The Activity of Spiritual Beings within Technology

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“MECHANICAL OCCULTISM AND THE THREEFOLD SOCIAL ORDER”
What is Reality?

• Finding the foundation: thinking about thinking
  – Begin with human being
  – Begin with one’s self, consciousness

• Philosophy of Freedom
  – Thinking as a spiritual activity of the soul
  – Freedom of will (willed thinking and conscious action)
  – There can be no thought of morality with freedom

• Monistic in that spiritual is real, matter as illusion
  – Sensory world separates the unity of concept and percept

• Laws of nature – spiritual beings – forms of nature
  – Phenomena are merely the expression of spiritual deeds
  – Things in material form are the outward sheaths of spiritual beings

• Hierarchy of laws, hierarchy of spiritual beings
• Elementary beings needed to enact laws of nature
Infinity, Light, and Thinking

Beings

cosmos

thoughts

light

head
What is Human Thinking?

Human thinking is the *shadow-image* of mental pictures and *beings* belonging to the astral plane.
Verse

Try, thou my soul
To penetrate into thy depths;
In thy depths acts creatively
The cosmic spirit's wisdom-light,
The cosmic spirit's life-force,
The cosmic spirit's will-power;
I belong to this all.

Verse by Rudolf Steiner
Painting by Carolina Allen
Outline

- Threefold: Occultisms
  - Technology
  - Healing
  - Future body
- Elementals
  - Elements
- Ahrimanic
- Jupiter Humans
- Vulcans
- Michael & Christ
- Know Thyself

• West,
• Middle,
• East
Overview of Threefold

Assumption of the Virgin, Francesco Botticini, 1475, National Gallery
Models of Threefold
TSO in current research

• Philosophy Prof. Elizabeth Anderson from U of Michigan
  – https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/01/07/the-philosopher-redefining-equality

• Otto Scharmer, MIT, Theory U
  – http://www.ottoscharmer.com/theoryu
  – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtpztsl96tM

• Robert Greenleaf, Servant Leadership
  – https://www.greenleaf.org/what-is-servant-leadership/
Threefold for Cosmic Balance

Not to scale

End of the Old Mysteries

15th Century

15th Century

Ahriman

Lucifer

4th Century

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## Cosmic History

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Earth History

Epochs each with seven ages
• Polarian: Recapitulated Old Saturn
• Hyperborean: Old Sun, separation of sun
• Lemurian: Old Moon, separation of moon
  – Separation into sexes, physical bodies (not like ours), reincarnation
• Atlantean: Mid Point for Earth (but not for Man)
  – Sexual procreation began (Seth)
• **Now** (Post-Atlantean Cultural Ages [PACA])
  – Indian, Persian, Egyptian, Greek, **now**, 6\(^{th}\), 7\(^{th}\)
  – Physical body ends, moon returns, WAAA
• Sixth
• Seventh
# Overview of Earthly Spirits

## Within a Community of Planetary Spirits

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Source: *The Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and in the Kingdoms of Nature*, lecture 2, 4APR1912, Helsinki, GA 136
The Law of Duality

• “Nothing one-sided comes forth in the world. Everything that exists has two sides to it.
• When light is produced through warmth, then turbid, dark matter appears on the other side. That is the teaching of primeval spiritual science.” – Light & “Smoke” (Air) from Fire
• “When this warmth grows so strong that it begins to shine and smoke is formed, then some of the spirit which was in the warmth must go into the smoke. That spiritual part which was in the warmth and has passed into the smoke, which being gaseous and belonging to air is a lower element than warmth, that spiritual part is transmuted, bewitched, as it were, into smoke. Thus with everything which like a turbid extract or a materialisation is deposited by the warmth, there is also associated what might be called the bewitching of some spiritual being.” – Spiritual Hierarchies, lecture 2, GA110
Enchantment of Elementals

• “Spiritual beings, which are also called elementals, are bewitched in all air, and will even be bewitched, banished, so to speak, to a lower existence, when air is changed into water.

• Hence spiritual science sees in everything that is outwardly perceptible something that has proceeded from an original condition of fire or warmth and which has turned into air, smoke, or gas, when the warmth began to condense into gas, gas into liquid, liquid into solid.

