

The Anthroposophical Society and the
Michael School- 2013 to 2023-24

in relation to:

The etheric manifestation of the Antichrist,
and the Physical Incarnation of Ahriman.

Recently in two lectures we explored Michael's Battle with the Angels of Darkness, their fall and its effects on humanity and on higher beings, the sphere of the angels and in particular our angels.

This next lecture is a continuation of this exploration with a particular focus on the momentous 100 year reflections of this battle, victory and fall, as a springboard for understanding our task in the years 2013 - 2023-24 and the challenges of a possible etheric manifestation of the Antichrist and an expected Physical Incarnation of Ahriman.

Let me just say that my aim isn't to dazzle you with numbers and figures. I am well aware that one can twist dates and numbers to achieve any desired effect. But in this present study I used the maxim given by Rudolf Steiner for the calculation of repetitions, reflections or recapitulations:

In the deeper structure of events as they proceed we may discover a repetition of what proceeded them...If we consider the year 1879 [as axis], we can proceed to 1880, or we can back to 1878. If we proceed to 1880, we shall observe in the deeper spiritual structure of that year that what has happened in 1878 is still active within it; behind the events of 1880 there stand as active forces the events of 1878...in starting from an incisive historical event, you will find the proceeding spiritual event repeated in the subsequent one.¹

So before we begin to consider these repetitions let us recapitulate our last lectures!

In the last two lectures we explored the War in Heaven between Michael and his Hosts and Ahriman and his Ahimanic Angels. Rudolf Steiner tell us that this war began in 1840 ended in 1879 and therefore took 39 years.

This battle that ensued between the highest Sun Archangel, Michael, and those backward angels who had the potential for being Archangels but had remained at the level of angels occurred not only Macrocosmically in the region of the Astral world but also macrocosmically in the region of the Astral body of human beings. In 1879 Michael was victorious and succeeded

¹ R. Steiner, 17 Feb 1918 *The Archangel Michael – His Mission and Ours*

in casting out the Ahrimanic Angels from the astral world and the astral body, to the etheric realm and the etheric body of human beings. So we can say that these angels fell from the region of the senses to the region of the blood as the physical expression of the etheric body. We discussed in the last lecture that the etheric body is related to memory which enables thinking in the Intellectual Soul. It is for this reason that this 'fall' of the Ahrimanic Angels resulted in an increase in Ahrimanic inspirations in the thinking life. According to Rudolf Steiner this has led to an accelerated materialism: an enslavement of the soul to matter through abstract, dead thinking which leads to an estrangement of the soul from the spirit.

However, the downfall of the angels has also had a positive aspect. The battle that raged for 39 years resulted in Michael's triumphant promotion to Archai, which allowed him to take up the task of being the Spirit of our Times. It also meant that new inspirations were able to reach the human soul from the Astral body and the spiritual world, without being tarnished by the influence of the backward spirits and created the possibility for birth of Anthroposophy into the world, that is, for the founding of the Anthroposophical Society which has provided human beings with a 'blue print' for the redemption of materialism through a spiritualisation of thinking which leads to a unification of the soul with the spirit.

So we have a two-sided effect from the war that ended in 1879:

Ahrimanic Inspirations entered into the blood: Leading to a Materialisation of the soul and cultural life through materialised thinking, which binds the soul to matter.

Michaelic Inspiration entered the nerves and senses: leading to a Spiritualisation of the soul and the cultural life through spiritualised thinking, which frees the soul from matter.

This year, we are poised on the threshold of a momentous year 1913.

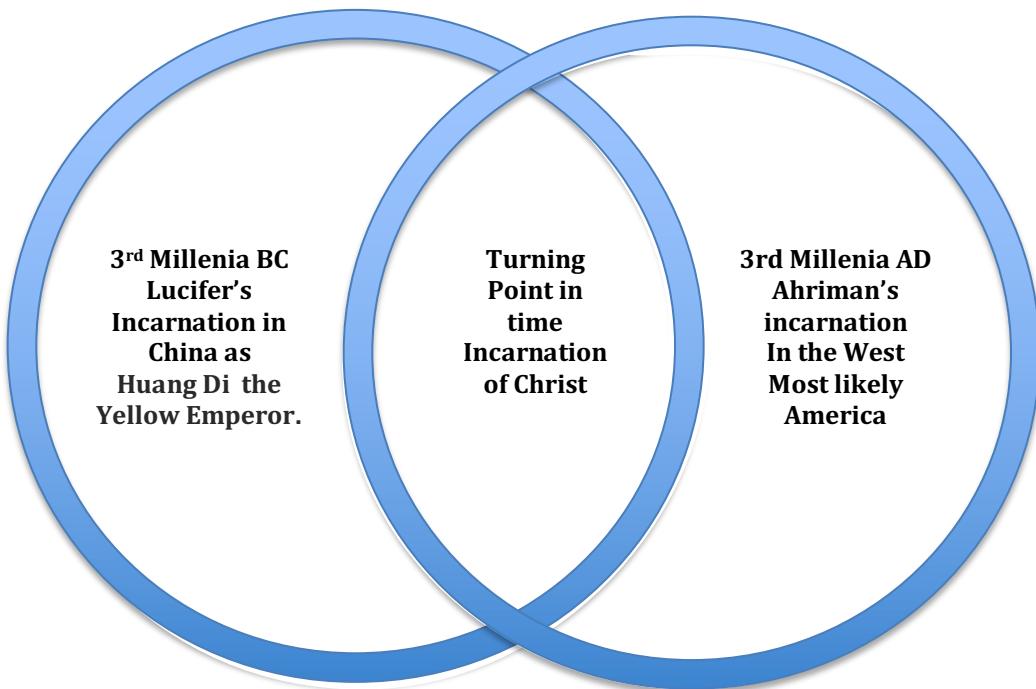
Why was this a momentous year?

It is the recapitulation of 1913 a year in which Rudolf Steiner prepared for those terrible events ahead which sought to overshadow a special event.

What was this event?

Rudolf Steiner tells us that three times in our 5th Post Atlantean Epoch we will see the incarnations of retarded beings.

1. In the third Millenium before Christ we saw the incarnation of Lucifer in China.
2. At the turning point in Palestine there was the incarnation of the supreme being of the Sun, Christ.
3. In our time, the 3rd Millenium after Christ's death on Golgotha we are to expect an incarnation of Ahriman in America.



