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The Etheric Manifestation of the Antichrist,
and the Physical Incarnation of Ahriman

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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

In the last two lectures given in June this year we explored the War in Heaven between Michael and his Hosts and Ahriman and his hosts. Rudolf Steiner tell us that this war began around 1840 and ended in Michaelmas 1879 and therefore took about 39 years.

So using his law, he says if we make 1879 the axial year we find that 1918 is the reflection of 1879, 39 years before, and a culmination of what began, in 1840 which was 39 years before that. So we have 1840 as initial impulse, 1879 as the axial year, and its reflection in 1918 which is the culmination of what began in 1840.

Getting back to this battle that ensued between the highest Sun Archangel, Michael, and those backward angels who had the potential for being Archangels but

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

had remained at the level of angels.² It occurred not only Macrocosmically in the region of the Astral world but also microcosmically in the region of the Astral body of human beings as we discovered.

In 1879 Michael was victorious and succeeded in casting out the Ahrimanic Angels from the astral world and the astral body of human beings, banishing them to the etheric realm and the etheric body. So we can say that these angels fell from the region of the brain and senses, the physical expression of the Astral body, to the region of the blood and heart as the physical expression of the etheric body. We discussed in the last lecture that the etheric body is related to memory, which enables thinking to occur in the Intellectual Soul and therefore, in the thinking life. This accelerated materialism which leads to an enslavement of the soul and spirit to matter through abstract, dead thinking, and we know that in our time technology, war and the political life have all reflected this estrangement of the soul from the spirit.

Rudolf Steiner points out in particular the culmination of what began in 1840 in the rise of Bolshevism in 1818 since it was the impulses descending to earth from the battle of Ahriman with Michael that inspired Karl Marx to write his Communist Manifesto in 1848. The Communists themselves said that, 'A spectre is brooding over Europe, the Spectre of Communism'.

(It is very important to remember this in our later considerations of Sorath and his manifestation because this points directly to beings called spectres which Rudolf Steiner states are detachments of human etheric bodies due to bad social and political conditions.)

However, there are two sides to every coin! The downfall of the angels also had a positive aspect. The battle that raged for 39 years resulted in Michael's triumphant promotion to Archai, which allowed him to take up the task of being the Spirit of our 5th Post Atlantean Epoch. It also meant that new inspirations were able to reach the human soul from the spiritual world, through the gateway of our Astral body - the head and senses. This could enter human souls without being tarnished by the influence of the backward spirits and created the possibility for birth of

² Rudolf Steiner mentions that these were those beings what had been angels who fell behind during Egyptian times:

'Those beings that operate as obstructive powers remain behind because they failed to put themselves under the leadership of the Christ. Thus they continue to work independently of Him. More and more in human evolution will become evident a materialistic movement under the guidance of these backward Egypto-Chaldæic spirits. This movement will have a materialistic character and the greater part of contemporary science is under its influence. There are, for example, people today who say that our earth in its final essence consists of atoms. Who instills this thought into men's minds? It is the super-human angel beings who had remained behind during the Egypto-Chaldæic period.' Spiritual Guidance of Man and Humanity Lecture III.

Anthroposophy into the world, that is, for the founding of the Anthroposophical Society (1913) which has provided human beings with a 'blue print' for the redemption of materialism through a spiritualisation of thinking which leads to a unification of the soul with the spirit.

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

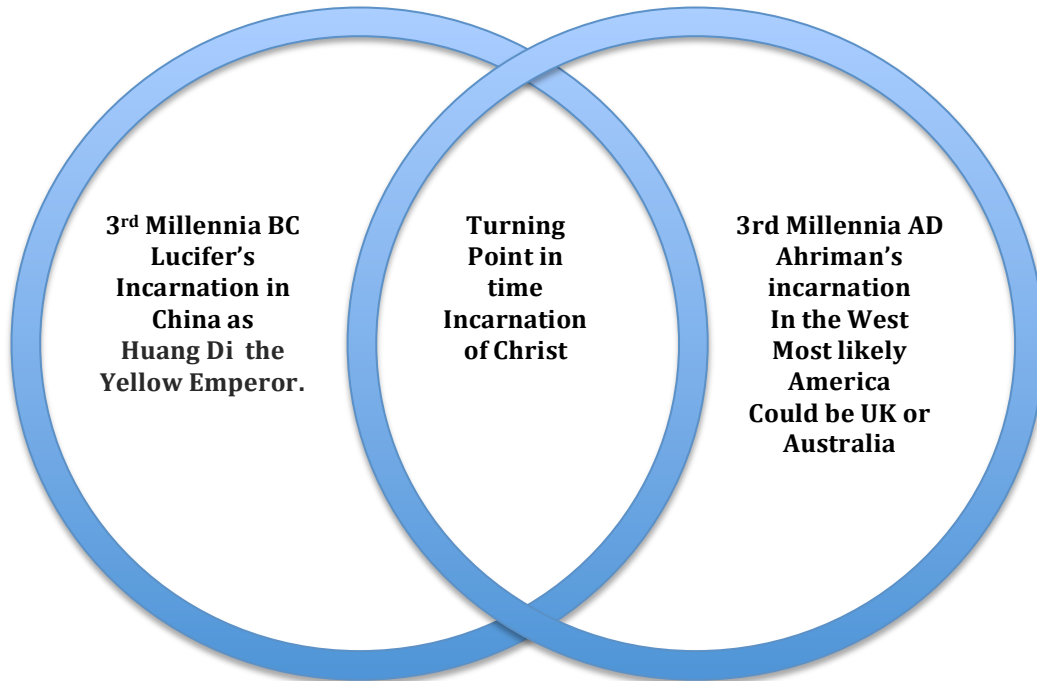
- Ahrimanic Inspirations: entered into the blood leading to a Materialisation of the soul and cultural life through a materialisation of thinking, which binds the soul to matter.
- Michaelic Inspiration: entered the nerves and senses leading to a Spiritualisation of the soul and the cultural life through spiritualisation of thinking, which frees the soul from matter.

This year, is not only the 100-year reflection of 1912 when Anthroposophy was founded but it is also the threshold of the 100-year reflection of the year Rudolf Steiner prepared Anthroposophists for a special event. The second coming of Christ, his astral manifestation in the etheric world which was seeded when he incarnated for the first time into human evolution at the turning point in time in Palestine. He came to earth in order to balance out two other incarnations.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that three times in recent human evolution we will see the incarnations of higher beings.

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

Axial turning point in time.



The Luciferic incarnation did bring much to humanity that was necessary for its development, medicine silk making, writing etc. Ahriman's incarnation will also be important for human evolution but what each of them brings would be merely a one side of a duality, like head and limbs had Christ not descended to bring the balance of the middle - the heart.

Birth and Death - The Great Duality.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that in Lemurian times, Lucifer was responsible for the fall of the human spirit into the physical body and, therefore, into the stream of heredity, the stream of birth and death. This became related, as time progressed, to the idea of morality - Original Sin. A human being was said to be born from Sin with a tendency for evil. Lucifer was therefore, responsible for necessitating the manifestation of a super-sensible fact on earth - the mystery of Birth and Death, which has its origins in the spiritual world.

Since then Lucifer's desire is to inspire human beings to lift up out of the physical body prematurely, to die to the world, bypassing the normal course of development, and avoiding the stream of heredity altogether in order to become unfree, premature angels.

It was in Atlantean times that Ahriman came to prominence in world history and since that time he has been working towards his incarnation, in the 3rd Millennium

after Christ. Lucifer's incarnation as the Yellow Emperor was beneficial for the development of human beings, but Ahriman's incarnation though it is also necessary, will be a more dangerous one. Ahriman is the Lord of Death and his will is to materialise human thinking into dead thinking to such an extent that the soul becomes fettered to the physical body and to an ever materialised earth, effectively cutting human beings off from their spiritual home - as an Ahrimanic form of immortality. This is nothing more than a spiritual death.

