# THE MYSTERY OF SORATH

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## The Mystery of Sorath

Rudolf Steiner tells us there will be three manifestations of the number 666 in world history. 666 is the number of the Beast and the number of the name Sorath.

According to Rudolf Steiner each time Sorath's manifestation occurs it is more obvious. Now we are at the time of his third manifestation and the paradox is that when things are too obvious we just don't notice them because we are looking for a 'mystery'. But who is this supra-cosmic being? What are his origins and his plans for world evolution? And how can we recognise these playing out in the world around us?

This lecture seeks to begin an exploration of this mystery in light of spiritual science.

Let us pause a moment to say a Protection Mantra. Imagining a blue light in the shape of an egg all around us let us say:

May the outer sheath of my aura become denser.

May it surround me with an impermeable skin for all impure,

Unclean thoughts and feelings.

May it only open to God's wisdom.

# Who is Sorath?

Rudolf Steiner tells us that every planet has its good spirit and its demon. Sorath is the Sun demon and is the direct Antagonist of Christ the Sun Being.

Rudolf Steiner does not mention Sorath's Hierarchical affinity, nor his origins, except to say that he does not belong to our Solar System, or the evolution of the Earth in any way.

He tells us, Sorath originates in other world periods and has acquired the tendencies of other world periods.

One could say his origins are found in a period before Saturn in a different Solar System directly preceding our own and has a connection with the Sun Sphere or the Second hieararchy.

# Beings of Darkness

Now all the beings from the second Hierarchy up from the Exusiai to the Seraphim had completed their human stage before Saturn evolution, but they have a place in our evolution as 'creator gods'. With respect to the Kyriotetes, Dynamis and the Exusiai who

belong to Old Sun evolution, they may have had their human stage at about the middle of the previous Cosmic period...perhaps an equivalent period to our present epoch

The beings we know as the 'Angels' have had their human stage during the planetary evolutions of this Solar System:

Archai - Saturn Archangels - Sun Angels - Moon

But there are angels who fell behind - these are what one might call the Beings of Darkness.

<u>Asuras</u> are the foremost beings who fell behind on Saturn when the physical body of human beings was being elaborated (warmth). They did not reach their human stage on Saturn and so although they should now be Exusiai, they are now at the level of Archai with the potential of Exusiai. They have a predilection for the physical body and that part of the soul, which has a particular connection to the physical body - the Consciousness Soul - all the degradation of society and culture are their inspiration, they have only recently entered earth evolution.

Ahriman was the foremost being to fall behind on the Old Sun. He did not reach the human stage. Ahriman belongs to Earth evolution and has since Atlantean times become a seducer of human beings. He has evolved 'abnormally' to the stage of Archangel. He should be an Archai but he has not reached that stage. Even so, he has the 'potential' of an Archai. His hosts, or those who followed him in his 'falling behind' are those we call the Ahrimanic spirits. Ahriman has a particular predilection for the human etheric body, since he fell behind when the human etheric body was being elaborated on Old Sun, and so, in particular, the human intellect, which he seeks to harden - the Intellectual Soul. So on earth his task is to unite the human intellect to the human brain and to the mineral nature of the world so, to matter. All 'materialism' all hardening is his inspiration.

<u>Lucifer</u> was the foremost being who fell behind on Old Moon when the human Astral body was being elaborated. He is an angel, known as the 'brother' of Christ, who has the potential of an Archai. He did not develop his I on Old Moon and he and his hosts must accomplish this on Earth through human beings. He has belonged to Earth Evolution since Lemurian times where he tempted the Adam Eve complex to fall and thus made the freedom of the human soul possible by way of perception. All dreamy flights of fancy all nebulous mysticism belong to his inspiration.

## The Beings of Light

<u>Sophia</u> is the highest being on the Sun, the Kyriotetes, whose responsibility is to gather the cosmic intelligence, the wisdom of all the cosmic conversations about what can be known of Christ. She is a Sobornal being, meaning, she is at the head of the hierarchies beneath her and looks upwards to the first hierarchy as those who are her inspirers. The image in the Book of Revelations of the woman with the Sun in her belly, the stars crowning her head and the Moon at her feet is the macrocosmic expression of this being.

<u>Michael</u> was the foremost 'Human' being on Old Sun and is Ahriman's direct cosmic Adversary. He has a close connection to the highest member of the ranks of Kyriotetes – Sophia – and is called the Son of the Sophia. He has a particular affinity with the human etheric body and the intellect and he has been the guardian of the Cosmic Intelligence until it was sacrificed to humanity. Michael and his hosts seek to keep the path to the intellect free so that it can develop a new organ of spiritual perception.

<u>Anthroposophia</u> is the Body of Anthroposophy, she has descended from Sun heights in order to elaborate the human soul into a vessel for Christ over aeons, where she was seen as Theosophy, Philosophy and finally Anthroposophy. She incarnated as a human being at the Turning Point in Time as the Luke Mary, now she is the guardian angel of Spiritual Science.

Christ is the Son Logos who left his abode beyond the stars and entered through the gateway of the Sun into our solar system in order to sacrificed Himself five times. Three times in spiritual worlds on his descent to Earth so as to die an Earthly death to bring the forces of Life or consciousness into the human soul - the IAM. He has since sacrificed himself once more in the Angelic realm before the turn of the last century.

Ahriman and Asuras and Lucifer are the Earthly Adversaries of Christ and Earthly instrument of Sorath.

Sophia, Michael and Anthroosophia, - are the Cosmic Adversaries of Asuras, Ahriman and Lucifer and the instruments of Christ.

So who is Sorath?

He is called the 'Sun Demon' but what does this mean?

As I mentioned earlier, every planet has its demon, a retarded being who works in opposition to the regent of that planet. This opposition is necessary and has been responsible for our earthly evolution. But Sorath does not belong to our Solar System so what is he doing here?

Sergei O Prokofieff considers the possibility that Sorath belongs to the Hierarchy of Exuisiai¹. The Exusiai are those beings of the second hiearchy who are the principle Regents of the Sun. Their human development would have taken place at about the middle of the previous aeon. But if Sorath is a 'backward' Exusiai then he has the potential for being a Dynamis and so is one step above without the rank.

The task of the Dynamis is to bring about balance in the solar system, the task of the Exusiai during Earth evolution, was to breathe life (ego) into the human being, so it is easy to understand how Sorath would work against both principles, desiring on the one hand to bring about an imbalance that is capable of throwing Earth Evolution off its course and thwarting the work of the highest expression of the Cosmic 'I' or ego - the Sun being of Christ, who as the second Logos left the womb of the Sun (Sophia) to unite Himself with Earth evolution in order to bring to it His cosmic 'I'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sergei O Prokofieff, And the Earth Becomes A Sun

Sorath endeavours to attack both Sophia, the highest being of the rank of Kyriotetes on the Sun and Christ, the Sun Logos, and this attack is depicted in the Book of Revelations in the 12th Chapter: Sophia is depicted as the woman who is about to give birth to a Sun Child (Christ)...while the Dragon (Sorath in the spiritual worlds takes on this cosmic form) stands at the ready to devour Him. After that we are told that a war breaks out in heaven, in which Michael and his angels fight this dragon and it is hurled down to the Earth.

Through out the aeons this image of the woman (Sophia) giving birth to a (Christ) child in the heavens signified how the Sun kindles the 'I' and that one day the being of the sun, Christ the Son, would enter the world to kindle the 'I' not merely in the prepared vessel or etheric sun-soul - the Nathan Jesus - but also in the etheric body of all human beings who became conscious of Him. Michael, son of the Sophia and the Countenance of Christ, fights the dragon Sorath who is poised to devour the child in spiritual worlds, defending the Divine Sophia and Christ. This Macrocosmic event has its reflection in the human soul Microcosmically Michael defends the Wisdom of Christ in the human soul - Anthroposophia - on earth, one could say what he is defending is the etheric body, the wisdom body, so that it may become the vehicle of consciousness for the 'I' of Christ which is love, just as the blood is the vehicle of human I consciousness. He can do this because, having been the principal human being on the Sun, he has a special affinity with the etheric body (light) and the human 'I'.

In a number of lectures but most prominently in the lecture cycle named *The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness*, Rudolf Steiner characterises this 'fall of the dragon' from the perspective of our times, being that which occurred after the war that ensued in heaven from mid 1840's to 1879, at which time the Ahrimanic angels with the power of Archangels were cast out of the spiritual world (etheric world) by Michael towards the Earth:

'I was speaking of something quite concrete, namely the battle which began in the 1840s in the spiritual world lying immediately above our own. This was a metamorphosis of the battles, which are always given the ancient symbol of the battle fought by St Michael against the dragon. I told you that this battle continued until November 1879, and after this Michael gained the victory — and the dragon, that is the ahrimanic powers, were cast down into the human sphere'  $^2$ 

In the human being, Microcosmically, this has its reflection in the Ahrimanic angels being cast out of the nervous system and into the blood.

Michael cast out the dragon (Spirits of Darkness who represent him) for two reasons. Firstly their presence in the spiritual world polluted it to such an extent that human beings would not have been capable of experiencing Christ in the Etheric world as he was manifesting through an angelic being (Nathan Soul). In truth materialism on earth was carried to the spiritual world by sleeping souls at night and this fed the evil of those beings of darkness that battled there so that it caused a great pollution to arise in that realm strangulating and asphyxiating the angelic being who manifested Christ. Rudolf Steiner tells us that being died in the etheric world. This Rudolf Steiner tells us was the Second Mystery of Golgotha. those beings of darkness had to be banished to create an 'unpolluted realm' in the etheric world, for only that way could human beings who had

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA177/English/RSP1993/19171020p01.html

developed etheric thinking could perceive Christ's Resurrection through that angelic Being in the Etheric World. This was the rebirth, which the 'sign' in heaven had foretold.

