

TECHNOLOGY IN MYTHOLOGY

Exploring The Western Path



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PROMETHEUS AND HEPHAESTUS

[*Technology in Human Evolution*](#)



SCHEDULE

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March 24, 2017 Lecture

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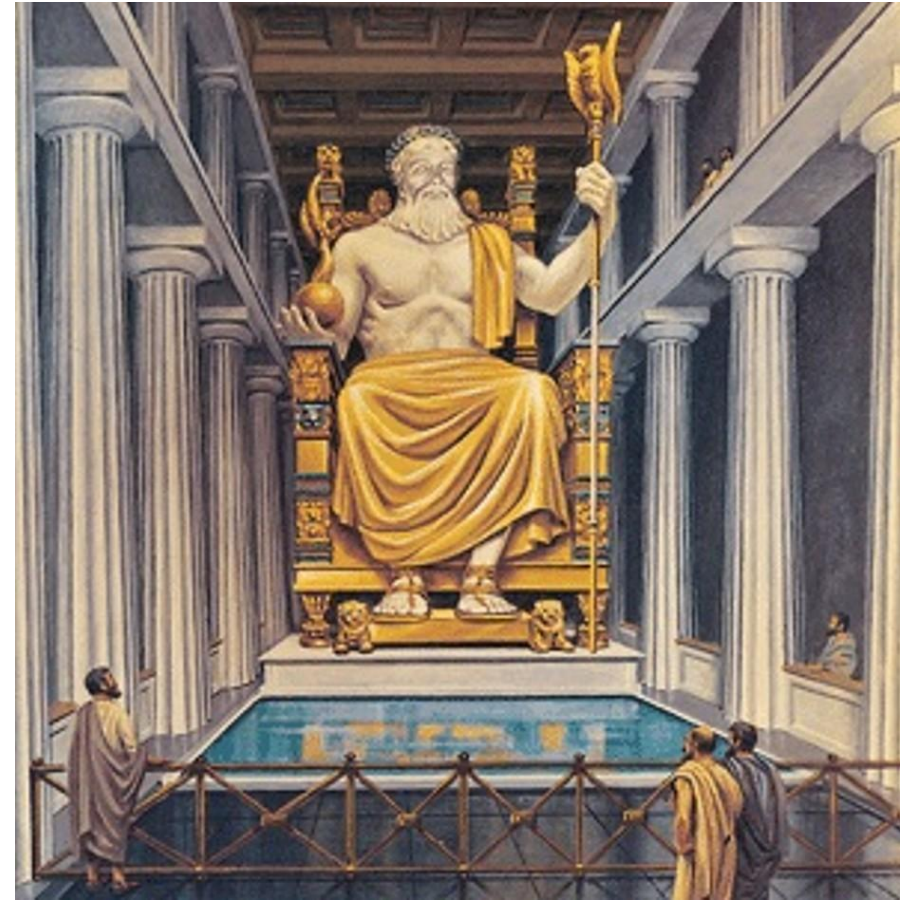
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CHARACTERS

- Zeus, King of the Gods
- **Prometheus:** 'thinking in advance'
- **Epimetheus:** 'thinking afterwards'
 - Descendents: Uranus and Gaia

History

- Uranus → Chronos → Zeus
- War in Heaven
- Losers cast into underworld
- Only Prometheus & Epimetheus remained loyal to Zeus



A GIFT TO HUMANITY

- **Zeus to Prometheus:**
 - Form body for Man
- Later, exterminate humanity
 - Corrupted
- Prometheus: humanity's rep
 - Plan to save themselves
 - **No longer be dependent**
- **Punishment: chained to Caucasus**
 - **Great suffering** over a long period
- Prometheus **knows a secret**
 - **Hermes** = Mercury (Roman)
 - But Prometheus does not betray the secret



Prometheus Bound, Rubens, 1618

REDEMPTION

Prometheus can be freed!

1. Heracles: 12 labors
 - Means an initiate
 - Eleusinian Mysteries
2. Sacrifice
 - Centaur Chiron
 - Our own astrality



Pallas, Botticelli, 1482

GODS 'GIFTS' TO HUMANITY: PANDORA

- She comes with gifts from the gods to mankind
 - Gifts placed in a coffin
 - Dead thinking
- Prometheus warned his brother
 - Epimetheus: charmed and persuaded
- Gods' "gifts" released
 - Human miseries and sufferings
 - The last gift: hope



F. S. Church d.1924

WHO BUILT PAN(ALL) DORA(GIFTS)?

