

**Cosmic Sophia, and Human Anthroposophia:
Their Connection to Humanity and their Tasks in Relation
to the Mystery of the Pentecost and the
Redemption of Lucifer
Part II**

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The Mystery of the Pentecost. The Redemption of Lucifer and the Future of Anthroposophy.

Tonight we will principally examine the nature of two beings: the being known as Lucifer and that person of the divine trinity known as the Holy Spirit. We will explore how Lucifer has severed himself from his relationship with the Holy Spirit and the impact of this on humanity's connection with the Spiritual World and the Divine Sophia, working through the being of Anthroposophia. We will look at how human beings must work to reconnect these severed ties and how this will lead to a resurrection of the Sophia forces in the human Astral body. We will see how the meeting of the Holy Spirit light from above with the redeemed Luciferic Spirit light in the Sophian aspect of the human Astral body will fashion an individual Spirit Self in the 6th cultural epoch of our 5th Post Atlantean age as a renewed Pentecost.

Rudolf Steiner spoke about definitions. He said that one always has the feeling that one must base oneself on defined concepts. What is Ahriman? What is Lucifer? We ask these questions and we believe that, having arrived at definitions, we have also understood something about the way these entities work. He gave an example of the inadequacy of definitions: In the School of Greece a teacher taught that a human being is a creature who walks on two legs and does not have feathers. The next time a pupil came to school he brought with him a plucked cockerel: a creature who walked on two legs and had no feathers. This is a human being, the pupil told his teacher, according to his definition.¹

We have therefore a second caveat before we start this lecture. We must be mindful that any definition can only ever show one aspect of a thing – it can only show one facet of the many faceted diamond. We must never therefore, base ourselves on abstract definitions and become satisfied with them, but instead we must be willing to approach spiritual truths from many sides, with fresh eyes. This will eventually enable us to piece together an entire panorama.

With this in mind we will begin to tread our careful way into the realm of the Gods.

Our first question tonight is:

Who is the being known to western Christianity as the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit

Before we can understand the divine being of the Holy Spirit we have to understand the Trinity itself.

In Rudolf Steiner's lectures on The Lord's Prayer he explains the Trinity thus²:

¹ Rudolf Steiner The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness Lecture 12 Dornach 26 October 1917

² Rudolf Steiner The Christian Mystery

- **The Father** represents the center of World order or Divine **Will** which directs itself into what enters into manifestation. Thus behind everything in the created universe stands the Father Spirit, the first Logos.³ In a microcosmic way He is related to the Physical Body of human beings and what proceeds from the depths of the Earth into the limbs.⁴
- **The Son or Logos** creates out of the forces of the Periphery the **Kingdom** of beings of the created universe and by doing so realizes and reflects the Divine Will, aspiring to return to the centre. In a Microcosmic way the Son is related to the Etheric Body of human beings and of what encircles the earth and enters as air into the lungs and heart and circulatory system.
- **The Holy Spirit** works into individual beings to enable consciousness of the interaction of the Father and the Son – **Will and Kingdom** – in the created universe. Individual existence consists of becoming conscious and receiving this spirit into itself and individualizing it - **Spirit Self**. The Ego bearing being receives knowledge of Self through this new - **Name**.⁵ He is related to the Astral body of human beings and what streams from the heights into human heads, senses and nerves.

Father – Creation - Physical World – Physical Body – Spirit Man - Ex Deo Nascimur

Son – Creation and Reflection – Etheric World – Etheric Body – Life Spirit – In Christo morimur

Holy Spirit – Consciousness of Creation and Reflection – Astral World Astral Body – Spirit Self⁶ - Per Spiritum Sanctum Reviviscimus

From the above we can see that the Father is the creative force in the universe. He is related to the Physical earth and the physical body of man – Through Him man is **Born**. The Son creates and through this creation He reflects the divine will, through Him human beings **Overcome death**. The Holy Spirit works through individual beings to awaken a spirit consciousness imbued with selfhood that understands this reflection and creation in the Macrocosm. Through it the spirit **Lives again**.⁷

The Holy Spirit from a Macrocosmic standpoint.