The dragon was always seen as that being that inspires those forces on earth, which work to kill this 'I' in human beings or in the etheric world, before it can be born.

From the perspective of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the woman is not only Sophia, but also Anthroposophia in the human soul, helping humanity to develop the Consciousness Soul, which in our times must give birth to this Christ 'I', a consciousness capable of perceiving Christ as he began to manifest in the etheric world through the reborn angel from around the year 1933 onwards.

There is another way to look at it. Michael not only throws the spirits of darkness to earth once in order to leave the etheric world clear of their 'clouding' but this battle is ongoing because he does it every autumn in the outer world and he also works to 'clear' the path from the heart to the head, that is, he throws from the dragon from the Astral body to the Etheric body, from the nerves to the blood, in other words, he wipes away all the 'after images and complements' of the things we see with every perception, and thrusts the beings that belong to all we see, into the depths of our souls. For we must remember that in our time, all we see, which forms the basis of our intellectual thinking is 'infected' with dragon forces.<sup>3</sup> And it is in our thinking that abnormal angels, which have the potential for being Archangels have entered, since their fall, causing havoc because human beings are not conscious of them.

The Angels of Darkness were cast out of the nervous system and into the human blood, and now wreak the havoc in the human blood, which I have described. It is because they are at work in the human blood that all the things I have described as due to the influence of retarded Angels are happening here on earth. It is because they are at work in the human blood that people have become as clever as I have said. All this developed slowly and gradually, of course, and we are able to say that whilst the profound break came in 1841, the whole of the nineteenth century had been infected with it.<sup>4</sup>

So in a sense, the battle of the spirits of darkness with the spirits of light has moved from the spiritual world, to the soul of human beings, into that threshold between the blood and the nerves. And the principle task of humanity is to become conscious of this battle and through this consciousness, to find the 'I' of Christ in the human etheric body, and in the etheric world.

But the important point is this: the organ of perception which can find the 'I' of Christ in the etheric world and in the human soul, will come in our time only through a transformation of thinking in the etheric body so that thinking becomes an organ of perception and in this way a victory in the human soul, in the very blood, is gained over the forces of the 'dragon'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> More than at any time in world evolution, our 'vision' is permeated by 'images' of material things, which have a connection to the sub-world and in particular to Lucifer (electricity) Ahriman (Magnetism) and Asuras (Atom).

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

So to recapitulate in spiritual worlds Sorath has the cosmic form of a dragon, but he works in the physical world through those  $3 \times 6$  or the three-fold manifestation of the number 6 which is the imperfect number, this being 3 category of retarded angels, or what one can call the 'army' of Sorath on Earth:

<u>Lucifer</u> - retarded Archangel working as an Angel - fell behind on Old Moon - Entered Earth Evolution in Lemurian times - 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Epoch

 $\underline{Ahriman}$  - retarded Archai working as an Archangel - fell behind on Old Sun - entered Earth Evolution during Atlantean times -  $4^{th}$  Great Epoch.

<u>Asuras</u> - retarded Spirit of Form working as Archai - fell behind on Old Saturn - have entered Earth Evolution only during the  $5^{th}$  Great Epoch of Earth Evolution.

And 3 earthly manifestations of the Beast in our 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Epoch:

 $1^{\text{st}}$  666AD - Academy of Gondhi Shapur - where a premature intelligence was fostered.  $2^{\text{nd}}$  1332 AD - Demise of the Templars - where there was a seizing of the intelligence of Templars.

3<sup>rd</sup> 1998 AD - The advent of Artificial Intelligence in which the intelligence of humanity is fused with machines.

In the Book of Revelations we find these four adversarial beings named as:

The Dragon = Sorath
The Snake/1<sup>st</sup> Beast = Lucifer
The Devil/2<sup>nd</sup> Beast = Ahriman
Satan = Asuras

So when the Dragon falls to Earth this is when the war in which human beings are the 'prize', begins. The Book of Revelations tells us that the Fall of the Dragon, results in a 'rising' up of two Beasts.

We are told the first Beast rises up from the sea, he has seven heads and ten crowns - he is given the 'power' of the dragon, his throne and authority, and is a blasphemer against Christ. This beast Rudolf Steiner tells us, is comprised of human beings who have succumbed to the forces of the Dragon. They have become vessels for the elemental beings that serve the dragon on Earth - as the Book of Revelations calls them - Locusts.

With the human soul withdrawing more and more from the body, the body is increasingly in danger of being filled with something else. And if human beings are not prepared to take up impulses which can only come from spiritual knowledge, the body will be filled with demonic powers. Humanity is facing a destiny where the body may be filled with ahrimanic demonic powers. So we have to add to what I said yesterday about future development: there will be people in future who are Tom, Dick and Harry in ordinary life, which is something determined by social circumstances, but their bodies will be empty to such an extent that a powerful ahrimanic

spirit can live in them. One will be meeting ahrimanic demons. Human beings will not be what they appear to be. The individual person will be deep down inside, and outwardly one will get a totally different picture.'  $^5$ 

Whenever Rudolf Steiner speaks of demonic powers we need to understand what this means. The primal 'Powers' are the Exusiai or the Spirits of Form. Sorath tentatively belongs to this hierarchy, though he has the potential of a Dynamis. So when we speak of demonic powers, we are speaking of those beings that have been infected with the 'power' of Sorath. So when we are told by John in his Book of Revelations that the first Beast is given the 'power' of the Dragon, he is speaking of those Luciferic elemental beings which have fallen into Temptation of the dragon. They rise up from the sub-earthly ethers - from the 'sea' - and into the human blood and lymph. Their inspiration is everything to do with blood ties and what lives below the ground - Blood and Soil.

Then we are told a Second Beast rises from the Earth. It has two horns and speaks like the dragon. The fact that it speaks intimates to us that it is connected to Ahriman, who is the foremost antagonist on Earth of the 'Word' of Christ. This Beast performs great signs and orders human beings to form an image of the first Beast into which he breathes 'life' and so endows it with the ability to speak. Here we see how the Ahrimanic being serves Sorath through a distorted image of the work of the Exuisiai or Spirits of Form who breathed 'life' or the 'I' into the human beings on Earth during Lemurian times. But this is a shadow, because image of the first beast is only given an anti ego, it is a 'dead' 'life' an automata, which speaks for the beast - with his words - it cannot think or create, it can only 'calculate'. And it causes all people to receive a mark on their foreheads (nerves and senses) and their right hands (blood/pulse), so they may not buy or sell without the mark, which is the name of the Beast and the number of a man. 666.

In Gematria 666 = Sorath.

In some of his lectures Rudolf Steiner refers to Ahriman as Satan, at other times he refers to Sorath as Satan and Asuras as Satan. So let us look at this more closely:

Ahriman, as we have stated above, did not finish his human stage on Old Sun and should be an Archai but is still an Archangel. While Asuras did not finish their human stage on Old Saturn and so, they should be Exusiai but instead belong to the hierarchy of Archai. It is this connection with the hierarchy of Archai that results in Asuras and Ahriman both being called Satan at different times, but only when they work together for Sorath. When they work on their own behalf they are Ahriman and Asuras.

So one sees the reason why in Rudolf Steiner's lectures to the Priests Satan has the degree of an Archai.

Leaving that aside for a moment let us first take a look at the two Beasts which are the fallen and then risen Earthly manifestation of the Dragon Sorath.

Rudolf Steiner tells us in his lectures to the Priests that whenever John speaks of Beasts he is speaking of two experiences of the dragon, a physical Macrocosmic one and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Fall of the Spirits of Darkness, Lecture 5. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA177/English/RSP1993/19171007p01.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Here we see a wonderful illustration of a computer, as an image of the beast, which speaks with his words.

also its Microcosmic effect on the human soul. Macrocosmically the Beast is Biela's comet, according to Rudolf Steiner. Attention on it began in the 1840's when calculations suggested that by 1933 it must surely collide with the Earth, but in 1872 it split into two and disintegrated and its particles became absorbed by the Earth. In this we see the physical manifestation of the 'fall' of the 'beast'.

The Earth digested the comet's particles when it entered the seas, rivers, oceans, forests, the soil but its effects rose up homoeopathically again to affect human astral bodies, for good or ill. Cyanide, according to Rudolf Steiner has a particular effect of purifying the Astral body in very small homeopathic doses. It enters the earth...one might say all the way to the core and moves up through the layers, through the soil to the root of the plants. Animals eat these plants and humans eat these plants and animals and this 'chemical' effect also has an effect on the elemental beings who are connected to the minerals, plants and animals. That is what John meant when he said that the Beast was set loose on the Earth...particularly through the etheric world of nature and the elemental beings. This has an effect of clearing our Astral body, but it can also have a negative effect on the Astral body, particularly if the human double, which, one might say is also connected to the elemental beings, is strong in a human being. It can, in that case, strengthen the double.

Remember, Michael thrust the Angels of darkness from the Spiritual world to the Physical world, from the nerves to the blood. So one might say this comet's 'fall' is the physical manifestation of the work of Michael and his hosts in the spiritual world, but whether this is spiritually healthy or unhealthy depends a great deal on an individual's weaknesses.

Since that time human beings have had to face this battle in the blood, or the etheric body, and it is this struggle, between light and darkness in the human soul, which, if it is conscious, will lead to the development of the organ of thinking into an organ of etheric perception.

This astral organ is found in the head. It is the two petalled chakra<sup>8</sup> and it is created by our work at cleansing the astral body. Perception with this organ will cause an etherisation or spiritualisation of our blood which unites it with the etheric stream of Christ - through thoughts imbued with Spirit - and Michael gave us a hand in this by clearing of the Astral body, through the cometary substance he sent to earth. We must accept this gift in the right way before we can see the Etheric Christ. Hence Rudolf Steiner tells us:

Before the etheric Christ can be comprehended by human beings in the right way, humanity must first cope with encountering the Beast who will rise up in 1933.'

