

The Michael Mystery:
Human Intelligence, the Abyss, and the Mystery
of
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PART 1 AND PART 2

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Rudolf Steiner often spoke about the great battle that occurred in the spiritual world between the spirits who are followers of Michael the Guardian of the Cosmic Intelligence, and certain ahrimanic powers. According to him the latest battle commenced around 1840 and was lost by the ahrimanic powers in the autumn of 1879 - it took around 39 years.

We know that at this point these ahrimanic powers, or spirits of darkness were cast down into the world and a picture of this can be found in the Revelation of St John and has been portrayed in the 6th Apocalyptic Seal of Eliphas Levi as it was inspired years later by Rudolf Steiner - the Angel holding the key to the bottomless pit in which he is said to imprison the dragon.



The truth is we, as human beings, have descended into this abyss though we don't generally realise it. We also don't realize that the gradual 'fall' of our personal ego into this abyss is creating something new - a change in the realm of the angels.

So where is this abyss? How can we be immersed in it without knowing it? How does it relate to the Cosmic Intelligence? And what is the difference between this Cosmic Intelligence, Human intelligence and Artificial Intelligence? And finally how does this relate to the realm of the angels?

Tonight we will try to answer these questions so that next week we can explore how all of the above relate to the mystery of 2013 and the two stars hidden deep in our brains, the castor and Pollux of our inner cosmos.

Our first step is to remind ourselves briefly of what Rudolf Steiner has said about the evolution of the world, the progress of the hierarchies, the creation of the human being and the coming into being of the ethers:

On Old Saturn there was warmth ether and our Physical bodies were being elaborated. It is on Saturn that the Archai experienced their human stage.

On Old Sun, warmth was rarefied to Light Ether and condensed to Air. This is where our Etheric bodies were being elaborated and the Archangels were experiencing their human stage.

On Old Moon there was a further condensation of Air to water and a rarefication of Water to Chemical or Sound Ether. It is here that our Astral body was being elaborated and the angels were undergoing their human stage.

On Earth water condensed again to become solid matter and from this solid matter was rarefied Life Ether. Here on Earth we were given the gift of the ego by the Jehova Elohim and we are now presently undergoing our human stage, elaborating our ego consciousness.

<i>Physical</i>	<i>Etheric</i>	<i>Astral</i>	<i>Ego</i>
<u>Saturn</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Moon</u>	<u>Earth</u>
Archai	Archangels	Angels	Human beings
			Life Ether
		Sound Ether	Sound Ether
	Light Ether	Light Ether	Light Ether
Warmth Ether	Warmth Ether	Warmth Ether	Warmth
Ether			
	Air	Air	Air
		Water	Water
			Solid Matter

THE COSMIC INTELLIGENCE:

What is the Cosmic Intelligence and its relationship in particular with the realm of the angels?

Before the 'fall' which occurred during the Lemurian epoch of Earth evolution, the human being was an etheric being and he lived within the ethers. When the fall occurred, part of the etheric body condensed into a physical body and Rudolf Steiner tells us that this is the reason that consciousness of the last two ethers was veiled from human consciousness - that is, the etheric body itself became a kind of abyss where human consciousness was not meant to enter. A picture of this is the young man of Sais, who lifts the veil of the Goddess Isis and falls down dead. Human

beings were only to experience light ether, warmth ether and these only vaguely. They were to experience air, warmth, water and solid matter/earth more consciously.

On Old Sun, the second evolutionary stage of world evolution, the Archangels were undergoing their human phase. It was their task to absorb the wisdom of the Kyriotetes and to ray it back into the centre of the Sun Sphere as light. That is why light and wisdom are so intimately connected and it is for this reason that the Archangels are related to the light of knowledge and Wisdom.

The foremost of these Archangels is known to us as Michael. It was his task to go on to become the guardian or administrator, one might say, of the Cosmic Intelligence. He is known in Anthroposophy as the son of the Divine Sophia who is the foremost being of the hierarchy of the Spirits of Wisdom, the Kyriotetes, and whose task it is to gather up, regulate and harmonise the Cosmic Intelligence.

What is the Cosmic Intelligence?

There are many ways of describing the Cosmic Intelligence, one is that it is a gathering up of all the 'conversations' had by the hierarchies amongst themselves; their interrelationships regarding their knowledge and understanding pertaining to the being of Christ, the Second logos who descended to earth and died at Golgotha. One could also call it the essence of the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is the mediating substance.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that at around the time of the Mystery of Golgotha, the Archangel Michael began sacrificing his 'rulership' of the Cosmic Intelligence to human beings. And it is the third hierarchy, which is the closest to humanity insofar as it shares various soul and bodily sheaths with human beings, that has the task of helping us to take up the Cosmic Intelligence in the way intended by the Archangel Michael.

Let's look at the entire Third hierarchy:

- Archai were human beings on Old Saturn when the Warmth Ether and our physical bodies were being elaborated. The Ego is their lowest member and their highest member is Spirit Man, the completely spiritualised physical body. Their physical manifestation is fire. It makes sense that they should work in the realm of the physical body of human beings - particularly in the will. In context with the present lecture, their task is to create the right conditions for ego-hood to be experienced through thought by way of the physical brain and the mineralising process. Part of the human form always passes into the realm of the Archai.¹
- Archangels were the human beings on Old Sun. The Astral body is their lowest member while their highest member is Life Spirit, a fully spiritualised Etheric body. Their lowest manifestation physically is the element of Air. For this reason they work both in the etheric body and the life of feeling, and also in the Astral body, the nerves and senses, in that part connected to Speech. Part of the human etheric body is always passing into the realm of the Archangels.¹
- Angels were human on Old Moon so they have, as their lowest member, the etheric body and their highest member, Spirit Self or the fully spiritualised Astral body. For this reason they work both into the human Astral Body with their thinking, which is picture-like and also in the Etheric body in the regulation of the blood/fluids/lymph. The human Astral body is always passing through the realm of the Angels.

Before Michael began to sacrifice his Cosmic Intelligence up until the Renaissance and the dawning of the Consciousness Soul age, thought was not considered to originate from the human being. It did not originate in the personal element, rather, the universal element dipped into the human being. The human being didn't say:

'I think', 'I am thinking', but rather: 'It thinks and I perceive it and I want to speak about it.'

HUMAN INTELLIGENCE:

Human beings were destined however to be independent. They were destined to take up this universal element and to bring it down into the personal in order that through their own effort, they might come to experience the world of Spirit. The universal element had to sever its connections to the hierarchies and to enter into the human soul. After the Mystery of Golgotha the Cosmic Intelligence began its descent into the human Astral body, by way of the Astral body, it entered into the Etheric Body, so that eventually by the time of the Renaissance human beings began to say, as a matter of course, 'I think.'

What does this gradual descent really mean spiritually speaking?

It means that the Ego of the human being, the spirit of the human being, that had once hovered above in the universal Cosmic intelligence and one with the Word of Christ, began to experience itself not only in the Sentient Soul, and the Intellectual Soul but also in the Consciousness Soul. I have spoken in other lectures about how the various soul sheaths were elaborated with the help of Anthroposophia. For now we will just say that the human ego which had previously understood the God through the Sentient and the world through the Intellectual Souls, was by 1413, just beginning to experience itself by way of a clear Consciousness, that is, in the Consciousness Soul. However, it is true that many human beings today are still experiencing the stage of the Intellectual Soul and have not become conscious of their true humanity.

I in the Sentient Soul = Feeling/Senses - Astral Body

I in Intellectual Soul = Thought/Memory - Etheric Body

I in Consciousness Soul = Imagination/Conscience - Physical body

The Sentient soul in the Astral body senses the world and imprints what it senses (a feeling) onto the etheric body, in that part of it related to the faculty of memory. Only then can the intellectual aspect of the Soul 'perceive' what the etheric body mirrors back to it. That is why the Etheric body and Intellect are closely linked, through memory creation. Thought can only occur when there is memory. And the Consciousness Soul, the body of conscience, can only unfold its activity when there feeling, memory and thought.

'The astral body does not of itself see images. Just as a man does not see himself advancing unless a mirror confronts him, so the astral body would not see the images it produces if its activity were not so to say reflected back by the ether body. Thus it is the ether body, which brings to the point of vision, to perception, the images called forth by the astral body. What man perceives of the goings-on in his own astral body is what is mirrored for him by his ether body. If all our inner astral processes were not reflected by our ether bodies we should of course still have the astral body's activity within us, but we should not be aware of it, we should not perceive it.

Hence the whole picture of the world, which the human being makes, the total content of his consciousness is a reflection of his ether body. Whether a man knows anything of the world depends upon his ether body.¹

And,

'Knowledge is *kindled* in the astral body; it is brought to *consciousness* through the ether body. A thought, an image, is kindled in the astral body; we have these in us because we have astral bodies. But these thoughts and images become conscious in us because we have ether bodies; they would still be in us even if we had no ether bodies, but we should not be aware of them. The torch of knowledge is kindled in the astral body; this torch is reflected as conscious knowledge in the ether body. This torch of knowledge which is kindled in the astral body has changed in the course of the historical development of mankind; in ancient times man had *clairvoyant* or *imaginal knowledge*; today he has *intellectual* or *rational knowledge*. That is the change which has come about in the astral body.'²

Knowledge = Astral body

Consciousness of knowledge = Ego in Etheric body



This connection between etheric body and astral body is very important.

In our time the Cosmic Intelligence has entered fully into human beings, that is, into the Astral body and the Etheric body by way of the Intellectual Soul. This has inspired independent thinking, which originates in the human being through the Personal element. This means that the human being does not merely see the Cosmic Intelligence, imaginatively, as he once used to but he/she, by passing this intelligence through the Personal soul is able to create new thoughts and contribute these new thoughts to the evolution of the world and to the advancement of the gods, as a renewed Cosmic Intelligence. Along with this, comes a new completely conscious, earned experience of the work of the hierarchies and the Cosmic Intelligence in the soul and in the world.

But it is precisely in the personal element that the Cosmic Intelligence enters into danger and can fall prey to the temptation of Ahrimanic powers.

At the time when Rudolf Steiner was on earth human beings had been and were continuing to immerse themselves in the realm of Ahriman, the dragon, the realm of Maya. In our times we have fallen deeper still into this element. Why is this so?

THE ABYSS:

As previously mentioned Rudolf Steiner tells us that after 1840 a battle began among Ahrimanic angels and Michael. In 1879 Michael won this battle and these beings were cleared out of heaven and thrust into the abyss. Who were these beings and where is the abyss?

¹ Wonders of the World, Rudolf Steiner, Lecture 2

² *ibid*

³ *ibid* Etherisation of the Blood – lecture IX page 116 the Reappearance of Christ in the

Ahrimanic angels and Elemental beings.

The Ahrimanic beings are those that collectively make up the 'Dragon' of materialism. Their leader Ahriman, fell behind during the Sun stage of World Evolution.

Just as Michael (who belongs now to the rank of Archai) rules over the third hierarchy whose members are his followers, so does Ahriman, who has the potential of being an Archai without having reached that stage, rule over those beings belonging to the third hierarchy whose members are his followers: Luciferic angels, Ahrimanic angels and Archangels, and Asuric Beings.

Now Rudolf Steiner in his lectures on The Fall of the Spirits of darkness denotes the spirits who fell after the battle with Michael as Angels, these are Angels that had the potential to be Archangels but were held back through their own inability to reach that potential. Along with these also fell a certain number of elemental spirits (spirits of Birth and death and others). All have become followers of Ahriman and have been thrust into the abyss with him.

Where have they gone?

At this point we will pause to consider the Fallen ethers.

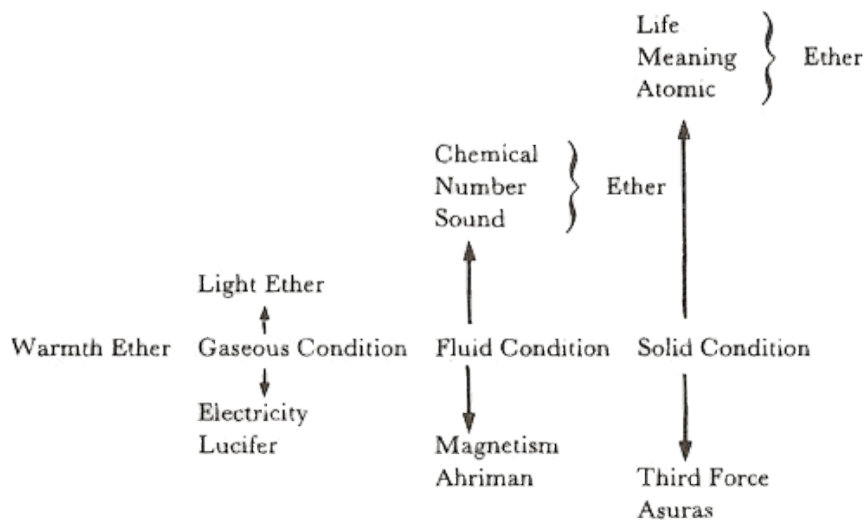
Since the time of Lemuria, along with the fall of human beings, those aspects of the higher ethers that were materialised and condensed fell, and were trapped inside the earth below the earth's surface, not only below human feet, so to speak, but also below our human consciousness. This fall of the ethers was a necessary process, a death process that will eventually result in the formation of an earthly corpse, from which will come the resurrected Jupiter evolution.³

This means that we don't just have super-earthly ethers that are lifted above our earthly consciousness and earthly ethers that we are conscious of, but we also have sub-earthly ethers that have a life below our level of consciousness.

