

**Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil**  
**The Task of Anthroposophy**  
**In the 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Epoch**

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# **Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil:**

## **Part I: The Mystery of Evil: Doubt, Hate and Fear. The Double and the Superdouble and the incarnation of the Antichrist**

- Spiritual Science teaches us<sup>1</sup> that the task of Evil is to promote the ascent of man. Evil we are told resides both in us and in the outside world and is a necessary force in the perfection and liberation of the human being through the overcoming of hindrance and temptation.
- The experience of Evil has given humanity a look at both sides and in this experience lies the secret of freedom and independence<sup>2</sup>. That is, by directing its gaze away from worlds of spirit towards the world of physical matter humanity began to be able to discern for itself in freedom the difference between Good and Evil.

### **What do we do when we discover the difference?**

Root out all evil? Do away with gravity and have only levity. This way of thinking is based solely on dualism and creates more evil again. But how can we ignore it?

### **What is the answer?**

- Balance - How? ----- the Being of Christ and that it is through Him, and following the middle way that we can begin to redeem evil.
- Knowledge of Evil is a privilege only of human beings and not of the gods.
- In the past man has been guided from external sources, that is, from church, priest and the law to know evil, but it is in the Epoch of the Consciousness Soul, that we are called on to have a free, inner knowledge and conviction concerning evil as a principle task,<sup>3</sup> to the extent that we can prepare for the coming sixth epoch.

**Tonight we will explore the mysteries of Evil as they were known to mystery schools of ancient times, made appropriate for today's humanity by Rudolf Steiner.**

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<sup>1</sup> Rudolf Steiner Evil – Editors introduction page 7.

<sup>2</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Deed of Christ and the Opposing Spiritual Powers

<sup>3</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric page 173.

We will explore evil on a macrocosmic and microcosmic level, that is, we will investigate the cosmic origins and existence of

1. **Luciferic beings – Lucifer - Devil**
2. **Ahrimanic beings – Ahriman - Satan**
3. **Asuric beings – Asuras**

Paying particular attention to their influence on the development of Fear, Hatred and Doubt in preparation for the incarnation of the Ahriman in our present Post Atlantean age. This incarnation will pave the way for another being,

#### **4. The Antichrist – Sorath – The Beast**

Attempt to replace the most important supersensible event of our Epoch - the manifestation of **Christ** - with his own physical manifestation on earth.

**Next week we will look at how we must go about redeeming evil through the Christ impulse working through the being of Anthroposophia and her physical manifestation on earth the Anthroposophical society.**

#### **What is Evil?**

- Forces that appear at the wrong place appear as evil.<sup>4</sup> What does this mean? In order to answer this question a study of Rudolf Steiner's cosmic evolution of the earth is necessary.

#### **Man:**

**Old Saturn – Physical Body**

**Old Sun – Etheric Body**

**Old Moon – Astral Body**

**Earth – Ego - Human**

#### **Other Beings:**

**Old Saturn – Archai – Human stage**

**Old Sun – Archangels – Human stage**

**Old Moon – Angels – Human stage**

**Earth – Man – Human stage**

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid

- Evolution only true for those beings that were able to reach the goal set before them ---- fell short --- left behind and had to make up for what they could not achieve ‘normally’ in their own time, at a future aeon that was unsuitable to them.
- Suffer - work within incredible restrictions--- alleviate their suffering is to step out of bounds, to overstep the boundaries<sup>5</sup> created by their retardation.
- This ‘overstepping’ ----- occurs in the realm where humans are now developing their egos. This hindrance is what Rudolf Steiner refers to as ‘evil’.

Three kinds of Spirits of Opposition who fell behind and they are named after their respective leaders:

**Asuric beings** – Fell behind on Saturn – Fallen Spirits of Form working as Archæ ---want physical body ---sphere elaborated in old Saturn.

**Ahrimanic beings** – Fell behind on Sun – Fallen Archai working as Archangels ----want Etheric body ----sphere elaborated on old Sun

**Luciferic beings** – Fell behind on Moon –Fallen archangels working as angels ----seek to enter Astral body ---sphere elaborated in old Moon.

Tempters or spirits of Hindrance ---

In the three body members:

1. **Astral body** – Lucifer in Lemurian times
2. **Etheric body** – Ahriman In Atlantean times
3. **Physical body** - Asuras

In the Soul members:

1. **Sentient soul** – Lucifer ---Egypto Chaldean times
2. **Intellectual soul** – Ahriman Greco Roman Times
3. **Consciousness soul** <sup>6</sup> - since middle of last century

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<sup>5</sup> Rudolf Steiner Four Mystery Plays – Guardian of the Threshold Scene 8 see Also Sergei O Prokofief the Occult Significance of Forgiveness page 63

<sup>6</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Deed of Christ and the Opposing Spiritual Powers

In the Spirit:

1. **Ego** ---- **Sorath** – From now to future times

**Sorath**

- This being ‘**the beast from the Abyss**’ ---- fell behind in an epoch prior to **Old Saturn** and does not belong to Earthly evolution.
- Inhabits Sun and is known by the Greeks as the **Sun Demon Sorath**.
- Contrary to ‘Intelligence’ of the Sun ---greatest adversary of divinity of Christ.
- 666 --- imperfection ----enter directly into the human evolution through the three categories of beings - three sets of sixes<sup>7</sup> to prevent normal evolution 777
- Task of co-ordinating the three streams of evil ---- incarnation of Ahriman ---- distort the second coming in the Astral world of Christ in Etheric garment.

**Sorath’s Attacks on Humanity:**

1. 666 AD ---- Academy of Gondhishapur----Luciferic and Ahrimanic spirits--- demonised consciousness soul.
2. Destruction of the Templar order 1332 ---- Cathars----Manichean knowledge ---- good and evil ---- tortured and burnt --- Templars --- ‘Christened’ social --- Co-operation of Pope Clement (possessed by a Luciferic spirit) and Philip king of France (possessed by an Ahrimanic Spirit).
3. Entry of a new being in the service of the Sun Demon, Asuras --- destroy connection with the Ego through the Consciousness or Spiritual soul.<sup>8</sup>
4. Three categories of beings Luciferic, Ahrimanic and Asuric in the service of Sorath that resulted in the reflection of the above two attacks in **Bolshevism (Gondishapur)** and **Nazism (Destruction of Templar order)**<sup>9</sup>.
5. Secret lodges over and against the impulse of **Rosicrucianism**
6. **Jesuitism** in opposition to the **Grail impulses**.