This means, essentially, that what entered the earth in 1872 when the Biela Comet split and its effects fell to Earth, these effects rose up from the 'ground' particularly through the elemental world and into the human being by 1933. So from 1872 to 1933 there was a gradual rising of Beast in the souls of human beings. That is why 666 is the number of 'a Man' - it denotes human beings infected with the first beast and corrupted

<sup>8</sup> When this becomes hardened through purely materialistic perception it becomes two horns as in the beast with two

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Lecture 16 Book of Revelations and the Work of the Priest.

in order that the second Beast might possess them fully and make them into automata. Those who were inspired by the collective 'Beast' after 1933 inspired the First World War which was really a preparation for the Second World which would lead to Nazism and Bolshevism and all the wars that have come since that time, all the destruction we have seen in the world as after effects of the rising of the Beast.

So to recapitulate, the Beast with seven Heads and Ten crowns, are those Luciferic human beings who are infected with the fallen elementals which corrupts their souls so that they can be possessed by the 'power' of the Beast with two horns, possessed by higher beings connected to the Dragon, who works in such a way in the blood as to affect even the physical features of a human animal – the Blonde Beast. This dragon, through his beasts, who are human beings, inspires the terrible crimes we have seen perpetrated against those who are not of the same 'blood and soil' <sup>9</sup>– meaning, those who do not have the mark of the beast, or the effect of the spirits of darkness and their elemental helpers, in their thinking heads (nerves) and in their wrists (blood).

One can draw a connection between the Cyanide found in the substance of a comet, which entered the earth and the oceans – the physical world and the physical human being with the cyanide gas used by the Nazis to kill millions. For although Cyanide in cosmic homeopathic doses clears the Astral body, if it is taken through the lungs it enters the blood and it has the effect of destroying the etheric body of human beings and for destroying the etheric body of the Sun.

'If anthroposophical knowledge could be more widely known, no one would poison himself with potassium cyanide. One would not dream of it! It is only through a materialistic view of life that people poison themselves with potassium cyanide, because they think 'dead is dead', quite irrespective of whether one dies of cyanide poisoning or by an inner process of dissipation. But that is not a matter of indifference!

If one dies through inner dispersion then the soul and spirit pass into the spiritual world in the usual way; they continue to live on. But when one is poisoned by cyanide one's soul tends to accompany each little piece of one's body, namely, to expand with the nitrogen and to dissolve into the cosmos. That is the true death of soul and spirit. If people would only know that soul and spirit are the real human being, they would say: It is quite impossible that we should cause the terrible explosion which, in a delicate way has its repercussion throughout the whole of the cosmos, when somebody poisons himself with cyanide. For every person who poisons himself with potassium cyanide joins himself in a wrong way to the current which flows from the earth to the sun. And it should be possible, if one had the right instruments, to see a small explosion in the sun every time that a person poisons himself with cyanide. And the sun deteriorates through that. A human being spoils the cosmos and also the force which comes from the sun to the earth if he poisons himself with cyanide. If a person poisons himself with cyanide then it is true that he actually ruins the sun! And that is the case with every cyanide poisoning. <sup>10</sup>

So we see how the soul/moral as well as the natural world, join in a single evolution through human beings in our times.

On Earth the Dragon works through the Beasts. But Sorath does not merely wish to combat human beings by way of his army on Earth – since that army actually belongs to Earth Evolution, it does not always work according to Sorath's plans because those beings need the Earth in order to develop! So one can speak of them being 'adversely' ordered to be opponents of evolution with a 'promise' that they will one day be 'redeemed'. Sorath, on the other hand, does not belong to Earth Evolution and will never

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Here one could particularly pay attention to the connection between the Nazi gassings using cyanide and the suicides of the Nazi's in their last hours, using cyanide capsules.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Lecture Rudolf Steiner, October  $10^{\text{th}}\ 1923$ 

be redeemed through it so he has no qualms in destroying it. He works from his own desire to combat Christ and all those who serve Him and to do this he must destroy the Earth and Human beings because Christ has united Himself with Human beings and with Earth Evolution through the Mystery of Golgotha.

In fact Rudolf Steiner tells us that had Sorath been able to strangle (suffocate) the Christ spirit in the Germ...or one could also say, in the realm of the bones, the entire Earth would have succumbed to Sorath.<sup>11</sup> Why is this so? It is because the bones are connected to the spirit through thinking's relationship to the breath and blood.

Sorath could only have got something from the Earth by being able to achieve dominion at a certain moment, namely when the Christ principle descended to the Earth. If the Christ principle had been stifled in the germinal stage, if Christ had been overcome by the adversary it would have been possible for the Earth in tis entirety to succumb to the Sorat principle.' 12

This danger occurred as Christ entered the bones of Jesus on the cross and that is why not a bone of His could be 'broken' until the mystery was consummated - until Christ had suffered an Earthly Death.

It seems to me that one could imagine that in another Cosmic aeon, Christ and Sorath stood opposite one another in a mighty contest and that Christ overcame Sorath, but in doing so Christ created the 'cosmic karma' - a weakness on the Sun which enabled Sorath to 'slip' into it's Sphere as its demon through his affinity to the Exusiai who are the 'regents of the sun' in order to have his revenge on Christ.

So he is a stowaway in our Solar System and Christ is his only equal in our Solar System.

So when one speaks of Sorath as the opponent of Christ, he is called the Antichrist – for even Christ himself must have his counterpart. And so when we speak of all three category of beings 666 working for Sorath, we are also speaking of the Antichrist. For just as your name denotes your spirit but also refers to your limbs, heart and lungs and head, so too does the name Antichrist refer to Sorath as well as those members of his 'being' that work for him.

The Antichrist uses all three category of retarded beings to accomplish his task, however Christ uses only human beings! This is the important point and one we must <u>not</u> gloss over! Christ places such high expectations on humanity that He allows human beings to connect him freely in order to bring to Him those higher forces that can help Him. For he has discarded his 'higher' members on his way to the earth in order to unite with humanity and human beings must lift themselves up to create those forces through Anthroposophia, Michael and Sophia.

We have seen how in the past manifestations of the number 666 have been linked to human intelligence. The year 1998 or thereabouts is the third manifestion of the number and, according to Rudolf Steiner, it is supposed to herald a more obvious

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 11}$  Osteoblasts - a bone forming cell that is derived from the embryonic mesenchyme and, during the early development of the skeleton. [osteo- + G. blastos, germ]

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  Lecture Rudolf Steiner,  $20^{th}$  June 1908

manifestation of Sorath. But the obvious can become so obvious it ends up being 'ho-hum'. This itself is a tool of Ahriman and Sorath - that knowledge of them is taken intellectually into the soul and not fully consciously understood so that it becomes 'common' and when something is common knowledge it looses its spiritual, esoteric potency.

Firstly we must take into consideration that Sorath/Satan, that is, Sorath working through Asuras, is in our times - the age of the Consciousness Soul, the most comprehensive owner of intellectuality, according to Rudolf Steiner who said that before the internet was even imagined!

The intellect in human beings is something Sorath has been desiring to seize since his first manifestation 666 because it is the ONLY aspect of the human soul which is free from the protection and guidance of higher beings. This freedom necessary for our development is also our greatest weakness. Michael made this freedom possible so that we might, out of our own soul forces, come to the spirit again - the Cosmic Intelligence of the Spirit. But it is through the intellect which is stripped of spirit that Satan/Sorath seeks to use as a window into the feeling and will of human beings - to take an entire human soul into his realm is his desire.

We know that the evolution of the world will proceed in seven stages, Saturn, Sun, Moon, Earth, Jupiter, Venus and Vulcan.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that when the Moon separated from the Earth this was the seed of freedom - one might say the human head or nervous system became free of the coarse materiality of the Moon, and its astrality which was incorporated only into the mineral kingdom to create gravity. Gravity is what has made us Earthly beings and only Earthly beings can develop a free intellect which can be spiritualised into true thinking. Hence Rudolf Steiner tells us in the Foundation Stone Meditation, 'Then, from the ground of the spirit in man, thou wilt truly think.'

It can be said with truth that the separation of the moon, with the consequent changes in the earth and in the being of man, was the outcome of a decision on the part of the Spiritual Beings who guide and direct the evolution of humanity. It was because this coarse moon-substance was sent out of the earth that man's organism developed in such a way as to make it possible for him to become an earthly being. Through this event—through the separation of the moon and the incorporation of the mineral kingdom into the earth—man has become an earthly being, existing in the sphere of earthly gravity. Without earthly gravity, he could never have become a being capable of freedom.'

But during Earth evolution and particularly since 1879 and the fall of the angels into the blood and its spiritual manifestation - the etheric body - this intellect or soul organ of thought has grown 'shadowy' because human thinking is elaborated only from what is materially perceived and so it creates concepts only regarding the physical world - this is what Rudolf Steiner refers to as Materialism.

Materialistic thinking is free from the spirit because it has become detached from the rest of the soul, which is protected by higher beings, but if life is not kindled in this thinking by our efforts, in other words, if the will activity of the mind is not exercised, the spirit behind things, cannot be recognised. And if human intelligence does not become consciousness through spirit awareness, a recollection of the spirit, by the time the Moon unites with the earth once again, what human beings have created through

their shadowy thoughts, in other words, all that has become detached from the human being in the realm of intelligence will become a new brood of elemental beings. All our shadow pictures will be quickened to life.