Rudolf Steiner tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Cosmic Spirit of Universal Love⁸, the substance of all pervading wisdom that is transformed into love⁹ and which

³ Rudolf Steiner Foundations of Esotericism Lecture XVII

⁴ Sergei O Prokofieff The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 227

⁵ Rudolf Steiner Lecture 28th January 1907

⁶ Rudolf Steiner Dornach 4 June 1924

⁷ Sergei O Prokofieff The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 230

⁸ Sergei O Prokofieff, The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 221

emanates from those regions of the Zodiac associated with the Bull. This spirit principle working from the region of the fixed stars is connected to the Astral world and the Astral body in human beings. The Astral body is a microcosmic reflection of the Astral world and is therefore, directly related to the third hierarchy of: Archai, Archangels, and in particular, Angels whose sphere of activity is mainly the Moon sphere. This hierarchy is responsible, as we saw last week for communicating or reflecting the intentions of the Holy Spirit to the earth – that is, through the individual angel to the human being. It also communicates what humanity can give back to the Second and Third hierarchies and through them to the divine persons of the Holy Trinity by way of the Archangels and the Archai respectively.

It is the task of the being of the Divine Sophia, to both **create** through wisdom a suitable vessel in human beings for the Holy Spirit, and also to **reflect** the Holy Spirit Being of the Trinity towards human beings on earth by way of the lower triad of her own being. We can see an example of this reflection in the Egyptian Mysteries. Whenever the reflection proceeded primarily from the Divine Sophia she was depicted as Isis, whenever the reflection came primarily from the region of the Bull, or the region of the Holy Spirit, the Sophia was depicted as Hathor the cow goddess who wears the bull's horns¹⁰ that hold the disc of the Sun.



What does it mean for the disk of the sun to reside within the cow horns? It signifies that the activity of the Holy Spirit, reflected to earth as an impulse from the region of the Bull, is working progressively towards the region of the Ram, that is, from the Sphere of the Moon (Archaic, Archangels, Angels – representatives of the Holy Spirit) to the Sun Sphere (Spirits of Form, Spirits of Motion, Spirits of Wisdom – as representatives of the Son).

Why is this important?

The Holy Spirit from a Microcosmic Standpoint

Rudolf Steiner tells us in his lecture entitled Foundations of Esotericism that the breath is related to the word as the **Holy Spirit** is to Christ. In a microcosmic

⁹ The Divine Sophia reflects the activity of the second and third person of the trinity and brings it to expression in a creative way through the various members of her being, Sergei O Prokofieff The Heavenly Sophia and the Being of Anthroposophia page 242.

¹⁰ Sergei O Prokofieff, The Twelve Holy Nights and the Spiritual Hierarchies page 30.

sense this means that the Holy Spirit allows for the expression of Christ to occur within the soul of human beings by over-shinning and finally entering into the perfected Astral body or Spiritual Soul as the warmth of universal wisdom transformed into love. This universal love individualized, this Spirit Self allows the human being to unite in an inner way with the being of Christ, whilst still retaining fully awake individual ego consciousness. In an inner Microcosmic sense this Holy Spirit enters the perfected Moon nature transformed - the virginal womb or perfected Astral body of the human being and acts as a medium which allows for the birth of the Sun Being within it. In an outer Macrocosmic sense this results in a fully conscious clairvoyance – or clear sight – into the Etheric world in which Christ now resides and becomes visible to those prepared human beings. This is his second coming or Reappearance in the Etheric world. We can see the connection here with the imagination of the Holy Grail – the Sun disk sitting within the redeemed sickle Moon.

