

Insights from Mythology for Confronting Our Mechanical Future

The Western Spiritual Path

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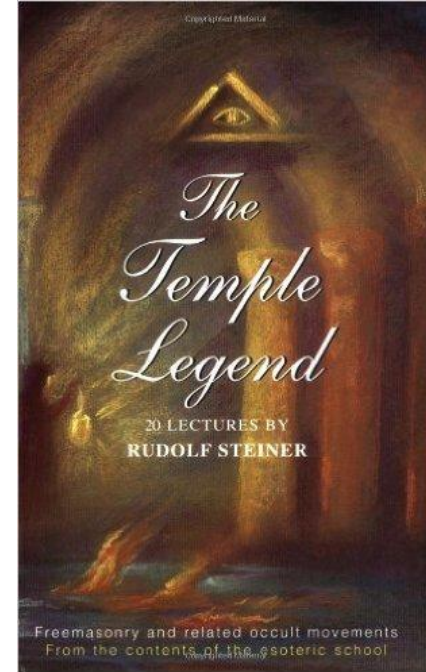
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Major source:

- Intro/Bio
- Ancient Warnings
 1. Adam & Eve and Cain & Abel
 2. Hephaestus and Prometheus
 3. Sleeping Beauty (Grimm's Little Briar-Rose)
- The Future of Human Evolution
 - From the 4th Century to Today
 - From Today to 2050 and Beyond
- Conclusion





Why Mythology?

- Myths as an expression of profound esoteric truths
- Not everyone could be initiated
 - It was known that such stories would, **when the individual reincarnated**, have **prepared** them
 - What is such a preparation?
 - Where does it become incorporated?
 - Are our children “prepared”?
 - Are we “those who were so prepared”?
 - “It was not faith, but knowledge, that inspired these myths.”
 - R. Steiner, The Temple Legend,

Story of Adam and Eve

- As taught by Christian Rosenkreutz
- Seven Elohim (Exusiai):
 - “Let us create Man *in our likeness*”
- One Elohim creates **asexual** Eve
 - That Elohim *unites* himself with his own creation resulting in Cain
 - Spiritual concept as fertilizing agent
- Another Elohim, Yahveh (Jehovah), creates Adam
 - This asexual Adam is known as Adam Cadmon in esoteric circles
 - Adam also *unites* himself with Eve; from this union came Abel



Lucifer and Jehovah

- When Lucifer got the woman to eat from the Tree of Knowledge, she:
 - Laid the basis for becoming independent in respect to wisdom
 - Ceased to remain a mere tool of Jehovah (as he had planned)
 - Lost Jehovah's power to fertilize herself through wisdom
- By giving the apple to man, she wiped out Jehovah's power
 - Thus woman became dependent on man
 - “And I will put **enmity** between thee and the woman, and **between thy seed and her seed**” — *Genesis 3:15*



Lucifer's Independence

- Lucifer led mankind along this path to independence
- Jehovah was against this – forbade them to eat from the Tree of Knowledge
- New bodies had to come into existence
 - Death and reincarnation come into the world
 - Karma as gift from the Divine-Spiritual
- Woman no longer fertile now through herself, “barren”
 - Fertilization now must come from outside
 - This kind of death now enters the world



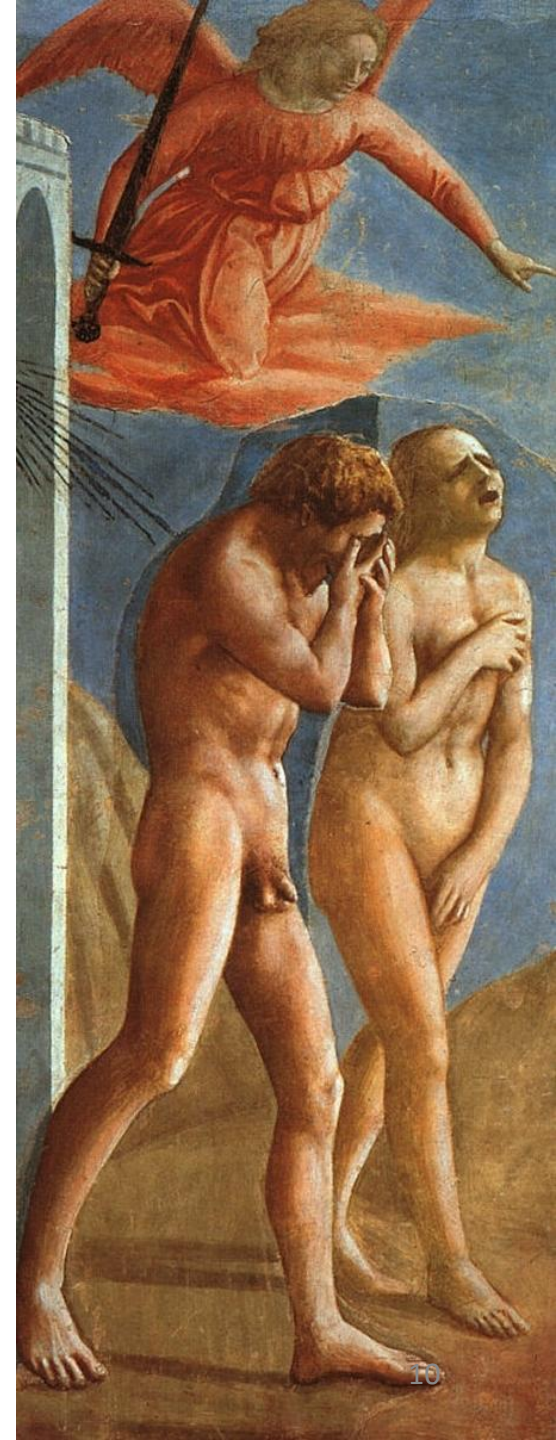
Human Form and Propagation

- In the beginning, all human beings are similar
 - Appearance same from creation
 - All created after the image of the Elohim
 - Propagated then by asexual means
 - All retained the same form
 - Father looked like son and grandson
- What caused mankind to change, become differentiated?
 - Through the fact that two, not one, were engaged in propagation
 - The offspring looked like the father **and** like the mother



Transform Asexual to Sexual

- Physically, there is first of all a woman, who is fertilized *from above*
 - It was the Divine Spirit in woman which was the fertilizing principle
- When the separation of the sexes happened, the differentiation started in the **transformation** of the female's spiritual organs of **fertilization** into organs of **wisdom**
 - The **masculine** power that the woman had in herself turned the creative force into organs of wisdom
 - The generative force stayed with woman
 - The **creative physical force** stayed with **man**
- As a result of this separation, the spinal cord and the brain with the nerve branches appeared
 - Portrayed as Tree of Knowledge
 - The **organ of wisdom** is formed in the vertebrae by the spinal cord and its extension into the brain
- From that time on, there is a **duality** in Man



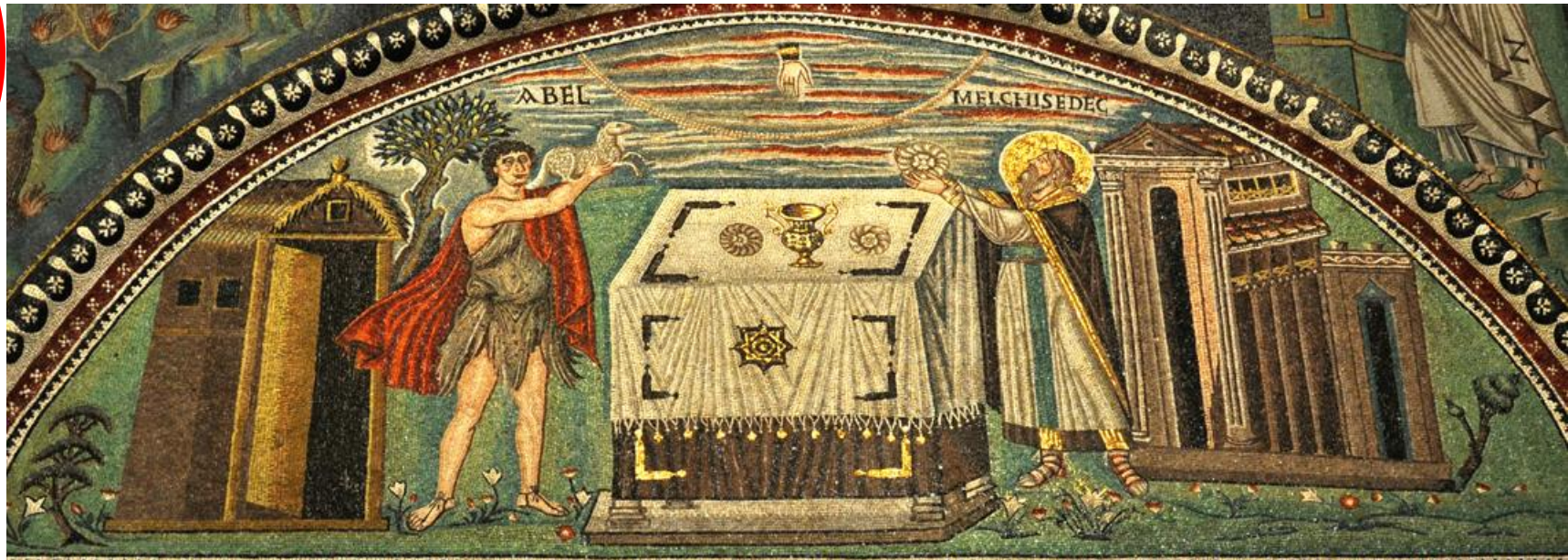
Fertilization After the Fall

- The feminine active spirit becomes **physically** infertile
 - Can no longer produce offspring out of herself
 - Self-fertilizing spiritually but not physically
- The masculine passive spirit is spiritually infertile but can fertilize physically
 - Spiritually, he now becomes fertilized by everything in the world
 - He **becomes spiritually fertilize-able**
 - Fertilized by everything external being gathered and combined
 - Male wisdom was orientated towards assembling worldly wisdom
- The etheric body becomes opposite sex to physical
 - Soul remains “a mix” of both sexes



Cain and Abel as Taught by C. Rosenkreutz

- Cain is a direct descendant of a god, Abel of humans
- Cain **tills** the ground, Abel **tends** sheep
- The sacrifices which Abel made were pleasing to Yahveh
 - Its smoke rose up (was accepted)
- The sacrifices brought by Cain were not
 - Its smoke remained with the earth



Cain and Abel as Taught by C. Rosenkreutz

- Yahveh caused strife between the sons of Cain and Abel
 - Between the two seeds
 - The result was that Cain committed fratricide
 - Cain was **excluded** from communion with Yahveh
 - “Am I my brother’s keeper?” **egoism begins**
 - He went *away into distant lands and founded his own race*
 - Descendants of Cain: creators of art & science, working of metal ores & fire