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<sup>7</sup> Sergei Prokofief Encounters With Evil page 14

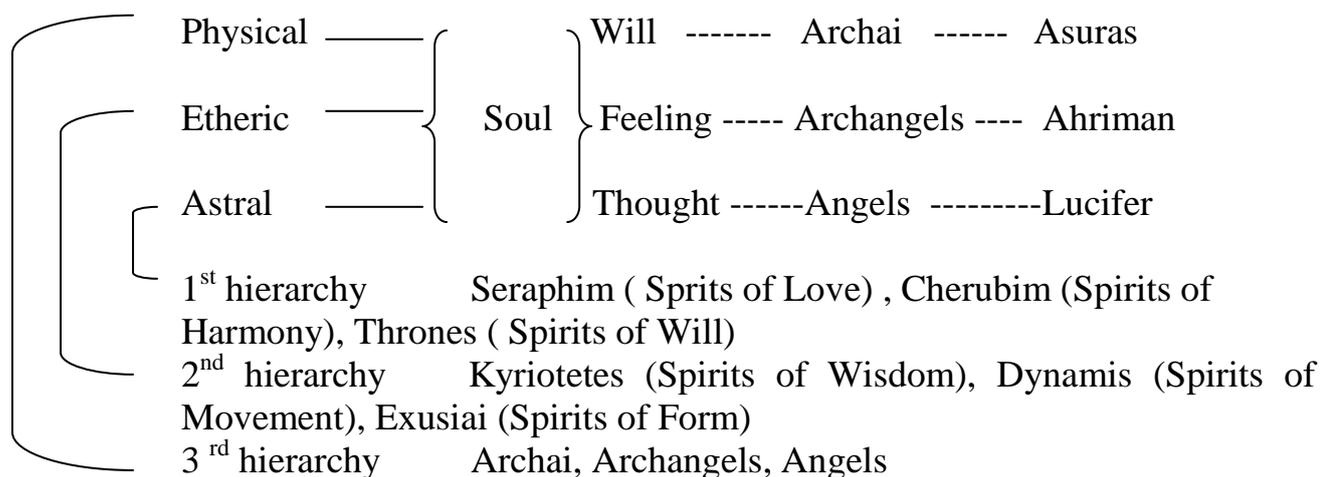
<sup>8</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Deed of Christ

<sup>9</sup> Sergei Prokofief Encounters with Evil

7. 1998 third incursion of the Beast --- materialise the human ego.
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### The Three Streams of Evil in the Human Being.

Three Streams of Evil and Good and how they appear in man:



- **First hierarchy** --- physical bodies ---- will forces in our souls
- **Solar hierarchy or the 2<sup>nd</sup> hierarchy**----Etheric bodies---feeling forces in the soul
- **Third hierarchy** ----Astral body ---- thinking forces in the soul.
  1. **Angels** as representatives of the third hierarchy---thinking.
  2. **Archangels** as representatives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hierarchy in the soul have ---- feeling.
  3. **Archais** as representatives of the first hierarchy in the soul ----- will.
- Offspring of higher hierarchies ---- elemental beings ---- physical and soul processes----moral disposition of a human being --- progress to higher stages of existence.
- Immorality traps good elemental beings in his various sheaths and these beings become the prey (because they have no ego) of beings of opposition --- Ahrimanic, Luciferic or Asuric according to their disposition and where they have a scene of action <sup>10</sup> ---- detached from the human being as demons, ghosts and spectres.

<sup>10</sup> Ernst Hagemann World Ether –Elemental Beings – Kingdoms of Nature

- Rudolf Steiner tells us that we create three beings<sup>11</sup> that become a part of us throughout our lives.
  1. Double or Beast of Doubt: Luciferic ---- thinking, inasmuch as it is connected to the Astral body<sup>12</sup> --- Astral realm of angels ----thinking corpse.
  2. Double or Beast of Hatred --- Ahrimanic --- feeling inasmuch ----connected to the Etheric body and lower Devachanic realm of the Archangels ---- leaves the soul hollow.
  3. Double or Beast of Fear ---- Asuric element ---- will inasmuch --- connected to the physical body ---- Higher Devachanic realm of the Archai ----cowardice in creative spiritual ‘being’---- vulnerable to attacks from earthly forces.

### The Earthly Ethers forces and the Double

The effects of the above beings of opposition on the Astral body, Etheric body and physical body weakens them leaving the human being vulnerable to negative earthly forces.

- *retarded beings* influence the creation of *retarded soul forces*.
- *negative Etheric energies that exist in the world* influence the creation of *retarded Etheric forces* in the human being.

#### **Double:**

- A combination of **retarded forces** created by the influence of retarded beings in the Physical, Etheric and Astral bodies.
- Retarded or degenerated Etheric energies that create retarded Etheric forces in the human being.
- Various doubles or shadow forces can be said to collectively form one being that Spiritual Science calls the personal ‘double’ or doppelganger.
- ‘Lesser Guardian of the Threshold’ whose existence in us from birth to death bars our spiritual progress:

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<sup>11</sup> Characterized in the red window of the new Goetheanum see Adrian Anderson The Way to the Sacred - illustration.

<sup>12</sup> Sergei O Prokofief The Cycle of the Year as a Path to Initiation page 155 where appropriate see also Lessons of the First Class



‘...There arises the phenomenon known as the *Guardian of the Threshold* — the appearance of the *lower double* of man. The spiritual being of man, composed of his impulses of will, his desires and his thoughts, appears to the Initiate in visible form. It is a form that is sometimes repugnant and terrible, for it is the offspring of his good and bad desires and of his *karma* — it is their personification in the astral world...’<sup>13</sup>

- Influence of **Ahriman, Lucifer, and Asuras** on man: beings of **doubt hatred and fear** ---- **Astral body, the Etheric body and in the Physical body** --- attracts forces that help to create and maintain a collective personal **double**--- Lesser Guardian of the Threshold, that becomes apparent to us as soon as we enter the spiritual world as a separate entity that is composed of the three beasts of our creation.

See Above image, called "**The Doppelganger**" from a drawing made by Rudolph Steiner for a stained glass window.

1. Serpentine nature of the double
2. 7 Chakras.
3. Crack in the earth --- connection to the degenerated earthly forces.
4. <sup>14</sup>The human being sitting on the mountaintop of objectivity must send out beneficent spiritual forces to heal and transform the double.

**Rudolf Steiner Characterises these beasts or doubles in three ways:**

- **The double or beast of doubt is red and has a glassy eye**
- **The double or beast of hatred is spotted yellow and bares his teeth**
- **The double or beast of fear is blue and has a bony mind**

**It is this third being that lies in our will and therefore our physical bodies that make us especially vulnerable to earthly forces.**

<sup>13</sup> Rudolf Steiner An Esoteric Cosmology VIII

<sup>14</sup> See also Rudolf Steiner The Templars (Dornarch) 02. 02 16 )and Inner Impulses of World Evolution – Mexican Mysteries.

## The Three Streams of Evil in the Outer World

Rudolf Steiner tells us that what forms a part of the inner man during life becomes the outer world after death, we can call this a law of inversion:

**“At first, man has *within* him what he later sees *around* him...All that lives today in the inner being of man, his thoughts, his feelings, will find expression in the outer world and become his surroundings. The future lies within man.”**<sup>15</sup>

- Human beings are instrumental in creating the outer world or cosmos, through inner work or lack thereof.
- Having this in mind we will proceed in our exploration of the connection that exists between the double of man and the fallen ethers.

### What are the fallen ethers?

- The ‘fall’ - **Tree of Knowledge** - conscious being--- Lucifer into Astral body
- Warmth and Light Ethers, the other two; Sound and Life Ethers were protected and guarded in spiritual worlds **Tree of Life**

**Rudolf Steiner tells us that we have the physical world, the astral world, Lower Devachan and Higher Devachan. There is also what Rudolf Steiner calls the sub-physical world;**<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Rudolf Steiner, An Esoteric Cosmology XVIII

<sup>16</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Etherisation of Blood

Higher Devachan – Domain of the Archai

Lower Devachan – Domain of Archangels

Astral World – Domain of Angels

**Super Earthly**

**\* Earthly/Physical world – Domain of Man \***

**Sub Earthly**

The lower Astral world – Lucifer’s domain

The evil Lower Devachan – Ahriman’s domain

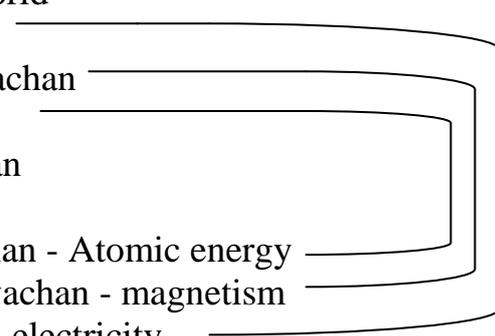
The evil Higher Devachan – Asuras’ domain