His incarnation on the physical plane will intensify his influence and many will fall into his clutches unknowingly, because his effects work in the unconscious aspect of the human being as we learnt in the last two lectures. It will work in the human thinking through the etheric body, where the human being is not conscious.

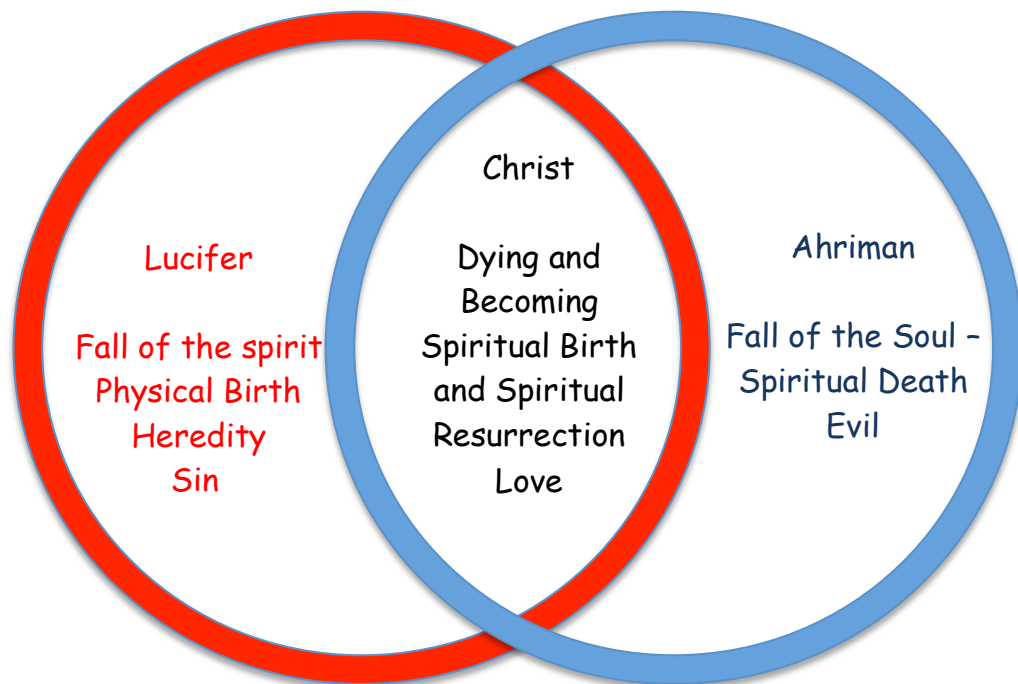
Something had to happen to create a balance between these two extremes and to rescue the mysteries of life and death for human beings ahead of Ahriman's incarnation. Christ was born into world evolution in order to die an earthly death and to overcome death through a higher birth into the spirit, to seed the potential for all human beings to do the same.

Christ the second person of the trinity, the Son/Sun being, elected to descend gradually to earth and enter into the middle of the 4th Post Atlantean epoch in order to bring about a balance and to rescue the birth and death mysteries, because it was at this time that these mysteries had fallen into their greatest decadence, threatening forever to estrange human beings from the truth of the Spiritual world. Christ did three things:

1. Christ 'I' was born into the prepared soul and body of Jesus of Nazareth in Palestine by way of the spirit, in what one might call a super-sensible Virgin Birth. He thereby rescued the potential for all human beings to rise up out of the stream of heredity through the power of their 'I' and its connection to the spirit (Holy Spirit) - Manas - Spirit Self.
2. Christ's I then lived in the physical body of a human being, seeding the potential for all human beings to have the Christ 'I'(the Son/Sun) dwell in them - Budhi - Life Spirit.
3. The Christ 'I' died a super-sensible Death on the cross in the body of Jesus of Nazareth to rescue the original physical body (Father) which had originally been intended for human beings before Luciferic temptation, through his resurrection of the physical body back to an etheric state, thus seeding the

potential for all human beings to spiritualise or raise their physical bodies -
Atma - Spirit Man.

One could say that through Christ the 'Solar Heart' of the cosmos, the Kingdom of Heaven entered world evolution carrying a Love capable of raising birth and death to their rightful domain - the etheric world; a love capable of sacrificing its heavenly existence to redeem the Sins and Evils of the world.



By dying on the cross Christ connected his spirit to the earth and to earth evolution for all times to come as a support to human beings not only from continuing attacks by made by Lucifer and Ahriman but also because of the incursion of another being, a being whose influence has been felt more recently than Lemurian or Atlantean times.

This being does not belong to our solar system as does Lucifer and Ahriman, but he has 'snuck' into world evolution by way of his connection to a past solar system and the Kyriotetes on the sun in particular. His opposition to world evolution has made him the greatest and most potent adversary of Christ. He is the sun demon, the Shadow of Christ - the ego living in the Antichrist whose designs are to replace Christ as a God.

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

John, the Apocalyptist calls this being the Two Horned Beast and he gives us his name encoded in a number 666 which - when decoded using a cabalistic formula called Gematria - is the number that corresponds to the name Sorath. Rudolf Steiner tells us that this being Sorath has actually been trying to incarnate into the etheric world since the year 666, which is the first manifestation of the number associated with this Ahrimanic Demon. This was the year he was working with particular intensity at the Academy of Gondishapur in Persia.³ His aim was, at that time, to prematurely bestow human beings what he had already developed, the Consciousness Soul. At this time the human being was experiencing his/her consciousness in the Intellectual Soul. A knowledge appropriate to the Consciousness Soul entering the Intellectual Soul would have led to disaster.

'At that time — 666 years after the birth of Christ — something was due to happen and could have happened, but did not happen. The reason why it did not happen you will now hear. In the year 666 there could have come — visibly for ordinary people, particularly for men of the West — an important being who would not have entered the physical plane, but would have made himself very clearly perceptible to mankind even in an external way, so that they would have become his victims...The intention of this being, Sorath, the Beast — who had fully developed the Consciousness Soul, whereas man had reached only the age of the Intellectual or Mind Soul — was to bestow prematurely on men all the soul-spiritual achievements unobtainable through the Intellectual or Mind Soul, and within reach only of the Consciousness Soul.'⁴

Why is this a bad thing to bestow soul achievements on the Intellectual soul that belong to the consciousness soul? One can call the Consciousness soul the 'moral' soul - the soul in touch with the higher ego, the spirit. The advances that Sorath was inspiring in the intellectual soul were dangerous because at the level of the intellectual soul, the soul was not connected to the spirit yet, and had no ability to discern the moral effects of those advances in order to use them wisely. We can liken it to giving a teenager, with all his/her lack of wisdom and emotional instability, weapons of mass destruction. By bestowing these advances ahead of time Sorath was hoping to cultivate in human beings, a consciousness soul that was hyper materialised and estranged from the spirit and morality.

This did not succeed because Christ entered with his Macrocosmic 'I' into human evolution to die an earthly death and to rescue the human connection with the spirit,

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

⁴ Rudolf Steiner - Lecture 11 October 1918.

as we said, but he had to die 333 years earlier than he should have in order to achieve this. What does this mean?

Rudolf Steiner tells us that without Ahriman and Lucifer the middle of the Fourth Epoch would have been 747. Because of Ahriman and Lucifer the epoch of the intellectual soul only began in 747 and finished in 1413. This meant that the year 333 was supposed to be the middle of the fourth post Atlantean epoch and Christ was meant to descend to earth in 333. However because of the coming Sorathic attack in 666, Christ had to change 'His plans' so to speak and to descend into human evolution 333 years ahead of time in order to provide the balance and to prevent Sorath from claiming himself God.