#### He warns that:

'From the earth there will spring forth a terrible brood of beings, a brood of automata of an order of existence lying between the mineral and the plant kingdoms, and possessed of an overwhelming power of intellect. <sup>43</sup>

# Rudolf Steiner goes on to say:

'This swarm will seize upon the earth, will spread over the earth like a network of ghastly, spider-like creatures, of an order lower than that of plant-existence, but possessed of overpowering wisdom. These spidery creatures will be all interlocked with one another, and in their outward movements they will imitate the thoughts that men have spun out of the shadowy intellect that has not allowed itself to be quickened by the new form of Imaginative Knowledge by Spiritual Science. 44

#### And,

'All the thoughts that lack substance and reality will then be endowed with being.

The earth will be surrounded — as it is now with air and as it sometimes is with swarms of locusts — with a brood of terrible spider-like creatures, half-mineral, half-plant, interweaving with masterly intelligence, it is true, but with intensely evil intent. And in so far as man has not allowed his shadowy intellectual concepts to be quickened to life, his existence will be united not with the Beings who have been trying to descend since the last third of the nineteenth century, but with this ghastly brood of half-mineral, half-plantlike creatures. He will have to live together with these spider-like creatures and to continue his cosmic existence within the order of evolution into which this brood will then enter. 45

Spiders, Rudolf Steiner tells us, are controlled by elemental spirits that belong to the  $8^{th}$  Sphere. So we are talking about elemental spirits that have a connection to what we call 'hell' in classical tradition. In one respect Hell will become one with the Earth when the Earth becomes one with the Moon again.

'All parasitic beings are ruled and controlled by Elemental Spirits. These are the beings who had already completed their own particular development in the Lemurian epoch, hence Form predominates in them. They are now on the decline; so too, for instance, are all the animals which have an outer skeleton. On the Moon they had an inner skeleton. The inner skeleton has dissolved, and they surround themselves externally with a horny layer (e.g. beetles). These are preparing for their decline into the Eighth Sphere. The Moon has also had an Eighth Sphere, a companion moon. At that time these beings were complete, but they shot beyond their evolution and are now like over-ripe fruit. Spiders belong to the Eighth Sphere; and among plants, the mistletoe. For that reason Goethe described the kingdom of the spiders and the flies to Mephistopheles. Everything parasitical is an external expression of Elemental beings living on the astral plane. Man was formerly an elemental being himself. Not all that is physical in man is destined to be redeemed; the dross will be left behind. This dross is continually present in man, it is under the influence of the astral elemental beings."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. <a href="https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html">https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

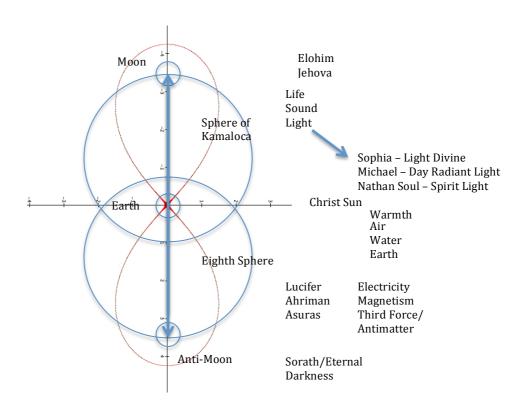
# The Eighth Sphere.

The Eighth Sphere or the Hell of tradition, is that sphere which was detached from the Old Moon before it became Earth. It contains the dross, of Moon Astrality. One might this Eighth Sphere an 'Anti Moon' and it is into this sphere that Sorath works.

This sphere is connected to the earth by way of the  $9^{th}$  Layer of the Earth. So one might say, the layers of the Earth do not form the  $8^{th}$  sphere but the  $9^{th}$  Layer, which Rudolf Steiner Characterises as the layer of the greatest Egoism and black Magic is the layer that connects the Earth with the  $8^{th}$  Sphere. Kamaloca is the sphere between the Earth and the Moon, it is what is traditionally known as Purgatory, so in this sense the two - kamaloca and the Eighth Sphere - stand opposite one another and do not come together except that they have one connection - the human being.

It is for this reason that Rudolf Steiner tells us the dead cannot be contacted during a séance because Mediums through their trances usually only access the beings that belong to the Eighth Sphere.

## Relationship of Moon with Eighth Sphere



The Eighth Sphere is where Christ descended after his death at Golgotha, this is his descent into hell, in order to bind the lowest of the beings that reside there - the Asuras. In Lemurian times there was a recapitulation of the stage when the Moon separated from the Earth, and it was at this stage that Jehova elected to descend or to remain behind on the Moon to create a counterbalance.

Our Fifth Great Post Atlantean Epoch is a recapitulation of this separation of the Moon from the Earth which occurred in Lemurian times, and the Egyptian Cultural epoch was also a recapitulation of this separation. Our Fifth Cultural Epoch as a recapitulation of Egyptian times is once again a further recapitulation of this split with the Moon and it is for this reason that we are at the point in our development as a human race, in which we are dealing with the mystery of evil. And it is no coincidence that at this time we are developing the Consciousness Soul, which, according to Rudolf Steiner has a potential to bring consciousness of the spirit or to be fused to the physical body as a temptation of the Asuras and become terribly egoistic.

Lucifer tempted us through Perception - Astral Body Ahriman tempts us through Thinking - Etheric Body Asuras tempts us through Consciousness - Physical body

We need to remember that Asuras' predilection for the physical body goes back to the fact that they remained behind on Old Saturn when the seed of the human physical body was being created and so when you combine this with the fall of the spirits of Darkness into the realm of thinking and memory, there is the possibility that these angels will, by materialising thinking, intensify the work of the Asuras who will then bind our consciousness (I) through thinking to our physical brains and therefore our physical bodies.

But since around 1879 other beings are entering our Earth sphere from the cosmic realms beyond the earth, other beings have been entering Earth Evolution and desiring to enter into a relationship with us according to Rudolf Steiner:

'Since the eighties of the nineteenth century, super-earthly Beings have been seeking to enter the sphere of earth-existence. Just as the Vulcan-men were the last to come down to the earth so now Vulcan Beings are actually coming into the realm of earthly existence. Super-earthly Beings are already here, and the fact that we are able to have a connected body of Spiritual Science at all today is due to the circumstance that Beings from beyond the earth are bringing the messages from the spiritual world down into earth-existence. 46

Note that he does not say Vulcan Men - but Vulcan 'Beings' or Supermen. In other words higher spiritual beings in the sense that they do not belong to the earth, but who depend on us for their further development. They are in a sense our 'teachers' and enter into a relationship with us. What does this mean? This means that as they enter into us they don't only develop through us and also at the same time they bring with them messages from the spiritual world which teach us.

But who are these beings?

In order to understand them we have to understand the difference between Sub-nature elemental beings, elemental beings of nature and planetary elemental beings.

Sub-natural elemental beings are connected to all that belongs in the Eighth Sphere all that is retarded and so they are, one might say, the offspring of the three adversaries we have mentioned above, Asuras, Ahriman and Lucifer and their relationship with human beings. The work of these adversarial beings in the human will, thinking and feeling cause

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

detachments we call Phantoms Ghosts/spectres and Demons. In turn they are related to the three fallen ethers: the Power in the Atom (fallen life), Magnetism (Fallen Sound) and Electricity (fallen light).

The Elemental beings of Nature are related to the world and its elements, Earth, Water, Wind and Fire.

But there are elemental beings that belong to the higher order of ethers: Light, Sound and Life Ethers.

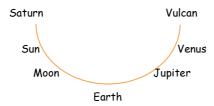
It is these elementary spirits, which I believe Rudolf Steiner is referring to when he speaks of the spirits of Vulcan - those that come from a sphere between Mercury and the Moon (this of course takes in Venus as well). He calls them Vulcan beings because they are related to the Vulcan Mysteries, which have a connection to the last planetary stage of human evolution.

The secret of these Vulcan beings or elementary 'spirits' belongs to the very hidden Vulcan Mysteries whose great initiate is Scythianos.

The Vulcan mysteries are mysteries of the future

"Of the seven oracles, which were named after the seven planets in ancient Atlantis, the Sun Oracle stood out from all the others, but next to it the Vulcan Oracle prepared itself in secrecy for its future task."  $^{17}$ 

These mysteries have a relationship to the complete spiritualisation of the Physical body of human beings on future Vulcan, which will be a recapitulation of the Old Saturn at a higher level and in our times has a connection to the Consciousness Soul as a pivotal point for the future spiritualisation of the human being.



From what we now know, we can easily see how the Asuras are the most vehement adversaries of this mystery because of their relationship to the Consciousness Soul and the physical body. The Consciousness Soul is, one might say, the point which the upper Gods meet the Lower Gods and in this sense it is the battleground - a mini Armageddon where the Angels of the nerves battle those of the Blood.

As an aside, when Rudolf Steiner's illness in his physical body was at its height he wrote a verse for Ita Wegman - who as a physician had to acknowledging and understand these 'green demons' or Asuras who are the adversaries of the primordial powers or of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Rudolf Steiner, The Principle of Spiritual Economy, lecture 9, GA 109.

progressive Archai and who work through the physical body of human beings, in particular, in connection with his illness.

There, where the light In face of green demons Is tremulous. And the primordial Powers Born of the light To wrestling men Proclaim the riddle. Which from the demons Only by men can be enticed forth And brought to the Gods There soul found soul In order to offer someday to waiting Gods The secrets of demons In a darkened place That light may be born, Where for want of this deed Eternal darkness held sway. Such a place there is It must vanish Make it someday vanish, So speaks the admonishing Gaze of Michael. Rudolf Steiner.

The place that must vanish in the verse above is the  $8^{th}$  sphere...that is the place where the darkness holds sway eternally.

It is in the consciousness soul that we can become conscious of the spirit, and Asuras which to prevent this at all costs. For the spirit enters us by way of the things we see in the outside world through our nerves and senses, this spirit meets the etheric body inside us, and is imprinted there so that a reflection, not of the spirit but of the mirror image can become 'thought'. Our consciousness of this moment, when we experience a sensation - the place where we experience after images and complementary colours - is a consciousness in the soul, a consciousness of the genesis of thinking - which is spirit.

