

TRANSFORMING MEMORY:
FROM DEATH, TO LOVE:
The Michael Mystery of Our Times.

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PART I

Rudolf Steiner tells us in many lectures but most prominently in his Michael Letters how Michael was, in times gone by, the regent or administrator of the so-called Cosmic Intelligence and that he sacrificed this intelligence to humanity. Human development depends on our ability to grasp and understand this intelligence in the right way.

But in order to understand it we have to know its origins and its connection not only with Michael, but with the Divine Sophia and with Christ. In these forthcoming lectures we will be exploring how this Cosmic Intelligence entered earth with a particular focus on its relationship to Thought and Memory. We will be exploring how our task in the past was to develop these two forces and how in the future we must effect a transformation of Memory through thought to imagination as a path to love. This we will see is the primary task of Anthroposophists - Michaelites and Rosicrucians - in the society and the Michael school, as representatives and forerunners of the future.

In one workshop we will find ways to practically begin to work on this transformation.

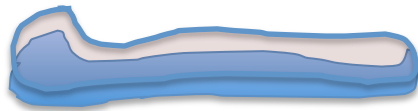
So let us begin with the two forces in question and their connection to what we call 'intelligence', Memory and Thought. What are they and how were they developed?

MEMORY AND THOUGHT

It becomes apparent that our memory and our thoughts are essential to our consciousness when we consider that every night when our memories and thoughts are dampened and we fall asleep this results in a loss of consciousness. The reason for this lies in a spiritual fact: the body necessary for memory and thought - the etheric body remains on the bed with the physical body when the astral body and ego lift up and enter the spiritual world.



Ego/
Astral
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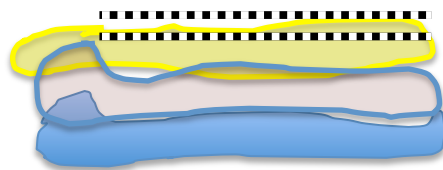


Etheric
body/
Physical
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From the time we fall asleep to the time we wake up, the only consciousness we have arises in dreams. Dreams are a consciousness experienced when the ego and astral body enter or leave the etheric body. That is why dreams are often connected to memories of experiences and thoughts we have had.

Dreams are the astral body and ego entering the etheric body in the morning or leaving the etheric body at night somewhat consciously. It is, one might say, the gateway to the spiritual world.

It is thus not too difficult to see the connection between the etheric body and imagination, considering imagination is a form of conscious dreaming. To say it more clearly: imagination is a fully conscious and controlled awareness in that part of the etheric body not connected to the physical body.



Dreaming:

Astral Body &
Ego
in contact with
the Etheric
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Thought, or rather, abstract thought, however, is something that we can only experience in our waking state in our physical body, because it requires the physical brain as a reflector and it is connected to that part of our etheric body we call the Intellectual Soul, or one might say, the 'seat' of human intelligence. We need the etheric body connected to the physical body to think. But this was not always so. The bond between the human physical body and etheric body were not always so close. This bond only developed gradually. Before that human consciousness was a perpetual dreamlike state and what we call human intelligence belonged to the gods. This was the Cosmic Intelligence.

Before the Cosmic Intelligence could enter into the human soul, the human etheric body had to become more bound to the physical body. Human beings had to gain a twofold knowledge:

Knowledge of the World

Knowledge of the Self.

In the first instance human beings had to develop organs capable of perceiving the objective material world. In the second instance they had to develop an independent inner organ capable of reflecting a subjective inner life.

Physical Senses - Perception

Physical Brain - Thought

But Perception could not have developed into the faculty of thought without memory. Memory is what allows a perception to be recalled later by the reflecting brain. The faculty of memory stands midway between the Perception and Thought.

COSMIC INTELLIGENCE

What is the Cosmic Intelligence?

When we speak of a Cosmic Intelligence we are not speaking of something abstract in the way we speak of 'intelligence' in the physical

world: such as an the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills or a collection of information for military purposes. The Cosmic Intelligence Rudolf Steiner speaks of is an active 'working' relationship between the hierarchies, an active communication and sharing that leads to outcomes. We can liken it to how our physical head and our limbs must work actively and harmoniously in order that we might have a relationship with the world around us and with others.

There are seven planetary intelligences the highest being the Sun intelligence.

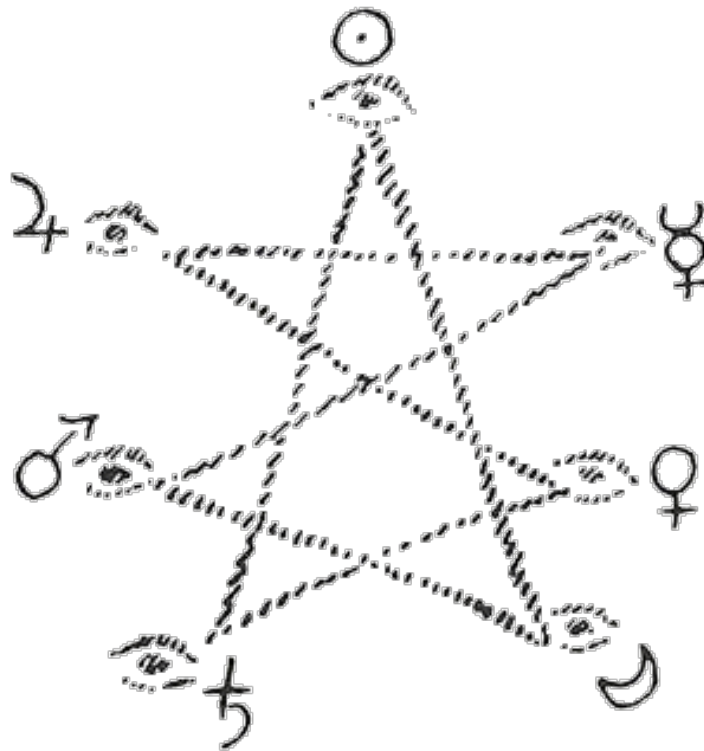
*'What is Intelligence? These abstract generalisations do not of course exist in reality. 'Intelligence' means the mutual relationships of conduct among the higher Hierarchies. What they do, how they relate themselves to one another, what they are to one another, — this is the Cosmic Intelligence. And since as human beings we must first consider the kingdom that is nearest to us, concretely speaking the Cosmic Intelligence will be for us the sum-total of the Beings of the Hierarchy of Angeloi. If we are speaking concretely we cannot say 'so much Intelligence,' but rather 'so many Angeloi.' This is the reality.'*⁴

The hierarchy of angels functions as messengers of this intelligence.

So why is the highest of all seven intelligences the Sun intelligence and what is its relationship to the Cosmic Intelligence?

It is because the 'Life' of the Sun Intelligence is inextricably connected to the 'Being' of Christ just as our Hearts are inextricably connected to the living blood that courses through our arteries and veins. Moreover, Christ, as the highest Ego of our Solar System brings, by way of the Sun, that life which holds sway over the other planetary intelligences - in the same way that the blood nourishes the other organs through the medium of the heart.

And we see the connection between 'perception', the eye and the ego or 'I' illustrated well in the Sign of the Lamb:



'When we look up to a star, that which appears to us physically is but the external aspect. In reality we have to do with a gathering of Spiritual Beings. Now there is a certain contrast. Since the very beginning of earthly evolution, this contrast has existed. It is the contrast between the Intelligences of all the planets and the Intelligence of the Sun. There is indeed on the one hand the Sun Intelligence, while on the other there are the Intelligences of the several planets. And it was always so, that the Sun Intelligence stood paramount under the dominion of Michael, while the other Planetary Intelligences were subject to the other Archangels.'²

So how did The Sun become connected to the being of Christ? To understand this we must go back to Old Sun Evolution and the 'great' event that happened there.

OLD SUN

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the evolution of our earth in which life has developed was preceded by three conditions:

Old Saturn - Warmth

Old Sun - Light

Old Moon - Water

Earth - Life

Rudolf Steiner tells us that on Old Sun the Kyriotetes sacrificed their wisdom to the beings who were then passing through their human stage, beings that in our time have reached the stage of Archangels.