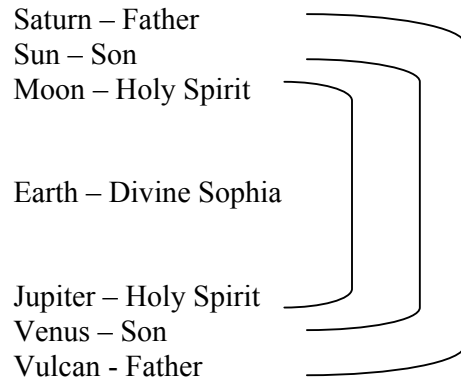
When this Spirit coming from the region of the Bull (Holy Spirit) does not move in the direction of the Ram (Son) or the Sun Sphere - from Moon to Sun, from Holy Spirit to Christ but chooses instead to egoistically remain in the sphere of the Moon, that is, it chooses to sever its tie with the Holy Spirit, then it works against the Spirit and acts as a false or ‘untrue’ Luciferic spirit. In this case the Bull is seen by human beings on earth as an expression of egoism, as in the Bull that overcomes the Sun God Mithras or the ‘Golden Calf’ of the Hebrew people.¹¹

What being is the embodiment of this false spirit in the Cosmos?

Lucifer

The name Lucifer means ‘Light bearer’ in Latin: Lux = light + Fero = he who bears. As we saw last week, in Biblical terms, Lucifer is that being that tempted Eve - the soul - to take “into herself” the substance of the Ego or consciousness. From the last lecture we heard how this being led humanity away from the divine spiritual world and into the world of senses thereby enabling humanity to develop freedom and individuality. In order to understand Lucifer’s role from an esoteric standpoint we need to understand that this Fall was first experienced by Lucifer himself when he rebelled against the divine spiritual powers during the Old Moon phase of Earthly evolution – when the power of the Holy Spirit was most active – see diagram below.

¹¹ Ibid page 31, see also Rudolf Steiner Signs and Symbols of the Christmas Festival Lecture I Birth of Light



It was during the Old Moon stage of world development that the Holy Spirit implanted wisdom into the world – ‘light’¹². At this time Angels were undergoing their human stage and the Astral body of the human being was being implanted into the physical and Etheric sheaths by higher beings. Lucifer had reached the highest position in the rank of Angels but he chose at this time to remain behind, that is to say, Lucifer who had, by the end of Moon evolution reached the stage of beginning to work on the development of his Spirit Self turned his back on his relationship with the Holy Spirit and did not continue with a normal evolution¹³ but chose instead to proceed in an abnormal way.

How did he do this?

He took a part of this Holy Spirit ‘light’ into himself and cut it off from the sea of Cosmic Spirit ‘light’. Thus he remained on earth when the Moon broke away from Earth evolution - an imagination of this is Michael casting Lucifer down to the earth. This ‘selfishness’ caused Lucifer to become an antagonist to the Holy Spirit¹⁴ that is, he was antagonistic to the ‘light’ of the Holy Spirit and was only desirous to know only his own ‘light’.

Later during Lemurian times - a reflection of the Moon stage of world evolution - Lucifer tempted the Ego of human beings to enter into the human Astral body. This meant that the physical human eye could now see into the physical world upon which shone physical light.¹⁵ Lucifer and his followers were able to enter into human beings and to see the external ‘light’ sensed and internalised by the newly acquired human ego in order to continue their evolution.¹⁶ This was a comfortable place for Lucifer, since he had been elaborating his Ego on old Moon when the Astral body of human beings was being implanted¹⁷.

This awakening of consciousness to the world constitutes the human being’s fall from Paradise his ‘unconsciousness’ or ‘falling’ asleep to heavenly worlds.

¹² Rudolf Steiner Signs and Symbols of the Christmas Festivals The Birth of Light. Berlin Dec 19 1904

¹³ Rudolf Steiner Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature page 194

¹⁴ Sergei O Prokofieff The Occult significance of Forgiveness age 182.

