the strong light gradually became more and more bearable, and the Baby
became visible, just as He took His mother's breast for the first time.

9 The midwife now went into the cave with Joseph, inspected the Baby and His mother,
and when she found everything loosed to perfection she asserted:

'Truly, truly, That is the Savior extolled by all the prophets, who will be free of bonds
10 already in His mother's body, to signify that He will unbind all the hard bonds of the
Law!

11 Now when has anyone seen that a newly-born child already reached for its mother's
breast?

12 That truly is visible proof that this Child when a man will one day judge the world
according to love, and not according to the Law!

Hear, you most fortunate husband of this maiden! Everything is in the best possible
order, therefore let me go out of the cave, for it now begins to weigh heavily upon my
13 breast, since I feel that I am not clean enough to bear the holy nearness of my and
your Lord and God!'

14 Joseph was thoroughly shocked at these words of the midwife, and she hastened out of
the cave into the open.

15 As she went out of the cave she met her sister Salome outside, who had followed her
because she knew of the vision, and immediately said to her,

'Salome, Salome, come and see my vision of the morning confirmed in reality! The
16 virgin has given birth in fullness of truth to that which human wisdom and nature can
never comprehend!'

17 And Salome replied, 'As truly as God lives am I unable to believe that a virgin is supposed to have given birth until I have examined her with my hand!'

- Chapter 17 - The Doubting Salome Is Forgiven

1 AFTER SALOME SAID THIS, she went into the cave and said,
 'Mary, my soul is in no little conflict; therefore I would ask you that you prepare
 2 yourself, so I may examine you with my well-experienced hand and learn there from
 how matters stand with your virginity!'
 3 Mary willingly acquiesced in the desire of the unbelieving Salome, prepared herself, and
 allowed herself to be examined.
 4 But as soon as Salome touched Mary's body with her experienced hand, she began a
 mighty lament and cried out at the top of her voice,
 'Woe, woe to me because of my ungodliness and my great disbelief, that I wanted to
 5 tempt the eternally living God! See, see here - my hand is being consumed in the fire
 of the divine wrath over wretched me!'
 6 After these words she quickly fell down on her knees before the Baby and exclaimed,
 7 'O God of my fathers! You almighty Lord of all glory! Remember me, that I am also a
 seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!
 8 Oh do not set me up to ridicule before the sons of Israel, but give me back my healthy
 limbs again!'
 And behold, thereupon an angel of the Lord stood beside Salome and said to her, 'The
 9 Lord God has granted your entreaty - go over to the little Child and carry Him, and a
 great salvation will be yours for it!'
 10 When Salome heard this, she went on her knees over to Mary and asked her for the
 Baby.
 11 Mary willingly gave her the Baby and said to her, 'May He be to your salvation
 according to the saying of the angel of the Lord; may the Lord have mercy on you!'
 12 And Salome took the Baby on her arms and while thus carrying Him kneeling testified:
 'O God, You almighty Lord of Israel, You who reign and govern from eternity! In all, all
 13 fullness of truth is here born to Israel a King of Kings who will be mightier than there
 was David, the man after the heart of God. You I shall honor and praise forever!'
 14 After these words Salome was completely healed again, then gave the Baby back to
 Mary in the most grateful contrition of her heart and thus justified went out of the cave.
 15 And when she was outside, she wanted to cry out aloud about the great wonder of all
 wonders and had already begun to tell her sister what had happened to her.
 At this a voice was heard from above, and it said, 'Salome, Salome, be sure to tell no
 16 one, what extraordinary thing has happened to you! For the time is still to come when
 the Lord will testify of Himself in words and deeds!'
 At this Salome became silent, and Joseph went out and asked the two sisters to return
 to the cave according to Mary's wish, so no one should notice anything of the wonderful
 17 things that had taken place in this cave this day. And both humbly went back into the
 cave.

Chapter 18 - Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men

1 WHEN ALL WERE gathered together in the cave, the sons of Joseph asked their father,
 2 'Father, what shall we do now? Everything has been well attended to! The trip has tired
 our bodies, may we not retire?'
 3 Joseph replied, 'Children, you have witnessed the infinite grace which has befallen us
 all from above - so you should stay up and glorify God with me!