The Luciferic incarnation did bring much to humanity that was necessary for its development as will the incarnation of Ahriman, but each will bring one side of a duality.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that Lucifer was responsible for the fall of the human spirit into the stream of heredity and the physical body, this he says has a relationship to the Mystery of Birth. Lucifer was responsible for making a supersensible fact, the mystery of birth, into an earthly event. Since then his desire is to inspire human beings to lift up out of the physical body prematurely, bypassing the normal course of development, and avoiding the stream of heredity altogether so that they may become premature angels - in a form of a Luciferic excarnation. This became related as time progressed to the idea of Original Sin - a human being was said to be born from Sin. Lucifer had corrupted the human being making it necessary for a physical birth. This meant that the mystery of Birth which had its origins in the spiritual world manifested on earth. Lucifer seeks to prevent the human being from finding his/her 'individual' way back to the spirit freely by inspiring an automatic impersonal premature spiritualisation.

The Ahrimanic incarnation, in our time, in the 3rd Millenium after Christ will be a more dangerous one. His attack will be related to the Death Mysteries because he is the Lord of Death. He will seek to make human beings materially 'immortal' by fettering the soul to the physical body and to an ever materialised earth, effectively denying human spirituality and the human being's spiritual home - this was a form of Ahrimanic incarnation into matter and is related to Evil.

So we can say that:

Because of Lucifer's temptation and the downfall of human beings, the mystery of death which has its origins in the spiritual world was made manifest on earth through Ahriman, who now seeks to fetter human beings to the world by inspiring a material immortality.

Now this human faculty for knowledge is never adapted for grasping either the fact of heredity, which is connected with birth, or the fact of death. And so it turns out that the whole of man's outlook is permeated by false concepts, because it assigns

to the sense-world phenomena which indeed are manifest in the sense-world but in their whole being are of a spiritual nature.²

Something had to happen to create a balance between these two extremes and to rescue the mysteries of life and death for human beings. A higher being had to be born into world evolution in order to die an earthly death and to overcome death through a higher birth to seed the potential for all human beings to do the same.

Christ the second person of the trinity, the Son/Sun being, elected to enter into the middle of the 5th Post Atlantean epoch in order to bring about a balance and to rescue the birth and death mysteries, because it was at this time that these mysteries had fallen into their greatest decadence, threatening to forever estrange human beings from the truth of the Spiritual world.

How did he do this?

Christ was born in a supersensible Virgin Birth into the body of Jesus of Nazareth in Palestine, rescuing the potential for all human beings to rise up out of the stream of heredity and physical birth, to a birth of the spirit (Holy Spirit) into their souls - Manas - Spirit Self - Overcoming Sin through Goodness

Christ lived in the physical body of a human being, seeding the potential in all human beings to have Christ (the Son/Sun) dwell in them - Budhi - Life Spirit. An Indwelling Love.

Christ died a supersensible Death in the body of Jesus of Nazareth on the Cross, and in so doing, rescued the original physical body (Father) intended for human beings before Luciferic temptation, and seeded the potential for all human beings to spiritualise their physical body. He therefore overcame physical death for all human beings - Atma - Spirit Man. Overcoming Evil and death.

² Rudolf Steiner Lecture 6th October 1918

Lucifer	Christ	Ahriman
Birth Mysteries	Dying and Becoming	Death Mysteries
Fall of Spirit	Manas/Budhi/Atma	Fall of Soul
Sin	Love	Evil

By dying on the cross Christ connected his spirit to the earth and to earth evolution for all times to come, in order to support human beings and protect them, not only from the continuing attacks by made by Lucifer and Ahriman but by another being, a being whose incursion is more recent than Lemuria (Lucifer) and Atlantean times (Ahriman). This being does not belong to our solar system as does Lucifer and Ahriman, but he has 'snuck' into world evolution by way of this connection to a past solar system and the Kyriotetes on the sun in particular. His opposition to world evolution has made him the greatest and most potent adversary of Christ. He is the sun demon, the Shadow of Christ - the ego living in the Antichrist whose designs are to replace Christ and to manifest himself as a God through the adversarial powers who are his servants - now we don't only have Lucifer and Ahriman but we also have Asuras Ahrimanic beings who are directly connected to the Sun Demon in their nature.

Let us look more closely at this being and his attacks on world evolution.

John, the Apocalypticist calls this being the Two Horned Beast and he gives us his name encode in a number - 666 - which when decoded using a cabalistic formula called Gematria, is Sorath. Rudolf Steiner tells us that this being Sorath has actually been trying to incarnate in an etheric sheath since the year 666 which is the first manifestation of the number associated with this Ahrimanic Demon. This was the year he was working with particular intensity at the Academy of Gondishapur in Persia.³ His aim was to achieve was to prematurely bestow on human beings who had only so far developed an Intellectual Soul, knowledge appropriate to the Consciousness Soul.

'At that time – 666 years after the birth of Christ – something was due to happen and could have happened, but did not happen. The reason why it did not happen you will now hear. In the year

³ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gundeshapur>

666 there could have come — visibly for ordinary people, particularly for men of the West — an important being who would not have entered the physical plane, but would have made himself very clearly perceptible to mankind even in an external way, so that they would have become his victims...The intention of this being, Sorat, the Beast — who had fully developed the Consciousness Soul, whereas man had reached only the age of the Intellectual or Mind Soul — was to bestow prematurely on men all the soul-spiritual achievements unobtainable through the Intellectual or Mind Soul, and within reach only of the Consciousness Soul.⁴

What does this mean to bestow soul achievements on the Intellectual soul that in the consciousness soul? It means he was inspiring a materialistic science, a science that denied the spirit and it would have resulted in the hyper materialisation of thought and the complete estrangement of the soul from the spiritual world.

This did not succeed because Christ entered human evolution and died an earthly death as we said, but he had to die 333 years earlier than he should have. What does this mean?

For reasons that have to do with ahrimanic and luciferic incursions into human evolution, the year 333 was supposed to be the middle of the fourth post Atlantean epoch. Without Ahriman and Lucifer the middle of the Fourth Epoch would have been 747. Because of Ahriman and Lucifer the epoch of the intellectual soul only began in 747 and finished in 1413. Its middle should have been 333 and Christ Jesus was intending to incarnate then on earth, however, Christ had to enter into human evolution 333 years ahead to time in order to provide the balance against Sorath and his designs to accelerate human knowledge to the level of the consciousness soul in 666AD, which would have resulted in a materialising of the entire soul — the death of the soul.