Old Saturn - present Archai were undergoing human stage.

Old Sun - present Archangels were undergoing human stage.

Old Moon - present Angels were undergoing human stage.

Earth - we are undergoing our human stage.

The human beings on Old Sun (present Archangels) were able to take up the wisdom of the Kyriotetes and return this wisdom in the form of light. This was a fulfilment of their task as a humanity on the Old Sun and it also enabled the elaboration of our own etheric bodies, as well as the etheric body of the Sun itself - one might say, to the dark warmth of Saturn was added the light of Wisdom on the Sun. The Etheric body is a body of light.

From that time on, light has been synonymous with wisdom, and with the etheric body through a relationship developed between the Archangels and the Kyriotetes or Spirits of Wisdom. In particular the highest Archangel of the Sun, Michael, and his relationship to the highest Kyriotetes or Spirit of Wisdom, whom the ancients called the Divine Sophia.

Old Sun = Wisdom, Light, Human Etheric Body/Sun Etheric Body.

Michael was the highest of human beings on Old Sun because he was pre-eminently capable of turning wisdom to light. For this reason he is called both the mighty Sun Archangel and the 'Son of the Divine Sophia' - the highest of the Spirits of Wisdom (Kyriotetes) on the Sun capable of Wisdom.

Michael - Highest human being on the Sun Capable of Turning Wisdom to Light.

Divine Sophia - Highest Kyriotetes capable of accepting Wisdom as Light from the Archangels.

Sophia gathers the light of wisdom and Michael as the regent of this wisdom, administers it.

Let us now look more closely at the Sun Intelligence and how it relates to the Being of Christ.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that during Old Sun when the Archangels were elaborating the microcosmic ego and turning Wisdom to light, Christ was elaborating his macrocosmic ego. He tells us that Christ 'remained' behind on Old Sun in order to achieve this before all other beings in our solar system and by achieving it he became the Intelligence of the Sun.

But all the planets are also related to this intelligence through the Spirits of Form or Exusiai. There are seven Exusiai and they formed the body of Old Sun. They were the seven planetary intelligences we see in the sign of the Lamb. They direct the Cosmic Intelligence to the planets.

Now, Christ being the second logos is related to the sphere of Ram or lamb and that is why the above sign is called the sign of the Lamb. One sees quite clearly that Christ is the head and the Exusiai of the planets form his 'limbs'. It is for this reason that the Exusiai are

sometimes called Solar Logos and why Christ is sometimes considered an Exusiai.

If one looks at it this way the Cosmic Intelligence is nothing less than the relationship of our cosmos to the Being of Christ. This intelligence is not only what the hierarchies perceive of Him, but it is also what they understand about Him and what they communicate to one another about this understanding.

For we must bear in mind that Christ is exalted above all the hierarchies who have elaborated an ego because Christ has perfected his Macrocosmic ego on old Sun and only then was light able to fill the cosmos, only then could the Exusiai shine outwardly the visible Light of wisdom that was created by the Kyriotetes and Archangels working in concert to create vast pictures and forms.

'Then the second Logos began to stream out and he wove pictures and forms into the world aroma.'³

But Christ had not only developed His Macrocosmic Ego He had to also developed a Macrocosmic Spirit Self⁴ (Holy Spirit), a Macrocosmic Life Spirit (Son), and a Macrocosmic Spirit Man (Father) in order to become a member of the Trinity. For the Trinity are one in the spiritual world - they are only divided on earth.

*'Now a Logos does not work by himself — the three live and weave completely in each other so that each of the three also expresses himself in the other two. But we can't perceive the effects of the three equally well, because they stream out at different times.'*⁵

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*'The Christ, then, is a four-membered being, including His macrocosmic ego, just as man himself is microcosmically a four-membered being.'*⁶

Rudolf Steiner tells us this about Christ and the Macrocosmic Ego as opposed to those beings who have developed a Microcosmic Ego on Earth:

'He is a Being who remained behind, not only during the Moon evolution, as the Luciferic spirits did, but who, foreseeing the Moon evolution, actually remained behind still earlier, namely, during the old Sun evolution; and it was from a certain assured wisdom far above the human that He remained behind during the old Sun evolution. We cannot regard this Being as microcosmic in the sense which applies to the other beings we have been considering; for we have to regard as microcosmic beings those who were connected with this Earth evolution from its beginning. The Christ was not directly connected with the Earth evolution, but with the Sun evolution. He was a Macrocosmic Being from the beginning of the Earth evolution on, a Being who was exposed to entirely different conditions of evolution from those of the microcosmic beings.'⁷

So, we can say that the Divine Sophia as the highest being in the rank of Kyriotetes gathers and harmonises the Sun Intelligence of Christ which reaches as high as the Trinity and as low as the hierarchy of the Angels and Michael administers it.

Through the relationship of Christ, Sophia and Michael a connection was forged between the Sun's etheric, the human ego (Michael/Light) the macrocosmic ego (Christ/Intelligence) and Wisdom (Kyriotetes). And from this we can see how a special relationship with earthly human beings was formed in two directions - the direction of the human ego and the direction of the etheric body.

Like the human beings of previous earth's evolutionary stages, human beings on earth have a task and it is particularly and intrinsically connected to Christ, Michael and Sophia.

During the previous three planetary evolutions of the elaboration of the ego was the crowning work of human beings, but they were compelled to develop their egos, meaning that although they may have

developed the ego to varying degrees they did so in a way that was not free - human beings on earth would be different, they had to develop their ego in complete freedom.

Why is this so?

We must consider that planet earth forms the middle point of seven planetary stages. This position one could say is equivalent to the human middle age. And like the human being, the cosmos would have taken a downward course, had something new not been injected at this stage. Only a new 'impulse' could create an upward trend and this new impulse was freedom and the earthly human being was vital in this regard.

In order for earthly human beings to be free they would have to sever themselves from the gods. They would have to sever themselves from the cosmic intelligence in order to develop their own intelligence.

This was the plan.

A number of things had to happen to realise this plan:

1. The earth had to separate itself off from the sun and the other planets - Polaria/Hyperborea.
2. The earth had to separate itself from the Moon - Lemuria.
3. The seventh Elohim had to take his abode on the Moon in order to guide humanity.
4. The Elohim had to sacrifice part of their own ego substance to humanity to create a rudimentary ego in human beings.
5. Lucifer had to be cast out of the spiritual world and into the Astral world, and therefore the astral body of human beings by Michael, in order that Lucifer might in this way tempt the ego of human beings to fall towards the earth and to create organs of perception -Sentience.
6. Ahriman would have to enter human souls to stimulate the first rudimentary hints of an intellect.
7. Michael sacrifice had to sacrifice his regency over the Cosmic Intelligence and allow it to descend towards the Earth.

8. The Daughter of the Sophia enter into the human soul to help fashion three soul faculties: the Sentient Soul, Intellectual Soul and finally the Consciousness Soul, in readiness for the entry of the Cosmic Intelligence.
9. Christ had to descend to earth bringing His Macrocosmic Ego and therefore not merely a reflection but the actual being of His Intelligence into human souls.

We can see the influences and counter influences necessary for a severance of humanity from the gods while at the same time their intelligence was entering into earth evolution to become Human Intelligence. For just as the Sun created the eyes in order that they might perceive the sun, the Cosmic Intelligence, or an understanding of Christ had to be sacrificed by the gods to the earth so that it might create an organ of perception capable of perceiving Christ.

Through Christ human beings would have the potential to become sovereigns of their physical etheric and astral bodies, just as Christ was the sovereign of the beings of the hierarchies.

HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Let us look at it from the perspective of the human soul now.

Human intelligence would not have been possible had Christ not made four sacrificial descents to earth. These were followed by Michael,⁸ who sacrificed his Cosmic Intelligence also in four stages, which correspond to four stages of consciousness.⁹

Earth Evolution

We often think of the spiritual being above and the physical below but in one sense this is maya. Rudolf Steiner intimates quite often to us that space belongs only to earthly consciousness and that up down in and out, back and front are a chimera when it comes to the spirit. It is closer to the truth if we say that the spirit interpenetrates in layers, for here on earth. One might say that all that was Saturn, Sun and

Moon can be found on earth and also, all that will be Jupiter, Venus and Vulcan. The memory of the past and the future potential are experienced in different layers of consciousness which in our time are synonymous with Waking, Dream sleep, Sleep and Dreamless Sleep.