What are these fallen ethers?

- The decayed evil Light Ether, is found in the earth as *electricity*. This is connected to Lucifer and is a remnant of Moon evolution.
- The decayed evil Chemical or Sound Ether, is found in the earth as Magnetism and is related to Ahriman and the Sun evolution.
- The decayed evil Life Ether, is found in the earth as the atomic and subatomic forces, which are related to Asuras and is a remnant of Saturn evolution.

³ The Etherisation of the Blood – lecture IX page 116 the Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric, Rudolf Steiner.



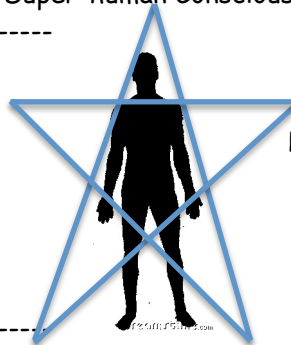
Super Earthly

Life Ether
Sound/Chemical Ether

Super-human Consciousness

Earthly

Light Ether
Warmth ether - *Fire Element*
Air - element
Water - element
Solid matter - element



Human Consciousness

Sub-earthly

Electricity - fallen evil Light Ether
Magnetism - fallen evil Chemical/Sound Ether
Atomic Force - fallen evil Life Ether

Sub-Human Consciousness

One might say that the abyss spoken of in the Revelation of St John lies in the realm of the sub-earthly ethers, but whether we know it or not, our etheric bodies interpenetrate these ethers all the time. Here we must bear in mind that the etheric body is the physical expression of the Blood.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that by the 1840's materialistic thinking had reached its apogee through the materialistic/scientific thinking inspired from above by ahrimanic spirits. Through the inspiration of

ahrimanic Spirits human beings became instinctively clever and this intellectual cleverness led them to a consciousness of the lower ethers (which are actually made up of luciferic, ahrimanic and asuric beings and their elemental offspring) and their mechanising, materialising effects, which can be seen in the rise of natural science, technology, the industrial revolution with its immoral exploitation of labour, Darwinism, the rise of 'press' journalism, the mechanistic age and the age of 'banking' - the stock market and so on.

Before the 5th Post Atlantean epoch, that is, before the age of the Consciousness Soul, which began with the Renaissance in 1413, humanity was under the direct guidance of the Archangels, but as the Cosmic Intelligence descended further into human souls and into the personal element, individuals became guided more by their personal angels. Before this both Archangels and Angels worked in the blood of human beings, the etheric body, one might say, in the area that was not conscious and so, instinctive. We see this in social/tribal/national conditions that rely on blood kinship, family ties and which lead ultimately to nationalistic tendencies. These were right and proper instincts for those times.

However as human beings evolved towards freedom, the Archangels working on behalf of Michael, desired to prepare the way for the descent of the Cosmic Intelligence into the astral body by working more consciously in human beings, in the sphere of the nerves and in particular the brain. This left the angels to work in the Blood - the Heart.

By 1840 a number of abnormal backward angels, whom we have said are angels with the 'potential' to be Archangels (although they had not reached this stage) wanted to leave the blood in order to enter into the nerves, the brain, where the normal Archangels were taking up their domain. This created an obstruction, a hindrance to the flow of spiritual wisdom that was seeking to enter into the astral body. Now a battle ensued between the retarded angels, the angels of darkness and Michael.⁴ These Ahrimanic Angels were cast out of the nervous system into the realm of the blood again - into the abyss⁵ - by 1879. They were thrust down into the etheric body by way of the blood, which is closely connected to intellectuality and human thought. Here in the realm of intellectual thinking their pain was 'soothed'.⁶

These beings connected to Ahriman have inspired more and more intellectualism and materialism than before because they thrive on it, and by way of the intellect's relationship to the realm of Ahriman they have connected the intellect with the sub-earthly ethers, the realm of electricity, magnetism and atomic forces.

It is important to pause here a moment and to consider something that will have great meaning as we progress.

We are accustomed to think that natural laws are to be divorced from morality because our thinking has become materialistic and influenced by Ahriman, but the truth is, there are moral laws behind everything in the world - moral thoughts have created the world. Spiritually speaking one could say that any being that separates itself from the moral world order and works against it, can be considered to be evil or immoral. These beings that were thrust down into sub-earthly spheres,

⁴ Individual Spirit Beings and the Undivided Foundation of the world Part II (found in the compilation - The reappearance of Christ in the Etheric page 174) Rudolf Steiner.

⁵ Fall of the Spirits of Darkness, Rudolf Steiner, Dornach October 28th 1917.

⁶ Rudolf Steiner, Lecture Lucifer and Ahriman 23rd October 1921

and now live and weave in the sub-earthly ethers, the decayed counterparts of the higher ethers are separated off from the higher moral order and so they in this sense immoral and therefore evil.

In a human context there is a connection between Morality/Conscience, memory and the relationship between the Astral body and the etheric body. One could say that Conscience is a conscious knowledge of the consequences that the Etheric body mirrors back to the Astral body, of our Karmic past and our connection to the hierarchies. A lack of Conscience signifies a break with our memory, a break with our connection to the hierarchies in the time between death and rebirth because of our actions in a previous life. In a certain sense, we can say that we human beings fell from the moral order of the cosmos in Lemuria because we began to forget our connection to the gods through the necessity of experiencing Birth and Death. If we had not retained a connection to the hierarchies during sleep, we would have become completely immoral.

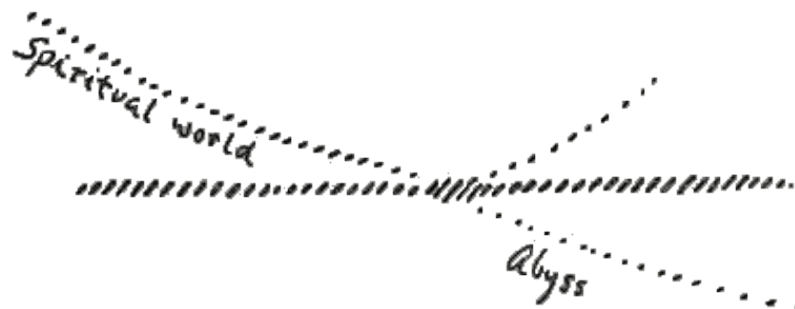
When we go to sleep we commune with the hierarchies. When we wake up we have a dim memory of the true causes and effects of our actions in the past.

In this sense, immorality is the result of one's loss of memory in relation to the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ, and this loss of memory was at its worst at the time of the Mystery of Golgotha. It was necessary for Christ to die on the Cross in order to rescue human thinking through the power of the ego and therefore human morality, so that human memory could awaken again to the Gods, to the intelligence of the Gods. However now, Michael had to surrender the Cosmic Intelligence so that the human ego could remember it again, but this time in a free and personal way and through inner work to reconnect this intelligence with Christ.

The goal is to absorb the cosmic intelligence into the soul so as to pass it through the personal element in which Christ, lives, the blood, and then to unite this personal spirit of Christ with the universal Spirit again, by returning the Cosmic Intelligence into Michael's hands once again.

But these spirits of darkness (The dragon) living in the human being and in the earth do not desire this, for they follow the Antagonist of Christ, Ahriman, and on his behalf conspire to prevent us from rising up, out of sea of the intellect and brain-bound thinking, to an experience of moral imaginations. They want to drag us down to the level of the electrical the mechanical and atomistic - the realm of Sorath the Sun Demon - and they are succeeding.

Since the time of Galvani in the mid 18th century, human beings have descended further and further into the abyss, into the realm of the sub-earthly world. Rudolf Steiner illustrates this in the following Diagram found in the Apocalypse of St John Lecture VII:



How does this affect our angels?

The angels as previously hinted at, have the task in our times of shaping images in our Astral bodies at night. Why do they create in the Astral body when their sphere is, as Rudolf Steiner tells us, the Etheric body? The angels have an etheric body as their lowest member, which interpenetrates the etheric body of human beings. They also have the purified Astral body, (the Spirit Self) as their highest member.

'Our Astral body is not entirely our own. It is an extension of the angels.'⁷

I believe one has to distinguish between the work they do at night from the work they do in the day. In the day we commune with their lowest member, the Etheric body in our physical body, at night we connect with their highest member in our soul, our Astral body.

Rudolf Steiner tells us in 'The Work of the Angels in Our Astral Body', that their task is to create a threefold picture in our Astral bodies at night:

- An imagination of the Father spirit principle locked in the physical body of every human being. This is an image of the Karmic secret of each individual we meet and our karmic connection from the past with them, is what makes us Brothers and Sisters, in the highest sense.
- An imagination of the Christ, living in our Etheric body, the Word, means that every meeting will be a communion, a sacrament. This will inspire Religious Freedom, because no matter what Religion a person is karmically destined to be connected to his life, we will be able to recognise the Christ living in that person, in the present.
- An Imagination of the Holy Spirit that unites our astral bodies with our true spiritual nature and weaves in the etheric realm as the true spiritual nature of the world. Imagination is what we need to cross the Abyss. Through this faculty we will be able to perceive the Spiritual potential of every human being we meet and our tasks together with them for the future.⁸

Our angels can only create the above pictures at night, if by day we have had moral thoughts, speak moral words and act morally. Only then can our angels connect us with the Archangels and Archai. The fact that we have fallen so deeply into the abyss means that many human beings don't wake up to spiritual thoughts, feelings and actions in the day and this means their angels will have to create pictures in the abyss itself, not in the Astral body, (which in the night is one with the Spirit Self/Holy Spirit, of the angel) but in the unconscious etheric body, which is left behind with the physical body on the bed at the night.

'In fact it actually depends on human beings themselves on their attitude, on the whole way their world of feeling is disposed to the spiritual world - whether their angels accompany them when they leave their physical and etheric bodies in sleep or not... If a person leaves his physical and etheric body in a materialistic mood, his angel would be denying his realm, his affiliation to the archangels, the Archai and the Exusiai if he were to accompany the human being.'⁹

This distances us from our normal angels and draws us closer and closer to the Ahrimanic angels and their offspring - the Ahrimanic elemental beings. Our unconsciousness also affects our angels

⁷ The Human Being and the Hierarchies, Lecture by Rudolf Steiner, Dornach 17th July 1921

⁸ Lecture by Rudolf Steiner given in Oslo, 27th November 1921.

⁹ *ibid.*

themselves, who can only progress through us. Rudolf Steiner mentioned that certain angels belonging to those who do not take up the spiritual life would experience a separation leading to a 'fall'.

'The Angel who accompanies the anthroposophist to his next incarnations learns to find his way still more deeply into the spiritual kingdoms than he could do before, while the Angel who belongs to the other man — to the one who cannot enter, — descends. It is in the destiny of the Angeloi that we first perceive how this great separation is taking place. To this, my dear friends, I would now direct your hearts. It is happening now, that the comparatively single and uniform kingdom of the Angeloi is being turned into a twofold kingdom of Angeloi, a kingdom of Angeloi with an upward tendency into the higher worlds, and with a downward tendency into lower worlds.'¹⁰

What does this fall mean?

Rudolf Steiner speaks about this mystery again, in veiled way, in his Lecture on the Work of the Angels in our Astral body. He says that a change would occur in certain angels related to the mystery of birth and conception and the sexual life in human beings.

'The danger would come from certain angels who themselves would undergo a change, which is something I cannot speak about, for it belongs to the higher secrets of initiation which may not yet be disclosed.'¹¹

I believe in our time it is now necessary to disclose some of these secrets so, here are my thoughts on the matter that you might consider a work in progress.

The first aspect relates to human sexual life.

Our reproductive life is administered by the spirits of light - the normal angels working in our blood. It was destined that in the future women would grow infertile and reproduction in the usual sense would not be possible due to the impulses of light coming to an end. The human being would then be born out of the word uttered through the agency of the human larynx. These progressive impulses are set to come from Russia, the East. However the fall of the spirits of darkness into our etheric bodies has meant that the realm of physical conception and birth will continue for a time longer than previously envisaged for humanity well into the seventh millennium and possibly even beyond. These impulses, to continue beyond the allotted time, will come from America.¹²

The fact is, that not only will the dark angels take over the task of the spirits of light, but our angels, instead of rising to other tasks may, due to the influence of these dark spirits, fall even deeper than the etheric body.

What does this mean?

The opposition to the transformation of the sexual aspect of the human being, which is to be a normal part of human nature, will have an effect on the angels of those who fall into materialism. Rudolf Steiner warns us:

¹⁰ Karmic Relationship Volume III Lecture IX, Rudolf Steiner.

¹¹ The Work of the Angels in our Astral body, Rudolf Steiner, Lecture Zurich 9th October 1918.

¹² The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness Rudolf Steiner, Lecture 14.

'We should not allow the ahrimanic powers to gain the upper hand, as it were, and we should not fall in love with them...'