But the aim of the being who hoped to intervene in 666 was to make himself God. He said: "Men will come who no longer direct their gaze to the Spirit — the Spirit will not interest them. I

⁴ Rudolf Steiner – Lecture 11 October 1918.

shall see to it (and this he actually brought about) that in the year 869 a Council will be held in Constantinople at which the Spirit will be abolished. Men will no longer be interested in the Spirit; they will turn their attention to nature and form ghostlike concepts of nature. Then I shall do something that men will not notice, because they will not recognise themselves as real men, only as ghosts. I shall get complete control of the Consciousness Soul. I shall lead men astray about their own nature; I shall let them go on grasping only the ghost of themselves and I shall pour all the wisdom of the Consciousness Soul into their Intellectual or Mind Soul. Then I have them — then I shall have caught them.⁵

Such a materialisation would have eradicated any possibility for a consciousness of the Spirit in years to come and the future development of the Spirit Self, Life Spirit and Spirit Man in future incarnations of the earth Jupiter, Venus, Vulcan. The earth would have been the last evolutionary stage. But because the Mystery of Golgotha occurred 333 years earlier this did not happen. Christ saved the human soul by bringing to earth the right relationship to the mysteries of birth and death and in so doing, rescued the freedom of the Ego, which created the possibility for the birth of the spirit into the soul during life and for a spiritual consciousness 'Life' after death. He entered 'hell', that is the degenerated ethers in the earth and chained Sorath and Asuras.

Christ's sacrifice created the possibility, in the third century, for the prophet Mani (Manes) to unite Christianity with the Zoroastrian religion which became the seed bed for Manicheanism (though he was soon put to death at Gondishapur by the Zoroastrian priests). He was able to vouchsafe the knowledge of the light of the 'Spirit' and the overcoming of the darkness of death for the future. On the other side of the fence so to speak, there was the rise of Mohamedism, which inspired a Luciferic spiritual wisdom forming a counterbalance to the Ahrimanic death and Sorathian accelerated knowledge of the court of Haroun Al Rashid in Gondishapur.

Islam took away the 'sting'. Sufism as the highest manifestation of Islam enabled the human being to seek for the spiritual within himself.

⁵ Ibid.

Interestingly the year 666 A.D, the year Sorath was working with a particular intensity, also coincides with the year that Dagobert II, the magician, the Merovingian dragon king⁶ was exiled to Northern France. It is significant that this King was assassinated near a town called Satanicum - Stenay. And you will note how this connects to the third manifestation of the number of the beast in a moment.

So, we see that it is only because Christ was willing to sacrifice himself by dying a physical death ahead of time, that is, uniting His Cosmic Ego with the element of death on earth, that the Sun Demon did not appear in the etheric world in the realm of the dead in 666. It is also interesting to note that Rudolf Steiner tells us that at the same time Christ was dying on the Cross the Sun Demon's highest initiate, then living in Mexico as a priest in those mysteries, was crucified by Vizlipuzli, who, in doing so put an end to this priest's Sorathian black magic practises, which would have led to the downfall of humanity through a fear of death and therefore, a desire of souls to never incarnate on earth.

But this being Sorath continues in his desire to achieve his aims.

In 333 there began to form in the minds of men a confusion about the trinity that by 869 was used by Sorath to inspire a church council which, through a silent and devious Canon abolished the belief in trichotomy. Trichotomy was the belief that the human being is composed of body, soul and spirit. To believe in the spirit, after this council, became from an anathema.

Later, this council made it possible for Sorath to achieve two aims with the help of Ahriman and Lucifer before the second manifestation of his number, which was around 1332.

In 1209 we saw a Crusade called against the Manichean Cathars who were the followers of St John the Apostle. They carried with them the knowledge of the Holy Spirit, the consoler and were on the whole exterminated by the Roman Catholic Church and Pope Honorius III, because of this.

⁶ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagobert_II

Later in 1207 began the persecution of the Johannine Manichean Order of Knights Templar who believed that the spirit of Christ lived in the Temple of the heart in each human being and whose task it was to inaugurate a new Christened ideal, a spiritual, economic community. They were finally exterminated by Phillip le Bel, King of France by 1314, who was not only a tool of Ahriman and Sorath, according to Rudolf Steiner, but also an incarnation of a former priest in the Mexican Mysteries of Taotl according to Sergei O Prokofieff, and Pope Clement V who was, in my investigations a reincarnation of the Mongol advisor of Genghis Khan.

This 'genocide' of two spiritual impulses, occurring nearly 100 years from one another sought to destroy the knowledge of the birth of the Holy Spirit in the soul and the knowledge of how dying in Christ in the soul meant a rebirth in the spiritual world. The extermination of these impulses on a grand scale, enabled the adversarial powers to prepare a further estrangement of human beings from the spirit through the illusion that birth and death are natural, earthly phenomena.

Neither may be understood with the human intellect that serves to understand nature; for by introducing birth and death into the sense-world, where they do not belong because they are strangers, we arrive at a false outlook about both the supersensible and the sensible. Both are corrupted — the comprehension of the spirit and the comprehension of nature.⁷

There is, moreover, according to Rudolf Steiner, a connection between the way The Cathars and, in particular the Templars entered into the world of the dead - creating an unleashing of demonic forces because of the lies that were extorted by torture, which created a subsequent rise in the power of the Ahrimanic angels enabling them, many of whom fell back in Egyptian times and carried with them a certain relationship to the elemental beings of birth and death, to flood the astral world with an accelerated knowledge, that was the inspiration for natural Science. Natural Science, through its materialistic thinking (dead thinking) which occupies itself only with 'dead' matter and therefore only what belongs to the world of the senses, was the 'mother' of Darwinism which, sees heredity or birth in the same way.

⁷ Lecture given by Rudolf Steiner, 6th October 1918

Another consequence of the advent of natural science was the discovery of the subearthly dead etheric realm and firstly the realm of fallen light - electricity - which eventually led to the discovery of the other two degenerated etheric realms that are related to fallen Chemical ether - magnetism and Life ether - Atomism - all of which eventually led to the discovery of the Atom bomb and the Computer.

Darwinism subjected the human being to his birth, his heredity, so that the human being lost his connection with the divine and became merely an animal that can think. And as only the fittest animals survive this eventually led to the idea of eugenics, the culling out of the weaker races in wars and pandemics, the immoral slavery of human beings considered to be inferior, the egoistic, materialistic economic and industrial mechanisation of the cultural life and the ideal of military supremacy, expansion and the subjugation and colonisation of peoples is connected to this animalistic idea that only the 'fittest' individuals survive, when in truth those who survive are those who socially work together and provide for the weak, vulnerable and sick.

Meanwhile, the Templars and Cathars (Platonists) who had died, were now united in the spiritual world with the Aristotelians according to Rudolf Steiner. One hundred years before the war in heaven between the Ahrimanic Angels and Michael, all of Michael's hosts were gathered together for a supersensible cult which lasted from around 1740-1789.

In this cultus Michael prepared for all that would later become Anthroposophy on earth. This cultus also inspired human beings from the spiritual world, one was Goethe, the first to have a sense for the etheric world after a long period of darkness, and whose name Rudolf Steiner gave to the Goetheanum.