Will - The First stage Polaria, Hyperborea:

In the first stage humans were one with beings of soul and spirit. A man did not think a thought, but he perceived a spiritual being from the spiritual world through the 'I' directly, thinking a thought in him. Everywhere the 'I' 'looked' it perceived the willed thoughts of spiritual beings because consciousness penetrated to the furthest layer - one could call this layer, Devachan.

Those spiritual beings were the great 'Teachers' of humanity whose wisdom the human being was compelled to obey because its impulse moved the will. At this stage all 'was being', all was 'one' consciousness and will and thought were one. But because of this oneness, human beings were not free - they had no free will.

At this stage the planets Saturn and Sun split away from the Earth.

Consciousness in the First Stage: Spirit Being in the 'I' = perception of Spirit Light and Beings of Spirit.

Feeling - The Second Stage, Lemuria:

In Lemuria spiritual beings began to conceal themselves, or rather, the human soul could no longer penetrate to that layer of consciousness in which these spiritual beings manifested so they could no longer perceive the spirit light of beings but only one might say, the soul forces of these beings, which penetrated into the next layer of consciousness. Like moving from light to colour.

One could say that human consciousness penetrated to the level of the astral world through an elaboration of the Astral body. What caused it? Remember above where we mention that Michael Cast Lucifer from

the realm of the Devachan to the Astral world? In the Astral world Lucifer was able to tempt the human Astral body to enter or 'descend' lower into the realm of the physical and that is why it is portrayed as a 'Fall'.

The Moon splits away from the earth.

Through Lucifer's Temptation, Being was separated out from what was perceived and perception now connected 'image' to inner sensations or feelings of sympathy and antipathy sensed as colours (complements), which created an inner and outer life. This is the beginning of freedom.

Outer images perceived engendered inner sensations. But the two were still connected through 'life'. The human being still connected spirit and matter through a memory of the living spirit.

A form of elastic consciousness was now experienced, in other words, the images of the outer world did not yet make deep impressions but it was the beginning of memory - hence Lucifer is connected to memory.

Now we come to the connection of the Daughter of the Sophia with Lucifer.

The task of preparing the soul for the Cosmic Intelligence descending from above, fell to the Daughter of the Sophia or the 'feminine' part of Adam/Eve which was separated out before the fall and taken to the Sun Sphere. The Daughter of Sophia descended from the Sun Sphere into human souls to develop the soul from within¹⁰. The Greeks saw this being as Persephone, daughter of Demeter.

'Before man lost his clairvoyant consciousness there lived in him, side by side with what was in his astral body as the Zeus forces, Persephone.' Man had brought over this astral body, closely associated with the forces of Zeus, from the Moon. The soul-life, which we find personified by Persephone, was developed in him on the Earth. And that is what the man who lived in olden times on Earth was like! He felt, 'I have in my astral body. ... I have within

me Persephone.' In olden times man could not yet speak of an intellectual ego, as we do today, but he was aware of something which arose in him as a result of the co-operation of the Zeus forces in his astral body with the Persephone forces.¹¹

It was in Egyptian times (which are a recapitulation of Lemuria) that the Daughter of the Sophia, according to Rudolf Steiner, entered the human soul for the first time, to transform Lucifer's 'gift' the Sentient Soul into a faculty capable of understanding God - Theosophy. This was necessary because God was now outside the human being. Before this there was no need for Theosophy since God and the human 'I' or Will, were one.

It was also in Lemurian times that Christ made his first sacrifice. He emerged from the sphere of the Trinity into the sphere of the Sun as a Star with His Macrocosmic Ego, His Macrocosmic Spirit Man, Life Spirit and Spirit Self¹². This sacrifice helped to bring the 'right' relationship of the human being with the 12 senses or the Nervous System/ Astral body, which had been the result of Luciferic temptation. The human being could stand.

Consciousness in the second stage: Soul Image in the Astral Body = Consciousness of the Astral World and beings of Soul - Colour.

The Third Stage Thinking - Atlantis.

At this stage human perception or consciousness descended to a 'closer' layer to the physical, and this was accompanied by a deeper imprinting of what was perceived into the etheric body - long memory.

At this stage soul forces still had a living quality but they were no longer experienced in the present but in rudimentary form of 'memory', meaning, that what was seen was imprinted much deeper and in such a way that it lasted a long time and could be called upon - just like an impression is left on wax. But this was still felt to be something living, something which came from the outside, and which created an after

image or echo in the human soul. One might say, an opposite, of what was seen.

Outer images and inner memories were still connected by the 'living' memory of a soul being. One might liken this memory to a form of plastic consciousness and a true beginning of freedom and thought. Now we might understand why during a Celtic initiation an acolyte was taken to two pillars, one plastic and one elastic. This was a physical expression of an inner experience, which during the time of the Celts, was no longer a natural experience but one that had to be worked for and achieved.

The ability to look back on the imprint of the opposite of what was seen, distanced human consciousness even further from the 'beings of soul and spirit'. To compare what was seen in the past with what is seen in the present, enabled humanity to name and categorise what was seen and experienced and to conceive what might be seen and experienced in the future. This is the beginning of thought. Later in Greco Roman times the daughter of the Sophia worked to elaborate that part of the soul connected to that part of the etheric body capable of becoming a faculty of thought - the intellectual soul. The product of this would later be known as Philosophy - an understanding of the World.¹³ Before this there was no need for Philosophy since the human being was one with the world of nature.

This stage also marks Christ's second and third sacrifices in Atlantis: The second when he entered into the realm of the Sun as a leading planet of seven planets leaving behind his Spirit Man. He did this in order to redeem the seven human organs in relation to the organ of Speech.

The Third sacrifice in the second half of Atlantis necessitated that he enter into the sphere of the Moon - to the hierarchy of Archangels (whose highest representative was Michael) to bring harmony to Thinking, Feeling and Will. The human being could think.

This third sacrifice was, one might say, the culmination of all previous stages: the first stage (Will - I), second stage (Feeling - Astral) and third Stage (Thinking - Etheric).

Consciousness in the third stage: After Image in the Etheric Body = Consciousness of the etheric world - soul light (as opposed to spirit light)

The Fourth Stage Thought.

In the fourth stage Thought arose out of a relationship of the etheric body to the physical body. In the physical body thought was completely divested of life, only shadows of the beings were to be experienced as reflections from the human physical brain. The power of 'Intelligence' had been sacrificed by Michael and entered the realm of Ahriman who would seek to seize this intelligence for himself. This necessitated a further sacrifice by Christ. Christ's fourth sacrifice was to leave his Life Spirit behind in the sphere of the Moon so as to enter into the body of a human being with his Macrocosmic Ego and Spirit Self.