• ‘Look backwards,’ says the spiritual scientist, look at any solid substance. That solidity was once liquid, it is only in the course of evolution that it has become solid and the liquid was once upon a time gaseous and the gaseous formed itself as smoke, out of the fire. But a transmutation, a bewitching of spiritual being is always connected with these processes of condensation and with the formation of gases and solids.”
Elemental Spiritual Beings

• Enchantment: from element above into physical
  – ‘Offspring’ of the 3rd Hierarchy

• Nature Elementals – beings of the elements
  – Gnomes (earth)
  – Undines (water)
  – Sylphs (air)
  – Salamanders (fire)

• Redemption – human role

• Elemental/Elementary
  – Elementarwesen: elementary beings, Elementengeister: elemental spirits from Foundation Stone Meditation
Redemption of the Elementals

• Depends on humans
• Person who digests his impressions spiritually by thinking about them and forms concepts about the underlying spiritual foundation of the world.
• Feels the beauty of things and ennobles one’s impressions
• Such spiritual activity redeems the elemental being
• It is raised to its previous state
• Unredeemed beings accompany you when you reincarnate
• Cosmic destiny to unite. Goal is with humanity. If we fail, the nature elementals will unite with Ahriman.
Super Earthly Elemental Beings

- Christmas Conference (N, S, E, and W)
- Responsible for earthly movement
- Spirits of Rotation of Time, west to east, willing
- Spirits of the Moon’s waxing and waning, etheric, feeling
- Spirits of the Seasons, warmth/cold, thinking

-Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and in the Kingdoms of Nature, 4Apr1912
Creating Elementals from Work

• "Men must learn to know that when a workman stands at his bench and the sparks fly about, elemental spirits are being created who pass over into the world-process and have their significance there. ... They will certainly come into existence; the important point is that they should come into existence rightly, in the right way.

• For elemental spirits that are destructive of the world-process can be engendered, as well as those that serve the world-process."

-- Karma of Vocation, lecture 4, Dornach, 12Nov1916.
Our Relationship to Elementals

• “Something is always passing from the elemental being into the man, from morning till night.”
• “[A]s he tries with his ideas, conceptions, and feeling for beauty to work out spiritually what he sees in the outer world, does he release and redeem those spiritual elemental beings.” – *Spiritual Hierarchies*, lecture 2, GA110

Redemption of the elementals
• “.”
Elemental Spirits of Birth & Death

• Used by Gods since procreation began
• After halfway point – responsibility shifts to humans
• Their natural tendency: destruction of human weal
  – Industry, commerce, technology
• How do we control them?
• Wrong and Right Uses
  – Pisces and Virgo,
  – Morning and evening,
  – Vibratory
What Birth and Death Tell Us

• Birth and death appear to ordinary consciousness to be isolated events.
• Birth of the physical and etheric : Death of the astral and Ego.
• Birth: the physical and etheric bodies progressively grow and flourish
  – They develop out of the germ, gradually assume human form, and during earthly life their vitality progressively increases up to 35 when it then gradually decreases, a decline sets in.
  – Whilst the cellular life of the physical and etheric bodies grows, the astral body and Ego are subject to the forces of decay and death.
• As the body declines, there is a burgeoning of the Ego and the astral
  – This burgeoning life is retarded by the presence of dying forces in the physical and etheric being - presence of death in life and life in death.
• Trace back that which is seen to be dying at the time of birth to its pre-earthly life where it is revealed in its full significance and greatness.
• Because we perceive the gradual burgeoning of the astral and Ego within the declining etheric and physical, we prepare ourselves to follow them into the spiritual world after their release from the physical and etheric bodies at the moment of death.
• Man's existence here on the physical plane is bound up with existence in other worlds: soma, psyche, & pneuma
The Struggle with Ahrimanic Spirits

Autobiography: *The Story of My Life*, GA 28, chapter 26

- Steiner was aware by 1898 that true work with Natural Science could lead to a Science of the Spirit
- Steiner met Ahrimanic beings while deep in scientific activity
- Their realm borders directly upon the sense-world
- For them, “it was an absolute reality that their world must be a machine”
- During this period, Steiner had to “rescue [his] spiritual world-conception through inner battles” with these Ahrimanic spirits
AHRIMAN’S INCARNATION about 2300 AD?