If this were to happen Human beings would thereby, 'unite spiritual progress with material progress.'

This is what Rudolf Steiner called a 'Prostitution with Matter'.

St Martin was the philosopher who spoke about Cosmic Adultery. The fact that the human being had fallen from the state that he should have held in evolution, particularly in relation to his materialistic view of the world and how this has affected language - the human connection to the word and to Christ.

'Saint-Martin refers to 'original human adultery', which he says took place at a time when sexual relations did not yet exist between male and female on earth. He is therefore not referring to adultery in the usual sense. He means something quite different, something he keeps deeply veiled, and to which The Bible refers with the words: 'The sons of the gods saw how beautiful these daughters were and they took for themselves such women as they Chose.' This event brought chaos to the world of Atlantis; there is also a mysterious connection between this and the way in which human beings had made their elemental spiritual nature sensual. All one can do is hint at the event which Saint-Martin calls 'original adultery'; he, too, was merely hinting at it.'

The union of Angel and man in the etheric nature of the human being, where lives not only the forces of life and death, dying and becoming, but also all the unconscious desires associated with the sexual life, the life of the sensual, results in the angel 'falling in love with matter' through the human being, which leads to an angel's downfall which one could call, a supra-human fall¹³. The result is something thereby enters the material world that does not belong there.

What is it?

We have said that an angel has his etheric body as the lowest member and Spirit Self as the highest, the Archangel has the Astral body as the lowest member and Life Spirit as the highest, and the Archai have the ego as their lowest member and their highest - Spirit Man.

Lowest and highest members are related to one another, for instance in the human being the physical body is directly related to the ego. One can say one's ego must be present in the physical body for it to be 'set into motion'. In the future we will need the Spirit Self, the purified Astral body in order to set the etheric body into motion. The angels are like this right now. They need their 'physical counterpart' the etheric body and the Archangels need the Astral body in order to work in the world.

'That is the peculiarity of the Angel beings: they have no physical body and therefore no organs of the physical body such as eyes, ears, and so on. Hence they do not perceive the physical world. As their lowest being they have the etheric body and hence have a certain relationship with the plants. Their consciousness can descend as low as the plants and they can perceive them. On the other hand, where there is mineral they perceive a hollow space — just as during the devachanic condition,

¹³ The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest, Rudolf Steiner Lecture 11

man, as we described, will also perceive as a hollow the space filled up here on earth by a mineral. So that wherever the physical kingdom is here, the Angels perceive a hollow space. On the other hand, their consciousness projects up to where as yet man's consciousness does not reach... the Angels in the hierarchies of evolution are the spirits which guide this task of man — the transforming of the astral body into the spirit-self.¹⁴

Just as those human beings that bind their ego to their physical bodies and the sub-earthly ethers now, will in future times, not be able to exist in a spiritualised world that has no 'physicality', so too do the Angels of such people fall into the temptation of binding their Spirit Self which sets into motion their etheric bodies, to the physical body of human beings, and not to their own etheric bodies creating not only an estrangement from spiritual worlds but also a unification of their Spirit, the angel's consciousness, to the physical world - an unlawful binding of spirit to matter by way of the human being which ultimately would prevent their future development from taking place.

In the Book of Revelations, St John describes the first Fall, the human Fall where the ego binds itself to matter and the sub-earthly ethers, the Fall of Babylon:

'Thus there appears on our horizon, so to speak, the division of humanity in the far distant future; the chosen of Christ, who finally will be the white magicians, and the adversaries, the terrible wizards, the black magicians who cannot escape from matter and whom the writer of the Apocalypse describes as those who make prostitution with matter. Hence this whole practice of black magic, the union which takes place between man and the hardening in matter is presented to him in the spiritual vision of the great Babylon, the community made up of all those who carry on black magic; in the frightful marriage, or rather, unrestrained marriage, between man and the forces of prostituted matter. And thus in the far future we see two powers confronting each other; on the one hand those who swell the population of the great Babylon, and on the other hand those who rise above matter, who as human beings unite with the principle represented as the Lamb. We see how on the one hand the blackest ones segregate themselves in Babylon, led by all the forces opposing the sun, by Sorath the two-horned beast, and we see those who have developed front the elect, who unite with Christ, or the Lamb, who appears to them; the marriage of the Lamb on the one hand, and that of Babylon, the descending Babylon, on the other! We see Babylon descend into the abyss, and the elect, who have celebrated the marriage with the Lamb, rise to the exercise of the forces of white magic. And as they not only recognize the spiritual forces but also understand how to operate then magically, they are able to prepare what they possess in the earth for the next planetary incarnation, Jupiter.'¹⁵

When the human being falls, the right conditions are created for this human being's angel also to fall. This corresponds to the Second Fall in the book of Revelations, where Angels fall into the realm of the physical body and 'possess' their human beings so that together these and the backward angels and elemental spirits that belong to them, become the hosts of Ahriman and ultimately the followers of the Beast, Sorath. This is a supra-human fall.¹⁶

'In the fall of the Beast and of the False Prophet who represents the teachings of the Beast something supra-human, something spiritual falls, not something human. Something falls that is not within the human kingdom.'¹⁷

¹⁴ The Influence of Spiritual Beings Upon Man, Lecture VII – Rudolf Steiner.

¹⁵ Apocalypse of St John, Lecture XI, Rudolf Steiner.

¹⁶ The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest, Lecture 11 Rudolf Steiner.

¹⁷ *ibid*

'The significant fact in the 5th post-Atlantean epoch will be above all, that the Beings who stand immediately above the hierarchy of Man, the Angel-Beings, will be able to approach the individual human beings, not only groups of men, in a very intimate way, so that these individual men will think that they are upholding things which come out of their *own* personal impulses, whereas — we may indeed say this — they are possessed by these kind of Angel-Beings of whom I have spoken.'

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Angels are not capable of 'perceiving' the mineral world, remember the etheric body and the world of plants is their lowest realm of perception, though they use the mineral kingdom as 'sense' organs.

If the angels were to be tempted by Ahriman to unite with the world of matter, to perceive it and to fall in love with the 'daughters of men', they would connect their higher consciousness with the material world and this acts as a poison in the physical world, like a plant that has absorbed a certain astrality becomes a poisonous plant. In a certain sense this is related to the animal in us, to the astrality, because the etheric body is really where this astrality is stored, it is where human beings can be tempted to have what Rudolf Steiner calls:

'A heated organic, animal love for their language and people.'¹⁹

This animalism is what lives in Nationalism.

Our Astral body was elaborated on Old Moon. Since then human beings have progressed and have discarded the animal physical nature by obtaining the Ego whereas animals did not progress to the ego but remained behind (this has become the animal kingdom). It is also interesting to add that black magic clairvoyance is gained by way of sacrificing animals or human beings - beings that have an astral body.

The fall we are speaking about creates a tendency to take the earth back to the Old Moon evolution, where human beings become like animals again forsaking their progress towards the future Jupiter evolution and an angelic stage. Meanwhile the angels who were human beings on Old Moon, would through their fall, become more like human beings with a mineralised etheric body preventing them from developing their etheric bodies and transforming them into Life Spirit during Jupiter evolution.

We now have to add something else, this fall is also related to the elemental beings which are the offspring of the Ahrimanic Angels, in particular in this context, the Elemental spirits of Life and Death - who are responsible for creating the right condition for the birth and death of human beings.

These beings are messengers of Ahriman, the Evil Lord of death and destruction. Their original sphere of existence was not the physical world, it was purely spiritual, the etheric world, but the intellectual progress of humanity has dragged these beings into the physical world bringing with them their destructive element. More specifically we can say they are entering the world by way of the fallen ethers and technology and they will bring about the destruction of the great fifth epoch

¹⁸ The Overcoming of Evil, Dornach November 4th 1917, Rudolf Steiner.

¹⁹ The Human Being's Relation to his Angel and to the Higher Hierarchies, Rudolf Steiner, Lecture, Oslo, 27 November 1921.

of earth evolution according to Rudolf Steiner.²⁰ This is the consequence one could say, the necessity, which we have brought about because we have materialised the intellectual life.

These are very veiled secrets and I hope this will be taken in the right sentiment - as a stimulus to self-development and awareness.

This has great ramifications for the social life and the future of humanity and the world.

Socially, we are seeing the effects of our angels being forced to elaborate pictures in the etheric body. The process occurs without human participation, as human beings are not conscious in the etheric body at night because the Ego and Astral bodies are in the spiritual world. This means that the pictures the angels are creating for the social future of humanity are now rising up dreamily and being seized by those Ahrimanic angels who were thrust into the abyss of the etheric body by Michael in 1879. They have distorted the pictures and turned them to their opposite.

What are some results?

- Firstly, Rudolf Steiner warned us that instead of brotherhood, the most evil sexual instincts would enter into the blood by way of Nationalism and this came to pass in the rise of Nazi Germany and in Bolshevism. We continue to see this today, where the current economic chaos in Europe has led to an upsurge in the power of Nationalist groups. In the past this impulse led to the most evil inhuman disregard for human life and an obsession with destruction, death and killing in all its forms exemplified by the vile human sacrifices conducted by priests in the Mexican Mysteries, the destruction of the Templars by Philip le Bel, numerous gruesome serial murderers like Jack the Ripper, mass murderers and suicide bombers not to mention the human and animal sacrifices that are all the time being conducted by black magicians. This disconnection with the moral life signifies a separation from the hierarchies and a binding to the Ahrimanic mineral realm, causing an animalisation of the human beings, which leads to a form of unconsciousness to sentiments of others and a anti-brotherhood sentiment, because the karmic ties that bind human beings are, in such cases, completely severed.
- Secondly, instead of a vision of the Christ in the other, an Instinctive knowledge has entered human consciousness and will continue to do so, regarding how to create certain conditions in the etheric body that will lead to an unconsciousness of Christ. In our time the goal is a sensual form of happiness without morality, material happiness as opposed to suffering for the sake of goodness. To this end certain drugs (antidepressants, prescription drugs, alcohol, recreational drugs) have been created to dull the mind and numb the feelings and to prevent any discomfort at immoral behavior. Other drugs create the right conditions in the Etheric body that will lead to an animalization of the physical body, steroids, sports, vitamins, food additives, vaccines, GM foods etc. Moreover there will be a binding of the Ego to this animalized physical body by way of cognitive enhancers which in turn cause a hyper-materialisation of intellectual thought, a speeding up of brain-bound thinking that has no connection to morality, enabling the human being to fast-track his/her descent to a Sorathic 'godhood'. Selflessness in the Etheric body is turned to its opposite - a heightened form of Egoism. This estrangement from the moral world order leads us away from Christ and draws us closer to Sorath his antagonist.

²⁰ Fall of the Spirits of Darkness, Lecture 4, Dornach, 6 October 1917

- Thirdly, instead of a picture of the higher ethers and the living spirit that exists behind nature, an instinctive understanding of how to harness the mechanical forces of the fallen ethers has entered into human consciousness, which has led to a mechanized world where Artificial intelligence is taking over from human intelligence; where Nuclear power threatens to kill millions; where global warming is changing the seasons; where weather altering experiments are being conducted daily to counteract it and are creating more problems. Where our food is modified poisoned and tortured binding the elemental beings that live in it to ahrimanic powers. Most importantly we live in a world where the 'drowning of the human spirit' within the suffocating electromagnetic web that encircles the earth is becoming a real, though unconscious, reality. This path leads away from an experience of the spirit above and behind all natural things and drags us down into the sub-earthly ethers.

The fall of the normal angels through this intellectual dragging down into the abyss is a reflection on a higher level of what occurred in Atlantis, and which ultimately led to its downfall. In our time, 'The unification of the Sons of Gods with the daughters of men' - the marriage of the spirit with matter - is not only creating a sub-category in the realm of the Angeloi, Angel-humans, but also in the realm of human beings - human animals.

In future times even more terrible results will be seen. Not only do we have Ahrimanic elementals arising out of technology but we are also creating them.

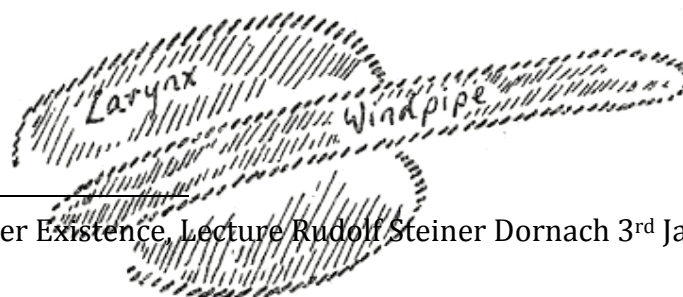
How?

Human beings are always creating elemental beings with every word they utter. These are destined to be the human beings of Jupiter evolution and this mystery is related to the transformation of the sexual life we talked about earlier, which will occur via the agency of the breath and the larynx. The immorality or the lack of connection with the spirit world, is creating elemental beings that have no basis for receiving an ego, beings that can easily fall into demonic temptation. All that we think and feel and will enters into us and we breathe it out into the world. All that we breathe out will one day be the future human being.