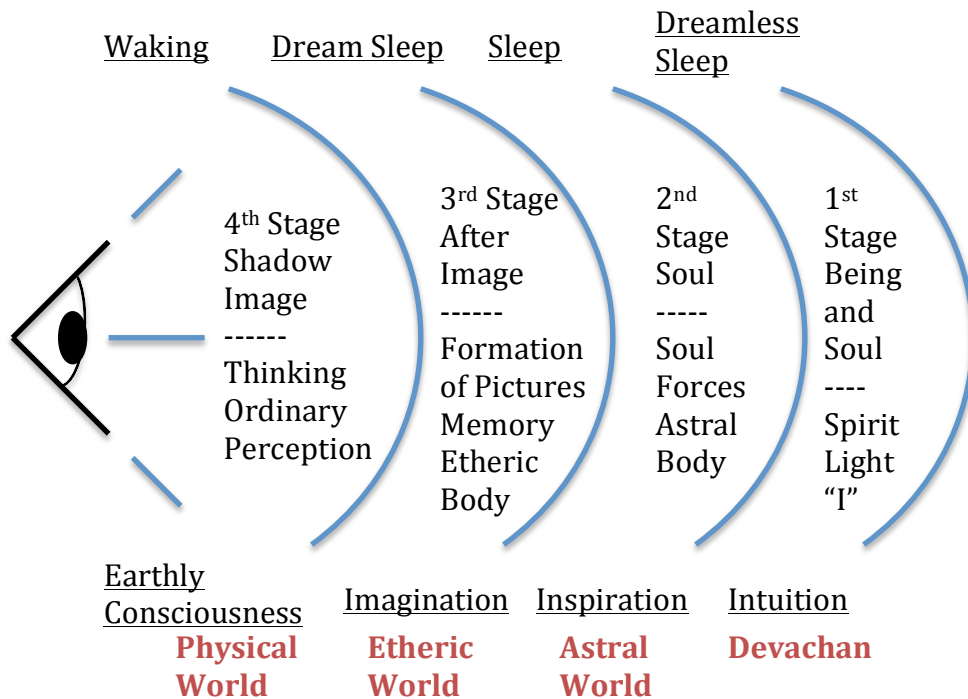
'While all this of which I have been telling you was happening in the West, the Christ Himself, the Christ Who had come down to earth leaving His Spirit-Man on the Sun and His Life-Spirit in the atmosphere around the earth, bringing down His Ego and His Spirit-Self.

But Christ could not enter Jesus of Nazareth with his Spirit Self, (this remained on earth but hovering above Jesus, in the way it hovers above human beings today). He could only enter with his Macrocosmic Ego. Jesus would only unite with Christ's spirit self after the Mystery of Golgotha.

Thus the Christ entered upon His earthly course in that He brought down to man out of the macrocosm what man was to evolve microcosmically — only the Christ brought it as a macrocosmic principle. He entered the earth evolution in such a way that during its course He would not have a fifth, sixth and seventh principle as His personal possession, just as man in his way does not possess them.

The Christ is a Being Who had evolved macrocosmically up to the fourth principle, and the evolution of His fourth principle during the earth course consists in His bestowing upon man everything which will enable him to evolve his ego.¹⁴

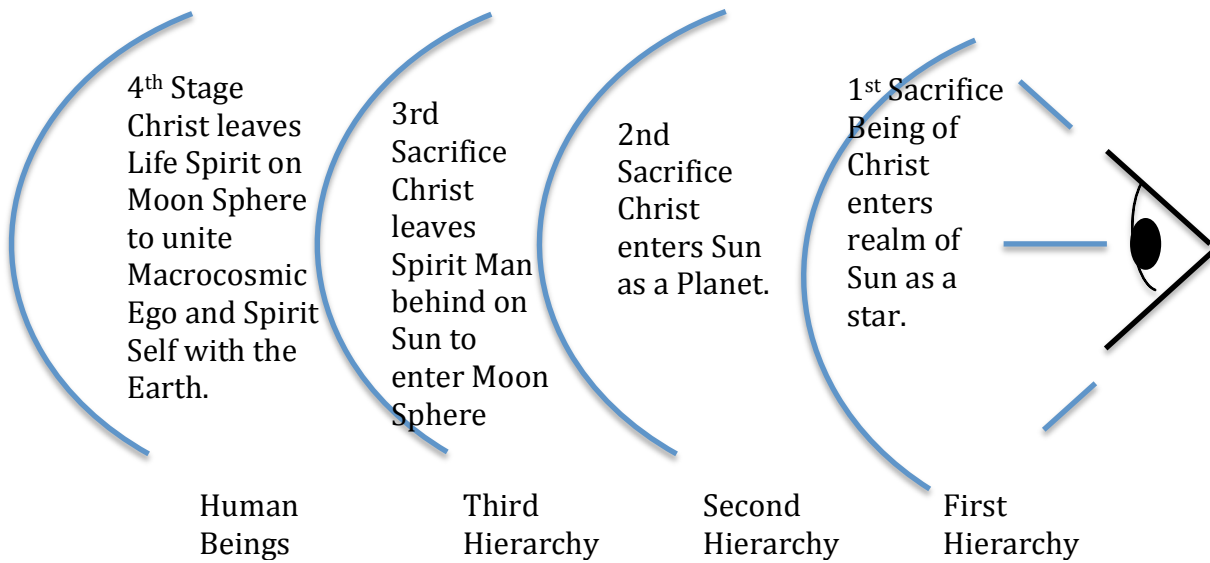
Creation of Thought in spiritual Worlds = Thunder



Looking at this mystery from the perspective of the higher world can bring us deep feelings of gratitude for the sacrifices that higher beings themselves were also undergoing. For the moment Christ entered into the body of Jesus, the Cosmic Intelligence became a 'Memory' a 'Past Intelligence' for them. In other words they lost Christ's Macrocosmic Ego (present) and only saw what was reflected back to them of his Spirit Man, Life Spirit and Spirit Self. In spiritual terms Christ 'died' for them leaving only His Memory.

Why?

Because when Christ descended through the layers of consciousness to the Earth, he entered a physical world whose material aspect cannot be penetrated by the perception of higher beings.



'The consequence is that there comes a time in the world's evolution, when the Cosmos no longer lives by its present, but by its past Intelligence, whilst the present Intelligence is in the human stream of evolution.'¹⁵

Christ came freely to the earth to bring His Intelligence to the present stream of time in order to create the right conditions for freedom but the shadow of this freedom is 'materialism' - the experience of matter as an end in itself is the inspiration of Ahriman.

'Out of that realm of which Michael was himself the servant, the Christ-Being descends into the sphere of Earth, that He may be at hand when the power of Intelligence shall have passed completely over to the human individual. For then will come the time when the urge will be strongest in Man, wholly to give himself to that Power, which in every particular and in consummate perfection has made itself the bearer of the intellectual force. But Christ will be at hand. Through His great sacrifice He will live in the same sphere where Ahriman dwells. Man will have the choice between Christ and Ahriman. The world will be able in mankind's evolution to find the way of Christ.'
Rudolf Steiner¹⁶

Thought = Soulless, Lifeless, Spiritless Shadows reflected from the physical brain.

WORKSHOP

Thought, Memory, Love

From Death to Life

We have seen how with each step into a consciousness of the physical world, something of the living spirit has to be removed from human perception. This was so in order to create an independent and free inner life through the faculty of memory and thought.

Here on earth we now experience everything through the medium of the physical body and our perceptions through this physical body create what we call 'ordinary abstract thought': shadow-like mental images that are no longer powerful or 'forceful' and which do not compel us because they are dead.

What this means is that they leave us free to make mistakes, in other words, to perceive something and to remember it differently, to think something different to what the 'facts' of the world tell us. To create things that don't yet exist. To forget what has existed in the past.

Our ability to forget is as important as our ability to remember. Moreover remembering is imperfect in our time, unlike the time of Lemuria or Atlantis, when the faculty of memory due to Lucifer's temptation, was perfect because it was a form of direct contemplation.

Human beings could not make mistakes because they were unfree.

In order to understand memory creation let us do some practical experiments which will give us a glimpse into the nature of memory.

Here is a common children's game:

Imagine a bus driver setting out on his first bus route of the day. The bus is empty. At the first bus stop you pick up two people. At the second bus stop you pick up five people but a boy wearing a blue cap decides to get off at the last minute, at the third bus stop three people get off, at the fourth bus stop five people get on and a woman wearing a red shirt has an argument over the fare. At the fifth bus stop six people get off and ten get on. At the seventh bus stop three get on and one get off, at the eighth stop ten people get on and one gets off. Now you stop for morning tea.

What colour coat was the woman who argued about a fare wearing on the bus?

In this example we can see how our memory is selective, it chooses what we remember according to what impresses us more deeply, or what we focus on - or what we believe we should focus on - when what we should focus on is hidden but plainly visible! The hiding of this plainly visible is however what gave us freedom.

But getting back to our exercise. Rudolf Steiner tells us that our 'focus' or attention our consciousness here which makes memory possible in the physical world, is what the hierarchies call love when we cross the threshold. In this sense, hate in the physical world is also a form of love in the spiritual world. That is why we must not take the concepts of love and hate applicable to the earth, to the spiritual world.

