



Sunrise Apocalypse

At the Gates of the Spiritual World

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“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him....Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil has come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Rev. 12: 9-12).

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Introduction

The sudden and jarring effect of the Covid crisis that impacted virtually every part of the globe has changed the world in a deeply sinister way which has undermined many of the pillars upon which a democratic and free society rests. The same feeling of a world about to change was also experienced in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. Increased surveillance, an enormous increase in U.S. military budgets, and the initiation of a new era of warfare in the middle east were all results of the events of 9/11. Looking back in hindsight to these events, it is now clear that this event was manipulated by those in positions of power to increase their influence in the world, and to gain more control of the resources of the middle east. Was 9/11 an 'inside job' purposely manufactured by those in positions of power to increase their control and power in the world? This has been a question fiercely debated over the last two decades, with no clear answer emerging. With the Covid crisis, there is no such debate- the fingerprints of the rich and powerful have been clearly uncovered in regards to the intentional release of the Covid 19 virus. Lock downs, a dramatic rise in censorship, and the subsequent draconian vaccine rollouts that sent the world into shock are clearly the results of a planned event. This event was orchestrated by the super rich and powerful in the world- the CEOs of the world's largest companies along with most of the political leaders of the West who have been working together to create a new world order with the aim of creating a society which is completely under the control

of these elites. The umbrella under which all of this has been coordinated is through an organisation called the World Economic Forum (WEF), established and lead until very recently by Klaus Schwab, the son of a WW2 nazi industrialist. The launch pad of the WEF plan for a new world order was the release of the Covid-19 virus from a lab in Wuhan, China, and the subsequent lockdowns, forced vaccination campaigns, and censorship regimes that followed.

On Oct 18, 2019 Event 201, a rehearsal for the upcoming pandemic was hosted by Bill Gates at John's Hopkins University. The need for forced vaccination, censorship of 'misinformation', wearing of masks, and lockdowns were all discussed and deemed as necessary precautions during any future pandemic. Event 201, which can still be viewed on YouTube and other platforms, was clearly a blueprint for the upcoming Covid pandemic, where those elites, which for the purposes of this book will be referred to as Globalists, ironed out a plan to further control the masses and to increase their already bloated wealth¹. The exposing of this plan in the aftermath of the pandemic by numerous independent news sites and the dissemination of this information to hundreds of millions of people around the world was not something that was anticipated by the planners of the pandemic, and this widespread

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<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=event+201&&mid=9891F448D29D31B93A729891F448D29D31B93A72&churl=https%3a%2f%2fwww.youtube.com%2fchannel%2fUC2u01Gf0rQHziBbUTcqtvig&FORM=VRDGAR>

knowledge of the truth of the events of the pandemic has given a great deal of power to the masses of the world. Some of the information that has been uncovered is truly disturbing.

In January 2024, estimates have emerged from insurance actuaries and governmental data that all cause mortality, defined as the expected death rate from all causes, has increased by up to thirty percent in some countries, across all age groups². This has translated into the excess deaths of at least 18 million people and counting. It should also be noted that these deaths are not the result of covid infection, but were caused primarily from side effects of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. There is also a direct correlation between Covid vaccine inoculations and all cause mortality levels- the countries with the highest vaccine uptake levels also have also experienced the largest increase in all cause mortality levels.

To those whose only source of information is from corporate media sites like CNN, MSNBC, Reuters, The Wall Street Journal, the CBC and BBC, and a host of others too numerous to mention, this information will seem fantastic and will be attributed to misinformation and the conspiracy theories of the unhinged. It is not the intention of this book to engage in an in-depth investigation of the numerous crimes committed by Globalists in rolling out the Covid event to create their new world order. Those who wish to further investigate these claims should look to the inspiration and brave reporting of independent

² [Excess mortality during the Coronavirus pandemic \(COVID-19\) - Our World in Data](#)

news providers like Redacted, Russel Brand, Alex Jones, Tucker Carlson and Dr. John Campbell, to name but a few. The intention of this book is to delve more deeply into the real reasons why these events are taking place, and how more like them will inevitably follow in the near future.

We are told that the lust for power, control, and riches are the sole reasons why the Globalists are working so hard to control and censor the masses. There is, of course, truth to this narrative. The Globalists represent the ultra rich in the world who no doubt have a deep desire to increase their wealth and control- a great deal of their efforts in life have been based on blind ambition and the desire for power and wealth, but this must be viewed as the proverbial tip of the iceberg. The real and deeper motives that have driven the Globalist agenda are those that lurk beneath what can be seen in the physical world. The true motivations that have given rise to the evil intentions and machinations of the Globalist movement are sent from the spiritual world into the physical world by beings and forces with evil intent. Evil forces are poured into certain individuals who are largely devoid of a moral conscience, and these evil spiritual forces inspire these human beings to act against the greater good of the human race. The Bible is filled with passages and stories of how evil forces and human beings interact with one another. Christ Jesus drove out demons who possessed human beings in many of his healings, and the great leaders of the Bible conversed with beings of the spiritual world.

Is it so hard to believe, if one has faith, that this is not occurring today? Humanity, in times of antiquity, beheld the spiritual world with organs of spiritual perception that gradually, over time, were closed by the beneficent Gods who directed the evolution of humanity. The reasons for this will be discussed later in this book, but those spiritual organs of perception, that have been slumbering in the human being for over two thousand years, are now slowly starting to awaken again. The clairvoyance of the ancients, who spoke of gods and angels, devils and demons, will again arise in human beings, whose spiritual eyes are again slowly opening. The great modern spiritual teacher of humanity, Rudolf Steiner, the greatest human being to tread upon the face of the earth for a thousand years, has shown humanity this new path. His teachings, based on direct contact with beings from the spiritual world, will be spoken of throughout this book. The sun is setting on the age in which we are now living, and the rays of a new age are beginning to shine forth on the horizon. But to regain this spiritual vision will acquire a great effort on the part of humanity. To be truly free, to truly understand the nature of the world, this great spiritual awakening must occur, and the evil which we see rising so strongly today is determined to keep the spiritual eyes of the human race firmly closed. To understand this is to understand the purpose of the evil forces that are running so strongly through the Globalist movement. This book is a signpost that will guide you along the true modern path of spirituality, and give you the means to open the spiritual eyes of the soul, which have been slumbering for over two thousand years.

Chapter 1- The Origins of the Globalist Movement

The roots of the Globalist movement can be found, in part, in the personality of Julian Huxley, brother of the author of *Brave New World*³ Aldous Huxley (more will be said of *Brave New World* later). There are, of course, many individuals who have developed the philosophy and framework of what can today be called the Globalist movement, but the Huxley family represents perhaps the best example of how this movement developed and has evolved. Julian's grandfather, Thomas Henry Huxley, was a friend and supporter of Charles Darwin, and was a staunch advocate of evolution through natural selection as the driving force of all life on earth. Julian was himself an evolutionary biologist, respected university lecturer, and undertook substantive and meaningful research into the breeding behaviours of different animals. Huxley, like all those who adhere to Darwin's Theory of Evolution, saw the human being as just another animal in the kingdom of nature. Because of this belief, the separation between human beings and animals does not exist for Darwinists. Huxley stated the following in 1936: "*No one doubts the wisdom of managing the germ plasm of agricultural stocks, so why not apply the same concept to human stocks?*"⁴ This attitude, which sees no spiritual or

³ <https://archive.org/search.php?query=external-identifier%3A%22urn%3A%3Acp%3Abravenewworldbya0000unse%3A%3Acpdf%3Ae5c2cd39-d7a7-4bae-9a6e-c74d6840509f%22>

⁴ Allen, Garland, E. 1992. "Julian Huxley and the eugenical view of human evolution." In Waters C. K. & Van Helden A

divine purpose in Earthly evolution, has given rise to the eugenics movement, the main goal of which is to guide human evolution through genetic modification and selective breeding, where a 'better' human being can be created. Huxley was heavily involved in The British Eugenics Society, and was its president from 1959-1962. In his book *The Uniqueness of Man* Huxley states the following:

...we must plan our eugenic policy along some such lines as the following...The lowest strata, allegedly less well-endowed genetically, are reproducing relatively too fast. Therefore, birth-control methods must be taught them; they must not have too easy access to relief of hospital treatment lest the removal of the last check on natural selection should make it too easy for children to be produced or to survive; long unemployment should be a ground for sterilization, or at least relief should be contingent upon no further children being brought into the world; and so on. That is to say, much of our eugenic programme will be curative and remedial merely, instead of preventative and constructive (p.66)⁵.

The treatment of human beings as animals, and the creation of distinct classes of human beings is openly discussed by Huxley. The 'inferior' component of humanity under Huxley's eugenic ideas is given no freedom of choice, as it is considered to be an undesirable component of humanity that should be eradicated. To

(eds) Julian Huxley: Biologist and Statesman of Science. Rice, Houston TX. Pp. 206-7

⁵ <https://archive.org/details/TheUniquenessOfMan>

view the human being in this way removes any sense of compassion, love and brotherhood that are the hallmarks of what makes us truly human. Huxley's twisted view of humanity rather than creating a better human being and culture, instead drags the human race into the realm of the animal, creating a compassionless, cruel and arrogant humanity that is more savage, unrefined, and devoid of meaning.

In 1945, after WWII, the United Nations was formed, and in 1946 Julian Huxley became the first director general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Huxley infused UNESCO with his view of the world, advocating for restraints on population growth and manipulation of the human being through his eugenic ideas. These ideas have now evolved into an agenda that has been adopted by the Globalist movement. The United Nations, the WEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the mainstream media, and perhaps most importantly of all, most western governments are now adopting this Globalist agenda. Eugenics has now evolved, through the advent of technology, into developing and advancing the human being not through selective breeding, but instead through fusing the human being with artificial intelligence, creating new life forms, part human, part machine. With the incredible advances that are now occurring in the field of artificial intelligence, these goals of fusing the human being with the world wide web and creating a new human-machine fusion are now not science fiction but a reality that will take place in the not too distant future. Along with this fusion, a new and terrifying level of surveillance will take place, where

human thoughts themselves can be monitored and censored if needed.

The censorship, lockdowns, and economic warfare waged against those who questioned the Covid narrative was a test ballon used by the Globalists to silence any dissention and to punish those who refused to take the experimental 'vaccine' forced upon the entire population of the industrial world. In many ways, the efforts of Globalists during the Covid event have failed. These goals have been presented to the public in Klaus Shwab's now infamous book *Covid-19: The Great Reset*⁶, and in the UNs Agenda 2030 as well, where the goal of controlling and regulating the entire population of the world is presented in sugar coated axioms like 'you will own nothing and be happy'. The concept of fifteen-minute cities presented WEF forums for example, where everything that a person could desire and need for life would exist in a walkable distance for all city dwellers, is presented as a way to combat climate change and to help make the world become more sustainable.

In reality, fifteen minutes cities, if implemented, would evolve into gilded cages the for the urban populations of the world, where carbon credits, and a central bank digital currency would track and regulate all movements of human populations living in cities. What you eat, how much you drive, the media that you watch, would all be tracked in order to determine if you have behaved well under the iron fist of the Globalist movement, and

⁶ [COVID-19: The Great Reset : Schwab, Klaus, Malleret, Thierry: Amazon.ca: Books](https://www.amazon.ca/COVID-19-The-Great-Reset-Schwab-Klaus-Malleret-Thierry/dp/B089383834)

perhaps earned enough credits to go for a drive in the country, or consume an extra portion of meat. China has adopted much of this type of surveillance, and there are many videos of Chinese citizens whose digital bank accounts have been frozen, preventing them getting on a train, airplane, or even from buying food from a vending machine, because they have not complied with strict government regulations.

The Great Reset has many tentacles, all of which have the goal of controlling and regulating all aspects of daily life. Perhaps most disturbing of all are the comments made by Yuval Noah Harari, a key advisor of Klaus Shwab and the WEF. In an address he made at the WEF in 2018 he stated the following:

We are probably one of the last generations of Homo Sapiens. Within a century or two earth will be dominated by entities that are more different from us than we are different from Neanderthals or from chimpanzees because in the coming generation we will learn how to engineer bodies and brains and minds. These will be the main products of the economy of the twenty first century ...those who control the data control the future, not just of humanity but the future of life itself because today data is the most important asset in the world.... If too much of the data is concentrated in too few hands, humanity will split, not into different classes, but into different species... we can hack not just computers but human beings and different organisms...., whether viruses or bananas or humans they

*are really just biochemical algorithms and we are learning how to decipher these algorithms*⁷.

Harari then goes on to speak of how these algorithms will track all of our biochemical functions. They will be able to tell if we are happy or sad, and when these data collecting microchips are implanted into our brains all of our biochemical information will be constantly monitored - our blood pressure and stress levels, brain wave function, and even advertising will be targeted based on our biochemical information. In short, these algorithms will be used to control every aspect of our lives. Harari goes on further in the same lecture to state the following:

For four billion years nothing fundamental changed in the basic rules of the game of life. All of life for four billion years, dinosaurs, amoebas, tomatoes, humans- all of life was subject to the laws of natural selection ...but this is now about to change. Science is replacing evolution by natural selection with evolution by intelligent design. Not the intelligent design of some God above the clouds, but our intelligent design and the intelligent design of our clouds- the IBM cloud, the Microsoft cloud, these are the new driving forces of evolution... after being confined for four billion years to the limited realm of organic compounds science may enable life to break out into the inorganic realm.

Ironically, evolution by Darwin's natural selection is falling apart as more information and research has occurred in the realm of evolutionary biology. Stephen

⁷ [Yuval Noah Harari - Transhumanism and Eliminating Free Will](#)

Meyer's book *Darwin's Doubt*⁸ chronicles how recent research and new fossil discoveries have increased skepticism in regard to evolution by Natural Selection as an all-encompassing theory to describe the origins of all life, as presented in Darwin's book *The Origin of the Species*⁹. Darwin himself was aware of the flaws in his theory when he investigated fossil records from the Cambrian period, where he studied some of the earliest life forms and found that many of these life forms had evolutionary gaps in their development. These gaps in the evolution of one species of animal to the next on the evolutionary tree of life was recognized by Darwin as presenting a major flaw in his Theory of Natural Selection.

These gaps, where one related species presented significant design advancements and advantages from its predecessor was hoped by Darwin to be a gap in the fossil records that he studied, and that these holes in the evolution of a species would be filled in as later fossil discoveries were made. However, the opposite has occurred- major fossil discoveries in Greenland, China, Siberia and Canada over the last five decades have demonstrated that the great explosion of life that occurred in the Cambrian period (theorized to have occurred around 500 million years ago), happened all at the same time, and the gaps in the evolution of simple animal forms from one generation to the next are to be

⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0-hgSinomA>

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https://ia802902.us.archive.org/20/items/origin_of_species/origin_of_species.pdf

found in all of the Cambrian fossil records around the world. This rules out the proposition that the fossil records Darwin had studied may have been incomplete due to some form of damage, or from environmental conditions that would have prevented parts of the fossil record from being formed.

As a specific example, one of these gaps discussed by Meyer can be found in what is known as the bacterial flagellar motor, a propulsion unit that is used by many bacteria. This incredibly complex motor spins bi-directionally at a speed of up to 100,000 revolutions per minute, and has thirty parts made up of various proteins. These proteins form what, in an engine would be called rotors, O-rings, bushings, U-joints and drive shafts. If any single piece of this flagellar motor is missing, it will not function. The foundation upon which evolution by Natural Selection rests is that small, random, incremental changes in species occur over time, and that while most of these changes will not be of benefit to the organism, eventually one of these changes will give an evolutionary advantage over previous forms of the species. The problem presented by the bacterial flagellar motor is that there exists no fossil record of these incremental changes occurring in the motor, and that, as mentioned, if one of the parts is absent, the motor will not function. The bacterial flagellar motor replaced a much simpler bacterial propulsion unit, which shared none of its components. The appearance of the complete, thirty-part, bacterial flagellar motor across many fossil records around the world, with no intervening development, presents a major problem for Natural Selection.

Another example of the same problem occurs later in the evolutionary tree with the webs made by orb weaving spiders. The ability of some species of spiders to weave intricate and complex webs, when looked at through the lens of Natural Selection, would have come about gradually, where the first species of web weaving spiders would not have immediately spun a complex web. It would have come about gradually- with the first web weavers perhaps casting a single strand of thread, and then this would have advanced gradually over time to the point where the intricate webs of orb weavers would have evolved. The problem of this concept is that the original orb weavers would have had an evolutionary disadvantage over non-orb weavers by casting only a single thread of web material. The chances of catching an insect with a single strand would be extremely low, and the competitive disadvantage of using up energy to produce the single strand does not make sense using the constructs of Natural Selection- the original web weavers would have been at a competitive disadvantage and would have died out.

There are many more examples cited by Meyers and others who have called into question the growing gaps that are occurring in Darwinian Natural Selection, but instead of showing true scientific interest in following the research of ground breaking scientists like Meyers, the scientific community has generally ignored or attacked any notions that there may be another, more plausible theory to explain the evolution of life on earth. A growing number of scientists who study evolution are now embracing and developing a new theory of evolution

known as Intelligent Design. With Intelligent design the concept is that there is some evolutionary process involved that involves an unseen guiding hand, one that is currently not visible to human senses. The incredible complexity in the natural living world around us implies a simple concept that is understood outside the world of natural science- namely that complexity implies a guided, intelligent process of construction. In a junk yard where there are many decades of old cars, it would be foolish to believe that the cars somehow developed improvements in their fuel systems, engine, and suspension in some kind of spontaneous, random way simply because the engineer who created these improvements was not present, yet this is a firmly held believe in the scientific world with respect to life on earth.

The ideas of Natural Selection are held to with a passion and emotional fervor by many scientists even with the growing body of evidence that there is some other force at play that is guiding the evolution of species over time. This fervor of belief is, in itself, very unscientific, and is now an enormous impediment that is preventing real exploration and re-examination of previously held notions surrounding evolution. The explanation for this emotional fervor of those who wish to hold on to Darwin's Natural Selection is simple- it is a threat to their beliefs. The concepts in the *Origin of the Species* provide a foundation for the belief that there is no God or unseen spiritual forces in the world, and that religion is simply a series of stories used to explain life, and that in the modern world anyone who holds these beliefs is simply unenlightened and unintelligent. This absolute belief in

Darwinism, without allowing any ideas that question this belief is not only harmful to the advancement of our scientific understanding of life on earth and its origins, but is being used by Globalists to shape life itself and 'play God', without any regard for the consequences that this may have.

Nowhere is this disrespect for human beliefs and the sanctity of life displayed more clearly than in the ideas of Yuval Noah Harari of the World Economic Forum. He states the following:

Humans are now hackable animals. The whole idea that humans have, you know, this soul, this spirit and they have free will and nobody knows what is happening inside me so whatever I chose, whether in the election or whether in the supermarket this is my free will, that's over, today we have the technology to hack human beings on a massive scale... its often said that you should not let a good crisis go to waste because a crisis is also an opportunity to do good reforms that in normal times people will never agree to- in a crisis people see they have no choice so lets do it... People will look back in a hundred years and identify the Corona virus epidemic as the moment when a new regime of surveillance took over, especially surveillance under the skin which I think is maybe the most important development of the twenty first century....

The World Economic Forum and its Globalist movements dark agenda to 'hack' the human being and to create an all-encompassing surveillance regime that tracks not just the movements, internet history, and financial transactions of every human being on earth, but also the

brain waves and biometric data is a truly horrifying vision of the future of humanity. What is the ultimate goal of such evil designs? Where will it lead the human race? A clear vision of what the future will hold if these goals are achieved has been given in a novel written by Julian Huxley's brother, Aldous. This famous novel, *Brave New World*, is the artistic embodiment of what the world will look like if Noah Yuval Harari's goals are realised.

The ideas of Julian Huxley's discussed previously, where human beings are stratified into classes strictly organised and monitored by the ruling elite is outlined in clear and concise lines in *Brave New World*. The novel opens with a tour of the Central London Hatchery and Conditioning Centre, where a laboratory creates human beings in test tubes. Different classes are created- Alphas, Betas, Gammas, Deltas and Epsilons. The lower classes, Deltas and Epsilons are less intelligent and are designed for manual, repetitive labour tasks that require little intellectual ability. They are created in the largest numbers, and are also the most docile and compliant of the classes. The Alphas and Betas are created with more intelligence, are taller and better looking, and perform tasks that require intelligence and creativity- they are the engineers, planners, architects and leaders in *Brave New World*.

Natural childbirth has not occurred in generations, and is only the stuff of myth and legend, looked upon with derision in society. The traditional family unit is considered filthy and primitive, and viewed with disgust. As children develop, they enter a 'conditioning centre',

where they are given a constant stream of subliminal messaging through headphones they wear when sleeping. These messages create a society where there is no individual thinking, no ideas that do not conform with government protocol. Lower classes are conditioned into being subservient to higher classes, and higher classes are conditioned into believing that the world that they live in is perfect and that to have thoughts that are not in conformity with the strict guidelines of the collective is in itself abnormal and punishable.

The diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) agenda of the WEF, the goals of which we are told is to create a more equitable world in terms of gender and race, has at its root a much darker objective- to destroy the patriarchal family unit which is the foundation upon which all civilisation on earth rests. ¹⁰The idea that gender and sexuality are 'fluid' concepts and that the traditional family unit is to be considered sexist and racist is now a part of the educational dialogue in many schools, and also in movies and the media. These DEI initiatives are clearly a top-down effort, with almost all large corporations including DEI goals in their advertising and hiring campaigns. These initiatives have their source also in the WEF and other Globalists organisations like the UN. The goal of these initiatives is to create an attitude in society where the traditional family unit becomes, in the mind of today's youth, as something antiquated and distasteful. Reducing birth rates in the world, either through the massive chemical toxicity that is now clearly in our food

¹⁰ <https://unglobalcompact.org/take-action/action/dei>

system, through the medical system (post Covid birth rates are sharply lower), or through creating in our youth a derision for the traditional family will create the perfect environment for the fusion of man and machine and the creation of the all-encompassing surveillance state envisioned by Harari.

The World Economic Forum's openly stated intentions to transform humanity, so clearly iterated by Harari, are to be achieved through creating various crises where control and surveillance of the masses will be used to shape this horrific vision of the future. Those who reject and try to fight against this agenda will be silenced and punished through preventing dissidents from being able to make a living, or through outright imprisoning those who resist. Perhaps the greatest question of all that can be asked during this time of great crisis and turmoil is 'why is this happening?'. Why do individuals like Yuval Noah Harari, Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates and the hundreds of other Globalists who are in positions of great power wish to bend the entire world to their will? The usual response to this question is that these individuals seek power and wealth for its own sake and nothing else, but this answer is incomplete. There is, of course, truth to this statement- some people find great satisfaction in the exercise of control over others and in the accumulation of great wealth. This, however, is a symptom of the influence of dark forces that work from behind the curtain of that which we can perceive in the physical, material world.

CHAPTER 2- THE SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF THE WORLD

When historians today are asked about the various myths and religions of the world and their origins, the common answer is that ancient cultures developed these myths and religions to answer the great questions of life. They are essentially part of a story telling culture. The ancients, so we are told, had many of the same questions that we have today: Where have we come from? What happens after we die? Is there an afterlife? Why do we suffer? The ancients developed myths and religions, built temples and, in many cases, structured entire cultures based on these myths and religions. Today, science and technology have given us a far greater understanding of the material physical world, and with this rational, scientific understanding of the world, we no longer need to develop myths and religions to fill the void of understanding the meaning of life, even though the great existential questions still remain unanswered. The main problem with this theory that we are now given, and which is espoused as the view of the enlightened modern human being, is that the assumption is made that our consciousness, the way that we perceive the world, has not changed. It is assumed that the consciousness we have now is identical to the consciousness of the ancient Egyptian or Indian many thousands of years ago. This is a tremendous leap of faith, and this assumption creates a great paradox: that evolution in terms of the physical world can explain the origins of all life, but that the inner human being is immobile, unchanging and does not evolve. The human consciousness of today, so the theory

goes, is the same as that of the days of old, with the exception that over time we have now acquired a great deal of knowledge and wisdom through observation of the physical world over many centuries. This assumption of the unchanging nature of human consciousness over time is the greatest error that is made by modern thinkers and historians who try to understand the ancient world and its cultures. Before going further in this spiritual history of the world, it is now necessary to introduce the being of Rudolf Steiner, whom I consider to be the most important human being to have walked upon the face of this Earth for many hundreds of years.