4 And you have witnessed what happened to Salome in the cave because she would not believe - so we should not be sleepy either when the Lord visits us!

5 Now go over to Mary and touch the Baby! Who knows, whether your eyelids will not quickly be so refreshed as if you had slept solidly for several hours!

6 The sons of Joseph now went over and touched the Baby, and the Baby smiled at them and stretched His hands toward them, as if He recognized them as brothers.

7 At this all were surprised and said, 'Truly, that is no ordinary Child! For where has it happened to anyone, that he was greeted so heartily by a newly-born child?

8 Besides, we now have all been so completely restored in all our limbs as if we had never made a journey and were at home on a morning with a fully rested body!'

9 Joseph said, 'See, so my advice was good! But now I feel that it is becoming quite cool, so bring the donkey and the ox here. The animals will lie close to us and will give off some warmth by their breath and their body heat, and we will place ourselves close to Mary also.'

This the sons did. And when they brought the two animals close to Mary, these

10 immediately lay down at the head end of Mary's resting place, breathed diligently over Mary and the Baby and thus warmed Him quite well.

11 And the midwife said, 'Truly, that cause can be of no little importance before God, which even the animals serve as if they had reason and understanding.'

12 Here Salome added: 'Oh sister, the animals seem to see more here than we do! While we hardly dare to think, the animals already worship Him who has created them!

Believe me, sister, as truly as God lives, that truly also is the promised Messiah here

13 before us - for we know that such wonderful things have never taken place even at the birth of the greatest prophet!'

14 And Mary said to Salome, 'The Lord God has shown you great grace in that you behold that before which my soul quakes itself.

15 But be silent about it, as the angel of the Lord bid you to do previously, or you could prepare a bitter lot for us!'

16 At this Salome vowed to Mary that she would remain silent the rest of her life, and the midwife followed her sister's example.

17 Everything now became still in the cave. And in the First hour before sunrise all heard ever-so-mighty songs of praise outside the cave.

18 Joseph at once sent his oldest son to investigate what it was, and who was singing so mightily to God's glory out in the open.

And Joel went outside and saw that all the reaches of the Firmament were Filled - high

19 and low - with countless myriads of shining angels. And he hastened back into the cave in astonishment and told them all what he had seen.

20 All were highly astonished at Joel's report and went outside and convinced themselves of the truth of Joel's assertion.

21 When they had seen such glory of the Lord, they went back into the cave and bore witness to Mary. And Joseph said to Mary:

22 'Hear, oh purest maiden of the Lord, the fruit of your body is truly conceived by the Holy Spirit of God - for all the heavens now bear witness thereto!

23 But what will happen to us, when all the world is now sure to Find out what took place here? For I have just seen by the many shepherds that not only we, but all other people now see what manner of witness shines for us through all the heavens, for the shepherds had their faces turned upward

24 and sang in harmony with the mighty choirs of angels which now visibly fill all the reaches of the heavens high and low down to the earth.

25 And their song sounded like that of the angels: Descend with your grace, O ye heavens,

upon the just! Peace on earth to all men of good will! And glory to God on high in Him who comes in the name of the Lord!

26 See, Mary, the whole world now hears and sees this, therefore it will also come here and will persecute us, and we will have to flee over hill and dale!

27 And so I believe that we should depart from here as soon as we possibly can, and as soon as I shall be recorded - which shall take place still early today - we shall go back to Nazareth and from there over to the Greeks of whom I know several very well. Do you not agree with me?

Here Mary said to Joseph, 'But you can see that I cannot leave this resting place today, 28 so let us leave everything to the Lord. He has led and protected us up to now, so He surely will continue to lead us and protect us ever so faithfully!

29 If He wants to reveal us before the world, say: to where would we flee where He could not find us?

30 Therefore His will be done! What He wants, that will be right. See, here on my bosom rests He whom all this concerns!

31 He will surely remain with us, and thus God's great glory will not depart from us either, though we flee wherever we will!

Mary had hardly finished speaking, when behold, two angels stood before the cave as 32 leaders of a large group of shepherds and made it known to the shepherds that here was born the One who was the object of their songs of praise.

33 And the shepherds went into the cave, knelt down before the Baby and worshiped Him; and the angels also came in bands and worshiped the Baby.