What does this really mean?

Here in the physical world we have the natural and man-made world around us, which we perceive with our physical senses. In our souls we have our inner life created through the faculties of thought and memory.

In the spiritual world this is turned inside out.

According to Rudolf Steiner in the spiritual world we have our souls outside us and we perceive the soul as we perceive the outer world on earth. So what is inside us? The hierarchies are inside us and our moral life is connected to how conscious we are of them. We commune with the hierarchies inside us (on earth this inspires love/community) and when we wish to be with ourselves we observe our souls, outside ourselves - (on earth this brings about memory/self-knowledge).

Communing inwardly with the hierarchies in the spiritual world is what enables us to have an interest in what is outside us (love) in the physical world, this is really the foundation of love on earth and love is at the foundation of all morality and selflessness.

Observing ourselves outwardly (independence from the hierarchies) in the spiritual world, is what true self knowledge is, and creates our faculty of inner memory on earth, and memory is at the foundation of all self knowledge and independence and selfhood.

In the spiritual world our Inner life with the gods leads on Earth to a Moral life which is the same as saying in the Physical world we gain the ability to love.

In the Spiritual World our Outer life brings us self-knowledge on earth and an ability to remember who we are - selfhood- through the faculty of memory.

So we see the relationship between love and memory and community and individuality. We know this exists even in the world because we can't truly love another if we have no memory which connects them to us, and we can't know ourselves if we can't remember or know who we are.

Memory and self-knowledge are therefore the foundation of our ego consciousness and our consciousness of the world around us and therefore our ability to love selflessly!

So let us explore how we create memory here on earth.

Now let us look at the blue sphere provided:



Concentrate on it for ten seconds and close your eyes.

Inwardly you should see an orange sphere. This is the complementary colour. - this corresponds to the second stage of development of human consciousness. This is an image of a soul being, not the being itself - but its 'life' impression. Light and darkness creates colour.

Concentrate on the blue sphere for ten seconds and look at the blank page next to it. You will see the same orange complement more accurately.

Now concentrate on the blue sphere you will see both the blue and the orange corona. This is a way to this experience:

'Anyone who has spiritual vision understands this feeling. For when a spiritual reality imparts itself to the soul, one never has the feeling: There stands the spiritual perception, and oneself must construct the thoughts with which to comprehend this perception; but one *sees* the thought along with the perception, given with and contained in it, as objective as the perception itself.'¹⁷

Because one can see the perception and the thought body being imprinted by it at the same time.

Now, take a look at the light coming through the window, concentrate on it for ten seconds and then close your eyes.

This is the after image - this corresponds to the third stage of development of human consciousness. We only see the echo of the soul being not its image, which has been separated out, and perceive only its lower light impression.

Now try to remember what the blue dot looks like as a mirror image of what you saw. Now there is no soul, no echo, no light, a mirror image is just a shadow, like a photograph. This corresponds to the fourth stage. The brain reflects the image.

Cagliostro, a Rosicrucian initiate illustrated this very well

1 st Stage The Being	2 nd Stage The Camera or Soul, which colours	3 rd Stage The Light After Image	4 th Stage The Shadow image
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Now we realise what we have to do in order to reverse this 'fall' of the cosmic intelligence. We have to turn around!

We must remain seated in the physical body, and yet be capable of being independent of the physical body.

*'It is necessary to bear in mind the difference between the condition of being bound up with the physical body and thus living within it, and the condition of being independent of the physical body but for all that remaining within it. There is a real difference, and it is the latter condition that obtains in the activity of Imaginative Knowledge. We remain within the physical body, we do not leave it, but we are nevertheless independent of it.'*⁴⁸

So, to start with we have to look away from our shadow abstract thoughts, in other words, we must keep our thought life quiet, and yet we must use the consciousness thought gives us, as an organ of observation, to follow what is 'breathed in through the senses' - the after image. The light filled 'radiance' that enters us through our eyes, helps us to find our etheric body - the body of light - the body connected to thought and memory.

At first we come to our own 'memories' here, and Lucifer again tempts us to remain in this blissful state but we must be strong enough to banish them, because they act like smoke, preventing us from finding the spiritual world. Instead we must work with a blank canvas - to use the thinking's force to create other 'memory' images - new conscious memories.

One way to do this is to do a backward review each night. Why backward? Because we are 'reversing' the forward march of our memory making on earth and going back to find the picture forming ground of our souls. We do this also by creating an imagination without any memories at all, like a blackboard drawing we draw on the dark substance of the etheric body with light, using memory only as a guide.

For instance, we can construct a rose cross.

The most important part of the exercise however is to wipe the imagination away, just as we wiped away our old memories and just like Michael wipes the after image away for us. Why? Because in the realm where we are 'empty' in the darkness of our souls, in that place we have just created a 'memory' and discarded it, we can, if we are attentive and patient, discover we are not alone!

In our next lecture we will look at what it is we find there.

PART II

In our last lecture we followed the sacrifice of the Michaelic Intelligence to the earth, The Descent of Christ and Anthroposophia into human souls and how this created our own Human intelligence.

In our workshop we explored the creation of memory and thought and how to reverse this to the point where we can come to the 'idea' that in our inner life we are not 'alone'.

Rudolf Steiner tells that when we are awake the divine spiritual beings live within us in the faculty of memory.

"It is in the unfolding of memory that the divine Spiritual lives in the waking state of man."¹⁹

The reason we don't experience this divine spiritual was explored in our last lecture: a 'deep screen' has been created between us, and the spiritual world so that we could be free. And so, in our time we usually see only the shadows of the workings of the spirit in our abstract thoughts, we feel these workings in a dreamy way in our feelings as colours - I feel blue, I'm red with anger, Green with envy, yellow with bile! We experience it in a dark sleepy way in our will when we made our way to the right place at the right time to meet someone important.

If the angels work in our astral body and the archangels in our etheric bodies, it is the archai we find in our will. Their presence in our will becomes relevant when we consider that Michael has been elevated to the rank of archai since the beginning of the Michael age in 1879. But he is not just any Archai - he is a Sun Archai.

Michael is responsible for thrusting into the darkness of our will Lucifer's colours and afterimages:

'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. This Man can bear, for it is a real World-content, playing in part in Man's existence. It can take place without his losing himself, any more than he loses himself when without his own full consciousness he grows, or is nourished by his food... When Man now calls up his memories from the inner depths, it is an internal perception of what was permanently left by this second process that accompanies the external perception. Again the soul paints; but now she paints the Past that is living in her own human inner being. And again with this painting, no lasting reality must be formed within the consciousness, but only an image that comes and goes.²⁰

But we also the Cherubim in our will²¹ working in the realm of both memory and conscience as an after effect:

'In Memory, divine spiritual Being works in the waking man directly. In Conscience, the same divine spiritual Being works in the waking man indirectly — as an after-effect.'²²

Memory is formed in the nerves-and-senses organism.²³

Conscience is formed — though as a process purely of the soul and spirit — within the metabolic and limb organism.²⁴

The rhythmic system or etheric body is the middle realm between inner and outer, above and below. The etheric body is the vessel of our ego, which brings an impulse to our heart, and which is experienced only as a shadow in thinking. However if we become conscious in our etheric bodies and we manage to reach the stage of imagination, we can find the soul and spirit being who endowed us with this free ego IAM pulse - Christ. Ahriman however, works hard to prevent this meeting with Christ! His desire is that we use our brains and to perceive only shadow images created by mirror images of the world through memory. His desire is to seize our heads and to keep us in it, but Michael battles with him so that we might bring our consciousness to the region of the heart again. In our 'heads' we are only free

because Michael is constantly thrusting Ahriman down from the head and into the realm of the metabolism so that we can find our way to our hearts again.