But the aim of the being that hoped to intervene in 666 was to make himself God. He said: "Men will come who no longer direct their gaze to the Spirit — the Spirit will not interest them. I shall see to it (and this he actually brought about) that in the year 869 a Council will be held in Constantinople at which the Spirit will be abolished. Men will no longer be interested in the Spirit; they will turn their attention to nature and form ghostlike concepts of nature. Then I shall do something that men will not notice, because they will not recognise themselves as real men, only as ghosts. I shall get complete control of the Consciousness Soul. I shall lead men astray about their own nature; I shall let them go on grasping only the ghost of themselves and I shall pour all the wisdom of the Consciousness Soul into their Intellectual or Mind Soul. Then I have them — then I shall have caught them."⁵

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

Christ's sacrifice made it possible for the prophet Mani (Manes) to unite Christianity with the Zoroastrian religion, which became the seedbed for Manichaeism (though he was soon put to death at Gondishapur by the Zoroastrian

⁵ Ibid.

priests). Mani was able to vouchsafe the knowledge of the light of the 'Spirit' and the overcoming of the darkness of death for the future. On the other side of the fence so to speak, there was the rise of Mohamedism, which inspired a Luciferic spiritual wisdom which created a counterbalance to the Ahrimanic death and Sorathian accelerated knowledge arising out of the court of Haroum Al Rashid in Gondishapur.

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

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

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

Sorath inspires Black Magic and black magic is that which seeks to divert human evolution from the right path.

But this being Sorath continues in his desire to achieve his aims not directly yet, but through Ahriman.

In 333 there began to form in the minds of men a confusion about the trinity with the arguments of Arius and Athanasius. Arius believed that Jesus could not be a God because he had been born a man. He was only similar to the God, Christ, while Athanasius believed that Jesus was the same as Christ the God and so divine. These were the arguments of similar and same. In the end fortune favoured Athanasius and the trinity of Holy Spirit, Son and Father, was saved, but by 869 these

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

arguments surfaced again and were used by Sorath to inspire a church council which, through a silent and devious Canon, turned everything around, and abolished the belief in trichotomy - the belief that the human being is composed of body, soul and spirit. To believe that the spirit could dwell in a human being was, after this council, an anathema - cursed by God.

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

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

Later in 1307 began the persecution of the Johannean Manichean Order of Knights Templar who believed that the spirit of Christ lived in the Temple of the heart in each human being. It was their task to inaugurate a new Christened ideal, a spiritual community. They were finally exterminated by Phillip le Bel, King of France, who was not only a tool of Ahriman and Sorath, according to Rudolf Steiner, but also an incarnation of a former priest in the Mexican Mysteries of Taotl according to Sergei O Prokofieff. He accomplished this with the help of Pope Clement V who in my investigations had an incarnation as a Mongol in the time of Genghis Khan possibly his advisor. In a sense we have the 'spirit' (not necessarily incarnation) of Haroum Al Rashid and his Advisor living in Phillip le Bel and Clement V.

This 'genocide' of two spiritual impulses, occurring nearly 100 years from one another sought to destroy the knowledge of the birth of the Holy Spirit in the soul and the knowledge of Christ in the soul. The extermination of these impulses on a grand scale enabled the adversarial powers to prepare a further estrangement of human beings from the spirit through the illusion that birth and death have no spiritual counterpart at all. That is, that human beings are not born out of the spiritual world and they do not die to return to the spiritual world. Birth and death were to be thought of only as natural, earthly phenomena.

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

corrupted — the comprehension of the spirit and the comprehension of nature.⁷

There is, moreover, according to Rudolf Steiner, a connection between the way the Cathars and, in particular the Templars entered into the world of the dead - creating an unleashing of demonic forces (because of the lies that were extorted from them under torture)⁸ and the subsequent rise in the power of the Ahrimanic angels, enabling these angels, many of whom fell behind in Egyptian times and carried with them a certain relationship to the elemental beings of birth and death, to flood the astral world with an accelerated knowledge.

'Today I want to talk to you about one class of such entities, the class whose function in the great scheme of things is connected with human birth and death. You should never believe that human birth and death are actually as they present themselves to the senses. Spiritual entities are involved when a human being enters this physical world from the non-physical, and then leaves it again for the non-physical world. To give them a name, let us call them the 'elemental spirits of birth and death' for the moment. It is true that the individuals who until now were initiated in the Mysteries considered it to be their strict duty not to speak to people in general of these elemental spirits of birth and death. If one were to speak of them, and of the whole way in which these elemental spirits live, one would be speaking of something that would seem like red-hot coals to people, for this is how humanity has developed in the post-Atlantean age. We might also use another analogy. If people get to know more about the essential nature of these elemental spirits of birth and death and do so in full consciousness, they come to know powers which are inimical to life in the physical world(...)To bring about birth and death the gods need entities whose minds and whole way of looking at the world give them the urge to destroy and lay waste to everything which provides for the welfare of human beings here in the physical world. We have to get used to the idea that the world is not made as people would really like it to be and that there exists the element which in the Egyptian Mysteries was known as 'iron necessity'. As part of this iron necessity, entities hostile to the physical world are used by the gods to bring about

⁷ Lecture given by Rudolf Steiner, 6th October 1918

⁸ The elemental beings created in the world due to lies and Calumnies are detachments from the physical body and are related to bacilli and pathogens according to Rudolf Steiner. Note that Rudolf Steiner relates what happened to the Templars under torture as a Sorathic inspiration. This created a new class of beings according to him, which resulted in world karma. These beings work directly under the auspices of the beings of Birth and Death.

birth and death for human beings.⁹

Natural Science - which, through its materialistic thinking (dead thinking) occupies itself with 'dead' matter and therefore sees death as something that belongs to the world of the senses, and it's child, Darwinism, which sees heredity or birth in the same way - these were the inspirations of these angels according to Rudolf Steiner.

Darwinism subjected the human being to his birth, his heredity, thus making human beings nothing more than intelligent animals. The human being thereby lost his connection with the divine. And as only the fittest animals survive this eventually led to the idea of eugenics, the culling out of the weaker races in wars, the immoral slavery of human beings considered to be inferior, the egoistic, materialistically minded economic, industrial and political world view, which necessitated military supremacy, expansion and the subjugation and colonisation of peoples.

Natural science led to the discovery of the sub-earthly dead etheric realm which is the result of fallen light - electricity - and which eventually led to the discovery of the other two degenerated etheric realms that are related to fallen Chemical ether - Magnetism, and Life ether - Atomism - all of which eventually led to the discovery of the Atom bomb and the Computer Age. Natural Science unleashed the elemental beings of birth and death into the world:

'If people who are quite unable to deal with their instincts and drives, with their passions, had known that destructive entities were present around them all the time, they would have used the powers of those destructive entities. They would not have used them the way the gods do in birth and death, however, but within the realm of physical life. If people had felt the desire to be destructive in some sphere or other, they would have had ample opportunity to make these entities serve them, for it is easy to make them serve us. This truth was kept hidden to protect ordinary life from the destructive elemental spirits of birth and death.'¹⁰

All of this came from the destruction of the Cathar and Templar impulse. However the Templars and Cathars (Platonists) who had died, united in the spiritual world with the Aristotelians according to Rudolf Steiner in the 15th Century in a great

⁹ Lecture 6th October 1917 - it is interesting to note that Rudolf Steiner spoke about this on the eve of the rise of Bolshevism

¹⁰ *ibid*

supersensible school, and then, one hundred years before the war in heaven, all of Michael's hosts were gathered together again for a super-sensible cultus that lasted from 18thC-19thC. In this cultus Michael and his hosts prepared the imaginations for all that would later become Anthroposophy on earth. This cultus also inspired human beings then living on earth, one was Goethe, the first to understand the existence of the etheric world, who created Faust and The Fairy-tale of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lilly, and after whom Rudolf Steiner named the Goetheanum. Others were also inspired: Schiller who brought the idea of ethics and morality, Holderlin who brought his experiences of having been with Christ and Novalis, who, as the reincarnation of John the Baptist and Raphael brought to earth the knowledge of the Sophia. Such men were able to keep the 'fire' of the spirit of the Sophia of Christ burning, despite the materialistic inspirations of the aforementioned Ahrimanic angels and their servants the elemental beings of birth and death.