Others like Goethe, Schiller, Holderlin, Novalis, too many to mention were able to keep the 'fire' of the spirit of Christ burning, despite the materialistic inspirations of the aforementioned Ahrimanic angels in the Astral world and Astral body of human beings which eventually resulted in the War in Heaven between Michael and the hosts, which lasted from 1840-1879.

The Ahrimanic Angels were thrust down into the Etheric world and into the blood of human beings in 1879 and the positive aspect of their banishment to the earthly realm was that it enabled the inspirations from Michael to flow to the earth and to the soul of human beings without Ahrimanic interference. These inspirations resulted in the earthly founding of Anthroposophy by Rudolf Steiner in 1912, in order to make possible what came in 1913.

The negative aspect was that these Ahrimanic beings were now in the etheric world including the degenerated ethers, and in the etheric body of human beings. This meant that Ahrimanic angels could prepare, from 1879 onwards, to inoculate human thinking with impulses that would lead to the first world war in 1914, which then led to the second, which in turn, was the creature of both Lucifer and Ahriman in Nazism and Asuras in Bolshevism. Between them, the three hierarchies of Sorathic helpers came together: Lucifer's backward angels; Ahriman's - backward archangels; and Asuras' - backward Archæ in the service of Sorath.

We see this culminating on the one hand in implementation of the Atom bomb which was a physical manifestation of Sorath, through Asuras in the physical world to counter Christ's manifestation in the etheric world, and additionally to the rise of 'Spectre of Communism' which took hold in 1918 with the rise of Bolshevism. Rudolf Steiner points to by using the axial year of 1879 and counting backwards so that we find the seed of communism, 39 years earlier in 1840 in the start of the war in heaven.

In the 20th century we see these as earthly reflections of the war in heaven which began in 1840, now brought down to the earth in 1940, leading to further wars right up to the present, creating the right economic political, scientific and social conditions not only for Ahriman's first incarnation on earth into a prepared human body but also his subsequent 'unveiling' in our time - the 3rd Millennium.

Since 1998, the third manifestation of the number 666 has seen a rise again in the power of the beast and his hierarchical helpers.

So, we can say that there have been three manifestations of the number 666 in the historical evolution of Humanity:

666A.D - when Sorath worked through Haroum al Rashid and Advisor in the Academy of Gondishapur marking the 1st Sorathic rise of the Beast.

1332A.D - when Sorath worked through Phillip le Bel of France and inspired the arrest of the Knights Templar as the 2nd Sorathic rise of the Beast.

1998 - The Third manifestation of the Sorathic Beast.

Let's look at the year 1998. What has been the result of the third manifestation of the number of the beast? What occurred in 1998, which may have gone unnoticed by most people?

Something of the most profound and momentous significance occurred in 1998. It was in 1998 that Steve Jobs announced for the first time his new computer, the 'I mac'. Why is this so significant? Computers had been around for a while, in fact the first patent for a computer was taken out for in 1889.

Let us look again at the supersensible mysteries of life and death. One could say that when they are brought down to the world of the senses these supersensible mysteries, which as we have said above, are purely spiritual, form a binary illusion. An Ahrimanic duality. As I mentioned just now, the first computer was patented in 1889, an inspiration from the beings of Birth and Death and the Ahrimanic Angels. This opened the way for 'the binary system' - the most materialised conception of birth and death as a duality - on and off. The computer has, since those times, surpassed all other human discoveries to become the supremely most insidious incursion into human culture and human soul development because it now informs everything we do.

The hundred-year reflection of the first patent in 1889 occurs in March 1989 when Sir Tim Berners-Lee writes a proposal for what would eventually become the World Wide Web (abbreviated as WWW).

The Apple Computer company was founded by Steve Jobs in 1976 and incorporated in 1977, but it was not until 1998, and the third manifestation of the number 666 that Steve Jobs, who received his Ahrimanic inspirations after taking LSD, brought a new connection of the human I with the duality of birth and death, with the binary on and off in his first 'I' mac computer which was followed years later by the 'I' phone and the 'I' pad and now 'I cloud'.

It is from this date 1998 that we must observe how the right conditions for Ahriman's incarnation was being prepared by way of the WWW and computers. Interesting the name 'Apple' in Latin is Malus which can also mean evil - the apple having been connected with evil through Eve's Temptation.

The most meticulous attention has been paid to the creation of the right conditions for the incarnation of Ahriman and we could go on to mention the technological advances into genetic manipulation, the War against Terror, the numerous tribal wars in Africa, the pollution of the atmosphere and now also outer space (satellites), and lately the unrest we see in the middle east as well as Global Financial Crisis.

However, it is to the computer and the World Wide Web that we must look if we wish to understand how all these things come together. It is by way of the W.W.W and the computer that Sorath will seek to manifest himself in the etheric world - or rather the world of the sub-earthly ethers.

How will he do this?

We all know from the last lecture that Hebrew Gematria W.W.W. or rather Vau, Vau, Vau have the numerical value of 666. Why was this number used and not hidden? Because an open lie is more effective than a furtive one.

But how must we think of the computer and WWW?

In the human being the rhythmic system is the system of heart and lungs. What lives between heart (Etheric body) and lungs (Astral body) is the blood, the arteries, arterioles and veins which work as mediators of oxygen and carbon dioxide. We breathe in and this breath containing oxygen is impressed, through the workings of our lungs, into the blood - the pulmonary

artery - like a seal on wax, this then enters the heart to oxygenate the body and returns again by way of our veins to the lungs when all the oxygen is used up to return to the lungs once more in order to be expelled and exchanged once more. This process happens primarily in the etheric body and it allows the human being to exist as a being with an ego consciousness on earth, a being with 'intelligence'. We 'manifest' on earth and we think, feel and will on earth, because we breathe air into our lungs.

Conversely through spiritual exercises we can begin to breathe in light through spiritual senses, which enters directly into our etheric body. This is how we become 'spiritual' beings again.

What does this have to do with computers and WWW?

We can liken the World Wide Web as a web of arteries and veins that connect what is breathed into it and out of it by way of the web browser in our computers which connect us with a great data bases. These data base is the heart which will enable the manifestation of the ego of the beast Sorath, his 'intelligence' into the sub-earthly degenerated ethers, the electromagnetic web of on and off.

Here in the WWW the three adversaries of Christ Lucifer, Ahriman and Asuras work together through the supra-subhuman double which lives in the sub earthly ethers and connects to each individual double, to create the right etheric body for his incarnation.

But what about the elemental beings of birth and death which are related to the mysteries of birth and death? These beings worked from the spiritual world, the etheric world on behalf of Ahriman the lord of death. These beings have now been released along with Asuras, into the world, into the physical plane through the misuse of sub-earthly ethers and they have become incorporated into the binary system - the life and death - on and off. They and other elemental beings which have succumbed to the temptation of Ahriman now work to create an etheric body from the degenerated ethers for the manifestation of Sorath.