Michael can foresee how Man, as he attains ever more and more to the private use of intelligence, must needs come into contact with these Ahrimanic beings, and may then be tempted into an alliance with them, and so fall their prey. Michael therefore puts the Ahrimanic Powers beneath his feet, drives them constantly down into deeper regions, below the one where Man is pursuing his development. Michael, with his foot upon the Dragon, thrusting him into the abyss – such is the stupendous picture, as it lives within human consciousness, of these deeds in the supersensible world.²⁵

Lucifer would have us think that the after image or light, which enters the feeling life of the soul and which is a remnant of the third stage of our development, is the 'true' spirit. Lucifer, the 'champion of freedom' is constantly working, paradoxically, to take human beings back to a time when human beings were in bondage to spiritual beings, to a time when what entered the soul as being, soul, life, compelled human beings to act. He would mesmerise human beings with the light - like a hypnotist mesmerises his subject - to create illusionary imaginations in us.

That is why Michael wipes after images out, so that Lucifer can't turn our thinking into atavistic illusionary thinking. In another paradox we find Lucifer in the upper realm of the head because he is allowed to help us to transform memory to imagination but his 'after image' and 'complement' must be thrust away - in other words, the path to the rhythmic realm (heart) must be kept free from his influence. We must only use the after image as a beacon of light, which points to where we are to go. Like a flare on a dark night helps a rescue ship find a life raft. What is important is not the light but what the light points to.

We see this in the Sculptural group, where the Representative of Man Michael as the Countenance of Christ, represents the power that holds Ahriman in the lower region and Lucifer in the upper region.



By using Lucifer's gift (memory), and Ahriman's gift, (thought), we can transform the etheric body into an organ of imagination, which takes us directly to the etheric world and is the beginning of our journey back to Christ because while Christ lives in our etheric bodies he is also manifesting in the etheric world.

'The excess of power, which thus streams up — but through Lucifer — out of the inner man, will be changed in the Michael Age into *Imagining* power. For, little by little, the power of spiritual Imagination will make its way into the general intellectual consciousness of mankind. That 'present instant' consciousness however, which Man now possesses, will not be

thereby burdened with any weight of lasting reality. It will continue to live in pictures that come and go. But with his Imaginations Man rears himself aloft into a higher spirit-world even as with his Remembrances he reaches inward, into this own human being. Man does not retain the Imaginations within himself; they are engraved in permanent cosmic-existence; and thence he can reproduce them ever afresh in the passing pictures of his mental life.' ²⁶

We are ourselves imprinting or engraving those imaginations permanently into cosmic existence by returning to picture formation, but this time beings do not picture in us, it is we who picture into the world. In other words when we become conscious of how the outer world is always entering us, that moral forces are always imprinting themselves in us, our waking life becomes like our sleeping life, when we look within us we find we are communing with the world lovingly and selflessly, when we look outside us we see ourselves we are experiencing self knowledge and maintaining independence. It is reconciliation of the paradoxical nature of the human soul because in this sense, with free will we can become one with all we see without any loss of individuality, without losing ourselves, in fact we become closer to our true selves because we find the source of our Egos.

So let us look at the STAGES and their reversals:

1st Stage = Spirit Being in I - outer being and inner being are one.

*(Polaria,
Hyperborea)*

2nd Stage = Being is removed only Soul Image is experienced
in Astral body - inner soul and outer soul are separate
but seen to be of the same substance - life.

*(Lemuria
Lucifer
Christ's First Sacrifice)*

3rd Stage = Life is removed and there is only an After Image in
Ethereic body - creation of memory,
This means Being, Soul and life are removed.

*Post Atlantis
Christ's Fourth
and 5th sacrifice*

4th Stage = After image or the 'opposite' is discarded only a Shadow
Image/a mirror image in the Physical body - creation of abstract thought.

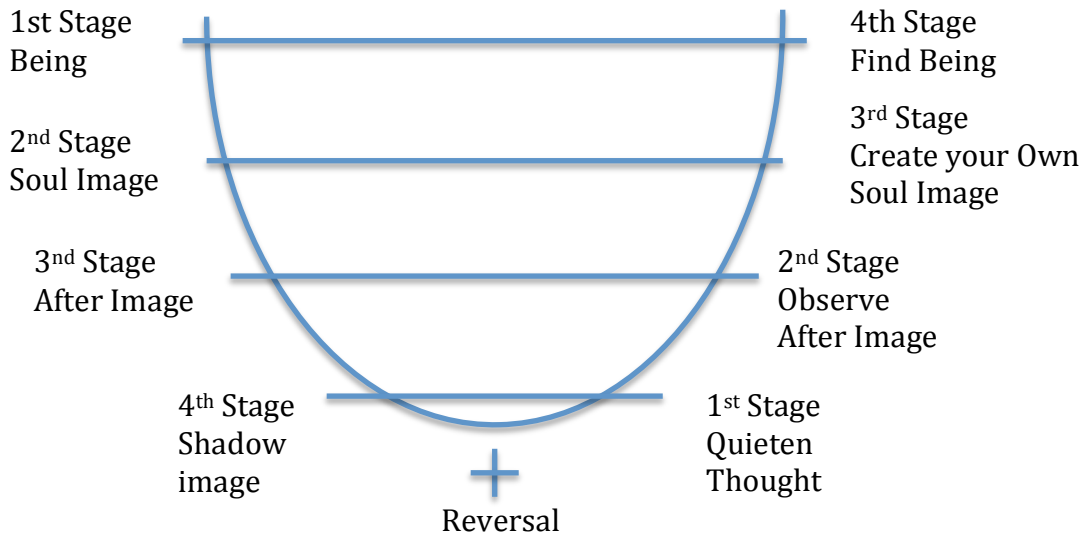
Reversal

1st Stage = One quietens Thought by training it and instead observes thought 'body',
etheric body. Through After Image or 'opposite' one gains a perception of Etheric
body. After image added to shadow Image.

2nd Stage To observe the After image or the moment before memory is made.
Observing the opposite of what is seen in the Etheric body - as evidence of a living
counterpart to all the dead physical things seen - adding Life to Death.

3rd Stage = To add Soul to Life, in other words, to discover how the soul and life are
united in the present in the soul! Seeing how the world lives in us and we live in the
world simultaneously. This enables us to create our own images in the etheric body -
the old memory making will die away to be replaced with perception.

4th Stage = This will add spirit being to Soul and Life in other words we shall become
one with higher spiritual beings and then finally with Christ = Love.



Christ descended to earth in order to die on Golgotha just as the being and soul of the spirit dies in our souls, but He has in His path from death to new life illustrated what we have to achieve in our own souls so that we, too, might one day bring life to death, not merely in our souls but also, like Him, in our bodies. For only by overcoming the death forces in thought by transforming memory into a faculty of living imagination can the human being unite with the living spirit (love) and so with Christ Himself on earth thereby redeeming the physical body and resurrecting it.²⁷ It is only through the faculty of imagination that we can truly unite inwardly with others.

Ahriman and Lucifer are always seeking to unite in the middle region, our heart region, to prevent this. This too is depicted in the sculptural group. But what does this mean? It means that it is in the realm of imagination where it is not yet true imagination but only Fancy, that human beings are the most vulnerable from attacks by Ahriman and Lucifer. Ahriman from the realm of thinking as 'Fancy' and Lucifer from the realm of Will as 'Fancy'. Hence we see once again how Lucifer

is sent upwards and Ahriman downwards in the sculptural group, in order to counteract their effects.

'People whose disposition lies more towards the region of Fancy, so that with them all conceptions of sense-reality turn of themselves, so to speak, into pictures of fancy, are the ones on whom the Ahrimanic Powers reckon in their world-plans. They think that with the assistance of people of this kind they will be able completely to cut off the evolution of mankind from its Past and bring it into the direction they are wanting.'

'People whose organization tends more towards the region of the Will, but who, out of inner love for an idealistic world-conception, vigorously convert their sense-conceptions into forms of fancy, are the ones on whom the Luciferic Powers reckon. By means of such human beings, the Luciferic Powers hope to maintain Man's evolution altogether within the impulses of the Past. They could then keep Man from going down into the sphere where the Ahrimanic Powers have to be conquered.'²⁸

One might say that one is more in the realm of fanciful imaginations and the other more in the realm of fanciful inspirations.²⁹

But it is in the heart realm where we find the daughter of the Sophia who will help us to find Christ. Rudolf Steiner tells us, that behind the Sculptural group we find the new Isis. He tells us that what we need is the Isis of Christ. Who is this new Isis? She is Anthroposophia. It is her task to help us to elaborate the consciousness soul as the last soul faculty, which enable our unification with Christ. For it is through the consciousness soul that we find heart thinking. The seed for this is found at the beginning of the Consciousness Soul epoch - 1413.