- Light Ether decays thrust down into the sub-material world, a stage deeper than the material world — *electricity* ---Light reflection in the substratum of the earth in Electricity. In man this has its counterpart in Thinking.
- Chemical Ether decays --- driven down beneath the physical plane into the evil Devachanic world — *magnetism*. Sound finds its reflection in the substratum of the earth as magnetism. In man this has its counterpart in Feeling.
- If what lives in higher Devachan as Life Ether decays and is thrust down further still, into the province of the Asuras ----what arises is --- ‘an even more terrible force — which it will not be possible to keep hidden very much longer’. The realm of the *Atom*. He goes on to say,

**‘It can only be hoped that when this force comes to be known — a force we must conceive as being far, far stronger than the most violent electrical discharge — it can only be hoped that before some**

**discoverer gives this force into the hands of humankind, men will no longer have anything immoral left in them.'**<sup>17</sup>

Life has its counterpart its reflection in the substratum of the earth in a kind of **radioactivity**. In man this has its counterpart in the human will.

- Warmth Ether – Physical world - Elemental world
  - Light Ether – Faith/Spiritual Thoughts -Astral
  - Sound or Chemical Ether – Love - Lower Devachan
  - Life Ether – Hope/Will to do the good/ Karma  
Higher Devachan
  
  - Fallen Life Ether - Subphysical Higher Devachan - Atomic energy
  - Fallen Chemical Ether- Subphysical lower Devachan - magnetism
  - Fallen Light Ether - Subphysical Astral world - electricity
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**Fallen and materialised thoughts - doubt in spirit**

**Fallen materialised feelings - hatred of the spirit**

**Fallen materialised will - fear of the spirit**

- **The above fallen thoughts feelings and will use and intensify the fallen ethers in the same way that the spiritualised thoughts and feelings and will use and add to the ‘higher ethers’.**
- Fallen forces in man (the double) ---strengthened by coming into contact with their counterpart in the outer world
- Degenerated Etheric forces in the world ---- strengthened by coming into contact with their counterpart in man.

### **Why has this fall or degeneration occurred?**

As we have seen what was once out in the cosmos can at another time be found in the microcosm. This relates directly to what we find on earth as remnants of what was present in the earth’s surroundings during the different evolutionary stages of the Earth.

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<sup>17</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Etherisation of the Blood

- **What remains of old Saturn forces – Life Ether** --- degenerated form as the power of the **Atom** ( more powerful than nuclear power).
- **What remains of old Sun Forces – Sound or Chemical Ether**---- degenerated form as the power of **magnetism**.
- **What remains of the old Moon Forces – Light Ether** ---closest to the earth’s surface in a degenerated form as the power of **electricity**.

## **2 phases of physical development, the generative and the degenerative.**

- Post Atlantean epoch and the succeeding two epochs there occurs a degenerative effect
  1. **Polarian** --- Saturn --- Atom were undergoing a generation
  2. **Hyperborean** --- old Sun forces of **magnetism** were undergoing a generation
  3. **Lemurian** ----forces that would become **electricity**<sup>18</sup> and were present in the earth from the times of old Moon were undergoing a generative phase
  4. **Atlantean** ---Equilibrium
  5. **5<sup>th</sup> Epoch** --- Lemurian times ---electricity --- decaying moon forces of Light
  6. **6<sup>th</sup> Epoch** --- Hyperborean times --- old Sun forces of decaying Chemical or Sound Ether---**Magnetism**
  7. **7<sup>th</sup> Epoch** --- Polarian Epoch ---- old Saturn forces decay of Life Ether ---- the **Atom** (all that causes a splitting up a destruction of the ‘whole’) that will in the 7<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean age finally destroy the earth. <sup>19</sup>

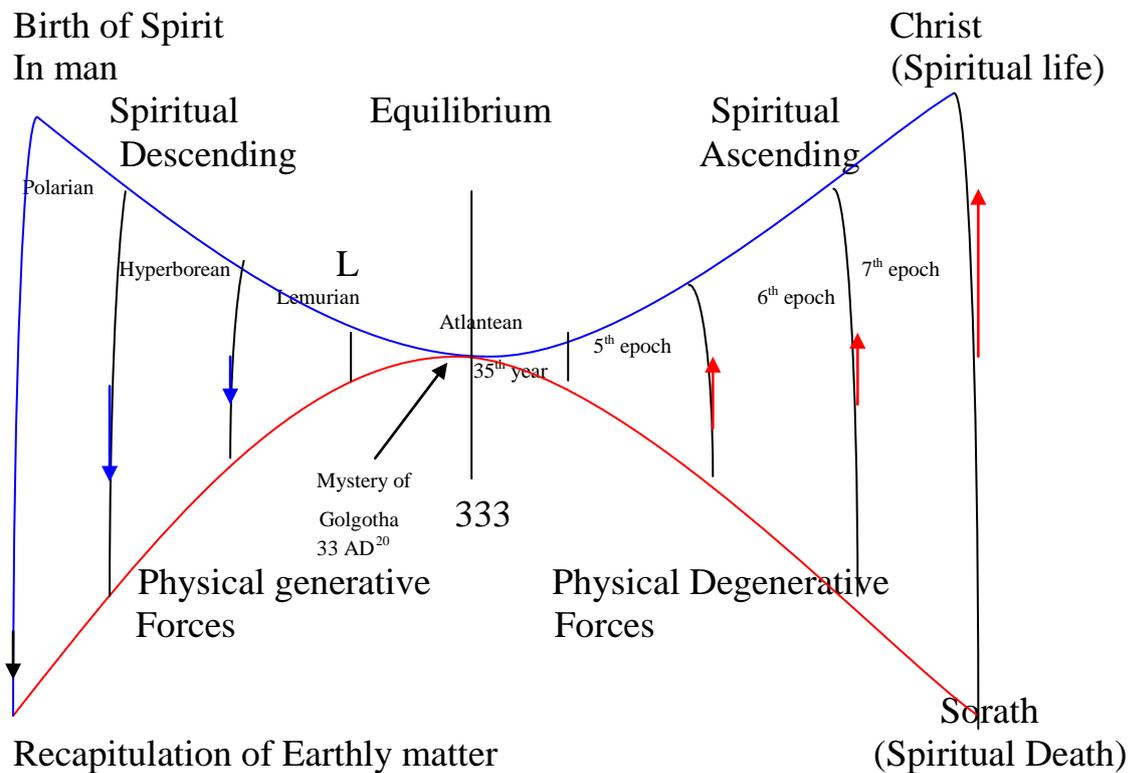
However as this physical aspect is generating and degenerating so to does the spiritual aspect descend and ascend. **So that in the fifth sixth seventh epochs the counter forces of these fallen ethers will need to be cultivated in order to raise humanity collectively from its 35<sup>th</sup> year onwards to an ascent toward the spirit.**

See Diagram below:

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<sup>18</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Templars ( Dornarch 2/10/16) see also Rudolf Steiner’s Scientific Lecture Courses.

<sup>19</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Deed of Christ and the Opposing Spiritual Powers – Mephistopheles and Earthquakes.



**The extent to which humanity does or does not achieve this task will determine the conditions that will be made possible for, on the one hand the physical manifestation of the Antichrist and on the other, the spiritual incarnation of the Christ being.**

**How does this relate to the Sub Suprahuman double Ahriman?**

In our own 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Cultural Epoch there occurs a similar curve on a microcosmic level.