Separation into Sexes, Mid-Atlantean Times

- Now begins the process of separation into sexes
 - **Able represents female wisdom** typified in intuition
 - **Cain represents male wisdom**
 - The physical body and the etheric body develop **opposite sexes**
 - The **soul is both sexes** but as our deeper nature symbolized as the feminine
 - The **spirit is sexless** yet in its connection with the brain which became male is symbolized as masculine
- Thus we have two founding generations of mankind:
 1. The race of Cain: descended from Eve and an Elohim
 2. The race of Abel: Yahveh → Adam + Eve (asexual)
 - Yahveh causes enmity between the two lineages

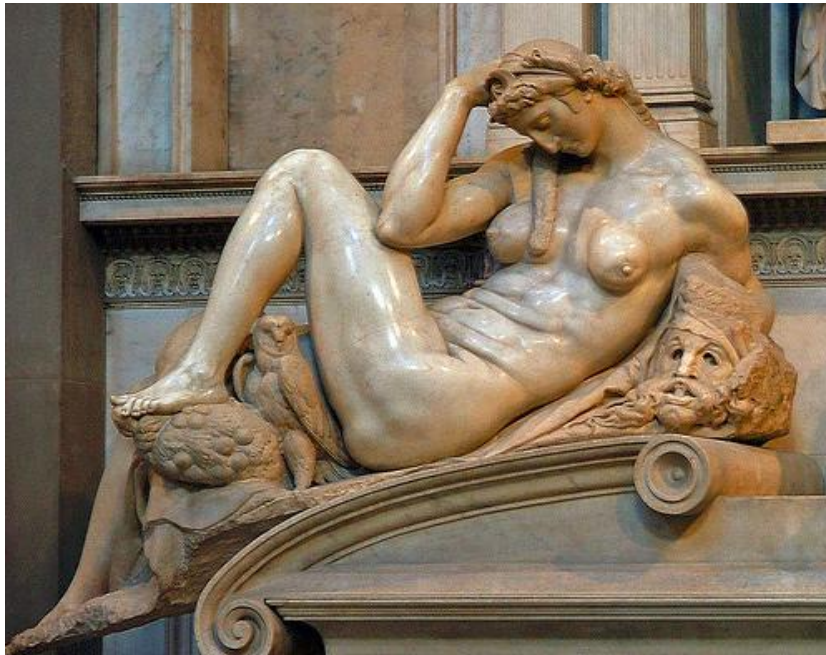


What Cain and Abel Represent

- Cain and Abel are the *representatives* of **two kinds of thinking**
- So long as mankind was still female-male, it was impossible for Man to **separate spiritual wisdom and scientific knowledge**
- Only through a definite separation into the two sexes could mankind's brain be brought to the **pitch** where it could function
 - The **brain became male** – the deeper human nature became female
- Through this separation, propagation of the human species ceased to be *identical copies* of their parents and *became differentiated*
 - Variation only comes about when a mixture occurs
 - How was this mixture made possible?
 - Through the fact that the **masculine element committed itself to the earth**
 - The physical plane and the effect it has on man is the mark set upon Cain
- In this way, The Redemption targets the Cain stream

Artistic Representations

Night – *Michelangelo* – Abel



Day – *Michelangelo* – Cain





AFTER CAIN AND ABEL: SETH

bə-yō-wm 'ā-dām, šə-mām 'et- way-yiq-rā 'ō-tām, way-bā-rek bə-rā-'ām; ū-nə-qē-bāh zā-kār 'ō-tōw.
 בְּיוֹם אָדָם שְׁמָם אֶת- וַיִּקְרָא אֹתָם וַיְבָרֶךְ בְּרָאם וַיִּבְרָא 2 זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה
 in the day Man their name - and called them and blessed He created and female Male him
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 s hib-bā-re-'ām.
 הִבְרָאָם:
 - when they were created
 Verb

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 kə-šal-mōw; biḡ-mū-tōw way-yō-w-leḡ šā-nāh, ū-mə-'at šə-lō-šīm 'ā-dām, way-ḥī
 - כְּצַלְמוֹ בְּדְמוּתוֹ וַיּוֹלֵד שָׁנָה וּמֵאֶת שְׁלֹשִׁים אָדָם וַיְחִי 3
 according to his image [a son] in his own likeness and fathered years and a hundred thirty Adam And lived
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 šə-mō-neh šēt, 'et- hō-w-lī-ḡōw 'a-ḥā-rē 'ā-dām, yə-mê- way-yih-yū šēt, šə-mōw 'et- way-yiq-rā
 שְׁמֹנֶה שֵׁת אֶת- הוֹלִידוּ אַחֲרַי אָדָם יְמֵי- וַיְהִי 4 . שֵׁת שְׁמוֹ אֶת- וַיִּקְרָא
 eight Seth - he had begotten after of Adam the days And were Seth his name - and he called
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Seth and Likeness

- Adam again united himself with Eve → new race: Seth
- In the days the Elohim created Man, in their **likeness** made he it; **female-male** created he it; and blessed it, and called its name Adam, in the day when it was created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son *in his own likeness*, after his image; and called his name Seth (Genesis 5)
- With Seth the sexual separation process completes
- Seth takes over the role of Abel



Sons of Abel/Seth and Sons of Cain

Abel/Seth's Character Female

- Seth's wisdom can be expressed in words which go straight to the **human heart** and can uplift a person but is unable to produce anything tangible of a technical nature such as in art or science
 - It is a wisdom which is a directly inspired gift of God
 - They wish not to add to that wisdom but accept it as it is
 - Religious heritage (genealogy) carried by the female
 - Story of Seth planting tree from Paradise over Adam's grave

Cain's Character Male

- Wisdom attained from below through human passions (fire) welling up from the human will
 - They are the hardworking industrious ones who seek to accomplish everything through their own efforts
 - Offspring known as the sons of fire

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הָאָדָם	בָּנוֹת	אֶל-	הָאֱלֹהִים	בָּנָי	יָבֹאוּ	אֲשֶׁר	כֵּן	אַחֲרֵי	וְגַם	הֵם	בַּיָּמִים
of men	the daughters	unto	of God	the sons	came in	when	that	after	and also	those	in days
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-	of renown	men	[were] of old	who	mighty men	the same
	Noun	Noun	Noun	Prt	Adj	Pro

לָהֶם	וַיִּלְדּוּ
to them	and they bore
Prep	Verb

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לִבּוֹ	מַחְשַׁבֹּת	יִצֵּר	וְכָל-	בָּאָרֶץ	הָאָדָם	רָעַת	רַבָּה	כִּי	יְהוָה	וַיַּרְא
of his heart	of the thoughts	imagination	and every	on the earth	of man	the wickedness	[was] great	that	GOD	And saw
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on the earth	man	-	he had made	that	the LORD	And was sorry	the time	all	evil	[was] only
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The Daughters of Men During Atlantis

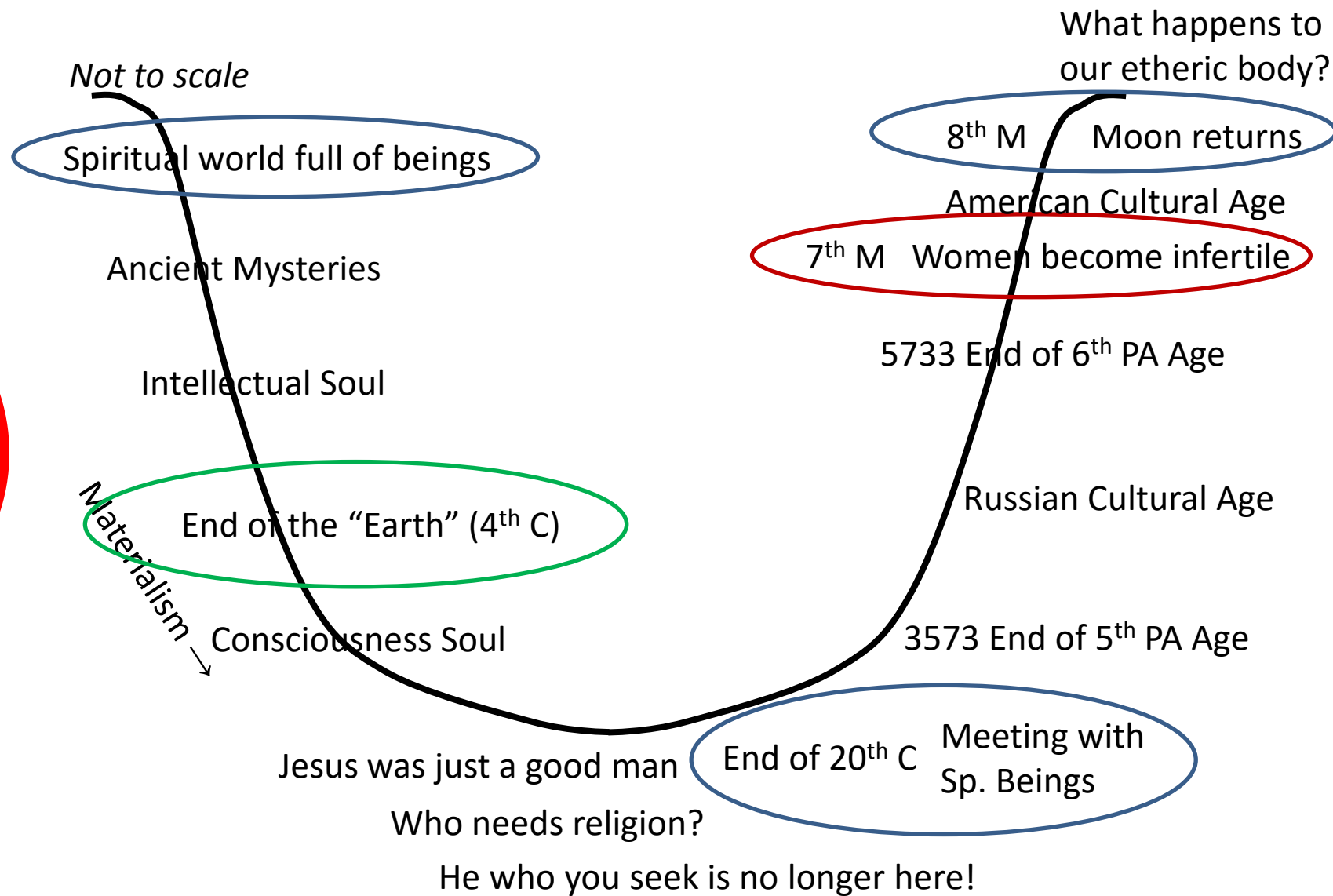
- Lines of Abel & Cain were kept separate; sinful to merge
 - Abel line known as Sons of God (Yahveh)
 - Cain line known as Sons and Daughters of Men
- “The Sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair and took them wives” (from the line of Cain)
- From this union resulted a race of people known in occult language as the Rakshasas
 - Rakshasas easily seduced men of Atlantis (esp. 4th sub-race)
- This leads to such evil – key cause of the Flood
 - What will happen if men see the daughters of machines as fair?