Also, when the Ahrimanic Angels were thrust down into the Etheric world and into the blood of human beings in 1879 those inspirations from Michael were able to flow to the earth without Ahrimanic interference and these inspirations resulted in the earthly founding of Anthroposophy by Rudolf Steiner in 1912, in order to make possible what came in 1913.

The negative aspect of the battle as we discussed last time was that Ahrimanic angels could work in the subconscious etheric body, in his sub-nature to inoculate human thinking with impulses that would lead to the first world war in 1914 which then led to the second, which in turn was the creature of both Lucifer and Ahriman in Nazism and Asuras in Bolshevism, bringing together between them, the three hierarchies of Sorathic helpers and their offspring:

1. Lucifer's backward angels and their effects on the human astral body - Dragons - sphinxes - Demons
2. Ahriman's backward archangels and Elemental beings of Birth and Death and their effects on the human etheric body- spectres - ghosts
3. Asuras' - backward Archae and their effects on the human physical body - phantoms
4. Sorath and his effect on the human ego - new race of Demonic beings - bacteria pathogenic agents now - evil demonic future human beings (Jupiter).

All in the service of Sorath.

Ahriman opened the way for the etheric 'Spectre of Communism' to rise from the etheric bodies of human beings into the etheric world by way of social and political

conditions, in other words, by turning human beings into a herd of animals and the detachment of spectres from their etheric bodies which were able to, in a united way, embody Communism as a sub-suprahuman spectre (double) in the etheric world.

Ahriman also opened the way through electricity and magnetism for Asuras to enter into the physical world culminating in the implementation of the Atom bomb at the end of WWII and every other implementation since, which has opened the gates to the abyss (the sub-earthly ethers) in preparation for the etheric manifestation of Sorath in the sub-earthly ethers.¹¹

'Sub-nature must be recognized for what it is. This is only possible if humanity will rise at least as high in spiritual perception to supersensible supernature, as it has technologically descended into subnature. (...) Electricity (...) it must be recognized for its power to lead from nature to subnature. But humans must beware of joining in the descent.'¹²

We see this clearly if we consider that in the 20th century human beings experienced earthly reflections of the war in heaven which began in 1940, only now brought down to the earth as an earthly experience in a number of wars from 1939-1940, leading to further wars right up to the present. These have created the right economic, political, scientific and social conditions necessary for Ahriman's first incarnation on earth into a prepared human body and his subsequent 'unveiling' in our time - the 3rd Millennium, and also for the possible achievement of the etheric manifestation of the Beast with the two Horns, Sorath.

666

666 + 666 = 1332

1332 + 666 = 1998

1998 was therefore third manifestation of the number 666. So, we can say that there have been three manifestations of the number 666 in the historical evolution of Humanity:

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

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

¹¹ Rudolf Steiner Lecture 15th July 1923

¹² Rudolf Steiner, *Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts*, nos. 183-185.

1998 - The Third manifestation of the number of the Sorathic Beast with the incarnation of Ahriman.

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

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

Let us look again at the supersensible mysteries of life and death. One could say that when they are brought down to the world of the senses, to the physical world these supersensible mysteries, which as we have said above, are purely spiritual, form a binary illusion. As I mentioned just now, the first computer was patented in 1889, an inspiration from the beings of Birth and Death and the Ahrimanic Angels.

'In earlier times, the elemental spirits of birth and death essentially served the divine spirits who guided the world; since our day — and this has been going on for some time now — the elemental spirits of birth and death are serving technology, industry and human commerce. It is important to let this disturbing truth enter into our souls with all its power and intensity.'¹³

The use of these beings opened the way for 'the binary system' - the most materialised conception of birth and death as a duality - on and off. The computer has, since those times, surpassed all other human discoveries to become the supremely most insidious incursion into human culture and human soul development because it now informs everything we do but more importantly because it is a direct threat on the human 'I' and spirituality.

The Apple Computer company was founded by Steve Jobs in 1976 (just before the end of the 100 year reflection of the wars in heaven which lasted until 1979) and *incorporated* in 1977, but it was not until 1998, and the third manifestation of the number 666 that Steve Jobs, who received his Ahrimanic inspirations from the elemental beings of birth and death after taking LSD, brought a new connection of the human I with the duality of birth and death, with the binary on and off in his first 'I' mac computer which was followed years later by the 'I' phone and the 'I' pad and now 'I cloud'.

¹³ *ibid*

The hundred-year reflection of the first patent for a computer in 1889 occurred in March 1989 when Sir Tim Berners-Lee wrote a proposal for what would eventually become the World Wide Web (abbreviated as WWW). Now the scene was set for a marriage of demonic proportions and the child of this union - computer and the Internet - is Ahriman's incarnation. Interestingly the name 'Apple' in Latin is Malum and related to evil Malus, because the apple had been Eve's Temptation.

The most meticulous attention has been paid to the creation of the right conditions for the incarnation of Ahriman and we could go on to mention the technological advances, the manipulation of the genome, the War against Terror, the numerous wars in Africa, the pollution of the atmosphere and lately the social, political unrest, of war in the middle east on the one hand, and in the west in the form of a Global Financial Crisis on the other. However, it is to the computer and the World Wide Web that we must look if we wish to understand how all these things come together in a wholistic spectre, since it is by way of the W.W.W and the computer that Ahriman will enslave human thinking and it is by way of this unified enslaved thinking trapped in the 'clouds' of the sub-earthly ether that Sorath will seek to manifest himself.

How will Sorath do this?

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

But how must we think of the computer and WWW?

In the human being the rhythmic system is the system of heart and lungs. What weaves heart and lungs into a working unity is the blood, the arteries, and veins which work as mediators of oxygen and carbon dioxide. We breathe in and this breath containing oxygen is impressed, through the workings of our lungs, into the blood. The breath works like a seal on wax, this breath impregnates the blood and the blood then moves the heart to oxygenate the body returning again by way of our veins when all the oxygen is used up, and it is returned by way of the heart again to the lungs in order to be expelled and exchanged once more. Centre and periphery.

This process of dying and becoming of the blood, happens primarily in the etheric body and it allows the human being to exist as a being with an free ego

consciousness on earth, a being with 'intelligence'. We 'manifest' on earth and we think, feel and will on earth, because we breathe air into our lungs.

It is in the sphere of dying and becoming that we find Christ.

How?

Through spiritual exercises we begin to breathe in light through our spiritualised senses, this light like the breath, which enters the blood, enters directly into our etheric body and finds its way to the blood and by way of our heart enters into our marrow, our DNA our bones. This is how we become 'spiritual' beings again from inside out. This is how we die away only to be born again through the spirit of Christ.

What does this have to do with computers and WWW?

We can liken the World Wide Web to a tangle of electromagnetic arteries and veins that connect what is breathed into it and out of it by way of our computers, which connect our thoughts to the great databases of a number of super computers. These databases one could say, form the artificial heart brain in which human intelligence dies and is born again as Artificial Intelligence. It is in this Death and birth that we will find the manifestation of the ego of the beast Sorath in the degenerated ethers, the electromagnetic web of 'on and off' which creates the artificial 'cloud'.

The bible tells us of Christ's manifestation in the etheric, in the clouds, where we find the Akasha the record in which the history of world evolution is inscribed in astral light.