- Indian Epoch ----- Greco Roman Epochs generative forces began to decline ---- Mystery of Golgotha climb upwards to the spirit ---

<sup>20</sup> The predicted inauguration of the Academy of Gondishapur in the year 666 meant that the Mystery of Golgotha had to occur at that point in time which lay as far behind the middle of the fourth post Atlantean epoch (333) as that point in time when the Best wished to intervene lay ahead 333. See Rudolf Steiner Three Streams in Human Evolution Lecture 4.

overcome increasing influence on man from the degenerative forces of **electricity, magnetism and the power of the Atom.**

- Christ ---- Plutonian depths on **Easter Saturday ---- sub nature** of the earth and there **'fettered' Ahriman and Asuras and Sorath**
- Man overcome the forces of physical death with spiritual life.
- Ahriman had not been bound then materialism would not just be an attitude of life but an evil disease.<sup>21</sup>
- From the time of the Mystery of Golgotha ----begin to prepare himself for his future task of ennobling the evil degenerative forces of death and decay by working with the forces of light (**Faith**) chemical or sound (**Love**) and life (**Hope**) Ethers or he could reject this possibility and sink down to the abyss.

**If man rejects this possibility creation and nurturing of double will not merely have an effect on the individual human being but also on the world around him – in the surrounding Ether – in the creation of a super or sub suprahuman double – the great double that will provide a fitting vehicle for the incarnation of Ahriman.**

### **How will it provide for the incarnation of Ahriman the emissary of the Sun Demon?**

- Deadened materialistic thoughts caused by **Doubt of Spirit ---** corpses in the human brain feed the degenerated **light Ether – electricity or darkness –sub physical or Evil Astral world** from which the **Astral body will be created into which the demonic ego of Ahriman can light up.**
- **Hatred of the spirit** and a lack of love for the spiritual, including the spiritual work of others ---hollows out and deadens the human soul --- intensify the degenerated **Sound or Chemical Ether – Magnetism – in the sub-physical or Evil Lower Devachan** from which the **opposing powers will weave the Etheric body of Ahriman.**
- **Fear paralyses human moral will ----** intensify the power of degenerated **Life Ether – power of the Atom – in the sub-physical or Evil Higher Devachan. From it will come the knowledge necessary for creating the physical body of Ahriman.**

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<sup>21</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Book of Revelation page 147.

The three bodies of the Ahriman will be formed from

1. The Astral corpses of human thoughts
2. vibrations issuing from the hearts and larynxes of human beings filled with hatred and immoral feelings
3. The division and separation of human beings from the moral deed, the higher hierarchies and their Karma through fear.

### **Ahriman's Incarnation:**

- Ahriman incarnate around three thousand years after the birth of Christ in a physical body, as a counterbalance to Lucifer's incarnation three thousand years before the birth of Christ<sup>22</sup> in China.
- His birth has been in preparation since the year 1998. He will not be an ordinary man, he will be a super or sub-suprahuman. This means that he will not only have a physical body, but also a sub-supraphysical body a body of elemental and Luciferic, Ahrimanic and Asuric beings that possess higher members (eg Spirit Self and Life Spirit Spirit Man)<sup>23</sup> at his disposal.
- He will ascend into the three sheaths created for him by a human vessel that has no ego<sup>24</sup>.
- This physical 'being', will allow the ego of Ahriman to enter into it, around its twenty ninth to thirtieth year and he will begin the work of elaborating these three sheaths into an Ahrimanised retarded form of microcosmic Spirit Self, Life Spirit and Spirit Man.<sup>25</sup>
- Through him will work the intentions of the being of Sorath the Beast of the Apocalypse.

### **Sorath**

- Being who fell behind before Old Saturn, does not belong to our earthly evolution and will enter into Earthly evolution only in the Apocalyptic future.
- He will need all the hosts of Lucifer Ahriman and Asuras and the sub-earthly ethers that have been intensified by the suprahuman Ahrimanic double and the individual human beings that have taken his impulses right down into their physical bodies.
- These shall be his limbs his organs of sense his internal organs, and they will bring his thoughts and intentions, his hatred and his unwavering will to incarnation.

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<sup>22</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Ahrimanic Deception.

<sup>23</sup> Rudolf Steiner Cosmic Ego and Human Ego – Microcosmic Supersensible Beings – The Nature of Christ – The Position of the Antichrist to Christ – Christ the Resurrected.

<sup>24</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Book of Revelation and the work of the Priest.

<sup>25</sup> Rudolf Steiner Cosmic Ego and Human Ego – Microcosmic Supersensible Beings – The Nature of Christ – The Position of the Antichrist to Christ – Christ the Resurrected.

**This may very well happen sooner than later depending on the strength of the Ahrimanic double. For it may be possible for Sorath to enter into the physically incarnated Ahriman even in our own epoch and inspire him in his sheaths – a pseudo-incarnation for Sorath.** <sup>26</sup>

### **The Antichrist:**

The totality of beings working through Sorath/Ahriman over and against the impulse of Christ is what John describes as the ‘Antichrist’<sup>27</sup>. However it must be pointed out that the strength of such an attack on the Christ impulse will depend on whether humanity is able to raise itself toward the spirit.

### **What will Ahriman be like?**

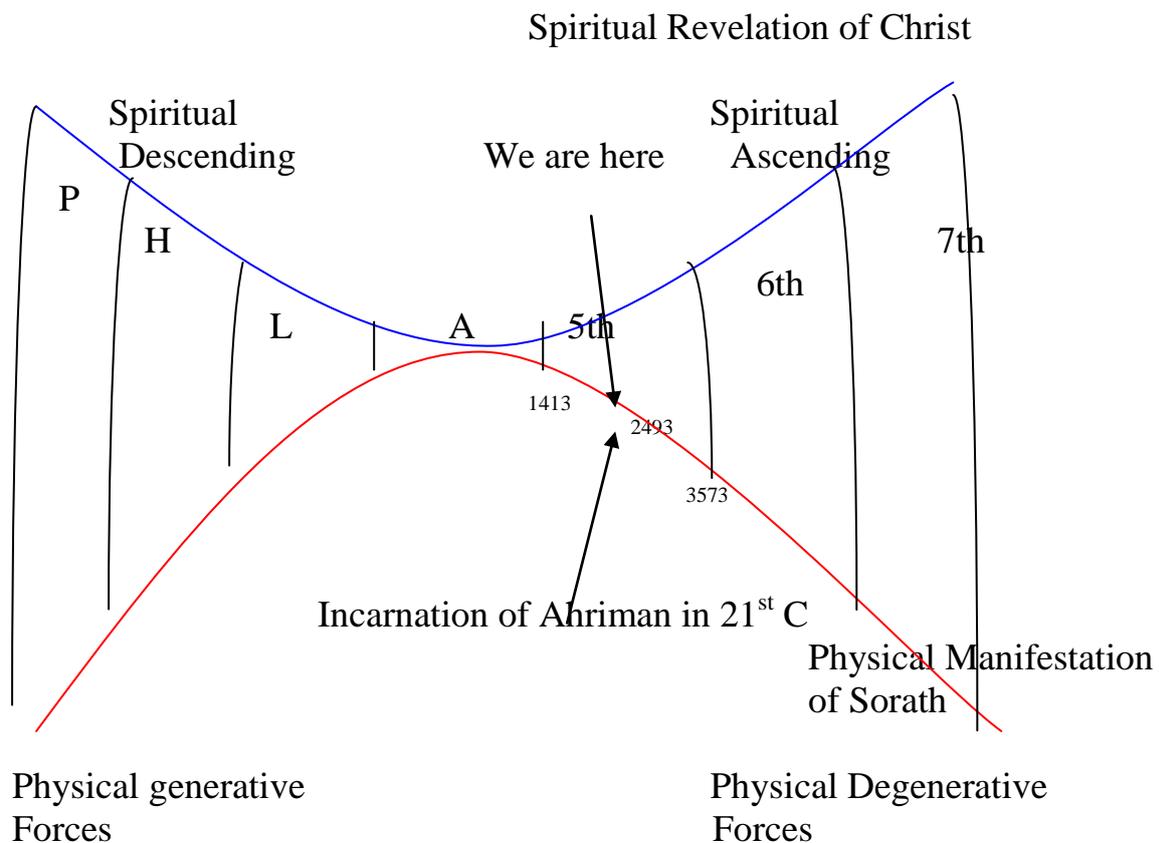
- He will be extremely intelligent. Possessed of a great powerful genius and cold intellect that will assure the *faith* of the unwary. He will set up a great school of Occultism (Lodges) where black magic will be taught. Those who follow him will take the ‘materialism’ that exists in thought (Astral body) all the way down into their Etheric bodies and will harden them so that these Etheric bodies remain intact after death (Ahrimanic immortality). These hardened Etheric bodies will distort the image of the Etheric Christ in the Astral world bordering the earth.
- He will exude a profound *magnetism* that will draw human beings with its power - his ‘voice’ will have the ability to mesmerize and hypnotise those who listen without discrimination and he will make what is immoral ‘sound’ honourable, good and justified (The Sauruman of JRR Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings comes to mind) Hatred will guide his every action, but from him will come the teachings concerning the nature of the lower passions and their connections to clairvoyance – Kundalini Tantra that leads to ceremonial sexual rituals accessing the lower Etheric forces are an example of this. Also, consenting ritual murder and cannibalism, which is of a sexual nature, is another step again. He will be responsible for promulgating only the biblical version of Christ’s life as a literal, material account of a man’s life, rejecting His divinity and resurrection (note the film ‘The Passion’ and its obsession with the death and failure to continue on towards an understanding of the resurrection and the becoming).