Will Sons of Cain Find RoXXXy to be “Fair”?



- Has conversations with you but never says “not tonight dear”
 - Multiple personalities (set from a menu)
 - [e-skin](#) is responsive to touch
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- Will have simulated orgasm (dial for speed, simultaneous)
 - “Ain’t nothing like the real thing, baby” – or will this too change?
 - More sex robots: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLVOnVsLXqw>

Why Was Sexuality Important Tonight?





BUILDING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Who Was Solomon?

- Third King of Israel
 - Reign circa 970 to 931 BC
 - Great in wisdom and wealth
- Also called **Jedi-diah** (Hebrew (יְדִידְיָהּ))
 - Star Wars Jedi-Knights (Jedi-diah + Knights Templar)
- Talmud: Solomon 1 of 48 prophets
- Qur'an: a major prophet named Sulayman, son of David
- Builds the First Temple in Jerusalem
- But succumbs to idolatry; punished by Yahveh
 - Resulting in the kingdom being torn in two during the reign of his son Rehoboam





Solomon's Historical Situation

- Pre-1000 BCE: Priest-Kings or Initiate Kings
 - Becomes a birthright via royal blood
 - Egypt, Sumeria, Babylon, Persia, Assyria, Scythia, Mesopotamia
 - Kingship “descended from Heaven”
 - King “required” to be able to rise to their folk-god
 - King as high priest – a medium of the divine (for that folk)
 - Coronation was an annual rite of initiation
 - Reenactment of mythological drama
 - King to be humiliated by next-highest priest
 - King atones for the people through his suffering
 - Afterwards he is re-enthroned as “son of the god”

Solomon's Historical Situation

- Israel: Saul → David → Solomon
 - Kingship “granted” through priests
 - Saul 1043-1011, David -971, Solomon -931BCE
 - Priest Samuel told by God to go meet first king
 - From tribe of Benjamin
 - Saul was looking for a *lost donkey*, Samuel initiates him, donkey found
 - Samuel sets the duties of a king in Israel:
 - Must study the Torah continually
 - The Torah must always be with the king wherever he is
 - Must never feel haughty and superior to his brothers
 - Must not seek pleasure
- Who can become King? – changes after 747 BCE



David Becomes King

- David defeats Goliath (Philistine)
- David conquers the fortress of Salem
 - Makes it his capital
 - Melchisedec high priest in time of Abraham
- Hiram, king of Tyre, sends messengers
 - Offers to build David a house or temple
- David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem
 - Intending to build a temple, God, speaking through the prophet Nathan, announced that the temple would be built in the future
 - By a son of David (turns out to be Solomon)
- God made a covenant with David
 - Promised that He will establish the House of David
 - "Your throne shall be established forever (for all of the age)"



How Solomon Became King

- 1 Kings: when **David was old**, "he *could not get warm*"
 - Most beautiful young woman in the kingdom – **Abishag** was brought to him
 - The old king "knew her not" but she became part of his harem
- While David was dying, his 4th son Adonijah, heir apparent after the death of his elder brothers, acted to have himself declared king
 - He recruited Joab and Abiathar
- However, Bathsheba, one of David's wives and mother of Solomon and the prophet Nathan, convinced David to proclaim Solomon king



"David, Bathsheba and Abishag"
By Frederick Goodall (1822-1904)



"King David handing the Sceptre to his son, Solomon"
By Cornelis de Vos (1584-1651)

After Solomon Became King

- Adonijah fled and took refuge at the altar later receiving pardon from Solomon on the condition that he show himself “to be a worthy man”
- Later, with David gone, Adonijah asked to marry Abishag
 - Solomon disallowed as it gave Adonijah potential to claim throne
 - Bathsheba surprisingly pleaded on Adonijah's behalf
- Adonijah was thus seized and put to death
 - David's general Joab was killed, in accord with David's deathbed request to Solomon because he had killed generals Abner and Amasa during a peace (2 Samuel & 1 Kings 2:5)
 - David's priest Abiathar, a descendent of Eli, was exiled by Solomon because he had sided with Adonijah





Building Solomon's Temple

- Solomon receives dream; decides to build a temple
 - Excelled in everything which came from Yahveh
 - Renowned for his wisdom
- Calls upon Hiram Abiff to become his master builder
 - Descendant of Cain, Son of the Widow
- Balkis, the Queen of Sheba, was visiting Jerusalem because she had heard of the wisdom of Solomon
 - She was certainly impressed and charmed by the exalted and clear wisdom and beauty of the King when she first arrived
 - When he made love to her she consented to be his bride
- When the temple was almost complete, only Hiram's masterpiece, the Molten Sea, was left
 - Was to adorn the temple and represent the ocean cast in bronze
 - All the necessary mixtures of ores had been prepared by Hiram in a most wonderful manner, ready to be cast

Tension and Dissention

- There were 3 apprentices that Hiram had found so lacking in skill that he had been unable to promote them to become masters
- They swore to be revenged on him and prevent the casting of his masterpiece, the Molten Sea
 - Many had gathered to watch the casting
 - A friend of Hiram, Benoni, learned about these plans,
 - Confided them to Solomon, so that he could prevent it
 - But Solomon, through jealousy, did nothing to stop them, because he secretly wished to destroy Hiram



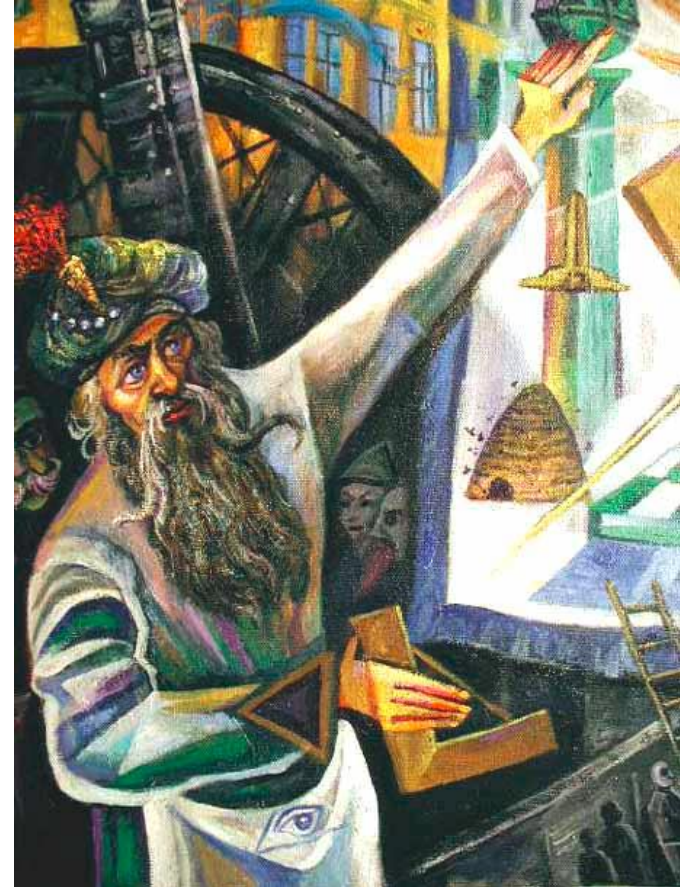


Hiram's Initiation

- The result was that Hiram had to look on while the whole casting disintegrated due to the addition of a wrong ingredient in the mixture by the 3 apprentices
 - He tried to quench the bursting flames by pouring water over them, but this only made matters worse
 - Just as he was on the point of despairing about the work ever being completed, Tubal-Cain, his ancestor, appeared to him and told him that he should not hesitate to cast himself into the fire, as he was invulnerable to the flames
 - Hiram did as he was advised and was led by Tubal-Cain
- He came to the center of the earth to meet Cain who resided there in a condition of pristine divinity
 - Hiram was then initiated into the Mystery of Fire and into the secret of bronze casting
 - He receives from Tubal-Cain a Hammer and a Golden Triangle
- Then he returned and was able to complete the casting of the Molten Sea and to put everything in order again

After Building the Temple

- Hiram again was set upon by the 3 apprentices and this time murdered
 - He was able to write the secret word on the Golden Triangle and hide it in a well
 - It was later retrieved and enclosed in a stone shaped in the form of a cube
 - The Ten Commandments are inscribed on this stone that conceals the hidden word
- As no one knew where he had disappeared, a search was made
 - Even Solomon was afraid and anxious to find out what had happened
- It was thought that the ancient Master Word could be betrayed by the apprentices, and therefore another one was devised
 - The first word to be spoken when Hiram was discovered



Building a New Temple

- When Hiram was found:
 - He said: ‘Tubal-Cain had promised me that I shall have a **son** who will be the father of many descendants who will people the earth and bring **my work — the building of the Temple — to completion**’
- It is said that the triangle only can be discovered by one who can understand the meaning of the legend of the Temple of Solomon and its Master Builder Hiram
- Our body is the new temple
 - Who is a Son of Hiram?
 - What does this have to do with Machines?



St. John's Church, Chester

Balkis, Queen of Sheba

- When she first arrived, she was certainly impressed and charmed by the exalted King with clear wisdom and beauty
- When he made love to her she consented to be his bride
- She heard much about the temple being built and thus she desired to make the acquaintance of its master builder
 - Captivated merely by his glance
 - Became a “Girl on Fire”
 - She requested for the workers to be assembled
 - Hiram raised the Tau sign and all gathered quickly
 - The Tau sign symbolizes a totally new power, based on freedom
- The heroic deeds of Hiram increase her fiery desire for him
 - As a result, a certain mood of jealousy arose by Solomon
 - He wished to do something or other against Hiram but was dependent upon him for completion of temple





Prophecy Told to Hiram

- Tubal-Cain explained to Hiram: “Now know the true Jehovah, who is the cause of your being here for Jehovah hates the Sons of Fire”
 - He wants to destroy them; he wants to destroy his own creation
 - But you need have nothing to fear
 - ***To you will be born a son, whom you will not yourself see, but from whom shall spring a race, out of which a new fire worship will develop***
 - Balkis's affections were furthered when Hiram was able to complete the Molten Sea using Tubal-Cain's hammer
- Prophecy revealed to Balkis
 - During a walk, a bird appeared to Balkis; it showed the mystical Tau sign
 - The *Queen's nurse* realized that **the wisdom of the future** was hidden under this sign of the Tau
 - At this point, the Queen of Sheba consented to become Hiram's bride
- During a feast, at which Solomon became intoxicated, the Queen of Sheba took the betrothal ring and hurried to find Hiram