Sorath's manifestation will occur in the realm of degenerated ether clouds and will be experienced through electromagnetic light. The cloud-based system created by Apple and Google, for instance, allows users to store their memories, music, photos, applications, documents, bookmarks, reminders, backups, notes, ibooks, and contacts, the content of their intelligence and provides a platform for Apple's email servers and calendars. One could say this is a degenerated form of Akasha.

It is in the realm of WWW that the three adversaries of Christ - Lucifer, Ahriman and Asuras - work together through the supra-subhuman double (spectre) which lives in the sub earthly ethers and connects to each individual double (spectre), to create the right etheric body for Sorath's ego. One could call the WWW the body of Antichrist in the Ahrimanic sense and in the Luciferic sense the Whore of Babylon as we have said in previous lectures.

The elemental beings of birth and death - servants of Ahriman - have become incorporated into the binary system - the life and death - on and off realm of the Internet and computers.¹⁴ They and other elemental beings created by human thinking feeling and willing have succumbed to the temptation of Ahriman now participate with the Backward angels in creating that etheric body from the degenerated ethers for the manifestation of Sorath.

The number of Sorath is 666 as we have seen and W.W.W has the value of 666. St John tells us in Revelations that the number of the beast is also the number of a man - human beings. How is that possible? If you have a web site as I do or a facebook page, or a My Space page or a blog etc. you are unconsciously being stamped with the number of the beast and his name. What does St John say? We will not be able to buy or sell without the number of the beast. In the future more and more of our dealings will be done on the internet, our buying and selling our social activities, our business etc. our communications - all our news, our books our information will be there. In order for us to do this we will need to associate our name with the number and name of the beast which becomes our number and name as well. We can see therefore that the 'I' mac and all associated 'I' products as well as the World Wide Web are the foretaste of a direct attack on the 'I' or the 'name' or the 'Word' of the human being - in other words, the Christ in the human being - the higher spirit.

But what does it mean to be 'sealed' with the number of the beast?

Remember that what enters into the lungs is sealed in our blood, Mephistopheles wanted Faust to sign his name in blood because this 'seals' the agreement. Our spiritual development will lead us away from breathing air to a breathing in of the Holy Spirit light into the pineal glands (Lungs on old moon) and the Pituitary glands (heart on old moon as we mentioned last time) to create the new organ of sight and the new organ of warmth. This spirit is supposed to weave in and out of us by way of these organs and quickening the etherisation of our blood, which 'kindles' in us a consciousness of Christ, the Holy Spirit (Spirit Self) in our blood unites us with the

¹⁴ In an interesting aside: Steve Jobs and Bill Gates once worked together. Bill's last name Gates calls to mind the Egyptian Book of Gates - a guide to the underworld. Between these two men computers have moved from the desk, to the lap---top and now they reach the level of the heart with the 'I' pad tablet. There is something strangely Egyptian about 'tablets' which were once made of clay. One could also mention here the God Hermes Thoth who invented writing and his Emerald Tablet - the tablet of the heart - the Akasha. Also if we take into consideration what Rudolf Steiner says: 'The physical organ that wants to form the memory-image is the pineal gland, while the pituitary gland is the recording part.' March 23, 1911: *Occult Physiology*, Lecture IV; August 26, 1918: *Mysteries of the Sun and the Threefold Man*, Lecture III. We see that the tablet is a form of degenerated memory recording device, which is only the beginning. We can expect to see memory enhancers and recorders (to back up our memories just in case) being 'implanted' in our brains in the near future.

stream of Christ's etheric blood living in us. Remember this was the mystery of life rescued by Christ, the virgin birth. This was the first step towards our living with Christ and dying in order to be born again in the spirit as a rescue of the mystery of death by way of Resurrection.

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

But how do we become sealed?

Firstly by thinking materialised thoughts (the intelligence of the beast) and then by breathing in degenerated light - the degenerated tortured artificial intelligence that is manifested as materialised light into the pineal and pituitary glands and by way of the etheric body to the blood. The pineal and the pituitary glands are particularly sensitive to electro-magnetic fields. Experiments conducted by the Russians and the CIA in the 1960's¹⁵ showed that animals could be made to behave in ways dictated by certain impulses to the Thalamus and mid brain. These fields have the potential to create us from the inside out into images of the beast through our spiral human DNA, the basic building blocks of genes, the genotype. Here the etheric light and electromagnetic 'forces' of our individual double work together in a complicated way with the degenerated ethers. Rudolf Steiner says our limbs in one life become our head in another life and that is, I believe, why he tells us that the two-horned beast rises out of human heads! First of all the Beast enters human evolution, he falls, then he rises out of the etheric body, the sea of formative

¹⁵'The real magnetism-perceiving organ of a human being is situated in front of the pituitary gland. The nasal parts of the optic nerves leading from the eyeballs to the brain, cross over in front of the pituitary cone, at the entrance to the brain. This crossing of the optic axes provides an important anatomical basis for taking hold of the self-consciousness. It is also a point in the region of the pituitary gland where contemporary human beings normally experience their centre of waking consciousness. The pituitary gland is in contact with the etheric *forehead chakra*, the so-called two-petalled lotus. Both these glands in the head region of a human being are, then, in various respects interwoven with the etheric sphere of light, as well as with the subterranean sphere of electricity. In this regard contemporary humans have the option to either consciously develop their morality with the aid of altruistic acts of will, penetrated by love, or to yield to base inclinations and instincts laced with uninhibited selfishness that can pour into them. And this is not without consequences for the future development and function of these two glands. In this context **Rudolf Steiner** drew attention to the fact that an etheric stream of light flows through the human being, that links heart and blood stream to the pituitary gland, and that, in certain moments, makes manifest (for the one who has developed such a supersensual perception) a person's moral principles and qualities.' <http://www.celtoslavica.de/bibliothek/electricity.html>

forces and the heart from which he rises upwards again to the larynx, and then finally the earth (region of third eye) through the human skull. The Beast creates us in his image from inside out and we are sealed with his name and number in astral horns!

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

The adversarial powers know that our only hope is to connect with the Christ Impulse with true understanding and consciousness.

This brings us to the mystery of the Merovingians and Dagobert in 666, whom I mentioned above. This mystery returns in 1982 with the book *Holy Blood and Holy Grail* in which the confusion over the trinity and denial of trichotomy resurfaces:

1. The idea of the so-called progeny (birth) of a physical union between Mary Magdalene and Christ Jesus lives in the Merovingian Hereditary line as an obfuscation of the Birth Mysteries, which eventually leads to the denial of the spiritual birth - Christ as the simple man Jesus. Christ is not divine because he is united with a man.
2. And the idea that Christ did not die on the cross, an obfuscation of the death mysteries leading to the denial of His spiritual death - Christ as a god is separate from Jesus - Jesus as a man is not united with Christ who is Divine.

This was one of the many attacks on the Gospels, in particular, *The Fifth Gospel*, which was given to the world by Rudolf Steiner in 1913 as a bulwark against these attacks.

Inspired by this book, Umberto Eco wrote *Foucault's Pendulum* in 1988, in which he portrays the Templars as either charlatans or Black Magicians. It is interesting to note that Foucault's Pendulum was installed at the Paris Observatory in 1851, eleven years after the beginning of the war in heaven at a time when, according to Rudolf Steiner, there was a flooding of materialistic inspirations into the world. Incidentally 1988 is also the 100-year reflection of the Masonically inspired Jack the Ripper murders which used decadent Egyptian rituals and called forth the

elemental beings of birth and death from the underworld to affect the murder of five women in the city of London in 1988 to bring about certain impulses. I will speak more about this at another lecture.