- Seeks in the sub-earthly, in the subconscious, for human weaknesses as a means of ruling men
- He’s still preparing perhaps for when it’s Oriphiel’s time
- Replace many human body “parts” with machines
- "Just as once in the East there was a Lucifer incarnation, and then, at the midpoint, as it were, of world evolution, the incarnation of Christ, so in the West there will be an incarnation of Ahriman.
- This ahrimanic incarnation cannot be averted;
- it is inevitable, for humanity must confront Ahriman face to face.” – Influences of Lucifer & Ahriman, 4Nov1219, Bern, GA191
Cosmic Picture of Evolution

• Needed: a *new cosmic-moral* conception
• “Jehovah breathed into man the living breath — the air — and that thereby a *living soul* came into being.
• The air had to be brought into man in order that he might *become what he was destined to become* as earthly man.
• Through many hundreds of years, nay, through the thousands of years, man only made use of that rarefaction and condensation of air which came about of its own accord within the cosmic process.
• Then came the *modern age*, and man himself began to rarefy the air; to *get rid of that which Jehovah had brought in*; to counteract the way of Jehovah's working, when He placed man on to the earth.”
Ahriman Must Have His Incarnation for Cosmic Balance

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• “They would really like to keep him above the mineral kingdom. They would prefer man to experience only what is in the sprouting plant world, what lives in the animal world and in the actually human world.
• But they do not want him to come down to the dead mineral world.
• And in particular they desire above all that he should have no contact with our technics. That enrages these Spirits. ...
• They bring flexibility, mobile reasoning, into the human head, the activity of phantasy, art, and so on.
• They are backward Elohim, present in the cosmos with the Elohim, only not willing to let man come quite down to earth. He has, however, come down to earth through the Elohim.”
• *The Responsibility of Man for World Evolution*, lecture 3, 11Mar1921, Dornach, GA 203
Ahriman

- “Comes from outside earth’s cosmic evolution
- They want to expunge the whole of the past and leave man with merely what he has gained directly on the earth.
- They would like to preserve a thorough earth-man.
- He has been incorporated in the mineral kingdom through the Elohim and they would like to take this as a beginning from where to carry evolution further. ...
- To give man a special interest for the mineral-material, an interest in what is externally mechanistic.
- They would particularly like to destroy everything that the Earth has brought over from the Old Moon. They would like the animal world to disappear, the physical human world to disappear, the plant world to disappear, and of the mineral world only the physical laws to remain.
- Above all they would like human beings to be removed from the earth and to form a new Saturn out of machines, a new world purely of machines.”
- *The Responsibility of Man for World Evolution*, lecture 3, 11Mar1921, Dornach, GA 203
The Combustion Engine

- Ahriman’s Triumph
  - Evolution of physical given to him
- “And He breathed into his nostrils and Adam became a living soul”
- Whereas Jehovah pours into man through the warmth, man drives Jehovah away when he creates a space where the air is rarefied.
- Hence, when the steam-engine is constructed in this way, Ahriman gains the possibility of establishing himself as a demonic being, even in the physical.
- When we build steam-engines, we provide the opportunity for the incarnation of demons.”
Electricity and Demons

• “Wherever electricity is applied, and many another thing beside, there is far more of demonomagic; for there we are dealing with many other forces which have still more significance for the cosmos.”
  -- The Relation of Man to the Hierarchies, Dornach, Nov261916, GA 172

• “our nerve-system we are always in process of dying. These forces of death will become stronger and stronger, and we shall find that they are related to the forces of electricity and magnetism, and to those at work in machines.”
  - The Wrong and Right Use, lecture 3, 25Nov1917, Dornach, GA 178

• All that is light, and sound, and warmth, is then akin to our conscious life, while all that goes on in the realms of electricity and magnetism is akin — intimately akin — to our unconscious life of Will.”
  - Light Course, lecture 9, 2Jan1920, Stuttgart, GA 320
Demons and the Future

- Ahrimanic beings exist in the cosmos and possess an intelligence far superior to that of mankind.
- To their progeny passes something of this intelligence.
  - They exist in a world immediately bordering our own.
- “[T]hese elemental beings who at some future time must participate in our civilization, because human beings cannot carry over everything from one earthly life to another. [especially ‘thinking’ machine tech.]
- [The dead live among these demons knowing] that the presence of these demonic beings is in accordance with a wise cosmic plan.
- They are akin to the elementals of poisonous plants that are dying out today as our world is dying and doomed.”