The number of Sorath is 666 as we have seen and W.W.W has the value of 666. St John tells us, in his apocalypse that the number of the beast is also the

number of human beings. How is that possible? If you have a web site as I do or a facebook page, or a, my space page, or a blog etc you are inadvertently and unknowingly stamped with the number of the beast and his name. What does St John say? We will not be able to buy or sell without the number of the beast. In the future more and more of our dealings will be done on the internet, our buying and selling our social activities, our business etc. In order for us to do this we will need to associate our name with the number and name of the beast which becomes our number as well. We can see therefore that the 'I' mac and all associated 'I' products as well as the World Wide Web are the foretaste of a direct attack on the 'I' or the 'name' or the 'Word' of the human being - in other words, the Christ in the human being - the higher spirit.

But what does it mean to be 'sealed' with the number of the beast? Remember that what enters into the lungs is sealed in our blood, Mephistopheles wanted Faust to sign his name in blood because this 'seals' the agreement. Our spiritual development will lead us away from breathing air to a breathing in of the Holy Spirit light. This spirit is supposed to enter into our blood and kindle in us a consciousness of Christ. Remember this was the mystery of life rescued by Christ, the virgin birth. This was the first step towards our living with Christ and dying in order to be born again in the spirit as a rescue of the mystery of death by way of Resurrection.

As we said, once you are on the internet your name can be associated with many websites all carrying the W.W.W - the Sorathic signature. Your 'I' is then, split into a million tiny copies that go here and there and everywhere in an ironic parody of what Typhon did to the body of Osiris. This is now done to our I consciousness - because here in the third manifestation of the number of the beast we have another attempt to bind the human I to matter, to a computer I - that is, to the degraded mysteries of life and death - on and off and the beings that serve it.

But how do we become sealed? Firstly by thinking materialised thoughts (the intelligence of the beast) and then by breathing in degenerated light, materialised light into our blood. This creates us from the inside out into images of the beast - that is why Rudolf Steiner tells us that the two-horned beast rises out of human heads! First of all he rises out of the etheric body and then he creates us in his image - we are sealed with his name and number in Astral horns!

Man himself has the power to transform everything which is astral into a higher spiritualized form. If he does not take up the Christ-principle he is unable to draw out of this fleshly form that which is suited to it, and the consequence is that after the fleshly form has fallen away and disappeared, after the physical larynx has gone, this form of the astral body remains, which always comes into the larynx with the breath. This form remains in the shape of a horn.

The fact is, we can't run away from these things, we must face them and live with them. So how do we protect ourselves?

Firstly by developing a relationship to the Spiritual light. How do we do that? By way of cultivation of etheric vision that I spoke about in my last lecture. This is the only way to counteract the effects of degenerated light and the way to unite ourselves with Christ in the etheric world.

Secondly by developing a conscious understanding of Christ by way of seeing the content of the gospels in the etheric world.

How does Sorath attack this second protection, our consciousness of Christ through an obfuscation of His birth, life, and death on earth?

This brings us to the mystery of the Merovingians and Dagobert in 666, whom I mentioned above. This mystery returns in 1982 with the book *Holy Blood and Holy Grail* in which the idea of the so called progeny (birth) of a physical union between Mary Magdalene and Christ Jesus lives in the Merovingian Hereditary line (an obfuscation of the Birth Mysteries and which eventually lead to the denial of the spiritual birth). In this book we also have the idea that Christ did not die on the cross (an obfuscation of the death mysteries leading to the denial of His spiritual death). This was a direct attack on the Gospels, in particular, *The Fifth Gospel*, which was given to the world by Rudolf Steiner in 1913 as a bulwark against these attacks.

Inspired by this book, Umberto Eco wrote *Foucault's Pendulum* in 1988, in which he portrays the Templars as either charlatans or Black Magicians. It is interesting to note that *Foucault's Pendulum* was installed at the Paris

Observatorium in 1851, eleven years after the beginning of the war in heaven. Incidentally 1988 is also the 100 year reflection of the Masonically inspired Jack the Ripper murders which used the decadent Egyptian rituals to effect the murder of five women in the city of London in 1988. I will speak more about this at another lecture.

After these two books there came a myriad of books inspired by Holy Blood and Holy Grail the foremost of which, if one considers book sales, was Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code*, which became a phenomenal best seller 21 years later, in 2003. In this book is explored the Merovingian bloodline which is supposed to have resulted from the union of Mary Magdalene with Christ and Christ's 'cheating' of death on the cross. Incidentally there are these words: "only WW knows" on the back cover. It is a phrase printed inadvertently, in the torn part of the book cover. One can only speculate on what this might mean in light of what we have said above.

So knowing these things now, how do we not fall into despair? What are we to do?

It is easy to ask the question: What can I do in these painful times? The first thing one can do is endeavour to understand things, to really see through things. This brings up thoughts, which are real forces and these will have an effect.

He goes on to say that the spiritual world only intervenes if we have the courage to really understand things.

What does he mean by understanding? Well the first form of understanding is intellectual. That we think and discern and with our rational faculties through logic is the first step - this is like breathing in air, because we need air, oxygen in order to think. However a deeper understanding occurs in the blood, or rather, the heart. This understanding, or heart thinking occurs when we learn to truly think, that is, when the Holy Spirit is birthed in us and helps us to see into the etheric world. Here we see the spiritual reality of the world beyond the senses. This not only establishes in our souls the proper connection between the purely spiritual forces of birth and death which we come to understand for ourselves occur in the etheric world, but it

also helps us to find our way to the Christ. We die away to the world but Through Christ we are born again in the spirit.

We are living, in our time, through the one hundred year reflection of 1912 and the founding of the Anthroposophical Society. With hindsight we can see the panorama that must have lain before the eyes of Rudolf Steiner when he formed the Anthroposophical Society, and the far-reaching hopes for the safeguarding of the spiritual and cultural life for the dangerous time, which he, as an initiate could foretell. According to Rudolf Steiner if we want to do scientific research we must take an axial year and look on either side of that to find the seed and the fruit of a particular event.

