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Organic dynamics vegan - preparations without animal shells

They originated from an emergency situation: When bovine disease BSE ("mad cow disease") also rampant in Germany and many neighbouring countries at the beginning of the 2000s, the European Parliament was forced to ban "animal by-products as risk material".

An existential question for biodynamics - since animal covers are essential for the production of the original preparations - including horns, intestines and cow's herbs.

In this predicament, the research team led by Maria Thun decided to take the initiative and develop a non-animal preparation variant of the same effectiveness - the birth of the vegetarian preparations. The search for an adequate replacement for the animal covers was based on star influences, based on the following connection:

The planetary forces act in all plants, usually the individual species are under the dominant influence of a certain planet that characterises their character and appearance.

According to Maria Thun, the planetary system conveys astral forces to the earth - the same forces that are also significantly involved in the construction of the tree bark and bark and can therefore convey astrality in a similar way during the development process of the preparations as the animal envelopes. (1)

For each preparation plant, a tree species determined by the same planet has been selected accordingly. The research group proceeded conscientiously - various possible combinations were tested, which ultimately led to the following mating:

Yarrow/Venus - Birch

Chamomile/Mercury - Larch

Oak bark/Mars - Oak

Dandelion/Jupiter - Maple

Specifically, fresh, healthy branches of the corresponding trees were taken, cut them into the cambium and the wooden body was removed. This obtained vegetable shells for the production of the novel compost preparations.

This was followed by multi-year, extensive series of experiments with compost preparations, fertiliser comparisons for different crops, neutral reproduction, whereby it turned out that food quality and fertility (reproductive ability) were very satisfactory.

So it looks like the "Team Thun" has succeeded in creating an equivalent vegan preparation variant for revitalising plants and soil!

However, despite the proven positive and strong effectiveness of the new type of preparation, it is advisable to beware of too carefree equation: Even if the same - astral - forces take effect when building up the animal and plant shells, they are different forms of life that change the character of the finished preparation accordingly. They are related but not identical substances.

Nevertheless, they represent an enrichment that can find its place as a means of revitalisation and harmonisation in any alternative agriculture.

The Commission for Policy Issues (KfR) of the Association for Biodynamic Agriculture, considers research on vegetable preparation forms and their practical use to be "justified", especially against the background of the expanding vegan lifestyle - but they are not eligible for Demeter certification.

Undoubtedly, there are opportunities for each individual to experiment and gain experience that could ultimately be valuable for other users.

For all those who like to experiment and pioneers, there is therefore the biodynamic compost preparations in the Arkanum online shop as "vegan tree sheath preparations" ([link](#)) according to Maria Thun - with a modification: For the chamomile preparation, elm was used instead of larch, the "classical" Mercury tree, from whose wood one of the

She was made by Dirk Appel from Kùlsheim, who has contributed his many years of experience in the production and application of biodynamic preparations and is happy to provide information about artisanal details as well as his first own observations, for example when used in biodynamic viticulture. (Contact via www.der-bio-dynamiker.de)

Feedback from new users is always very welcome!

(1) Maria Thun: "Trees, Woods and Planets", 2. Adults Enl. 2009, M. Thun-Verlag