How the Prophecy was Revealed to Balkis

- One day the queen, accompanied by her maids, went beyond Jerusalem, and there encountered Hiram, alone and thoughtful
- Had-Had, the bird who for the queen filled the office of messenger of the genii of fire, seeing Hiram in the air made the sign of the mystic T, flew around his head and settled on his wrist
 - At this Sarahil, nurse of the queen, exclaimed: “The oracle is fulfilled
 - Had-Had recognizes the husband which the genii of fire destined for Balkis”
 - The encounter was decisive, they mutually confessed their love
- They hesitated no longer, mutually pledged their vows, and deliberated on how Balkis could retract her promise to the king
- Hiram was to be the first to quit Jerusalem; the queen, impatient to rejoin him, was to elude the vigilance of the king, which she accomplished by withdrawing from his finger, while he was overcome with wine, her betrothal ring
 - ***How do you feel about Balkis?***

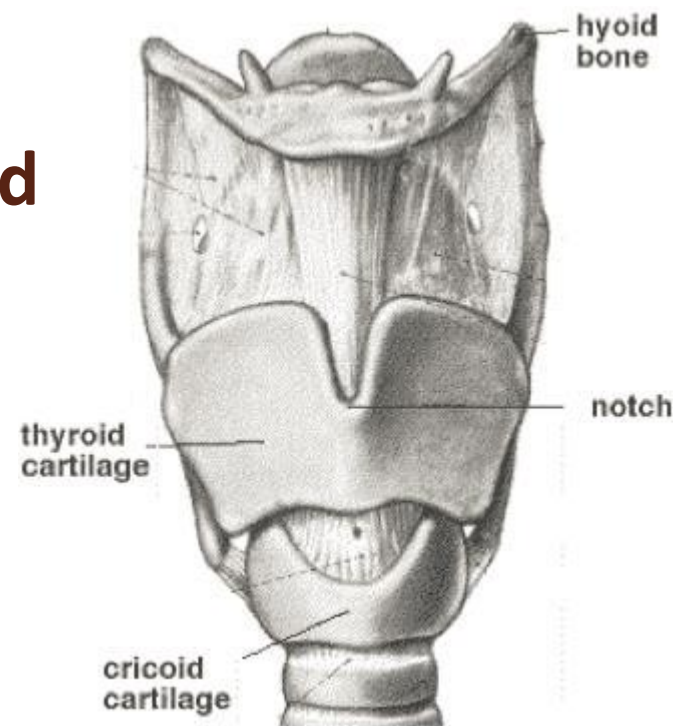
Who are the Sons of Fire?

- Come into existence *ONLY after* the separation of the sexes
 - Through penetration of physical female by physical male
- Fire is the active principle in the male semen
 - In male semen lives fire, in the occult sense
- Jehovah had to create this basic force, so that this race could propagate itself
 - Jehovah created the Sons of Fire, which was only possible on the basis of this soul fire
 - Jehovah is the opponent of change; he cherishes the old kind of propagation
 - Therefore he turned again to the priests and made them into his preachers
 - He caused the power and the glory of his own wisdom to be proclaimed through the priestly wisdom
- Hiram-Abiff is appointed to undertake the Molten Sea, which means the transformation of mineral kingdom through art
- He was also told that a son would be born to him, who — even though he would not himself be able to see him — would bring forth **a new race**
 - This son is the coming new race that will take the place of the present one
 - The new race for whom it will no longer be necessary for two sexes to unite with one another, but will again be able to bring about propagation through the one human individual (this, of course, refers to a far distant future)
 - Through the (lost) Word



Propagation through the Word

- Why did Freemasonry exclude women?
 - To them, it is appointed only the man
 - To re-establish and
 - To utter the Lost Word
 - Only the male form of the larynx
 - Is in a position to say and know:
 - What can be regained through the Lost Word
 - It was felt the whole female sex had to be excluded from their rituals
 - *This began to change in Steiner's time – why?*
- Link between the organ of speech and gender
 - Only the man changes voice when he reaches puberty
 - The change of voice is the expression of the former connection between the organs of speech and of sexuality





Summary of Cain and Abel

Sons/Race of Abel-Seth

- Solomon
- Possess divine wisdom
 - Detached piety and wisdom
- Representatives of the religious type with detached wisdom
 - Lacking enthusiasm
- Eastern path: no attachments
 - Tend the soul

Sons/Race of Cain

- Hiram Abiff
- Conversant with fire
 - Know how to make use of it
 - Not physical fire
 - Fire of wishes, desires, and instincts which burns in the astral world, Karma
 - Impulsive nature, capable of flaring up, showing enthusiasm for wisdom
- All arts and the sciences
- Western path
 - Till the soul

These are creative within all races of mankind and in all periods of history

Prometheus and Zeus

- Prometheus means 'thinking in advance'
- Epimetheus means 'thinking afterwards'
- Sons of a Titan, Japetus
 - The Titans are themselves sons of the ancient Greek god Uranus and his wife Gaia (Uranus means 'heaven', and Gaia 'earth')
 - Uranus (Greek) = Varuna (Indian)
- Chronos usurped the throne of his father Uranus to obtain the rulership for himself
- For this he was in his turn dethroned by his own sons, led by Zeus, and, with all the other Titans, cast into the underworld
 - Includes the Titan Atlas, a brother of Prometheus
 - Only Prometheus and his brother Epimetheus remained loyal to Zeus during these events fighting with Zeus against the other Titans



Punishment

- **Zeus had created the human race** but humanity had become rebellious, thus Zeus wanted to exterminate it
- Then Prometheus made himself humanity's **representative**
 - He devised a plan to give men the means whereby they could save themselves and **no longer be dependent upon the help of Zeus**
 - Prometheus taught men the use of writing and of the **arts**, but above all the **use of fire**
- Because of Zeus's anger, Prometheus was chained to the **Caucasus**
 - He was forced to **endure there much suffering** over a long period
- Prometheus knows a secret of which even Zeus is ignorant
 - Zeus sends Hermes, the messenger of the gods, to discover the secret, but Prometheus does not betray it





Pandora

- Next the gods, with Zeus at their head, then caused **Hephaestus**, the god of the smiths, to make a statue of a woman, Pandora
 - Pandora was provided with all those external attributes which adorn human beings of modern times
- Pandora was sent to bring gifts from the gods to mankind, first to Epimetheus, the brother of Prometheus
- Prometheus warned his brother not to accept the gifts; but Epimetheus was charmed and persuaded
- All these “gifts” of the gods constituted human miseries and sufferings – only the last gift, hope, remained in Pandora's box

Redemption

- Prometheus can only be freed through the intervention of an initiate
- Such was Heracles, who performed the twelve labors
 - They symbolize the twelve tasks of initiation
 - The execution of these 12 was the achievement of an initiate
- Heracles was an initiate of the Eleusinian Mysteries
- Nevertheless, someone still had to be sacrificed – Chiron the centaur was sacrificed for Prometheus
 - Chiron was already suffering from an incurable malady
 - He was half animal and half man





The God Who Built Pan (all) – Dora (gifts)

Hephaestus, Greek god

- God of technology, blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans, sculptors, metals, metallurgy, fire, and volcanoes
 - Served as the blacksmith of the gods
- Son of Zeus and Hera (who throws him off Olympus after birth)
 - Hephaestus was lame giving him a grotesque appearance to Hera
 - Builds thrones for the gods, Hera's throne binds her (like velcro)
 - Builds automatons to go up to and down from Olympus
 - Build chains used on Prometheus
- Hephaestus, being the most unfaltering of the gods, was given Aphrodite's hand in marriage by Zeus in order to prevent conflict over her between the other gods (nerds get the girl, sort-of)
- **Vulcan**, Roman equivalent
 - Center of his cult was in Lemnos
 - Last Planetary condition
 - Earth – Jupiter – Venus – **Vulcan**



Making Sense of Sagas

- Epimetheus and Prometheus compare to Abel and Cain
 - Fire knowledge with Prometheus and Cain
 - Double-edged sword: greed, our desires vs love for the work
 - Promethean thinking is what our Epoch must develop
 - It is Manas thinking, foresight
 - It is chained by Zeus (god of astral) to the rock, the mineral
 - Eagle/vulture (astral stomach) gnaws at our liver (etheric)
 - Thus Peter is the Rock upon which Christ's church is founded
 - Now our destiny is bound up with the inorganic mineral
 - Our astral body seeks its satisfaction within the realm of matter
 - For each step in progress there must be a retrograde
 - Atlanteans: astral work on etheric plane; now on physical
 - The First Great Initiate of humanity must take upon himself the whole of life's suffering
- Temple Legend, Lecture 4, 7Oct1904*

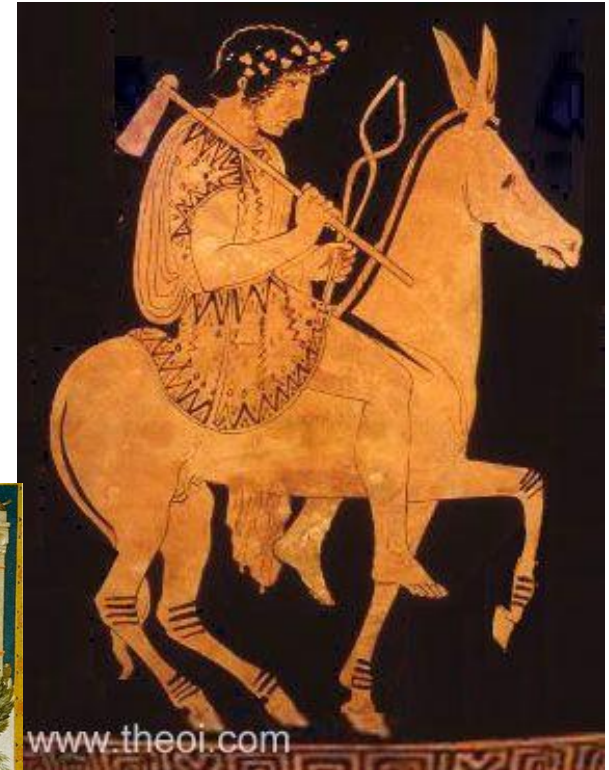
Riding on a Donkey ... (*Recall King Saul*)



Christ enters
Jerusalem



Andrew Linnell



Hephaestus enters Olympus



Following the Fall

- Only if he separated Mankind into two sexes could Jehovah sustain the human race

Male Wisdom

- Fertilized by everything external being gathered and combined and assembled
- Not there at first
 - Had to be put together by perceiving physical world
- Becomes kingly wisdom
 - Symbolized by Cain

Female Wisdom

- Transferred to priesthood
- Priest wisdom: Derives from ancient feminine wisdom
 - Symbolized by Abel

Overcoming One's Sex



- The female was the primeval force
 - This gave the world everything that was in the world as wisdom
- Fall: female element lost half her physical power of reproduction – transferred to the male
- Now is the time when re-spiritualization begins
 - The male power attempts to grab control for itself
 - The male element in thin-king seeks to outlast the female
- Coming: a time when sexlessness will again be re-established
 - The struggle is about which of the two sexes will attain this first



Why Society Became Male Dominated

- A battle arose between the male and the female (priest) wisdom
- The old Freemasons employed male wisdom to work against the female wisdom that had been taken over by the priesthood
 - Masons had to be kept free of the female wisdom influence
- The great images of the Bible are from intuitive female wisdom transferred to the priests
 - Masons wished to counter with wisdom self-acquired by the male
- This battle was concerned with **physical evolution**
 - It was therefore necessary for Freemasons to avoid any contact with the female sex *as far as their work was concerned*
 - They knew that their opposition to the female spirit could only be carried through if they were *undisturbed by female thinking*
- Today, the task is to merge these within oneself



In the Beginning Was the Word – & so Future?