'Immoral behavior, too, comes to expression in the inner configuration of the breath. But immoral behavior imprints a demonic form in it. Demons are born through man's immoral conduct.'²¹

Similarly, Rudolf Steiner illustrates the further animalisation and fall of the human being in his explanation of the dragon with the seven heads and its relation to the human breath:

'I will explain by means of a single organ how it comes about that the man who does not receive the Christ-principle will actually appear with horns when the earth has become spiritualized. Take the organ of the human larynx and the windpipe. You are continually breathing air in and out through this windpipe. This is an activity, which man exercises. In a person who spiritualizes himself, this activity is in the service of the spiritual; but in one who does not incline towards the Christ-principle it takes on the character of the old forces belonging to the seven heads. Suppose we illustrate it in this way:



²¹ Future Jupiter Existence, Lecture Rudolf Steiner Dornach 3rd January 1915.

'The air continually passes in through the larynx from outside. But you know that the astral body of man surrounds him. The stream of air, which passes in, will always be in connection with the astral. Now when the earth is spiritualized it can be seen whether the breathing of a man was the servant of the Christ-principle or the servant of the lower forces already in the world before the Christ-principle. If it was the servant of the Christ-principle it loses the form adapted to the present body. Man himself has the power to transform everything, which is astral into a higher spiritualized form. If he does not take up the Christ-principle he is unable to draw out of this fleshly form that which is suited to it, and the consequence is that after the fleshly form has fallen away and disappeared, after the physical larynx has gone, this form of the astral body remains, which always comes into the larynx with the breath. This form remains in the shape of a horn. Wherever the external astral forces go in and out of man they remain adapted to the preceding animal form when man passes over into the astral form, that is, he then appears with true astral horns; these are actual astral shapes. They correspond exactly to the penetration of the astral substantiality during the earth life. These pictures do not present random symbols; they present the true form of what will one day appear. This must be clearly understood.²²

We have to remember that we share our astral bodies with the Angels and they are meant to work into this astral element every night but are forced to work in the etheric body instead, due to the astral element being completely infused with materialism. The astral horns will be the sign of the immoral human being - the animalised human being that was not able to unite with Christ because of a lost connection to his angel on earth. Such human beings will fall prey to Sorath the Two horned beast.

This has happened before on different levels, as I have previously stated, for instance, the offspring of this union of spirit with matter, the Sons of God with the Daughters of men, began with the unification of Eve with the 6 Elohim to create Cain just before the Fall in Lemurian times. Later the beings referred to in the bible as "Nephilim" (נְפִילִים) which may derive from the Hebrew root *npl* (נָפַל), "to fall" which also includes "to cause to fall" and "to kill, to ruin", may refer to the giants and deformed human beings that Rudolf Steiner said were created by evil magicians in ancient Atlantis before its fall through the agency of the spirits of Birth and death. As previously stated a similar union will lead to the downfall of the 5th Great epoch of Earth evolution, our Post Atlantean epoch, which Rudolf Steiner says, will be destroyed by way of evil.

'During the post-Atlantean age, in the 4th epoch of culture of the post-Atlantean age, this problem of birth and death was more connected with the human soul. But during our own epoch, the 5th post-Atlantean epoch, people will have to struggle with evil in the same elemental way in which they struggled with birth and death during the Atlantean age; particularly through the control of the different forces of Nature, the impulses that lead to evil will send their influences into the world in an immense, gigantic form. And the opposite forces, the forces of good, will have to grow out of the opposition to evil, and man will have to draw the strength for this opposition out of spiritual sources. This will take place above all during the 5th epoch, when the exploitation of electric forces, which will assume quite different dimensions from those which they have assumed

²² The Book of Revelations and the Work of the Priest – Rudolf Steiner.

so far, will enable man to spread evil over the earth, and evil will invade the earth by coming in an immediate way out of the forces of electricity.²³

Let's look at what Rudolf Steiner says about developments in his time:

'Only consider how all social connections have gradually been spun into an extremely fine intellectual web. What tremendous spiritual force has been expended so that one may now draw a cheque in America and cash it in Japan. An enormous amount of spiritual force has been absorbed in this activity. These forces had once to descend below the line of the physical plane, so to speak, which separates the spiritual kingdom from the abyss. For in a certain way man has actually already descended into the abyss, and one who studies the age from the standpoint of Spiritual Science can see by the most mundane phenomena how this goes on from decade to decade, how a certain point is always reached where the personality can still keep a hold on it-self. If at this point it allows itself to sink down, the personality is lost, it is not rescued and lifted into the spiritual worlds.'²⁴

We know now what has caused this descent, the fallen angels and their connection with Ahriman, but what are the effects we see everyday?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: DEAD/TORTURED INTELLIGENCE

In our time we are immersed deeper in this intellectual Web than ever before. But how is it that we are not conscious of it? The Ahrimanic angels, the fallen spirits of darkness have kept us unconscious or asleep in this realm by inspiring not only a materialistic thinking, but also a materialistic 'view' of the world. This materialistic view has caused spiritual unconsciousness, which has allowed the Cosmic Intelligence of Michael to be seized by these spirits of darkness, which have tortured and murdered and refashioned it into what we know as artificial Intelligence.

In modern times and particularly in the last fifty years there seems to have been an explosion in technology and it has affected every aspect of our lives and resulted in changes to the way we live. Many of the most important and far reaching changes have come because we have been capable of working in the mineral realm in a creative way and a product of this creative working with minerals which has given rise to the greatest changes in our lives has been the invention of the 'Machine'.

Rudolf Steiner foresaw the advent of intelligent machines; that they were destined to play a great part in the evolution of the world:

'One will succeed in bringing it about that men will be freed from the mechanisms of life, in a certain sense, but in such a way that I cannot give to any group of men domination and power over the others. The cosmic forces drawn from this side of the heavens Pisces and Virgo will engender remarkable machines but only such machines as will relieve man of labour, because they will bear in themselves a certain force of intelligence. And a Spiritual Science which itself reaches out to the cosmos will have to take care that all the great temptations, which will proceed from these machines-animals that men themselves create do not exercise any harmful influence on man.'

These machines he spoke of, were only those that used the forces from Virgo to Pisces. The forces

²³ Overcoming Evil, Lecture Dornach November 4th 1917, Rudolf Steiner.

²⁴ Apocalypse of St John, Lecture VII Rudolf Steiner

that moved from Gemini to Sagittarius, that is from North to South Pole, the binary forces are directly related to the fallen ethers. These were the very forces used in the creation of another kind of 'intelligent' machine, which he warned about and which we know as the binary Computer. The computer is called a 'universal machine' because it can perform not only a few specific operations, but also an infinite number of operations. It is Artificially 'Intelligent'.

In our time the computer has become such a part of everyday life that we wonder how we ever did without it: how did we bank, shop, communicate, produce, keep accounts, write, work, and catalogue before computers? How did we farm, produce, transport, sell, administrate, coordinate and market our goods? How did we keep a record of our work, our budgets our assignments and manuscripts? Where did we store our photos, our numerous pin numbers, our phone numbers and addresses? How did we remember our appointments and day-to-day doings before computers?

Remember it is in the realm of the etheric body where live not only our intellect but also our memory and our Ego. We are slowly trading our thinking (Cosmic Intelligence) for Artificial intelligence, our memory in which lives our morality, for an immoral Ram memory (think of the connection here with Christ as the lamb of God), and our Ego for I-phones, I-books, I-pads. Our Astral body doesn't miss out either, our 'kindles' kindle our imaginations and everywhere we look we are surrounded by a cornucopia of sensual images.

In our times, computers talk to us and record our voices, they have even have taken over for us in the realm of our sense of direction - north southeast and west with the invention of the GPS.

More forebodingly our computers talk to other computers through a network that exists below our level of consciousness in the sub-earthly ethers - the Internet, fashioned from a web of electro-magnetism that creates a false fallen form of Cosmic Intelligence living in a fallen Etheric body, which is now wrapped around the earth and around every human being.

The Internet is an international network designed to let users communicate with other users without them having any consciousness of the machinery that makes the system work. This is what we know as the web, the World Wide Web. WWW. Rudolf Steiner warned us of a spider's web that would spread over the whole earth, and now we have search engines that are even called Spiders!

Lets have a look at the Computer, the Internet and its ramifications from a spiritual scientific point of view.

W.W.W - notably Wau, Wau, Wau, in Hebrew corresponds to the value of 666. (Is it a coincidence that the price for the first Apple computer was \$666.00?)

WWW is in a sense related to the three categories of beings, Lucifer, Ahriman, Asuras who collectively make up the being of the Antichrist, the Beast of the Apocalypse. This web consists of a semi-mineral, semi-plant-like artificial intelligence and works as an Antithesis to the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ which is gathered by the Sophia and which was once distributed by Michael.

In this sense, due to its sobornal nature, it has a 'feminine' quality in that it gathers and distributes the communications of these fallen beings, the fallen intelligence of Sorath. We can therefore say that it works against the Wisdom of the Divine Sophia and in this sense it can be thought of in Biblical terms as 'the Whore of Babylon'. As we have noted above Babylon was the home of magical clairvoyance, in our times the computer gives us a form of materialized, magical clairvoyance - a kind of mineralised Spirit Self. For instance, we see things happening across space and time, we can

live in a Virtual Reality, a subhuman reality, where computer generated people exist in a computer generated world (e.g. computer games like, Riven, Warcraft, Zork and SIMS). These games are like a school of artificial clairvoyance where everyone experiences their own world in a different way. Where you can build up your 'artificial world' any way you would like it to be.

But how do computers bind us and work spiritually on us to prevent us from rising up out of this web?

Computers connect fallen light with the glandular system of the human being. To elaborate on this would require me to write a book in itself however for now it is enough to say that the pineal gland (which we will discuss in greater detail in our next lecture) is related to sense perception, in particular to light and can be affected by constant exposure to the degenerated light, the artificial, electro-magnetically created light of computers. The physical Pineal gland is etherically connected to the third eye, the two petalled brow chakra, a new organ of perception found between the eyes at the confluence of physical and etheric bodies:

'We now have a central point for the etheric and physical parts approximately between the eyebrows. These two parts came together in the last third of the Atlantean age and today they coincide. Thereby man is able to say "I" to himself and feel an independent personality. Thus the etheric and physical bodies of the head have joined together.'²⁵

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the pineal gland is associated with this new organ of perception forming between the eyes and takes part in the process called 'the etherisation of blood', that is, the spiritualisation of blood.²⁶ This fallen light, however, has an affect on our ability to etherise our blood.

'...the pituitary gland (hypophysis) and the pineal gland (epiphysis). These will develop the two future senses in the physical body which will then have seven senses.'²⁷

We could say that the future is here: the mark of the beast which John tells us will be seen on the forehead could very well be the stunting of the spiritual organ associated with Pineal gland which, instead of being an etheric organ, will decay into an astral horn through the agency of electro-magnetism and materialized thought/sense substance. This makes sense when you realise that we breathe air in and out through the larynx but we breathe light, in and out, through this etheric organ.

Does breathing in electric light, fallen astrality, result in astral horns? I believe so.

What will this do to our ability to read the Occult Script inscribed in the astral light, our ability to truly think, that is, to rise up through thinking to a perception of the thoughts of the Gods? Firstly our Imagination is stunted and our ability to see Spiritual light - is extinguished. That is what will happen if we are not strengthened by free-thinking, our spirit eye will be 'killed off' by these forces and replaced with a materialized horn. We will lose the ability to perceive the spirit light if we don't strengthen the etheric organ enough to cope with this false light.

²⁵ The influence of Spiritual Beings upon Man Lecture X, Rudolf Steiner.

²⁶ The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric, Lecture IX, Rudolf Steiner.

²⁷ Foundations of Esotericism, lecture IX, Berlin 4th October 1905, Rudolf Steiner.

Computers, computerised technology in all its forms in particular 'wifi' will affect our potential for Inspiration. Replacing natural sounds with electro-magnetic sounds that are a form of fallen Chemical Ether and which waft and weave below our ordinary 'hearing'. These create a 'white noise' through which the tender voice of the spirit will not be able to penetrate to our ego consciousness. Our houses, workplaces etc. are abuzz with Ahrimanic symphonies, we just don't hear them. Moreover what enters into the blood through the wrist and fingers by way of the 'mouse' or 'Touch Screens' and through the ears by way of speakers is soul-less and loveless. It is feeling that is absent of love. Have you tried to use an iphone with gloves on - it doesn't work! Why not?

Most dangerous of all is the tampering with the human Will which affects our ability to know right from wrong, our conscience. Computers and television put people to sleep - or else they stir animalistic sentiments that live below the level of consciousness. Many a parent sees the results of this in bad behavior when a child has been playing computer games for any length of time.

It is interesting to note that Rudolf Steiner has said that in the future fallen human beings would be forced to live on earth in what he called Bacilli or viruses, these may be organic, but could this also include computer viruses and malware?

Human beings are destined to have begun to see spiritually by now. But because of these backward angels we are crossing the threshold unconsciously and instead of reaching the spiritual world we are falling into the abyss. The internet and computers, materialistic life with its pleasure seeking and sensory gratification, the materialising education of our children from an early age, have and will continue to suffocate our spiritual capacities so that we will descend further and further into the sub human realm of Ahriman (The abyss) with less and less consciousness, taking our angels with us until they are locked in machines and we have become machines ourselves as Kurzweil has envisaged. We will dump down our memories into computers and become immortal. But it will be an Ahrimanic immortality - a Singularity that unites our ego with a machine forsaking the Etheric body and Astral body - The Soul.