Here Joseph with his sons looked over toward Mary and the Baby in great astonishment 34 and asked, 'O God, what does this mean? Have You Yourself assumed flesh in this Child?

For how could it otherwise be possible that He would be worshiped even by Your holy 35 angels? But if You are here, o Lord, how then do matters stand with the temple and the Holy of Holies?'

Thereupon an angel went over to Joseph and said to him: 'Do not ask, and have no 36 concern - for the Lord has chosen the earth to be the stage of His mercies and has now visited His people, as He has foretold through the mouths of His children, His servants and prophets!

37 What now happens before your eyes takes place according to the will of Him who is holy, most holy.'

38 The angel then left Joseph and again went over and worshiped the Baby, who now smiled on all the worshipers with open hands.

39 When the sun rose, the angels disappeared, but the shepherds remained and inquired of Joseph how this had come to be.

40 And Joseph answered, 'Hear, as wondrously as the grass grows out of the earth, so also did this wonder happen! Now who knows how the grass grows? Just as little also am I able to tell you about this wonder. God wanted it this way - that is all I can tell you!'

Chapter 19 - Cornelius Visits The Cave

1 THE SHEPHERDS were satisfied with this answer and did not inquire of Joseph any more but left and brought Mary assorted refreshments as an offering.

2 When the sun had already been shining for an hour, Joseph asked the midwife,

3 'Listen to me, my lady friend and sister from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! See, the

recording causes me much distress of heart, and I desire nothing more eagerly than to have it over with.

4 But I do not know where it is being held in the town. So leave Salome here with Mary, and lead me with my sons to the Roman captain who is in charge of the recording.

5 Perhaps we will be received at once, since we will surely be the first ones there.'

6 Here the midwife said to Joseph, 'Man full of grace, listen to me! The captain Cornelius from Rome lives in my house, which is one of the first ones into the town, and has his room for his official duties there. He is, to be sure, a pagan, but otherwise
7 a good and law-abiding man. I will go there and make everything known to him with the exception of the wonder, and I believe that will take care of the matter.'

8 This offer well pleased Joseph, since he was very shy of the Romans anyhow and especially of the recording, so he again asked the midwife to do this for him.

9 The midwife now left and found that Cornelius, who was quite young and liked to sleep late in the morning, was still in bed and told him all he needed to know.

Cornelius arose at once, threw his toga about him and said to his landlady, 'Woman, I
10 believe you in everything, but I will nevertheless go there with you, for I feel a strong urge to do so!

11 By your account it is not far from here, so I will still be at my work-table in time. - So lead me there right away!'

The midwife was quite pleased at this and led the upright young captain, with whom she was well acquainted, to the cave. Arrived there, he admitted to her, 'Oh woman,
12 how easily when in Rome do I go to my emperor, and how difficult it is for me here to go into this cave!

13 That must be something extraordinary! Now tell me whether you know any reason for that, for I know you are an upright Jewess.'

14 The midwife answered, 'Good captain of the great emperor! Wait here in front of the cave only a moment and I will go in and bring you the answer.'

And she went in and told Joseph that the good captain himself was waiting outside the
15 cave and that he wanted to enter but could not bring himself to do so for an inexplicable reason.

When Joseph heard this he was moved and said, 'O God, how good You are, that You
16 can change even that into joy before me of which I had the most fear. Therefore to You alone be all honor and all praise!'

After these words he hastened out of the cave and fell at the feet of Cornelius, saying, 'Bearer of the great emperor's power, have mercy on me, a poor old man! See, my
17 young wife, who was given into my care by lot in the temple, has here unburdened herself of her fruit this night, and I arrived here only yesterday, so I was not able to promptly report to you.'

18 And Cornelius replied, while lifting up Joseph, 'Oh man, do not worry about that, for everything is in order. But let me come in and see how you are put up here.'

Joseph then led Cornelius into the cave. And when the latter saw the Baby and how He smiled at him, he was astonished at His behavior and affirmed, 'By Zeus, that is rare!

Why, I feel as if I were a new person, and never have I experienced such peace and joy
19 within me! - In fact, today I shall take a holiday from official duties and remain your guest.'

- Chapter 20 - Cornelius Sees A Great Light

1 JOSEPH WAS greatly pleased at this and asked the captain, 'Bearer of the great

emperor's power, what can a poor man like me possibly offer you in return for your great friendship? With what will I be able to serve you in this damp cave?