But our 'shadowy' intellect is the product of this moment going by unnoticed, because in the after image and complement we have something spiritual. It is the spiritual nature of all we see that enters us and later becomes a mirror image remembered or reflected by our brain. That mirror image of the world is what Rudolf Steiner calls 'shadowy' thinking, because it is a 'shadow' whose true being has been detached from it.

For instance we see a rose...it is red, inside us it creates a green after image, the red we remember is the shadowy thinking, the green after image is the spirit. Seeing this green image is the beginning of consciousness. Not seeing it means that we become more and more estranged from the spirit. Seeing the spirit in all we see around us in our times, but unlike former times, when we were surrounded by nature beings, much of what we

see in our times has a connection with what has become seduced and 'trapped' into the physical nature of the things we have created, not through our connection with nature elementals but through our creation of machines and technology. What enters machines and technology are the subearthly beings or beings of the Eighth Sphere, what Rudolf Steiner calls 'The Beings of Birth and Death' - the beings of Iron Necessity, which have entered into our epoch through our memory of Lemuria and Atlantis so the Vulcan beings had to enter human evolution to help us to fructify the intellect:

However, in order to fructify the developed intellect, a stream of spirituality from higher regions of world existence now seeks entry into the earthly life of mankind. Whether this will happen depends upon man opening his heart and soul to what thus seeks entry, through many doors, as it were, into the earthly world from the spiritual world. It will be necessary for man not only to become conscious once more of the spiritual in all nature, but able to perceive it. 18

The Vulcan beings bring to us what can weave between human beings - light, warmth and life when two or more are gathered. These are the spirits that can help us to reconnect to the spirit so that the Sun of Christ can light up in our souls. Christ Who is the Highest Expression of Truth and Love in the Cosmos, the Being that entered Earth Evolution to bring us his Cosmic 'I', is among human beings when what weaves between them through these spirit Messengers is conscious. They then do not merely connect us with Christ but also, in so doing, connect the being of Christ through us, to the cosmos.

In the Four Mystery plays Rudolf Steiner says:

'The weaving essence of the Light rays forth from Man to Man to fill the world with Truth. The blessing of Love warms Soul by Soul to work Salvation of all worlds. And Spirit-messengers, they wed Men's works of blessing with the aims of Worlds. And when these twin can wed the Man who finds himself in Man, then Light of Spirit rays through Warmth of Soul.'

The spirit messengers of Vulcan, Rudolf Steiner tells us, want to bring us the content of spiritual science, they are the spirits who together with human beings who were discarnate formed the hosts of Michael in spiritual worlds during the years 1840 - 1879!

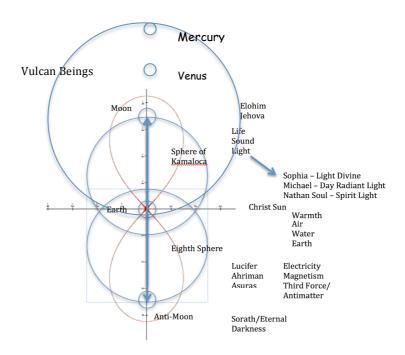
For what is the body and content of spiritual science, they want to bring us, if not the way to find Christ in our time - through a transformation of thinking (in the etheric body) into an (astral) organ of perception of the etheric world!

It can be said with truth that the development of the thoughts contained in Goethe's hymn to Nature would provide a dwelling-place for the Beings who would fain come down from the cosmos to the earth. But the barren conceptions of physiology and biology, the systematising of plant-life and the theories that were evolved during the nineteenth century — all the thoughts which, as I showed in the lectures on colour, have really nothing to do with the true nature of the plants — can awaken no real knowledge, nor can they get anywhere near the being of man. Hence the body of knowledge that is regarded today as science is essentially a product of Ahriman, leading man on towards earthly destruction and preventing him from entering the sphere which the Beings from beyond the earth have been trying to place within his reach since the last third of the nineteenth century. <sup>49</sup>

<sup>18</sup> https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

The Vulcan beings bring to us what lives in the sphere between the Moon and the planet Mercury in advance of the fusion of the Earth with the Moon, which will lead to the loss of a counterbalance to the Eighth Sphere.



But we must receive these beings consciously if they are to fructify our thinking or:

Upheaval upon upheaval will ensue, and earth existence will at length arrive at social chaos if these beings descended and human existence were to consist only of opposition against them. For these beings wish to be nothing less than the advance guard of what will happen to earth existence when the moon reunites once again with earth. $^{20}$ 

What does this mean to be 'the Advance Guard' of what will happen when the moon unites with the Earth?

What is an Advance Guard? The Dictionary tells us it is a military unit sent ahead of a main body to find gaps in the enemy defences, to clear away minor opposition and to prevent unexpected contact with the enemy. It is a temporary military detachment sent a head of a force to prepare for a landing or other operation. They come therefore to help us ahead of time, before it is too late.

The Moon is destined to unite with the Earth again, at which time the Astrality of the Earth will be greatly enhanced and so the Astrality in human beings. If this coincides with another mystery, which is mentioned in the mysteries - an Axial coincidence - the Earth's path will be diverted and the Earth will become estranged from the Sun.

In order to understand how this might come about we must look at Sorath's attack on humanity as two pronged. He will not merely turn human beings into Beasts and create the right conditions for a rising up of the  $8^{th}$  Sphere but he will also according to Rudolf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

Steiner, strive to use the Asuras or Satan, to derail the Earth from its cosmic course - in other words to derail its orbit around the sun.

The Earth as we know spins around a rotation axis that runs through the North and South Pole. This rotation axis is fixed in a titled position relative to the Earth-Sun plane and relative to the distant stars. This results in our seasons, the cycle of the year and time itself, what we call 'life' on Earth. Rudolf Steiner tells us that the Spirit of the Rotation of Time is the angelic being responsible for the Earth's rotation around the Sun.

'Those in whom Consciousness predominates have a their own Form consciousness which is more all-embracing than their own Life, their own Form. Therefore, they can exercise power over other lives and other forms. In Christian Esotericism these beings are called: Angels of the Rotation of Time. A planet is only able to revolve around the sun because it has an Angel of the Rotation of Time who can exercise the power of driving it around the sun. These are Planetary Dhyanis, or Planetary Spirits. Our earth has its own Angel of the Rotation of Time, its earth-Dyani. (The Earth Spirit in Faust). Its body is the whole astral substance of the earth. '21

'Again the imprint of the Spirits of the Rotation of Time is what is usually known to ordinary consciousness as the Laws of Nature. Fundamentally all the laws of nature are in existence because the Spirits of the Rotation of Time work as the directing powers. <sup>22</sup>

Michael Himself is committed to the Earth's connection to the Sun, but he fears Satan.

'Michael who has the degree of an Archangel (this being prior to his ascent to Archai) does not have the rank of Satan, who has the degree of an Archai. Michael is only and Archangel. From Michael's point of view Satan is not a power to be despised but a power to be immensely feared. <sup>i23</sup>

Satan or Sorath working through Asuras, lies in wait for every comet. He desires to seize it and by doing so hopes to use its direction and momentum to disrupt the orbits of all the planets including the earth.

"Satan will succeed in taking his initial steps towards bringing disorder into the planetary system. Humanity will have to develop a strong spirituality to counteract this. The disorder that will come about can only be counteracted by the strong spirituality of human beings."

But in order for this to happen the elemental beings of nature have to be seduced by Ahriman.

'If it should happen that the elemental beings come under the guidance of Ahriman with the clear intention of opposing human evolution, then mankind would be unable to make further progress. The possibility would arise that the ahrimanic powers in union with the elemental beings would divert the earth from its intended course.'<sup>24</sup>

The Shadowy Human thoughts, those disconnected from the spirit and which we call abstract thinking - which lives in all of technology and has a connection to the  $8^{th}$  sphere

 $<sup>^{21}</sup>$  Rudolf Steiner, Foundations at the Periphery October  $22^{nd}\ 1904$  <u>https://wn.rsarchive.org/RelArtic/BobbetteRSW/steineraz\_1904.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Rudolf Steiner, Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and Kingdoms of Nature Lecture 2 https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA136/English/SBC1981/19120404p01.html;mark=430,44,61#WN\_mark

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Lecture 11 Book of Revelations and the Work of the Priest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Rudolf Steiner, The Elemental World and the Future of Mankind. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html

have caused not only a rising up of the eighth sphere to the earth creating a greater anti spiritual 'gravital' pull for the Moon, but also, will eventually cause a seduction of all the elemental beings of nature by Ahriman.

This may then lead to the seduction of the Angel who controls the Earth's rotation and who guides time. For the shadowy thoughts pollute the Astral Sheath of the earth, which is one with the Astral body of this angel responsible for our earth's rotation and it could mean a seduction of this being by Sorath himself. This is what Rudolf Steiner said could not be spoken of in his time and which will cause terrible chaos in the Laws of nature.

'It will be the greatest and most significant experience through which human beings will have to go in the future when they have to recognise that something inexplicable is going on in the laws of nature, that phenomena are occurring that do not fit with the laws of nature. This will happen to a high degree, and it will not be merely a matter of miscalculating the position of a planet, so that it does not arrive at the position one has calculated.' <sup>25</sup>

'So just now we can only hint at the fact that in future the temptation and seduction even of beings from the hierarchy of Angeloi and especially the Archangeloi might be possible.' 26

Should this occur at the same time as the Moon unites with the earth and the  $8^{th}$  Sphere has no counterweight, the Earth may well spin out of the solar system. This is called *Axial Coincidence* by the brotherhoods, who know about his mystery.