Rudolf Steiner was one who could see into the spiritual world, and the great multitude of beings that inhabit this unseen world. He was born in 1861, and made contributions in a wide range of fields including education, agriculture, medicine, religion, art, architecture, history and the true nature of the world and the human being. He is a forerunner, an archetype of what the future evolution of the human being will be, and his task is to prepare humanity for the momentous changes that will come about in our consciousness over the coming centuries. The history of the world cannot be understood without understanding the spiritual evolution of the human being. Steiner spoke of this evolution and its relation to the history of the world in many of his books and lectures. The simplistic view of the modern historian, one that sees ancient religions and myths as merely the story telling of a primitive and undeveloped humanity, completely misunderstands the true nature of the ancients, who had spiritual vision and

whose cultures were deeply, one could say completely, influenced by this spiritual vision. Egyptian hieroglyphs depicting ancient gods communicating with human beings, Greek sagas like *The Odyssey*, Teutonic Myths, *The Bhagavat Gita*, and *The Bible* are all examples of the spiritual history of the world, which is now almost completely misunderstood. Rudolf Steiner was able to restore that understanding of the true nature of our spiritual past, which will be critical to the future health and prosperity of the world in which we now live. All of the discussion that will now take place that relates to the spiritual world can be assumed to be derived from the teachings of Rudolf Steiner. Where such spiritual information is given in relation to the world today, it can also be assumed that this too, has been extrapolated from the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, whom although dead for a century, spoke of the dawn of a new spiritual age which is now just beginning, and will unfold far into the future.

The spiritual history of the world, the myths and sagas, speak of a time when human beings could see into the spiritual world. The different chakras or lotus flowers spoken of in ancient Hinduism are the spiritual organs which all human beings have, but which have been in a sort of spiritual hibernation for thousands of years. To understand the reason for this, we can look back to the *Book of Genesis* in *The Old Testament*, to gain an understanding of the consciousness of the ancient human being. We are told that Adam, the original human being, lived for over nine hundred years: “*So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and then he died*” (Gen 5:5). Other patriarchs in *The Old Testament*

also had very long lives. Seth, Enoch, Cain, Noah and others lived similarly long lives. Religious scholars try to explain this usually in relation to sin. The argument goes that as humanity accumulated more and more sin, the lives of human beings in years began to drop, for as we are told in the New Testament, “the wages of sin are death” (Rom 6:23).

Those who claim to have a rational and scientific mindset ascribe the long lives of the patriarchs as perhaps a translation error, or if hostile to a spiritual view of the world, use these Biblical passages to support the notion that believing in any world beyond that which presents itself to the physical senses and scientific scrutiny is sheer folly, and an example of the primitive and simplistic nature of ancient humanity. In order to understand the true meaning of this mystery of the longevity of the patriarchs, we must understand the evolution of the consciousness of humanity.

In the remote past, patriarchs like Adam, Seth and Enos, who were ascribed exceptionally long lives must not be considered as human beings living in a single physical body for many centuries. Instead, these long lives must be viewed in relation to what Rudolf Steiner termed the group soul nature of ancient humanity. The ancient human being did not have the consciousness that allowed the use of the word ‘I’. When we utter the word ‘I’, we are conveying that we live in our physical body as an individual human being with a sense of self, contained within and not extending beyond our skin. This was not the case for the ancients. The long lives that they lived are

instead a reflection of how humanity at that time lived in a more tribal or community-based consciousness. When we are told that a patriarch lived for many centuries, this must be understood as not the consciousness of an individual, but of the group soul of a community of human beings. The lives of the individuals in that community were, in all likelihood, shorter than the lives we live today, but the consciousness of the individual was one which encapsulated the consciousness of the community. The life of Adam, for example, must be viewed as the consciousness of many human beings spanning for many centuries. One human being living on Earth at that time would know of the knowledge, memories and history of his or her forefathers. Moreover, such a human being would also have knowledge of the reality of the spiritual beings that influenced the lives and culture of that time through this ancient memory of the lives of long passed ancestors.

This ancient spiritual consciousness is called by Steiner atavistic clairvoyance. To refer to oneself as an 'I', as an individual, would have been impossible for the ancient—that capacity simply did not exist. Rudolf Steiner stated the following in a lecture titled 'Reading the Pictures of the Apocalypse' (11May1909 GA 104a)¹¹:

We must realize that the soul development of humankind in the future still has many manifold changes to go through. The more we imagine ourselves back into the state of

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consciousness of the ancient past when human being's feeling for self was just a dim dawning, the more we also find a dim clairvoyance; the further back we go, the less people appear as individuals. If we go back into Atlantean times we no longer see people as individual beings but rather united with one another into groups souls.

Furthermore, and related to this, thoughts at that time were never considered to be self generated as they are in the human being of today. One did not feel that thoughts came from within, but that they were rather radiated into one from spiritual beings in the spiritual world. In order for the human being to evolve to the point where today we feel that our thoughts are our own, and that we experience ourselves as an individual human being enclosed within our own physical body, the gates to the spiritual world gradually had to be closed.

The beginning of this process can be witnessed in *The Old Testament* in the declining longevity of the patriarchs. In the early chapters of Genesis, as has been described, the Patriarchs lived for many centuries, but in the later chapters, lifespans become considerably shorter—Abraham lived for only 175 years, Moses 120 years, and King David died at the age of 70. Here we are witnessing the gradual change from a group soul consciousness, to one where the human being became more individualised. This process continued for millennia, and the consciousness that we have today as human beings, where we feel ourselves strongly as an individual and completely closed off from the spiritual world, has only existed since around the fifteenth century. This change of

human consciousness and the parallel closing of spiritual consciousness that accompanied it, is described in the different Yugas or ages of Hinduism.

The first of these ages, Satya Yuga, also known as the golden age, was one where humanity still had direct vision of, and lived in communion with the spiritual world. This occurred shortly after the period described in the antediluvian chapters of the Old Testament, where the ancient civilisation of Atlantis came to an end. The great flood of *The Old Testament* was the Biblical description of this event, which modern science describes as the Ice Age. Most scholars today uniformly describe Atlantis, our knowledge of which is chiefly from Plato's works *Timaeus* and *Critias*, as a fictional allegory, but Atlantis did exist, and the human being during that time was very differently constituted, both physically and spiritually, then is the case today (Steiner gives a great deal of detail regarding the nature of Atlantis in his books *An Outline of Occult Science*¹² and *Cosmic Memory*¹³). As the great flood receded, the first of what can be called an historic civilisation, Ancient India, arose. Ancient India is where our known, recorded history begins, and the spiritual consciousness of the ancient Indian is reflected in works like *The Bhagavad Ghita* and the *Vedas*, even though these works were written long after the times they describe.

During Satya Yuga, humanity still had direct vision and dialogue with the multitude of spiritual beings that

¹² <https://rsarchive.org/Books/GA013/>

¹³ <https://rsarchive.org/Books/GA011/>

inhabit the spiritual world. The silver age, Treta Yuga, occurred during ancient Persia, and although humanity still had vision into the spiritual world, the gates of this world were already starting to close, as the different spiritual organs or chakras of the human being were gradually placed into a state of hibernation, through the wise direction of beings in the spiritual world. The culture of ancient Greece only had a shadowy and vague perception of the spiritual world (this was the age of Dvapara Yuga, or the bronze age), and as vision of this world receded, the feeling of self, defined as a single being able to say 'I' to itself, gradually increased. This sense of self is reflected in the concept of the citizen within the state, governed using a system of laws reflecting the concept of justice, the pillars upon which Greek culture rested. Kali Yuga, or the dark age began around 3000 B.C., and during this period of time, vision into the spiritual world was almost completely extinguished in humanity, with the exception of a handful of initiates who were tasked with keeping the spiritual flame alive, cloistered from the great masses.

Towards the end of Kali Yuga, when humanity had completely lost any access to the spiritual world, the age of reason, also known as the Enlightenment, began. Science and scientific methodology based completely on what the senses perceive and what can be ultimately measured in the physical world developed into the form that exists today. The Industrial Revolution, where the steam engine, the textile industry, the birth of the factory, the combustion engine, and electricity were invented has transformed almost every facet of life in Western

civilisation. Also, during this time, philosophy passed through what is known as the Age of Reason. Rene Descartes famously stated 'I think, therefore I am'. Within these words, the embodiment of the human being as an individual reaches its full development. During the Enlightenment, doubts as to the existence of God or of a spiritual world grew among not only scholars and philosophers, but among the general public.

Most scholars place the end of the Age of Reason on the date of the beginning of the French Revolution, in 1789. By the end of the Age of Reason, the great achievements in science and technology became more and more the means through which wealth was accumulated at the expense of the masses. The British Empire is an excellent example of this, where entire continents were subjugated and exploited for the enrichment of the elite in British society. Here, in our very briefly sketched spiritual history of the world, we arrive at the French and Russian revolutions, where the impoverishment of the masses occurred because of a complete lack of compassion and sense of moral responsibility to one's fellow human being.

Discontent among the masses again continues to be on the rise today, as the same story repeats itself, where the poor become poorer, the rich become richer, and where tension is again rising sharply in the world. The desire for a just and equal society has perhaps never been stronger. Now, parallel with this discontent fermenting in society, another momentous event has occurred. It is unseen, but its effect will ultimately shake the world to its very foundations. This event is the end of Kali Yuga, or the dark

age. The mighty gates of the spiritual world are again slowly, inexorably, creaking open. As these gates to the spiritual world slowly open, the necessity of humanity understanding this event and developing again spiritual organs of perception, allowing for vision into the spiritual world, will be essential in preventing the human race from stumbling from one catastrophe to another in the future. The past great events of humanity, the revolutions and the wars, cannot be considered as being the outcome of the thoughts and actions of human beings without the influence of the spiritual world. Spiritual beings have, throughout human history, poured their influences into human beings, who in turn act in ways that bring about the great events of history. The French Revolution, bloody as it was, was willed by various beings in the spiritual world for the benefit of humanity. It was an event that needed to happen, and through it, humanity gained concepts which further developed the individual and the systems of government that we have today, which are a reflection of this sense of being an individual among other individuals in a society. Louis XVI and Marie Antionette were personalities whom the spiritual world placed in French society to bring about the events of the French Revolution. Their weaknesses and faults are symbols of aristocratic failure, but this weakness was needed to bring about change.

Today, however, humanity is being pulled back over the threshold of the spiritual world, and if this process continues to occur unconsciously in humanity, beings and forces of evil will work in the subconsciousness of the human soul, creating strife and continuing the disparity

and suffering that is growing so rapidly in the world today. This lack of compassion for the welfare of the masses by those in positions of power is one of the results of viewing the world in a materialistic way. *The Origin of the Species*, Charles Darwin's great work, first published in 1859, has had a huge impact on this materialistic perception of the world. The concept of a world beyond that of the physical senses, one where spiritual beings, good and evil, work in the affairs of human beings is now considered to be the idle fancy of the unenlightened.

Nowhere in the annals of human history can there be found a work that has materialised the thinking of human beings more than *The Origin of the Species*. This work was written at the height of materialistic culture in the 1800s, and it continues to have an all-pervading influence on scientific thinking. How can we reconcile this incredible materialisation of thinking, which has darkened any real spiritual understanding of the world for such large segments of the population, with the end of Kail Yuga, which Steiner precisely indicated occurred in 1899, less than fifty years after the publication of *The Origin of the Species*? In *The Origin of the Species*, the impulse of materialism which has, on the one hand, brought about a deepening of our understanding of the material world through scientific methodology, has also closed the souls of countless human beings to the possibility that a spiritual world exists at all. *The Origin of the Species* has become the foundational work upon which the materialistic view of the world is now founded. There is often to be found among scientists and researchers in the fields of medicine, astronomy, physics and biology a smug

confidence in a view of the world that refuses any acceptance of existence beyond the physical senses. Exceedingly intelligent scientists and laymen who ascribe to Darwin's work hold the view that any religious or spiritual sentiments are merely the result of unintelligent and unenlightened views of the world. These scientists have become completely emotional in their view of the world, and have lost the ability to look at the world unemotionally, and to form ideas and conceptions based on the scientific methodology, which they claim guides their beliefs and understanding of the world. These so-called unbiased scientists often ignore and reject any research that does not correspond with their immobile and materialistic view of the world.

With the re-opening of the gates of the spiritual world, it is exactly this kind of scientific methodology that must now be applied when developing ourselves spiritually. In the meditations and exercises that are given later in this book, sound judgement and discernment are one of the pillars upon which spiritual development takes place. Correctly assessing our feeling life in an objective way while in meditation, and at the same time having the discernment to know the difference between true spiritual experience and illusion is essential for any meaningful development to take place. The ancient clairvoyance of humanity, which consisted of dreamlike visions of the spiritual world, where the sense of individuality which we now have did not exist, will today be replaced by a clairvoyance which is based on the free will and free-thinking individual, who will use the intellect to develop mediative images based on spiritual

realities which will in turn develop our slumbering spiritual organs. This is the true and right path which humanity now must take. Through the dark age of Kali Yuga, where humanity lost its spiritual vision, it gained at the same time the ability to start making decisions out of the depths of the individual, not as a compulsion poured into it from the spiritual world. This has brought about one of the most important tasks of humanity- to be able to act out of true freedom.

An act cannot be considered to be free if it is done at the behest of another human or spiritual being. A truly free act can only be performed by one who is aware not only of their own identity as an individual, but also with the conscious knowledge of the true nature of the world, which encompasses an understanding of the existence of the spiritual world. As we have seen, humanity now has the ability to act out of a true sense of being an individual, but to the future evolution of the human race must be added a true understanding of the human being and the spiritual world, and, ultimately, clear vision into this world. With the work of Rudolf Steiner, collectively contained in the body of work called Anthroposophy, humanity can now act in accordance with a true knowledge of the existence of the spiritual world. Rudolf Steiner is the first modern Initiate who has, through his destiny, been given the task of again showing humanity the path back to the spiritual world. But how is it that one person can read a lecture by Rudolf Steiner and feel the truth contained in it, can be moved to the bottom of his or her soul by the beautiful description of this yonder spiritual world, while another can read the same lecture

and not feel the truth wrought words and the holiness in the descriptions of this spiritual world described by Steiner?

To understand this, we must delve into the work of the archangel Michael, where he instructed a certain number souls living in the spiritual world between death and rebirth. This teaching by Michael in the spiritual world happened at the same time of the ending of Kali Yuga, and with this ending of the dark age of Kali Yuga, another exceedingly important event happened in the spiritual world and on earth-the beginning of the spiritual rulership of the great archangel Michael.

The influences that guide and forge human development are poured out into humanity through seven archangel beings, who rule in succession throughout Earth's history. Each of the archangels brings a different character to the development of humanity, and their rulership lasts for just over three centuries. Each of us has our own guardian angel, whose task is to help guide individual development, but the archangels, beings in rank and power above the angels, guide entire groups of people, rather than the development of the individual. Michael is the greatest of these beings, and his task is to develop the cosmic intelligence of humanity. His rulership of earthly affairs began in 1879, corresponding to the end of Kali Yuga. The previous rulership of humanity was under the guidance of the archangel Gabriel, who influenced humanity through the blood, or more specifically through the forces of heredity. Michael is a being who is deeply connected with the impulse to spiritualize again the human race, and

during his rulership over the next century or so, great events and happenings will occur. We are now living in one of the most important times in history. We are at a great crossroads, and the paths we take in the near future will determine the fate of the human race.

CHAPTER 3- THE PRESENT TIME AND THE SPIRITUAL SCHOOL OF MICHAEL

Gabriel's rulership of humanity began at the end of the 1500s and lasted until Michael's rule commenced, in the late 1870s. During these three hundred years, Gabriel influenced humanity through chiefly the forces of heredity, as mentioned above. This influence produced in humanity many of the great advances that occurred in the field of natural science. Preformation theory, developed in the 1700s, stated that all of the traits found in an animal or human being were contained either in sperm or in the egg and that all of the traits contained in an organism were the result of a combination of the male traits contained in sperm, and the female traits contained in the egg. Preformation eventually superseded the theory of epigenics, which stated that all development of an organism was unfolded within the organism itself, without influence from parent organisms. Gregor Mendel, considered the father of modern genetics, was an Augustinian friar who conducted research on pea plants in the 1850s and 60s. His work confirmed that genetic traits were carried from both male and female qualities resulting from the cross breeding of male and female flower parts in peas. His work, techniques, and terminology are still widely used today, an example of which is the widespread use of hybrid F1 seeds in agriculture. Even though Mendel and Darwin were contemporaries, they were not aware of each other's work, but the idea of natural selection in Darwin's *Origin of the Species* can be seen as an extension of the archangel Gabriel's influence in the field of heredity. A keystone of

the Theory of Evolution is that random genetic variation occurs when generations of living organisms transfer their genetic information to their offspring over long periods of time.

This Gabriel-inspired scientific work, which has, on the side of our physical life, so deepened our understanding of life on earth, has now, for the past 150 years, continued during the time of Michael's rulership and the end of Kali Yuga. Much of the tremendous scientific understanding and technological innovation, inspired by Gabriel, which has brought about in so many ways great benefit to humanity, now, under the rulership of Michael, runs the risk of falling prey to evil spiritual powers that are now working freely and deeply on earth in human affairs. To understand this, the great battle that occurred between Michael and his adversary, Ahriman¹⁴, who wishes to alter the rightful and benevolent path of humanity must be understood. One of the greatest foes in our time on the God-willed path of human evolution that leads to the proper spiritual evolution of the human race is through the influence of the being of Ahriman and the host of beings who serve him. Ahriman is a powerful ancient being of evil, first revealed in the Zoroastrian religion of ancient Persia, who desires to permanently close humanity to knowledge and perception of the spiritual world. He is a highly intelligent being who is fully aware of the existence of the spiritual world in which he dwells,

¹⁴ This being is referred to as Satan in the Bible. In this book, his ancient Persian name will be used, as this was the name he was called by Rudolf Steiner.

but he uses deception and deceit to cover the eyes of humanity from truth and knowledge of the spiritual world. He wishes to create his own materialistic kingdom here on earth, where humanity is severed from the truth of its own spiritual existence.

Ironically, for Ahriman to be effective, knowledge of his existence must be blotted out. Truly, the greatest feat of Ahriman has been to deceive the world into believing that he does not exist. Ahriman's influence in the affairs of humanity has greatly intensified since the end of the nineteenth century, where he was defeated by Michael in a great spiritual battle in the spiritual world, and was cast out from that realm and thrown down to the earth by Michael and his hosts. This great battle is described in *The Book of Revelation* (also known as the Apocalypse of St. John) in chapter 12 vs 7-9:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rudolf Steiner, with his clairvoyant abilities, was able to peer into the spiritual world and understand the significance of this great event for the earth and its inhabitants. Ahriman's influence in earthly affairs has coincided with the advent of Michael's rulership on earth and the end of Kali Yuga and the beginning of the Age of Light, which is just now commencing. How is it that at a time when the gates of the

spiritual world are again opening, and spiritual vision can again be attained by human beings, that at the same time, a being like Ahriman enters strongly into the affairs of human beings, seeking to prevent this outcome from happening? It is here that we also must come to understand that freedom and spiritual vision will not be available to all human beings on earth. It is the destiny of our spiritual evolution that certain parts of humanity will fall away from the path of light, and will fall into darkness.

For those who are aware of this, and know themselves to be on the path of light and goodness, there must also be the tragic awareness that many human beings will fall into darkness, in order that the rest of humanity can act out of true freedom, for there is no freedom in a world without choice. In the book of Exodus, where the Israelites are freed from their bondage in Egypt, the will of God is expressed not only in the actions of Moses and the instructions given to Moses by God, but also through God working through the Pharaoh:

And I will harden the Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh will not heed you [Moses], so that I may lay my hand on Egypt and bring my armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgements. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them. (Exodus 7:3-5)

It is indeed a hard and painful truth to understand that in order for the good to come about, evil must also exist, and that evil ultimately brings about suffering in those through whom it works. It was only through the tenth plague, where the first

born of all of Egypt died, including the Pharaoh's own son, that God finally released His grip on the heart of the Pharaoh and the enslavement of the Israelites from Egypt ended. Those of us who are graced with true knowledge of the world, must, at the same time, feel a great moral responsibility to those who are destined by their fate to tread the path that will ultimately lead to suffering when they pass through the gate of death and enter the spiritual world. We must not feel that it is through our own actions, our own choices, that we have been shown the true path that will eventually lead to our own enlightenment, spiritual blessing and fulfillment. When we have found the true path, given in the age in which we now live by the great archangel Michael through Rudolf Steiner, we can only at that point say that we are at the beginning of what we can call the ability to act out of true freedom. The way in which we have arrived at this point cannot be considered an act of freedom. It is an act of grace. We must also understand another momentous truth that works and weaves through all of humanity: It is the concept of karma—that great Buddhist teaching that when understood correctly, is the concept that our own actions in a previous life affect our current or future later lives, and also our life in the spiritual world between death and rebirth. If we act in a moral and noble way on earth, not only toward our fellow human beings, but also to animals and the environment, we sow the seeds that will not only bring about our own well-being in the future, but will also help us to develop ourselves spiritually as our own spiritual evolution unfolds. This, however, does not mean that we are immune from suffering in our current or later lives. Karma can, in certain cases, work in one life through illness or misfortune to help us develop strength, or a certain moral attribute that will help us fulfill our spiritual

destiny. Having said this, it is a spiritual law that if we injure, harm, or act immorally in one life, a detrimental effect will ultimately occur in a future life, and that the harm created must eventually be corrected. It must also be understood that for some, karma means acting in a way that will bring about suffering on earth.

Earlier in this book, a discussion of the Bolshevik and French Revolution was discussed, where the wealthy and powerful of the world showed little regard and sympathy for the poor and downcast in their respective societies. This lack of consideration and empathy is a moral defect, it demonstrates a lack of compassion and the desire to help one's fellow human being. We can see this trait again in our world- the super-rich and those in positions of political power, with very few exceptions, have no desire to help the poor and down trodden in the world, and show a complete lack of regard for the earth itself and knowingly damage the environment and the future generations of the earth for their own profit. We must again realize that God has hardened the hearts of those in power in order to achieve goals that will eventually bring about positive change in the world and advance the spiritual evolution of humanity. Those who on earth live a life of excess wealth and comfort, at the expense of their fellow human beings and of the well-being of the earth, will, ultimately, suffer greatly in their life after death, and in subsequent incarnations on earth. Our actions here on Earth prepare us for the quality of our life in the spiritual world after death. Now, as humanity again approaches the opening gates of the spiritual world, it will become increasingly essential to know the true nature of the world, and the spiritual beings who are now battling for

the human soul. It is with this understanding that the importance of the work given by Rudolf Steiner can be framed.

Rudolf Steiner's deep Initiate spiritual wisdom forms a huge body of work that has been sent to humanity from the spiritual world, and is the guide through which humanity can prepare to again enter the spiritual world. Anthroposophy not only gives the true spiritual background of events that have shaped human evolution since ancient times, but also provides humanity with the instructions by which the spiritual organs, currently slumbering in the depths of every human being, can again be developed and awakened. This path consists of moral development and meditation, fit for the constitution of the modern human being. Here we also must understand a deep spiritual truth: beings of evil can only work in human beings when their identity and actions are hidden, and beings of good can only work in human beings who are fully conscious of these beneficial spiritual beings, and request and work in full consciousness and cooperation with these spiritual beings. It is only through consciously striving to understand the true nature of the world, and developing ourselves in accordance with the nature of the times in which we live, that we can truly say we are acting out of freedom.

With this knowledge, we must also understand the great and sobering truth that the majority of humanity does not yet act in a truly free way, and will be subject to the influences of destructive spiritual powers in the world. Those who seem to be blessed with wealth, affluence and

power are, in truth, if in their actions they act in a way that hurts the earth or exploits their fellow human beings, are burdened with a painful karma, which will ultimately cause them to suffer in future lives and in the spiritual world between death and rebirth. These human beings are truly unfree and are most often under the influence of Ahriman. The life that we live in the spiritual world after death is prepared by our life on earth, and the super rich and elites of the world who use their power in immoral ways to exploit the earth and their fellow human beings will pay a dear price for their actions when they pass through the gate of death. This is illustrated in *Luke 16:14-15* where Christ addresses the Pharisees:

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money also heard all these things and they derided Him [Christ]. And He said to them: You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Further in the same chapter we are told of a rich man and of the beggar Lazarus:

So it was the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said 'Father Abraham have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame'. But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And

besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us (Luke 16 :22-26).