- Through the Word all things became
 - Originally it lived in man, then man lost it
 - We can no longer create independently because we no longer have the Word
- Only someone who was present at the Creation can know it
 - Tubal-Cain knew it and gave it to Hiram
- Whoever wants to regain the power of procreation must first gain possession of the Word
 - Occult connection: powers of speech and sexual production
 - The truly creative power must unite itself with the Word
 - The Word will bring forth the man of the future
 - Then the son of Hiram will really be seen
- Fire, the Divine Power, will then establish itself in a new way
- A new race will replace the old



The Future Reunion of the Sexes

- Abel: Female image-wisdom – Cain: Imageless wisdom
- When an image-content was sought for the wisdom of Cain, it was borrowed from female wisdom and concealed in symbols
 - Temple Legend and the entire content of Freemasonry derives from the old priestly wisdom, from the revelation from above
 - However, the symbols gradually ceased to be understood
 - Everything occult vanished from Freemasonry
 - Three Craft Masonry degrees are now orientated wholly towards the physical plane
- The wisdom of the future must be brought out of the higher human, which **lives equally in both male and female**
 - Divided wisdom must flow together again in one Divine wisdom
 - A balance must be found between the religious priestly wisdom and the wisdom of Freemasonry
 - Example: Rose-Cross Meditation

Virgin of the Rocks

- Leonardo portraying two Jesus children
 1. Cain, King, Matthew
 2. Abel, Priest, Luke
- Inquisition: hidden secrets
 - Central female
 - Drawing & bestowing
 - Hand gestures
 - Background: past lives
- Plethon's texts
 - Plato Academy Florence



Three Children by Bernardino de' Conti

- 1470-1523, Milan
- Bernardino was a **student of Leonardo**
- He was also a friend and associate of Ambrogio di Predis
- Who are these three?
- Note exact VoR poses
- Note the halo of the Nathan-Jesus
- Why John? Baptism! Note the “transfer”



Merging of the Two

- Fresco, Bagloioni Chapel, Santa Maria Maggiore, Spello, Italy
- Painted 1501
- Bernardino di Betto (Pinturicchio) c. 1452-1513
- DaVinci student
- Represents greatest human act
- Joining in freedom



6th Century Byzantine Art – Why Two?



The Bohdan And Varvara Khanenko Museum Of Arts, Kiev



Little Brier-Rose (retold in Grimm's Tales)

- King and Queen with no children
 - Queen told by crab she would give birth – a daughter
 - Christening celebration, twelve settings, 12 of 13 fairies invited
 - 13th comes and offers a curse that daughter would die at 14
 - Twelfth fairy adjusts the curse to a long sleep
- Princess grew up happy, free, and very beautiful
 - One day, wandering, climbed tower stairs, found old woman
 - Spinning wheel, pricks finger, whole kingdom falls into sleep
 - Heights of technology – put one's soul to sleep
- Many years later, prince hears story, investigates
 - Finds princess and kisses her – she and kingdom awake
 - They get married and live happily everafter till they die
- Moral of the story: don't forget to invite the witch

Is it Wrong to Couple Man to Machine?

Improving Prosthesis

- From Captain Hook to ...
- Helping the maimed to live
 - Is this not the Christian thing?
 - Or is it one's karma (so do nothing)?
- Built in robotics – better than bio?
- Is this a slippery slope?
 - Temptation to change natural (weaker) for artificial?
 - Example: plastic surgery
 - How does the human soul & spirit deal with mechanical limbs?
 - Can Atma still be attained?
 - What does it mean for future generations?



Recent News (May 21, 2015)

- Erik Sorto, paralyzed a decade, was recently able to pick up a beer and drink it thanks to a robotic arm.
- “He's painted pictures, made the smoothies.
- It's a very good thing for our patients who are paralyzed to see such tech wizardry.”
- For ALS, severe strokes



- [Upright Paraplegics Show Improved Health Stats](#)
- [Wearable Robots on the Rise to Help Paraplegics Walk](#)

When Silicon Beings Surpass Carbon

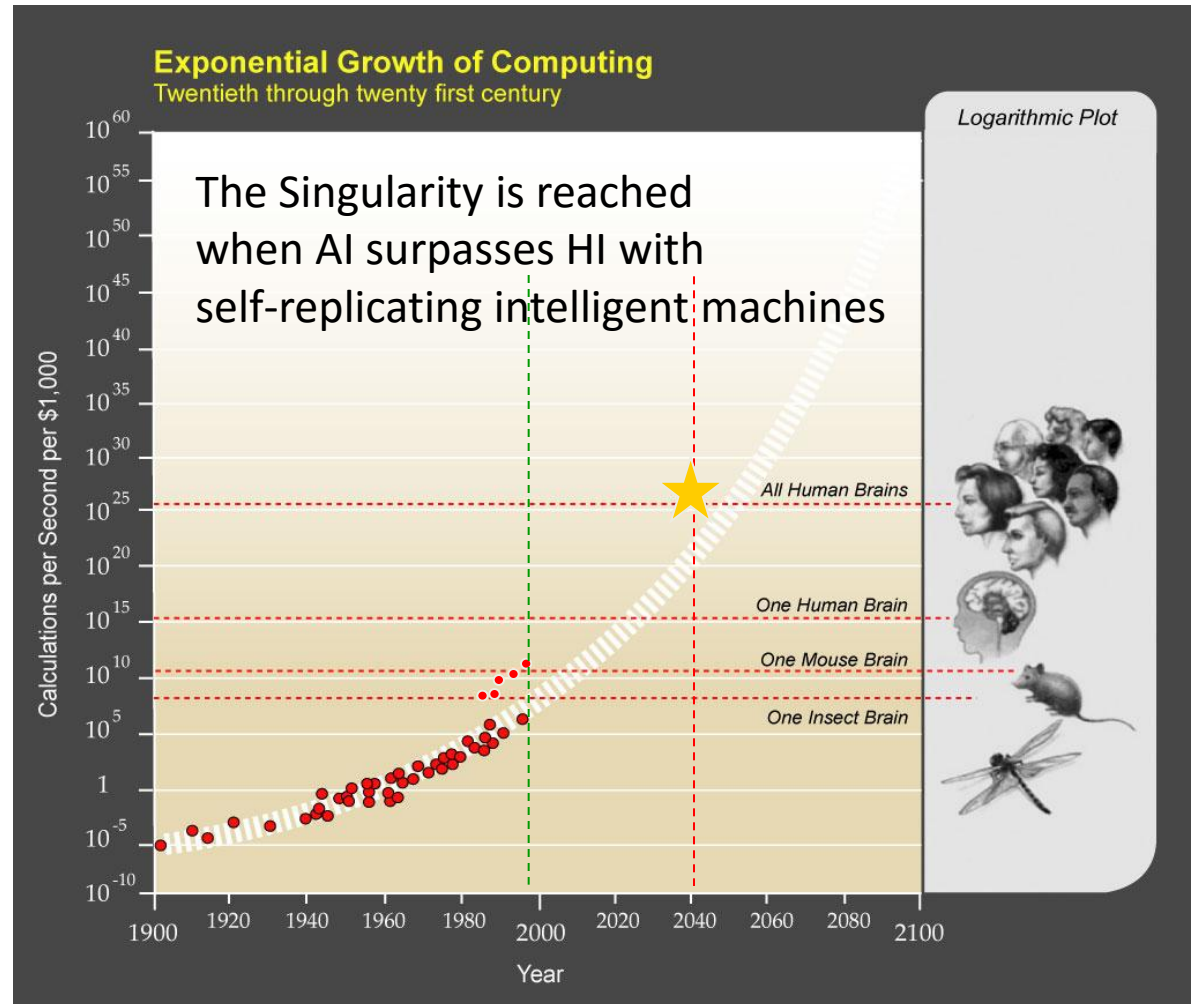
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Blue Brain Project

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www.eetimes.com, May 28, 2008

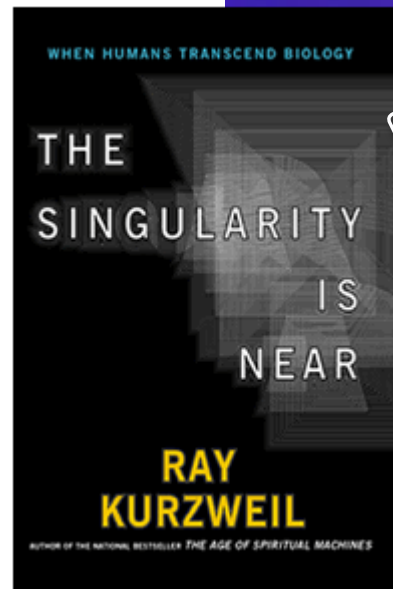
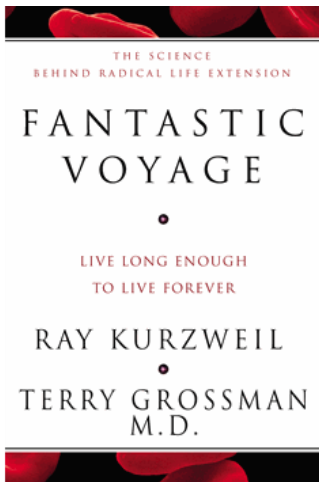
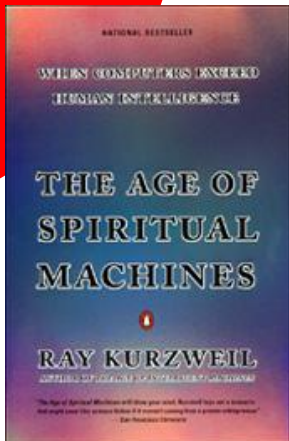


Ray Kurzweil's Vision of the Future

- Immortality is within our grasp
- When Humans transcend biology



Positivity
Enthusiasm



Key: GNR

The 2045 Initiative

- **Russian** entrepreneur Dmitry Itskov, 2011
- Anthropomorphic robots, non-biological vehicles
- **2015-2020** Affordable android **avatars** with "brain-computer" interface
 - Dangerous environments, rescues, extremes
 - Avatar rehab of disabled patients, prosthetic limbs
- **2020-2025** Autonomous life-support system **linking brain to a robot**
 - Avatar saves people whose body is completely worn out or irreversibly damaged
 - Any patient with intact brain will be able to resume a fully functioning bodily life
- **2030-2035** Computer model of the brain and human consciousness
 - **Transfer individual consciousness to an artificial carrier:** cybernetic immortality
 - Ordinary people will restore or modify their own brain multiple times
 - A real **revolution in the understanding of human**
- **2045** Substance-independent minds receive new extreme bodies
 - A new era for humanity will have arrived! – become **a new species**
 - Large-scale **expansion into outer space [Ahriman's impulse]** becomes feasible





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Trailer 2
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Trailer
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Ex Machina

In Theaters April 10th, 2015 | © 2015 A24

Details

A young programmer is selected to participate in a breakthrough experiment in artificial intelligence by evaluating the human qualities of a breathtaking female A.I.