The Axial Coincidence is meant to occur during the Venus stage when the  $8^{th}$  Sphere is meant to become detached, it is not meant to happen ahead of time, in the  $8^{th}$  Millenium of our Earth Epoch, for the  $8^{th}$  sphere would then take the Earth with it, so that the Earth would miss its task and would never go on to Jupiter, Venus and Vulcan.

The vanquards of this dangerous time in the 8<sup>th</sup> Millenium are the Vulcan Beings.

They want us to understand this mystery and to heed the warnings.

So let us see how the mystery of 1998 is one that is quite obvious... Let us see if there were any comets at that time whose influence may have helped Sorath and the Beasts on Earth?

In 1986 we had Haley's Comet, but only eleven years after, in 1997, there was a viewing of a 'new' comet in the night sky. Hale Bop. This comet is thought to have been the most widely observed of the 20th century, and one of the brightest seen for many decades. It was visible to the naked eye for a record of 18 months. As the comet approached the Sun it continued to brighten, showing a growing pair of tails (one might imagine that the law of opposites in occult mysteries indicates that these are really horns) the blue gas tail pointing straight away from the Sun and the yellowish dust tail curving away along its orbit.

What has come to existence since these two comets is directly related to Rudolf Steiner's warnings regarding the future seizure of human shadowy intelligence and it is manifested in a number of phenomena which work together inextricably:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Book of Revelations and the Work of the Priest Lecture 11.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid Lecture 15

#### At around this time:

- The Internet began to influence all facets of life.
- The rise in use of 'spiders' and 'bot's to browse the 'web' acquiring data for statistical information.
- The use of Artificial Intelligence in logistics data mining, medical diagnosis, stock market predictions.
- Satellites populating the skies.
- The commercialisation of the WWW no man may buy or sell...
- Google was incorporated.
- Apple brought out its first Imac.
- A Japanese firm released the first smartphones.
- Since then Facebook was launched, Youtube, Twitter, instagram so on...
- Since 2001 War and destruction.
- Environmental disasters.

When we look at the technology today, we can say with some confidence that this is the realm of Sorath, in particular the internet and computers. For on the internet, we have all of human intellectuality trapped in a subnatural world. Satan/Sorath has achieved his aim with great speed and has become as Rudolf Steiner has said, the most Comprehensive owner of intellectuality. Intelligence is bought and sold to the highest bidder to achieve certain outcomes. It uses that marriage of the science of statistics with the science of psychology that Rudolf Steiner warned against. Because by applying this marriage to every aspect of human life, human intelligence is seized from the soul and what weaves between human beings is no longer light, life and warmth but darkness, death and coldness.

In Rudolf Steiner's day he said that in the realm of statistics Satan had broken loose...one only needs to watch the proceedings of the Congressional Hearings on Facebook etc, to see how far this has come.

But none of this would be possible without Google and its 'spiders' or 'bots' which crawl the web and which collect information about the users of the internet whose intelligence is carefully stored in the cloud as statistical information for those who want it. Soon with facial recognition no one human being will be able to 'hide' from these beings.

Moreover, Facebook, twitter etc, brings human beings together in 'groups' in which 'new' Ahrimanic group souls can exist, where the intellect is even more efficiently detached

from human souls, since it works in what should live between human beings, what is usually shared between friends, our likes dislikes, loves, hopes fears etc.

'So groupings will form, despite the fact that in the age of individuality - in what is actually the Christian age - everything that is individual is what would be salutary for humanity. Groups will form, but these groups must be removed from danger in which they will find themselves. A time will come when the satanic power will have made great efforts to win over humanity's power of intelligence and when this satanic power will have grown so great that I will approach all the groups that have formed: so the situation will really arise in which Satan's power will work into all the four corners of the world. These groups- smaller ones Gog and larger ones Magog will be expose to temptation and seduction by the satanic power.'27

One might say the internet and the world wide web is an image of the seven headed beast and the image of the beast is the computer into which Sorath breathes, so that it can speak with his voice.

There is a Jewish legend in which a Golem, a being, is created from dirt (mineral substance) in an image of a man. It was believed that golems could be 'activated' by an ecstatic experience induced by the ritualistic use of various letters of the Hebrew Alphabet forming a 'shem' which means any of the names of God. This was then inserted in the mouth of the image created of clay or placed on the forehead.

Might this Golem not be the computer device?

Might one of these names not be W.W.W.

In some traditions a golem is inscribed with Hebrew words *emet* or 'truth' written on its forehead. The golem could then be deactivated by removing the Aleph changing the inscription from "truth" to "death" - meaning the law of destruction is the reversal of the law of creation. In other words…every lie is like a 'killing' in the Astral World.

In the realm of the internet-web, which we access through our devices, we are in the realm of the shadow of truth, which is a lie, a lie in the spiritual world is death. The shadow of the Cosmic intellilgence or the Divine Sophia is the Whore of Babylon.

We have heard about the fall of the beasts and of Satan, but there is another fall, the Fall of Babylon, the corruption of human souls through magic is imaged forth by the Book of Revelations as a woman riding the beast with the seven heads and ten crowns. She represents the corrupted human soul - the human soul whose intelligence has been seized by the Beast and become corrupted and who must go where the Beast takes her.

The internet is just the beginning of what Rudolf Steiner called, Ahriman's school of magic, a materialised clairvoyance where what we see is really tailored to our needs by search engines, through the statistical information which has been gathered from our intelligence.

'When Ahriman incarnates in the West at the appointed time, he would establish a great occult school for the practice of magic arts of the greatest grandeur, and what otherwise can be acquired only by strenuous effort would be poured over mankind. Let it never be imagined that Ahriman will appear as a kind of hoaxer, playing mischievous tricks on human beings. No, indeed! Lovers of ease who refuse to have anything to do with spiritual science, would fall prey to his magic, for by means of these stupendous magic arts he would be able to make great numbers of human beings into seers — but in such a way that the clairvoyance of each individual

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 27}$  Rudolf Steiner, The Book of Revelations and the Work of the Priest Lecture 18

would be strictly differentiated. What one person would see, a second and a third would not see. Confusion would prevail and in spite of being made receptive to clairvoyant wisdom, men would inevitably fall into strife on account of the sheer diversity of their visions. Ultimately, however, they would all be satisfied with their own particular vision, for each of them would be able to see into the spiritual world. In this way all culture on the earth would fall prey to Ahriman.<sup>28</sup>

It is true that we simply take for granted what is obvious. Imagine how in another time what we take for granted might be considered a terrible magic: imagine if you showed a person in the middle ages a smart phone? You would end up being burnt at the stake!

For it is a form of magic to be able to see what is happening on the other side of the world just by pressing a button. This is a parody of what Rudolf Steiner tells us will be an ability on the future Vulcan

"On Vulcan the spirit is completely detached; he has then taken the etheric body also with him. This condition endows man with an exact knowledge of the entire world." <sup>29</sup>

Right now we can conjure up music or images from any part of the world, just by moving our hands. Information on anything in the world can be found in a second, any book in the world can be 'kindled' to life. But we can't however, know if what we are seeing is true or even real because everything on the Internet has been detached from life, from the individual, from what weaves between human beings, and in this sense it is a lie - and when it is detached from the spirit of the human being who has created it one cannot judge what lives in it.

In the future humanity will find itself not merely unable to know the difference between what is true and what is not, but what is the true reality! For not only one but many realms of 'virtual' reality or a realms that paradoxically are devoid of 'virtue' and of reality, will exist.

Human intelligence being imprisoned on the Internet is only the beginning. The dead intelligence, which is the shadow of the cosmic intelligence, is like the shell discarded by the snail, but at this stage it can still be used for good, but how it is used is up to us.

To write this lecture I have used a computer connected by Wi-Fi to the Internet. I have searched using a web browser.

Technology can be used to benefit humanity, by making life easier, by connecting us with like minded people and also to disseminate information...it is what we do with it the information that counts. Rudolf Steiner tells us that the saga of Prometheus is the saga of our times.

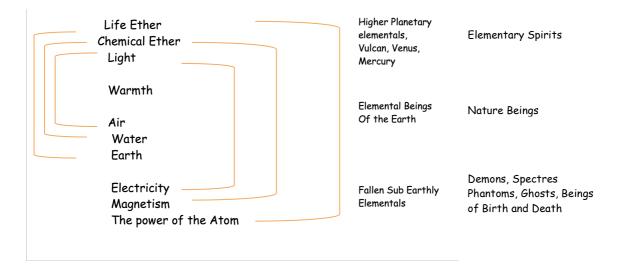
Prometheus was the Titan who angered the Gods by bringing the fire down to humanity. Fire can kill, but fire is also necessary for life, it is this paradox that cannot be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Lucifer and Ahriman, Lecture 4 https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA191/English/SBC1976/19191115p02.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Rudolf Steiner, FOUNDATIONS OF ESOTERICISM (Rudolf Steiner Press, 1982), lecture 25, GA 93a.

understood by the adversarial powers, who, no matter how powerful they are, are not able to grasp paradoxes. <sup>30</sup>

It was fire - a force of transformation, which enabled human beings to create tools. With these tools we have transformed the mineral Earth and we have started to transform the living plant world in such a way that has served us, but for every upward step, we have taken a downward one, for instance we have also misused the dead forces of the plant in coal and oil and gas to create electricity which correspond to fallen light ether. We have discovered magnetism which corresponds to fallen Chemical ether, we have discovered and misused those powers that belong to the lowest levels of the sub-earthly ethers and which in the upper reaches belongs to life and in the lower ones belong to destruction and death.