In this passage it is clear that the accumulation of wealth is an unspiritual striving and results in suffering in the spiritual world. When this wealth is accumulated in an immoral way, where our fellow human beings suffer and are impoverished as a result of this accumulation, the suffering of the one who has accumulated wealth in this way is proportional to the destruction and suffering rendered through this accumulation of wealth. In this passage there is also another great truth regarding life in the spiritual world. The conditions in which we find ourselves after death are fixed, and cannot be changed until we again incarnate on earth. The 'great gulf' described in this passage illustrates this point, and the suffering of the rich man will continue throughout his life between death and a new birth. It is not possible to repent in the spiritual world, it can only be done here, in the physical world while incarnated in a physical body. In the spiritual world we set karmic goals, in part as a result of the conditions in which we find ourselves between physical incarnations. While in the spiritual world between physical incarnations, we can aspire in a future incarnation, for example, to be more ethical in our actions to our fellow human beings and to work in our physical life for the betterment of the earth, instead of our own enrichment. This is also true of spiritual understanding. Even though we live in and cannot deny the existence of the spiritual after death, true understanding of the

spiritual world can only be obtained through physical incarnation on earth.

In his series of lectures titled *Life Between Death and Rebirth*¹⁵ given in 1913, Steiner discusses the tragedy of those who live a materialistic life and who do not strive for a comprehensive view of the world, which includes a true understanding of the spiritual world:

Today there are still many people who maintain that a spirit-soul life may exist after death, but they wonder why they should concern themselves with it now. We can simply live on earth with all that it offers and simply wait and see whether other forms of existence do come about after death!... If during earthly life we do not occupy ourselves with thoughts relating to the super-sensible [to the spiritual world], if during our life we have been completely immersed in the external sense world, if we only lived in our intellect inasmuch as it was directed to the physical world, then we make it impossible for ourselves between death and a new birth to encounter certain beings and to receive abilities from them for a subsequent life. The realm beyond remains dim and dark for us, and we are unable to find the forces of higher hierarchies in the darkness. Man, then between death and a new birth, passes by those beings from whom he should receive forces for his next earthly life.

¹⁵ Sixteen lectures given in various cities in Europe during 1912-1913. From the Volume: *Occult Investigation of Life Between Death and Rebirth*. Translated from shorthand reports unrevised by the lecturer, by R. M. Querido. (Vol. 140 in the Bibliographic Survey, 1961). Available online at: https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA140/English/AP1968/LifBet_index.html.

(Rudolf Steiner, Life Between Death and Rebirth Lecture XI, March 2, 1913).

This darkness experienced in the spiritual world after death by the materialistic person creates a great soul fear in the dead, which lasts for their entire sojourn in the spiritual world between death and a new birth. Additionally, the forces which make our physical body strong, and which grant us intelligence for our future incarnation on earth are given to us by spiritual beings in our life after death. Starting now, in the present time, and becoming more and more pronounced in the future, these forces will only be robustly acquired by human beings who have developed an understanding of the spiritual world from a previous physical incarnation on earth. Without this understanding, the conscious communion with spiritual beings who grant us these gifts for our subsequent incarnation will not be able to take place properly, with the result being a future life on earth with a weak physical body and a stunted intellect and feeling life. This is one of the great tragedies of our time. During the dark age, *Kali Yuga*, the human soul could pass through the gates of death without this conscious knowledge of the spiritual world and not suffer as a result of this lack, but now, with the end of *Kali Yuga*, and the re-opening of the spiritual world and the spiritual organs of the human being, it is a necessity that this understanding of the true nature of the spiritual world be acquired in physical incarnation, in order for the human being to develop properly, in accordance with the times in which we live.

As the gates of the spiritual world again open, and spiritual vision through the gradual awakening of slumbering chakras of the human being takes place, it is essential in our time that two great spiritual truths unite—the truth of repeated human on lives on earth through reincarnation, and the truth of Christ as the saviour of humanity. Most Christian faiths reject the concept of reincarnation, but the time has now come for these two truths to unite with one another, where the Christianization of the concepts of karma and reincarnation must take place. The proof of the concept of reincarnation from a Christian point of view can be found in a mysterious passage in the gospel of Matthew where Christ Jesus says the following:

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath years to hear, let him hear. Matthew ch. 11: 11-15

The prophet Elias, also known as Elijah, had lived 900 years earlier, during the time of King Ahab. The statement by Christ that Elias and John the Baptist are the same individual ego, is proof of the concept of reincarnation from a Biblical standpoint. Steiner spoke of the importance of humanity understanding the Christianization of karma and reincarnation:

Just as on the physical plane in Palestine, at the beginning of our era, an event occurred in which the most important part was taken by Christ Himself- an event which has its significance for the whole of humanity- so in the course of the twentieth century, towards the end of the twentieth century, a significant event will again take place, not in the physical world, but in the world we usually call the etheric. And this event will have as fundamental a significance for the evolution of humanity as the event of Palestine [Christ's crucifixion] had at the beginning of our era... What is this event? It consists in the fact that a certain office in the Cosmos, connected with the evolution of humanity in the twentieth century, passes over in a heightened form to the Christ. Occult clairvoyant research tells us that in our epoch Christ becomes the Lord of Karma for human evolution. (From Jesus to Christ, Lecture 3, GA 131).¹⁶

This event is also foretold in the Bible where in Timothy II we read: “Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead” (ch. 4:1).

Steiner elaborates further in the same lecture:

Before entering Kamaloka¹⁷, the individual experiences a meeting with a quite definite Being who presents him with

¹⁶ <https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA131/>

¹⁷ Kamaloka is the period of time after death where the human being reviews the events of the life just lived, in reverse order, from the time of death to birth and lives through all of the events that occurred in that life, but from the standpoint of the those whom he or she interacted with. For example, if harm or injury of some kind had been

his karmic account. And this Being, who stood there as a kind of bookkeeper for the karmic Powers, had for many men the form of Moses... In the course of time- and this is the significant point- this office passes over to Christ Jesus, and man will ever more and more meet Christ Jesus as his Judge, his karmic Judge. (From Jesus to Christ, Lecture 3, GA 131).

What is the purpose of this transference of karmic judgement from the being of Moses to the being of Christ? It has to do with the opening of the slumbering spiritual faculties of the human being. Human beings will gradually in physical incarnation on earth have the feeling that their actions are being judged by the being of Christ. Moses is a being of great spiritual development, but his power and influence is, of course, far beneath that of the Christ, who, with God, is the creator of humanity and our cosmos. This mighty power of Christ judging human karma will have a transformative effect on our spiritual organs of perception.

This event works into the physical world, on the physical plane, in such a way that men will develop towards it the feeling that by all their actions they will be causing something for which they will be accountable to the

inflicted on someone by the one who has passed through the gate of death, this harm is experienced by the one who had received this harm. Through this, the soul is able to correct the wrong inflicted in a future life, and to also develop moral qualities within themselves through experiencing the suffering they have caused others through their own actions.

judgment of Christ. This feeling now appearing quite naturally in the course of human development will be transformed so that it permeates the soul with a light which little by little will shine out from the individual himself, and will illuminate the form of Christ in the etheric world. (ibid).

This lighting up in the etheric world is the opening and development of the chakras or spiritual organs which allow for perception into the spiritual world. It is through Christ's mighty influence through the judgement of our actions in earthly incarnation that the development of these organs take place. Those who act in an immoral way and who harm their fellow human beings will not be able to develop these spiritual organs of perception.

To understand more deeply this process, an understanding of what happened through the crucifixion of Christ needs to be explored. In his lecture *The Etherisation of the Blood*¹⁸ given in 1911, Steiner describes a process in the human being whereby a very minute amount of blood is transformed into a spiritualized blood- this blood is transformed into spiritual substance with no physical corporality. This spiritualized blood is 'etherised', as Steiner describes it. The etheric world is a part of the spiritual world that borders our own physical world. This transformation takes place in the region of the heart, and this etherised

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blood then flows in a light filled stream to the region of the head, specifically, to the pineal gland.

These streamings arise because human blood, which is physical substance, is perpetually resolving itself into etheric substance which streams upwards towards the head and glimmers around the pineal gland. (The Etherisation of the Blood 10 October 1911 GA 130)

The clairvoyant observer can see this process taking place and through this observation the moral character of an individual can be discerned in the different shadings that the etherised blood exhibits. This same process, where the blood is etherised, also took place at the crucifixion of Christ. When Christ's blood fell to the earth, a process began where His blood was transformed into etheric, spiritual substance, which now intermingles and is diffused in the spiritual atmosphere of the earth.

And just as our human blood streams upwards from the heart as ether, so since the Mystery of Golgotha the etherised blood of Christ has been present in the ether of the earth. The etheric body of the Earth is permeated by the blood- now transformed- which flowed on Golgotha. (Ibid)

This etherised blood of Christ comes into continual contact with the etherised blood of the human being, flowing between heart and head:

A union of these two streams can, however, come about only if a person is able to unfold a true understanding of what is contained in the Christ impulse. Otherwise, there can be no union; the two streams then mutually repel each other, thrust each other away. (ibid)

This again exemplifies the importance of acting in full consciousness with the benevolent beings of the spiritual world. We must know and will this unification of Christ's etherised blood with our own, and this must be carried out as an act of freedom, which we consciously will and participate in. When we are conscious of this process, and meditate upon it, then the etherised blood of Christ Jesus unites with our own etherised stream of blood flowing between our heart and head. And what is the result of this unification of the etherised blood of Christ with our own?

If this comes to pass, individuals will be able to receive and comprehend the event that has its beginning in the Twentieth Century: this event is the appearance of Christ as an Etheric Being in contradistinction to the Physical Christ of Palestine. For we have now reached the point of time when the Etheric Christ enters into the life of the Earth and will become visible- at first to a small number of individuals through a form of natural clairvoyance. Then, in the course of the next three thousand years, He will become visible to greater and greater numbers of people. ...A number of individuals will see the Etheric Christ and will themselves experience the event that took place on Damascus. (ibid)

The event on Damascus referred to by Steiner is the Biblical conversion of Saul to the disciple Paul. Before his conversion, Saul was a cruel and wicked man, who took pleasure in persecuting Christians. But, one day, as Saul travelled to Damascus, he perceived Christ in the etheric. The passage in the Bible is as follows:

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he

fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (Acts, 9: 3-6).

This event is the forerunner of that will take place for human beings who consciously unite their etherised blood with that of the Christ. It is the event where our clairvoyant faculties are re-awakened and we again are able to peer into the spiritual world. This potential to reawaken our spiritual vision is the most important event that has taken place on earth since the crucifixion of Christ Jesus, and it will be resisted with immense ferocity by the Ahrimanic beings that are now running rampant upon the earth. It is through an understanding of Christ's role in our spiritual evolution and uniting with the living being of Christ that we can further our own spiritual evolution. Only through the being of Christ can we safely and in accordance with the will of God again perceive the spiritual world. Christ is the only true gate to spiritual knowledge in our time. To attempt to gain spiritual perception through any other means will lead only to evil powers, who will give a false perception of the spiritual world, and create untold suffering and misery.

It is only when we understand these momentous changes in the world and in human evolution that are currently taking place and that will continue to take place for the next several millennia, that we can truly begin to tread the

path to spiritual enlightenment and also act in a truly free way. True freedom requires choice, and the evils in the world today provide humanity of the present and the future with choice- to either take the path of darkness, seeking only physical possessions and pleasures, or the path of light, where, instead of placing merit and energy into things of the physical world, we turn our attention to spiritual, divine goals, where the development of the human being can unfold in accordance with the good powers at work in the cosmos. This path must also be viewed as the true path to happiness and human fulfillment, for the short-term enjoyment of the materialist creates long term suffering, where the human being is ultimately dragged down into the realm of evil spiritual beings that seek to divert humanity from the divine path. It is with a sense of tragic irony that we must understand that there has to be certain number of human beings who are compelled to act in an unfree way in order that others may be able to find true freedom through choosing the path of the spirit over the path of materialism. This was clearly demonstrated in what took place during the Covid event. The political leaders and their corporate masters who subjugated the masses to lockdowns, forced vaccinations and created fear in the world, did so without a true impulse of freedom. They were compelled to work for forces of evil in the world in order to provide choice for the rest of humanity- it is part of their karma.

Figures like Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Yuval Noah Harari, and a host of other political and corporate leaders, who have acquired great wealth and power, while creating suffering

for humanity and the earth, sow the seeds of suffering in their souls in their own future. This group of elites, who so enjoy the riches of the physical world, have had a dark shadow cast over their souls, and have been given over to evil beings and forces in the world for the purpose of creating the choice between good and evil, in order that humanity may become truly free. They act out of a pathological compulsion, with little or no moral grounding, impulsed into them through Ahrimanic beings.

These great and powerful figures will become blind beggars in the realm of the spirit, and it is with this understanding that we should not regard these individuals with contempt and scorn, but with compassion and pity, as they shall suffer greatly in the future, for actions which today must rightly be seen as evil, but will ultimately lead the human race to the gates of the spiritual world in full consciousness and freedom.

It is with this foreknowledge that we can now discuss the great spiritual school of the Archangel Michael. As humanity gradually began to develop personalised thinking, where individuals felt that their thoughts were a result of their own actions, and not shone into them from the spiritual world- at the same time there was a preparation in the spiritual world for humanity to again have the opportunity to enter into and have direct vision of the spiritual world. With this sense of individuality that has developed as a result of *Kali Yuga*, there has, as has been mentioned, the condition where we feel that the thoughts that we develop are our own, created through our own volition. This is only partially true, and will be

discussed later in this book when the path of spiritual enlightenment through meditation will be dealt with. This perception that our thoughts are our own must be seen in the light of human will. It is only within the human will that true freedom can be found.

An essential step in our future development will come about through controlling our thoughts by the use of our will. For the ancients, this was not a possibility, for they, with their spiritual vision, perceived that their thoughts were not their own, but were instead impelled or rayed into them from spiritual beings. Humanity today believes that they control and generate their own thoughts, but this is an illusion. We in truth do not control our thinking life. It is as if we were on 'autopilot' with our thinking life. Thoughts enter into us and give us direction in our life for our daily activities, and they also form the basis of our identity. Whether we are a liberal or conservative, religious or atheist, comes about through the thoughts that are constantly passing through our minds, which then influences our feeling and emotional life. Can we truly say that we generate these thoughts? Are we truly the creators of these thoughts? Do we truly use our will to create our thoughts, as we use our will to swing a hammer or walk down the street? If we observe our thought processes as a scientist would observe and collect data, in a truly objective way, we would realize that most of our thoughts are not created by a willed process, but rather in an unconscious way. Our thoughts mostly enter into our being like a breeze coming through an open window.

An act of will must be, above all, a conscious act- thoughts pour into us constantly, and these thoughts are the result of what we perceive through our physical senses, whether through our observation of nature, of other human beings, or through our media devices, thoughts are constantly flowing through our souls. One of the most basic of exercises given by Rudolf Steiner in his book *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and its Attainment*¹⁹ is that of preventing thoughts from passing through us, unless we will them and deem these thoughts as necessary. When this exercise is tried for even a few minutes, it becomes clear how our thinking is not something that we will. The opposite is true- it takes a great deal of effort to prevent thoughts from constantly streaming through us. Thinking only essential thoughts is a crucial prerequisite for developing the organs of spiritual perception, for if our thoughts are not willed by us, from whence do they come? For the answer to this, we must understand the great spiritual being of Michael, and his task in the cosmos.

Michael is the most powerful of all of the archangels, and his dwelling place and sphere of influence is the Sun. As mentioned previously, all of the planetary archangels and Michael pour their influences into humanity and give a direction and character to human culture. Each of these ages of the archangels takes place in succession, each age lasting around three centuries. Michael is the current

¹⁹ Knowledge of the Higher World and its Attainment, Rudolf Steiner. Anthroposophical Press. Available online at: https://wn.rsarchive.org/Books/GA010/English/AP1947/GA010_index.html.

ruling archangel, and his reign began in 1879, at about the same time that *Kali Yuga* ended. In addition to being an archangel that influences the direction of human culture, Michael also has another extremely important function- he is the bearer of the cosmic intelligence. The last cultural age of Michael occurred during the time of Alexander the Great. Alexander felt that his thoughts were given to him by Michael and that he was himself an instrument of the archangel Michael. In Alexander's time the concept that we produced our own thoughts was an impossibility. The ancient Greeks had a dim perception that their thoughts were not their own, and were impelled into their consciousness by higher spiritual beings. In a figure like Alexander, we see how one who was destined to advance the evolution of the world was powerfully inspired, in this case by Michael. But with this understanding, we can also say that Alexander did not act in a truly free way. He consciously carried out the wishes of Michael for the benefit of humanity, but did so in a way that was not free.

For humanity to evolve and develop towards being truly free beings, it was necessary for *Kali Yuga* to come about so we could feel ourselves as individuals who were the masters of our own destiny and thought life. As has been alluded to, our current concept that we are free beings is still largely an illusion, but a necessary one in order for humanity to develop and become truly free. As the age of *Kali Yuga* unfolded over the centuries, Michael had to gradually relinquish his administration of the cosmic intelligence. For millennia Michael had inspired the cosmic intelligence into humanity, carefully guiding the evolution of the world, in conjunction with still higher spiritual

powers, and, of course, the Godhead itself. As a curtain gradually fell over the spiritual eyes of humanity and spiritual vision faded, one of the chief results of this was that human beings ceased to feel that their thoughts were radiated into their being from the spiritual world. Through this darkening of the spiritual organs of humanity the concept of the individual took place. This transition began in the eighth and ninth centuries, and the rise of scholasticism is one of the results of this change in thinking, and of the growing sense of individualism. The cosmic intelligence continued to gradually fall away from Michael into the souls of the human race. This can be visualised as a cloud resting in the sky gradually sinking to the earth and becoming fog. Humanity became immersed in this fog of thought and the collective wisdom of the cosmos became earthly. With this came the great industrial and scientific advancements of the 17th and 18th centuries. The steam engine, telegraph, the automobile and countless other inventions happened as a result of this falling away of the cosmic intelligence from Michael. As this event happened, Ahriman, the great adversary of humanity and of Michael, was also gradually given access to the cosmic intelligence, now becoming earthly and in the possession of humanity.

While Michael administered the cosmic intelligence, he prevented Ahriman from having access to it, and from using it to influence humanity, but as Michael's dominion of the cosmic intelligence fell away, Ahriman was granted the power to work on the earth and in so doing, to creep into the cosmic intelligence and there influence the affairs of humanity. This also was a process that took place gradually, and Ahriman's influence can be seen in many of

our inventions- industrialisation is itself an Ahrimanic process, and its destructive influence can now be clearly seen in how it is degrading and destroying the environment, or creating ever more destructive weapons of war. During *Kali Yuga*, Ahriman's influence was in many ways beneficial- we have greatly benefitted from the advances of science and industry that have taken place during the last archangel age of Gabriel. During Kali Yuga Ahriman's influence can, for the most part be termed as justified, and has served to help in the evolution of the human race, but after the end of Kali Yuga in 1899, Ahriman's influence has become increasingly destructive and evil. The advent of World War I was largely inspired by Ahriman, who influenced the thinking of the political leaders of Europe in the years leading up to the war. (Rudolf Steiner's series of lectures *The Karma of Untruthfulness*²⁰ delves into this subject in great detail), and it is now imperative that the influence of Michael be permitted to enter again into human affairs. Michael can no longer work in our thoughts and into our intelligence without our being not only conscious of it, but by our consciously willing this influence to take place through meditation, proper for the age in which we live (this will be discussed in detail later in this book). We must open the door of our souls to Michael and allow him to work in our being.

It has been stated above that one of the great spiritual truths of our time is that evil works through influences that the human being is not aware are taking place, and

²⁰ <https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA173/>

that in order for the good spiritual impulses to work in the human being in true freedom, they must be consciously brought into the human soul through conscious effort and will. So long as people are not aware of the spiritual influences that are working on earth, and so long as people are not aware that the spiritual gates are again opening, giving humanity the opportunity to see into the spiritual world again, evil will continue to rampage unabated on the earth. How can Michael and his hosts be permitted to enter again into human souls to help us, in full consciousness, spiritualize our souls again? It is through the great body of work given to us by Rudolf Steiner, collectively known as Anthroposophy. What, in truth, is Anthroposophy? It is the great teaching of the archangel Michael, who is completely united with and works under the influence of Christ.

When Michael was the administrator of the cosmic intelligence, he regulated the direction this intelligence could take. It is true that through this intelligence weapons of war were created, and that through this intelligence wars took place and human beings suffered as a result of their relations to one another, but these actions cannot be said to be evil. For example, the suffering, pain and death caused by the campaigns of Alexander were done in order to advance human evolution. Alexander brought to the rest of the world the treasures of Greek culture. Art, philosophy, medicine, architecture and advancements in agriculture are some of the gifts that were bestowed upon an uncivilized world by Alexander. While the cosmic intelligence was governed by Michael, it was at the same time spiritualized.

It was woven through and through with the beneficent impulses of the gods. This content of the cosmic intelligence, in its pristine and pure form, before it was allowed to fall to the earth and be sullied and infiltrated by Ahriman, was brought before a group of human beings in the spiritual world in the fifteenth century. These souls were living between physical incarnations, and they were taught, given the contents of the cosmic intelligence, by Michael himself. This teaching was called by Steiner the great spiritual 'Michael School,' and those who attended this spiritual school were those who belonged to Michael's sphere of influence.

Human beings belong to and are influenced by the various archangels that shape human culture. All human souls belong to the spiritual stream of one of the leading archangels of the human race. These archangels work from various cosmic bodies in the solar system as follows: Oriphiel (Saturn), Anael (Venus), Zachariel (Jupiter), Raphael (Mercury), Samael (Mars), Gabriel (Moon), and Michael (Sun). They are listed in the order in which they appear in their rulership of human culture, not in the spatial distance of the various cosmic bodies in the solar system. Michael is the greatest of these archangels, and this is reflected by his seat of power in the Sun.

The great Michael School in the spiritual world taught those who participated in it the true spiritual ground of the world in which we live. There is no physical world, no rainfall or wind, no animals, and no human thoughts, without the conscious activity of some spiritual being. In short, the totality of the physical world in which we live

is the creation of spiritual beings in the spiritual world. Even time itself is created and regulated by the archai, a rank of spiritual beings above the archangels (Michael himself is now in the process of advancing to the rank of archai, but to delve into this would go beyond the scope and intention of this book). Thus, the true spiritual nature of the world was taught to those souls who belonged to the Michael stream in the fifteenth century, while down below on earth, the knowledge of the spiritual world was fading rapidly and the gates of the spiritual world were closing. It is the mission of those in the Michael stream (those who belong to this stream of Michael will henceforth be referred to as Michaelites) to again bring this knowledge back to humanity, for the benefit of all. For a spiritual awakening will happen to humanity, regardless of the success or failure of the Michaelites in carrying out this task of momentous importance.

Humanity will collectively cross the threshold and enter the spiritual world again, and if not properly prepared for this re-opening of the gates of the spiritual world, great suffering will befall the human race. Ahriman, whom Michael cast out from the spiritual world at the end of the nineteenth century, is now working freely and without restriction on the earth (Rev 12:7-9). The events of the world wars of the twentieth century are but a precursor to the woes that will befall humanity if the task of the Michaelites is delayed or if it fails. This task, the most monumental of tasks that has ever been granted to a group of human beings, must be done out of freedom, for this is the will of God- that humanity must come not only to a spiritual understanding of the world, but also must

again develop the ability to see into the spiritual world, just as we can see in and perceive in the physical world with our senses, and that this must be accomplished as an act of free will.

Failure of this task to be carried out in a timely manner will result in higher and higher levels of strife, disease, warfare, subjugation of the masses, and mental illness throughout humanity. Humanity will cross the threshold of the spiritual world regardless of whether it is done consciously or unconsciously. If humanity crosses into the spiritual world unconsciously, without first having been prepared to do so, the result would be catastrophic. Steiner spoke frequently of the absolute importance of being properly prepared to enter into and behold the spiritual world. The overwhelming intensity of spiritual vision, and the lack of protection from the influences of evil beings in the unprepared soul, would drive many to madness, or to a fear so shattering and great that their ability to function in the physical world would be deeply compromised. For the prepared, the entry into the spiritual world, although still fraught with some danger, can be done safely, and the great beauty and love that radiates from that world can be received properly in the soul that has strengthened its will and morality through esoteric meditative exercises. To say that Ahriman has free reign to work on the earth means nothing more than to say that he is working in the souls of countless human beings who are unaware of his activity. This has resulted in the souls of those whom he affects of being filled with negative emotions like hatred, anger, anxiety, and the parent of all these emotions, fear. Fear is the greatest tool

that Ahriman has at his disposal, and through fear Ahriman creates the ideal conditions for his activity.