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<sup>26</sup> Sergei Prokofief The Spiritual Origins of Eastern Europe and the Future Mysteries of the Holy Grail Note 134 Part III.

<sup>27</sup> Not to be confused with the human Antichrist who will be possessed by a Luciferic being of heightened intelligence that is the tool of Ahriman. Rudolf Steiner Cosmic Ego and Human Ego – Microcosmic Supersensible Beings – The nature of Christ – The Position of the Antichrist to Christ – Christ the Resurrected. See also Prokofief The Spiritual Origins of Eastern Europe and the Future Mysteries of the Holy Grail Note 130 Part III.

- His will shall have no restraint and he will yield the power of the members (suprahuman) of his being with a violent and concentrated force that will *encourage* those who are weak of spirit to follow him. Those who do not will be made to suffer unbearable persecution.
- In 1780 Galvani began experiments leading to the discovery of electricity.
- In 1845 Faraday concluded that all matter must contain magnetism.
- In 1932 the artificial splitting of the lithium nucleus by neutron bombardment lead to the discovery of atomic power.
- The degeneration of ethers has begun in our Post Atlantean Epoch and will have its culmination in the seventh Age of Earth Evolution.





2. Microwave towers and high-rise buildings pulsing with electricity replace the ancient pyramids and obelisks on the horizons of human cities.
3. Sky Satellites have taken the place of the divine worship of the Stars that have guided our ancestors on their journeys. We seek to explore the planets (corpses of the past) instead of learning in a meditative way to come to a communion with the living spiritual counterparts of these corpses.
4. Pulse generators, lasers and Nuclear medicine have taken the place of healing with the hands and the heart.
5. Digital processors pump out numerical formulas that drown out the harmony of the spheres.
6. The premature destruction of the three physical sheaths through
  - Drug addiction
  - Building up of the animalistic nature through sport, vitamin and mineral supplements, the use of animal Steroids
  - Sexual rituals
  - Heavy metal music, television etc.
  - The destruction of the physical sheaths of the earth through, pollution of the air water and soil, the cutting down of rainforests, unsustainable farming practices, the raping of the seas and the mineral earth.

Human being is surrounded by

- Fallen ethers
- Elemental beings
- The spiritual researcher can see the created phantoms (Asuras), ghosts, spectres (Ahriman) and demons (Lucifer) that have become detached from human beings as a result of prejudice (the forces of Fear in the Will life), lovelessness (the forces of Hatred in the Feeling life), untruth and hypocrisy (the forces of Doubt in the Thinking life).

The earth is meant to die and become a corpse,<sup>28</sup> however human beings are not meant to follow the earth into the abyss, they are meant to rise up

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<sup>28</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Etherisation of Blood see also page 131 The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric

spiritually, taking with them what they can redeem (as a seed) of the Luciferic the Ahrimanic and Asuric elements towards a future evolutionary stage.

### **How are we meant to accomplish this task?**

- Individuals can do who gather together in the name of Anthroposophy through the work of the four mystery streams renewed by Rudolf Steiner at the Christmas Conference in 1924.
- To learn to recognise and overcome Doubt, Fear and Hatred of the spirit in our own souls, by replacing them with Faith, Love, and Hope must become our standard and it must begin now if we hope to weaken the power of the Ahriman and subsequently the Antichrist in future times.
- Otherwise we will incarnate in the Sixth Cultural Epoch to find we are like the farmer who did not sow seeds and bemoans the lack of a harvest. We shall have not prevented the great calamities that will come, and the resulting inevitable human suffering.

**The best counterforce is to work in knowledge. Knowledge is the first step in recognising and redeeming these forces. Ahriman himself tells us in Goethe's Faust,**

“I will not grudge my praise before thou goest, for well I see that thou the Devil knowest.”<sup>29</sup>

Next week we will discuss the renewed Mystery Streams that work through the being of Anthroposophy in leading mankind to the four paths of knowledge:

1. To awaken spirituality in human beings - Rosicrucian stream
2. To announce the Cosmic Christ – Grail Stream
3. To uncover and redeem evil – Manichean Stream
4. To create conditions for the future – Templar Stream

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<sup>29</sup> Goethe's Faust

**Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil:  
The Task of Anthroposophy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Epoch**  
**Part II: The mysteries of the Good. Faith, Love and Hope. The four  
mystery streams renewed and the four tasks of Anthroposophy.**

I will begin today with a quote by Rudolf Steiner.

“The only way to combat the influence of these Ahrimanic Beings is to realise that against certain aims of Ahriman nothing avails except to see through him, to know that he is there. I have indicated this repeatedly in the Mystery Plays; think only of the end of the last Play. The Fifth Post-Atlantean epoch must evolve to the stage where many human beings address the Ahrimanic Powers and Beings as Faust addresses Mephistopheles: “In thy Nothingness I hope to find the All.”<sup>30</sup>

Last week - mysteries of Evil:

- Human beings are the scene of action for spiritual beings of hindrance and Etheric forces.
- How insofar as we are influenced by them we bring into existence a being that Spiritual Science calls the ‘Double’.
- How this double is made up of forces that are derived both from man and the outer world with respect to the fallen ethers.
- How this double that exists in every human being will contribute to the forces that will build up the bodies of the great super - subhuman Ahrimanic double that will incarnate in a physical body in our century.
- How Ahriman will create the perfect conditions for the physical manifestation of the Antichrist through whom will work Sorath in future times in direct opposition to the spiritual manifestation of Christ.