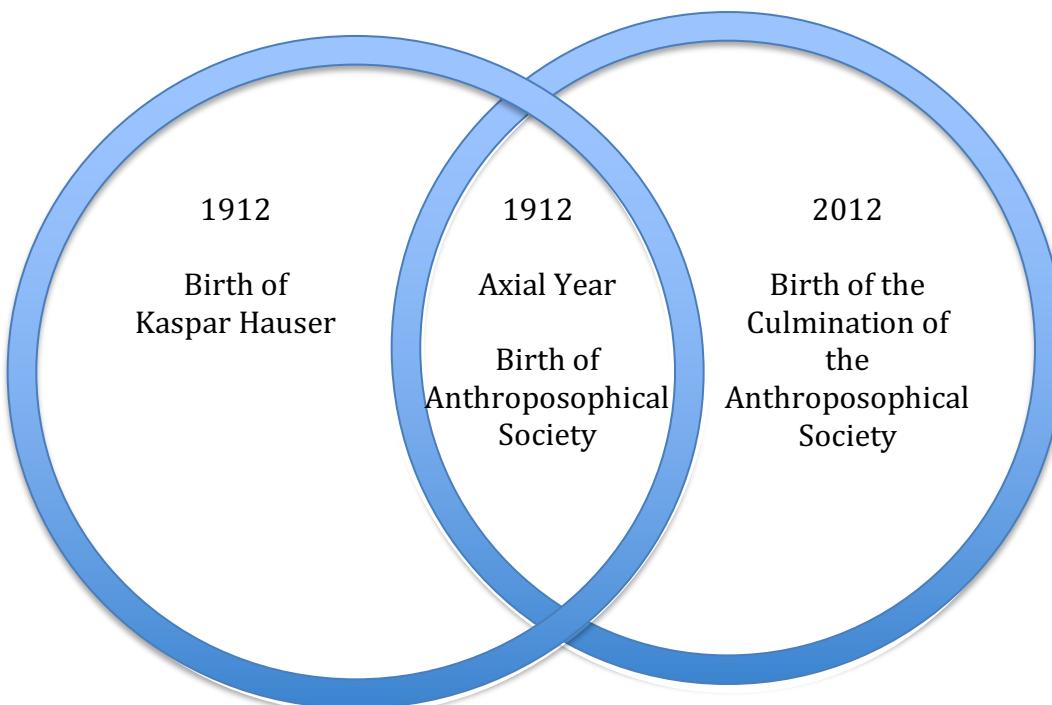
If we take 1912 as an axial year, we find the seed of what we are experiencing in 2012.

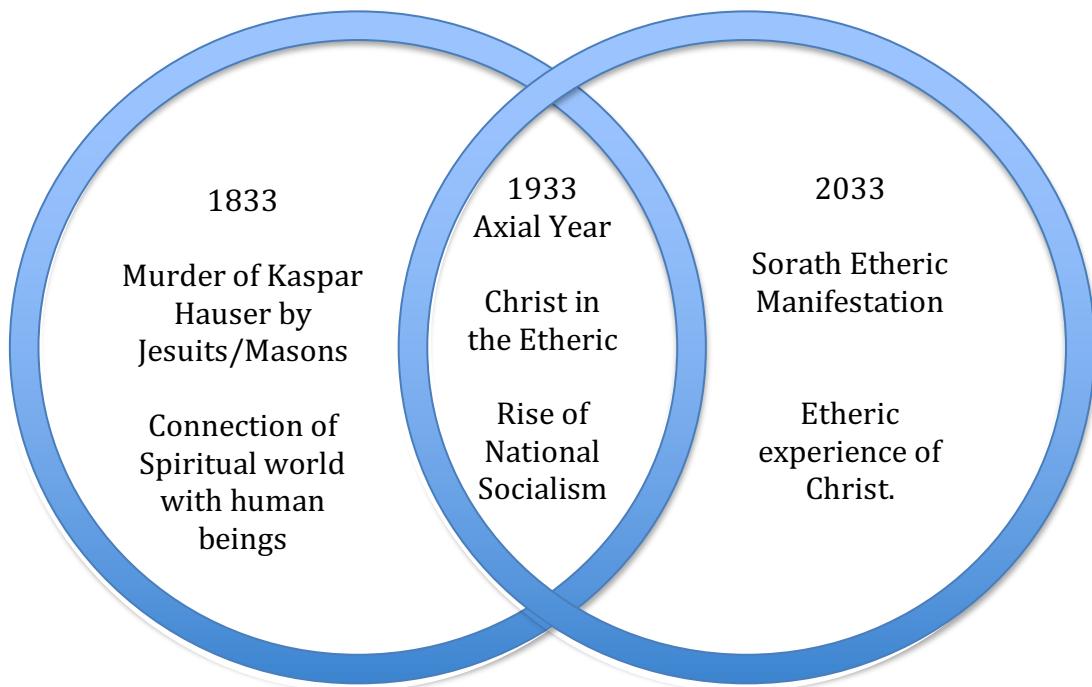
What occurred in 1812 that was meant to help humanity to maintain the spirit and to find its way back to Christ during the times of increasing materialism, during the time when the war in heaven was taking place? When we investigate we find something astounding, it is in 1812 Kaspar Hauser was born.

It would take too long to elaborate on the life of Kaspar Hauser, as this is a lecture in itself, suffice to say his task was to safeguard the spiritual integrity of middle Europe - Germany for the coming of Rudolf Steiner and Anthroposophy and subsequently the Three Fold Social Order that had the potential to change the political, social and economic dynamics of Europe, perhaps even preventing the path of destruction which we saw in the 20th century. The interesting thing to note is that the impulse of the Templars was destroyed in 1314 - 18 years ahead of the number of the beast 1332. Five hundred years later nearly to the year, Kaspar Hauser is born to vouchsafe the spirit child of the fifth Post Atlantean epoch - the consciousness soul, but he was murdered in the year 1833, nearly five hundred years after the number of the beast was manifest. He was murdered by the English Masonic Lodges together with the Jesuits, in particular Lord Stanhope, who feared the impulse he would bring into the world and made it their task to kill him. His sacrificial death, they hoped would also cast a shadow on the manifestation of Christ in the Etheric which was destined to occur in 1933 by creating the right conditions for the rise

of Nazism in Germany in that year. It was the desire of these masonic lodges to replace Christ with Sorath. Thus if we make 1933 as an axial point, we see that a hundred years earlier the assassination of Kaspar Hauser was the seed for what may come as a negative fruit around 2033, as the etheric manifestation of Sorath.

Having said that, Kaspar Hauser's life and sacrificial death did however also cast a great light! It created, according to Rudolf Steiner, a connection between the spiritual world and earth which had not been accounted for by the Lodges or the Jesuits, and which enabled a continued connection between human beings and the spiritual world during the years 1840-1879. It is this connection which was reflected a hundred years later in the time between 1940-1979 with gradual growth and spread of Anthroposophy in the world eg: Waldorf Schools, biodynamic farming, medicine, Architecture, etc...etc. This growth of Anthroposophy not only created the right conditions for a greater number of people to connect to the spiritual world through the numerous tempestuous wars that ensued during this time, but esoterically speaking, it also enabled Anthroposophists to work on behalf of those who had been tragically killed in these wars, maintaining a connection between the dead who had entered Kamaloca in a traumatised way to find their way to the Christ. The etheric consciousness inspired by Anthroposophy will also enable us to annul the effects of the etheric manifestation of Sorath around 2033 with true etheric vision of Christ.