Official Website ▶

Director Alex Garland
Writers Alex Garland
Actors Oscar Isaac, Domhnall Gleeson, Alicia Vikander
Genre Thriller, Science Fiction

Seduction of AI, **Fear of Machines** “taking over”, is this from Michaelic Insights? Robotic moral code?

How is Ahriman to be met, balanced?

Michaelic Drama

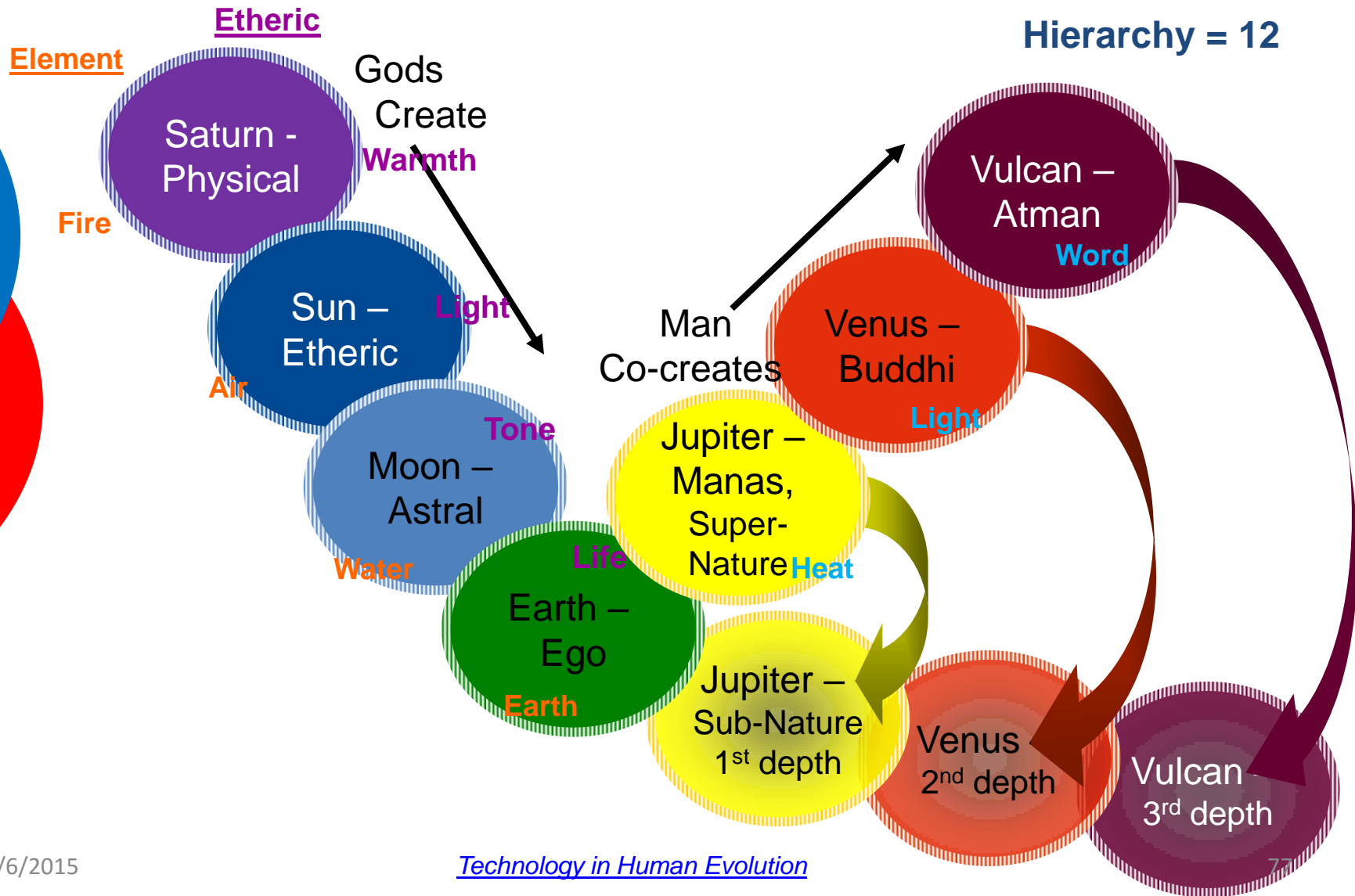
- His season
 - Riddles
 - Who is like God?
 - Autumn lectures
- His time
- His battle
 - Intelligence
 - Ahriman

“We must acquire the power in our consciousness to see

how the human being receives that which out of the spiritual worlds has united itself with the earth through the Christ impulse and which must unite itself with mankind in order that mankind shall not perish with the earth. We must make sure that man takes the spiritual not only into his head but into his whole being, that he permeates himself with the spiritual. Only the Christ impulse can help us with this, the Christ impulse in the interpretation of the Michael impulse.” *Mission of Michael*, lecture 2,



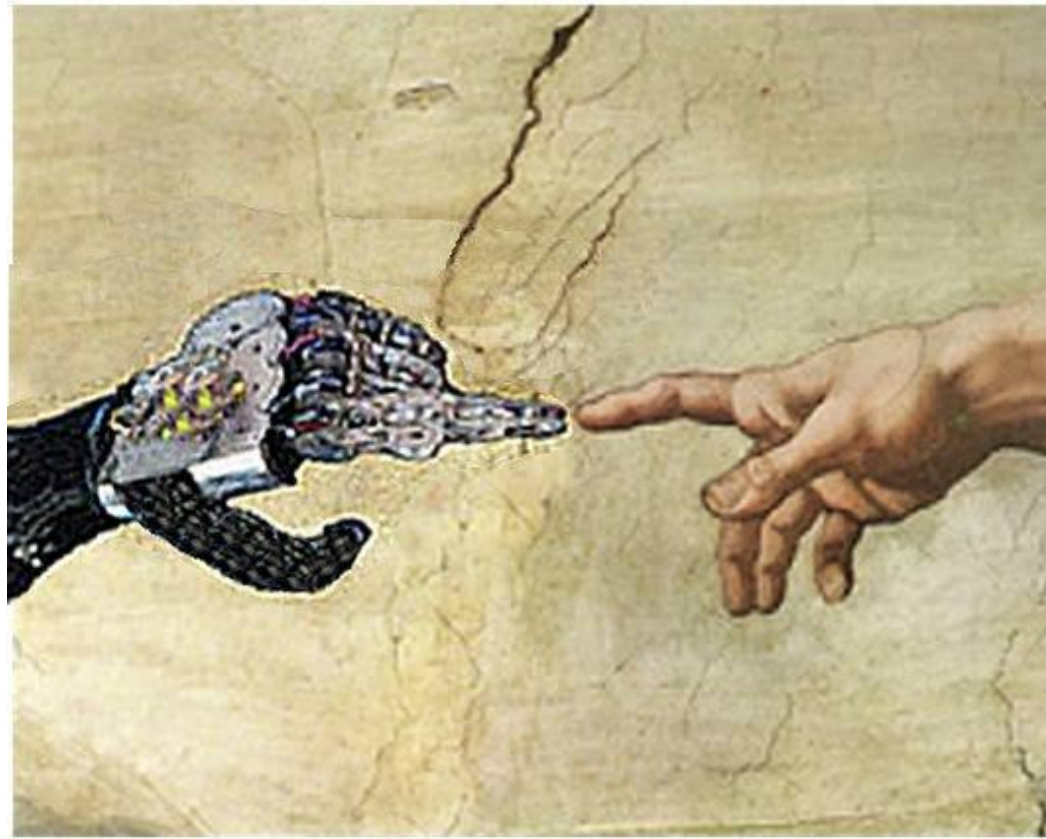
7 Stages of Human Condition



Tonight's Summary Points

- Ancient Mythologies warned us
 - Cain and Abel:
 - Represent era of separation into sexes
 - Masonry traces its roots to Cain and Hiram Abiff
 - Masons bring spirit to rock (Earth element)
 - Two Jesus children; sacrifice/unity allowed Christ to enter
 - Our social bodies (e.g. AS) must unite as we unite within
 - Priestly and Kingly streams, female and male, Plato and Aristotle
 - Essene manuscripts, Kabbalah, others
 - Western Path is fulfillment of Cain – its destiny is with machines
 - Steps into sub-nature must be balanced with super-nature steps
 - From Ahriman will we learn how to co-create Jupiter
- We must know what Robotics and AI are NOT
 - Awaken at each development stage
 - Call out what AI is NOT : Self conscious? Willing? Feeling? Thinking?





END



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What We've Covered So Far ...

- Esoteric lore of Eve and Adam
 - Fall from asexual life under Yahveh
 - Reincarnation began: Lemurian times
- The Fall of Man as prerequisite of freedom-seeking mankind
 - Prometheus as representative of man's striving for freedom
 - Theme for Founding of America
- Cain represents Western Path to spiritualize the earth
 - To become gods by becoming Sons of Man
- Related themes (*we will skip*):
 - Early Christianity, Faith vs Knowledge
 - Cain and the Knights Templar and Freemasonry
 - Christian Rosenkreutz and the Rosicrucians
 - Battle of Jesuitism against Freemasonry
- Can enmity between offspring of Eve and Adam be resolved?