Ahriman works from two directions in the human soul—the first of these directions is to create the illusion in the human being that nothing exists beyond what can be perceived in the physical world by the physical senses. Ahriman is the great deceiver in the spiritual world. The countless advancements in the sciences that have brought us so much benefit have also created the idea that all life in the world has come about through natural processes. This is, of course, most easily recognized in Darwin's *Theory of Evolution*, where life is ultimately seen as the result of the accidental collisions of atoms in some primordial ooze eons ago. The *Theory of Evolution* was first published in 1859, at a time that Steiner has called the height of materialistic thinking. During this age, which was ruled by the archangel Gabriel, materialistic thinking reached its zenith, and the advancements in science and technology were truly impressive. Ahriman's influence in materialistic thinking has resulted in a vehement anti-spiritual current that courses through much of humanity today. This current carries within it a great disdain for any spiritual or religious thinking and feeling that seeks for divine and spiritual origins to the great riddles of life. Those who carry this anti-spiritual sentiment view those who have the sense that there is more to life than meets the eye as unintelligent fools, who have yet to receive true enlightenment. They see religious and spiritual life as the slag of previous cultures who, because of their primitive understanding of the world, made up fairy tales regarding the origins of life which have formed the content of the

various myths and religions of the world. This type of thinking suits Ahriman well. It is within this unspiritualised environment that he is able to work most effectively.

In addition to creating in human souls a Darwinistic view of the world, another tool that Ahriman uses to meet his ends on earth is that of inculcating fear in as many human beings as possible, creating division and strife amongst different groups of people. In his lecture *The Ahrimanic Deception*²¹ Steiner says the following: “*The second means that Ahriman employs is to stir up all the emotions that split men into small groups- groups that mutually attack one another.*” The Covid-19 pandemic has created the greatest fear, animosity and division amongst human beings since the World Wars, and this division is not based on animosity between nations, but is now between people who live in the same community, often between family members. Creating fear amongst human beings is most easily done in those who are materialistic in their thinking- those who do not have spiritual views and see the universe as a great mechanism based on the laws of the material world. Such human beings, when they reach the end of their lives are most often filled with fear and anxiety, as they have convinced themselves throughout their lives that there is nothing beyond the physical world. As death approaches, their fear grows as they realise the material world in which they have placed all their faith will soon abandon them.

²¹ https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/AhrDec_index.html

For those with a true faith and knowledge of the world, this fear is greatly lessened or often does not exist at all. Those who are not spiritual often fall prey to Ahriman's desire to inject fear into the human soul. What is the effect of inculcating fear into the masses? From the point of view of the physical world it allows for a greater control of human beings by those who are in authority and power. The Covid-19 event is an excellent example of this. The restrictions and censorship that have occurred as a result of Covid-19 are truly remarkable. Over a two-year period, mask wearing, mass vaccination, segregation, discrimination and a current of anger, fear, and cultural strife has been created, all because of the fear of death created by Covid-19. This environment creates the perfect conditions for Ahriman's work and purposes. It is at this point that we must discuss the ultimate goal of Ahriman: to incarnate in a human body on earth and to thwart the will of the beneficent powers in the cosmos. In *The Ahrimanic Deception* Steiner says the following:

It would be a triumphant experience for him [Ahriman] if the scientific superstition that grips all circles today and by which men even want to organise their social science, should prevail into the third millennium. He would have the greatest success if he could then come as a human being into Western civilization and find the scientific superstition (ibid).

What is here meant by scientific superstition? It is the notion that mathematics and science can explain all processes in the known world, from the smallest atom to the formation of galaxies, and that these laws somehow

prove that there is nothing beyond the physical, material world. This occurs in the soul who carries a Darwinistic view of the world. A true view of the world acknowledges that all physical processes can be measured and that mathematical, physical and chemical laws govern the universe, but that these laws are not the means by which the universe has been created. These laws of nature and the universe are rather seen as the expression of spiritual beings and of the Godhead, who have created the physical world.

The fear of death that is incubated so effectively in the materialistic soul also serves another purpose apart from that of giving governments and those in power the ability to subjugate and control the masses. Fear itself is nourishment for Ahrimanic beings. The mantle of fear that has been created in the world offers the most comfortable abode in which these Ahrimanic spirits can carry out their work within the souls of human beings. As an aside, it is interesting to look at how countries that have the highest rates of not only Covid-19 vaccinations, but also lock downs, vaccine passports and other measures of control and subjugation also have the highest rates of Covid-19 infection (if there are doubts as to this claim, this can be investigated on *The World in Data* website. Sweden, who removed all restrictions in August, 2021 is a good example of this). All of these restrictions create fear and anxiety in subjected populations, and this fear creates the perfect conditions for illness. There are many studies that show that increased fear, anxiety and stress can weaken the immune system, leaving the body more susceptible to

disease and infection. Steiner often spoke of the relationship to the role played by fear and susceptibility to infectious diseases. He commented on the true, spiritual nature of illnesses, both infectious and non-infectious, many times throughout his life. The great influenza pandemic, which occurred immediately after World War I, and killed more people than the war itself did, was spoken of by Steiner in its spiritual aspects on several occasions. An excellent book that contains many of the instances Steiner spoke of the true nature of infectious disease and pandemics has been compiled by Daniel Hinds under the title *Viral Illness and Epidemics in the Work of Rudolf Steiner*²². Hinds wrote this book in response to the Covid-19 event, and in the series of quotes that follow, taken from Hinds book, Steiner describes how fear creates the ideal environment into which infectious diseases can thrive.

There is no better way to encourage germs than to go to sleep with a materialistic mindset. Well, there is at least one means that is just as effective. And that is to live in the epicenter of an epidemic or endemic disease outbreak and to absorb nothing other than images of the disease around you, and to live in a state of being solely filled with a feeling of fear towards the disease. (p. 72, May 5th,1914).

If you really want to encourage germs, you can do nothing better than to take purely materialistic ideas into your sleep and thereby invoke Ahrimanic forces that radiate into the organism and become the encouragers of germs....If

²² *Viral Illness and Epidemics in the Work of Rudolf Steiner*, Daniel Hinds. Aelzina Books, 2020.

instead a noble disposition spreads so that selfish fear recedes and loving help works among people, who now take that into their sleep-not fear-imaginings, but what loving help does- this instead harms the Ahrimanic enemies of man. And it is in fact true that if you acted like this you would discover just what an effect the spread such a sentiment could have on ending pandemics (p. 75 lecture May 9,1914).

When the Covid-19 event is viewed through a spiritual lens, and the true nature of the forces that are inherent in it are revealed, then, with this understanding, we can not only combat the spread of diseases through spiritual development, we can also hinder the activity of evil forces that were the true underlying cause of the Covid-19 event. Here the question must be asked: what was the *spiritual* purpose of the current Covid-19 event? Whether one believes that Covid-19 was a deliberate or accidental phenomenon, there are no accidents in the will of spiritual beings. The Covid-19 event must be viewed as a tool being used by Ahrimanic forces to facilitate Ahriman's incarnation. We must as a culture be prepared for this incarnation of Ahriman in a human, physical body. This incarnation will occur sometime in the near future, and the events that have enveloped humanity as a result of the Covid-19 event must be viewed as a loud clarion call that this incarnation of Ahriman is near at hand.

Steiner said the following in his lecture series *The Influences of Lucifer and Ahriman*²³ in 1919:

Just as there was an incarnation of Lucifer in the flesh and an incarnation of Christ in the flesh, so, before only a part of the third millennium [we are now in the third millennium after Christ] of the post-Christian era has elapsed, there will be, in the West, an actual incarnation of Ahriman: Ahriman in the flesh. Humanity on earth cannot escape this incarnation of Ahriman. It will come inevitably. But what matters is that men shall find the right vantage-point from which to confront it (Lecture 1).

Those who still do not recognize the gravity of the present situation in the world are also, in a certain respect, helping to prepare for Ahriman's incarnation. Many things in external life to-day bear witness to this. The Ahrimanic incarnation will be greatly furthered if men fail to establish a free and independent spiritual life and allow it to remain entangled in the economic or political life. For the Ahrimanic power has everything to gain by the spiritual life being even more closely intermingled with these other spheres. To the Ahrimanic power a free spiritual life would denote a kind of darkness, and men's interest in it, a burning, raging fire. The establishment of this free spiritual life is essential in order that the right attitude, the right relationship, may be adopted to Ahriman's incarnation in the future (Lecture 2)

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https://wn.rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA191/English/AP1993/nLuAr_index.html.

It is here that we must also understand a fact of extreme importance- that for the first time in human history we have been granted the power to truly shape our own destiny. Never in human history has the human race been granted the opportunity to act in true freedom, without the hidden hand of the spirit guiding our actions one way or another. This freedom is not available to all human beings. Such is the nature of the will of God, which also must be seen through the actions of evil spiritual beings, in order to bring about the possibility of true freedom.

The great majority of human beings have not received the impulse from the spiritual world to act in a truly free way. Without knowledge of the spiritual world given to humanity by Rudolf Steiner, who must be considered as the great Christian Initiate given the task to convey this information in the times in which we now live, true freedom can never be achieved by human beings. Most of us live with the illusion that we do indeed act in a free way, that we make our own decisions, and that we are the masters of our destiny- but this is an illusion. The life we live, the careers we undertake, the people we meet, the families we belong to, the accidents that befall us and the opinions and thoughts that form who we become as human beings are part of our karma.

People often ascribe to chance those meetings and events that shape life in deep ways. We perhaps meet our future spouse on a bus when going to work because our car has broken down, and through this meeting we raise children and our life is completely transformed. This so-called chance meeting has been planned by us in our life before

birth in the spiritual world in conjunction with mighty spiritual beings. It is very difficult to fathom for many that the malfunctioning of a car and the subsequent meeting of two people at a specific time at a specific place could be planned decades, sometimes centuries in advance by our own souls in the spiritual world with the help of mighty spiritual beings. Yet it is so, and to those who do not believe in the concept of karma and destiny, there is no opportunity to act in a truly free way. Now, in our time, there has been given to humanity the seed through which true freedom and love can germinate and develop within humanity.

This freedom will only be developed through the conscious striving of human beings to gain knowledge of the spiritual world and to consciously work at developing the organs of spiritual perception again. We live at one of the most important crossroads in human history. Ahriman has been cast down to the earth to work in the materialistic soul, condemning it to a future of increased suffering, while at the same time, the gates of the spiritual world are opening and the organs of spiritual perception, the chakras, are again starting to light up, to awaken from a slumber that has lasted for over two thousand years. These chakras cannot and will not be opened properly and safely without a conscious effort of will in each human being. For this return to the spiritual world is to be done as a truly free act for those who have been granted, through grace, true knowledge of the ways of the world. Those who have this impulse to true spirituality, who have through grace, been placed into to the spiritual stream of Michael will have the great task of being the

vanguards who will again bring spirituality to all humanity. Those who feel this spiritual impulse coursing through their souls must on the one hand feel the greatest sense of gratitude to the spiritual world for the gift of being placed into the small group of human beings who will be able to understand true spirituality and freedom and to spread this impulse to the rest of humanity. But at the same time, these Michaelites will carry the great weight of responsibility for the task they have been allotted, for the whole of humanity is depending on the stream of the Michaelites to plant the seed that will bring humanity spirituality, freedom, peace, and true love.

How is one to know if it is their task to acquire spiritual knowledge and to work at opening their spiritual senses again? Many materialists, when contemplating any notions of a spiritual world beyond the physical ask a very simple question: Where is the proof that any spiritual world exists? What is meant by this statement? How can one 'prove' that the spiritual world exists? When this question is asked by the materialistic thinker, the true request is to prove the existence of a spiritual world through the physical senses and the material world. The spiritual world cannot, of course, be measured or weighed, cannot be seen or touched or heard using the physical senses. It is the very nature of spiritual knowledge that it cannot be apprehend through physical means, for if it could, it would be not be of the nature of the spirit, but of the physical, of the material. It is as if one were to ask the weight of an object not by weighing it, but by listening to it- an inherently impossible act- using a sense not made for the task demanded of it. The first

perceptions that occur in spiritual life are those that happen through our life of feeling. The sense of destiny that we have initially comes through our feeling life. When we read something profoundly spiritual, say from *The Bible* or *The Bhagavad Gita*, we have a feeling for its holiness and beauty. This does not occur for the materialist. They could read the same passage and feel antipathy towards it- deriding it as the drivel of a childlike view of the world that has been long outgrown by the modern, cultured human being.

It is our feeling life that gives us our first spiritual experiences. We feel the truth of spiritual knowledge and this truth guides us in our further development. The materialistic thinker would have long ago put this little book down, scoffing at it and ridiculing such views as are expressed here. If you are still reading, and if you find truth in these words, if these words resonate in your heart and fill you with a fire of purpose, then you are perhaps one those sleeping Michaelites whose task is to awaken and fight alongside the great archangel Michael, to wrest humanity from the clutches of Ahriman and his hosts, and to bring spirituality back to humanity again. How can this be done? What is the spiritual path? The following chapter will show you how to develop spiritual organs again, through meditative practices that are meant for the human being of today who has a fully developed thought life and sense of self.

CHAPTER 4- MEDITATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE- THE PATH OF INITIATION

In ancient times spiritual knowledge and vision were as concrete a reality as the physical world is to us today. To deny the existence of the spiritual world in ancient times would have been as impossible as denying the existence of a tree that we see before us while walking in the forest. The spiritual organs of perception were operating in the ancients in the same way that our organs of sight, taste, touch or hearing are operating in the modern human being. Our spiritual organs are currently in a state of what can be called hibernation. As has been described, there was a necessity for the spiritual organs to be closed off in humanity. This allowed the human being to become an individual and to live and think in an independent way. To call oneself 'I' in the human being of ancient times was an impossibility. The ancient human being felt as if they were the creation of spiritual beings, that life and form were breathed into them by the spiritual beings of the rank of Elohim, as is described in *The Book of Genesis in The Bible*, and that the content of their being was an extension of these beings. Hence, it was impossible for human beings of old to consider any actions to be their own- the impulse to action shone into the ancient human being from other, higher beings. How was it that ancient clairvoyance worked? To understand this, we must discuss the bodily sheaths that form the human being.

We are all, of course, familiar with our physical body. Through it all of our senses are active- we can feel pleasure or pain, warmth and cold, hear, see, touch and

smell the world around us. No sane person would deny the existence of our physical body, but to have a true and complete knowledge of the human being, to the physical body we must also add three other bodies which we are not, in our current state of consciousness, able to perceive. To the physical body we must add what is called by Steiner the etheric or life body. Through the etheric body all life exists. Without an etheric body, all living things perish. Death, is in fact, the act of the etheric body leaving the physical body, whether that body belongs to a plant, animal or human being. All physical bodies that die do the same thing- they return to the realm of the mineral kingdom. The decomposition that occurs when a living thing dies occurs because the etheric body is no longer present to keep the physical body from decaying back down to the mineral realm. All minerals, all rocks and stones, all inorganic matter only has a physical body. Therefore, we can say that the lifeless, mineral kingdom lies at the foundation of existence. What if we then add to this physical body the etheric or life body? We then have the plant kingdom. Plants are able to grow, conduct photosynthesis, absorb nutrients from the soil, and procreate through seed production through having an etheric body, which sets it apart from the mineral kingdom. The plant world could not exist without the mineral, physical kingdom-its existence is dependent on it, but it ceases to exist as a plant without an etheric body.

The next kingdom above that of the plants is the animal kingdom. What is it that sets the animal apart from the plant? It is the ability to move about and the ability to actively experience the physical world through the

senses. Lower animals, like ants for example, have senses that allow it to see, smell (the sense of smell in an ant is experienced through its antennae), and they exhibit social behaviour. To the higher animals can be added the ability to experience bodily pain and pleasure (like when a cat basks in the sun), and to also experience fear, anger, and pleasure (as when a cat is stroked it not only experiences physical well-being, but also a well-being rooted in its feeling life). All of these experiences, which set the animal apart from the plant, are the result of the animal having what Steiner calls an astral body. The astral body gives animals the ability to move about in the world, and to also feel and sense in the world. The astral body can also be called a soul body, in that we can have a life of higher feeling where fear, anger, happiness and sadness can be experienced. Thus, the animal consists of physical, etheric and astral bodies. The animal and plant kingdoms have a symbiotic relationship- they are co-dependent for their existence. Many animals need plants for their nutrition, and without insect pollination many plant species could not exist. Here we come to the last constituent that is exclusive only to the human being. What is it that sets the human being apart from the animal?

The human being is able to think and to reason, and is also able to use the word 'I' to describe itself. The animal cannot be said to have any experience of self in the sense the human being does, and its actions are a result of what is happening in its environment or through its own instinct, which gives it the impulse to procreate, or to hibernate, or fly south in the winter, for example. For the

human being the ability to reason and think and to have a sense of self sets it apart from the animals. Some may argue that some animals 'think', in that they are seemingly able to reason, like a rat that finds its way through a maze, but this is not thinking in the human sense. Thinking first and foremost presupposes language. Without language there is no thought. This can be clearly seen in the development of the child. The process of developing thought in a child begins with labeling, where the names of things are learned (dog, cat, mom, dad, etc.) From there, links are made between these labels- both dogs and cats have four legs, fur, two eyes, and dogs and cats are animals. This is when we can say that thought truly begins to develop in the child. The young child is a threefold being consisting of physical, etheric and astral body, and the ego only slowly moves into and embeds itself into the astral, etheric body, and physical bodies as the child grows older and develops into adulthood. This ego, is therefore the fourth spiritual body that makes the human being human. The process of developing thinking is a critical part of the unfolding of the ego in the human being, but to thought and the sense of self that sets us apart from the animal, we must also add the ability to act as a moral being to what makes a human being truly human. The voice of conscious that we have, which prevents us from harming our fellow human beings and gives us moral impulses to love other beings, to be filled with love and a sense of beauty for all of creation, this is also an essential part of what makes us human in the fullest sense. Those who do not have this sense of morality and compassion for their fellow human beings, those who do not care for the earth or feel that ascetic

sense of beauty for the world around them are deficient human beings- they are incomplete. The super- rich and powerful in the world, of whom we have spoken at length in this book cannot be viewed as complete human beings. To act in a way that hurts the earth and fellow human beings, to do this consciously is a pathological condition, and no one can truly tread the path of spiritual development without this moral sense of doing good in the world, of helping our fellow human beings and the earth. This is the foundation upon which all spiritual endeavor rests.

Those who harbour thoughts of anger, hatred, envy, and greed will never achieve much on their path of spiritual development. We may be able to hide these feelings from our fellow human beings, but to the spiritual world all of our feeling life and moral impulses are clearly visible, and these beings are constantly observing us. Therefore, one of the most important rules to be observed by the student in his or her spiritual development is that all immoral impulses that we may harbour in the depths of our soul must be assiduously rooted out. All ill feelings that we have about people around us- all anger, impatience, all demeaning thoughts that we have must be removed from the soul. This is the first and most important step in spiritual development.

Without this step, all the meditations and methods to develop seership will fail utterly. We cannot develop our spiritual organs without the help of spiritual beings, and hatred, anger, impatience, disdain, and a slovenly, lazy attitude slay any spiritual forces that we have previously

developed, and push benevolent spiritual beings away from us, who would aid us in our spiritual seeking. Indeed, these feelings must be seen as being poured into us from Luciferic and Ahrimanic spiritual beings who desire to retard our development and bend us away from the path of the spiritual beings who have our best interests in mind and wish for us to develop along the path of goodness and happiness- which is, at the same time, and most importantly, the path of love.

Where anger, hatred, impatience and disdain slay spiritual forces in us, fostering and nurturing feelings of love, patience, compassion, and morality all develop spiritual forces in us. Benevolent spiritual beings draw near to us at times when we are filled with and consciously developing these feelings within our soul. These beings will work with us to develop and awaken our spiritual organs, so that they can be used for the benefit of humanity and all of the countless spiritual beings who populate the cosmos- even unto those who have been impelled by God to hinder the progress of humanity. All those who endeavor to follow the meditative path to be disclosed in this book must also be forewarned- that as we develop our spiritual life through meditation and control of thought, we will, at the same time, draw the attention of malevolent spiritual beings, who wish to hinder our progress in this regard. This is the path of development that has been outlined by the Gods. The man who pushes a cart full of stones up a hill becomes stronger than one who pushes an empty cart. That is the way of the world- hindrances and suffering often serve to strengthen us and make us better and

stronger human beings. The actions of the Ahrimanic beings have already been discussed. These beings wish to cast a veil over any spiritual understanding of the world. Their desire is that human beings remain blind to the spiritual world, and believe in only a Darwinistic, spiritless, and Godless universe. To this end they have been successful in their endeavors with a great deal of humanity. Those human beings who are through and through materialists, and those who are in power and are accumulating wealth and trying to subjugate the world are completely under the influence of Ahriman. These souls are dry and prosaic- their feeling lives are arid and lacking in compassion, and they do not have a strong feeling life. For them, a beautiful sunset goes unnoticed, there is no heartfelt sense of beauty that radiates the healthy soul at such an image. The world for the human being under the sway of Ahriman is dry, cold, lifeless and bereft of strong feelings of love, beauty and compassion.

Those who have found the spiritual path through grace and their karma, those who truly feel the pulse of the spiritual world around them in the earth and water, in the plants and animals, and, most importantly, in their fellow human beings- those who are truly on this path largely emancipate themselves from the clutches of Ahriman. For spiritual seekers, the adversary is not Ahriman, but his brother Lucifer. Where Ahriman wishes to blind us to great events now taking place- that of the gates of the spiritual world opening, Lucifer wishes for us to live a life akin to a daydream, where we take no interest in the physical world around us. This type of soul often lives a happy go lucky life, not wishing to work and make a living,

but instead lives a life of unfulfilled goals and ambitions, floating in a world of feeling and emotion, without wanting to engage their will in the necessary but sometimes mundane aspects of life. The soul overly influenced by Lucifer often develops an unhealthy sense of self, where egoism and derision of their fellow human being takes place. This is a danger to the spiritual seeker, who may realize that they know spiritual truths of the world, but this same seeker may also hold the masses who do not have this knowledge in contempt, seeing them as lesser human beings. This type of feeling is cast into the soul by Lucifer. Both Lucifer and Ahriman play an important role in human development, and it is only when one of them takes a greater control of the life of soul that their influences become harmful and destructive. This leads to another great spiritual truth- that of living one's life in balance.

The student of the spirit understands the necessity of living in a world that is filled with Ahrimanic influences, like computers and machines that are now a part daily life, but is able to use these tools for the needs of life, and perhaps even the betterment of self and humanity. The student must also be able to hold in check the Luciferic impulses, which can enwrap the soul in a spiritual fog, hampering and weakening the will and making life on earth meaningless. Perhaps most important of all these preliminary considerations is the strict control of thought and feeling by the student of the spirit. All negative thoughts and feelings of our fellow human beings have a withering effect on spiritual development. To hate a human being, no matter how heinous their actions

towards us or others cannot but cripple spiritual striving. This is not to say that we do not recognize hateful, dishonest, or evil actions when we observe them, but we must also not be engulfed in our thought and feeling life by such observation. We must be in control of our feelings and thoughts, to the point where thoughts and feelings that are arbitrary, fanciful, egotistical and unnecessary to our life are prevented from running rampant through our soul. Steiner tells us in his foundational book *Knowledge of the Higher World and its attainment*²⁴:

In the soul and thought world, feelings and thoughts react upon each other just as do physical objects in the physical world...There can be no progress, however, in the path to higher knowledge unless we guard our thoughts and feelings in just the same way we guard our steps in the physical world...All arbitrary flitting to and fro in thought, all accidental ebbing and flowing of emotion must be forbidden... (p. 42-3)

This, at first glance may be viewed as a simple undertaking, but in reality, it is exceedingly difficult to achieve. To live an entire day without having negative thoughts about someone we personally know, or of an event we have seen on the news, takes an immense effort of will. This goal alone may take years or more to achieve. Undertaking the control of thoughts and feelings must, in the beginning be done in small segments- perhaps for

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only five or ten minutes at a time. Time and again failure will occur, as the life of thought and feeling for most is something that we have never given much attention to. To stop thoughts from running rampant through our soul takes an effort of consciousness that needs to be developed, like developing the physical endurance to run a marathon. The path to the spiritual word in the beginning is developed through reading spiritual literature, ideally that given by Rudolf Steiner in anthroposophy, and this cognitive understanding usually takes place in a relatively short period of time. Once this cognitive understanding of how to develop oneself spiritually has taken place, the vast majority of spiritual endeavor takes place in developing the spiritual organs of perception through our will. The control of thoughts and feelings, and the meditative exercises here described are conducted through the faculty of a strengthened will. The development of will power and the development of the spiritual organs of perception go hand in hand with one another.