*True and False Paths in Spiritual Investigation*, 19Aug1924, Torquay, GA 243
Sorat

• The Sun Demon, the two horned beast of *Revelations*
• The Hebrew letters of the name Sorat equal 666

• Rhythm of 666 years
• 666, 1332 (Templars), 1998, 2664, ...
• Last saving on sixth planetary condition (Venus) in its sixth epoch and in its sixth age
• Thrust out of that evolution which leads to the reunification with the sun
Facing the Future

• We must eradicate from the soul all fear and terror of what comes towards Mankind, out of the future. We must look forward with absolute equanimity to whatever comes, and we must think only that whatever comes is given us by a world direction full of wisdom.

• It is part of what we must learn during this age, namely to act out of pure trust in the ever present help of the spiritual world; truly nothing else will do if our courage is not to fail us.

• Therefore let us discipline our will, and let us seek the awakening from within ourselves, every morning and every evening.

Composed from a lecture by Rudolf Steiner
Goal: Find the Counter-Forces

• “Needless to say, anyone who understands Spiritual Science will realize that these things are not meant to be abolished.

• We cannot be reactionary or conservative in the sense of resisting progress. In deed and in truth, this demonomagic is progress, and the Earth will yet undergo more and more of such advances. Man will succeed in unfolding mighty effects into the cosmic spaces.

• It is not a question of abolition — not even of hostile criticism — for it goes without saying, these things are justified. Yet, if on the one hand these things must emerge in the progress of mankind, it is indeed a question on the other hand of our creating counter-forces to bring about the necessary balance.” -- *The Relation of Man to the Hierarchies*, Dornach, Nov261916, GA 172
Gods of Greek Myths

- Zeus & Hera, Chronos & Rhea, Uranus & Gaia
  - 3 Prior Generations each with a Period of Reign
  - Dual-sexed
  - New generation: mortal
- Hephaestus, god of technology
  - Lame – expelled – returns
  - Pandora
- Prometheus & Epimetheus, the Titans
  - Sided with Zeus to overthrow Chronos
  - Fire, arts, sciences
  - Chained to mineral kingdom
**Humanification of what is Made**

- “We are standing today at the threshold of new evolutionary developments. Many people already have an inkling of this. Should it be transformed into reality and people fail to have spiritual scientific aspirations, it would be the worst thing that could happen to the earth.

- What has come about primarily during the course of the fourth post-Atlantean epoch is that the human being has been *liberated* from the external, inorganic world which he embodied in his tools. Eventually, he will be *reunited* with what he has *embodied* in them.

- Today, *machines* are constructed. Of course, they are at present objective, containing little of the human element. But it will not always be so [*we see this change well underway today*].

- The course of the world tends to bring about a *connection* between what the human being *is* and what he *produces* and brings into existence. This *connection will become ever more intimate.*”
Creating Elementals from Work

• “Everything that happens in the evolution of the world is related to the spiritual. What we create within the sphere of our vocations, whether by bodily or by mental labor, there lies the possibility for the incarnation of spiritual beings.

• At present, during this earth stage, these spiritual beings are, to be sure, still of an elemental kind; we might say an elemental kind of the fourth degree.

• But they will have become elemental beings of the third degree during the Jupiter evolution, and so on.

• The labor in the objective vocational process is detached from us and becomes the external sheath for elemental beings who thereby continue their development.”

• -- Karma of Vocation, lecture 4, Dornach, 12Nov1916.
Robotics and Labor

• “Labor and compensation will in future be completely separated.
• Work will be a voluntary performance out of the recognition of necessity, out of the realization that it must be done.
• Labor becomes sacred as it becomes a sacrifice for all.
• People perform it because they look at the person and see that he needs work done for him.”
• “40% of existing jobs will be lost to robotics in 10 years”
  – Kai Fu Lee, AI expert on 60 Minutes, 10 Jan 2019, http://fortune.com/2019/01/10/automation-replace-jobs/
From Elementary Being to Seed

• “But the spiritual Beings who have been called down into the sphere of the rites and sacred enactments — these will remain when the earth approaches its end.
  – [why the lab bench must become an altar]

• They will remain, in a state of more perfect development within the earth, just as in autumn the seed of next year's plant is concealed within the present plant;

• just as the dry, withered leaves fall away from the plant, so the substance in the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms will disintegrate in the universe, but the perfected elementary Beings will be there, living on into the Jupiter existence as a seed of the future."