Hephaestus, Greek god (*aka Vulcan, Roman god*)

- **Pandora: A female automaton**
 - Pandora: adorned to appeal



HEPHAESTUS: GREEK GOD (*AKA VULCAN*)

- God of technology, blacksmiths, craftsmen, artisans
 - Also metals, metallurgy, fire, and volcanoes
 - Geek for the gods
 - Knowledge of the Earth *and its interior(s)*
- Son of Zeus and Hera
 - Grotesque due to **malformed** foot
 - Mother threw him off Olympus after birth
 - Builds thrones for the gods, Hera's binds her (like velcro)
 - Builds **automatons** to go up to and down from Olympus
 - Invents the wheelchair
 - Builds the chains used to hold Prometheus to the rock



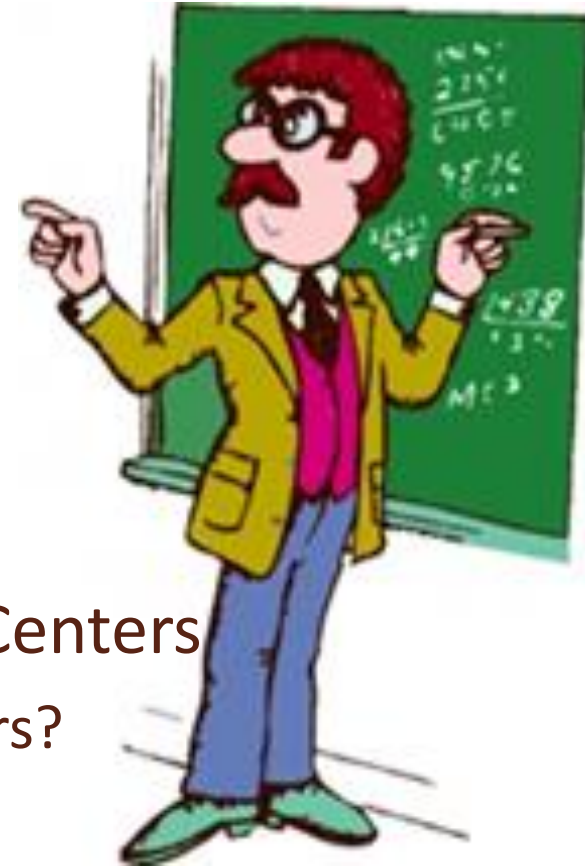
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POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF MYTHS

1. Exoteric meaning (somewhat literal)
2. Allegoric, human struggle
3. Occult significance (literal)

Originated in the ancient Mystery Centers

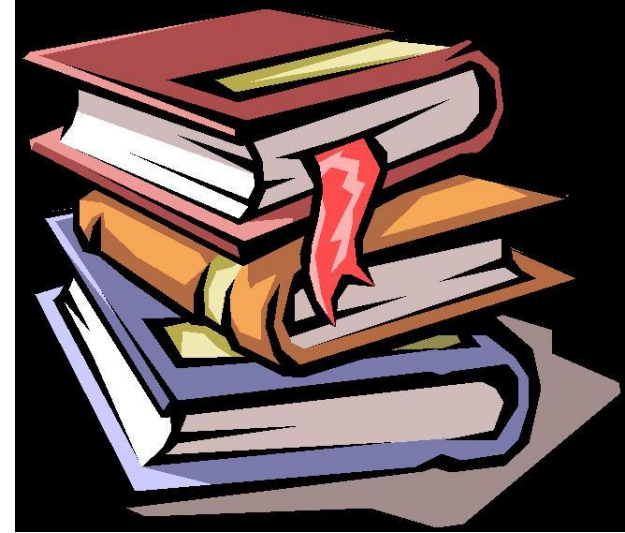
- What purpose for the Mystery Centers?
 - Who led the Mystery Centers?
- What was the purpose of the various myths?
 - Not fiction



JUST A STORY OR WAS THERE PURPOSE?

Transition to Separation

- Not everyone could be initiated
- Wisdom had to be given to the masses
- Adhere to Truth
- Past → preparation for the future
- Collective, picture-consciousness



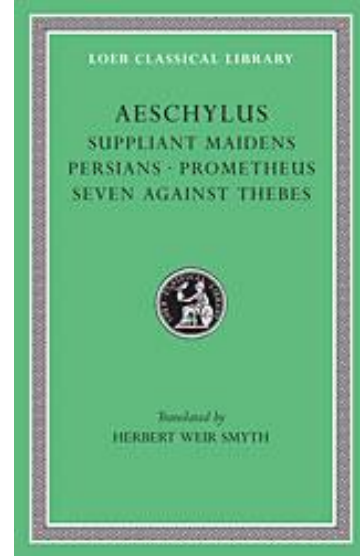
MYTHS AND THE MYSTERY CENTERS

- Change from picture-consciousness (3000 – 800 BCE) to abstract, logical thinking (800 BCE – 1500 AD)
- Temple Sleep (3.5 d)
- Reverence for the gods
 - Experienced at the Astral level
- Responsibility to the people
 - Imparted wisdom in pictures
 - Pictures lived in the etheric body
 - Laid aside after death
 - Picked up on approach to incarnation