All of what has been spoken of here regarding the proper state of soul that the student needs to develop before setting foot on the true esoteric spiritual path, proper for the times in which we live, is spoken of at great length by Rudolf Steiner in his fundamental and essential book *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and its Attainment* mentioned above. This book forms a vital foundation for the spiritual seeker, upon which a true spiritual life can be developed. It is not a book that is only read once, and then put down. Its content strengthens the soul every time it is read, and forms a well spring of moral fortitude,

inspiration and instruction that the student of the spirit cannot often enough come back to for guidance. The brief description of meditative practice and development of the will is here only sketched in limited detail. This book should not be considered as an end goal in spiritual development, but merely as a sign post that points the way to spiritual development and fulfilment. It is through the content of anthroposophy given by Rudolf Steiner that the student will find the resources, inspiration and direction to become a truly whole and spiritual human being.

The last issue that needs to be discussed before a true and esoteric path of development can be here conferred is that of the diet and lifestyle that needs to be led by one the path of enlightenment. First and foremost, in this regard is the complete abstinence from the consumption of alcohol and the use of recreational drugs. Alcohol and drugs have a paralyzing and withering effect on the spiritual organs of perception that the student of the spirit develops through control of the life of feeling and thought, and through meditative exercises. Any progress made in developing these organs will be swiftly destroyed by the consumption of these substances. For many, particularly the young, this may be a difficult transition to make. Casual consumption of alcohol and marijuana is widespread in today's society. It may be that a gradual transition to a lifestyle free of alcohol and marijuana needs to be undertaken by the student. This was the case for me in my youth. In my circle of friends alcohol and marijuana consumption was a part of the social fabric of my circle of friends. I was nineteen when I

came to the spiritual life through Steiner, and became aware of the harm to spiritual life that was caused by alcohol and drugs. I faced a dilemma- as I reduced my consumption of alcohol and marijuana, I at the same time was perceived differently by those in my social circle. The less that I took part in the consumption of alcohol and marijuana, the more I felt myself as an outsider in my social group. This can be a very difficult process for one who wishes to change their life and to embark on a spiritual path, but at the same time also feels the necessity and importance of having friends, and meeting a soul mate. Gradually, my former circle of friends fell away, and I spent many weekends at home, reading Rudolf Steiner's works and developing an esoteric life, while my friends were out partying and socializing. It was often a lonely time, but it was a choice that I consciously made that gave me more meaning than my previous life had. It may be a hard choice for some, but for those who truly wish to have a spiritual life, it is an essential choice that must be made at some point on the spiritual path.

The second and also essential requirement for spiritual development in regards to lifestyle is the adoption of a vegetarian diet. We have spoken of the different sheaths of the human being, and the effect that the consumption of meat has on the astral body of the human being prevents the spiritual organs of perception from forming. In his lecture cycle *The Effects of Occult Development Upon*

*the Self and the Sheaths of Man*²⁵ given in March of 1913, Steiner states the following:

Above all, it becomes a matter of experience that when meat is eaten our physical body has more to bear, more to drag about, as it were, than when we eat vegetable food....The will to eat meat means: 'I so pledge myself to the earth-existence that I renounce all heaven, and prefer to be wholly and solely engrossed in the conditions of earthly experience (p. 12)

The consumption of a plant-based diet allows the student to enter into a connection with the entire cosmos, to unite with the spiritual processes and beings that live in the solar system. Steiner adds the following:

From what has been said you will gather that in the case of occult, esoteric, or anthroposophical development, it is extremely important not to chain oneself to the earth, as it were, not to make the heaviness of the earth a part of our individual nature through the enjoyment of an animal [meat] diet, if, according to the individual condition and conditions of heredity, it can be dispensed with; the actual decision can, of course, only be made according to the personal conditions of the individual (p. 25).

The decision to adopt a vegetarian diet is somewhat more nuanced than that of abstaining from the consumption of

²⁵ The Effect of Occult Development upon the Self and the Sheaths of Man, The Hague, March 20-29, 1913. Rudolf Steiner Publishing, London, 1945. Also available online at: https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA145/English/RSPC1945/OccDev_index.html

drugs and alcohol. There are no circumstances where the consumption of alcohol, for example, can be said to be of benefit to the human being. All alcohol consumption has a negative effect on physical health, even though this negative effect is negligible when alcohol is consumed in small amounts. The same cannot be said for the development of a spiritual life in relation to the consumption of alcohol—even small amounts can have catastrophically negative effects on spiritual life. In the case of meat, it is somewhat different. There are those who, as Steiner sates, due to hereditary conditions, may need to consume some meat, but it must also be said that anyone who is able to meditate in an effective way will also have the strength in their whole organism to refrain from the consumption of meat. It must also be noted, that as the student progresses in his or her development, the consumption of meat becomes repugnant. Steiner states the following:

Hence it comes about that progress in the inner anthroposophical life gradually produces a sort of disgust for animal food [meat]. It is not necessary to forbid animal food to anthroposophists, for the healthy progressing life of instinct gradually turns against animal food... (p.15).

The student on the spiritual path should not become a vegetarian if this causes a negative change in either their physical or emotional life. If the adoption of a vegetarian diet causes frequent craving for meat, then that is a sign that the student is not yet ready for a vegetarian diet. In the natural course of the development of a spiritual life, the student will find the consumption of meat unpleasant.

Having said this, one more detail needs to be discussed in regards to vegan diets and the adverse effect these diets can have on the life of the soul. Where meat chains us to the earth and prevents us from developing an esoteric life and the spiritual organs of perception, a diet that omits the consumption of dairy products can also have a negative effect. Steiner states:

In order that we may not become too eccentric when striving for psychic development, in order that we may not become too estranged from human feeling and human effort on earth, it is well for us to load ourselves in a certain way like travelers upon the earth, by the use of milk and milk-products (p. 26).

Here again the importance of living a life in balance must be emphasized for the student. A life too rooted in the earth, devoid of a connection with the cosmos has its polar opposite in the life of one who wants nothing to do with the earth and becomes a dreamer who floats above the affairs of the earth, whose feet do not touch the ground, so to speak. Therefore, the limited consumption of dairy products (and eggs) will aid the meditator in finding that essential balance between being an active member of the earth and earthly affairs, and of developing a relationship with the spiritual world.

We are now ready to enter into the concrete methods for developing a spiritual life and the organs of perception that give us access to the spiritual world. In *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and its Attainment* in the section titled *Preparation*, spiritual exercises are given that work directly on the spiritual organs of perception. The first of

these exercises involves focusing attention alternately on all that we can observe that is in a state of growth, specifically where a plant is blooming, and then on that which in the plant world is in a state of decay and withering. This exercise can be conducted out in the natural world or indoors. A plant that is in a state of rigor and bloom is placed along plant matter that is decaying. Dead or withering leaves, or compost work well in this regard. The student focuses all of their attention on that which is blooming, and must banish everything else from the soul. All thought, all feeling must be completely silenced. When this is done, say for a few minutes, a feeling will arise in the soul which is akin to the feeling evoked from watching a beautiful sunrise. We then can close our eyes and allow this feeling to reverberate in our soul. Attention is then transferred to that which is in a state of decay, the student again focusing intently and banishing all other thoughts and feelings. Here the student will have a different feeling, akin to the slow rising of the moon on the horizon. A small amount of time is then given to allow this feeling to reverberate in our soul. By conducting this exercise on a regular basis, the student will gradually open the organs of spiritual perception. Steiner states the following:

Indeed, the more often the attention be fixed alternately upon something growing, blossoming, and flourishing, and upon something else that is fading and decaying, the more vivid will these feelings become. And just as the eyes and ears of the physical body are built by natural forces out of living matter, so will the organs of clairvoyance build

themselves out of the feelings and thoughts thus evoked (p. 39).

Through conducting this exercise, spiritual perception into the astral plane gradually occurs:

Growth and decay are no longer facts which make definite impressions on him as of old, but rather they form themselves into spiritual lines and figures of which he had previously suspected nothing. And these lines and figures have, for the different phenomena, different forms. A blooming flower, an animal in the process of growth, a tree that is decaying, evoke in his soul different lines... Two students who have reached the corresponding stage of development will always see the same lines and figures under the same conditions (p. 40).

It is important that the student try not to intellectualize what has been experienced in the foregoing exercise. All meditations given by Steiner work slowly on the soul and spiritual organs of the student. The student must allow these meditations to work in the soul quietly and calmly. When daily meditation is completed, the student should carry out all duties of the day, in the same way, and not ponder deeply on what effect has occurred in the soul. These effects may not be perceptible until months or even years later. This should not in the slightest cause impatience or frustration in the student. All of the meditative exercises here described, along with the betterment of the human being in relation to spiritual development also has the effect of casting a calm and loving atmosphere in the world. To meditate and better the self also brings beneficial forces into the world and

allows spiritual beings of goodness to influence the world in a positive way. Where fear is the air that is breathed by beings of evil and gives them strength, love, courage, and a positive view on life can be viewed as the air that is breathed in by spiritual beings who are helpers in human development, giving them strength to oppose beings of evil. This should be viewed by the student as a more important goal in spiritual development than the development of the self.

Two more meditative exercises will here be briefly discussed, both of which are also given in *Knowledge of the Higher World and its Attainment*. In the section titled 'Enlightenment' Steiner gives another meditation to further develop the spiritual organs of perception. In this meditation, the student observes a beautifully formed crystal and compares the feeling thus evoked with that evoked from the observation of an animal. Steiner gives the following instructions:

The student should endeavor, at first, to direct his whole attention to a comparison of the stone in the following manner. The thoughts here mentioned should pass through his soul accompanied by vivid feelings, and no other thought, no other feeling must mingle with them and disturb what should be an intensely attentive observation. The student says to himself: 'The stone has a form; the animal also has a form. The stone remains motionless in its place. It is instinct (desire) which causes the animal to change its place. Instincts, too, are served by the form of the animal. Its organs and limbs are fashioned in accordance with these instincts. The form of the stone is not fashioned

in accordance with desires, but in accordance with desireless force (pp. 50-1).

By observing the animal and the crystal alternately, with rapt attention, distinct feelings will arise. In the mediation regarding the blooming plant and decaying matter, the feelings evoked are described as being akin to a sunrise and a moonrise. With the meditation involving the animal and crystal, the feelings that arise are akin to those observed through the observation of certain colors. The feeling that is observed by the student when focusing on the crystal is akin to the color blue, while the observation of the animal evokes the color red. We often in life talk of feelings that are evoked by color- yellow is a warm color, blue is cool, red often is used to denote anger. There is truth to these observations. If the student intensely observes different colors, if all other thoughts and feelings are excluded, and a high level of focus and intensity is applied, the observation of various colors will elicit different feelings in the soul. The observation of the plant in this exercise will evoke a feeling that lies between that of the animal and the crystal. House pets work well for this exercise, as does the observation of animals in a natural setting (squirrels, birds, cows, horses, etc.). I have also conducted this exercise using fish in an aquarium. The observation of animals on a computer screen or television will prove to be utterly ineffective. The student must work with what can be observed in her or his own environment, and if this means that, for example, a housefly is the only animal that is available for this exercise, then this should be used.

Earlier in this book, it was mentioned that ‘proof’ of the existence of a spiritual world so often demanded by those who are materialistic in their thinking is, of course, not possible. The materialistic thinker asks for physical proofs of that which has no physicality, namely the existence of spiritual beings and spiritual experience itself. With these meditations, the observation of feelings evoked by these exercises can furnish the student with evidence of something that exists beyond the physical realm. It is the feeling life that is first developed when the spiritual organs of perception are worked upon, and if these meditative exercises are performed correctly, without interfering thoughts and images, then these feelings will undoubtedly arise. Also, when these exercises are performed correctly, the student’s dream life will also change- dreams will become more frequent, more intense, and the student will often experience lucid dreaming, where we are aware that we are dreaming, and can influence the events in the dream itself. Direct spiritual vision only comes later. Where we wish to weigh and measure in the physical world, our life of feeling on our path to the spirit is not only an essential part of our development, but also can give us a surety that we are indeed on the right path. Any person who with sincerity and focus attempts these exercises, will, over time, develop distinct feelings through these preparatory meditations.

Where the mediation of blooming and decaying plant matter develops the perception of spiritual forms, the meditation of the animal and crystal develops further our

ability to see into the spiritual world. Steiner describes it as follows:

The organs thus formed are spiritual eyes. The student gradually learns, by their means, to see something like soul and spirit colors. The spiritual world with its lines and figures remains dark as long as he has only attained what has been described as preparation; through enlightenment this world becomes light (p. 52).

It should also be noted that the feelings evoked by this meditation should not be mistaken to be the perception of what we see as colors on the physical world. The perception of color through the eyes is a perception in the physical world. In the mediation just described, there is no perception of color through the physical eye; it must be borne in mind that the experience of color by the soul is what is here meant. This also applies to the final preparatory mediation that will now be described.

In this meditation, the observation of a seed and a plant takes place. The student places a seed and a plant in front of him/herself for observation. Steiner states:

Out of the seed, if planted in the soil, a plant of complex structure will grow. Let him build up this plant in his imagination, and reflect as follows: What I am now picturing to myself in my imagination will later on be enticed from the seed by the forces of earth and light. If I had before me an artificial object which imitated the seed to such a deceptive degree that my eyes could not distinguish it from a real seed, no forces of earth or light could avail to produce from it a plant.... All that will

ultimately grow out of the seed is now secretly enfolded within it as the force of the whole plant....The real seed, therefore, contains something invisible which is not present in the imitation (pp. 60-1).

The student then observes a healthy, vigorous plant. In the observation of the plant, the student thinks (from Steiner):

Now let him fill his mind with the thought that the time will come when this plant will wither and die. 'Nothing will be left of what I now see before me. But this plant will have developed seed, which in their turn, will develop into new plants. I again become aware that in what I see, something lies hidden which I cannot see. I fill my mind entirely with the thought: this plant, with its form and colors, will in time be no more. But the reflection that it produces seeds teaches me that it will not disappear into nothing. I cannot at present see with my eyes that which guards it from disappearance, any more than I preciously could discern the plant in the grain of the seed. Thus, there is something in the plant which my eyes cannot see. If I let this thought live within me, and if the corresponding feeling be coupled with it, then in due time, there will again develop in my soul a force which will ripen into a new perception (pp. 64-5).

The seed will appear enveloped in a small luminous cloud, and will be experienced as a kind of spirit flame, the center of which evokes the impression of the color lilac, and the edges the color blue. The plant will also be enveloped in a spiritual cloud-flame, correspondingly larger, which will evoke the impression of a greenish-blue color at the center, and a yellowish-red on the edges.

Again, these are not colors that will be experienced by the physical eye, but are the corresponding spiritual experience of these colors that lives in the soul. When this exercise is conducted correctly, a feeling will arise as to the true nature of birth and death, where once birth and death was thought of as a start and end point in existence, it is now experienced that birth and death are merely transitions of consciousness and vantage points from either existence in the spiritual or physical world.

This now concludes the preliminary exercises given by Steiner in *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and its Attainment*. To this it must be again emphasized that the control of thoughts and feelings must occur concurrently with the practice of these meditative exercises. This control of thoughts and feelings also implies that the thoughts and feelings that are to be allowed to pass through the soul are those of a moral character. Thoughts and feelings of kindness, love, sympathy, fidelity, and compassion are what is meant here. To this must be added the development of a positive attitude. Seeing the world in a positive light, approaching all of the tasks that present themselves to our daily life, no matter how pedestrian, with a positive attitude is essential on the path to higher knowledge. All of this can be summed up in the golden rule of spiritual development given in *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds*: 'For every step that you take in the pursuit of higher knowledge, take three steps in the perfection of your own character' (p.69). Negative thoughts and a negative attitude poison the waters of our soul, and cripple any efforts that we may take in developing ourselves spiritually. The golden rule

indicates that the first and most important step in spiritual development is the improvement of our own character.

The mediations that have been given up to this point are preparatory in that they form the spiritual organs of perception and also give the student a positive and moral disposition, without which, no spiritual progress can be made. What will now be discussed is a different form of meditation called Imaginative meditation (the process of developing imaginative clairvoyance will now be designated as Imagination with a capital 'I', distinguishing it from the lower process of creative imagination, where human creativity in the physical world is meant). Where the preparatory meditations form the spiritual organs, Imaginative meditations provide the content of spiritual perception. They are the link to beholding spiritual events and beings. To understand this, it is instructive to first look at how the ancient clairvoyance of humanity functioned. In the human being who lived on the earth in ancient Indian or Persian times, thousands of years ago, the connection between the ego and the astral, etheric, and physical bodies of the human being was much closer. Steiner describes this in his cycle of lectures titled *'Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy'*²⁶:

²⁶ *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy*, Rudolf Steiner Press, London, (seventeen lectures given in Dornach, Switzerland April 2-June 5, 1921). Copyright 1987. Available online at:

... in that age he [the ancient human being] was more intimately connected with his physical body, his etheric, and astral bodies than he is today. When he woke up in the morning, he submerged with his ego and astral body into his physical and etheric bodies. A close connection developed between his ego and astral body and his etheric body and physical corporeality. And he not only dwelled in his physical body, he also lived in the forces that worked within the latter' (p.158).

This closer connection that the ego of the ancient had with their other sheaths allowed for a spiritual experience through, and facilitated by, the physical body. All that exists in the physical world is the result of the active working of spiritual beings. The mineral world and natural world are filled with elemental beings that allow for the growth and decay of plants to take place. Steiner describes in his beautiful series of lectures titled '*Man as Symphony of the Creative Word*²⁷' how spiritual beings are the creators of all that exists in the plant world. The roots of the plant are formed and developed by elemental mineral beings called gnomes, the leaves and stem of plants are developed by elemental water beings called undines, flower and blossom by elemental air beings called sylphs, and seeds are formed by fire beings called esoterically salamanders. With the closer connection the ancient had with his physical body, the spirituality that

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lived in the physical world was experienced automatically, just as when today we open our physical eyes, we cannot but help to see the physical world around us. The ancient could therefore see the spiritual beings in the natural world, as well as the minerals, plants and animals that these spiritual beings occupy and create. Steiner gave the following example:

Assume that such an ancient clairvoyant ate a plum; this plum contains etheric forces. If a person eats a plum today, he is not aware of what goes on within this plum. The ancient clairvoyant ate a plum; it was then in his stomach, was digested, and he experienced how the etheric forces in the plum passed over into his body. He cosmically participated in this experience (p. 158).

For the ancient, the denial of the existence of the spiritual world would be akin to a person of today whose eyes functioned normally denying the existence of a plant or stone in front of them. The ancient also felt spiritual forces in the air, water and in the rays of the sun and stars- felt the entire cosmos filled with spiritual beings and forces. How is it now that we no longer have this ancient clairvoyance, and how has this affected the human being of today? As has been discussed, ancient humanity had no sense of self, was not able to understand the concept of being an individual, of calling oneself 'I'. This change into having a sense of self came about gradually, and the concept of the citizen of the state in Greek and Roman culture is a reflection of this change taking place in the human being. The process that brought about this change in human consciousness was

the loosening of the connection that the ego had with the physical and etheric bodies of the human being. Through this loosened connection, the ego or I of the human being no longer felt the spiritual forces that coursed through the physical world. This process was planned and carried out by higher spiritual beings to ultimately make the human being free. As long as the human being lived in the spiritual world, the development of individual identity could not take place. Let us say, as a simple analogy, we make a vegetable soup. We cut up carrots, tomatoes, potatoes to make the soup. When we look at the totality of the soup, we do not look at its individual ingredients, we simply collectively call it 'soup'. If we then take a small piece of carrot from the soup, we stop calling that individual carrot soup, we call it a carrot. In the same way, by taking the human being out of his immersion in the spiritual world, the individual as separate from the cosmos comes about. In exchange for this sense of self, the human being loses its spirituality and no longer perceives the spiritual world and its beings. The result of this is the intellectual development of humanity that has brought about the great inventions and discoveries of industry, technology and science over the last several centuries. The great irony of this is that the act of separating the ego from the other sheaths of the human being must be viewed as making the human being more spiritual. Through this separation the human being now lives almost completely in the intellectual realm. It is a great illusion to believe that our thoughts are somehow generated in our brain by the firing of synapses between neurons. Thoughts are completely spiritual in nature and pour into us from the spiritual world. The brain is simply

the way in which these thoughts are transmitted to our ego, where we can there perceive them. Thus, through this separation of the ego from the other bodily sheaths we live more completely in the spiritual world with our ego, but do not realize it. The great irony of this spirituality is the notion that the spiritual world does not exist. Steiner describes it this way in *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy*:

Why have we developed materialism? And why did ancient humanity not have materialism? The ancients did not have it because they dwelt within the matter of the body; modern men have materialism because they dwell only in the spirit, because they are completely free of a cosmic connection to their [physical] body. Materialism actually comes about because the human being became spiritual, but spiritual in a rarified manner (p. 162).

The human being today no longer sees or feels the spirituality in matter because the ego has been loosened from the physical body, and without this perception of the spirit in matter, the materialistic view of the world we have today has evolved. The question now arises as to how the humanity of today can find its way back to the spiritual world as an individual within the spiritual world. This would equate to, in the simple soup analogy, of the carrot returning to the soup, but now with full knowledge of its being a carrot within the soup. The preparatory exercises develop the spiritual organs of perception, but the process of Imaginative meditation can be described as that of giving light and direction for these organs of perception to behold the spiritual world.

Humanity cannot return to the old atavistic or instinctive clairvoyance of the ancient, where spiritual perception came through the physical body. In the far distant future, the physical body will fall away, and we will gain a higher member of our being, above the ego. At this point, humanity will enter into its angelic stage. Buddha is the prototype for this future evolution of humanity-the being of Buddha no longer needs to incarnate in a physical body, and works in humanity through the astral body, pouring beneficial impulses into receptive souls on the earth. Just as the individual human being has undergone many incarnations, so too does the earth go through incarnations. There have been three previous incarnations of the earth, called esoterically ancient Saturn, ancient Sun, and ancient Moon.

The present earth incarnation stands in the middle of these incarnations, and there will be three subsequent incarnations of the earth esoterically called Jupiter, Venus, and finally Vulcan. As the human being dies and enters the spiritual world after an earthly life and prepares for a subsequent incarnation, so too will the earth experience a sort of death, a disillusionment where it goes through a spiritual resting stage known as a pralaya, after which it again becomes active in a new and evolved form. Humanity will enter its angelic stage on the future incarnation of the earth known esoterically as Jupiter. It would go beyond the scope of this book to enter into a detailed description of the spiritual history of the earth and the human being, and to develop this understanding should be considered, for the student, an essential task. This spiritual history of the earth and the

human being can be found in the fundamental anthroposophical book by Rudolf Steiner *An Outline of Occult Science*²⁸ and also in his lecture series titled *The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World; Reality and Illusion*²⁹ (referred to henceforth as *The Spiritual Hierarchies*). It is only mentioned here to illuminate why the human being cannot go back to its former atavistic stage of clairvoyance. To do so humanity would lose its sense of self, and in the process, the development of true freedom, an essential task allotted to humanity.

The future development of clairvoyance for the human being lies in the process of developing Imaginative clairvoyance. In *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy* Steiner states the following:

People have to now work their way anew into the spiritual world. The possibility distinctly exists for them to look into this spiritual world. What people earlier had attained from their physical and etheric bodies as well as from their astral body in regard to an instinctive view of the cosmos can be attained again today (lecture 9, p.166).

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²⁹ The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World (ten lectures in Düsseldorf, April 12-18); Reality and Illusion (five lectures in Berlin October 31-December 5, 1911) Anthroposophic Press, 1996.