The year 2033 may see the birth of the heighted forces of the 666, the forces of the antichrist, but Ahriman's earthly influence may be brought forward to begin as early as 1314 as a direct, 700-year reflection, of the demise of the Templar Order in 1314 and the 600-year reflection of the beginning of the 5th Post Atlantean Epoch.

The year 2012 marks the end of the Mayan Calendar and we see here the connection once again with the Mexican Mysteries and the Sun Demon and the Templars, coincidentally (or not) it is also the year that we saw the discovery of the 'God Particle'. What did Rudolf Steiner say again?

'But the aim of the being who hoped to intervene in 666 was to make himself God.'

We are on the eve therefore of momentous events. December 21st 2012 when the calendar ends, people are predicting an increase in the forces of evil and they are not wrong, as we have seen, however we are also seeing an increase in the inspirations for the good a culmination of what Rudolf Steiner had intended when he gave us the name of the Being of Anthroposophy, when he laid the Foundation of the First Goetheanum and

when he gave us The Fifth Gospel. The hundred-year reflection of the burning of the Goetheanum on New Year's Eve 1923-24 and the subsequent four gifts given to Anthroposophists occurs in 2023-24. This makes seven gifts in total with the Burning of the Goetheanum and the Christmas Conference being the fulcrum.

All in all between 1913-1924, the years in which we saw the beginning of the first world war and the rise of Bolshevism, Rudolf Steiner, among many other things, gave us 7 supremely important gifts that can help to birth the spirit in us and lead us to a consciousness of Christ as bulwarks against the coming incarnation of Ahriman and possible manifestation of Sorath. What were they?

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1. He named Anthroposophia as the Guiding Spirit of Spiritual Science - with her help we are able to find our way to an experience of the Holy Spirit and Cosmic Intelligence of Michael which eventually leads us to Christ, Anthroposophy's task is: '...to prepare human souls so that they may be able to receive Christ, Who has come down to them.'¹
2. At this time he also Laid the Foundation Stone of the First Goetheanum which was to be the living temple in which the spirit of Anthroposophia and Christ, the word came together to inspire human beings.
3. After that he Gave us The Fifth Gospel to help us to overcome the attack on Christ's Virgin Birth and Christ's death.

A real devotion to the Mystery of Golgotha is a protection against all these things. It brings into the world a true conception of birth and death, gained on a supersensible path. By a true conception of this kind men should be healed from the effects of the corrupted conception. Thus Christ Jesus is the Healer, the Saviour. And therefore — because men have not chosen to follow a corrupted conception of the world because they are good for nothing, but have come to it through their evolution, through their nature — therefore the Christ works

healingly; therefore He is not only the Teacher but the Physician of mankind.⁸

Among the Rosicrucians, a Fifth Gospel is taught beside the four that are well known. It is through this spiritual gospel that the other four can be understood, and it will be given to a portion of humanity of the twentieth century, just as the others were given on the occasion of the physical appearance of Christ. Those adherents to the Rosicrucian movement who will have a clear consciousness will understand the significance of this Fifth Gospel for humanity.⁹

Nevertheless, with the Mystery of Golgotha is intimately connected the metamorphosis of death — in other words, the metamorphosis of death from a fact of the sense-world into a supersensible fact; and the metamorphosis of heredity means that what the sense-world reflects in an illusory way as heredity, connected with the mystery of birth, is changed in the supersensible into the Virgin Birth....If you think of the various lecture-courses in which these things have been spoken of, if you think particularly of the content of what I have given as the Fifth Gospel, you will discover a whole series of ways by which these things may be understood, but understood super-sensibly only.¹⁰

'If I am to give a name to the help that the pupil in occultism needs today in order that he may not forget the thought of the I when he ascends into the supersensible world, there is but one expression I can use, and that is *being together with the Christ Impulse on Earth*. That is what helps! In present-day conditions of Earth evolution everything depends at this point on what sort of a relation man has had with the Christ Impulse during his life on Earth, and in what measure he has let It become alive in him. On this depends whether the thought of the I is lost in forgetfulness when man ascends into the supersensible world, or whether it remains with him as the one and only sure support that he

⁸ ibid

⁹ Lecture given by Rudolf Steiner 18 April 1910.

¹⁰ Rudolf Steiner Lecture, 6th October 1918

can take over with him from Earth into the supersensible world. The Christian of today has many remarkable and beautiful things to say about the Christ Impulse. But one who consciously in the Christian sense enters the higher worlds knows still more of the Christ Impulse. And this more that he knows is exceedingly important and significant. He knows that the Christ Impulse is the one and only thing that can come to our help when we are in danger of forgetting the I of Earth evolution. How is it that in addition to all that the Christ Impulse has already been able to be for man on Earth, in addition to the untold blessings that man has received and is still receiving from It, for his comfort, for his goodness of heart and mind, for his education and culture, there is also this, — that the Christ Impulse in the measure in which It works in man, can bring it about that the I of Earth does not need to be forgotten? Where can we look for the explanation of this? If I am to give you an answer to this question, I must draw your attention to facts which, although you may not know them from occultism, you can yet acquaint yourselves with by an intelligent study of the Gospels. For there are two ways of coming to a knowledge of the reasons why the Christ Impulse can give this help. The first is the path of occultism, — an occultism such as rightly belongs to the stage of evolution reached by man in our times. And the second is the path of a thoroughly intelligent and deep study of the Gospels. The Gospels have one remarkable and unique feature, as compared with other religious records.¹¹