- Supersensible Influences in the History of Mankind, lecture 4, 29Sep1922, Dornach, GA 216
Jupiter Humans

- Old Moon
- Since 15th Century
- Thrust up from below
- Must pass through Ahriman’s realm
- Enter where humans are most unconscious – will
The Conditions of Jupiter

- The Jupiter existence will contain nothing but the new creation that is being formed today in man within this center of destruction.
- It is being formed out of man's moral ideals, but also out of his anti-moral impulses, out of what works as evil from his egoism.
- Hence the Jupiter existence will be a battle between the good which man, already here and now, is bringing to birth by carrying his moral ideals into his inner chaos, and the unmoral and anti-moral which is due to the presence of egoism."

- The Seeds of Future Worlds, 24Sep1921, Dornach, GA 207
Vulcans

• aka Hephaesteans
• Hyperborean: left with Sun beings
• First evicted from Sun evolution
  – Closest sphere to earth besides moon sphere
• Homeless, no planet
  – As Hephaestus was thrown off Olympus, relationship to earth
• Begin to enter Earthly after 1880 (science fiction begins)
  – Content of Christmas Conference
• Guide us through Ahriman’s time & end of procreation
• Upheavals if no entry
Counter to the Christ

• 'When two or more are gathered in my (technology) name, there I will be to help them **fight** each other.’
  – Think 'gaming’
  – Think belligerence on social media

• Counter disrupts all aspects of Threefolding!
  – Brotherhood, production, West. God: *gold*, anti-Christ
  – Equality, hygiene, Middle. Virtue: *my_health*, materials for body
  – Freedom, cultural, East. Immortality: *extend_my_life*, divert from etheric christ
Why is there Evil? Its Future Role

• “Just as little as the forces of death are there in the Universe in order to make man die, so, too, the forces of evil are not there in the Universe in order to entice him into criminal actions.

• They are there in the Universe for a very different purpose: when man is summoned to develop the conscious Spiritual Soul, their function is to call forth in him the inclination to receive the spiritual life.

• In the great Universe these forces of Evil hold sway. Man must receive them, and in receiving them he implants in himself the seed, the tendency to experience the spiritual life through the conscious Spiritual Soul.

• These forces, therefore, which are perverted in the human social order, do not exist in order to call forth evil actions. On the contrary, they exist in order that man, when he reaches the stage of the Spiritual Soul, may break through into the spiritual life.

• If man did not receive into himself those inclinations to evil of which I have just spoken, he would never come to the point where, out of his own Spiritual Soul, he has the impulse to receive from the Universe, the Spirit: which from henceforward must fertilize all cultural life, unless indeed this is to die away."
  
  – Evil and the Future of Man, 26Oct1918, Dornach, GA 185

• Danger: we lose the feeling for the soul-spiritual in our consciousness of others
  
  – Knowledge is the spiritual communion of humanity
Mission of Michael with the Christ

• Steiner’s mission
• "Needless to say, anyone who understands Spiritual Science will realize that these things [electronics and machines] are not meant to be abolished.
• “We cannot be reactionary or conservative in the sense of resisting progress. In deed and in truth, this demonomagic is progress, and the Earth will yet undergo more and more of such advances. Man will succeed in unfolding mighty effects into the cosmic spaces.
• It is not a question of abolition — not even of hostile criticism — for it goes without saying, these things are justified.
• Yet, if on the one hand these things must emerge in the progress of mankind, it is indeed a question on the other hand of our creating counter-forces to bring about the necessary balance.
• Compensating forces must be created, and that can only be when humanity understands once more the principle of Christ and finds the way to Christ."
Michael between Poles

- "Order [in the universe] was established [by the higher beings of the heavenly hierarchy] between the Calculable and the Incalculable."
- Between birth and death, each person has ready-laid for his body, the Calculable. This serves as the groundwork that is needed to unfold the free Incalculable of one's inner, spiritual soul-life.
- Then between death and new birth we exist within the Incalculable where we ponder the Calculable.
- Thereby, out of this Calculable, one becomes the architect of their next life!

How do both Lucifer and Ahriman relate to the Incalculable and the calculable?

- Lucifer finds no wisdom in the calculable. ... Without his aid, freedom would never make its way into Man's spiritual and soul life.
- Ahriman stands as a complete opposite to the divine spirit-beings who guide human evolution. He fundamentally hates everything expanding in freedom. Whereas freedom in Lucifer's presence warms one, freedom in Ahriman's presence chills one.
- Ahriman aims and endeavors to make the cosmos a machine. In this goal his ideals are Measure, Number and Weight.
- Michael intervenes between these poles.