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This is achieved through Imaginative clairvoyance where spiritual content is taken in through the intellect and then this content is formed into Imaginative pictures. Anthroposophy is filled with spiritual content that can be formed into these imaginative pictures. For example, the various incarnations of the earth and the spiritual beings and processes involved in these former earth incarnations, given in *The Spiritual Hierarchies* form excellent content for developing Imaginative clairvoyance. The essential point in developing these Imaginations is that they have no connection to the physical world. I can, for example, form a vivid image of a tiger in my imagination, and even though I have never seen a real tiger, I know that they exist in the physical world. This type of imagining, based on something material, does not aid in the development of Imaginative clairvoyance, which shines a light, so to speak, into the spiritual world so that spiritual beings and events can be perceived by the spiritual organs formed by the preparatory exercises. Only by developing Imaginations that are direct spiritual truths and realities in the spiritual world, with no corresponding physical reality, can we develop true Imaginative sight into the spiritual world. When we think and form images here in the physical world, most believe that these thoughts and images are our own private concern, invisible to those around us. This is not the case in the spiritual world.

In the spiritual world, we discover that thoughts are as real as physical objects in the physical world. If we have negative thoughts about another human being, these thoughts act in the same way as if we were to strike that

human being in the physical world. Negative thoughts act destructively in the spiritual world and positive, loving and compassionate thoughts help to build our spiritual organs and create harmony in the spiritual world. Even though we may believe that our thoughts carry no impact beyond our own being, this is not so. If we harbour negative thoughts and emotions about someone in our life, we not only hamper our own spiritual development, but the astral body of the one to whom we direct these thoughts is also negatively affected. Even if that person is thousands of miles away, these thoughts and emotions immediately find their way into the astral body of the person in question, and these negative emotions are sensed in the astral body of the one to whom they are directed, and create an atmosphere where these negative emotions are then reciprocated and sent back into our own astral body.

This creates a cycle of negative emotion that can result in a deep hatred and loathing for our fellow human beings that is very difficult to break. These negative and hateful thoughts cripple our own spiritual development. Steiner tells us in *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds* that it is just as harmful to have hateful thoughts and feelings towards our fellow human being as it is to physically strike our fellow human being. This point has been alluded to already, but it cannot be repeated often enough that any meditative exercise, whether it be a preparatory exercise or one of Imaginative meditation will not be successful in a soul filled with negative and fearful emotions. Having said this, the process of Imaginative meditation can now be discussed.

When we first create a thought that is a spiritual reality, but has no corresponding physical component, we develop spiritual forces within us. In *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy* Steiner states the following:

Assume that you are reading something like 'An Outline of Occult Science'. Imagine that you try to place yourself into these descriptions with your ordinary intellect. You take it in with the intellect, which is only linked to the isolated human body. But you do take something in that you could not receive through this intellect, since throughout the past few centuries this intellect did not comprehend itself. Now you take something in that is incomprehensible on the basis of those concepts that the intellect derives from the external sense world. It does become comprehensible, however, when the intellect on its own makes the effort to understand it, initially neither agreeing or disagreeing but only comprehending. After all, the effort is on understanding these things. Initially, you need simply understand them, if you do, then you create something with the insight the ego has gained that extends into the night. Then, during the night, you no longer remain dull as is the case with the merely intellectual attitude towards the world; then, from the time of falling asleep until waking up, you dwell in a different content in the delicately filtered spirituality. Then, you awaken and find that the possibility has been added- small though it is each time- of inwardly acquiring what you have struggled to understand intellectually. With each passing night, every time we sleep, something of an inner relationship is added, we acquire an inward connection. Each time, upon falling asleep, we bear the after effect of our daytime comprehension with us into

the world beyond corporeality. In this way, we acquire a relationship to the spiritual world, a relationship completely out of [physical] reality... For it is only when we turn to Imagination that this spirituality receives its first content (lecture IX pp. 167-8).

The human being, in ancient times, was able, through receiving spiritual impulses directly through the physical body, to carry these spiritual impulses into the spiritual world during sleep, and through this process perceive content from the spiritual world. This is no longer possible through the loosening of the ego from the etheric and physical bodies that has occurred over the last millennium. This process has now been replaced by that of Imagination. Imagination begins with taking, as Steiner mentions above, spiritual content that has no corresponding physical reality. Let us create a concrete example. The description that will here be developed into an Imagination is taken from *The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World, Reality and Illusion*³⁰ which gives a more detailed account of ancient Saturn.

Ancient Saturn was created by the Godhead as the first embodiment of the earth. Mighty spiritual beings of the first hierarchy were impulsed by God to create ancient Saturn. This creation takes place through the creative Word. In the prologue of the Gospel of Saint John we read:

³⁰ The description here given can be found in lecture one of part two of this lecture series (lecture date October 31, 1911).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made (John 1:1-3).

In these mighty words we can understand the power of the Word in the spiritual world. God sends out to the first hierarchy the Word, which in this case gives the beings of the first hierarchy the impulse to create ancient Saturn. These beings are truly mighty, enormously powerful and magnificent, and gaze directly on and receive instruction from the Godhead. The Imagination of the Godhead can be that which we are given in the *Book of Revelation* (Ch. 4; vs 2-6):

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and sardine stone: and there was a rainbow around the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto a crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and about the throne were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

To this can also be added the description of the beasts in verses seven through nine. This description of the Godhead is in itself an Imagination which we can use to

develop spiritual content and awaken our slumbering spiritual organs. We now form this image as powerfully as we can in our soul. From this Godhead proceeds the Word of God to create ancient Saturn, where the first beginnings of the human being are created. This mighty Word is received by the Seraphim, highest of all spiritual beings outside of the Godhead³¹. The Seraphim then pass the Word onto the Cherubim and Thrones, the two other ranks of spiritual beings that form the first hierarchy. The Thrones then kneel as in prayer before the Cherubim and sacrifice their will substance to the Cherubim, which can be Imagined as a kind of smoke rising from the kneeling Thrones received by the Cherubim. From this smoke is created a great warmth, and also the first beings of the third hierarchy, known as Archai. The Archai then create

³¹ The spiritual hierarchies are those that are described in the Bible and in other religions. There are three hierarchies, each hierarchy containing three ranks of being. The beings of these hierarchies are as follows, starting from the most powerful and closest to the Godhead: First Hierarchy- Seraphim (spirits of love), Cherubim (spirits of harmony), Thrones (spirits of will). Second Hierarchy: Dominions (spirits of wisdom, also known anthroposophically as Kyriotetes), Virtues or Might (spirits of movement, also known anthroposophically as Dynamis), Powers or Elohim (spirits of form). Third hierarchy: Principalities (spirits of time also known as Archai), Archangels (beings who create space and govern cultural ages), Angels (beings closest to the human being who protect and guide us). The human being is the first being of the fourth hierarchy, designated as the hierarchy of freedom and love. Our development will be complete after the seven incarnations of the earth.

time. The first embodiment, or incarnation of earth then occurs. A great globe of warmth is created, which as yet only has the element of time within it. The element of space is created in the next incarnation of the earth, known as ancient Sun. Within this body of warmth is contained the first seeds of the human physical body, as yet containing no materiality. Here we have created, first with our thoughts and then our imagination, an Imagination that will bring us into the realm of the spiritual world. In *The Spiritual Hierarchies* Steiner says the following³²:

The Thrones or Spirits of Will kneel before the Cherubim with complete devotion that arises not out of a feeling of insignificance but out of the consciousness that they have something that they can sacrifice. The Thrones in this willingness to sacrifice, which is based upon strength and courage, kneel before the Cherubim and offer up their sacrifice to them. The Thrones send the sacrifice up as effervescent warmth, flaming warmth, so that the smoke from the fire of sacrifice blazes upward to the winged Cherubim! So may we picture this reality. And now, arising from this sacrifice, as if we were speaking a word into the air and this word were time, but time as beings- from the totality of these occurrences – the Spirits of Time or Archai emerge. This sending forth of the Archai is a powerful

³² *The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World; Reality and Illusion*, ten lectures in Dusseldorf, April 12-18, 1909; Five lectures in Berlin, October 31- December 5, 1911. Anthroposophic Press, 1996. Also available online at https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA110/English/APC1928/SpiHie_index.html

image. And this image, placed before our soul, is extremely potent for certain Imaginations that can bring us ever deeper into the realm of hidden knowledge.

This transformation of the ideas we receive into Imaginations, pictures, is what we must accomplish. Even if the pictures we make are primitive, even if they are anthropomorphic, even if these beings we try to portray look like winged persons- that is beside the point. It doesn't matter. Whatever needs to be added to our efforts will eventually be given to us. What our Imaginations should not have will disappear. If we simply allow ourselves to be immersed in such pictures, that activity itself will actually guide us to such beings (p. 180).

This is how Imaginative meditation works. During the process of Imagination, the student should not intellectualize on the meaning of the Imagination that is created. It is best to simply allow the Imagination to develop, and then to hold it in the soul, without any other thoughts or images entering. The Imagination is then ended, and the student completely empties the soul of all content for a time. When this is done, spiritual content can enter. We, at first, may not perceive that anything has happened in the course of this meditation, but when we go to sleep, we then bring the spiritual world closer to us. For when we form Imaginations of this type, which have a corresponding spiritual reality, and no correspondence in the physical world, spiritual beings *perceive* our Imaginations. From the spiritual world it is as if from out of a great desert, where nothing exists, from the barrenness of our materialistic soul, a great oasis arises

filled with gardens teeming with life and meaning. Spiritual beings immediately perceive this Imagination as something through which they can work and connect with us. This is the way of modern Initiation, of the modern path of perceiving the spiritual world again. Steiner states in *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy* 'For it is only when we turn to Imagination that this spirituality receives its first content. This spirituality, which is filtered to the extreme, must first receive its content' (p.168). The Imagination here developed can be continued through the other incarnations of the earth, namely those of ancient Sun and Moon, and then to the incarnation of the earth itself, where we read at the end of Prologue of the Gospel of St. John: 'And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14). Here, the Word, this mighty power that has created us and the earth and our solar system- the Being of Christ as part of the Godhead- now makes His abode within the human body of Jesus.

We first form our spiritual organs through the preparatory exercises described above and found in full detail in *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and its Attainment*. To this is then added the practice of forming Imaginations. It is not necessary that the process of preparation be completed before that of developing Imaginations can begin. It is actually beneficial for both of these spiritual processes that they are carried out concurrently, as is convenient for the schedule of the student. We can now understand the complete futility of

the notion of asking for spiritual proofs in terms of the physical, material world. It is *because* the process of Imagination has only a spiritual reality that it can work effectively in our soul and bring us to perceive the spiritual world again. It must also be strongly emphasized that patience must be exercised with regards to all spiritual development. The foregoing examples of meditative exercises will beneficially affect all who undertake them, so long as work to develop the self morally and ethically as described, constantly takes place. Where one student may see spiritual results very quickly, for most, this process will be slow, taking many years, perhaps a lifetime, of hard and determined work. This must not discourage the student, and it must be borne in mind that the practice of these meditative exercises not only helps us to develop into a more perfect being of love and compassion with insight into the spiritual world, but that developing an esoteric life benefits all of humanity.

It must also be mentioned that the meditative exercises and practices of the student need only be performed for a short time each day. If only fifteen minutes each morning and evening is available, then this will suffice, provided that these short periods of time are used effectively, and that the will is fully engaged, not allowing thoughts unrelated to the meditations chosen to interfere. When this meditative practice is undertaken each morning and evening, the daily tasks of life will be more easily borne and carried out. An effective meditative life will strengthen our ability to carry out all other needs and requirements of our daily life. No meditative practice should result in altering the outer necessities of life- work,

family life or even recreational time. To cloister oneself away from humanity and pursue a spiritual life is today counterproductive. We are meant, in this current age, to be fully integrated into the life and culture of the society in which we live. No one in our life with whom we have regular relations need to know of any change that we are going through due to our taking up of an esoteric life. This is not to say that we cannot talk of spiritual concepts and of the content of anthroposophy, but we should not become preachers of the spiritual life, particularly to those who may be hostile to such concepts. Through the development of our esoteric life, those who are meant to learn from us will be drawn to us by the subtle changes that we are undergoing, which will be perceived in the subconscious of those around us.

Even though our actual meditations only occur for a short period of time each morning and evening, the student of the spirit should put aside a period of time several times each week, where spiritual knowledge can be gained through the reading of books and lectures by Rudolf Steiner, through reading the Bible, or from any other spiritual literature which reflects the true spiritual nature of the world. The control of thought life should, however, be practiced by the student of the spirit throughout the course of the day. The ability to control our thoughts and allow only those into our consciousness which we ourselves permit, although very difficult for long periods of time, should be practiced constantly. In relation to the effect that an uncontrolled life of thought has on the

elemental world around us Steiner stated the following in *True and False Paths in Spiritual Investigation*³³:

If we wish to enter even the first of the spiritual spheres that border on our own world the intellect must be silenced. It is an organ that interferes with higher perception...If we silence the intellect and experience the world again through our senses, we then perceive everything in the form of imaginations... Our peripheral organs, such as the eye and the ear, are continuously in touch with the world of the Elements and still perceive the dead years after their death. The perception of this world is lost, because our intellect intervenes. p. 102

By developing ourselves esoterically in the way described by Steiner, and here only sketched in brief, a portal from the spiritual world to the earth is opened, allowing beneficial spiritual beings access to the earthly realm, where they can battle against Ahriman and his evil influences. Helping all of humanity in this way must be considered as more important than the benefits the meditative path provides for the individual student. How this is so will be discussed in the following and final chapter of this book.

³³True and False Paths in Spiritual Investigation. Eleven Lectures given in Torquay, Devon. Rudolf Steiner. 11-22 August 1924. Rudolf Steiner Press, 1969. Also available online at:
https://rsarchive.org/Lectures/GA110/English/APC1928/SpiHie_index.html

CHAPTER FIVE- THE SALVATION OF THE HUAMAN RACE AND THE APOCALYPSE OF ST. JOHN

In the previous chapter the way by which the individual human being can again perceive the spiritual world was described. To develop a spiritual life in the way outlined by Rudolf Steiner and as defined in this book, is the greatest and most important task a human being can undertake today. A great doctor may find a cure to disease, a scientist may develop technologies that truly help the world, but now, with the opening of the gates of the spiritual world, and the completely free reign that Ahriman has been given, no task is more urgent than that of allowing beneficial spiritual beings and forces to work in the earthly realm. This is done through the development of meditative practices correct for the age in which we now live. It was previously discussed how the powers that oppose the proper development of the human being work unconsciously in the souls of countless human beings on earth. Those who are materialistic in their thinking, believing that nothing beyond the physical-material realm exists are most easily influenced by Ahriman and his hosts. It is in the materialistic soul, completely unaware of and in denial of the spiritual world, through which Ahriman is able to work most freely. The destiny of the human being is to become the hierarchy of freedom and love, but an act of love cannot be done without the conscious freedom to carry out this act. Because of this, the archangel-archai being Michael and his hosts, who work for the freedom of the human being, who wish that the human being not suffer, who want true meaning and true happiness for

humanity - these beings cannot work in the human being without each individual human being consciously allowing these beneficent beings access to their souls through the spiritual path here described. It is the great task of this age- to unite again with the spiritual world, and the longer that this does not occur in a large number of human beings, the greater will be the suffering and destitution that will befall the human race. Steiner states ominously in *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy*:

It becomes evident, for example, in such books as my Theosophy or An Outline of Occult Science that the attempt is always made to change modern thinking so that thinking can be aroused to Imagination, hence, to life. Otherwise, humanity would be laid waste completely.... This is indeed the profound and fateful challenge for modern civilization, namely, that we should realize that, on the one hand, thinking tends to become a shadowy element into which human beings increasingly withdraw, and that, on the other hand, what passes over into the will actually turns only into a form of surrender to human instincts. The less thinking is capable of Imagination, the more will the full interest of what lives outside in society be abandoned to the instincts (p. 181).

When the human soul abandons itself to instincts, it becomes less human and more animal in nature. Fear, anger, lust, and aggression are passions that will overcome the unprepared soul as Ahriman, the great dragon described in *The Apocalypse of Saint John*, who was cast to the earth at the end of the nineteenth century, ravages the world. It is only through acquiring true

spiritual knowledge given by Rudolf Steiner in the content of Anthroposophy, and then using this knowledge to develop oneself spiritually and meditatively, that the forces of evil that are so clearly working in the world can be opposed and conquered. Here we come full circle, and can look again with true spiritual knowledge at the events that are unfolding in our time, and understand the dangers that are inherent in these events.

At the beginning of this book, an historical outline of the recent events that has brought us to the point at which we now stand was briefly given. This outline looked at what was happening from the vantage point of the physical plane. We can now look at these same events from the vantage point of the spiritual world. Seen from the spiritual world, the Covid-19 event is revealed in its true purpose- to create fear and division in humanity. Fear and hatred are spiritual nutrition for Ahriman and his hosts, while love and courage are spiritual nutrition for Michael and his hosts. Ahriman, through creating fear and hatred strengthens his hold on human beings, and drives the human race into the abyss, where we will be engulfed by savagery and barbarity. The lockdowns, forced vaccinations, vaccine passports, and economic turmoil that have pitted human beings against one another and created such an intense level of fear are not arbitrary in nature- they have been planned to carefully create the conditions in which we now find ourselves. Among these elites, there is a small group that knows of the spiritual world, and those in this small group work consciously to bring Ahriman's influences into the world.

They are also aware that Ahriman will incarnate in a human body, and work to create conditions on earth that will be most favourable to this incarnation. These individuals consciously know that they are bringing evil into the world, and they embrace evil and deliberately serve Ahriman and help to fulfil his goals. These few individuals belong to secret societies and cults, referred to by Steiner as brotherhoods of the left, where they perform black magic rituals, using and enslaving the souls of the dead who have lived a materialistic life with no spiritual thoughts or feelings. These dead who have crossed the threshold with no spirituality, are used to increase the influence of these brotherhoods over large populations of the world. In his lectures on the subject of evil secret brotherhoods Steiner states the following:

For you know that since 1879 mankind has been living in a very special spiritual situation. Quite particularly powerful spirits of darkness were then cast down from the spiritual world into the human realm, and those persons who in a wrongful way keep secrets connected with this event in the possession of their small groups are able to bring about everything possible by this means.³⁴

³⁴ The following lengthy quotes referring to the work of evil secret brotherhoods are from three lectures that Steiner gave on the subject in Dornach, Switzerland from November 18-25, 1917. These lectures are printed in the book *The Wrong and Right Use of Esoteric Knowledge*. (GA 178). The importance of this information requires that the direct quotes from Steiner need to be given, in full.

The event that Steiner is referring to is the war in heaven spoken of in the *Book of Revelation*. The Biblical passage is as follows:

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought against his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice ye in heaven, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great power and wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev: ch. 7-12.

This is the true reality of the times in which we are now living. The dark turn that many western countries have taken since 2020 emanates from the influence of thousands of demonic beings that have been cast down from the spiritual world into the earthly realm. They have been working nefariously on earth since 1879, and their influence can be seen in both of the world wars, and in the

Available online at: [178. The Wrong and Right Use of Esoteric Knowledge - Rudolf Steiner Archive](#)

gradual materialistic view of the world, which rejects Christianity and true spirituality, and promotes a Darwinistic world view. Souls bereft of spirituality are much easier targets for evil spiritual beings, and we are now at a point in history where these brotherhoods feel that the time is ripe for them unfold their intentions in a much more forcible and direct way. This is the true source and inspiration of the so-called pandemic, which must be viewed as the opening salvo in what will be ever more sinister and violent events as these brotherhoods, inspired by evil spiritual beings, attempt to achieve their goals.

The vast majority of the elite and powerful who are materialistic in nature are not aware of these secret brotherhoods of evil, but the few who are members of these brotherhoods greatly magnify and increase the influence that Ahriman [known in the Bible as the spiritual being Satan] and his evil hosts wield in the world. It is a spiritual law that when the opportunity for true, virtuous spiritual development occurs, there is placed before this opportunity its opposite- that evil can also take hold in society. This explains the apparent irony that as the age of Kali Yuga ended, (in 1879), and the opportunity for humanity to once again perceive and actively participate in the affairs of the spiritual world, there occurred at the same time, the expulsion of a host of evil spiritual beings from the spiritual world to the earth where these beings will, with all of the forces available to them, try to prevent this spiritual event from occurring. Hence it must be understood that the evil forces which are now everywhere around us and are

threatening our freedom and well-being are countered by the opportunity of developing ourselves spiritually for the good of all of humanity and the spiritual world.

Regarding the activity of these evil spiritual beings Steiner states the following in relation to the dead:

For we must be clear about this: the spiritual threads between the dead and those of us who were close to them are not severed after death; they remain and are indeed much more intimate than they were during life...You can be sure that anyone who has been really initiated into the spiritual world will never succumb to the foolishness of believing only in matter. But there are many who have a certain interest in spreading materialism and try by all sorts of means to ensure that the majority of men will believe only in materialism and will live wholly under its influence. And there are brotherhoods led by initiates who have this interest...What then are the aims of these initiates, who in reality know very well that the human soul is a purely spiritual entity, independent of the body, and nevertheless cherish and cultivate a materialistic outlook in other people? What they want is that the largest possible number of souls should absorb only materialistic ideas between birth and death. Thus, these souls are made ready to linger on in the earth-sphere, to be held back there. And now observe that there are brotherhoods which are equipped to know all about this. These brotherhoods prepare certain human souls to remain after death in the realm of the material; then they arrange things- and this is quite possible for their infamous power- so that these souls come under the aegis of their brotherhood, and from this

the brotherhood gains enormous strength... These brotherhoods build up a sort of clientele of souls from among the dead who remain in the earth sphere. These souls have in them certain forces which can be guided in the most varied ways, and by this means it is possible to achieve quite special opportunities for exercising power over those who are not initiated into these things...the intention of these initiates is that men should be led farther and farther into materialism... (ibid, lec. 1, pp. 16-17.

What is here described by Steiner is the interface of evil spiritual beings who have been roaming the earth and interfering in the affairs of humanity for over a century, with active and conscious human beings who desire to interact with these evil spiritual beings. These human beings, these evil initiates of the left, are fully aware of the spiritual world and its workings, and they actively and consciously chose the path of evil. A special and tragic outcome awaits these souls upon their death- they will live in torment and terrible isolation upon their entry into the spiritual world. This is the Manichean truth of the world, namely that morality and goodness cannot develop and strengthen, or even exist at all, without evil as a counter balance. What is light without darkness? What is warmth without cold? It cannot be emphasized enough that those who actively or unconsciously fall into evil should not be despised and hated, but that they should instead be pitied, for though it may seem that these souls with all their wealth and power should be excoriated for their decadence cruelty, they in truth will suffer greatly when their impoverished, desiccated souls enter the spiritual world after death.

But what is the ultimate goal of these brotherhoods who work in the service of these demonic beings? Is it simply to create materialistic souls that have no spiritual understanding of the true nature of the world? This is a major goal of the activity of these brotherhoods of the left, but it is not the ultimate aim that they wish to achieve- it is but a tool to be used in reaching their ultimate goal. And what is this goal? From Steiner:

Indeed, the aim of those brotherhoods I have spoken of, who wish to confine human souls in the material realm, is that the Christ should pass by unobserved in the twentieth century; that His coming as an etheric individuality should not be noticed by men...These brotherhoods want to take over the Christ's sphere of influence, which should spread more and more widely during the twentieth century, for another being (whom we will later speak of more precisely). There are Western brotherhoods who want to dispute the impulse of the Christ and set in his place another individuality who has never appeared in the flesh- an etheric individuality, but a strongly Ahrimanic one. All these methods I have told you about, this working with the dead and so on, have finally one single purpose- to lead people away from the Christ who has passed through the Mystery of Golgotha, and to assign to another being dominion over the earth (ibid. pp. 21-22).