Before this we must touch on an important event. Around 869 AD on earth the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople was abolishing the spirit as a reflection of a split in the Cosmic Intelligence in the spiritual world.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the planetary Intelligences, realising they were no longer ruled by the Sun Intelligence, but only by a memory opposed Michael by choosing to fall to Earth to follow the Cosmic Intelligence. Oriphiel led them. This 'fall' created a split in the angelic hierarchy and because angels are connected to human beings it led to a disordering of the karma of human beings whose angels chose to descend.

*'The Sun-Intelligence of Michael and the Planetary Intelligences gradually came into cosmic opposition one with another. Yes, my dear friends, though we do ascribe an entirely different kind of inner nature — of soul-faculty and soul-condition — to the Beings of the Hierarchy of the Angeloi, nevertheless we must ascribe decisions, weighty reflections on that which is taking place, even to them. For we human beings also make our decisions in no other way. We observe the things that are taking place externally before us, we let the facts speak for themselves and then, under the influence of the facts, we act accordingly. Only the determining factors for us between birth and death are earthly facts, whereas for the Beings of the Hierarchy of Angeloi they are cosmic facts, as when a split takes place in the planetary life.'*³⁰

It is some centuries after this momentous event that Michael began working in spiritual worlds with those who remained loyal to him, to enable Anthroposophia to enter earth evolution not as a human being but as an angel, whose body would be both the content of Anthroposophy in the sphere of the Consciousness Soul and also the guiding angel of those whose karma had been disrupted by the 'split'. She became the guiding angel of Anthroposophists in the soul sphere of the Anthroposophical Society. Anthroposophy created the conditions for a harmonisation of the karma of human souls.

That is why we are told to find Anthroposophia, or the New Isis, 'behind the sculptural group', for she is 'behind' the group in the realm where Lucifer holds sway - in the realm of the angels. She has become a new 'group soul'.

We must image that in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries Anthroposophy was being prepared at the same time that the Cosmic Intelligence was finding its way into human 'head' or the intellect. This gathering around

Michael was in the form of a supersensible school in the spiritual world, which consisted of discarnate human beings and spiritual beings. In it, all that had once been the body of Michael's Cosmic Intelligence, and which had become a Cosmic 'memory' was brought before those who were gathered around him - at first in grand inspirations and finally in the 19th Century as grand imaginations.

Thunders and Lightnings!

In these inspirations and imaginations Michael taught what must not fall into imaginative or inspirative fancy, but what must develop through clear thought into an imaginative power as a 'reversal' of the materialisation of Human Intelligence, so that what was a memory could become a present experience. For let us not forget up to this time, Michael worked only with the 'memory' of the Cosmic Intelligence having sacrificed it to humanity.

But how could he achieve this if the intelligence was already on earth?

It necessitated that human beings on earth sacrifice the old star/sun wisdom, the old Cosmic Intelligence, which relied on the power of atavism so that Michael and his hosts might, through a 'reversal' enact a transformation of it into a wisdom that could be grasped by the power of thought or intelligence. Those who on earth sacrificed the Old Cosmic Intelligence were known as the Rosicrucians.

'It was again in one of those simple gatherings of Rosicrucians that in the second half of the fifteenth century, on the occasion of a ritual arranged for this very purpose, man's Star-knowledge was in deeply solemn manner offered up in sacrifice. What took place in that ritual, which was enacted in all the solemnity proper to such a festival, may be expressed as follows. — Men stood before a kind of altar and said: "We resolve now to feel ourselves responsible not for ourselves alone nor our community, nor our nation, nor even only for the men of our time; we resolve to feel ourselves responsible for all men who have ever lived on Earth, to feel that we belong to the whole of mankind. And we feel that mankind has deserted the rank of the Fourth Hierarchy and has descended too deeply into matter" (for the Fall into Sin was

understood in this sense) "and in order that man may be able to return to the rank of the Fourth Hierarchy, may be able to find for himself in freedom of will what in earlier times Gods have tried to find for him and with him, let now the higher knowledge be offered up for a season!

And certain Beings of the spiritual world, who are not of human kind, who do not come to Earth in human incarnation, accepted the sacrifice in order to fulfil therewith certain purposes in the spiritual world. It would take us too far to speak of these here; we will do so another time. But the impulse to freedom was thereby made possible for man from out of the spiritual world.³¹

It was Michael above in the Sun sphere who worked with what was offered up by the Rosicrucians on the earth, in order to create the content of Anthroposophy - a Michaelic Cosmic intelligence the Sophia of Christ in its purest and unadulterated form, a form untouched by Ahriman which must then be converted to love only on earth.

Michaelites or Aristotelians in the Midnight Hour, in the Sun Sphere, connected with the Rosicrucians or Platonists, by way of this working.

'What had once been the Michael Mystery — what had been told to the Initiates in the ancient Mysteries of Michael, and must now become different, since the Intelligence had found its way from the cosmos to the earth — all this Michael himself now gathered up, expressing it again with untold significance to those whom he had gathered around him in this School of Michael.³²

But by the end of the 19th century when a new Michael age began and Michael rose to the rank of Time Spirit or Archai so that he could have a particular relationship to memory, Ahriman's powers over human beings was even greater.

'He would find it again at a time when, to begin with, an Intelligence bereft of spirituality had taken root among men. And he would find it in a peculiar condition, — most intensely exposed to the Ahrimanic forces. For in the very time when the Intelligence was descending from the cosmos to the earth, the aspirations of the Ahrimanic powers grew ever greater, striving to wrest the Cosmic Intelligence from

*Michael as soon as it became earthly Intelligence, striving to make it dominant on earth alone, free of Michael.*³³

Human beings could not take up anthroposophy if the intensification of Ahriman's influence could not be curtailed. And this intensification was occurring in a shadow of Michael's Supersensible School, in the 8th sphere.³⁴ At the same time Michael's School was in 'operation' in the spiritual world bordering the earth, Ahriman was also gathering around him his own hosts, to work towards a heightening of materialism which would extend, not merely to human view of nature, which was seen as devoid of any spiritual connection, but also as far to the human view of the human being, who would be seen as merely a higher 'animal' which lives in a spiritless and soulless natural world - a beast.

This materialism in thought, in its extreme would not only make it impossible for human beings to connect to Christ through Anthroposophy in the human etheric body, it would also prevent a connection with Him in the etheric world. For the etheric bodies of materialists who die do not dissipate after death, but instead become corpses, which are capable of obscuring the future vision of Christ.

Christ had to sacrifice himself a 5th time, by taking up these corpses into his own being something, which caused the death of the angel who was His spiritual vessel - the Nathan Soul. Through the Nathan soul this meant the Christ died for the entire angelic hierarchy.

But this served to enable Christ's resurrection in the etheric world.

At the same time Michael and his hosts were undertaking a war with the Ahrimanic Angels (dragon) and their corpses, a war which would last until Michael took dominion of the age in 1879 at which time Michael was able to thrust the Ahrimanic angels out of the spiritual world and to the earth.

Only then could Anthroposophy enter earth evolution.

What is found in the School of Spiritual Science is a rarefication of Anthroposophy, from a sublimation of the work of the Rosicrucians on earth and the participation in the acceptance of their sacrifice by the Michaelites in spiritual worlds on behalf of Michael.

It is the renewed Cosmic Intelligence. In the school of spiritual science the unification of the two streams, above and below, Aristotelian and Platonist and therefore a redemption of karma, is sealed on earth by Michael himself. It is a renewal of the past old wisdom brought to the present, which can now enter human heads, heads and hearts to enlighten and to warm!