How can I set the table for you in keeping with your high station? - See, here in the cart
2 are all my worldly goods, in part brought along from Nazareth, and in part a gift from the shepherds in this locality.

3 If you can partake of some of it, then may every bite you eat be blessed a thousand fold!

Cornelius replied, 'Good man, do not be concerned about me in the least. For here as
4 you see is my landlady on whom we can depend to look after the kitchen, and we will have all we need for a little coin decorated with the emperor's head.'

Here the captain gave the midwife a gold coin and left the preparation of a good noon
5 and evening meal to her, as well as the procurement of better living quarters as soon as it would be possible for the young mother to leave.

Joseph thereupon said to Cornelius, 'Oh wonderful friend, please do not go to any
6 expense and trouble for us, for we are anyhow - all praise to the Lord, the God of Israel! - well supplied for the few days we shall yet be here.'

At this the captain said, 'Good is good, but better is better. So just let it be and allow me
7 thereby to bring a joyous offering to your God also. You see, I honor the gods of all peoples.

Thus I also want to honor your God, for He pleases me, since I have seen His temple at
8 Jerusalem. And He must be a God of great wisdom, since you have learned such great artifice from Him.'

9 Joseph responded, 'Oh friend, if it were possible for me to convince you of the sole and absolute Being of our God, how gladly I would do so to your greatest eternal welfare!

But I am only a frail man and am not capable of doing that. But if you will seek out any
10 of our books and read them, since you are so well versed in our language, you will find things there which will cause you the greatest astonishment!'

11 And Cornelius replied, 'Good man, what you now have advised me to do, that I have already done and have also found truly astonishing things!

Among other things I also came upon a prediction in which a new King is promised to the
12 Jews forever. Tell me whether you know, according to the interpretation of this prediction, when this King will come and from where.'

At this Joseph was a bit embarrassed and said after a pause: 'The Latter will come from
13 the heavens as the Son of the eternally living God! And His kingdom will not be of this, but of the world of the spirit and the truth!'

14 Cornelius said, 'Good, I understand you. But I have also read that this King is to be born in a stable near this town of a maiden. How is that to be taken?'

Joseph answered, 'Good man, you have sharp senses! I can tell you nothing else than:
15 Go over and look at the little maiden with the new-born Child - there you will find what you are able to find!'

16 And Cornelius went over and with sharp eyes looked at the maiden with the Baby, so he might discover from her and the Child the future King of the Jews.

17 Accordingly he asked Mary, in what manner she had become pregnant so early.

18 Mary replied, 'Just man! As truly as my God lives, that truly also have I never known a man!

19 But three-quarters of the year ago it happened that a messenger of the Lord came to me and informed me in a few words that I would become pregnant by the Spirit of God.

And so it was, for I became pregnant without ever having known a man, and see, here
20 before you is the fruit of the marvelous promise! And God is my witness that it all happened in this manner!'

At this Cornelius turned to the two sisters and inquired, 'What do you say to this story?
21Is it a clever deceit by this old man, a good pretense for a blind, superstitious people in
order to avoid lawful punishment under such circumstances?

For I know that the Jews have decreed punishment by death in such cases! Or should
there actually be something to it - which would be worse than in the first case, for then
22the law of the emperor would have to be invoked in the most drastic way, since it wants
every usurper to be nipped in the bud? Now speak the truth, so I may know how I stand
with this singular family!'

And Salome asserted, 'Listen to me, Cornelius, I beg you by your full imperial authority!
23Be sure that you do not undertake any serious and legal steps against this poor and then
again infinitely wealthy family!

For you can believe me, and I will forfeit my head for the truth of it: all the powers of the
24heavens are at this family's disposal, like your own arm is to you, of which I received a
most convincing witness!'

At this Cornelius was still more deeply startled and asked Salome, 'Then also Rome's
25holy gods, Rome's heroes, weapons and invincible power? - Oh Salome, how can you
speak like that?'

Here Salome answered, 'Yes, as you have said, so it is! Of that I am convinced through
and through. But if you are unable to believe it, then go outside and look at the sun! It is
26already shining almost four hours today, and behold, it still stands in the east and dares
not travel any farther on its way!'