We are living today in the midst of a battle for the human soul as Bernard Lievegood has said, but it is also a battle for the spiritual existence of our angels!

Through technology, mining, the mechanisation of every aspect of life, bad social, political educational and economic laws that don't take the individual soul and spirit into consideration, a host of Ahrimanised elemental beings are entering the world that are demonic and also created by our own souls - phantoms, spectres/ghosts and demons. These elemental beings attach themselves to human beings, particularly children, like parasites.

It is significant that the Catholic Church is seeing an upsurge in the number of demonic possessions being reported. As we look at the world around us do we not observe evil today being called a criminal form of insanity? Do the papers not report mothers and fathers murdering daughters in cold blood in honour killings; the stoning to death of women; the murder of disabled people and the homeless by thugs in civilized countries? And what about the torture and murder and rape of children by pedophiles, the gang rape of women, suicide, mutilation, genocide, child prostitution, people trafficking reported on the news?

Are we not also seeing a strange obsession with death and murder? Forensic shows rate highly on television stations! Murder and blood, vampires, these are the topics of movies, computer games, books. Is this a harking back to Egyptian times and the cult of death, of mummifying the bodies of the dead, which has a relation to the work of the elemental spirits of Birth and Death and the work

of the backward Egyptian Angels, mirrored in our times? (Could knowledge of this be rising up through the subconscious to surface as a fear of aliens - the Anunnaki?).

We can track how deeply we have descended through these signs and also through the discoveries that have been made in a short time in electricity, magnetism and now atomist power. This year Cern will conduct experiments to find the 'God' particle, but what will they find in reality?

Will it be Sorath?

Those who succumb to Sorath's temptation will be trapped in the earth's corpse, the realm of Pluto, the eighth sphere the degenerated, backward moon realm where human beings are animals and angels are dragged to the level of degenerated human beings. This realm of death is already here, around us. It is not too late to wake up to it and to climb out!!!

But how?

Imagine you have Diabetes; you sense something is wrong but you are too scared to go to the doctor. Months pass, years, eventually you die. Had you gone to the doctor, become conscious of what you needed to do to resolve the problem and done something about it you would be alive.

Michael has given us the Cosmic Intelligence, Rudolf Steiner has given us the Cosmic Intelligence as it has passed through his soul and become Universal - Spiritual science. This science of the spirit can help us to treat and manage the disease. We can't make it go away because we have to live in the world. But Michael has made it his task to guide human beings through these troubled times by clearing the path from our heads to our hearts and our hearts back again to our heads. That is, by clearing out the spirits of darkness. The Deception of the spirits of Darkness is thinly veiled! It is fragile! We need only part the veil to see through to the other side and this consciousness will save humanity.

Next week we will talk about what it means to clear the path from head to heart and back again. What is the head? What is the heart? And what this has to do with the Pituitary and Pineal Glands in the human head - the two organs of the future. We will also explore what connection all of this has with the year 2013.

Thank you and goodnight.

The Michael Mystery

PART II

In the last lecture we explored the Fall of the Spirits of Darkness in relation to the abyss, the work of the third hierarchy and thought insofar as it relates to the three forms of intelligence: Cosmic Intelligence, Human Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence.

We came to an understanding of the higher and the earthly ethers in relation to their shadow counterparts, the sub-earthly ethers, and explored the further our fall in relation to these ethers and the fall of our normal angels.

In short we discussed the nature of the disease of the soul, which has infected humanity since 1879, by way of the angels of darkness and their inspirations. Tonight we will discuss the treatment.

First of all let us take a look at the Task of Michael. What is it?

Last week we discussed how prior to the sacrificing of the Cosmic Intelligence by Michael, human relationship to thought was different to what we experience today.

In those early times human beings were one with the spiritual will of the world. Thought therefore had a universal quality, it was will, and the human ego lived in the substance of the Cosmic Intelligence, the cosmic will. Human beings didn't feel that they were producing thoughts, but rather that during moments of grace, a being would enter into the soul and will its own independent life there, inspiring them to actions. The human soul said this to itself:

'Below in the world my soul feels, and insofar as it feels itself, it is a 'self'. Above me however, lives another self that weaves in the will of the world, among the thoughts of the gods. There are moments when my angel descends, carrying part of this self into me and I can see its will 'thinking in me' and I am inspired to do certain things with my will by this angel, things that are necessary for the development of my soul and the evolution of the world.

What is this higher self? It is the higher ego.

But you might ask didn't the human being receive the ego substance from the Elohim-Jehova in Lemurian times?

Yes, but Rudolf Steiner tells us this was only a group soul ego, not yet an individual ego. The individual ego hovered above human beings. The ego was only gradually descending firstly into the feeling part of the soul - the Sentient Soul which is more connected to the nerves and senses (Astral body/Lungs) and then into that part of the soul we call the Intellectual Soul, which is more connected to the blood (Etheric body/Heart).

Sentient Soul - Astral body - Lungs
Intellectual Soul - Etheric body - Heart

This descent of the ego into the intellect was necessary if human beings were to begin to think for themselves, however it came at the expense of a vision of the spirit. As long as human beings could see into the workings of the spiritual world in their thoughts they would remain dependent on spiritual beings. So independent creative thinking could only come about if there was a separation between human beings and the universal intelligence.

This separation caused an estrangement from the gods, a 'fall', and this fall reached its lowest depths during the Fourth Post Atlantean Epoch. At this time human beings had lost the ability to rise up through their own efforts, through their will, they had fallen too far into matter because their disconnection from the ego and the Cosmic Intelligence meant that their will was seized by Ahriman. Human souls would have fallen into decay if a God had not descended and united his higher ego substance with the world, effectively bringing the ego down, the Kingdom down, and rescuing the potential for freely willed human thought. This God, a Sun being, Christ, entered into the human body and soul of Jesus of Nazareth and died an earthly death through him at Golgotha in order to rescue human beings from a complete fall inspired by Ahriman.

The Mystery of Golgotha created the right conditions for the substance of the Ego of Christ, that is, the Christ Impulse, His true ego, to enter the earth and thereby the etheric body of all human beings. This created the potential for an individualisation of the ego in the soul, which could lead, one day, to the entire soul being able to experience not only the realm of matter through self-willed thought, but also an experience of the spiritual again.

This is the point at which, Rudolf Steiner tells us, Michael began sacrificing his Cosmic Intelligence to humanity. Now that the potential for a free ego existed on earth the Cosmic Intelligence could enter into the soul, into the personal element. This element of the Personal has become notable since the advent of the age of the Consciousness Soul. The Renaissance saw this intelligence becoming more and more individualised and we can track it in thinkers, artists, scientists, theologians since those times. What makes us different from our earlier counterparts is our personality.

The universal has become personal. The Cosmic Intelligence has become Human Intelligence.

We mentioned last week that this individualisation occurs in the sphere of Ahriman, the sphere of the nerves and senses in the human being. This was necessary for our independence. By the mid 19th century however, as we discussed last week, the influence of these Ahrimanic angels in the nerves and senses was preventing the cosmic intelligence from descending into the soul untainted, so Michael cast them down into the blood, the abyss. Rudolf Steiner tells us that this battle lasted from around 1840/1 - 1879.

Only then could new impulses from the spiritual world reach human beings without being Ahrimanicly 'coloured'. But these backward angels were now living in the unconscious part of the human being - the etheric body - and this created new problems. Here in the Will element, the element of life and death they could manipulate the heavenly inspirations into their opposites. We see it today in technology that separates the human spiritual element from life, mechanizing the human being; we see it in wars, political unrest which goes against the impulses to brotherhood; we see it in the ahrimanisation of culture which has left human beings unfree to follow their karmic paths; and the gradual degradation of the human being through drugs, computer games, television, cinema which distances them from the spirit in the world. Ahriman is dragging humanity by the hair into the abyss by leaps and bounds, into the realm of the unconscious and with us we are taking our angels and the elemental beings that we should be rescuing from Ahriman.

So how do we rise up from the abyss again? How do we become conscious and how does Michael help us in this task?

First of all let us look at what consciousness really is.

ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS

Here below on earth human beings have accepted the Cosmic Intelligence and it has entered the soul, which, since Egyptian times, has become the sphere of Ahriman, particularly the realm of the nerves and senses. Here in the nerves and senses, the Astral body, Ahriman inspires the human being to a materialistic view of the world, a science of nature, but it is his desire to work in the sphere of the blood, the etheric body and he enters the etheric body by way of the Intellectual Soul. That is how he materialises thought - that is, robs it of life - and this mineralises the etheric body, creating a cloudy substance which acts like a mirror that reflects the dead thoughts to the physical brain. That is why thought is often called 'Reflection'.

Let's look at this process more closely:

What we see of the world with our senses we convert to thought, that is, to Human Intelligence, and it is at this point, the point between perception and the creation of memory that Ahriman seizes the intelligence and converts it to dead thought so that we can have individual consciousness, a consciousness independent of the gods.

How?

We sense the world of matter because we have physical senses, but we don't see what lives behind this world of matter, the spiritual beings and influences behind matter, because we don't have spiritual senses. Remember we had to be severed from our clairvoyance. In our times, however we need to develop these spiritual organs of sense in freedom. The fact is that many of us have already developed these organs, and are crossing the threshold all the time but we don't know it, because Ahriman would like us to be asleep in our will.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that Michael's task is:

'He frees the thoughts from the region of the head; he opens a free way for them to the heart.'

In order to:

'...lead Man back by the paths of Will, thither whence first he came, when on the paths of Thought he descended from the realization of the supersensible world to the realization of the sensible world in his earthly consciousness.'²⁸

What does this to free our thoughts and open the way to the heart and conversely, to lead us back through the paths of will?

It means, that he helps us when we begin to free our thoughts from our brain so that they can move to the sphere of the heart, the will sphere, in order that they may wake up in the life of will and rise up again.

²⁸ Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts – The Michael Mystery, Rudolf Steiner.

In our times we think and we feel and we act (Will) - individually, personally. We say I think, I feel, I will. However our feeling is really quite dreamy, and our will is really the most unconscious aspect of our soul.

Life of thought = awake consciousness

Life of feelings = dream consciousness

Life of will = dreamless sleep consciousness

Why are we asleep in the feelings and the will? Because we needed to forgo a consciousness of our feelings and our will in order to be able to think clearly. In the age of the consciousness soul we must develop a consciousness in the feelings and the will aspect of the soul through clear logical thought. Only a fully conscious Will through the agency of thought, can bring us back to knowledge of the true nature of the world.

- **I in Sentient Soul - Consciousness in the life of Feelings = Sensing the world**
- **I in Intellectual Soul - Consciousness in the life of Thoughts = Understanding the world**
- **I in Consciousness Soul - Consciousness in the life of Will and therefore the entire soul = Knowing the true nature of the world**

But how does a consciousness or thinking in the will help us to reconnect to the spirit?

We have to begin with the senses, which exist in the physical body and are therefore connected to the will life.

We see, we think about what we see and then we act on what we think.

So let us look at the senses. We perceive a picture of the world of matter in all its manifold colours and permutations because we have physical eyes. The Sentient soul, which was elaborated in Egyptian times, helps us to internalise these perceptions so that we feel something about what we see. We bring the picture of what we see into our souls and this enables us to feel sympathy or antipathy for what we see and we develop a feeling of independence from what we see. Since the Greco Roman Epoch and the development of the Intellectual soul, we don't only feel something about what we see but we impress this feeling deeper, into our etheric bodies, into the memory 'mirror' so we can reflect on it later. We think because we can remember what we saw yesterday so as to compare it to what we see today. That is, a memory is reflected back to the physical brain of what we saw yesterday, exactly how we saw it. If we see a red rose we remember it red. That is why thinking and memory are so connected and also why thinking is connected to the etheric body - which acts as a mirror.

We see - we feel - we remember - we think.

This ordinary thinking process is made possible by Lucifer who rises up from his sphere of action in our blood to the Sentient Soul and Ahriman who descends from his sphere of action in the nerves and senses to the Intellectual Soul. Lucifer rises in order to bring the pictures of the world we see into the soul and to impress them into the etheric body, but Ahriman descends to prevent us from

being conscious of this process and what lies behind the memory mirror, that is, he prevents us from catching ourselves in the act of the imprinting of the pictures of the world - seeing the real first step in the process of thinking. True Thought.

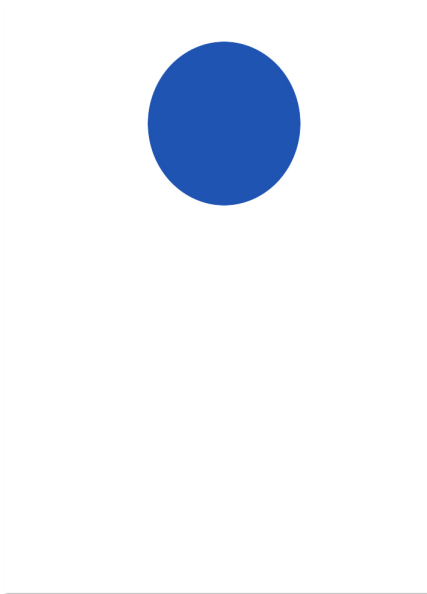
Rudolf Steiner often speaks about true thinking, intuitive thinking, moral cognition etc. and these seem very difficult to grasp, but are they?