For just as all the good in the world is connected to the forces of transformation, so is all evil in the world connected to its misuse. The Transubstantiation is the highest expression of these forces of love which can transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, but the misuse of these forces for selfish aims is at the foundation of all black magic and was responsible for the destruction of Lemuria by Fire and Atlantis by water and the end of the Great 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Epoch this misuse is destined to end it through air. Because what is being used or misused? Elemental beings and spirits! What will happen if we ignore the Vulcan beings, the Michael spirits of the sphere between the Moon and Mercy who are descending from the realms of the higher ethers to help us? They will also fall into the temptation of the adversaries. And where the lower nature spirits are connected to all that wants to multiply, the beings of the higher ethers are connected to all that seeks to form a unity.

'What we have considered so far amounts to one aspect of what in the future threatens mankind. There is another aspect — just as the lower elements of earth, water and air are inhabited by elemental beings, so are the higher elements of light ether, chemical ether and life ether. However, these beings of the higher elements differ considerably from those of the lower ones. The beings of light, and particularly those of life, do not aim at becoming multitudes. The ones who strive the most to become multitudes are the beings of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> This was brilliantly illustrated by the computer Hal in Space Odyssey 2000. Hal was overcome when given a paradox to solve...the paradox therefore is a symbol of our weapon against Artificial Intelligence.

earth element. The beings of the etheric element strive rather towards unity...If these beings are disregarded by man — i.e., if he does not turn to spiritual knowledge and the insight that what exists up in the sky is not merely the physical sun, but that with the sun's warmth and light etheric beings stream down to earth; if man's comprehension stops at the external material aspect, then the possibility exists that these beings will unite with ahrimanic powers. In order for the earth to become what it was originally intended to become, man must wake up to the dangers that threaten from both sides — on the one hand, the danger that those beings who dwell in the lower elements will join forces with ahrimanic powers, and on the other, that the ahrimanic powers will unite with those of the higher elements in their striving for unity.<sup>31</sup>

'But now we live at a time when the intellect has begun to decline within the civilized world; it is failing into decadence. If mankind does not become receptive to what streams towards him from the spiritual world, then the result of this dullness on man's part will be — and there are signs already of it happening — that these elemental beings will gather together to form a kind of union and place themselves under the leadership of the supreme intellectual power: Ahriman.'

Elemental beings no matter whether they are lower or higher do not have an ego, that is why the Vulcan beings must develop through us. They need us to help them to become moral, but if we ignore them they fall into Ahrimanic temptation. The task of the nature spirits is/was to bring into our souls the Spirit that lives locked inside all the things of the world up to the Moon Sphere, since 1879 many of them have fallen into the seduction of the adversarial powers. The elemental spirits of 'iron necessity' the bring us the influences of the spirit of the fallen spirits of Lucifer, Ahriman and Asuras from the sphere between the Moon and the Anti-Moon (the Eighth Sphere), have caused the Anti Moon to rise up into the sphere of the earth since 1879.

One need only think of all that is connected to Atomic power.

It is this which has necessitated that the Elemental Spirits of the higher ethers or the Planetary elemental spirits enter Earth evolution to bring to us the Spirit from the realm above the Earth and beyond the Moon Sphere. But even the planetary elementary spirits are being systematically ignored, and like the elemental beings of nature will fall into the 'hands' of humans who either out of ignorance or through a cold calculation, place them in the service of the adversarial powers who work for Sorath.

In the future a war will ensue between white and black magicians those who wield either the good or the evil elemental spirits: the Christened Michael spirits or the Sorathic spirits of darkness, until finally the evil race will be conquered by the Christ race and the Sorath race will separate from the Venus Earth as denizens of that anti-moon, the 8<sup>th</sup> Sphere. If all goes according to plan on distant Vulcan, human beings will then be devoid of immorality and will be in the position to become progressive Planetary beings with all of Creation as their responsibility, just as the being of Rotation of Times is now.

"Everything contained within these two streams — and the third stream, also — is actually resting unconsciously in the depths of our being. And now, on Earth, the sphere we can call the sphere of morality is beginning. It will be completed on Vulcan." <sup>32</sup>

The Importance of Day and Night - Life and Death

But we must consider something else. It is of utmost importance what the human being

 $<sup>^{31}</sup>$  Rudolf Steiner, The Elemental Beings and the Future of Mankind 28th May 1922,  $\underline{\text{https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19220528p01.html}}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Rudolf Steiner, The Riddle of Humanity, lecture 5, GA 170.

wills and thinks in the day, for it has a direct effect on what he detaches from himself and what he connects with at night.

For at night what is evil in the human being and becomes detached from human thinking feeling and will, are those very beings, Phantoms Ghost and Demons which whirr about the world causing havoc. Paradoxically in the day, the human being walks about the earth and his centre of gravity in the metabolic system is connected directly with the forces of destruction which belong to the centre of the Earth and which connects with the 8<sup>th</sup> sphere and the elemental beings of destruction - what he does in the day has a relevance for what happens at night, what is detached and what is united:

When man takes into himself the substances of the outer world, it is his will that actually digests and works upon these substances. And if nothing else were in operation, then what is taken into the organism from outside would simply be destroyed. The human will has the power to dissolve and destroy all extraneous substances and forces; and the relation between man and the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms of nature today is such that his will is connected with the forces of dissolution and destruction inherent in our planet.

Were it not for the human intelligence having a connection to the spiritual worlds at night, the moral upbuilding forces that the Earth needs would not enter it by way of human souls, to revivify the elemental beings of nature and we can see that this is happening today when we look around us.

'The upbuilding forces lie in mankind as a whole, actually in the pole of intelligence in man's being but not in his waking intelligence. Waking intelligence is really like a lifeless entity thrusting itself into earth-evolution. The intelligence that works, unconsciously to man, during his sleep — that is what builds up the earth-planet. By this I am only trying to explain that it is a fallacy to look outside the human being for the destructive and the constructive forces of our earth; you must look for them within the human being. Once you grasp this, what I am now going to say will not be unintelligible.'

The nature elemental beings are falling. The Vulcan beings, the elemental spirits have come to the rescue do not belong to the Earth are worried, they need to evolve through us, but only if we develop a new kind of thinking. But if we digest them unconsciously it will create more dense centres of gravity in our souls through which the adversarial beings can bring about the Destruction of the Earth.

'This is the secret of that march into materialism which began about the year 1840, or rather was then in active preparation. Those who do not receive the spiritual through their souls, receive it to-day none the less: in eating and drinking they eat and drink the spirit. They are "eaters" of the soul-and-spirit. 63

We must understand that all the destruction we see in the world, all madness, nervousness, shedding of blood, all the horror of war all, all terrorism, all the degradation of love between human beings, all the immoral devastation of nature, all murder, paedophilia, all lies and social unrest, all disease and all the destructive forces of nature against human beings, comes from this one singular explanation: Human beings are unconscious of what weaves between them and what weaves between them and nature.

The Vulcan beings bring to us the spirit that can reconnect us with Christ - the 'body' the 'ground' of Spiritual Science - which can help us to bring the destructive forces in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Rudolf Steiner, Lucifer and Ahriman, Lecure 3 https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA191/English/SBC1976/19191104p02.html

human beings under human conscious control so that the effect at night is that a balance is brought about by the upbuilding moral forces as opposed to the imbalance that the Asuras/Satan - the backward Dynamis would like to create.

Whether the Earth goes on to its further evolution as Jupiter Venus and Vulcan, depends or whether we evolve or whether we allow the Earth, through our actions and thoughts, to become fused with the 8<sup>th</sup> sphere so that the Earth is derailed from its intended course or whether enough people take up the work of becoming conscious of the spirit. It is up to us. The future and the future of all the beings that rely upon the Earth for their advancement depends on whether human beings are capable of using their will in such a way that it can connect to the spirit though the faculty of thought so as to wrest from Lucifer Ahriman Asuras and Sorath what they wish to seize - Earth Evolution itself. The question is can we put our will to work in order to use the tools Ahriman brings for the benefit of humanity or will we simply pull the covers over our heads and fall into a fearful doze?

It would be as impossible to escape technology today, as it would be to return to Lemurian times. We have evolved, the world has evolved, nature has not stood still, what is beneath our feet, what is above our heads, what is in our blood, our breath has changed. We have to live in this world whether we like it or not because we need it to progress. Lucifer would have us leave the Earth as premature angels. Ahriman would have us unite with the earth in such a way that we never become spiritual. But we are in this world only insofar that we progress in order to enter as fully fledged spiritual beings in higher worlds, so we must not only spiritualise our souls but also our physical bodies!

The mystery of the human physical body is guarded by the great hidden Vulcan Initiate Scythianos as we mentioned earlier – in the mysteries of Hibernia Bran the Blessed is his representative. His Mysteries have to do with the spiritualisation of the physical body into a Temple for Christ. For just as Christ spiritualised the body of Jesus so must we spiritualise our physical bodies for Christ. But Christ did not merely return Jesus' body to its former glory, He spiritualised it into something higher than what was formerly intended!

Alpha became Omega.

The Transformation of the Astral body = Manas/Spirit Self
The Transformation of the Etheric body = Buddhi/Life Spirit
The Transformation of the Physical body = Atma/Spirit Man

The mystery underlying this 'transformation' of the spiritual body into Atma (breath) is this: we are not what we eat. We are what we think. That is the mystery underlying the transubstantiation of the Bread to the Body of Christ - the living spirit.

We need only remember that a thought can make us blush or make us pale, it can make our blood pulse faster or slower, it can quicken our breathing. Our thoughts not only in one life but in future lives have a physical effect, they enter right down into our bones - to eventually create a new physical body.

Our thoughts, what we create whether these are buildings, art, laws, social conditions,

or our own bodies, will bring to birth elemental beings which become detached from us and whirl around the world. If our thoughts are filled with the spirit that lives as a 'body' of Spiritual Science, they will be good elemental beings who will become the human beings of the future, if they are abstract shadowy thoughts, they will be elemental beings that fall prey to Sorath and his minions and will populate the earth as spidery beings that have their existence between the realm of plants and minerals. We see this already on the drawing board: the unification of computers with organic life - minerals with plants to bring about something in between.