Cain's Fire

With the founding of Christianity:

- The earlier piety, which had been bestowed from above on mankind, became passionless and detached
 - It merged with the element which came to the earth through Christ — Christ, who is not only the incarnation of wisdom, but who is also love itself, a supreme being who has so purified his astral body or Kama that it has been changed into Buddhi.
 - A pure flowing Kama which seeks nothing for itself, but turns every passion into unending devotion towards the things outside itself, is inverted Kama.
- Buddhi is Kama that has been changed into its opposite



Summary: Cain and Abel

- ‘Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.’
 - (Genesis 4:2)
 - Shepherd accepts life as the Creator has presented it
 - One does not cultivate a herd, one tends it
- The male, the more material race, was represented in Cain – the female, the more spiritual, in Abel-Seth
 - Hebrew Abel = ‘pneuma’ in Greek, which means ‘spirit’
 - Cain means almost literally ‘the masculine’
 - Aspires to Art and Science
 - Physical plane and its effect on man is the mark set upon Cain
 - Learnt to live on the physical plane, to be strong and robust in order to cultivate the soil and then to retire to the higher planes
 - **His sacrifice** is foreign to the nature of Yahveh, because it is something which man has achieved out of his own freedom
 - Heredity, egoism “Am I my brother’s keeper?”
- Freemasonry: kept female wisdom separate from male wisdom
- Human’s first act towards redemption is to merge both within



Equality

- From Greek into current cultural epochs, the worldly element becomes more and more evident making manifest the entire development of world history at the physical level: **materialism**
- Alongside materialism is the personal element of **egoism**
- Christianity made people of the Greek and current cultural epochs aware that everyone is **equal in the sight of God**
 - Even after Christianity had come into the world, equality was, in a sense, a secret shared by a few
- Despite being a basic principle of Christianity, equality cannot be completely understood by man on earth so long as he is enmeshed in materialism and egoism



From Solomon to Templars

- Solomon's Temple as a symbol that man is a dwelling place of the Divine
- Noah's Ark, Solomon's Temple, and the measurements of man's body
- The interior of Solomon's Temple
- The concept of Solomon's Temple
- The Knights Templar and their teachings
- Sons of God (descendants of Abel-Seth) and the Sons of Man (descendants of Cain)
- The aim of the Rosicrucians, as continuators of the Order of the Knights Templar, the building of the great Temple of Humanity

Seven Epochs of the Physical Realm

1. Polarian
2. Hyperborean
3. Lemurian
4. Atlantean
5. Post-Atlantean

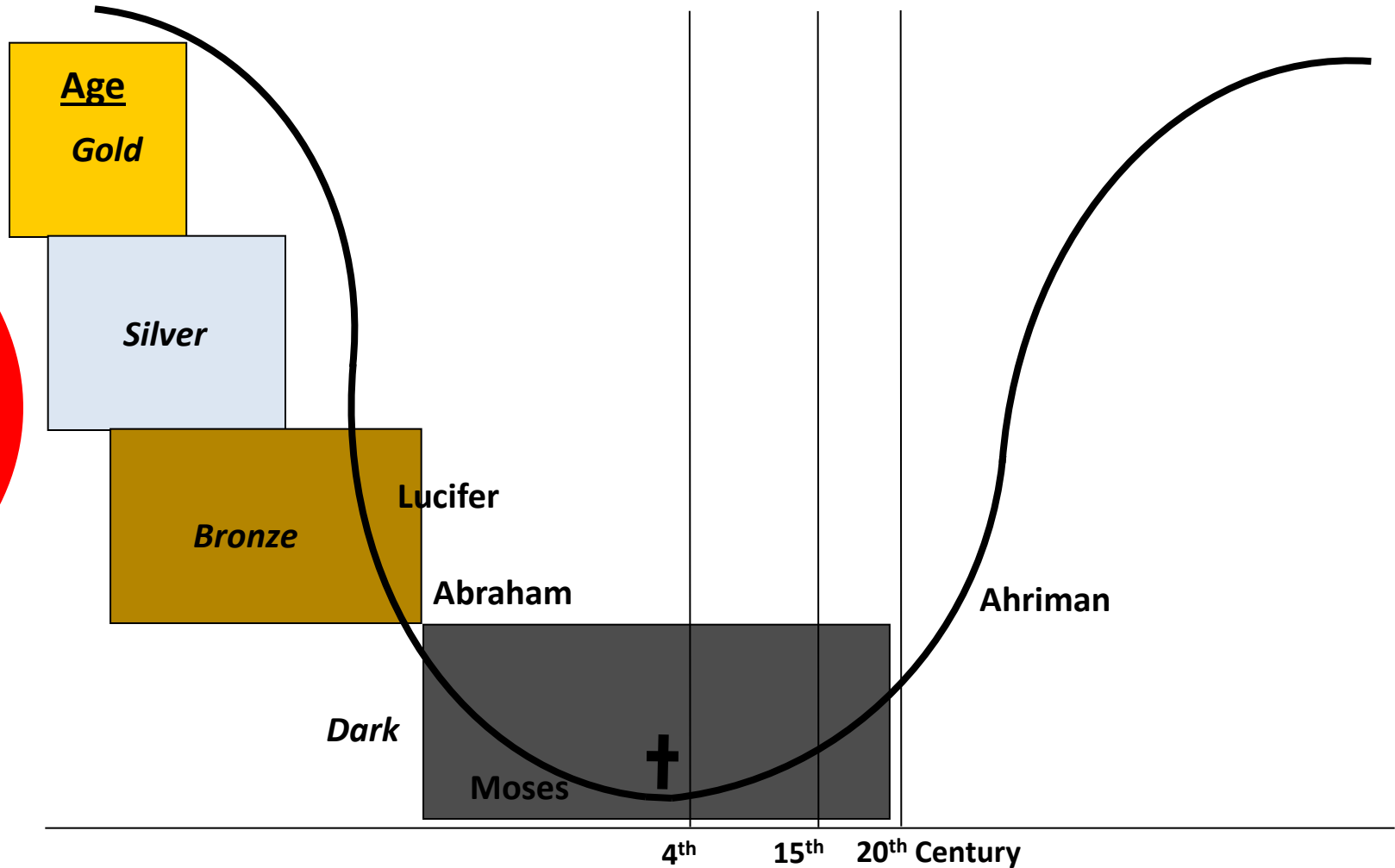
1. Indian
2. Persian
3. Egyptian
4. Greek/Roman

6. Sixth Epoch
7. Seventh Epoch

5. 5th ← You are here
6. 6th Russian
7. 7th American



Post Atlantean Historical Picture

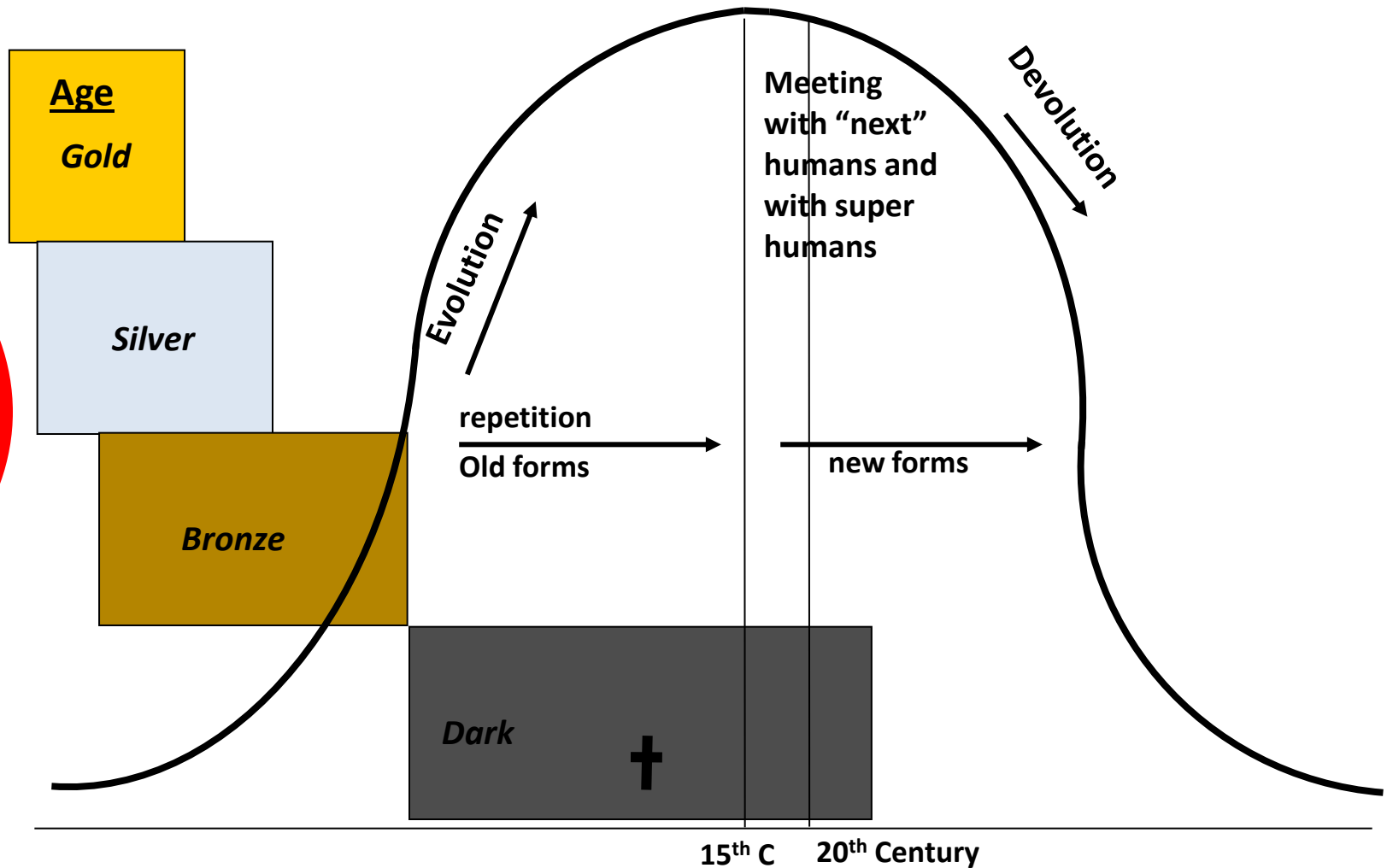




Incarnation of Lucifer

- Imagine you lived in China 3500 BCE
- The incarnation of Lucifer is imminent
- Lucifer, the light bearer, the Spirit of Venus
 - *Man in the Light of Occultism, Theosophy and Philosophy*, GA137, Christiania, 12th June, 1912

Post Atlantean Historical Picture





Conditions of Consciousness

Lower	Higher	P. Condition	“Plane”	
??		Still earlier	Nirvana plane	
?		Even earlier	Budhi plane	
Coma	Intuition	Old Saturn	Higher Devachan	
Deep Sleep	Inspiration	Old Sun	Lower Devachan	
Dreaming	Imagination	Old Moon	Astral plane	
Day	External Movements	Earth	Physical-etheric plane	



Greek Mythology: Prep for Our Times

- **Hephaestus**, Greek god; **Vulcan** Roman equivalent
 - Center of his cult was in Lemnos
 - Last Planetary condition (Earth – Jupiter – Venus – Vulcan)
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- Story of **Prometheus**, Epimetheus, and **Pandora**

Our Goal: Develop Love and Freedom

- Pygmalion
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Pygmalion by Jean-Baptiste Regnault, 1786, Musée National du Château et des Trianons



Overlapping Evolutions

- In our descending evolution (now) the Jupiter Humans arise
 - On Jupiter, they will have advanced to a new and different form of human
 - These Jupiter men exist already now just as we existed upon Old Moon
 - They exist not externally visible but as supersensible beings

The Mission of the Archangel Michael, V, The Michael Deed and the Michael Influence as Counter-pole of the Ahrimanic Influence, November 29, 1919



Overlapping Evolutions, cont.