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

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

'It is easy to ask the question: What can I do in these painful times? The first thing one can do is endeavour to understand things, to really see through things. This brings up thoughts, which are real forces and these will have an effect.'¹⁶

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

What does he mean by understanding? Well the first form of understanding is intellectual, we think and discern with our rational faculties of logic. This is like breathing in air, because we need air, oxygen in order to think. However a deeper understanding occurs in the blood, or rather, the heart when we rise up out of intellectual thinking to a true spiritual knowledge. This knowledge or heart thinking occurs when we learn to truly think, that is, when by way of the Pineal and Pituitary glands the Holy Spirit is birthed in us through personal Rosicrucian, moral spiritual training I spoke of in the last lectures. When we begin to become conscious that we always see into the etheric world, we gain an understanding of the spiritual reality of the world beyond the senses. This not only establishes in our souls the proper connection between the purely spiritual forces of birth and death which we come to understand for ourselves occur in the etheric world, but it also helps us to find our way to the Christ. We die away to the world but through Christ we are born again in the spirit.

Secondly we should develop a devotion to understanding Christ: Developing a conscious understanding of Christ and His impulse, at first by way of the written

¹⁶ Rudolf Steiner Lecture 15th January 1917

Gospels and then later by way of his Etheric manifestation of the unwritten Gospel which leads us to Christ.

'A real devotion to the Mystery of Golgotha is a protection against all these things. It brings into the world a true conception of birth and death, gained on a supersensible path. By a true conception of this kind men should be healed from the effects of the corrupted conception. Thus Christ Jesus is the Healer, the Saviour. And therefore — because men have not chosen to follow a corrupted conception of the world because they are good for nothing, but have come to it through their evolution, through their nature — therefore the Christ works healingly; therefore He is not only the Teacher but the Physician of mankind.¹⁷

'If I am to give a name to the help that the pupil in occultism needs today in order that he may not forget the thought of the I when he ascends into the supersensible world, there is but one expression I can use, and that is *being together with the Christ Impulse on Earth*. That is what helps! In present-day conditions of Earth evolution everything depends at this point on what sort of a relation man has had with the Christ Impulse during his life on Earth, and in what measure he has let It become alive in him. On this depends whether the thought of the I is lost in forgetfulness when man ascends into the supersensible world, or whether it remains with him as the one and only sure support that he can take over with him from Earth into the supersensible world. The Christian of today has many remarkable and beautiful things to say about the Christ Impulse. But one who consciously in the Christian sense enters the higher worlds knows still more of the Christ Impulse. And this more that he knows is exceedingly important and significant. He knows that the Christ Impulse is the one and only thing that can come to our help when we are in danger of forgetting the I of Earth evolution. How is it that in addition to all that the Christ Impulse has already been able to be for man on Earth, in addition to the untold blessings that man has received and is still receiving from It, for his comfort, for his goodness of heart and mind, for his education and culture, there is also this, — that the Christ Impulse in the measure in which It works in man, can bring it about that the I of Earth does not need to be forgotten? Where can we look for the explanation of this? If I am to give you an answer to this question, I must draw your attention to facts which, although you may not know them from occultism, you can yet acquaint yourselves with by an intelligent study of

¹⁷ ibid

the Gospels. For there are two ways of coming to a knowledge of the reasons why the Christ Impulse can give this help. The first is the path of occultism, — an occultism such as rightly belongs to the stage of evolution reached by man in our times. And the second is the path of a thoroughly intelligent and deep study of the Gospels. The Gospels have one remarkable and unique feature, as compared with other religious records.¹⁸

We are fortunate to be living through the one hundred year reflection of 1912 and the founding of the Anthroposophical Society. With hindsight we can see the panorama that must have lain before the eyes of Rudolf Steiner when he formed the Society, and the far-reaching hopes he must have had for the safeguarding of the spiritual and cultural life in the dangerous times that were ahead. He said the Anthroposophical Society was formed, '*to prepare human souls so that they may be able to receive Christ, Who has come down to them.*'¹⁹ which he, as an initiate could foretell would happen in 1933, to counteract the down-surge of Luciferic Ahrimanic and Asuric forces.

If we take 1912 as an axial year, we find in our time 2012 the beginning of the culmination of what was seeded in 1812. But what occurred in 1812 that was meant to help humanity to maintain the spirit and to find its way back to Christ during the times of increasing materialism, during the time when the war in heaven was taking place? When we investigate we find something astounding, it is in 1812 that Kaspar Hauser was born.

It would take too long to elaborate on the life of Kaspar Hauser and I would direct you to the work of Terry Boardman who has written a very detailed book about Kaspar Hauser and various articles. For now I will say that Kaspar Hauser was an angelic being that had never before incarnated on earth and his task was to safeguard the spiritual integrity of middle Europe - Germany - for the coming of Rudolf Steiner and Anthroposophy and subsequently for the creation of a Three Fold Social Order - which would annul the effects of the council of 869 and its denial of trichotomy. Had this Three Fold Social Order been implemented in the world it would have had the potential to change the political, social and economic

¹⁸ Rudolf Steiner lecture 10 June 1912

<http://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/Dates/19120610p01.html>

¹⁹ Rudolf Steiner, 27th January 1910, *Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric Lecture II*

dynamics of Europe, perhaps even preventing the path of destruction, which we saw in the 20th century.²⁰

But this did not occur because Kaspar Hauser was murdered in the year 1833, nearly five hundred years after the second manifestation of the number of the beast. He was murdered by the English Masonic Lodges together with the Jesuits, in particular Lord Stanhope, who feared the impulse he would bring into the world would go against his ideal of English supremacy. The English lodges therefore made it their task to kill him.

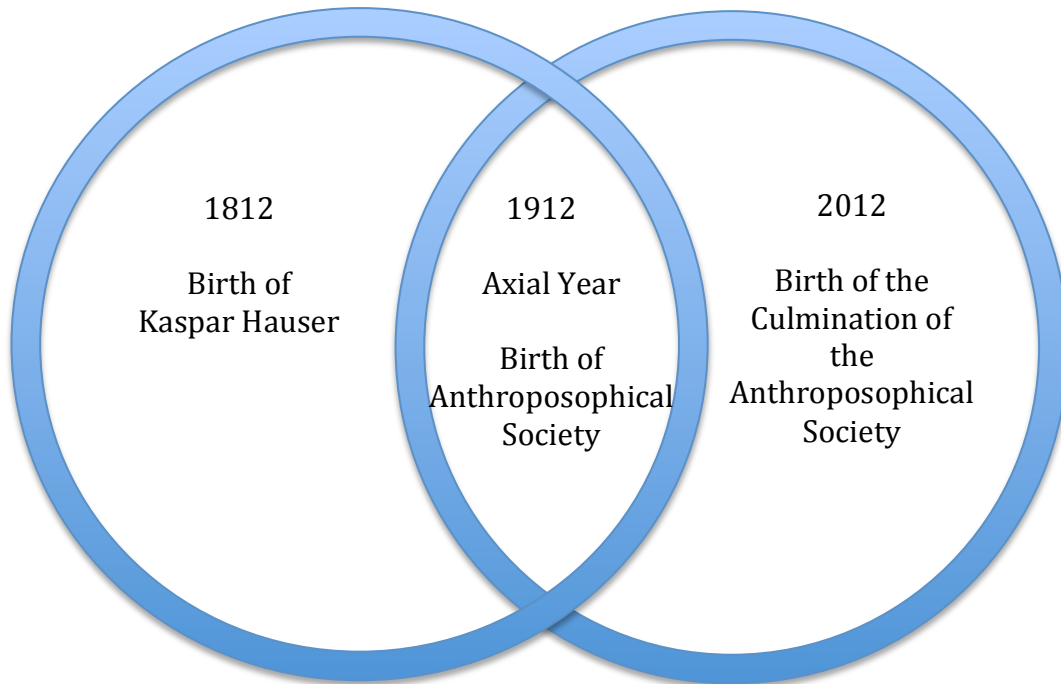
His sacrificial death in 1833 (or so it was hoped) would cast a shadow on the manifestation of Christ in the Etheric - which was destined to occur a hundred years later in 1933 - with the rise of Nazism in Germany, the middle. Nazism was an inspiration of the Western Lodges. It was the desire of these masonic lodges to replace Christ with Sorath in the etheric realm.