Rudolf Steiner has said<sup>31</sup> - we do not have the right attitude towards these spirits of opposition when we merely say that something must be done about them! That they must be fought! – Stove – asking it to become nice and warm but neglecting to turn it on.

- For just as we must engage our feeling in the need for heat
- Engage our thinking in order to understand the workings of the stove.

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<sup>30</sup> Rudolf Steiner Behind the Scenes in External Happenings – The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness

<sup>31</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness page 153

- Will in turning it on.

This is what we must do tonight - engage our feeling thinking - recognise the need - understand the workings – in order to do the deed.

Tonight:

- explore the specific nature of the mysteries of the Good working through Faith, Love and Hope to redeem evil in the world and in Man through the inspiration of the four mystery streams working through the being of Anthroposophia.

## **The Sun Mysteries of the Good**

### **The mysteries of the Cosmic Christ – Mysteries of Birth**

- The Indians saw the Redeemer descending to earth, the mighty sun being, as Rama or Vishvakarman or as Krishna
- Persians saw the Redeemer as Ormuz
- Egypto Chaldeans saw Him as Osiris, the Jewish people saw Him as Jehova, and the Greeks as Apollo.
- It was only in the late Greco Roman times that the human being experienced the physical incarnation of this Cosmic God.

**Mystery of Golgotha: Mysteries of Death** - Single most significant event in world evolution.

- A God had to incarnate into a physical body, to know death and overcome it as an archetypal force for the rest of humankind.<sup>32</sup>
- A God had to pass through - birth and death- unknown to the gods --- become one with Earth
- Through Christ man has overcome Death.<sup>33</sup> Human beings ---- body of Christ into their own sheaths----overcome death, the death of consciousness in spiritual realms<sup>34</sup> -

### **Future Mystery: Mystery of Evil**

- In the past --- passively accepted the help of the Christ Being because it had not developed the necessary faculties.
- In 5<sup>th</sup> Post Atlantean Cultural Epoch, the Epoch of the Consciousness Soul or Spiritual Soul humanity is called on to work consciously

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<sup>32</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Festivals and their Meaning V The Mysteries of the Risen Christ

<sup>33</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Festivals and their Meaning II Easter III Death of a God and its fruits in Humanity see also VIII the Birth of Christ Within Us

<sup>34</sup> See my lectures on The Trinity of the Nathan Soul – Part II page 2.

beside Christ in the battle against Evil. His brothers and sisters to overcome evil with Him as they overcame Death through Him.

- Through Christ within man gods will come to understand the meaning of Evil as they once understood Death through Him.
- The difference is that this time humanity will not be a passive participator but an active participator. This is a most important point.

### **What does this mean to be an Active Participator?**

Spiritual beings live in three sheaths

- **Luciferic beings** human aspect---Moon---Astral body of human beings---Astral body---sentient soul This goes for the other two categories of beings:
- **Ahrimanic beings**---Sun---Etheric body accessed through Intellectual soul
- **Asuric beings**---physical body---accessed through the consciousness soul.

Double

- Composite of Fallen Etheric forces in the three sheaths when they are weakened by these beings of opposition---in Astral world represents the lower aspects of the human being that are yet to be redeemed---Guardian of the Threshold.

The Mysteries of the Good as it was taught in the mystery schools of ancient times teaches concerning the good counter-forces to this evil.

### **What are these good counter - forces?**

In the same way that negative spiritual beings are attracted to negative forces that man develops in himself and visa versa, so are the higher (good) spiritual beings attracted to the positive counterforces that a human being develops in himself.

### **How do higher spiritual beings relate to man ?**

- Thinking human beings---Angel as a representative of the entire third hierarchy (Angels Archangels Archai). Through thinking individual human beings guided by their angels are connected to the whole of humanity.

- Feeling human beings---Archangelic sphere as a representative of the second hierarchy (Spirits of Form, Spirits of Motion, Spirits of Wisdom---country or folk or group).
- In the sphere of Will human beings are connected to the Archai who represent the entire first hierarchy (Spirits of Will, Spirits of Harmony and Spirits of Love). In the will the individual human being lives in alone in himself.

It is therefore to these three categories of beings Angels, Archangels, and Archai, (insofar as they come from the closest hierarchy to human beings and therefore can work directly with them as representatives of the higher hierarchies) that we must turn to for help.

### **How do we attract the attention of these sublime spiritual helpers?**

- Since 1879 when the Archangel Michael cast out the spirits of darkness that belong to the rank of angel or Angeloi from the Astral world, knowledge of the spirit could be imparted to humanity in general.<sup>35</sup>
- Rudolf Steiner as a pupil of Christian Rosencreutz -renew the four mystery streams that have since ancient times imparted the knowledge concerning the Mysteries of Good and Evil to the world.
- Anthroposophy as a daughter of the Divine Sophia as a guide for modern mankind in the development of the soul towards self-knowledge (knowing the nature of the individual double or the composite of negative Etheric and Soul forces).

Human beings who awaken spiritual faculties by working on the life of the soul experience what others experience in sleep or in the time between death and rebirth.

- This means that such human beings are in a position to develop a closer relationship – or a more conscious relationship – to their guiding Angel. Angels first line of communication as representatives of the entire third hierarchy of angels ---- Angels, Archangels and Archai who work as helpers to higher hierarchies in overcoming evil.

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<sup>35</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric page 172

## How do we work with them?

- Thoughts: **Imaginations/ Faith** imbued with spirituality
  1. **universal imaginations**---perceived in the realm of angels elaborated by 3<sup>rd</sup> hierarchy (Astral world realm of Light Ether) as **light**---lighting up of Angel's spiritual sky.
  2. This light---entire first hierarchy into the gift of Spiritual Consciousness<sup>36</sup> as a protection against the **Doubt** that **Lucifer** engenders.<sup>37</sup>
  
- Feelings: **Enthusiasm and the fire of Love**---strives earnestly towards all that is spiritual.
  1. All devotion and reverence acquired for spiritual things flows out and is experienced as a cosmic harmony/sound in Lower Devachan (realm of Sound Ether) that is heard by the Archangels.
  2. This cosmic harmony is the food of the gods---elaborated by the entire second hierarchy as a protection against the **Hatred** of the spirit that is inspired by **Ahriman**.
  
- Will: **Courage/Hope born from knowledge of the Spirit** that enters right into the very 'moral fibre'
  1. Reflected word or knowledge of Christ – Michaelic intelligence - in Higher Devachan (realm of Life Ether) by the Archai as representatives of first Hierarchy.
  2. This Knowledge---taken by entire first hierarchy and works to protect man from **Fear** inspired by **Asuras** that exposes the being of man to negative **Earthly forces**.

**Faith, Love and Hope therefore light up, resound and become creative in the soul through Universal thoughts, Love and Moral Courage.**

## How do these beings help us to overcome Evil?

- This opens the gates of our Astral, Etheric and physical bodies<sup>38</sup> to the third hierarchy as representatives of the other two hierarchies in readiness for the Christ-impulse or consciousness.

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<sup>36</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Human Being's Relationship to his Angel – found in the compilation entitled - Angels.