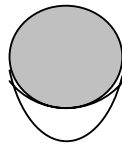
¹⁵ Rudolf Steiner Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature page 197

¹⁶ Adriana Koulias Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil

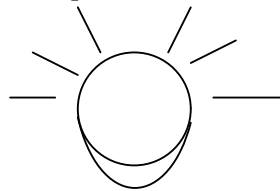
¹⁷ Adriana Koulias, Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil

Rudolf Steiner tells us that it is thus from the Moon Sphere that a counterbalance of forces had to ray down to humanity. The Moon sphere is where dwelled those spirits of Wisdom that had renounced their rightful place on the Sun, in particular the spirit of Form known to the Hebrew people as Jahve who had endowed man with an ego and now gave up his right to exist in the Sphere of the Sun to prevent this fall from going ‘too far’.¹⁸ We see the representation of this restraint in the dark disc of the moon sitting within the illuminated crescent. The Luciferic reflection of the sun’s light – the selfish reflection of the light rayed down by Luciferic Spirits on the sun and reflected to earth is restrained or kept in check by the dark forces coming from the messengers of the Holy Spirit on the moon above the illuminated crescent.¹⁹

We have two imaginations:



In this first imagination the Holy Spirit does not move from the sphere of the Moon to the Sphere of the Sun. That is, it is the Luciferic light that is cut off from the Sun sphere and remains shinning out to us from the sphere of the Moon and is restrained by the spirits of Wisdom – The effects of the fall in man.



In this second imagination the Holy Spirit has moved from the Moon sphere to Sun sphere, it is the redeemed Luciferic light that finds the Christ or Sun in human beings - The Holy Grail.

What does this mean for the human being’s relationship with the Divine Sophia?

When Lucifer tempted the human soul – Eve – to take into itself the substance of ego-hood it began a process that would lead to this slow ‘cutting off’ we have seen above from worlds of Spirit and therefore from the Cosmic Wisdom of the Divine Sophia.

What does this mean from a Macrocosmic standpoint?

What the Gnostics saw was this: Human beings were acquiring more and more wisdom of the world but in the process they were becoming more and more estranged from Worlds of Spirit and therefore from the being of the Divine Sophia. This was counterbalanced by the descent of the Archangelic Being of Anthroposophia whose task it was sacrifice her connection to the Divine Sophia, that is her consciousness of

¹⁸ Rudolf Steiner, *Spiritual Beings in the Heavenly Bodies and the Kingdoms of Nature* page 207.
¹⁹ *Ibid* page 200

the Divine Sophia in those higher realms in which she resides, in order to accompany humanity in its development and inspire its progress in readiness for the descent of the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ which had been sacrificed by Michael. The rebirth of the Divine Sophia in human beings – the fashioning of the virginal Sophian substance out of the human soul as a Microcosmic reflection of the Macrocosmic Divine Wisdom - is necessary before the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ can enter into it and be understood. In the language of the cosmic script this means that the Being of Anthroposophia is dependant on human development if she is to regain consciousness of those regions beyond the dark aspect of the zodiac to the light aspect where resides the Divine Sophia in order that she may rise upwards to Spirit Self - Manas, Life Spirit - Buddhi and Spirit Man – Atma. This is the important thing: the Being of Anthroposophia has to pass through the human being so that together they may reunite with the Divine Sophia in order to acquire the Cosmic Intelligence or Wisdom. The Gnostics saw the estrangement of the being of Anthroposophia from the Divine Sophia as a death. They called this Ahamot – the death of the Sophia. Lucifer was known in the mysteries to have killed the Sophia.

This estrangement has meant a period of darkness which has been taken advantage of by beings of opposition by another event:

When Michael began to make his sacrificial offering of the Cosmic Intelligence at the turning point of time during the Mystery of Golgotha, it caused a split in the hierarchy of Angels²⁰. This hierarchy divided itself into Celestial Angels and Terrestrial Angels. That is some angels accepted this sacrifice while others could not. By the 9th Century (notably the Church council of 869 AD and the abolition of Spirit was the outward historical result of it) there were two kinds of Angels: the Angels of ‘light’ and the Angels of ‘darkness’.²¹ Michael was successful in casting out the dragon - the dark angels that were more inclined towards an Ahrimanic influence, from heaven to the Earth and so, since then we have:

Celestial Angels: The Angels that accepted this sacrifice and renounced the Intelligence along with Michael and maintained their connection with Michael in the Sun Sphere – Normal Angels.