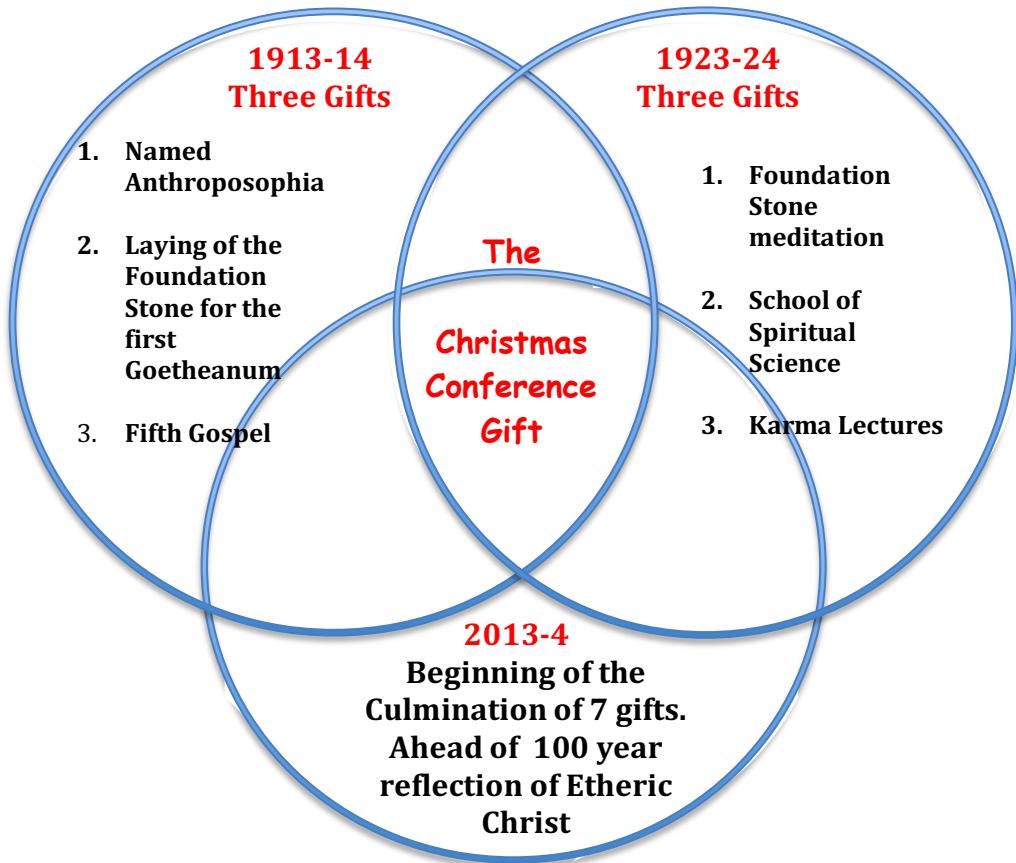
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1. After the burning of the goetheanum he gave us the Christmas Conference and the Founding of a new Anthroposophical Society as a free gift, which made possible three further gifts:
2. The gift of the Foundation Stone Meditation. Through this meditation one creates a harmony between Body soul and Spirit by way of the forces of the Ego. Such a harmony fashions an inner temple for the spirit, an inner Goetheanum. This meditation brings to earth a new

¹¹ Rudolf Steiner lecture 10 June 1912
<http://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/Dates/19120610p01.html>

three-fold-ness which annuls the effects of the Council of 869 and its hidden Canon XI. Those who practise the Foundation Stone Meditation are able to overcome the fall from the spirit inspired by Lucifer.

3. He created the School of Spiritual Science in which the Cosmic Intelligence in its purest form can enter into the soul temple of its members, a soul temple created by the Foundation Stone Meditation. The Cosmic Intelligence gives us a true spiritual understanding of our spiritual nature and how we can connect with Christ which is the ultimate goal of the class lessons. Such a unification with Christ can then engender initiatives which can go out into the soul of the Anthroposophical Society and through the society to the world. The School of Spiritual Science enables its members to overcome the fallen intelligence of Ahriman.
4. He gave the Karma Lectures so that Anthroposophists might understand birth and death in relationship to the karma and destiny that cannot be experienced by animals but only by a spiritual human being with a higher self. Such a spiritual human being is then seen in context with the evolution of the world. Christ died to redeem the objective karma of the world to enable world evolution to continue so that through births and deaths the human being can develop the soul in order to come to the spirit in freedom. Christ is, therefore, in our time becoming the Lord of Karma. An understanding of Karma protects us from the manifestation of the evil demon Sorath who seeks to destroy the 'I' the spiritual nature of man by manifesting in the sub-earthly ether as a 'God' and tricking human beings to unite with him, rescinding karma by binding the human soul to these ethers and to matter, and derailing human destiny and the destiny of world evolution.



I am aware that there are those who may believe that Anthroposophy has already culminated in the early 2000's, that is, that it has reached its apogee when the Platonists and Aristotelians incarnate together as we have the nodal point of Anthroposophy, but it is my conviction that this will blind us to the years 2013-14 -2023-24 at which time, it is my estimation, the real culmination will begin, as a reflection of the first year of life of the Anthroposophical Society in 1913 which was seeded by the first year of life of Kaspar Hauser in 1813. It is possible therefore that Rudolf Steiner and Christian Rosencratz, who are the two inspirers of Anthroposophy in the world, and representatives of the two streams Aristotelians and Platonists are now incarnated in order to achieve this culmination, which will find its apogee, in the 100 year reflection of the Christmas Conference 2023-24. In 2033, Rudolf Steiner will have reached 44 years of age, if Walter Stein's

research is correct. He states that Rudolf Steiner entered into the midnight hour in 1957, 33 years after the Christmas Conference in 1923-24.¹² If this is correct, it may be that he would seek to enter into incarnation 33 years later, 66 years from 1923-4 in 1989-90, making him 23-24 years old. Perhaps he has already had an awakening of his ego, possibly once again through Christian Rosencroutz. 2013 is therefore, marked to be a very important year and much relies on how many people take up the gifts given by Rudolf Steiner with earnestness, in particular the Foundation Stone Meditation and The Fifth Gospel. The elemental beings that are being trapped in the realm of the sub-earthly ethers and must work for Lucifer, Ahriman Asuras and Sorath need us desperately. Sorath will use them in order to incarnate into that sphere.

Through our thinking feeling and willing we can bring them to Christ and tear them away from the clutches of the Antichrist. Our angels need us to connect them with the higher beings of the spiritual world once again and with Christ to prevent their downfall. Human beings, many of whom have and will continue to fall prey to the illusion of birth and death promulgated by the Antichrist, will, in ages to come, become sealed with his name and number, that is, they will be born with Astral horns, with materialised organs that cannot perceive the spirit. It is up to those with knowledge to bring a new understanding as well as new spiritual initiates into the world, in any way that karma and talents make possible. It is no coincidence that we are living in the 5th cultural epoch of the 5th Post-Atlantean epoch and that it is at this time that Rudolf Steiner gave us the 5th Gospel in order that we might gain a true understanding of the Mystery of our times - the 5th Mystery, the Mystery of Evil (and sin) which is the child of the aforementioned distortion of the super-sensible mysteries of Life and Death.

All in all, we must not be fainthearted because of what lies ahead, but rather gird our loins, strengthened by the gifts we have been given in order to be of help to the world and to the spiritual world.

All of creation holds its breath.

¹² Rudolf Steiner, 27th January 1910, *Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric Lecture II*

¹² A Biography W.J Stein, Johannes Tautz, Page 228.