Thus if we make 1933 as an axial point, we see that a hundred years earlier the assassination of Kaspar Hauser was the seed for what may come as a negative fruit around 2033, as the etheric manifestation of Sorath.

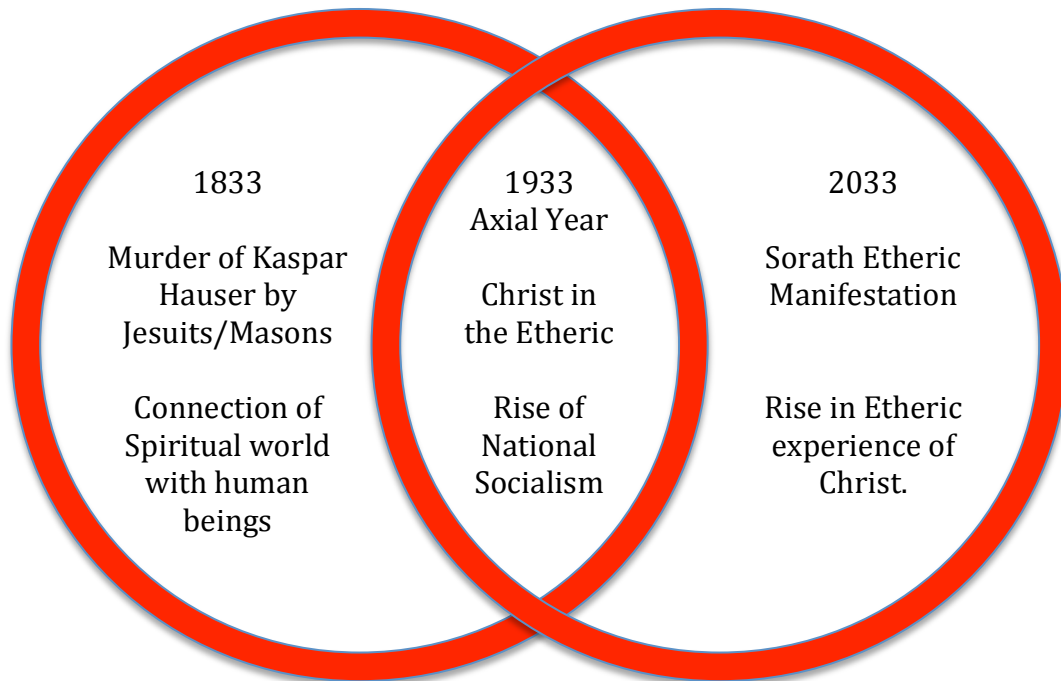
Having said that, Kaspar Hauser's life and sacrificial death did however also cast a great light! It created, according to Rudolf Steiner, a connection between the spiritual world and the earth which had not been accounted for by the Lodges or the Jesuits, and which enabled a continued connection between human beings and the spiritual world during the crucial years 1840-1879. It is this connection, which was reflected a hundred years later in the time between 1940-1979 with gradual growth and spread of Anthroposophy in the world via Waldorf Schools, biodynamic farming, medicine, architecture, Art etc...etc. This growth of Anthroposophy not only created the right conditions for a greater number of people to connect to the spiritual world and to Christ during those years marked by numerous tempestuous wars, but esoterically speaking, it also enabled Anthroposophists to work on behalf of those who had been tragically killed in these wars, maintaining a connection between the dead who had entered Kamaloka in a traumatised way and the Christ being. Moreover it is the development of thinking that, inspired by Anthroposophy, will lead to etheric vision, which will develop the discernment necessary to prepare us for the etheric manifestation of Sorath around 2033. Our true etheric vision of Christ is our only protection.

²⁰ The interesting thing to note is that the impulse of the Templars was destroyed in 1314, 18 years ahead of the number of the beast 1332. Five hundred years later nearly to the year, in 1812, Kaspar Hauser is born to vouchsafe the Middle Europe for an implementation of their original impulse of a Christened community.

Axial year 1912



Axial Year 1933



The year 2033 may see the birth of the heightened forces of the 666, the forces of the antichrist, but Ahriman's earthly influence may be brought forward to begin as early as 2014 as a direct 700 year reflection of the demise of the Templar Order in 1314 and the 600 year reflection of the beginning of the 5th Post Atlantean Epoch.

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

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

We are on the eve therefore of momentous events. December 21st 2012 when the Mexican calendar ends, people are predicting an increase in the forces of evil and they are not wrong. However we are about to experience something else. In Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe²¹ is expected to give a message to the world on the 12.12.2012 which will bring hope and love to humanity ahead of the reflection of what Rudolf Steiner gave us in 1913.

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

1913-14

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

²¹ <http://www.olrl.org/prophecy/ladyofg.shtml>

'Among the Rosicrucians, a Fifth Gospel is taught beside the four that are well known. It is through this spiritual gospel that the other four can be understood, and it will be given to a portion of humanity of the twentieth century, just as the others were given on the occasion of the physical appearance of Christ. Those adherents to the Rosicrucian movement who will have a clear consciousness will understand the significance of this Fifth Gospel for humanity.'²²

'Nevertheless, with the Mystery of Golgotha is intimately connected the metamorphosis of death — in other words, the metamorphosis of death from a fact of the sense-world into a supersensible fact; and the metamorphosis of heredity means that what the sense-world reflects in an illusory way as heredity, connected with the mystery of birth, is changed in the supersensible into the Virgin Birth...If you think of the various lecture-courses in which these things have been spoken of, if you think particularly of the content of what I have given as the Fifth Gospel, you will discover a whole series of ways by which these things may be understood, but understood super-sensibly only.' (Note he gave this in 1910)²³