Terrestrial Angels: Those who could not renounce the Intelligence left Michael’s kingdom and followed the intelligence down to earth - Ahrimanic Angels.²²

This can be seen outwardly in the advent of Sun spots, - the Sun begins to decay because the Sun Intelligence has been sacrificed to the earth.²³

Because Angels are the guides of individual human beings as regards to their Karma, this meant that the Karma of individual human beings was thrown into disarray.

How does this happen?

²⁰ Rudolf Steiner Lecture 8th August 1924

²¹ We see here the co-operation between Lucifer - Light and Ahriman – Darkness in preventing the spiritualization of the Cosmic Intelligence.

²² Rudolf Steiner Karmic Relationships vol III lecture XI page 167

²³ ibid Lecture page 170

Those human beings whose Angels remained with Michael could not come together with those Angels that had followed the Cosmic Intelligence down to earth and the fulfilment of Karma between individuals was severed. This severance of Karma leads to social chaos and makes it very difficult for human beings to rise to perfection.

How can humanity rise to the task of ordering its Karma so that it can perfect itself in order to, through the divine Sophia and the being of Michael take the substance of the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ and spiritualise it?

The only way for this to happen in our times is through the guidance of human beings by the being of Michael into the Anthroposophical society, the body of the being of Anthroposophia in order to accomplish two things:

To begin to bring back harmony into Human Karma.
To acquire the wisdom to perfect the various soul sheaths.

These two things will need to occur before the 6th Cultural Epoch and the time of the Pentecost, when the Spirit of Love and Brotherhood will enter human beings and enable the entry of the Cosmic Intelligence of Christ to be understood.

This leads us to the Mystery of the ‘Pentecost’.

What is the Pentecost?

The bible tells us that 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ and ten days after His Ascension into spiritual worlds there followed an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Tongues of fire ‘alighted’ over the head of each Apostle and they began to speak in different tongues.

Rudolf Steiner in his book the Fifth Gospel tells us that this Spirit was the Spirit of Universal Love, and that only experiencing this Spirit individually, could the Apostles understand all that they had previously known of Christ in a dreamlike state, a state that was not fully conscious. This included their life on Earth with Christ Jesus, his crucifixion, resurrection and the teachings they received from Him. It was the substance of love that descended over them – they were stirred by the Cosmic Spirit of Love²⁴ and from this time, Rudolf Steiner tells us, the Christ Being finally united with the sphere of the Earth in the same way that a human being unites with the spiritual world when he dies – the Earth became his heaven.

This descent of the Christ Being to earth, His death and resurrection has made it possible for humanity to preserve an immortality of the ego, that is, Humanity can **overcome the death** of consciousness of spiritual worlds that began with the fall. Humanity can become awake to the spirit while still remaining in the physical body. This consciousness occurs through the medium of the Holy Spirit that at first overshines and then enters the perfected individual Astral sheath to become Spirit Self – a fully self-conscious individualized experience of the Spirit. This possibility was implanted into humanity like a seed during the mystery of the Pentecost - an archetypal experience of the few, that in future times (beginning with the 6th Cultural

²⁴ Sergey O Prokofieff, The Cycle of the Year as a Path of Initiation page 222

Epoch) will become the foundation stone for a new form of initiation experienced by a large number of human beings. This mystery concerns itself particularly with the understanding of the relationship between macrocosm and microcosm which belongs to the sixth stage of modern Rosicrucian Initiation.

In the Old Persian pre- Christian Mysteries there were seven principle stages:

Raven
Secret one or Hidden
Fighter
Lion
Persian
Sun Hero
Father

The Sun Hero is the equivalent of the 6th stage. During this stage the initiate, having undergone a deep sleep for three days communed with Christ on the Sun. After the Mystery of Golgotha it was made possible for human beings to commune with Christ on earth. That is, the initiate who is able to preserve his consciousness while remaining in the physical body can at the same time experience the being of Christ who bears within Him the fullness of Sun life.