- Michael Mystery, lecture XV, GA026
Where to Find the Christ Today

- In the Graeco-Roman period the Christ descended from the heights of the spirit-world and revealed Himself in the physical body of Jesus of Nazareth. He then came down as far as the physical world.
- As now in our fifth period of civilization, it is the Angels who bring down the Christ into our spiritual evolution.
- So, the sixth period of civilization will be directed by beings belonging to the ranks of the Archangels who guided the ancient Persian civilization.
- And the spirits of Personality — the Primal Powers — or Archai — who guided humanity during the ancient Indian epoch will have to guide humanity in the seventh period of civilization.
- It will be possible to find Him in the world immediately above ours when humanity shall have become sufficiently ripe. It will not be possible in the future to find Him in the physical world, but only in the world immediately above, for human beings will not always remain the same.

-Spiritual Guidance of Man and Humanity, Lecture 3, 8Jun1911, Copenhagen, GA 15
Christ in the Future

• “In time to come there will be physicists and chemists whose teaching will not be such as now prevails under the influence of the Egypto-Chaldean Spirits that have remained behind, but who will teach that Matter is built up in the way in which the Christ has gradually ordained it.

• Even into the laws of Chemistry and Physics the Christ will be found.

• Thus will a spiritual form of Chemistry and Physics come to pass in future”.

• Also Wonders of the World, lecture 10, 27Aug1911, Munich, GA 129
Back Side of Evolution

• On Old Moon were many beings evolving their unique humanhood. Evolution reached its peak and then came the backside, devolution or involution, old age for Old Moon. Those on the stage of Old Moon were the beings who are today our angels.
• To them we owe a great debt because we entered their cherished stage and proceeded to make things difficult for them. But the nuisance we caused allowed them to become strong angels.
• Now we are upon the human stage of Earth. Our midpoint has been passed. Entering our stage to help us become strong are those beings who will be upon the stage on the next planetary condition whose esoteric name is Jupiter.
• These next-humans come from below. Because of that, they have had to pass through Ahriman's Realm. As such, they have an Ahrimanic character.
• Their ability to act on our stage is to be where we are most unconscious - our will. On the way to Jupiter, some of our fellow humans will not become strong enough but for those who will, we become the strong beings of Love (Agape) and Freedom!
Loosening of our Etheric Body

• “The moment Christ appeared, the etheric body began to retrace its course, and at the present day it is less firmly united with the physical body than at the time of Christ's presence on Earth. The physical body has become thereby still coarser.
• The future will see man's etheric body loosened to an increasing extent from the physical, and a stage will gradually be attained at which the etheric body will be as far outside the physical as in Atlantean times.”
• “When the etheric body now again detaches itself from the physical, it takes nothing with it from the latter; and were nothing else to occur, the consequence would be that man would enter upon a future state in which his etheric body would indeed belong to him, but would contain no vestige of wisdom, no vestige of knowledge.
• “And whereas the physical body would dry up completely, the etheric body would also be destitute, because it could derive nothing from the physical in its withered state.”
   – The Gospel of John, lecture 12, 5Jul1909, Cassel, GA 112
Loosening of our Etheric Body

• "If, therefore, the physical body is to be guarded from becoming withered in that future state, strength must be imparted to the etheric body — the strength of wisdom.

• As it is about to detach itself from the physical body, and while it is still in the latter, the etheric body must receive the power of wisdom. While still in the physical body it must receive something to carry away with it. And when it is outside, having received this wisdom, it reacts upon the physical body, brings life to it and prevents it drying up.

• The etheric body will still detach itself in the future, but now, endowed with new life and vigor, it could apply these forces to the fortifying of the physical body. But it first must needs receive and possess this strength.

• Then, the etheric body having itself first received strength and life, the fruits of human earthly existence are saved. Then the physical body does not merely decay, but, though itself corruptible, it assumes the form of the etheric body, the incorruptible.” - The Gospel of John, lecture 12, 5Jul1909, Cassel, GA 112
Preparations for the Next Cosmic Stage of the Human Condition Has Already Begun

- Loosening of etheric body:
  - Up to super-nature balanced by down into sub-nature
- Mineral kingdom dissolves away
"Out of desperate circumstances, the new Christ experience will evolve. Trying outer circumstances will become inner soul trials. Out of these soul trials, vision will be born.” -- R. Steiner, *For the Michael Age*