And Cornelius went outside, looked at the sun, promptly returned and said in great
27astonishment, 'In truth, you are right. If the matter has reference to this family, why
then even the god Appollo obeys this family!

Hence Zeus, the mightiest of all the gods must be here, and it seems that the time of
28Deucalion and Pyrrha is again coming to pass. And if that is the case, then I certainly
must report such an occurrence to Rome without delay!'

At these words two mighty angels appeared. Their faces shone like the sun and their
29garments like lightning. And they said: 'Cornelius, be silent even against yourself about
What you have seen - or you and Rome will perish yet today!'

At this a great fear came over Cornelius. The two angels disappeared, and he went over
to Joseph and declared: 'Oh man, here is infinitely more than a future King of the Jews!
30Here is He at whose command stand all the heavens and hells! Therefore let me go my
way again from here, for I am not worthy to be present in such nearness of God!'

Chapter 21 - Joseph Tells How God Respects Free Will

1 JOSEPH WAS also quite taken aback at this utterance of Cornelius and admitted to
him, 'How great this wonder is, I do not know myself,
but you can believe me that great and mighty things are behind it, for on behalf of
2 small matters all the powers of the eternal heavens of God would not thus assert
themselves!

3 But for all that no man is hindered in his free will and can do as he pleases. That I can
see from the command which the two angels of the Lord gave you.

4 See, the Lord could bind our free will in this instance, as He binds the will of the
animals, and we would have to act according to His will!

5 But that He does not do, and instead He gives only a free commandment, from which
we can learn His holy will.

6 Therefore you are not in the least bound in any fiber of your being and can do as you
please! If you want to be my guest today, then stay, but if you would rather not or do

not dare to do so, then you have your altogether free will there also.

But if I were to advise you, I would say: Oh friend, stay, for you surely could not be in
7 better hands anywhere in the whole world than here under the visible protection of all
the powers of heaven.'

Cornelius answered, 'Yes, you just man before the gods and before your God and
8 before all men, your advice is good, and I shall heed it and will remain with you until
tomorrow.

I shall be gone with my landlady for only a short time, so I can make arrangements
9 that all of you - although here in this cave - shall have better lodging.'

Here Joseph said, 'Good man, do as you please. The Lord God will someday reward
10 you!'

Hereupon the captain went into the town with the midwife and first had it announced
11 in all the lanes that this day was a holiday from official duties, then took thirty
warriors, gave them bedding, tents and firewood and told them to carry all this out to
the cave.

The midwife took food and drink with her in sufficient quantity and had still more
12 brought after her.

Once back in the cave, the captain promptly had three tents set up: a soft-textured
13 one for Mary, one for himself, Joseph and his sons and one for the midwife and her
sister.

In Mary's tent he had a fresh and very soft bed set up and also provided the tent with
other necessary accommodations. Thus he also provided for the needs of the other
14 tents, then had his soldiers build a cooking hearth in all haste, placed wood on it
himself and made a fire to warm the cave, in which it normally was quite cold at this
time of the year.

- Chapter 22 - The Rising Of The New Spiritual Sun

1 THUS CORNELIUS PROVIDED for the devout family and remained with them all that
day and the following night.

2 That afternoon the shepherds also returned to worship the Baby, and brought various
offerings.

3 But when they saw tents and the Roman captain in the cave, they wanted to flee in
great fear of him,

4 for there were several fugitives from the Roman recording among them, who were in
great fear of the punishment decreed for such fugitives.

5 Here the captain went over to them and said, 'Do not be afraid of me, for I now release
you from all punishment, but consider what must be done according to the will of the
emperor, so come tomorrow, and I shall record you as gently and kindly as I possibly
can!'

6 When the shepherds learned that Cornelius was such a gentle man, they lost their
timidity and they all came the following day to be recorded.

7 After the talk with the shepherds, the captain asked Joseph whether the sun this time
would never leave the morning.

8 Joseph answered, 'This sun, which rose for the earth today, never! But the natural sun
goes its usual way according to the will of the Lord and will set in a few short hours!'

9 Joseph spoke this prophetically and hardly knew or understood himself what he had
spoken.

10 Here the captain asked Joseph, 'What do you mean? See, I did not grasp the meaning

of your words, so speak more plainly to me!