The sixth stage of Sun Hero in modern Rosicrucian initiation is the stage of knowing the relationship between Macrocosm and Microcosm in fully awake consciousness.²⁵ Rudolf Steiner tells us that ‘whosoever comes to know within himself the relationship of microcosm to macrocosm has reached out to a knowledge of the whole world.’ This is concealed behind the ancient dictum, “Know thou thyself!”

What does a human being discover when he/she follows this dictum to know himself/herself?

The human being learns that what lives in the cosmos lives in the human being. To ‘know yourself’ is simply to understand this connection in the most profound spiritual sense of the word. It is to merge with your own being into the being of the cosmos and find that the human being is to the cosmos, like a drop of water is to the sea.

If we look at this more closely with respect to the Astral body in particular, we see that what constitutes it is the same substance that constitutes the Astral world. This forms a symbiotic-reciprocal relationship. A change in the human Astral body effects a change in the Astral world and visa versa. Like a drop of die in a bucket of water makes a colour in it and like a bucket of water dilutes the colour in a drop of die.

Macrocosm --- Astral world

Microcosm ----Astral body

²⁵ Rudolf Steiner Lecture 29 June 1907

What lives and weaves in the soul (Astral body) since the fall is impregnated with Luciferic forces, which enabled the acquisition of knowledge through human consciousness and freedom. A redemption of Luciferic forces in the Astral body occurs when human beings utilize the freedom and consciousness they have acquired through these forces to understand the Christ Being. This deed therefore has significance not only for the human Astral body but also for the Astral body of the earth and the Astral world or Moon Sphere, the scene of action for the third hierarchy of Angels.

How is this so?

The perfected human Astral body or the Virgin Sophia of the soul we have seen is the vessel into which the Holy Spirit enters in order to illuminate the Being of Christ. This 'light' that comes from the region of the Bull passes through the sphere of the Angeloi Archangeloi and Archai and meets that other 'light' that was once the product of selfishness in thoughts, feelings and will impulses in the soul - Lucifer's temptation. Now purified these have become universal thoughts, universal feelings and will to perform deeds of universal significance. This merging of Macrocosm and Microcosm, that is, the Holy Spirit 'light' coming from above and the redeemed Luciferic 'light' rising upwards from below signifies a marriage of the Holy Spirit with the purified Luciferic Spirit.

We can see how this has an influence that extends from human beings directly up to the region of the Bull taking in all the members of the Cosmic Sophia!

This marriage of Macrocosmic 'light' with Microcosmic 'light' means a resurrection for Lucifer. He is resurrected in a new form within the human being when he becomes the 'Light of the Spirit', which merges with the Holy Spirit to take into its substance the cosmic 'Spirit Self' of Christ.

In his lecture entitled the Deed of Christ and the Opposing Spiritual Powers Rudolf Steiner tells us what this means not only for Lucifer but for those spirits who chose to follow him on Old Moon.

"Then the Luciferic Spirits are cleansed and purified in the fire of Christianity and the wrong done to the earth by them is changed into blessing. Freedom has been attained; but it will also be carried into the spiritual sphere as a blessing. That man is capable of this, that he is capable of understanding Christ, that Lucifer, resurrected in a new form, can unite with Christ as the good Spirit — this, as prophecy still, was told by Christ Himself to those around Him, when He said: "Ye shall be illumined by the new Spirit, by the Holy Spirit!" This "Holy Spirit" is none other than the Spirit through whom man can apprehend what Christ has wrought. Christ desired not merely to work, but also to be apprehended, to be understood. Therefore the sending of the Spirit by whom men are inspired, the sending of the "Holy spirit", is implicit in Christianity...This "Holy Spirit" is none other than the Lucifer-Spirit, resurrected now in higher, purer glory — the Spirit of independent understanding, wisdom-in-woven."

Lucifer will become the Holy Teacher within the human being. He is transformed from the spirit of Lies or untruth – falsehood - to the spirit of Truth.