<sup>37</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Freedom of Man in the age of Michael – Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts

- When Christ enters in - that there begins a transformation of the evil forces of the double.
- When Evil forces come into contact with the Christ Impulse working within the soul sheaths they are immediately transformed!
- Retarded beings cannot evolve further unless they can become united with the Christ Impulse as the central impulse of our cosmos.
- They cannot do this on their own and need to do it through us. <sup>39</sup>

**We can say it again another way:**

- Inasmuch as we oppose every temptation by the three beings of **Doubt, Hate and Fear** in the soul by counteracting them
  1. Power of Faith – Imagination
  2. Love – Inspiration
  3. Hope – Intuition

It represents a transformation of

1. Astral body into - Spirit Self - consciousness of Christ enters in as power of **Faith** - light will redeem Lucifer and convert him into a servant of the Christ Being<sup>40</sup>.
2. Release of Luciferic Elemental beings
3. Ennoble degenerative Light Ether or Electricity
4. This transformation of the Astral body into Spirit Self finds its culmination at the end of the future Jupiter incarnation of the earth.

Rudolf Steiner calls this transformation of Evil into good, spiritual alchemy.

“It was taught in Manecheism that from our age onwards the souls of men would begin to transmute into good the evil which will manifest in full force in the sixth epoch. In other words: human souls must be strong enough to bring good out of evil by a process of spiritual alchemy.” <sup>41</sup>

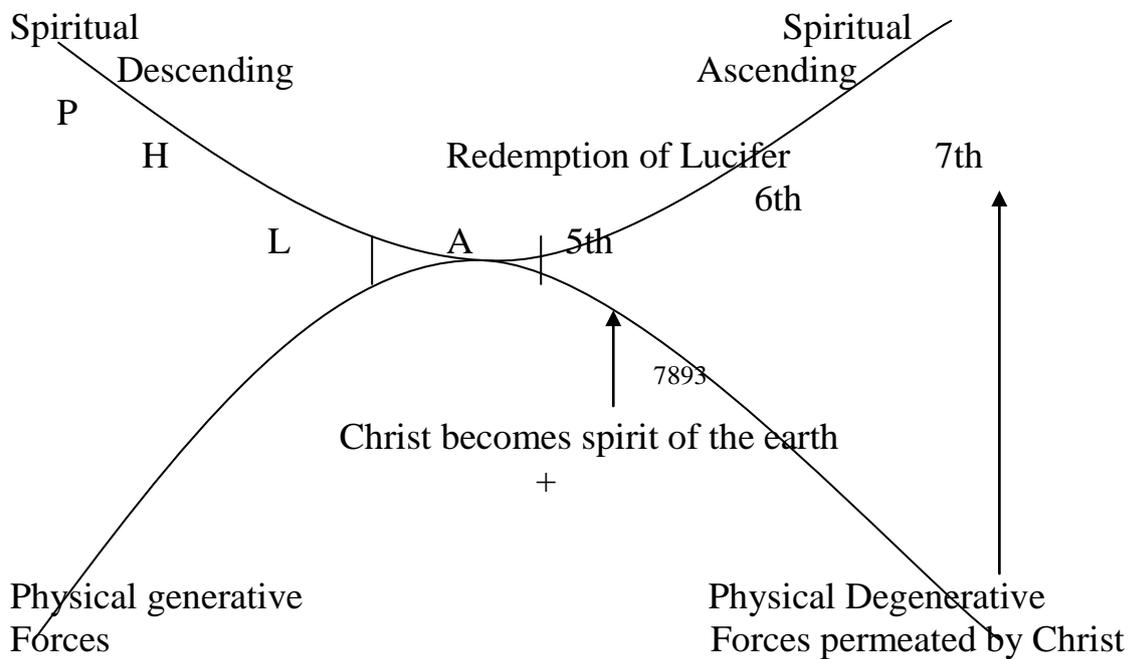
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<sup>38</sup> Sergei O Prokofief The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 141

<sup>39</sup> Sergei O Prokofief The Occult significance of Forgiveness

<sup>40</sup> This has been in preparation since the council of the four leading initiates Manes, Scythianos, Zarathustra and Buddha in the fourth century. A document is kept in the Vatican library which points to the mystery of the redemption of Lucifer. See Sergei O Prokofief The Occult Significance of Forgiveness page 68 and end note 74.

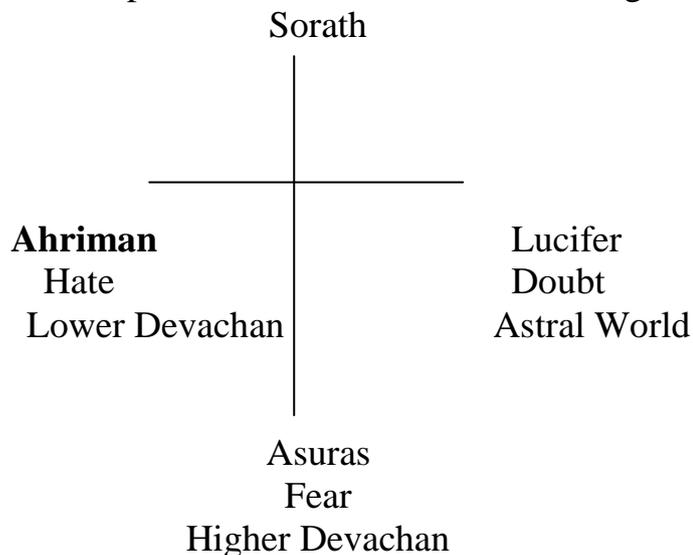
<sup>41</sup> Esoteric Cosmology XVIII



- Christ's second sacrifice in the last century ---in Astral world ---- materialistic thoughts – **Doubt**
- Resurrection of Christ in the **Astral body** of man that is beginning in our time.

The future will see two more sacrifices

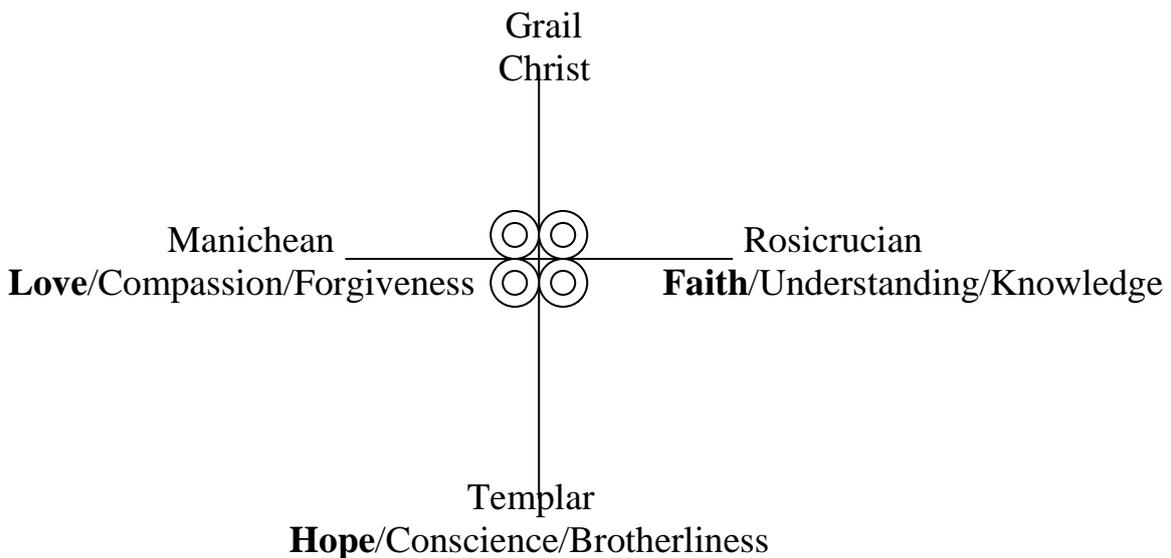
1. **Hate** – egoism – hatred of spirit in Lower Devachan
2. **Fear** of the spirit, in Lower Devachan, and Higher Devachan.