11 And Joseph affirmed: 'The time will come when you will warm yourself in the holy rays of this sun and bathe in the streams of its Spirit!

I do not know what more to tell you and do not understand myself, what I have just 12 told you; but in time, when I am no more, it will be revealed to you in all fullness of eternal truth!'

13 And the captain asked Joseph no more and kept these profound words in his heart.

The following day the captain greeted the whole family and gave them the assurance 14 that he would provide for them as long as they remained there, and would keep them in his heart for the rest of his life.

15 After that he returned to his duties and gave the midwife another coin to care for the family.

When the captain had departed, Joseph said to his sons, 'Children, how is it that a 16 pagan is better than many a Jew? Do you suppose that the words of Isaiah apply here, where he says:

Behold, my servants shall shout with joy of spirit, but you shall cry out in anguish and 17 weep from misery. - And the sons of Joseph replied, 'Yes, father, this passage wholly applies here and is to be understood.' (Childhood of Jesus)

LORD'S REVELATIONS CONCERNING HIS BIRTH
FROM "THE SERMONS OF THE LORD"

**"- Sermon 5 -
 Christmas Day. The Birth of Jesus**

t. Luke II, 1-14: *"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*
 (December 25, 1871)

This chapter deals with My birth, a day you celebrate each year on December 25th in accordance with the rites of the church.

You are already familiar with the events at the time of My birth, but there are still many unclear points concerning this act of My first visible appearance on your earth, the deeper meaning of which, in its spiritual correspondence, is still unknown to you. Therefore, I shall make further revelations for your benefit, as well as that of My believing children of the future, to show you that even the smallest thing concerning Me and My coming to the earth is of the greatest significance and will repeat itself on My Second Coming to this small globe, the dwelling place of My children who will be great one day.

As the conditions on earth once made it necessary for that particular people at that particular time to witness the great act of grace and love which I accomplished for you and all the spirit world, on My Second Visible Coming a time and place will again be chosen to suit My purpose best.

You were right in calling this feast "Holy Night". It was, indeed, a hallowed night when I consecrated Myself for your sake and that of all material creation as an offering of meekness, when I, the infinite Lord of the entire creation, put on a fragile, perishable garment, which among millions of beings on other worlds, as far as its outer appearance is concerned, is far beneath the supreme archetype of a human image. Many inhabitants of other worlds are endowed so richly that man of this earth appears to be only a weak imitation of that which I put into this form as an image of My own Self. And yet, although the dwellers on other globes surpass men of this earth in many ways, spiritually the latter are destined for something infinitely greater than the dwellers in paradise-like worlds and

suns. Although they enjoy an eternal spring and live in conditions you cannot even imagine, they lack a clear comprehension of Me, of My spiritual creation and My fatherly love.

They are good, because no evil endeavors to induce them to the contrary. They recognize a Supreme Being and kneel before Him in awe, but none of them dares to think that this Supreme Being might wish to press any of His created beings to His fatherly heart and give it the sweet name of a child.

Only those who have gained this position through struggle and victory are entitled to this, and they can become children of God. In the school where such children of God are educated, beside the greatest spiritual exaltation, there also has to be the opposite - the greatest possible humiliation, and they must be able to turn completely away from the good, if they so desire. In order to demonstrate to you that it is possible to make positive progress between such extremes and overcome all obstacles, I clothed Myself in one of the lowest and most unpretentious human forms and descended upon this dark globe which - as regards its endowment and size - ranks in My creation similar to infusoria compared with all the beauties and wonders of your earth.

But since in My creation even the minutest infusoria in their own way have been made as perfect as man, the lord of this earth, My principle of creation, on all levels of created beings, shows that I am greatest in the smallest, and particularly in this point stand forth as the mighty Creator and Lord. This was the reason why I chose one of the smallest globes to reveal My greatness, thus proving to My entire world of spirits and souls that only in the smallest is the greatest possible and that the greatest glory is gained in the greatest humiliation; that he who sacrifices all is worthy to possess all.

Therefore, I was not born in a palace to parents of high standing, but in lowly circumstances. However, in the circumstances of My birth the sublime, the spiritual, had to be suggested. Thus, the census was decreed by Herod and I was not born in a house built by men, but in My own house, that is, in the open, in a cave.