This merging of Macrocosmic spirit and Microcosmic spirit illuminates not only the Christ consciousness within the human Astral body so that a spiritual Sun is born in it, but also Christ consciousness in the Astral world, in the realm of the Angels where He is once again perceived after a period of darkness! This illumination of Christ will have a profound effect on the guardian angels of human beings. It will bring about a reordering of Karma and social harmony because brotherhood exists when we recognize the Christ in our fellow man since human beings are not be able to hate and discriminate against other human beings when they can see, spiritually see by way of the light of Holy Spirit Self the Christ in his brother or sister. Thus does Christ becomes the Lord of Karma.²⁶

Lucifer through the fall is said to have killed the Sophia, that is, he is said to have cut off the being of Anthroposophia from the Divine Sophia through ego consciousness. In turn Anthroposophia as a servant of Michael creates conditions for both Lucifer's rebirth as a Light bearer - and the rebirth of Sophia or Isis of Christ in human beings. Thus it is primarily through Anthroposophy as it is given to humanity by Rudolf Steiner and Christian Rosencreutz that human beings can embark on a program of work whose end product is the fashioning of Spirit from Soul towards this end.

Now we understand the saying: **Wisdom lives in the light.**

In the Microcosmic Human sense: Without (Light) Lucifer, there can be no Wisdom, without Wisdom (Divine Sophia) human beings live in darkness because Lucifer is not redeemed!

This then is the connection between the being of Sophia, Anthroposophia and the redemption of Lucifer. This has already begun and will continue to do so and culminate in the sixth cultural Epoch of human evolution. Rudolf Steiner named the Theosophical magazine Lucifer Gnosis (Christ knowledge illuminated by the new born Lucifer) in anticipation of this event because even in our time insofar as each individual reaches out towards this goal he is redeeming Lucifer. This has already begun.

This makes the epoch that we live in very important since it is ***only in this epoch*** that we are given the opportunity to prepare for this momentous event, when the Holy Spirit of the Macrocosm meets the Holy Spirit of the Microcosm in a sacred and sovereign marriage within the soul of the human being into the substance of the Virgin Sophia in our Souls - the Divine Wisdom, the Sophia in the human being reborn, so that Lucifer is redeemed by the conscious knowledge – Intelligence - of Christ.

This will not happen just by sitting back and hoping for it. A conscious effort is needed, especially by those who are karmically fortunate enough to find their way to the being of Anthroposophia and to the Divine Sophia of Christ.

²⁶ Segei O Prokofieff The Heavenly Sophia and the Being of Anthroposophia page 132

Outward events today show us that we are not doing enough. The Sophia remains cut off from the world and she is sought for in the most materialistic ways, books like the Da Vinci Code are an example of this desire in humanity to find the Divine Cosmic Feminine that has died in the consciousness of human beings. Adversarial powers that wish to seize the cosmic intelligence from human beings take advantage of this unconscious desire and place before humanity an Ahrimanic deception, a caricature of the Sophia, turning the divine marriage between Christ and the Sophia in the human Astral body into a materialistic marriage between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. This Ahrimanic deception seeks to materialize the etherisation or spiritualization of blood that follows such a spiritual union into the search for a kingly sacred bloodline (a Luciferic distortion).

Anthroposophia should be the reborn as Sophia in our times, but this will only be made possible through the activity of human beings.

We saw last week how the development of the being of Anthroposophia is interdependent with our own development. The being of Anthroposophia not only passes through our individual souls but since the Christmas Foundation meeting she has incarnated her human ego into the sheaths of the General Anthroposophical Society and begins her work towards becoming its group soul. Anthroposophists then not only have her living in their individual souls but also, from the time of the Christmas foundation meeting from a macrocosmic standpoint, in the Physical, Etheric and Astral body of the Anthroposophical Society. It is therefore evident that what Anthroposophists do and do not do individually and as a group has a direct bearing on her Body, Soul, and Spirit. And we can see the result of our lack of work today when we realize that Anthroposophy, which should have taken the Cosmic Intelligence into the world, has not developed to the level anticipated by the wise guidance of human evolution.