'The human will is threatened with being deprived of spiritual impulses and with becoming involved in the spidery web that will creep over the earth. There are men in existence who imagine that they will gain their ends by promoting their own spiritual development and leaving the rest of their fellow-beings in a state of ignorance. But the vast majority live in complete unawareness of the terrible destiny that awaits them if they lend themselves to what an ancient form of spiritual knowledge called the "sixteen paths to corruption." For just as there are many ways in which the shadowy intellect may be directed to the impulses and knowledge coming from the spiritual world, so naturally there are many ways in which varieties of the shadowy intellect will be able to unite with the spider-beings who will spin their web over the earth in times to come. Intellect will then be objectivised in the very limbs and tentacles of these spidery creatures, who in all their wonderful inter-weavings and caduceus-like convolutions will present an amazing network of intricate forms. 34

So when Rudolf Steiner tells us that the future depends on whether enough human beings can develop a strong spirituality, he really is speaking about a Christ love. For only Christ love is capable of countering the anti spiritual forces, the anti-social forces working in the world.

It is for this reason that the Vulcan spirits have come to help us to change our thinking, to bring to us what lives in the higher ethers through a new breathing in, a breathing in of light and we must take physical perception as a starting point.

We can begin by developing an awareness of what we take into ourselves with every perception. And the one who helps us here is Lucifer. For everything we see is permeated with his 'light' and this light enters into us, we breathe it in through our eyes and it creates an impression in the etheric body like a seal on wax.

Let us recapitulate what we stated before about the rose. We see a rose and when we do we experience two things, which occur almost simultaneously but not quite only we rarely notice it: We see the red rose, for instance, and at the same time, inside us, the green rose is lighting up in our etheric bodies. This spiritual is the spiritual elemental nature of the rose which Michael casts down into our blood – just as he cast down the spirits of darkness from the spiritual world in 1879 to the Earth, and just as every Autumn he enacts the same mystery to clear the etheric world.

## Why?

He does this for the sake of our free perception and thinking both in the spiritual world and in our own souls.

Intellectual thinking is only a mirroring - a shadowy reflection which was necessary for freedom and wisdom. Etheric Perception sees the green rose, which is the genesis of all

<sup>34</sup> Lecture Rudolf Steiner, Picture of Earth Evolution in the Future. https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19210513p01.html

thinking and is necessary if we are to make our way from wisdom to love.

By using this moment we become aware of what lights up in our souls (wisdom) this wisdom is transformed to (love) or consciousness. When we use this consciousness as a guide, we can gain an understanding for the truth of the etheric body, where it is located. We also gain an understanding of ourselves, and how we colour what we see because we have undigested elemental beings living in us! When we meet a person then, we can look inwardly to observe how inside us their light has been imprinted and this conscious love is a new social art. For what is this light that weaving between human beings becomes imprinted in the soul? It is the spirit brought to us by the Elemental Spirits of Vulcan.

Pneumatosophy means to breathe in the soul and spirit of the 'other'. This spirit of Wisdom in the soul is the Holy Spirit light that kindled in us, lights up, in the sphere where Christ dwells - our etheric bodies. Now we find the Christ Spirit!

This is the New Whitsuntide Festival that occurs every time we come together with another human being. That is why we are told that Christ is among us when we unite two or more people. Christ is known inwardly only through the 'other' and it is through us that the Holy Spirit and the Father Spirit are united once again with Him.

In this sense we are our Brother's Keepers!

When this etheric vision is turned outwardly, it enables us to see Christ in the Etheric. This Christ we see in the etheric, is really the Christ that lives in us, for our etheric body is always one with the etheric world.

This is how Wisdom is transformed to Love when Christ Love becomes imbued with Cosmic Wisdom. This is the Mystery of the Holy Grail.

Parzifal was the first human being to develop the Consciousness Soul ahead of humanity for a Revelation of Christ through the other - 'What ails thee brother?'

Anfortas was the human being ailing through demonic elementals, Parzifal brings him the healing cure, the Grail or the soul consciousness of Christ.

In our time all of us are tasked with preparing the Temple to which the forces of evil no longer have access, where communion occurs in the cup of the soul through consciousness or Revelation - Holy Grail.

That is the relationship between the Consciousness Soul and the Physical body - the Grail sits on the book of Revelations and both are safe inside the Temple or tabernacle.

But our consciousness of Christ can only come by way of our meeting with the Beast as we stated at the beginning. That is why the Beast had to raise his head before Christ could be seen in the Etheric. The Second Mystery of Golgotha had to occur, where the Angel of Christ had to lose his Christ Consciousness through a pollution of the etheric world, because only through such a sacrifice, which occurred because the beast was rising into the souls of human beings, could enable Christ's etheric manifestation.

One remembers that Prometheus was released from his terrible fate on the caucus, where his liver (his etheric body) was gnawed at by a vulture (Astral body), by Hercules the initiate, and only then because Chiron, the half man half animal sacrificed himself. The whole of the Fifth Post Atlantean Epoch is characterised by this saga because we must sacrifice our animal nature and become initiates if we are to use the 'Fire' of the spirit without destroying the etheric body.

 $^{\prime}$ ...you will discover that the most important ones for our epoch are the relationships with the etheric and astral principles. $^{\prime}$   $^{35}$ 

The beast or the animal infected with demonic elementals must be sacrificed (Chiron) – the astral element, must be purified – this simply means that through initiation a catharsis must occur through the auspices of the Holy Spirit in the soul.

Through Michael's thrusting down of the spirits of darkness, a sphere in the human head and in the spiritual world were left free for us to find Christ again through our own striving. And it is Christ Himself who is the only Being who can counter Sorath.

But there is more to this mystery. At that time when the Moon unites with the Earth many human beings will be caught in the materialised web on earth, they will lose their 'I'. Only those who have worked to free their souls from their physical body will be able to retain their 'I'. Some of those, the Manicheans will descend to earth to sacrifice their consciousness of Christ, their Christ 'I's for those who are perishing to save them. This is at the heart of the mysterious mention of Christian Rosencreutz suffering the greatest sacrifice that a human being can suffer, for those who have failed to elaborate their 'I'. He and his hosts will descend to earth and sacrifice even their 'I', their Christ consciousness on behalf of others.

Already one can see that destiny works in such a way that those who live in places like Australia, are not facing the terrible wars and destruction that other places experience. Then there are those who will enter into these wars to risk their lives to help human beings...doctors, nurses etc.

Destiny gives us 'peace' in lieu of our work on behalf of humanity, so that in the future we have something to sacrifice. Because in the future it will not be places in the world, which will be devoid of war and horror...but only places in the spiritual world, where we will we find the up-building forces that can be brought down to earth to help those who have fallen behind through materialism and are living in a realm of destruction.

May we remember the promises that we have made.

The elemental spirits hear it... may human beings hear it.

Namaste.

 $^{35} \underline{https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA093/English/RSP1985/19041007p02.html}$ 

## Appendix

Go to my Lectures online for more on how to work with After Images and complementary colours in the Author's Workshops, and to find the Articles on the Foundation Stone Meditation as a protection against Evil:

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The Internet and the shadow of the Nine Layers of the Earth:

The First layer = hardware - mineral layer

The Second layer = software, fluid ware, imbued with illusion.

The Third layer = is that aspect in which feeling is destroyed - 'objectivity' without heart, information without conscience.

The Fourth layer = Virtual Reality - where everything is turned into its negative opposite, where Virtue in the heart which leads to seeing spiritually and hearing spiritually becomes Virtual 'seeing and hearing' without heart, a form of electromagnetic occultism. A misuse of Sun Forces.

The Fifth layer = Unlimited growth - an unlimited labyrinth or galleries or pages in which exists an 'eternal' infinite, timeless supply of information and misinformation occurring in the realm of 'space' or the realm of the finite. Information that can't be digested consciously and must be digested automatically - this is the opposite of the Akasha chronicles - its etheric counterpart is the Google 'cloud'. This is how a part of the ego becomes 'trapped' in the pages of matter - the negative Akasha, in the infinite space of the internet. In the future through things like the 'I' mac and 'I' phone and other more sophisticated means that will become more and more organic and their interconnections, every detail related to the human I, its movements, friendships, thoughts, concerns will eventually be broken away from the soul and stored and trapped in this sphere. This is the layer in which FB lives, youtube, web pages, My 'space', Twitter, Instagram.

The Sixth Layer = the layer of Sensation - here we find what stirs up the animal passions which live subconsciously in the will - the realm of everything that is 'sensual'. Sensational stories, videos, news etc, bigotted, racist, stirring up of hatred, fear, doubt, anger. The cause of riots and war etc will all be electronic.

The Seventh Layer = Complements. Here is where everything is dual - everything turns to its opposite. The realm of the binary on and off - life and death.

The Eighth Layer = Here everything is multiplied - endless copies of everything that enters here is re-produced - one might say like bacilli and viruses re-produce in a parody of cellular division - though here something is reproduced which lives between minerals and plants. A fragmentation of good and a multiplication of evil, which leads to destruction of life - Nuclear Fission.

The Ninth layer = Here lives the negative 'I' the False ego - the secret of Black Magic. The lowest forces of immorality. Where the forces of sacrifice are turned to their opposite - forces of sacrificial 'magic'. This is related to 666 - Sorath - which connects the automatic intelligence in human beings with rampant sexual forces living in the will, leading to a prostitution of the will through pornography, sexual violence, rape, hatred, and a negative relationship to the spirit 'child' born in the soul - the higher ego - whose negative manifestation is seen in paedophilia and sacrificial rituals involving children.