*'But men will hold fast to Michael's revelation; they will let this revelation shine as a light into the thoughts which they receive from Nature; they will carry it as warmth in their hearts, when obliged to lead their lives in accordance with the divinely wrought world of finished Works. They will not then have only in view the observation and living realization of this present world, but another state of the world too, which Michael gives them — one which is past, but which Michael, by his being and his deeds, transfers into the present.'*³⁵

When the Michael Age began and Michael became an Archai he also became united with the body of the Mystic lamb - so that the Cosmic Intelligence which he gave to humanity is capable of uniting the human being with the Life Spirit of Christ, which He left behind him on his way to earth - Christ is what we find at the end of the way!

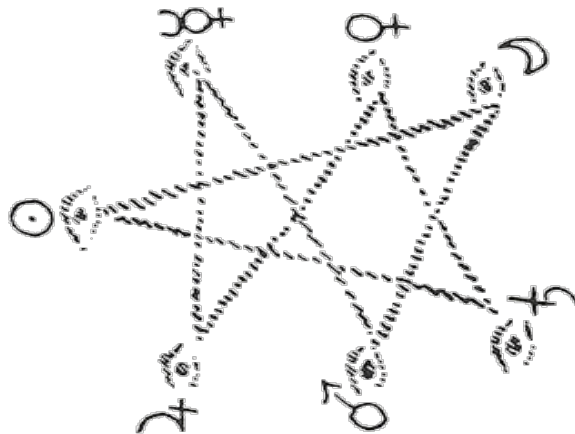
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	Virgo	7th member	
7th Spirit-Man	Libra	6th member	
6th Life-Spirit	Scorpio		
5th Spirit-Self	Sagittarius		
4th Ego	Capricorn		
3rd Astral Body	Aquarius		
2nd Etheric Body	Pisces		
1st Physical Body			

The Mystic Lamb is the Macrocosmic Christ Himself, His Macrocosmic Ego, descended to earth. Christ died in order to sacrifice his 'life' and to become one with the world and one with the human soul. Hence Christ as the only higher being who has passed through death to unite livingly with the world is the highest bearer of sacrificial love in the universe. Hence Life Spirit, which is a spiritualisation of the etheric body, is also called Budhi, the body of love.

'You know from what I have often told you, that the 'I,' the ego, works in the etheric body and that 'Budhi' is nothing else than a transformed etheric body, In respect of substance, therefore, the life-spirit too is an ether body. The twelfth member of these sublime beings is also an 'ether body' but one which pours forth life, which works in the world in such a way that it does not receive life but gives it forth, offers life in perpetual sacrifice.

*And now let us ask: Can we conceive of a being who is in any way connected with us and who radiates life into our universe? Is it possible to conceive of life that is perpetually streaming into the world, imbuing the world with life? ... This Being is called the "Mystical Lamb," for Lamb and Aries are the same; therefore the description 'Sacrificial Lamb' or 'Ram' is given to Christ.'*³⁶

And if we note it carefully we will see how the 19 lessons of the First Class reflect a union of 12 zodiacs and seven Planets in the sense that we have a hexagram (Astral) fused to a pentagram (etheric) which we find embedded in the Sign of the Lamb itself. This sign shows us that it is by becoming conscious of what the Astral body is imprinting into the Etheric body that we find imagination, that we begin the path to Christ - Initiation:



Christ is no longer in the spiritual world. And it is only the work of human beings that can bring the Intelligence of Christ back to the Gods in a renewed form - a human intelligence in which the Light of conscious Wisdom has been transformed to conscious Christ Love - A Cosmic Intelligence not as a memory but as a present experience now

imbued not with wisdom alone but also with love. Human beings become, one might say, organs of perception, the eyes or organs that perceive the Christ for higher beings in the planets and stars, bringing harmony back to their communications.

All of Anthroposophy and all the content of the First Class as well as can be found in the Foundation Stone of Love if one looks for it. The stone of love is the Rosicrucian, Michaelic path to a reversal of the fall, which entails this conscious unification of Astral and Etheric, the head and heart. But what will also find its way to the cosmos again as a reverse ritual.

Thus does Cosmic Memory become Cosmic Intelligence infused with love through human beings.

So, in a sense we can say that what was given as great inspirations and Imaginations to human beings in the Supersensible School of Michael found human heads and hearts on earth. What is given as Mantras in the First Class, which one can liken to the content of an 'inspired Cosmic Memory' of the Cosmic Intelligence', must, through free willed thought in the Second Class, become 'Grand Imaginations' but only when enough people have by way of the 'memory' content of the first class, created the faculty of imagination to meet Christ at the end of the way. Christ who meets us as the second Guardian.

In the 5th Cultural epoch of the great Atlantean epoch the old faculty of memory, which was unfree, was slowly being overcome by a number capable of experiencing the beginnings of thought. These people were gathered and prepared by the great Manu to carry the rudimentary faculty of Thought to our Epoch, so that the Cosmic Intelligence might find a home in human heads in the preparation for the coming of Christ. What was created in the 5th epoch had to be carried over through the 6th and 7th and beyond the great Atlantean Catastrophe to our times, for the sake of humanity in the realm of death.

In our 5th Post Atlantean Epoch what must be carried to the next epoch, the 6th Post Atlantean Epoch, by a number of souls is the faculty of imagination. The 'dead old' thinking must be overcome by a number of individuals capable of developing imagination and overcoming

the threats from Lucifer and Ahriman (evil) in preparation for the next epoch, in which humanity will face a great battle in the realm of Evil. The great Manu who will guide them as vanguards of humanity will find them.

We see now how Lucifer seeks to bring about an estrangement of the human being from real life into the realm of the after image or memory that never ends - the realm of false imaginations in images (TV, Cinema, Computers, bill boards, signs etc). Lucifer as a false Christ in the Virtual reality of the 8th sphere.

Ahriman will seek to destroy memory in a condensation of imaginations into Artificial Intelligence, which has nothing to do with Christ but which forms the substance of the 8th sphere itself and which seeks to replace Christ with the Antichrist and the Sophianic Wisdom with the whore of Babylon.

The consequence is that through a materialisation of thought human intelligence will be replaced by artificial intelligence and when memory dies, which it will, if it is not replaced by imagination it will be necessitate an artificial memory.

If we fail in our task of taking imagination to the next epoch - something only a few can do in our time, we fail humanity, we fail Michael, we fail Anthroposophia, and we fail the entire cosmos, but most of all we fail Christ, because we doom the earth, which is now his body and soul, to a fall into the 8th sphere!

We alone can rescue Christ! And this we can only do by entering into ourselves, into our memories our souls with knowledge or consciousness.

May Michael's solemn words ring out to us and fill us with grave responsibility:

'Man Know thou thy self!'

For only through knowing ourselves can we truly turn wisdom to love.

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⁴ We must bear in mind also that the ego and spirit self are 'one' like a sword inside a scabbard. Hence Rudolf Steiner says he was a four membered being.

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¹³ The fact that I have postulated that this being incarnated at the turning point in time for the first time as the Luke Mary does in no way contradict her work before and after, in the human soul.

¹⁴ <https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/19120109p01.html>

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA026/English/APC1956/GA026_c05.html

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<https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA110/English/APC1928/19090417p01.html>

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA026/English/RSP1973/GA026_c22.html

21 Esoteric Lessons of the Free School of Spiritual Science, Lesson 13.

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA026/English/APC1956/GA026_c26.html

23 It is important to note that although memories are created in the region of the nerves and senses it is that region connected to the etheric body.

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA026/English/APC1956/GA026_c26.html

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Ibid.

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27 What humanity will in general achieve by the Vulcan stage of Earth evolution, Christ achieved for all humanity when he died in Golgotha – he became the Alpha and Omega, the Resurrection body is the redeemed Adam. Initiates must do this before Vulcan if they are to lead humanity to this end.

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA026/English/APC1956/GA026_c26.html

29 Not forgetting that the ‘voice of conscience’ the voice of silence, lives in the unconscious realm of memory and so a fanciful form of this is more connected to inspiration and so to Lucifer.

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<https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA237/English/RSP1977/19240808p01.html>

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<https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA233a/English/RSP1965/19240106p01.html>

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³⁴ You can read more regarding the 8th Sphere in the present Author's lecture on the Mystery of Sorath.

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