



«Enormous freedom»: That's why this man from Biberist spent the majority of his « Corona Year » in Peru

Netzwerk Licht

Kurt Schibler from Biberist spent most of the "Corona Year" 2020 in Peru, his second home. Now he is back in Switzerland. As soon as the case numbers drop, the esotericist wants to emigrate to South America altogether. To pursue a vision.

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During summer, the Swiss embassy employee in Peru called him. She asked him if he wanted to come back home on a plane chartered by the FDFA (Federal Department of Foreign Affairs). He replied, "I can't go back to Switzerland now - I'm working in the voluntary land service." Kurt tells us this over a cup of tea - he hasn't drunk coffee for years - and smiles mischievously.

Kurt Schibler, 68, Biberist, is a spiritual guide. For 30 years he ran an esoteric shop in Biberist. Today he still works as a healer: by laying on of hands. He has been pursuing a vocation for 35 years - even if it is not always understood by everyone. Schibler shrugs his shoulders.

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He will repeat this sentence several times. He provides people with tips, for example when they suffer from depression. And then believes in natural remedies, in the spiritual self that can solve problems - less in chemistry and material things. "I simply tell my truth." For some, that fits, for others not - and for others only after some time.

Back to the phone call with the Swiss embassy employee in Peru. Schibler spent most of last year there. He has been repeatedly drawn to the Latin

American country for years. In 1988 he travelled to Peru for the first time to visit a shaman he had seen something about on television. For those who did not believe in reincarnation, the following was difficult to understand, says the Biberister:

«When I got there, I knew - I had been here before in a previous life»

There is no other explanation for this connection.

Schibler has seven godchildren in Peru. That was also the reason why he travelled to South America in mid-February: among other things, the wedding of a godson on March 14th.

Then, in early March, the first covid case was reported in Peru. Shortly afterwards, a curfew was imposed. In mid-March, the borders were also closed; Schibler had just managed to enter the country. And when the borders opened again in August, he did not want to return to Switzerland.

The vision: a spiritual centre in the sacred valley.

Schibler was located above the city of Urubamba in central Peru. The town is in the Valle Sagrada - the sacred valley. He rarely went into the city, Schibler says. Mostly he kept to himself. "I had enormous freedom." He often went hiking, even for twelve hours in one day.

«When I heard how different things are for people over 65 in Switzerland, I decided to stay»

Schibler made it through the Corona period in good health. And he also had a lot to do. Years ago, he had acquired a piece of land through the Sonnenschein association, which he had cultivated by a farmer.

Last year, Schibler hired five workers and together they began to tear down old walls and build a new wall around the property. This is because Schibler has a plan together with the new association Netzwerk Licht, which he founded in 2019 with like-minded people. In the future, there will be a house on the property - and another building for spiritual learning and training.

The new wall is now in place around the property, and the men have also planted vegetables.

Now the man from Biberist is still waiting for the building permit. The "legal building permit", as he emphasises. Not an easy task, as people in Peru usually build just as they wish. That is the standard. As a result, the authorities could not tell him exactly what was needed to obtain a legal building permit and indicated this would need first to be clarified.. Schibler also waited four months, during which he visited the responsible offices ten times, as he says, until he had water and electricity connections.

The system is not comparable to the one in Switzerland. Kurt first had to explain to his employees why he was dependent on their punctuality and that they should not drink alcohol during work. Many are day labourers or often only have a contract for three to six months, until they have to look for work again to feed the family.

For certain days, an excavator was reserved - the rest of the time, the workers worked exclusively by hand.

Poverty among the population, corruption in politics. Schibler also talks a lot about this. He talks about the fact that there are no social insurances that can support people, which is why last year - during the crisis - many people took day marches to get from the city to the countryside, where they tried to provide for themselves.

Despite these sometimes precarious conditions: "This freedom, these vastnesses," Schibler enthuses about the country. He also proudly tells of his friends and acquaintances who also said about "Señor Positivo" - as he is called - that he is "one of them".

So "Señor Positivo" is not planning to stay in Switzerland for long. In mid-December, he returned to Switzerland on one of the few flights - "it was postponed seven times". Here he is waiting for the "legal" building permit and for the pandemic to go away. Then he plans to vacate his flat. And to emigrate to Peru to live his vision.