The being that he speaks of in the foregoing quote, who wishes to incarnate in a human body is the mighty being of evil Ahriman, spoken of so frequently in these pages (see pp 72-72 for a detailed description of this being). Steiner spoke in great detail of the incarnation of

Ahriman in 1919, two years after these lectures pertaining to the activity of occult brotherhoods here discussed were given. Thus, we come to the ultimate goal of these brotherhoods of the left- to render the event of the return of the being of Christ as a spiritual, etheric entity unnoticed. It is only through an understanding of the return of Christ in the etheric realm, which overlaps, surrounds, and supports our physical realm, that we can progress and evolve in the way proper to the times in which we live. If this event were to pass humanity unnoticed, the results would be catastrophic indeed. It is only through the being of Christ that the slumbering organs of the human being can again be re-opened. As has been stated, humanity will again cross the threshold onto the spiritual world again, but to do so unprepared, with a materialistic, unspiritual view of the world would suit the goals of Ahriman precisely and would cast the human race into complete decadence and a decline into untold suffering and calamity. To understand the true return of Christ in the spiritual world and its significance is the most important event that has occurred on earth since the physical appearance and crucifixion of Christ. Up to this point we have discussed the activity of the western occult brotherhoods of the left, but to these evil brotherhoods must be added the activity of evil brotherhoods whose location and activity are located in the far east, chiefly in India and Tibet.

Where the western brotherhoods of the left wish to replace the return of the being of Christ as a spiritual event with the incarnation of Ahriman in a physical body, the brotherhoods of the east wish that the event of the

return of the Christ in the spiritual world to simply pass by unnoticed. The process by which this goal is to be achieved also involves the dead, but in a somewhat different manner. A very brief sketch has been given in this book regarding the different spiritual sheaths of the human being and their function in the human being and in the different realms of the earth (mineral, plant, animal, human-see pp. 79-81). The etheric body is that body which gives life on earth. The plant lives because the minerals, water and other elements of the earth are organized into a living organism by the etheric body of the plant, which is sustained by numerous elemental beings on earth that harness the power of the sun to create the complex structures of plants. This is the case for all living things, be it plant, animal, or human. Death occurs when the etheric body assigned to any given plant, animal or human is exhausted and thus abandons that living thing. The physical body of the plant, animal, or human then returns to and is incorporated into the earth through decomposition. What is then left of that etheric body is a kind of sheath that then returns to the ocean of etheric substance that pervades not only the earth but the entire universe. But it can so happen that this etheric sheath, after it has been discarded by a human being at death, is then intercepted and held back by one of these evil eastern brotherhoods. Here again are the words of Steiner, given in full, on this most important topic:

This is what happens in the East: demonic beings are enticed to clothe themselves in the etheric bodies which men have cast aside; and it is these spirits who are drawn into the Eastern lodges. The Western lodges, therefore,

have the dead who are banished into matter; the Eastern lodges of the left have demonic spirits- spirits who do not belong to earth evolution but have insinuated themselves into it by donning the discarded etheric bodies of dead men.....Suppose I have a group of men with a common ancestry; then, after, as an 'evil' brother I have made it possible for the etheric body of a certain ancestor to be taken over by a demonic spirit, I tell the people that this ancestor is to be worshipped. The ancestor is simply the man whose cast-off etheric body has been taken over, through the machinations of the lodge, by a demonic spirit... The Eastern peoples can be diverted from the Mystery of Golgotha by methods such as these. The result will be that for Eastern peoples- or perhaps for people in general, since that is the ultimate aim- the coming manifestation of Christ in our earthly world will pass unnoticed. These Eastern lodges do not want to substitute another Christ; they want only that the appearance of Christ Jesus shall not be noticed. There is thus an attack from two sides against the Christ Impulse that is to manifest in etheric form during the twentieth century; and this is the situation in which we stand today. (ibid)

These are the forces that are now polluting the spiritual atmosphere of the earth. In addition to the seeds of fear and hatred that these demonic beings are pouring into the souls of human beings, can be added the deceptions that emanate from the evil secret societies that work from many parts of the world. To divert humanity to the spiritual awakening, to the revival of humanities long-lost clairvoyance, through the being of Christ working in the spiritual atmosphere of the earth is the ultimate goal of

these dark societies. A soul that is materialistic in nature, that has no spiritual understanding of the true nature of the world, presents the most fertile ground into which Ahrimanic forces can instill fear, anger and hatred. In addition to the two forms of diversion that these secret societies of evil use to distract humanity from the spiritual approach of the being of Christ now happening, these secret brotherhoods now also work from another side, that was not mentioned by Steiner.

The attention now being paid to the personality of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislane Maxwell points to another very dark, evil and sinister aspect of the working of evil brotherhoods- namely the sexual exploitation of children by the elites and globalists of the world. This is not a subject that was discussed by Rudolf Steiner, as possibly it was not occurring during his time, or perhaps it would have been too controversial to be discussed in a public setting. Today, however, the evidence that there is a dark occult practice involving the sexual exploitation of children cannot be ignored due the mounting evidence that this is so. Documents, including photographs, flight logs and depositions with high level elites, politicians and celebrities, are now surfacing on a regular basis. Dozens of elites have been implicated in the Epstein files, where underage girls are shown in photographs with famous persons including Bill Gates, Bill Clinton and Prince Andrew, to name but a few. Jeffrey Epstein's niece, Anya Wick, has given interviews where she describes the satanic practices that were part of the ritualized sexual exploitation of children under the cult of ba'al, an ancient practice where Hadad, the god of fertility is worshiped. It

is not my intention to go into great detail of this form of occult ritual, other than to make the reader aware that it exists and is a part of the occult practices that the demonic forces of the world are incorporating, with presumably the same goals of the practices involving the dead, mentioned above.

Rudolf Steiner was an initiate, and through his powerful spiritual vision, was able to peer into the spiritual world and explore and experience the working of dark brotherhoods. By being able to do this from the spiritual world, he was able to directly witness the interactions that took place between human and demonic beings. I am not an Initiate and do not have this ability, and because of this, I cannot say more about the current sexual exploitation of children that is happening today. It can be assumed that there is an occult and evil purpose to this activity, but I am not able to shed more light on how these practices further the aims of these evil beings. To do so would be mere speculation, and further investigation of this and its ultimate purpose I leave the reader.

To be aware of these evil brotherhoods and secret societies today is important as it gives a true understanding of the forces that work behind the scenes, hidden from the world, that are the source of the globalist agenda that we see unfolding around the world today. The heart of this agenda is centered around the interaction between demonic beings and the dark secret societies here described, and the various initiatives that form the policies of the World Economic Forum, the United Nations, and the various western globalists

governments, mostly in Europe and English speaking countries in the West are the outward presentation of forces that wish to control, subjugate and de-Christianize society. These initiatives and the governments that are trying to employ them must be viewed as tentacles that have as their source these demonic beings that have been cast out of the spiritual world and who wish to blind humanity to the appearance of Christ in the etheric, the true second coming, that will bring with it a new spiritual vision for the human race.

These initiatives are, of course, presented and packaged to the masses of the world as being in the best interests of humanity. Most of these initiatives are contained in the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and include, for example, legislation already in place that pegs economic incentives to the adoption of these goals. Environmental, social and governance (ESG) scores, which force companies to adopt these goals or face financial consequences, have already been widely implemented. These goals, on the surface, masquerade in platitudes, like creating a sustainable environment, fostering gender equity in the work place, or ensuring a fair wage for employees, but they are, in reality, a trojan horse through which anti-Christian and transhumanist ideology is funneled. For example, the promotion of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) agenda within ESG metrics is an attack on the patriarchal, Christian foundation upon which all Western society rests. The LGBTQ agenda has evolved from out of justified efforts to destigmatize homosexuality, and to promote equal rights for all human beings, regardless of gender,

sexual orientation, or race. But now this movement has transformed into one which is attempting to blur the lines between male and female, and to villainize the natural, patriarchal, God-willed foundation of the world, and it is the young who are the focus of these efforts to transform society away from traditional family values. The outcome of these ESG metrics has resulted in commercials where men dress as women, wearing makeup and calling themselves female (Dylan Mulvaney in a Bud Light beer commercial, for example). This agenda is most clearly on display in how the LGBTQ agenda has infiltrated the education system in the West.

It is the youth, particularly those going through puberty, who are most susceptible to brainwashing and propaganda. Those going through this age of life often have within them a natural rebellious streak, where their core social group transitions from family to their immediate social circle of peers. In Hitler's Germany, or in Mao's cultural revolution in China, it was the youth who were targeted for brainwashing campaigns. Those in power in these regimes were well aware of the malleability and the fertile ground that presented itself in the youth to new ideas and concepts, often at variance with the norms accepted by parents and older elements of society. This is what is happening today in the western education of youth, where these ESG initiatives have been incorporated into elementary and high school curriculums. These initiatives can be viewed as the transformation of the world outlook presented in *Brave New World*, discussed earlier, where the traditional

family is viewed with disgust, and the concept of mother and father are completely alien.

The destruction of the concept of the nuclear family, the blurring of gender, and the collapse of birthrates in the western world³⁵ paves the way for the normalization of creating human beings in a laboratory, rather than in the womb of a woman. This is also certainly part of the agenda of the Globalists- to control the birth of human life itself is perhaps the ultimate power that can be wielded by these dark forces.

To be aware of this activity is not enough. We cannot be passive and allow this agenda to unfold without it being resisted to the highest degree. But to attempt to counter this evil tide from the physical world is a futile endeavor. As has been alluded to, the work of these dark brotherhoods creates a toxic spiritual atmosphere within which the entire human race is immersed. As we become more fearful, more divided, and angrier, these negative spiritual emanations flow from *every* human being who creates them in their soul, and these emanations then spew forth into the world thus creating a feedback loop, where these emotions further pollute the spiritual

³⁵ This decline, which has accelerated dramatically post Covid, has led many to believe that the culprit was the forced injections foisted on the world during the Covid event, and that these injections were engineered to reduce fertility (see for example, Naomi Wolf's research from the Children's Health Defense [Naomi Wolf Sounds Alarm on Fertility Crisis Tied to mRNA COVID Shots + HHS / MAHA Report Fallout - Children's Health Defense Canada Chapter](#)).

atmosphere of the earth, and are then in turn spiritually inhaled, and in the soul create more fear, hatred and division in human beings. Even those who recognize the perils presented by the Globalist movement, and who wish to genuinely make the world a better place, further the aims of these dark forces if they harbour anger, hatred and fear in their hearts towards them. All of the protest and outrage that has been witnessed during the pandemic, all of the social justice movements that wish to see change in the world and to bring about a more just society, are impotent in the face of Ahriman's growing power. This is not to say that protesting in the streets against issues of social injustice should not be done; there is a benefit that is gained when the public at large expresses its dissatisfaction at the corporate elites who are creating a dystopian world filled with fear and anxiety. But the protests themselves are most often the expression of fear, anxiety and anger, and it must be understood that all forms of fear and anxiety serve Ahriman. Rudolf Steiner says the following:

The fifth epoch [our time] will bring an even more important development³⁶: men will come to recognize the Christ as their helper in transforming the forces of evil into good. But connected with this characteristic of the fifth epoch is a fact we must inscribe daily in our souls and never forget, although we are readily inclined to forget it. In this

³⁶ Here Steiner is referring to how in the fourth epoch, the Greco-Roman period of history, there was a great fear of death, and that this was overcome by the impulse of Christ, Who gave solace to the soul preparing to cross into the spiritual world through the gate of death.

epoch we have to be fighters for the spirit: we must realize that our forces grow slack unless they are kept constantly in training for the conquest of the spiritual world...for if human energies were to grow slack, everything might turn to evil. Man is no longer in a condition to be guided like a child...Anyone who in this epoch speaks of the spiritual world must constantly remind himself to do so in such a way that acceptance or rejection of it is left to the freedom of the individual. (Ibid p. 42).

The person who mediates quietly in a candlelit room, cloistered from all of the negativity that is coursing through culture, who strengthens their will, who meditates Imaginatively, pours light and love into the world, directly from spiritual beings who wish to help humanity, and this light and love is by far more powerful than protests in the street. The single seeker on the path of the spirit, who consciously betters themselves, and brings spiritual light and love into the world through Imaginations, is more effective at countering evil and bringing positive change in the world than a thousand protesters in the street. It is only in this way that the mighty being of Michael can enter into the hearts of human beings and defeat Ahriman. The battlefield that will either secure the victory for Michael or for Ahriman is the human soul itself, and at humanity's current stage of evolution, the human being *must* undertake this spiritual, Christian path as an act of freedom. The spiritual forces of good, the forces of Michael, with all of their great power, which cast Ahriman and his army to the earth from the spiritual world at the end of the nineteenth century, *will not act in human affairs unless the*

human being brings these forces into the world through activity directed by the human being as an act of heightened consciousness, through the strengthened forces of the human will. This is accomplished through the mediative path of spiritual development here described.

Evil forces pour into the world, and create a poisoned spiritual atmosphere rife with fear and hatred, that is spiritually breathed in by all human beings. By meditating and bringing the being of Michael and the Christ into world affairs, the poisoned spiritual atmosphere created by Ahriman is neutralized, and in its place an atmosphere of love, courage, compassion and morality is created. It is in this atmosphere that healing can take place, and we can again find peace, love, harmony, meaning and happiness. If enough people turn to the true spiritual path given by the spiritual world through Rudolf Steiner, the tide can be turned, and Ahriman can be defeated. For this to happen, those who were in the Michael school must awaken from their slumber, to take up their spiritual sword and shield, and battle against the forces of Ahriman. This is a battle against allowing fear and hatred to engulf our souls. Imaginative meditation is the most effective way to bring these beneficent forces into the world, and *The Apocalypse of Saint John* is filled with Imaginations that can be used in this way. The word apocalypse in Greek means revelation, hence *The Apocalypse of Saint John* is often called *The Book of Revelation*. What is it that is revealed? *The Book of Revelation* is an Initiation document, and through it the spiritual world can work on

the soul of the individual human being, and can also more broadly influence all of human culture.

In addition to giving the world the body of work known as Anthroposophy, Steiner also worked at the renewal and re-spiritualization of Christianity. A circle of priests, mostly from Catholic and Protestant congregations, joined with Steiner in 1924, where he gave a series of lectures titled *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest*³⁷. The priests who joined Steiner felt the spiritual degradation that had enveloped the various religious denominations, and there lived in their souls a deep desire to again receive the spiritual impulses that should flow into Christianity.

The degradation of the various Christian religions is most evident in the loss of understanding of the being of Christ. In most Western denominations the human figure of Jesus is often referred to, but the being of Christ has been forgotten. The Christ is a cosmic spiritual being, who entered the human body of Jesus at the baptism on the Jordan (Luke, 1:5-12). This is also the same being referred to as the Word, described above in the Imagination of the first earth incarnation known as ancient Saturn- *And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).*

³⁷ *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest*, Eighteen Lectures, conversations and question-and-answer sessions in Dornach from 5 to 22 September 1924, reconstructed from notes taken by the participants. Rudolf Steiner Press, London. 1998

This being created the world as we know it, and also created the human being at the behest of God. In America and elsewhere in the world, there is now what is referred to as the 'religious right' a group of so-called Christians who are affiliated with politicians and movements that espouse, among other things, American militarism, where, over the last several decades millions of people have been killed in wars initiated by American political and corporate interests. None of these policies can be said to have any reflection in the teachings of Christ in the New Testament of the Bible, where helping the poor, living in peace with others in the world, rejecting the accumulation of wealth, and caring for the earth are all expressed repeatedly. This is mentioned here in this book to avoid confusion for readers who may mistakenly believe that Christianity is reflected in these various political and religious conservative movements.

Those who identify or belong to these movements are often Christian in name only, and in truth serve the purposes of Ahriman. It is one of the great aims of Ahriman that the true meaning of the Bible be lost to humanity, and that the being of the Christ and His influence on human beings goes unnoticed. The being of Christ is an ancient and mighty being who now works on the earth, as He entered into the being of Jesus at the baptism on the Jordan. When Christ Jesus was crucified, the Christ being united with the earth, and today works in the spiritual atmosphere of the earth, accessible to all who seek Him. This being must be considered as a being of love and compassion, who works to bring peace and harmony into the world. With this being said, we can now

enter into several of the Imaginations that are in *The Book of Revelation*, and discuss their true meaning.

In the third lecture of *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest* Steiner describes how the priests he was working with should approach *The Book of Revelation*:

The Book of Revelation is unique, but as I allow it to work on me every one of its images, every Imagination becomes one with my own 'I'. The moment then comes when this revelation can be not only the experience of the human 'I', but also its creation. What we have to do is approach this Book of Revelation in an anthroposophical sense. Today, there is no other way of gaining access to it (p.39).

By meditating on these Imaginations in the Book of Revelation the process occurs where the lower ego, the earthly 'I', is gradually cast off, and the higher, imperishable 'I', which is our eternal 'I', our true 'I', is thus brought into consciousness in the earthly realm. In this process, the imperfections of our being, the lower instincts and impulses contained in our lower 'I' and carried as karmic baggage from past lives, are burned away, and the higher 'I' in all its purity can then awaken within us. With this in mind, we can now discuss one of the first of Imaginations that we are given in the Book of Revelation. We read the following: *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, and the first and the last...'* (Rev 1:11). What is the meaning of 'I am the Alpha and the Omega?' Here we come upon the creation of the human being, starting with the foundation of the physical body on ancient Saturn. This laying of the

physical body can be called the Alpha, as it is where the creation of the human being begins. The Omega will occur when the incarnations of the Earth have been completed, with the final incarnation of the earth called Vulcan, occurring in the far distant future. To these words we can add the following image to complete the Imagination:

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the Chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice was the sound of many waters. He had in his right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me 'Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last'. (Rev. 1:12-17).

In this Imagination we are given the spiritual image of Christ in all of His immense power. By contrast, the crucifixion of Christ must be seen as an act of sacrifice, where a God experiences death, and in the process unites with the earth and the destiny of the human race, but in this first Imagination in the in *The Book of Revelation* the fullness, strength and all-encompassing power of the Christ as the creative Word of God is revealed. Instead of seeing Jesus as an historical figure, as current religious denominations often do, with little ability to kindle our spiritual life, we have instead in *The Book of Revelation*

the true and powerful life creating image of the Christ. We can also understand that we, as human beings, are created out of the substance of the Christ, that it is the Christ who has given to us His being so that we can exist through the Word.

This Imagination is treated like other Imaginations- the process is always the same. We form the image first through our thinking, and then pictorially with our own imagination. We then clear all thoughts and images from our soul and focus with the greatest intensity we can muster on the Imagination we have created. Even trying to focus for five minutes without letting any other image or thought interrupt our Imagination is extremely difficult. After this focus on the Imagination is completed, the student then creates an absolutely silent space, where nothing- no thoughts or images enter, and in this silence, we create the space into which the Imagination and the spiritual beings associated with it can work into our being. As a simple allegory, we cannot pour water into a cup that is full- we must first empty the cup of its contents. Similarly, we cannot receive impulses and content from the spiritual world so long as our soul is filled with thoughts, images and emotions associated with the material world. We must empty our soul completely so that spiritual content can then enter. The spiritual forces that are thus allowed to enter into our soul from our Imaginative meditation then work on in our sleep, bringing beneficent forces into the world. Steiner says the following in the *Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest*:

And when this Book of Revelation is rightly taken in...when it has been taken into the astral body and especially into the 'I' organization, then 'I' and astral body will carry this Revelation- which, as I told you in the first lecture, comes directly from the spiritual world and is actually a kind of letter, a direct verbal Revelation including visions- then 'I' and astral body will carry it out into the world of the earth's aura when they are in the sleeping state. This means, dear friends, that all those who have taken The Book of Revelation into their inner understanding have gradually been enshrining it in the ether of the earth's aura, so that now the presence of Christ working on in the earth's aura provides this aura of the earth with its fundamental keynote (lecture nine, p. 125).

This is the dilemma of freedom in the modern age- Christ and Michael and all of the spiritual beings associated with them cannot engage and help in the affairs of the earth without the expressed conscious activity of the human being facilitating the entrance of the good spiritual forces into the earthly realm. When this is done, the mighty being of Christ Himself can then work in the aura of the earth and 'provide this aura of the earth with its fundamental keynote', as Steiner says. This means that the fear, anxiety and hatred generated in the unconscious activity of human beings can be replaced by forces of love, courage and compassion. This transformed spiritual atmosphere would, if the activity of enough people occurred who understood the importance of spiritual development and Imagination, change the world completely. The forces of evil that are so plainly and blatantly working to create fear and division, and who

wish to subjugate the masses- these forces of evil would wither and die in this spiritual atmosphere of love, courage and compassion, created by those on the true spiritual path.

It would be a mistake to approach the Imaginations of *The Book of Revelation* with the notion of trying, at the outset, to decipher them to gain an understanding of the times in which we are now living, or of past or future historical happenings. It is true that these images do contain prophetic information- this is of course an important aspect of *The Book of Revelation*, and through Imagination this information will gradually be given to us as the Imaginations are diligently worked upon and ripen in our souls through meditating on them assiduously over time.

For example, at the time of writing this book, a great deal of debate has occurred regarding the meaning of vaccine passports. Many are asking if this is a sign of the mark of the beast, given in chapter sixteen (Rev. 13:16-17). Those who are not vaccinated have been prevented from going to sporting events, restaurants, and from traveling. Could this be a test case which could lead to more restrictions and to the development of a system where those without some kind of passport could be prevented from buying and selling? The answer to this is, of course, yes, and it may be that what we are witnessing is indeed the development of the mark of the beast, but from an esoteric, meditative point of view, thinking constantly in terms of what does this or what does that image in *The Book of Revelation* mean damages our ability to gain spiritual insight from the Imagination itself. The true

meaning of many of the Imaginations has been given by Steiner in both lecture cycles he gave on *The Book of Revelation*. This knowledge can be used to give us some clarity into the Imaginations themselves, but this is secondary to the process of Imaginative meditation, which is a process that uses thought to initially create the Imagination, but which must then eliminate all thinking if it is to be effective.

As was discussed in the forming of the Imagination of ancient Saturn, Steiner tells us not to ponder or attempt to derive meaning from Imaginations that we create. The meaning of the Imagination will be given to us by the spiritual world when we have been deemed ready to receive it. Imaginations should be viewed as keys or archetypes which open doors into the spiritual world, where we are then brought into contact with spiritual beings. We can use the information that has been given to us by an Initiate, in this case Rudolf Steiner, when we form our Imaginations, and it is important and helpful to know the times in which we are living in relation to *The Book of Revelation*, as they are given by an Initiate. The point to be made here is that attempting to glean intellectual meaning from Imaginations that we create is counter-productive, as the Imagination, once developed, must be allowed to mature through the will, which both creates the Imagination and prevents thoughts from interfering in this process. Having made this clear, we can now look at information given by Steiner regarding the sounding of the trumpets. In *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest* Steiner communicates that we are

now in the age of the sounding of the seventh trumpet. He says the following:

The sixth angel began to sound his trumpet at the beginning of the 1840s, and he will continue to sound it until the events I spoke about yesterday take place at the end of the twentieth century [the beginning of the rulership of Michael and the casting out of the Dragon, which indicates the beginning of the sounding of the seventh trumpet], when the trumpet of the seventh angel will begin to sound. We are definitely already within the realm of the woes (Lecture 13, p.179).

The seventh trumpet started to sound at the end of the twentieth century, over one hundred twenty-five years ago. In *The Book of Revelation*, a great deal happens during the sounding of the sixth and seventh trumpets. During the sounding of the seventh trumpet, which is now occurring, the following Imaginations transpire: The woman clothed with the Sun gives birth to a male child (Rev. 12:1-5), Satan is thrown out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-9), the woman clothed with the Sun is persecuted by the dragon (Rev. 12:13), the seven headed beast rises up out of the sea, and the two horned beast rises from the earth (Rev. 13:1-18). Given the knowledge from Steiner that we are living in the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet, these Imaginations should be considered key as to gaining a spiritual understanding of the times in which we are now living. Of particular importance to the student on the path of spiritual enlightenment is the Imagination of the woman clothed in the sun. Steiner tells us the following regarding this Imagination:

The important change that took place in the middle of the Atlantean period is that before the middle of that period the cosmic female was seen in the spiritual aura of the sun, 'the woman clothed with the sun'. Putting it this way corresponds exactly with what happened in the supra-earthly world, in the heavens: The woman clothed with the sun giving birth to a male child'. The apocalypstist rightly calls him a male child, and this is the same being who later went through the Mystery of Golgotha [the Crucifixion of Christ] and who had earlier gone through other forms of existence... But in those times [ancient times] the initiates who saw and understood such a thing said: For the heavens that is the birth of the Christ, for us it is the birth of our 'I' (lecture twelve, pp. 171-2).