Opposite of

Ancient mysteries --- 4 streams that would one day come together against Evil

### The renewal of the Four Mysteries



The renewal of the four mystery streams and their synthesis out of the Modern Michaelic Spirit, occurred at 1924 Christmas conference in the form of the setting of the Foundation Stone of the Good over and against Evil by Rudolf Steiner.

### What are the modern tasks of the Four renewed Mystery Streams?

All of us who are gathered here tonight belong to one of these streams and we should acquaint ourselves with the modern tasks that are set before us by our various masters.

- **The renewed Rosicrucian Stream --- Awakening and transformation of human thought** --- light of spiritual thinking --- descends into the will --- path of modern initiation.
- **The renewed Grail Stream --- spirit** ---- knowledge of **Christ and the Mystery of Golgotha** through the **Free Ego**.
- **The renewed Manichean Stream** ----self-less Love:

1. Upwards into thought --- **compassionate understanding – Recognition of Evil**
2. Downwards into the will --- **Redemption of Evil.**

**The renewed Templar Stream --- Will --- rises upwards into the imaginations --- creation of a new social future in the threefolding of the social organism - brotherhood.**<sup>42</sup>

### But what does this really mean for Anthroposophists?

- Those who are blessed to have knowledge of spiritual matters will experience now, what will come only in the next epoch to affect (naturally) the greater part of humanity.
- Because Knowledge --- Being of Anthroposophia is specifically intended to cause a transformation in the soul faculties – loosen --- of those who are imbued with it
- Rudolf Steiner admonished that an increase in knowledge must always be accompanied by a strengthening of moral forces
- Strengthening moral forces --- thinking feeling ---- prevent egoism confusion ---- result of the acquisition of knowledge.

Law of Inversion:

Everything man experiences inwardly at one point will be experienced outwardly at another therefore:

- Those acquire knowledge and attempt to bringing balance to the soul with spiritual exercises - torments trials and temptations **inwardly** ---- experienced by the general population of the world **outwardly** in the 6<sup>th</sup> epoch.
- This transformation of the soul will be opposed directly and rejected inwardly by those very beings and influences of opposition.
- The opposition of the ‘double’ to transformation is not only relative to the effort --- but to geography -----, mountains, valleys, power lines, microwave towers, big cities.
- Anthroposophists ---strengthen moral forces --- subsidiary exercises and the eight-fold path given by Rudolf Steiner.

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<sup>42</sup> See also Sergei Prokofief Encounters with Evil page 87

- Suffering will occur in the social life --- efforts will be made by the powers of opposition to prevent human beings from coming together in groups, especially those who wish to work in the name of ‘Self Transformation’.
- If soul life is strengthened powers of opposition will not be victorious.
- If this strengthening does not occur, and if knowledge is taken up without ---- moral life ---- dark hour of the soul for communities devoted to spiritual development.
- Inward battle waged in thinking feeling and willing --- outward battle between human beings ‘war of all against all’.
- Strengthen the collective double that belongs to the Anthroposophical society created by the **Doubt, Hatred and Fear** --- of the individual.
- **Faith, Love and Hope** must be developed ---- if the Christ Impulse is to make its descent into the three soul sheaths.
- So that work can begin to ennoble this **collective double** that prevents us from coming together

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the future will be a social one<sup>43</sup> the only thing that will sustain humanity is the power of groups that gather together in the name of Christ.<sup>44</sup>

- **Doubt in the spirit, hatred of the Spirit and Fear of the spirit** – conquered to prevent strengthening of fallen forces --- creating and strengthening the physical Etheric and Astral bodies of Ahriman and enabling --- incarnation of the Antichrist and through it Sorath.

Anthroposophists can prevent the strength of Ahriman’s influence on humanity by undertaking the tasks set before us individually and as a community.

### **The Individual Tasks of every Anthroposophist in the 5<sup>th</sup> Epoch:**

- **Faith in knowledge of the spirit. Faith** that spiritual experiences **did not die with Rudolf Steiner**, that spiritual experiences can and will

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<sup>43</sup> ibid

<sup>44</sup> ibid

be the possession of more and more of humanity, since this was after all the intentions of Rudolf Steiner.

- **Love for earnest striving towards the spirit. Love for the spiritual work of others.**
  1. **Love** for the effort made by those who are striving for the fire of knowledge.
  2. Tolerance of the viewpoints of others
  3. **Compassion** ---- ‘dark night’ of the soul of others grappling with their own demons.
  4. **Forgiveness - breathe into ourselves the evil of our brother and to breathe out from ourselves our love for them** ---- Manichean ideal in the same way a plant breathes in poison and breathes out pure life giving oxygen (the mystery of Sacrifice).
  
- **Courage borne of knowledge of the spirit to;**
  1. **Speak out concerning those things that we have acquired as fruits of our own spiritual endeavours** --- teach one another --- cease to be our egocentric possessions.
  2. **Seek to honestly change our selves through self-knowledge<sup>45</sup>** ---- only self-knowledge allows us to know and understand our own demons--- unless we know our own demons we may mistake them for the demons of others!

### **The Task of Anthroposophy in the 5th Epoch :**

1. To awaken mankind to the spiritual nature of the human being
2. To teach concerning the mystery of Golgotha and the Cosmic Christ
3. To recognise and redeem Evil
4. To build the new social forms for the future

Work together, understanding, loving and encouraging each other

- Prevent our spiritual groups, our society from becoming rigid, from living in an atmosphere of doubt, hatred and fear of the spiritual itself---only what is written and handed down from the past, **neglecting to imagine possibilities, rejecting an enlivening of the heart and a strengthening of the will.**

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<sup>45</sup> Etherization of the Blood – found in Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric page 116

- For this will have strengthen our own doubles and collective double which will contribute to that great Ahrimanic super subhuman double that will find its incarnation in the not too distant future and will prepare the way for the Antichrist.
- Preparing for the sixth by cultivating the beginnings of the three great virtues----renewed Whitsuntide - a resurrection in the heart of the living Christ as the spiritual sun of redemption in the ego in the 6<sup>th</sup> Epoch
- Christ himself will be there in every person and in the midst of the group to cast His word into such gatherings.<sup>46</sup> And through Christ's descent will there be a possibility for redeeming and for overcoming every difficulty.

It is at this time, during lent and Easter that it is especially possible to experience the penetration of the Christ impulse into our human sheaths into our Astral body as the power of faith, into our Etheric bodies as the power of love and in our physical bodies as the power of hope.

I leave you with the words of Rudolf Steiner.

“The whole purpose of spiritual science is to prepare in this sense for the sixth epoch of culture. We try to cultivate spiritual science in order to overcome materialism, to prepare the kind of science that must exist in that epoch. We found communities of human beings within which there must be no dogmatic beliefs or any tendency to accept teaching simply because it emanates from one person or another. We found communities of human beings in which everything, without exception, must be built upon the soul's free assent to the teachings. Herein we prepare what spiritual science calls freedom of thought. By coming together in friendly associations for the purpose of cultivating spiritual science, we prepare the culture, the civilization of the sixth post-Atlantean epoch.”

....and

“We may therefore picture to ourselves that by uniting in brotherliness in working groups, something hovers invisibly

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<sup>46</sup> Rudolf Steiner The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric

over our work, something that is like the child of the forces of the spirit self — the spirit self that is nurtured by the beings of the higher hierarchies in order that it may stream down into our souls when they are again on earth in the sixth epoch of civilization. In our groups we perform work that streams upward to those forces that are being prepared for the spirit self.”<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> Rudolf Steiner – Preparing for the Sixth Epoch