Because this has a bearing on the entire evolution of the earth we can see it reflected in outward events.²⁷ If we as Anthroposophists do not apply ourselves truly to working towards **self knowledge**, purifying our thinking feeling and willing through meditation and balancing exercises and thereby working towards making the Cosmic Intelligence our own this will have two consequences:

- Through the lack of the progress of individual human beings on their Astral sheaths the Being of Anthroposophia may not be able to establish a connection with the Being of the Divine Sophia.
- Through the collective lack of progress the Being of Anthroposophia may not find within the Astral, Etheric and Physical sheaths of the Anthroposophical society/movement a suitable environment for the further development of her Spirit Self, Life Spirit and Spirit man in order to lead humanity towards these goals.

What we have been neglectful to make of the Being of Anthroposophia in our soul and in our community is reflected back to us as an objective sickness. What is

²⁷ Sergei O Prokofieff The Heavenly Sophia and the Being of Anthroposophia page 185

reflected back is what we have made of the Being of Anthroposophia. What we see is what the world has become! What we have created!

Everywhere, all over the world Anthroposophists are calling for a ‘Renewal’ of Anthroposophy! We seek this renewal because we sense the above and this has consequences in the outer world in a strengthening of the forces of evil in catastrophes²⁸ famine, war and terrorism.

It is sad to say it but these horrors are a direct result of our individual lack of work. A breakdown of community has to be the result. For humanity to be led together into community Anthroposophists must work now. While ever we don’t work earnestly towards the change in our selves, the ideal of ennoblement in ourselves, we are not only weakening and crippling the being of Anthroposophia but we are working against community, against the Holy Spirit - and Rudolf Steiner has said that those who sin against community, the wisdom that creates community, cannot be forgiven.²⁹

It is therefore a call to us, a sobering call to Anthroposophists. The responsibility lies with us to live in advance what in future times will be lived by the general population, because it is our responsibility to bring harmony back into our karmas, it is our responsibility to redeem the Luciferic beings that live not only inside us, but in the Astral world and the sub-earthly astral realm of the earth – this in turn will redeem Lucifer himself which will have a beneficial influence on the entire third hierarchy of Angels.

It is our responsibility to create conditions for those who are incarnated in the future so that in the 6th Cultural Epoch, humanity will be in a position to experience a renewed Pentecost, a renewed Whitsun – a renaissance or rebirth of the Holy Spirit inside the human being. Then shall a Michaelic community come into being in which along with individuation there will be a spirit of brotherhood because all Michaelites will speak the same language, the language of the unified wisdom of Christ that proceeds from the Cosmic Sophia through the mediation of the Spirit of Truth.

Once again how will we do this? As Rudolf Steiner has said - **through individual self development**. We cannot begin to develop community in the right way, to foster love in the Anthroposophical society and in the world, if this ideal is not accompanied by the fire of zeal that ‘lights’ up in each individual to acquire self-knowledge and to foster an earnest desire to change themselves. The only way forward is to move through selfishness to selflessness. From the individual to community.

So, let us ‘renew’ our vows to the Cosmic Sophia and to the Being of Anthroposophia and let us seek and awakening of it in our minds in our hearts and in our wills every day and every evening. Our devotion to self change will create youthful forces in the body, soul and spirit of the being of Anthroposophia and it will in turn shine out to our community and to the world as strengthening powers of soul.

²⁸ See my lectures entitled Faith Love and Hope as a Counterforce to Evil

²⁹ Rudolf Steiner The Christian Mystery page 84

Isis- Sophia
Wisdom of God
Lucifer has slain her
And on wings of cosmic forces
Carried her away into the depths of space
Christ-will
Working in us
Shall tear her from Lucifer
And on grounds of spiritual knowledge
Call to new life in human souls
Isis- Sophia
Wisdom of God.³⁰

Thank you and goodnight

³⁰ Rudolf Steiner The Search for a New Isis Dornach December 24, 1920