- These sub-human beings' character consists of an impulse which strongly coincides with the **human power of will**
 - They now appear from below as beings produced in Ahriman's realm
 - They play into where we are most asleep – our will
 - Ahrimanic influences act through those with obscured consciousnesses
- “as long as one does not take into consideration these forces as forces **objectively existing in the world** just as one takes into consideration what today is called magnetism, electricity, and so forth, one will not gain an insight into human nature”
 - Today's natural science does not contain man, merely the physical body

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Mankind's Continued Becoming

- In the beginning, form was given to all by the Gods (Elohim)
 - 5th Epoch: Man given power to give form for **minerals**
 - Just as in the past the Gods created the mineral world from a chaotic mass, so our cathedrals, inventions, and even our institutions are the germs for a future world
 - So We **Must** Transform the Earth
 - Into a **temple of truth, beauty, and goodness**
 - 6th Epoch: Man transforms the **plants**
 - Man will be able to create and give shape to plant-life
 - 7th Epoch: Man transforms the **animal kingdom**
 - Man will give form and have power over animal life
 - And at a still higher stage, he will be able to reproduce his like by an act of **conscious will (love)**
- Gods allow Man to delve into sub-nature as Jupiter preparation
 - But for health, we must be balanced with super-nature

Rudolf Steiner, *An Esoteric Cosmology*, lecture XV



The Activity of Ahrimanic Beings in Us

- They build their strongholds immediately below the surface of the Earth
- Activities rise up into metabolism, struggle to harden man; they want to make us like themselves
- Were they to be successful, man would become extremely clever in the material realm
- They will clutch at his strong and rude instinctive nature and seize hold of it
 - Eventually he falls victim to these Ahrimanic powers; given up to his passions and leads a wild life
- These Ahrimanic powers hold on to his instinctive nature and tear it out of him after death
- Their efforts, which have actually been going on for thousands of years, have in fact succeeded in producing a whole race of sub-human beings
 - There exists already on the Earth a whole population of beings who have arisen in this way
 - They have made a sub-human race in the elements of earth and water below the surface
- The Ahrimanic powers are waiting for the time when men will descend to incarnation and, on account of a karma that their instincts and passions have prepared for them, feel particularly drawn to certain of these beings and say to themselves: “I will not go back to the spiritual world; when I have left my physical body I will incorporate myself in a subsensible being of this kind. And that will mean, I shall be able to stay on the Earth. I shall not die any more, but be permanently united with the Earth.”
 - These Ahrimanic beings persist in believing they will ultimately be able to entice such a vast number of human beings into their own race that the Earth will one day be peopled entirely with such sub-humans
- They hope to make the Earth itself immortal, so that the hour may never come for it to perish and be dispersed in cosmic space
- - Source: R. Steiner, *Man's Life on Earth and in the Spiritual Worlds*, Lecture 5, 16Nov1922



Use of Illness for the Good

- Whenever there are illnesses producing tumors or carcinoma, or else illnesses of the metabolism, such as diabetes, Ahriman has won out over Lucifer
- Illness is, in very many cases, the sole means left to the good Powers, to rescue one from the fangs of Ahriman
- – Steiner, *Man's Life on Earth and in the Spiritual Worlds*, Lecture 5, 16Nov1922

Forging a Balanced Future





Steiner on Facing Human-Mechanical

- Fifth post-Atlantean period will have to solve the problem of how human moods, the **motions of human moods**, allow themselves to be translated into **wave motions on machines**, how **man must be brought into connection with what must become mechanical**
- “The will is there **to harness human energy to mechanical energy**
- **These things should not be treated by fighting against them – that is a completely false view**
- These will not fail to appear; they will come
 - What we are concerned with is whether, in the course of world history, **they are entrusted to people who are familiar in a selfless way with the great aims of earthly evolution and who structure these things for the health of human being** or whether they are enacted by groups of human beings who exploit these things in an egotistical or in a group-egotistical sense
- It is not a question of **what**; the what is sure to come; it is a question of the **how**, how one tackles these situations”
 - Rudolf Steiner, *The Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric*, lecture 12



Attachment of a Second Being

“During the course of the Fifth Post-Atlantean epoch, so many problems have lost all inner, vital warmth. The countless questions which confront us when we study Spiritual Science with any depth, simply do not exist for the modern man with his materialistic outlook. **A different form of experience will come to the man of modern times.** In his own opinion he knows ever so well; he observes the material world, **uses his intellect to establish the interconnections between its phenomena** and believes that all its riddles are solved in this way, never realizing that he is simply groping in a phantasmagoria. **But this way of working coarsens and dries up his ether-body,** with the ultimate result that the [Ahrimanic] powers, ***like a second nature, will attach themselves to him.***

Rudolf Steiner, *The Balance in the World and Man, Lucifer and Ahriman*, lecture 1, GA158

Note Similarity to Angel as a Second Being



Those Foolish Anthroposophists

- “Let us be quite candid about the trend of evolution. During the course of the Fifth Post-Atlantean epoch, so many problems have lost all inner, vital warmth. The countless questions which confront us when we study Spiritual Science with any depth, simply do not exist for the modern man with his materialistic outlook. The riddle of the Sphinx means nothing to him, whereas the man of ancient Greece was vitally aware of it.
- “A different form of experience will come to the man of modern times. In his own opinion he knows everything so well; he observes the material world, uses his intellect to establish the interconnections between its phenomena and believes that all its riddles are solved in this way, never realizing that he is simply groping in a phantasmagoria. But this way of working coarsens and dries up his ether-body, with the ultimate result that the Mephistophelean powers, like a second nature, will attach themselves to him now and in times to come.
- “The Mephistophelean nature is strengthened by all the prejudices and limitations of materialism, and **a future can already be perceived when everyone will be born with a second being by his side, a being who whispers to him of the foolishness of those who speak of the reality of the spiritual world.** Man will, of course, disavow the riddle of Mephistopheles, just as he disavows that of the Sphinx; nevertheless he will chain a second being to his heels. Accompanied by this second being, he will feel the urge to think materialistic thoughts, to think, not through his own being, but through the second being who is his companion.”
- Rudolf Steiner, *The Balance in the World and Man, Lucifer and Ahriman*, lecture 1, GA158



Confronting Ahriman

- “In an **ether-body** that has been **parched** by materialism, Ahriman will be able to dwell
- “It is our duty to **educate children** in the future in such a way that they will be competent to understand the spiritual world
- “The ether-body must be **quickened** in order that the human being may be able to take his rightful stand, fully cognizant of the nature of the being who stands at his side
- “If he does not understand the **nature of this second being**, he will be spellbound by him, fettered to him”
- “We, in our age, must get the better of Ahriman by **enriching the Ego with the wisdom** that can be born only from knowledge and investigation of the spiritual world, i.e. from Spiritual Science”

Rudolf Steiner, *The Balance in the World and Man, Lucifer and Ahriman*, Lecture 1



Facing a Future with Machines

- “All that is present in the world today in terms of machines and instruments and is set in motion [to serve the **principle of utility**] will evolve into terrible, horrifying demons”
- “This can be stopped if we transform the utilitarian apparatus into something that also **proclaims beauty or the Divine.**”
- “Our feelings of fear are nourishment for evil beings.” – *Jan.26, 1908, Berlin, GA 245*
- Electricity as evil: how can we face such evil? With Mani
 - Develop capacity for moral judgment and moral impulses



Helpful Intelligent Mechanized Beasts

- “Through this [**Pisces & Virgo**] one will achieve what in a certain sense loosens the mechanism of life from the human being but will in no way found any form of rulership and power of one group over another.
- The cosmic forces that are called forth from this direction will beget **strange machines** but only ones that will relieve the human being from work, because they will have within them a certain force of **intelligence**.
- A cosmically oriented spiritual science will have to concern itself so that all the great temptations that will emanate from these **mechanized beasts**, which man creates himself, will not exert a harmful influence upon the human being.”
 - *Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric*, Lecture 12



Unhelpful Intelligent Mechanized Beasts

- “By the circuitous route through **Gemini**, the dead will be led into human life in such a way that **human vibrations** will reverberate in a definite way, will **continue to vibrate** within the mechanical performance of the machine.
- The cosmos will bring motion to the machines through the circuitous route that I have just indicated.
- For that reason, it is important that nothing inappropriate be applied when these problems appear; **only elementary forces that are part of nature should be applied**. One will have to renounce introducing inappropriate forces into mechanical life. From the occult sphere one must refuse to harness human beings themselves into mechanical factory work.”
 - *Reappearance of Christ in the Etheric*, Lecture 12



Conclusion: There is a Social Future

But very different from what we know today

1. **Western destiny is with technology especially machines**
 - It actually is a battle for the etheric realm and for elementals
 - Many dangers prevail crying in the wilderness
 - Nanotechnology, e.g., is a dangerous frontier
 - Time to fully wake-up, know what truly is the human being
 - We must go this path but not lose what it is to be a Human
 - Fear or hatred of the future feeds Ahriman
 - Parallel development of spirit and body for Jupiter-Men underway
 - Beginning through the will, Man's contact with and responsibility for Jupiter-humans will increase
2. Man must be a **balance** of sub & super Nature, dark & light, male & female wisdom, and other polarities
 - New mysteries arise through this balance
 - Who will build the **new Masonic mysteries**?
3. Man will **co-create Jupiter** and beyond
 - “Oh Man, Know Thou Thyself” itself evolves
 - We start now becoming the guardian angels to the Jupiter-human



Spirits of Birth and Death

- All progress takes this course: wherever what has been created falls into ruin, we know that out of that ruin new life will always blossom -- *Leonardo da Vinci, His Spiritual and Intellectual Greatness At the Turning Point of the New Age*, Rudolf Steiner, Berlin, February 13, 1913, GA 62



On to the Founding of America

- “All men are created equal” – The American Revolution!
 - The French Revolution also drew its conclusion from this Christian doctrine in a worldly sense
- The spiritual conception that all are equal *in the sight of God* was changed into the purely earthly precept that all men are equal *here on earth*.
- Masonic roots:
 - Many books
 - Boston tea party
 - George Washington, masonic ceremonies
- Rosicrucian roots



In the Likeness of a Human

5th chapter of Genesis: ‘This is the book of the generations of Man. In the days that God created Man, in the **likeness of God** made he him; female-male created he him; and blessed him, and called his name Adam (Man), in the day when he was created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and [then] begat a son in **his own likeness**, after his image; and called his name Seth’

In the *beginning* of the time of Adam we have men *in the likeness of God*

By the *end* of Adam's time we have men after the *likeness* of human Adam

Adam begat a son Seth, after *his* likeness – heredity begins