Here is the mechanism of True Thinking:

What is it really that Ahriman doesn't want us to see?

We see the outer world of pictures and we imprint them onto our etheric bodies but we are not aware that we are also imprinting what lies behind these pictures, their spiritual moral counterparts.

I will give you an example: take a look at the blue dot with unfocussed eyes and then look at the blank space next to it, what do you see? Do you see a complementary colour? An orange dot created out of light?



What is this complementary colour?

Natural Science tells us that Color afterimages are caused by fatigued cells in the retina responding to light. If you stare at the blue color for 30 seconds or more for instance, the cells in your retina that respond to blue will fatigue and will fire less. When you switch over to a white surface, your eyes subtract the blue and you see its complementary color orange.

In spiritual Science we know that this is only the physical aspect.

'In nature we see objects which can be counted, weighed and measured; in short, objects dealt with in physics. They appear in various colors. Color, however — this should have become perfectly clear to Anthroposophists — color is something spiritual. Now we do see colors in certain natural entities which are not spiritual; that is, in minerals. Recent physicists have made matters easier for

themselves by saying that colors cannot inhere in dead substances because colors are mental; they exist within the mind only; outside, material atoms vibrating in dead matter affect eye, nerve, and something else undetermined; as a result of which colors arise in the soul.

This explanation shows physicists at a loss in regard to the problem of color.²⁹

So if colour is something spiritual what is the after image?

Rudolf Steiner says this:

'When we enter the devachanic world the astral world remains fully present; we hear the devachanic, and we see the astral, but under a changed aspect, offering us a remarkable spectacle. We see everything in the negative, as though on a photographic plate. Where a physical object exists, there is nothing; what is light in the physical world appears dark, and vice versa. We see things, too, in their complementary colours: yellow instead of blue, green instead of red.³⁰

'Sense-perception of the outer world is, then, an inward painting of the human soul. A painting without paints; a painting in spirit-waxing and spirit-waning. As in Nature the rainbow comes and goes again and leaves no trace behind, so too all sense-perception comes and passes away, without itself — of its own nature — leaving any memory behind. But with every perception, there is at the same time another process transacted between the human soul and the world outside. It is a process that goes on in the background, in remoter parts of the soul's life — there, where the forces of growth, the life-impulses are at work. And in *this* part of the soul's life, not a transitory image merely, but a real and lasting reproduction is imprinted with each act of perception.'

One might say then that the afterimage and complementary colour are the real spiritual aspects of physical light and physical colour and that they have a connection, as such, with the etheric world, in particular with light ether and sound or chemical ether. One might also say that we see them because our will, living in our etheric body, is rising up to meet the will in the world.

What is the will in the world? The will of the world is the thought substance of the gods, the substance that lives behind all things - and 'wills them' - in the etheric world.

So what is happening when we perceive these afterimages and complementary colours is that we are perceiving what is being imprinted in us, in our body of memory our etheric body, of the true spirituality of the etheric world, because we rise up out of the physical body to meet the etheric world. Normally the will resides in the heart, in the region of the solar plexus, this perception of living thought substance means a rising up of the consciousness, the ego from the 'heart' to the 'head'. This is what Rudolf Steiner meant when he said we had to become conscious of our thinking. Thinking about thinking. This form of thinking is a perception and he states this in the Foundation Stone Meditation:

Practise Spirit Vision in quietness of thought - thou wilt truly think.

This is Michaelic thinking and when we engage in it he comes to meet us in our consciousness of the light-Will element of living thought - the day-radiant light in the world!

²⁹ Arts and their Mission, lecture, Rudolf Steiner

³⁰ At the Gates of Spiritual Science Lecture II, Rudolf Steiner.

'Those who have eyes for such things could not but be aware of the revolution that took place in respect to men's Thought-life during the last third of the nineteenth century. Before this, Man could only feel the Thoughts arising and taking shape out of his own being. Ever since then, he can rise above his own individual being, he can guide his mind into the realm of the Spirit; and there Michael meets him — Michael who from of old is past master in all Thought-weaving. He frees the thoughts from the region of the head; he opens a free way for them to the heart; he sets free the springs of spiritual fervour from the hearts of men, so that Man may live in full soul's devotion to all that he may learn in the *light* of Thought.'³¹

Normally, once these thoughts die away in us, (which they have to do otherwise we would be falling into Lucifer's temptation³²) they rise up as mirror images to the Intellectual soul. In the Intellectual soul they are dead, stripped of life, phantoms, corpses - we see a memory of the surfaces of the world. That is why we see the red rose as red and not its complementary green. The red is a dead image of the material rose; the green complement is the spiritual counterpart, the living spirit of the rose.

'In this fact — namely that Man, in his momentary acts of mental conception (in the forming of mental images) is living not in real existence, but only in a reflection of real existence. In a picture-existence, lies the possibility of evolving Freedom. All real existence in the consciousness has compelling power. Only pictures cannot compel. Anything that may take place through the impression made by a mere picture will be quite independent of the picture itself. Man becomes free, when with his Spiritual Soul he lifts himself out of the realm of real Existence and emerges in a non-existent Picture-realm.'³³

Now we understand why Ahriman, the God of death wants us to dismiss these after images as disease states, because he would like us to notice only those phantoms that he creates in our etheric bodies, the hardened intellectual thoughts that are like mirror images devoid of life that rise up to the intellectual soul.

One notices that these complementary colours and afterimages can be seen all the time, around trees, people etc. This is the etheric, the life, the spiritual elements of all physical things.

This observation signifies that we are already crossing the threshold into the etheric world. We do this every minute of the day but we are not conscious of it. When we do become conscious of it we realise that we don't lose the physical world, but something new is added, the spiritual that is hidden behind the world. It does not estrange the soul from the world, but rather, the spiritual world is added to the physical world and it now begins to answer the riddles that the physical world has posed to the human being.

The danger only lies in our unconsciousness of this process because whenever there is unconsciousness the angels of Darkness can work more efficiently, without our knowing and they do this in the creation of materialistic thought which leads the human being away from the spiritual. On the other hand, an awakening to this consciousness of the spiritual however, an awakening of thought in the act of thinking, is like climbing over the abyss to the other side.

'In respect of real existence, Man, when forming a mental conception, is wholly reliant upon

³¹ Michael Mystery Chapter I – The Dawn of the Michael Age, Rudolf Steiner

³² Michael Mystery Chapter XXII – Man's Freedom in the Michael Age – Rudolf Steiner

³³ The Michael Mystery Lecture XXII, Rudolf Steiner.

what he has become in the course of his cosmic and earthly past.

In human evolution, the path here points to that Abyss of Nothing over which Man leaps in the moment of becoming a free being. Michael's action and the Christ-Impulse make the leap possible.'

Christ has made that leap possible by leaving behind the Cosmos and bringing to earth the higher ego, and Michael has made it possible by surrendering the Cosmic intelligence to humanity so that through the human being the higher ego living in us, the Christ, can connect to the Will of the world in our will. Cosmic Intelligence can only unite with Christ again through human intelligence - that is through the human will, the developed power of spiritual perception.

Becoming aware of the after image (etheric) and complementary colour (astral shining into the etheric) is only the first step. We use the etheric body, in which lives what we were once in previous lives, our higher ego, not the ego reflected to us by the intellect in the Solar Plexus, but the real higher ego which now rises up to the new organ of perception between the brows. This is the first glimmer, the first step.

What comes next?

To understand what comes next we have to explore the two stars of our inner cosmos, the Castor and Pollux of our inner sky - the Pineal Gland and the Pituitary Gland.

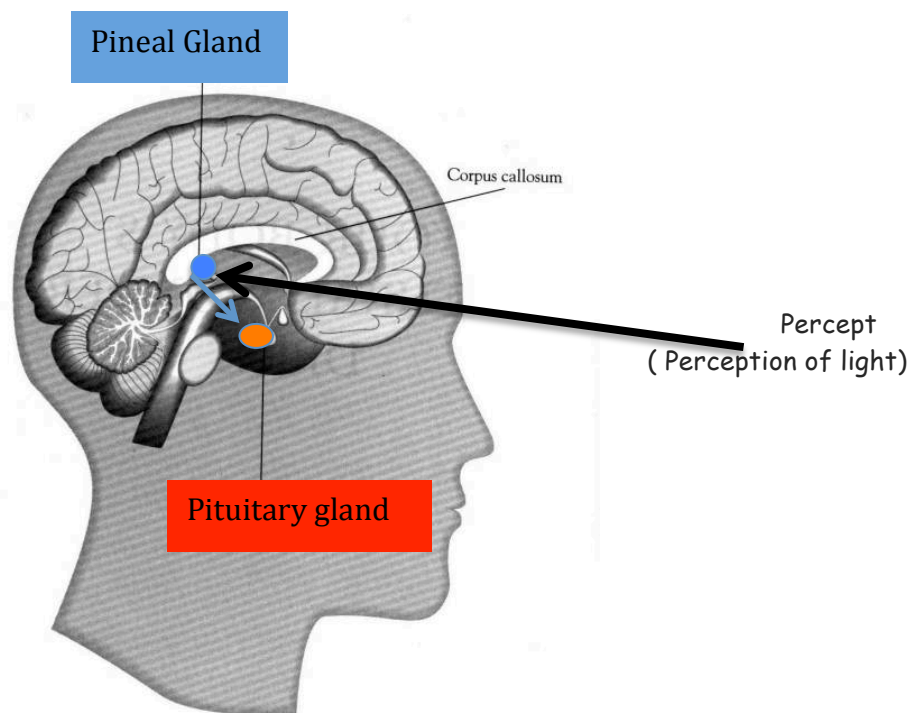


Figure 1. The Pineal Gland Lies at the Exact Center of the Brain

Science tells us this about the Pineal Gland:

The Pineal gland is a small organ in the centre of the brain that produces serotonin and its derivative melatonin, a hormone that affects the modulation of wake/sleep patterns and seasonal functions and has an effect on sexual reproduction. Its shape resembles a tiny pinecone (hence its

name. The pineal gland collects calcium deposits over time - called brain sand. Here we see the mineralisation process we spoke about in the last lecture that is the task of the Archai.

The Pineal produces two hormones of interest to us: Serotonin and Melatonin.

In a nutshell:

The first light that reaches our eyes in the morning is detected by our retina and the information it collects reaches the pineal gland, which produces Serotonin.

Not enough sun means a fall in the levels of Serotonin, which leads to depression, despondency, heart conditions and sleep problems.

Too much Serotonin leads to a blurring of the line that separates dream from wakefulness, psychosis, some forms of schizophrenia. In fact this can be induced by taking LSD, which is an agonist - that is, it stimulates Serotonin in the Pineal gland. Antidepressants also increase the Serotonin and also sleep deprivation by way of bright lights noise (a form of torture conducted by CIA agents and the military). Too much Serotonin and one can't wake up from the dream; one can't discern the spiritual from the physical. One could say that Serotonin helps us to wake up and to enter the physical world. It is the 'on' switch. We are awake in the real world because of Serotonin.

As light decreases the retina detects this, and the information reaches the Pineal, which converts Serotonin to Melatonin. Melatonin is produced in darkness and is inhibited by light. A disturbance leads us to be sleepy at the wrong time, that is, our circadian rhythms are disrupted - jetlag for instance. One could say that Melatonin, which is secreted at night, helps us to fall sleep, it is our 'off' button. It helps us to enter the spiritual world.

We move from sleep and dream consciousness to waking consciousness because of Serotonin
We move from waking consciousness to dream Consciousness and sleep consciousness because of Melatonin.

The interrelationship of these hormones to spirituality has been known for a long time. The Merovingians were said to drink the blood of their kin who had fallen in battle to enhance their clairvoyant powers because this blood was said to have certain hormones, a ratio of Serotonin to Melatonin. Later it was the blood of clairvoyant women that was drunk by the Merovingians. These women had blood whose ratio of Serotonin to Melatonin levels was adjusted through a careful knowledge of the work of the menstrual cycle and the pineal gland on those who lived by night and slept by day (one can see a connection here with the Vampire folklore).

What about the pituitary gland?

The pituitary gland is situated at the base of the skull between two optic nerves and is connected to the hypothalamus. It produces and secretes hormones related to growth, to sexual reproduction and regulates the bodily rhythms that bring us from childhood to puberty, as well as regulating our temperature, blood pressure and pulse. It does this because the hypothalamus senses the environment and sends signals to the Pituitary gland. All in all it responds to the outer environment we live in and regulates our bodily functions to balance us. It is called the master gland because it controls so many functions.

So what does Rudolf Steiner say about the Pituitary gland in particular?