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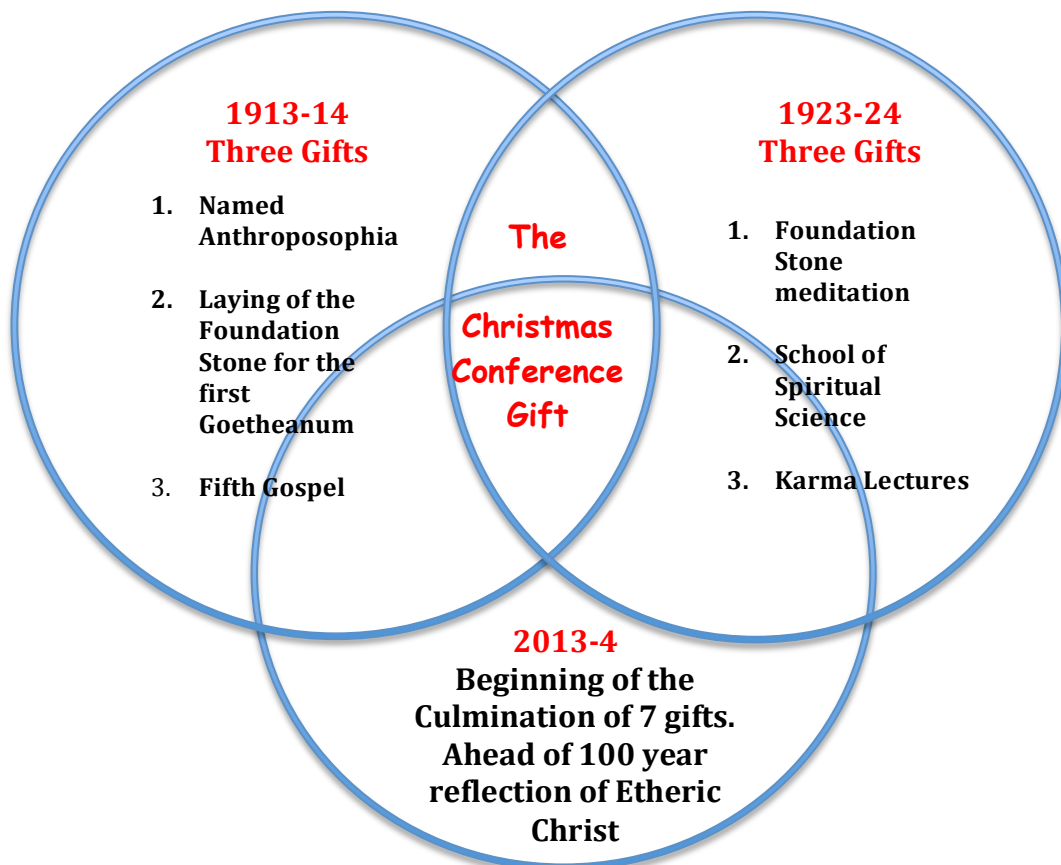
1. A year after the burning of the Goetheanum Rudolf gave us the Christmas Conference and the Founding of a new Anthroposophical Society. This was a rebirth of the Anthroposophical Society as a free gift, which made possible three further gifts:
2. The gift of the Foundation Stone Meditation. Through this meditation one creates a harmony between Body soul and Spirit by way of the forces of the Ego. Such a harmony fashions an inner temple for the spirit, an inner Goetheanum. This meditation brings to earth a new three-fold-ness, which annuls the effects of the Council of 869 and its hidden Canon XI. Those who practise the Foundation Stone Meditation are able to in particular, overcome the fall from the spirit inspired by Lucifer.
3. He created the School of Spiritual Science in which the Cosmic Intelligence in its purest form can enter into the soul temple of its members, a soul temple

²² Lecture given by Rudolf Steiner 18 April 1910.

²³ Rudolf Steiner Lecture, 6th October 1918

created by the Foundation Stone Meditation. The Cosmic Intelligence gives us a true spiritual understanding of our spiritual nature and how we can connect with Christ, which is the ultimate goal of the class lessons. Such a unification with Christ, can then engender initiatives in the soul of the Anthroposophical Society that can move through the society to the world. The School of Spiritual Science enables its members to overcome the fallen intelligence of Ahriman.

4. He gave the Karma Lectures (and the Four Mystery Plays) so that Anthroposophists might understand birth and death in relationship to the karma and destiny, a birth and death that cannot be experienced by animals but only by a spiritual human being with a higher self an 'I'. Such a spiritual human being is then seen in context with the evolution of the world. Christ died to redeem the objective karma of the world to enable world evolution to continue so that through births and deaths the human being might develop the soul in order to come to the spirit in freedom. Christ is, therefore, in our time becoming the Lord of Karma. An understanding of Karma protects us from the manifestation of the evil demon Sorath who seeks to destroy the 'I' the spiritual nature of man by manifesting in the sub-earthly ether as a 'God' and tricking human beings to unite with him, rescinding karma by binding the human soul to these ethers and to matter, and derailing human destiny and the destiny of world evolution.



I am aware that there are those who may believe that Anthroposophy has already culminated in the early 2000's, that is, that it has reached its apogee - the time Rudolf tells us that Platonists and Aristotelians will incarnate together to form the nodal point of Anthroposophy. But it is my conviction that this will blind us to the years 2013-14 -2023-24 at which time, it is my estimation, the real culmination will begin and end, as a reflection of the first year of life of the Anthroposophical Society in 1913-14 and the refounding of Anthroposophy in 2023-24, which had its seed a hundred years earlier in the first year of life of Kaspar Hauser. It is possible therefore that Rudolf Steiner and Christian Rosecreutz, who are the two inspirers of Anthroposophy in the world, and representatives of the two streams Aristotelians and Platonists, are now incarnated in order to achieve this culmination, which will find its apogee, in the 100 year reflection of the Christmas Conference - 2023-24. In 2033, Rudolf Steiner will have reached 44 years of age, if Walter Stein's research is correct. He states that Rudolf Steiner entered into the midnight hour in 1957, 33 years after the Christmas Conference in 1923-24.²⁴ If this is correct, it may be that he would seek to enter into incarnation 33 years later, 66 years from 1924 - in 1990, making him 22 years old now. Perhaps he has already had an awakening of his ego, possibly once again through Christian Rosencreutz?

2013 as the beginning of this culmination is therefore a very important year and much relies on how many people take up the free gifts given by Rudolf Steiner with earnestness, in particular the Christmas Conference, which unites and is central to the other six gifts. It is my belief that it is for this reason that Ahriman attacks the Christmas Conference with such vehemence within the Anthroposophical Society - to annul Rudolf Steiner's gifts and sacrifices.

The elemental beings that are being trapped in the realm of the sub-earthly ethers and must work for Lucifer, Ahriman Asuras and through them Sorath need us desperately. Sorath will use them in order to incarnate into that sphere.

Through our thinking feeling and willing we can bring them to Christ and tear them away from the clutches of the Antichrist. Our angels need us to connect them with the higher beings of the spiritual world once again and with Christ to prevent their downfall. Human beings, many of whom have and will continue to fall prey to the illusion of birth and death promulgated by the Antichrist, will, in ages to come, become sealed with his name and number, that is, they will be born with Astral horns, with materialised organs that cannot perceive the spirit. It is up to those

²⁴ A Biography W.J Stein, Johannes Tautz, Page 228.

with knowledge to bring a new understanding as well as new spiritual initiatives into the world, in any way that karma and talents make possible.

It is no coincidence that we are living in the 5th cultural epoch of the 5th Post-Atlantean epoch and that it is at this time that Rudolf Steiner gave us the 5th Gospel in order that we might gain a true understanding of the Mystery of our times - the 5th Mystery, the Mystery of Evil (and sin) which is the child of the aforementioned distortion of the supersensible mysteries of Life and Death.

Things will get much worse in the 6th cultural epoch ahead of the greatest manifestation of the number 666 which will occur in the far future, in the sixth cultural epoch of the 6th great epoch of the 6th earthly incarnation - Venus.

All in all, we must not be fainthearted because of what lies ahead, but rather we must feel strengthened by the gifts we have been given in order to be of help to the world and to the spiritual world. We can't run away from progress but we must face it with true understanding.

We still have time. If we work now, we can prevent ourselves from entering our next incarnation more bound to matter. We can lift up out of the world of matter and connect to the spirit in order to find the strength to descend at will into matter in order to help our fellow human beings. Venus will be the last chance according to Rudolf Steiner, for those who have fallen too far.

Michael as the champion of freedom helps us to find our way to the first step - Free thinking. Into the Michael School flows the Cosmic Intelligence in its purest form but it can only find a fitting vessel in our souls if we have developed the right relationship to our thinking feeling and willing as inspired by the spirit of Anthroposophy. Only such a relationship can be a protection against the acceleration of materialism that is seeking to ensnare us.

Our challenge is this: Can we recognise the importance of the next few years and work with the seven gifts of Anthroposophia in order to open ourselves up to the Holy spiritual Cosmic Intelligence of Michael as a protection for what is to come? Or will the next few years pass us by in a state of befuddled semi-consciousness as we head downwards further into an abyss from which we won't be able resurface?

We have been on a long journey...thank you for patiently staying with me! I leave you with Goethe's words: 'Enough words have been exchanged; now at last let me see some deeds!' (Goethe's Faust Part I)

Thank you and goodnight!