Here, the seed of the 'I', the ego, is planted, and over many centuries it developed into that consciousness which we now have. Today, we live in what Steiner calls our lower 'I', that shapes us as an individual in the physical plane. This lower 'I' dies with the physical body at the time of our death, but this lower 'I' is a reflection of our higher 'I', the true seat of our ego which is imperishable. To develop ourselves spiritually, to develop spiritual vision is, at the same time to live in our higher 'I' in the physical world. This is the deeper meaning of Initiation. In the Imagination of the woman clothed with the sun, there are several meanings which run parallel with one another. On the one hand, we can see in this Imagination the birth of the Christ Being within earthly evolution. It is the development of the cosmic Word of God. From this it can be understood that the birth of our own consciousness, our own 'I', is the result of the creative work of the Christ.

In the birth of the male child, we witness the ancient birth of the Christ, but at the same time this Imagination represents the birth of our higher self, our higher 'I' that lives in and has a conscious perception of the spiritual world. To be an initiate is to shed our lower 'I', as a butterfly sheds its cocoon, and to be transformed into a being that lives in the higher 'I', in both the physical and spiritual world. This higher 'I' does not perish with death—it is imperishable, but during our life on earth, in our lower 'I', we are unaware of its activity. The Imagination of the birth of the child by the woman clothed with the sun is a powerful spiritual representative of this. *In The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest* Steiner goes into greater detail on the meaning of this and many Imaginations that occur in *The Book of Revelation*, and anyone who wishes to undertake these Imaginative meditations must consider as essential reading both lecture series Steiner gave on *The Apocalypse of Saint John*. The last concept that will be discussed in this book is that of divine wrath.

It is a common complaint of those who read a document like *The Book of Revelation* that the seven vials of wrath and the destruction and suffering that these vials cause, shows a lack of compassion and love on behalf of the Godhead. What kind of God allows human beings to be covered with grievous sores, or rivers and oceans to be poisoned, as is depicted in the pouring out of the vials of divine wrath? It is a difficult concept and can broadly be characterized by the question: Why does God allow suffering? In understanding the deeper meaning of the pouring out of the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth,

we can have a clearer understanding of the role that human suffering plays in our own development. Steiner says the following in *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest*:

In its substance and in its being, and in so far as it is the cosmos of the human being, the universe consists of pure love, it is nothing other than pure love. In the part of the divine that is associated with the human being we find nothing except pure love...we can well imagine the age of materialism since the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth century, and also the culmination of materialism during the 1840s; we can well imagine the further ramifications of materialism after that with all that has been in human thought and action, with all those terribly destructive forces that have been raging in humanity since the middle of the nineteenth century, even though many still hardly notice it at all. Over this weaves divine love unfolding in the light.... Dear friends, take some absolutely pure water, some crystal-clear water, and then take a dirty sponge, a sponge that has dirt in it. Put the sponge into the crystal-clear crystal- pure water, dip it into the water and then squeeze it to let the water flow out again: now the water is dirtied, is muddied.... Here is the picture: Crystal-clear water, sucked up by the dirty sponge, becomes muddied, undrinkable water. Divine love appearing in the light, sucked up in the era of consciousness soul development by all those ingredients of evil that rage in humanity either latently or manifestly, becomes divine wrath (lecture 15, p. 210-11).

To this concept of divine love, where the pure love of the spiritual world, a love that in reality is the driving force of all creation, to this concept we must also add the concept of freedom. Evil has been allowed into the world in order that we may chose the path of love and freedom, and the result of this is that the pure love of the divine spiritual world has been polluted by the evil so prevalent in the world today. This divine love then becomes divine wrath, but this divine wrath must not be considered as the vindictive action of a God who wishes to punish the human race because it has not prevented evil from penetrating so deeply into culture. Rather, it must be considered as a means by which we are protected from our own self-destruction. Steiner states:

The secret of the next age is that divine love will appear in the form of divine wrath because of what happens within humanity. It will appear in the form of the divine wrath which will give protection from all material constructs that will arise as the result of the materialistic consciousness soul era: by causing those constructs to perish it will give protection against further damaging effects.... That fulfillment will be the pouring out of the divine wrath in the age when- far more so than in ours- what human beings do will influence what happens in nature.... For if, at this time the divine love were seemingly to have mercy on the weakness of human beings, this would in reality be no true mercy. It would amount to turning a blind eye to all the consequences so richly deserved by human thoughts and deeds, which would be the most loveless act of all, since then humanity would truly perish (lecture 15 p. 211-13).

The sounding of the seventh trumpet indicates that, in the future, our materialistic culture must come to an end. The severity that the outpouring of the divine vials of wrath will have on humanity will depend, in large part, on how well and to what extent humanity consciously works to unite with the spiritual world once again today, in our time. The immorality that is part and parcel of our materialistic culture, and which is the hallmark of the political and corporate powers that rule the world will, if unchecked, destroy the human race. The outpouring of the vials of wrath is a safety valve that will bring to an end the rule of evil forces on earth, and involves the destruction and alteration of nature, and with this destruction, a great deal of suffering will occur for all of humanity. The outpouring of the vials of wrath will occur, but their severity will be determined by how humanity is able to battle against and defeat the forces of evil that are running rampant today. The vials of wrath must be seen as the merciful intervention into human affairs by the beneficent spiritual forces of the world if humanity fails to overcome the evil that it faces today. This must be seen as an act of grace from the Gods, for through this destruction the seeds of a truly moral, compassionate and spiritual culture can be sown.

We can never forget that humanity is the hierarchy of freedom and love. Each hierarchy of beings contributes in one aspect to the evolution of all creation. The first hierarchy, the mighty and sublime Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones, in all their great power, are not free beings. They have created the solar system, but are not able to act in an independent way. They behold the Godhead and

take directives from it, and any notion of refusing the will of the Godhead is an impossibility for the first hierarchy. It is the human race, and only the human race at this time in its evolution, that can be said to have the ability to act in a free way. As has been stated several times already, to be truly free one must have choice. God has given us choice in the form of goodness and evil. To choose the divine path of goodness must be considered an act of absolute freedom. This cannot be said of the path of evil. Very few have a true understanding of what it means to actively choose the evil path. To do so means to suffer in the future. Evil is part of the karma that will ultimately create freedom for the human race, while at the same time strengthening the forces of goodness in the world. The destruction of the ability of evil forces to cast its influence in to the world will take place, at some level in the future, and will assure that the will of God will ultimately prevail. The world and environment will eventually recover, as the earth contains great forces of healing within it, but through this destruction, the economic world order infused with Ahrimanic influences will crumble. Through this destruction, a truly just and moral society will arise from the ashes of the totalitarian technocracy that is now taking shape before our eyes. We are told today that the future will be filled with technological wonders- where we will live in a virtual universe and be more and more severed from the beauty of the natural world. For those on the spiritual path the opposite must take place- the future must be one where we again connect with and nurture the earth, unplugging from all of the electronic static which deafens and blinds our spiritual organs of perception. How much of this is

accomplished by the human race through its spiritualization will dictate the amount of suffering that will occur through the outpouring of the vials of wrath by the Godhead to protect us from being completely immersed in an electronic, Ahrimanic illusion.

The incarnation of Ahriman through a human body must first be experienced and endured by the human race. This event will happen- it is inevitable and part of what the human race must experience through its evolution. The degradation of the earth that is now taking place is the result of the moral ruin of large groups of human beings, and is caused by Ahriman's influence on these unfree human beings. One cannot be separated one from the other. The amplification of fear, anger and subjugation that has occurred under the excuse of a pandemic must be seen as only the first in a series of events that will happen over the coming years and must be understood as a sign that Ahriman is indeed very close to fulfilling his destiny. With this there must also be the understanding that God has given us the freedom to influence these events dramatically. We have the power to overcome this darkness- to minimize the destruction that will take place if an awakening to the opening of the gates of the spiritual world occurs.

We can greatly lessen the impact that Ahriman's incarnation will have on the world, and the environmental destruction that will ensue if this incarnation occurs unchallenged. The events that occur in the Apocalypse must be seen as malleable, that the outcomes of these events occur on a continuum, and that

if we, as human beings chosen by Michael to fight the dragon Ahriman awaken and rise up to the challenge that has been placed at our feet, if we develop our morality, if we meditate and spiritualize ourselves, and understand the immense power inherent in Imaginative meditation, we can turn the tide of evil that is pouring so powerfully in the world today. There is no more important endeavor in the world than understanding the times in which we are living, and the spiritual awakening that must occur if we are not to fall into the abyss of chaos, destruction and suffering. This is the challenge of the times, at one of the most important periods in human history, and to those who understand and feel the truth of what has here been spoken- to those who feel it to the depths of their souls, know this: The sounding of the seventh trumpet is now taking place. It is a call to awaken spiritual forces that have been slumbering within humanity for over two thousand years. To hear this clarion trumpet call, to awaken in our souls the spiritual forces that live in us, is to fulfil the destiny that has been granted to us by the Gods. We are the vanguard of a new age of spiritual awakening. To those who have a spiritual understanding hear these words- awaken to your destiny and join with the great being of Michael for the salvation humanity!

POSTSCRIPT

Ostriches, Pandemics and Global Warming

During the process of writing this book, which has evolved through several incarnations over the last three years, events have unfolded in the world at a break-neck speed, and part of the evolution of this book has been adding content which reflects these changes that have occurred during the writing and editing process. Where possible, those events have been incorporated into the book, but recent events that have unfolded as I was coming close to completion (the end of 2025, beginning of 2026) need to be addressed, and I could find no appropriate place in the book, so they have been added here as an epilogue.

In the aftermath of the Covid event a few conclusions can be drawn. The first of these is that this event was orchestrated by the same forces that have here been described as dark brotherhoods that work with demonic forces. The 'pandemic' was a planned event that was unleashed on the world as a first salvo by these dark forces to control, subjugate and further implement their agenda. Event 201 (which can be still viewed on social media platforms), organized by Bill Gates and the World Economic Forum in October 2109, describes in great detail and accuracy a potential future pandemic, involving a novel corona virus. It mentions the importance of mass vaccination, and the potential need to counter anti-vaccination views, and suspicion of the pandemic. Vaccine passports, restrictions on travel and basic freedoms for the unvaccinated, and censorship of

dissenting voices on social media platforms were all described as necessary interventions in Event 201. It is not the intention in this book to go into the growing mountain of evidence regarding the true nature of the so-called pandemic, but those who are interested can start by going over the scientific peer-reviewed research that is covered in great detail by Dr. John Campbell, whose channel can be accessed on the various social media platforms.

For the Globalists, however, the pandemic was, in many respects, a failure. The majority of the public, even those who at the beginning of the Covid event were staunch supporters of vaccination, lockdowns and vaccine passports are now skeptical, at least on some level as to the efficacy of the 'vaccine' and all of the measures that were undertaken during Covid. The Globalists were perhaps most surprised and shocked at how independent media so quickly was able to identify the deceptions that were bombarding the public through mainstream, corporate media outlets. The growth of independent media has been truly impressive, as those with a sense for truth quickly realized the true nature of the events that were unfolding, and turned away from the deceptions that were clearly being expressed on traditional news networks. It can also be stated that those who do have this sense for truth, who recognized that something was not right in the mainstream narrative, are those that also have within them the seed to develop spiritual faculties. This ability to recognize the deceptions that were constantly being repeated ad-nauseum to the public can be viewed as the rudimentary spiritual ability that, with

honing and development, will lead to direct spiritual perception.

The main goals of the Globalists, namely the establishment of a digital currency, and increased compliance through censorship and regulation of media messaging has largely failed, but from these failures lessons have been learned, and the Globalists will undoubtedly regroup, and attempt again to achieve their desired outcomes. Two notable events occurred at the end of 2025 that signaled the direction of future Globalists endeavors. The first of these events was the proclamation by Bill Gates that the potential threat caused by global warming has been exaggerated, and that it does not pose an existential threat to humanity. In a public statement published on www.gatesnotes.com Gates states the following:

Theres a doomsday view of climate change that goes like this:

'In a few decades, cataclysmic climate change will decimate civilization. The evidence is all around us- just look at all the heat waves and storms caused by rising global temperatures. Nothing matters more than limiting the rise in temperature.'

Fortunately for all of us, this view is wrong. Although climate change will have serious consequences- particularly for people in the poorest countries- it will not lead to humanity's demise. People will be able to live and thrive in most places of Earth for the foreseeable future. Emissions projections have gone down, and with the right

policies and investments, innovation will allow us to drive emissions down much further.

This statement was a shock for many people in the world. Gates has been one of the strongest voices in perpetuating the notion that unchecked carbon dioxide emissions will destroy the planet and all life on earth with it. For decades we have been saturated with media messaging that has told us that climate change is an existential threat. Prediction after prediction has warned of rising sea levels engulfing not just cities and coastlines, but entire countries. We have been told that the polar ice caps will melt, which will, in turn create a heating feedback loop where the dark ocean, where reflective ice and snow previously existed, will absorb more heat energy, intensifying the heating process. Mass extinction events have been predicted to occur both on land and in the ocean. None of these things have come to pass.

The timeline for these events has constantly been pushed further into the future. In the early part of this century, figures like Al Gore predicted that cataclysmic events would occur, like the submersion of much of the east coast of North America from rising ocean levels, and heat waves and droughts that would kill millions and severely impair humanity's ability to produce food. We were told that many of these events would occur as early as 2015³⁸.

³⁸ See for example *'Inconvenient Truth: 32 Climate Predictions Proven False'* on the social media channel *FactsMatter With Roman Balmakov*.
<https://youtu.be/E1e5HAZo4iw?si=GeL8PQVirjzCCA1D>

The climate change narrative is now collapsing, as new data is showing that parts of the world are now cooling and snow and ice levels at the poles are starting to rise, even though global CO2 emissions continue to rise, contrary to claims by Gates that they are falling³⁹.

Before the Covid event, the climate change narrative, where CO2 emissions generated through human activity caused the warming that the earth has undoubtedly experienced over the last several decades was widely accepted by humanity. I myself was a member of the Green Party of Canada for almost two decades, until the advent of Covid. The mistrust of all of the narratives surrounding Covid, has, interestingly, also now bled into the narratives surrounding anthropogenic global warming. The same people who have turned away from corporate media, and who have questioned the Covid narratives, are noticing that anthropogenic climate change narratives are being disseminated by the same sources- namely the Globalist elites and their captured media sources. This, coupled with scientific, peer reviewed data, is casting serious doubts regarding the validity and motivations of the anthropogenic global warming construct. The expansive work by highly respected astrophysicists, like Willie Soon of Harvard, and Valentina Zharkova of Emberson College in the UK, have given a different explanation for the rise in earth temperatures that have occurred over the last three

³⁹ See for example research from Tongji University, Shanghai, led by Dr. Wei Wand and Prf. Yunzhong Shen <https://scitechdaily.com/antarcticas-astonishing-rebound-ice-sheet-grows-for-the-first-time-in-decades/>

decades: namely, rhythmical oscillations in the activity of the Sun⁴⁰.

Zharkova has predicted that the earth is now entering a cooling phase, which will last, as has been the case for past warming cycle, for about three decades. These different and overlapping solar rhythms present a much more rational, realistic and comprehensive explanation for the huge fluctuations in the earth's climate, the vast majority of which occurred long before any human industrial activity.

This presents a great dilemma for the Globalist elites and the evil forces that lie at the root of their agenda. As the climate change narrative collapses, the Globalists need to find another avenue through which to carry out their agenda. This agenda, outlined repeatedly in this book, where the Globalists wish to subjugate the masses, control dissent, create a digital technocracy, and eventually merge human beings with artificial intelligence, will not stop with the recent setbacks they have experienced. Rather, their efforts will evolve and become ever more violent, totalitarian and evil. In the same article mentioned above by Bill Gates, he pivots away from spending on reducing CO2 emissions, and

⁴⁰ See for example Valentina Zharkova's presentation on the different solar rhythms that affect the earth on the Tom Nelson

<https://youtu.be/SawIG4TNpHQ?si=fuTRbPqmR8yg9RhK>

and Willie Soon's presentation on Tucker Carlson's podcast 'This is what they don't want you to know about the climate agenda' <https://youtu.be/E7ldLxzIINw?si=PW8nl6f4-jNZXjp>

instead advocates for increased spending on healthcare (primarily through increased vaccination rates), and agricultural innovation to increase production, create more equity for poorer countries, and reduce climate change emissions. Here we are given of piece of the puzzle which indicates the future direction the Globalists will take in order to meet their goals.

In an interview in the *Wall Street Journal* on January 24, 2025 Gates stated that *‘The chance of a natural pandemic in the next four years is somewhere between 10 and 15%... And it’d be nice to think we’re actually more ready for that than we were last time, but so far, we’re not’*. In April of 2025 the director general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said the following at the opening of the thirteenth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on the WHO Pandemic Agreement: *“It could happen in 20 years or more, or it could happen to tomorrow. But it will happen, and either way, we must be ready. This is not a theoretical risk; it is an epidemiological certainty.”*

Anthony Fauci, in an interview on October 1st, 2025 on PBS, when asked if there will be another pandemic stated: *“I’m convinced there will be another pandemic.”* In another interview in February 2025 at Boston’s Museum of Science Fauci stated, in regards to emerging threats like H5N1 *‘the thought that we won’t have another pandemic, I think, is naïve at best and just completely unrealistic at worst.’* Fauci has also stated publicly that the world needs to be in a constant state of preparedness in order to deal with future pandemics. Statements like these are

the norm today in corporate media, and the public is being constantly primed that the threat of a new pandemic is just around the corner. The last real pandemic that occurred in the world was the great influenza pandemic immediately after World War I, almost one hundred years before the Covid event. The question then must be asked how do these so-called experts 'know' that a new pandemic is potentially just around the corner? The truth is, they don't. In order to understand what is really happening, another seemingly unrelated event must be discussed, as it forms a key piece of the puzzle which will create a picture of the future plans the globalists have to achieve their goals.

In Edgewood, British Columbia, at Universal Ostrich Farms, on November 6, 2025, over 400 ostriches were killed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), after a lengthy battle by the owners of the farm to prevent these healthy birds from being slaughtered. Ten months earlier, in late 2024, many of the Ostriches on the farm had tested positive for H5N1 avian flu, with 69 of the Ostriches succumbing to the disease, while the remaining flock of over 300 birds survived. In contrast to this, the fatality rate of chickens that contract H5N1 is nearly 100%. The surviving ostriches developed immunal antibodies to the H5N1 influenza virus, and their eggs provided the potential for the development of a true, naturally based vaccine that could have been developed for both human and animal use.

Strangely, the CFIA presented the farm with a cull order, where all of the ostriches were deemed a risk to human

and animal health due to their potential to further spread the disease, even after being symptom free for 10 months. There are *no* documented cases of *any* influenza strain being transmissible in animals or humans months after symptoms cease and the infected person or animal has returned to full health. To put this in context, it would be as if a human who had contracted the flu was then was able to transmit it to someone else ten months later, after being symptom free for many months. This simply defies even the most basic understanding of infectious disease transmission. Even when this ludicrous notion that the ostriches were a threat to animal and human health was debunked, the CFIA still tenaciously perused the execution of the cull order, and after a lengthy court battle, which culminated in the case being taken to the supreme court of Canada, the Ostriches were tragically slaughtered after all legal avenues to prevent it from happening were exhausted.

How does this seemingly unrelated event, that happened in an out of the way, small farm in rural British Columbia relate to the plans and machinations of the Globalist agenda? It points for a very sinister and disturbing revelation- that the globalists and the evil forces that they serve are in the process of developing a strain of H5N1 that will be transmissible in human beings, and which will be released in the not to distant future, creating a new pandemic. The Ostriches represented the potential for a natural defense against an H5N1 pandemic and posed a threat to the plans and goals of the Globalist machinations. Finally, the last piece of the puzzle that points to a new tack being taken by the dark

brotherhoods to achieve their goals through a new pandemic are the recent efforts by Globalist governments (these include the U.K., France, Germany and Australia as of January 2026) to restrict or completely ban Elon Musk's social platform X (formerly Twitter), on the premise that this platform is being used to create explicit images of people without their consent. This pretext is almost certainly being used to achieve a different goal, namely to restrict X from disseminating information that would reveal the true intentions of the Globalists in relation to the release of an H5N1 pandemic upon humanity.

As has been mentioned, the rapid rise of independent media, and its strong moral compass gravitating to revealing the buried truths of the Covid event shocked the elites. They now will make a concerted effort to restrict any discourse that is in variance with the messaging that they will propagate in the lead up to during the new H5N1 pandemic that will soon occur. The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the public face of the structure that the Globalists will use to achieve their goals, which, as has been alluded to, includes seemingly noble objectives like ensuing gender equality, responsible consumption and production, and peace, justice and strong institutions. Within these vaguely defined goals are embedded the ability to create laws and policies which will restrict many of the freedoms that have historically formed the bedrock of democracy. For example, 'responsible consumption and production' includes within it a whole range of potential restrictions that can override democratic freedoms,

including restrictions on what we eat, how we travel and what we can purchase, in the guise of battling climate change or creating equitable working conditions. All of the UN 2030 goals when dissected have within them the potential for the introduction of restrictions on basic human rights which include free speech, freedom to travel, and the right to financial access to banking and other economic necessities essential to a free and democratic society.

The primary driver for implementing the UN's 2030 agenda was to be through the threat posed by anthropogenic climate change, which has been presented as an existential threat to human existence for decades. Now that this narrative is collapsing, the Globalists are pivoting, as witnessed by, for example, Bill Gates' comments. Some of the sustainability goals presented in the UN 2030 agenda, which need the threat posed by the climate change agenda for their implementation, will almost certainly be abandoned. The true aims of these goals, however, in broad strokes being the subjugation and control of the masses, will not be abandoned, but the vehicle used to bring them to fruition will be the advent of a new pandemic. Most Globalist governments are now very unpopular- the UK government of Kiers Starmer and France's Marcon government, for example, will not survive a democratic election and will be replaced by political parties that will dismantle the Globalist framework created since the Covid event began. Globalists will not allow this to happen and because of this, the timeline for the release of the new pandemic event will be as rapid as is possible- this will depend on

how quickly the H5N1 virus can be manipulated to be made transmissible from human to human, and also on the pharmaceutical 'medicine' that will also be created in tandem with the release of the virus. Unfortunately, for the Globalists to achieve their goals in this way, the new upcoming pandemic will be far more deadly than the Covid event. This pandemic will aim to create economic chaos and collapse in order to being about its goals, with the ultimate goal being the introduction of some form of a central digital currency which will replace all traditional (Fiat) currencies in the Western world.

To all those who understand the times in which we live, and who realize the threats to our rights and freedoms, we must also again re-iterate the ultimate goal of the Globalist movement, to which the wish to subjugate and control humanity all serve- to prevent humanity from understanding the deeper impulse that flows through the Being of Christ, and that through this impulse the re-opening of the spiritual organs of perception are meant to take place. The demonic forces that are now running rampant on earth need fear, hatred and anger in order to work effectively on earth. This is a necessity for their existence, and is the ultimate purpose of the globalist agenda, where in the upper echelons of this hierarchy there is a direct interface between human and demonic forces as has been described in the activity of the various dark brotherhoods or societies outlined by Rudolf Steiner.

The counter to this evil agenda that is now unfolding so rapidly today is the spiritual path of development that has, at is center, the all-powerful Being of Christ and His

mighty spiritual warrior Michael, described in Revelation chapters 7-12. The fear, anger and hatred that is being inculcated by the evil beings currently roaming the earth can only be countered by creating, in each and every one of us, a feeling of love, peace and courage. This can only be done when we develop ourselves spiritually in the way appropriate to the human being of today, given by the instruction of the great Christian Initiate of our time, Rudolf Steiner. To have absolute faith in the power of the good forces of the spiritual world, and the protection that these forces offer us is not only the true path that the human race must now tread- it is, simply put, the true path to happiness in the troubled times we now live in. I will end this book with one of the most beautiful and powerful meditative verses given by Rudolf Steiner, which gives me strength, courage and peace each time I read it. May God Bless you all.

For This Michael Age

We must eradicate from the soul
All fear and terror of what
Comes towards us from out of the future
We must acquire serenity in all
Feelings and sensations of the future
We must look forward to everything
That may come with absolute equanimity
It is part of what we must learn in this age-
Namely, to act out of pure trust,
Without any security in existence
Trust in the ever-present help
Of the spiritual world

Truly, nothing else will do
If our courage is not to fail us
Let us discipline our Will
And seek the awakening from within
Every morning and every evening