Neither emperors nor kings witnessed My birth, not even ordinary people, but only animals - unspoilt creatures.

The census was responsible for Mary's journey to Bethlehem in order to bring about that which would honor the King of all creation.

Millions of superior spirits sang the hymn of praise: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all men of good will!" These and the animals, as they had gone forth from My hand, were present at My birth. Such witnesses were befitting to Me, the Lord of the heavenly hosts, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

On account of the census My birth could not remain unnoticed. Thus, at that time, Herod, the cruel governor and Tetrarch of Jerusalem had to rule, thereby making My further education and My later career more difficult. Through the overcoming of all these difficulties, it had to be proven that, although I placed Myself in the lowest position, I would -witnessed by My entire world of spirits - still fulfill My task, namely, besides setting an example of the greatest humility and self-abnegation, to make this small earth into a training-school for My children, who are destined one day to change, for all the beings living on other globes and suns, the image of the Great Spirit and Creator of all visible nature into one of a loving Father.

What I had planned eons ago and had begun to carry out over a thousand years ago, is now nearing its completion. My religious teaching, My word, which cannot be replaced by a better one, - My teaching of love must be universally accepted. Love alone must rule; all passions of the human heart, which I have put into it so that through battling against them love could be won, all these passions must be controlled and placed before the altar of love. Hatred, vengeance, pride and whatever they may be called, these powerful impulses of evil within man, must all be silenced.

The cross, nailed to which I once asked forgiveness for erring mankind, must - as a symbol of reconciliation - be loved and honored by everyone and sometimes even carried in remembrance of the way I have shown, which is the only one that can lead men to spiritual heights.

As towards the end of My sojourn on earth circumstances seemed to work against Me, apparently leading to My death, but through the resurrection from matter and My return into My spiritual kingdom actually bringing about My greatest triumph, at the present, too, men seem to be afflicted by an ever growing number of misfortunes and catastrophes. However, man shall rise, like the phoenix from the ashes, out of burnt worldly opinions and prejudices, unscathed as a spiritual product of his Creator, as a spiritual child of a supreme spiritual Father.

Like a rudderless ship mankind is drifting towards this destination. But first all the artificial walls the human intellect has built around the loving heart, the barriers of birth, station and superficial knowledge must be pulled down. Man must cease to think with his intellect and learn to feel with his heart. Only when the warm fire of love has warmed his whole soul, can wisdom, as a regulating impulse, set limits to love and let men feel all that with which I have endowed them and why I have created them such and not otherwise.

Whenever I, as Christ on earth, prayed to My Father, it was Wisdom calling to Love to limit its boundless action. Just as wisdom and love can only exist with each other, I, as the Christ, was one with My Father, the Love, and therefore I could say: 'No one knows Me, except the Father in Heaven and I alone know Him', or 'I go to the Father' and so on. Thereby I meant to say: All the world was created out of love, but wisdom has regulated its conditions. Love creates, and wisdom preserves. Love, as the "Father", was the highest symbol of purity; whereas I, wisdom, as the "Son", proved it through the deed. Thus also man, as My descendant, shall become a manifestation of love and wisdom. He shall love first and only then shall he learn to be wise so as to comprehend fully My creation and his mission in it.

This is what I have in mind for you and all events are leading you in that direction. I have demonstrated to My spirits how what they considered impossible has become possible. I have led with My example and have made My beings on this small earth into citizens of My Infinite Kingdom, into My sole children.

What I once started as a babe in a cave near Bethlehem and what was praised by millions of angelic spirits, but not comprehended by men, except vaguely suspected by a few, has now been accomplished.

I have accomplished the work of reconciliation, of love and forgiveness. The world is cleansed of all impure dross of selfishness. And even if afflictions and catastrophes destroy man's physical body, they cannot harm his spirit and soul. This part of man is standing above the ruins of the world with arms outstretched towards the divine Savior Who - as once on earth - is calling to all: "Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden that I may take off your burden and refresh you! Come, you fighters for love and wisdom, receive the crown of life; the realm of spirits is open to you and you may see the hosts of angels rejoicing and praising the Lord with the same words as once before: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to men on earth!" For He came into His own and His children have recognized Him. Amen." (Sermons of the Lord - through G. Mayerhofer)