'Just as the parallel organ to the ear is the organ of speech, so the parallel organ to the warmth of the heart is the pituitary gland, the Hypophysis. The heart takes up the warmth from outside, as the ear does sound. Thereby it perceives world warmth. The corresponding organ, which we must have, in order to be able to produce warmth consciously, is the pituitary gland in the head, which at the present time is only at the beginning of its development. Just as one perceives with the ear and produces with the larynx, so one takes up the warmth of the world in the heart and lets it stream forth again through the pituitary gland in the brain. Once this capacity has been achieved, the heart will have become the organ it was intended to be. There is a reference to this in words from *Light on the Path* 'Before the soul can stand in the presence of the Masters, its feet must be washed in the blood of the heart.' Then our heart's blood streams out as today our words stream out into the world. In the future, warmth of soul will flood over mankind.'³⁴

And the Pineal Gland?

'There is an organ which will also become the active organ of vision. This is today germinally present in the pineal gland, the Epiphysis, the organ which will give reality to the images which today are produced by the eye. These two organs, the pineal gland and the pituitary gland as active organs, must develop into the organ of vision (eye) and the organ of warmth (heart). Today fantasy is the preliminary stage leading to a later power of creation. Now man has at most imagination. Later he will have magical power.'³⁵

Rudolf Steiner also tells us that the glands, the 'liquid' element in the human being like the blood and lymph, is the physical (Ethereic body) sphere of action of the angels, who were human beings on Old Moon. The moon is deeply connected to the brain, which was elaborated at that time.

In his book on *Silver and the Human Organism*, Eugene Kolisko, the great pupil of Rudolf Steiner says that in the brain,

'Conscious and unconscious moon activity must be kept in balance. If we cannot keep the right balance between these two influences, we are ill and are overpowered by the moon.'

Rudolf Steiner says:

'Our cerebellum is a remnant of the Moon stage of evolution; it sits there as a sign of the battles that the Gods fought for us. The cerebellum arose from what was thought on old Moon. There were no errors in our thoughts then, for divine powers thought for us and guided our thoughts. Man had no freedom yet; divine beings directed him. Now that he's become independent he must be responsible for what he thinks. There are also remnants of old Moon in the cerebrum's pineal and pituitary glands; on old Moon they were what the lung and heart are in man today. And what a man does now will form his cerebrum on Jupiter. What he thinks in connection with his cerebrum now will form his cerebellum on Jupiter. A man must bear the consequences of his thinking now that he's become free, and the cerebellum sits in the back of his head like a judge, for it will take the effects of everything that he thought on earth over to Jupiter.'³⁶

³⁴ Foundations of Esotericism Lecture V, Rudolf Steiner.

³⁵ *ibid*

³⁶ From the Contents of the Esoteric Classes, 14th of July 1914, Rudolf Steiner

Then he goes on to say this:

'We came over from the Moon where we were still in the lap of the Gods: Ex Deo nascimur. We unite ourselves with Christ on earth and die into him: In ... morimur. Then the Holy Spirit will lead us over to the reincarnation of the earth — Jupiter: Per Spiritum Sanctum reviviscimus.'³⁷

We know that we descended from the lap of the Father Gods and that Christ died to rescue our thinking forces by bringing down the substance of the higher ego, so how does the Holy Spirit lead us over to the recapitulation of the Old Moon, Jupiter and what does that have to do with the Pineal and Pituitary gland and their relation to the cosmic intelligence?

If the Pituitary gland was the heart on old Moon and is meant to become the new heart, the etheric heart on Jupiter, and the Pineal gland was the lungs on old Moon and is meant to become the new Organ of sight on Jupiter (we will see how closely connected vision, both physical and spiritual, is to the breath), and if both of these are related to what the human thinks now, we can say this is directly related to the Cosmic Intelligence, that is, these organs will be developed insofar as the human being can begin to 'think with his heart' that is with the Will-power in the soul that rises up to the head. This is the very same as the Perception of the Spiritual behind nature we talked about. Now we see the connection with the Holy Spirit.

Just as the lungs breathe air in and out, so does the new etheric organ of sight breathe light in and out so we can say that:

Everything we see becomes thought, and we can only think because we can breath in air. We kill something in air in order to see and think. We kill the spirit so we can have ordinary perception and thought. This 'killing' is the work of the Spirits of Darkness who enter into us, into the etheric body and in the etheric body they inspire to create dead concepts, ideas through our dead memories. Since human beings have begun to see only the surfaces of the world and think abstractly, the air therefore, no longer contains the living spirit.

'The ensouling of the air which belongs to the human being no longer exists. And therefore the beings of whom I spoke yesterday — I should like to call them the anti-Michaelic beings — are able to penetrate into the air and, through the air, into the human being, and in this way they enter into mankind, as I have described it yesterday. We are only able to drive them away if we put in the place of Yoga that which is the right thing for today. We must strive for this. We can only strive for that which is the right thing for today if we become conscious of a much more subtle relation of man to the external world, so that in regard to our ether body something takes place which must enter our consciousness more and more, similar to the breathing process. In the breathing process, we inhale fresh oxygen and exhale unusable carbon. A similar process takes place in all our sense perceptions. Just think, my dear friends, that you see something — let us take a radical case — suppose you see a flame. There, a process takes place that may be compared with inhalation, only it is much finer. If you then close your eyes — and you can make similar experiments with every one of your senses — you have the after-image of the flame, which gradually changes — dies down, as Goethe said. Apart from the purely physical aspect, the human ether body is essentially engaged in this process of reception of the light impression and its eventual dying down. Something very significant is contained in this process: it contains the soul element which, three millennia ago, was

³⁷ *ibid*

breathed in and out with the air. And we must learn to realize the sense process, permeated by the soul element in a similar way we have realized the breathing process three millennia ago.' ³⁸

The physical product of this death is seen in that Oxygen becomes Carbon dioxide. Red blood full of vitality becomes Blue blood. It dies and is expelled again by the lungs. The air we breathe is devoid of spirit it is dead and it kills.

When we see the spirit behind the world, we bypass this brain bound process we rise up from the realm of air to the realm of light. We don't kill anything. We expel less and less Carbon Dioxide because we are breathing light in and out into the etheric world. This world is alive. Thus does the Holy Spirit light, enter more and more into the human being, through the newly created organ in the brow (2 petalled chakra).

Matthew 6:22 says:

**'If therefore your eye be single,
Your whole body shall be full of light'**

Is this eye the new organ of sight being created by the Pineal gland?

How is this organ created?

At night we fall asleep due to the Melatonin produced by the Pineal gland and we lift up our Astral body and Ego leaving the Physical and Etheric bodies on the bed.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that at night our astral body and ego are very interested in the quality of the expelled air we have breathed out during the day and how much light is contained in it. We perceive it and we judge it and so does our angel who shares in this air, due to its kinship with the astral body. If our expelled air, which is one with our astral body, is full of death and is devoid of light, our angel can't follow us into sleep, it would pollute him.

But conversely, if we perceive the spirit light behind all things in the day, and in so far as this process enters by way of our Astral body into our Etheric body into the blood, so that we begin to have 'creative' living thoughts - we don't kill. This form of thinking that does not need the brain allows the light of the spirit to enter the blood and this spiritualised warmth/light in the blood enters the breath to create the new etheric-warmth-heart, the new organ of thought, which is related to the pituitary gland. The heart that thinks.

Now, our expelled air, full of spiritualised warmth and light, can be judged by our angel to be a substance he can enter into and this means he/she can now follow us into sleep in order to create pictures in our astral body and to connect us with the higher hierarchies, the Archangels and the Archai. This facilitates the development of Spirit Self.

'...by weaving in the aeriform element you do not belong to the earth but to the hierarchy of **Angeloi, Archangeloi, Archai**³⁹.'

³⁸ The mission of the Archangel Michael Lecture VI, Rudolf Steiner

'It is just as it is in the physical life — you breathe in; the air you now have in yourself was outside you a short while ago, it was the-air-of-the-world; now it is your air. After a short time you give it back again to the world. You are one with the world. The air is now outside you, now within you. You would not be Man at all, if you were not so united with the world as to have not only that which is within your skin, but that with which you are connected in the whole surrounding atmosphere. And as you are thus connected on the physical side, so it is as to your spiritual part: the moment you get down into the next subconscious region — the region out of which memory arises — you are connected with that which we call the Third Hierarchy: Angeloi, Archangeloi, Archai. Just as you are connected through your breathing with the air, so are you connected with the Third Hierarchy through your head-organisation, namely the lower head-organisation. This, which is only covered over by the outermost lobes of the brain, belongs solely to the earth. What is immediately beneath is connected with the Third Hierarchy: Angeloi, Archangeloi, Archai.'⁴⁰

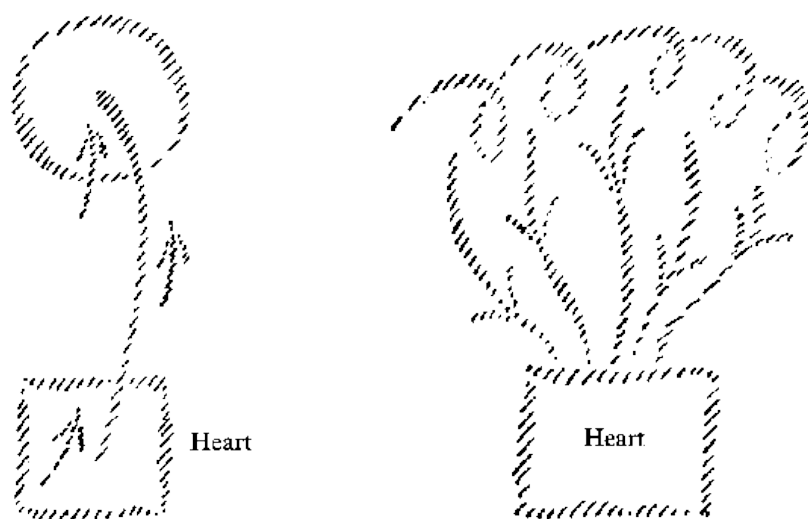
The above quote is referring quite specifically to that part of the brain that contains the Pineal and Pituitary glands.

This perception and thinking in the day also affects our physical and etheric bodies, which we leave lying on the bed at night.

The Pineal Gland:

Rudolf Steiner says this:

'When a man stands in front of us today in his waking state and we observe him with the clairvoyant eye, certain rays of light are seen streaming continually from the heart towards the head. If we wish to sketch this schematically, we must draw the region of the heart here and show the continuous streamings from there to the brain, flowing in the head around the organ known in anatomy as the Pineal gland...these streamings arise because the human blood, which is a physical substance, is continually dissolving itself into etheric substance.'



³⁹ Christmas Conference Part II – The Envy of the Gods – The Envy of Men. Rudolf Steiner

⁴⁰ Karmic Relationships Vol I Lecture VI, Rudolf Steiner.

He says.

'At the present moment of cosmic evolution, the manner in which these divine spirit-beings work is to imprint the moral World-Content upon the astral body and the *I* during the sleeping state. All world-procedures in the sleeping man is real moral procedure — nothing that could be said in the least to resemble the results of an action in external Nature. This moral world-procedure, in its after-effects, is carried by Man from his sleeping over into his waking state. The after-workings remain in a state of sleep. For Man wakes only in that life which is turned towards the field of Thought. What is really going on within his Willing sphere, remains even in waking life, veiled in the same dull darkness as is the whole of his soul-life during sleep. But in this sleeping life of Will, the divine spirit-world continues to weave on in his waking state. Man is morally as good — or as bad — as he can be, according to how near he can come to the divine-spiritual beings in his sleep. And he comes nearer to or remains further from them, according to his previous earth-lives have been in a moral direction.⁴¹

So we have two poles, the etherisation of all we have thought, which rises from heart to head in the day because we have Serotonin and what it meets at night in the descent from spiritual worlds of the moral world order - the will - at night because of Melatonin.

So, in the day when our pineal gland is making Serotonin, we are etherising everything we see and think and feel into light and it collects in the pineal gland where Melatonin is created.

At night when we fall asleep, because of the Melatonin and the physical and etheric bodies are on the bed something streams downwards from cosmic space into our physical and etheric bodies. These are the moral qualities that the higher beings want us to have, the higher beings that our astral body and egos are connecting to above in the cosmos through the agency of our angels. The moral qualities that can only flow into us depending on the etherised blood they encounter in the pineal gland. There occurs either a harmony or a disharmony in the Pineal gland according to Rudolf Steiner, between what is found in our air above and our blood below - that is our personal morality and the universal moral world order. The quality of our etherised blood is now judged to either be compatible or incompatible with the moral impulses descending.

This means that:

In the night, the spiritualised expelled air that rises up with our Astral bodies and Egos enables our angels to help us to develop the pure thinking forces of the Spirit Self that can awaken the faculty of Imagination. Moral Cognition.

In the etherised blood that rises up from heart to head in the day lives the will forces of the gods that have entered the etheric and physical bodies at night, the Michaelic forces, the moral impulses of the gods. If these rise up with the will into our thoughts (remember this is the task of Michael to make this possible) we can begin to awaken to the faculty of Intuition - The first step towards this Rudolf Steiner calls Intuitive Thinking, which leads again to a furthering of Moral Cognition.

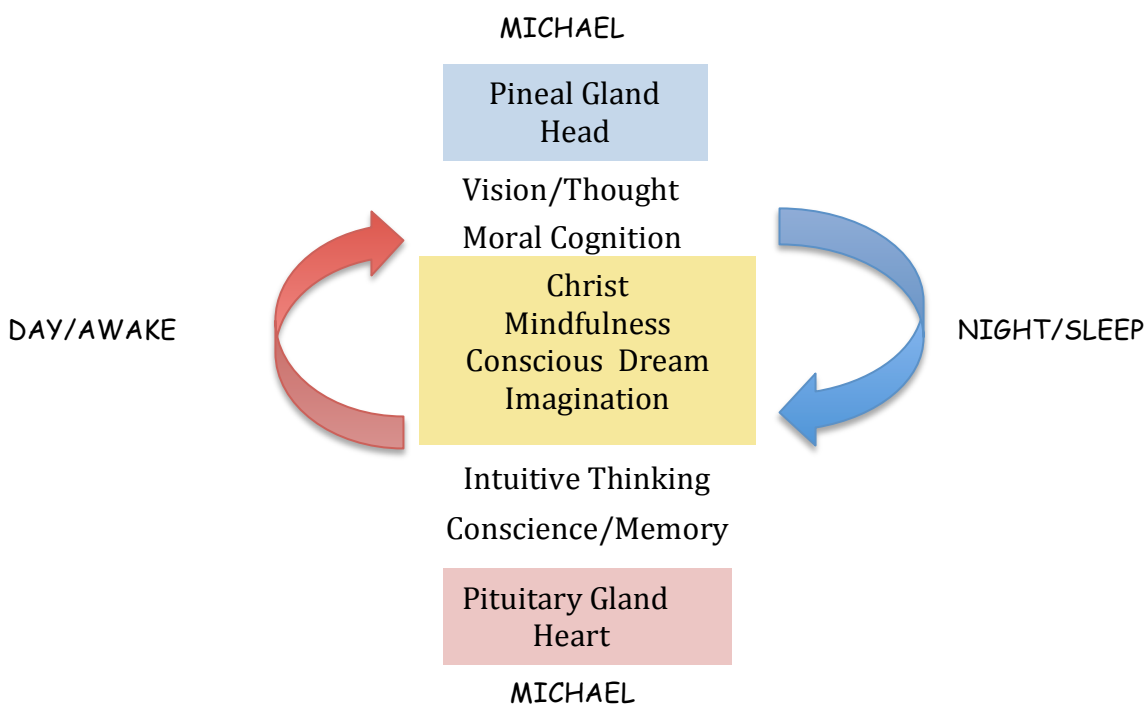
Now we understand it!

⁴¹ Michael Mystery Chapter XXVI Memory and Conscience.

Moral Cognition is the ability to have consciousness in the realm of morality the Spiritual World - Imaginative Consciousness. Michael meets us here when our Will rises from the Solar Plexus to the head, the brow chakra, as the power of Perception that unites with the true thinking of the gods in the outer world.

Intuitive Thinking is the ability to have a consciousness of the moral impulses of the gods that have descended into us in the night - Intuitive consciousness. Michael now clears the way for the power of Thought to descend into the inner etheric world, in order there to discern the Moral impulses of the gods.

And in between what harmonises and unites the two in the 'mind' is the Christ who becomes one with us in this process of uniting head and heart.



This moral cognition (new MAGI) and this intuitive thinking (new SHEPHERD) eventually lead us to Christ.

Our etherised blood stream becomes so purified that it can unite and become one with the etherised blood of Christ, which flows together with ours from heart to head and eventually from Pituitary Gland to Pineal Gland. This is how we connect the being of Christ once again with the hierarchies, which He left long ago on his descent to the earth.

'A union of these two streams can come about however, only if man is able to unfold true understanding of what is contained in the Christ impulse.'⁴²

In other words, we unite with the substance of the Christ Ego, His Impulse, to the degree that we can unite the Cosmic Intelligence, the will of the gods with our Human intelligence so that we can understand Christ. It is the unification with the moral world order that unites us with Christ and it

⁴² The Etherisation of Blood, Rudolf Steiner.

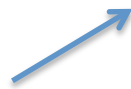
is Christ who inspires us to take up the Universal moral ideals or World Goodness. This is really another way of saying we develop an organ of conscience so that we can Perceive and unite with Christ.

The development of the Consciousness soul necessitates full consciousness of what lives in the will. The consciousness soul is a moral soul, a soul that can see the morality in the world and know it from its opposite. The transition from Consciousness soul to Spiritual Soul necessitates a unification of human Will and Christ Will, the human ego with the Christ ego.

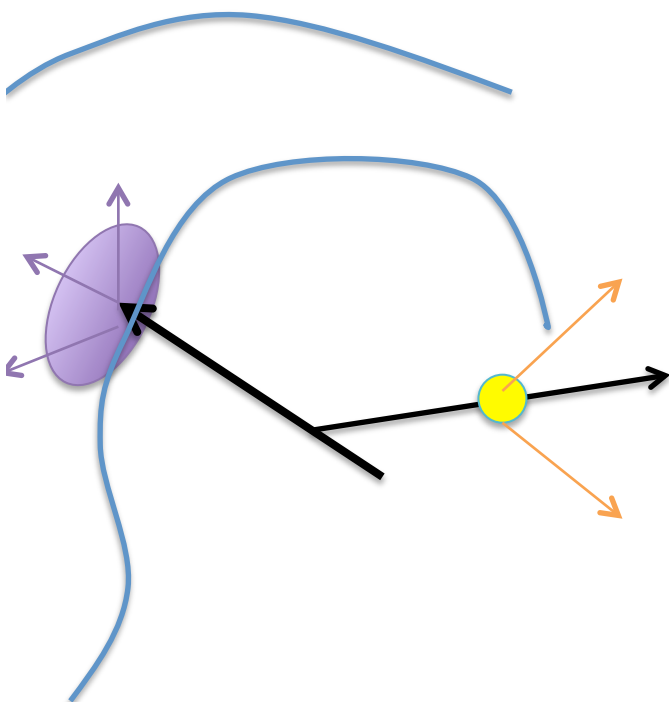
Only in the spiritual soul can we begin to say with understanding - Not I but the Christ in me.

That is how we meet Christ in the etheric world and Christ in the inner being, in the inner etheric body.

This makes sense now if you think of the relationship between the Sun and the two moon organs the Pineal and Pituitary Glands.



Drawing of the etheric heart surrounding the physical heart by R.S. Below the earth the physical body. Around it the stars, the Astral body, The impulses that move from heart (new Shepherd -Pituitary) to head (new Magi - Pineal), creates the Etheric Heart.



The Egyptians instinctively understood this relationship between the organ created by the Pineal gland (snake) in the brow area and the organ created by the Pituitary gland at the back of the head. See the line moving from around where the Pituitary gland would be to the place where the etheric heart will be.



This picture of the relation between the Pineal gland and the Pituitary gland is beautifully depicted in the Fairytale of the *Green snake and the Beautiful Lily*, Rudolf Steiner says this:

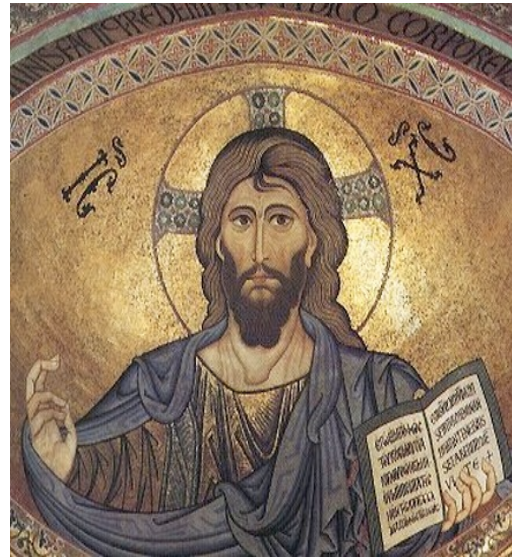
'The Self of man has become selfless (lifting out of the self), the Serpent (Nerves and senses) is transformed into precious stone, which forms the piles of the bridge (new spiritual senses). And now men can more freely go to and fro from the world of sense to the world of the Spiritual. The union between sense and spirit is brought about by man, when he becomes selfless, by a sacrifice of himself (lifting out of the physical senses), such as was made by the Serpent, which offered itself as a bridge over the River of passions (Astral body). Thus the Temple ascended from the clefts of the Earth and is now accessible to all who cross the bridge, to those who drive over as well as to

those who go on foot.⁴³ - please note I have added explanations in parentheses.

In the above diagram we have something that looks like an eye created by the bridge and its reflection in the river of souls. The Pineal gland, the Third eye, the spiritual organ of sight could be imagined here, and the temple that contains the three kings - the potential for Spirit Self, Life Spirit and Spirit Man - into which the youth, the conscious ego enters, could be seen as the Pituitary Gland.

One can see the new organ in the region of the brow, depicted in the sculpture of the representative of man in Dornach, created by Rudolf Steiner. The icon painters also had an inkling of this and we can see how the lock of hair falls on the forehead in almost the same fashion.

⁴³ The Story of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily Lecture 1, April 1904, Rudolf Steiner.



Knowledge of the Pituitary and Pineal glands and even the Etheric Heart at the back of the head has existed instinctively and can be seen in all cultures depicted in papal mitres, regal crowns and headdresses.

What is it that the human being brings to worlds of spirit that worlds of spirit do not already possess? The human being carries freedom into the moral world of necessity and brings back moral consciousness and it is this moral consciousness warmed through with love that recognises the Christ. That is why John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, because he had developed the

Moral Cognition, a consciousness of the moral counterparts of everything in the world. Conscience is therefore, the organ of perception for recognizing the Christ being.

Now we come to the significance of the year 2013. 2013 is the 600 year anniversary of the beginning of the Michael Age, the age of the Consciousness Soul, there is, therefore a numerical relationship with the 6th epoch. This means there will be a 'mini' division into good and evil, those who have fallen into the abyss and those who are rising up out of it with all its associated troubles and joys. Brotherhood, Liberty and Equality- the quality of the pictures that the angels have created in us for the 6th epoch will be needed. It is therefore no coincidence that we will be celebrating the anniversary of a festival of knowledge in that year since it will also be the 100th anniversary of the year Rudolf Steiner gave the FIFTH GOSPEL to the world. Rudolf Steiner gave us this Gospel to sustain us, to help us to have a greater understanding of the Christ Impulse, because he was the forerunner of the etheric Christ in the same way that John the Baptist was the forerunner of the physical Christ.

The Fifth Gospel is a most intimate and precious gift, because it is, itself, an example of how the Christ Impulse, the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ has entered into a Michaelic Human being, who was then able to understand it and connect it with the being of Christ again in his own soul. In it he describes the fall of the human being and the fall of the cosmic intelligence precisely with the words spoken by the Bath Kol or the Divine Sophia:

AUM, Amen!
Evil rules,
Witness of the severing I, (from the spiritual world)
Selfhood's guilt by others owed,
Now lived in daily bread, (The human soul)
In which heaven's will be not done,
For man deserted your kingdom, (the higher ego)
And forgot your names, because of this necessity
You fathers in the heavens.

THE FIFTH GOSPEL is a moral window through which we can gaze at the evolution of our consciousness, which necessitated that Christ be born, live and die in Jesus in order to vouchsafe our ego and the power of our thinking so that we could connect again with the cosmic intelligence.

But we must rise again to this task as a reflection of what Christ Jesus gave us in the Lord's Prayer:

Our father who art in heaven.
Hallowed by thy name. (we now remember your name and honour it)
Thy kingdom come, (The higher ego has descended to the earth)
Thy Will be done
On earth as it is in heaven (the Will of the gods connects again with human thought)
Give us this day our daily Bread (Help us to see the spiritual - Manas - behind all physical things again)
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
(forgive us for our immorality)
And lead us not into temptation (of the spirits of darkness)
But deliver us from evil. (Deliver us from them until we can unite with the moral forces)

Thus we come to realise that the prayer which Christianity has come to know as the "Our Father" was the transformation, the inversion of the voice of Bath-Kol, in the Fifth Gospel. This is a momentous knowledge!

May we strive to honour Rudolf Steiner and this Michaelic Gift, this festival of knowledge, in 2013. And I will endeavour to speak about this very important event as we draw closer to its unfolding.

In conclusion it is Michael's task to free thoughts from the head (the physical brain) so that they might connect with the will in the soul, the heart forces, so that they can rise up again to the will in the cosmos. One might say he clears the way from the Pineal gland (Magi) to the Pituitary gland (Shepherd) so that we can develop the ability to see the spiritual world and free the ego from the necessity of the will so that it can connect with Christ, but first we have to take Michael into our hearts!

I leave you with this from the dawn of the Michael Age - *The Michael Mystery* by Rudolf Steiner:

'The Age of Michael has dawned. Hearts are beginning to have Thoughts. The springs of spiritual fervour no longer flow from the darkness only of mystical feeling, but from clear soul-brightness — Thought-informed and Thought-sustained. To understand this, is to receive Michael into the heart. Thoughts which seek today to grasp the Spirit must spring from hearts that throb for Michael, the fiery Thought-King of the Universe.'

Thank you and goodnight.