BETRAYING THE MYSTERIES AESCHYLUS

- Fled to altar of Dionysus
- Betrayal meant death

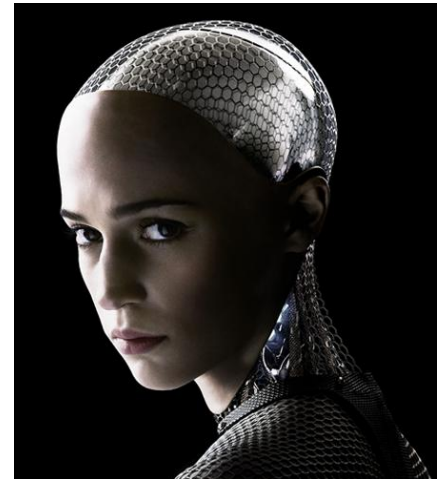


Herbert Weir Smith translation

- “But of wretched mortals he took no notice, desiring to bring the whole race to an end and create a new one in its place.
- Against this purpose none dared make stand except me—I only had the **courage**; I saved mortals so that they did **not descend**, blasted utterly, to the house of Hades. This is why I am bent by such grievous tortures, painful to suffer, piteous to behold. I who gave mortals first place in my pity, I am deemed unworthy to win this pity for myself, but am in this way mercilessly disciplined, a spectacle that shames the glory of Zeus.” -- *Prometheus*

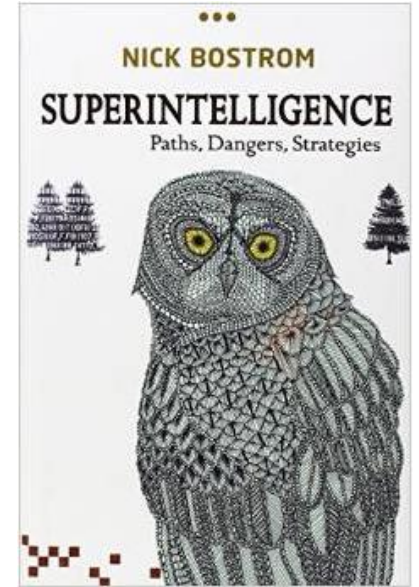
MYTHS AND LITERATURE

- Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein or the Modern Prometheus*
 - 1818, connected Promethean myth to contemporary science
 - Creation of near-human through electricity
 - Bereft of morals
- Promethean stories/movies
 - Chained to a lesser-reality
 - *The Matrix*
- Hephaestean stories/movies
 - Automatons – not real humans
 - *Ex Machina*, *Nexus*
 - Kurzweil: *The Singularity is Near* (2045)



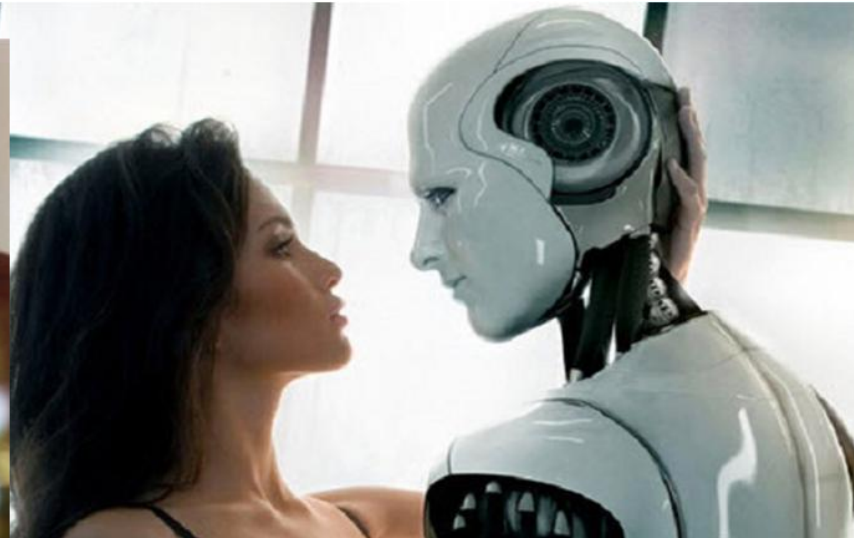
ONWARD TO GOD-INTELLIGENCE?

- Heracles had to become god-like
- “If some day we build machine brains that surpass human brains in general intelligence, then this new superintelligence could become very powerful. And, as the fate of the gorillas now depends more on us humans than on the gorillas themselves, so the fate of our species would depend on the actions of the machine superintelligence.”
- Will superintelligence rival God-intelligence?
 - God the all-wise and super-AI! *Is God love?*



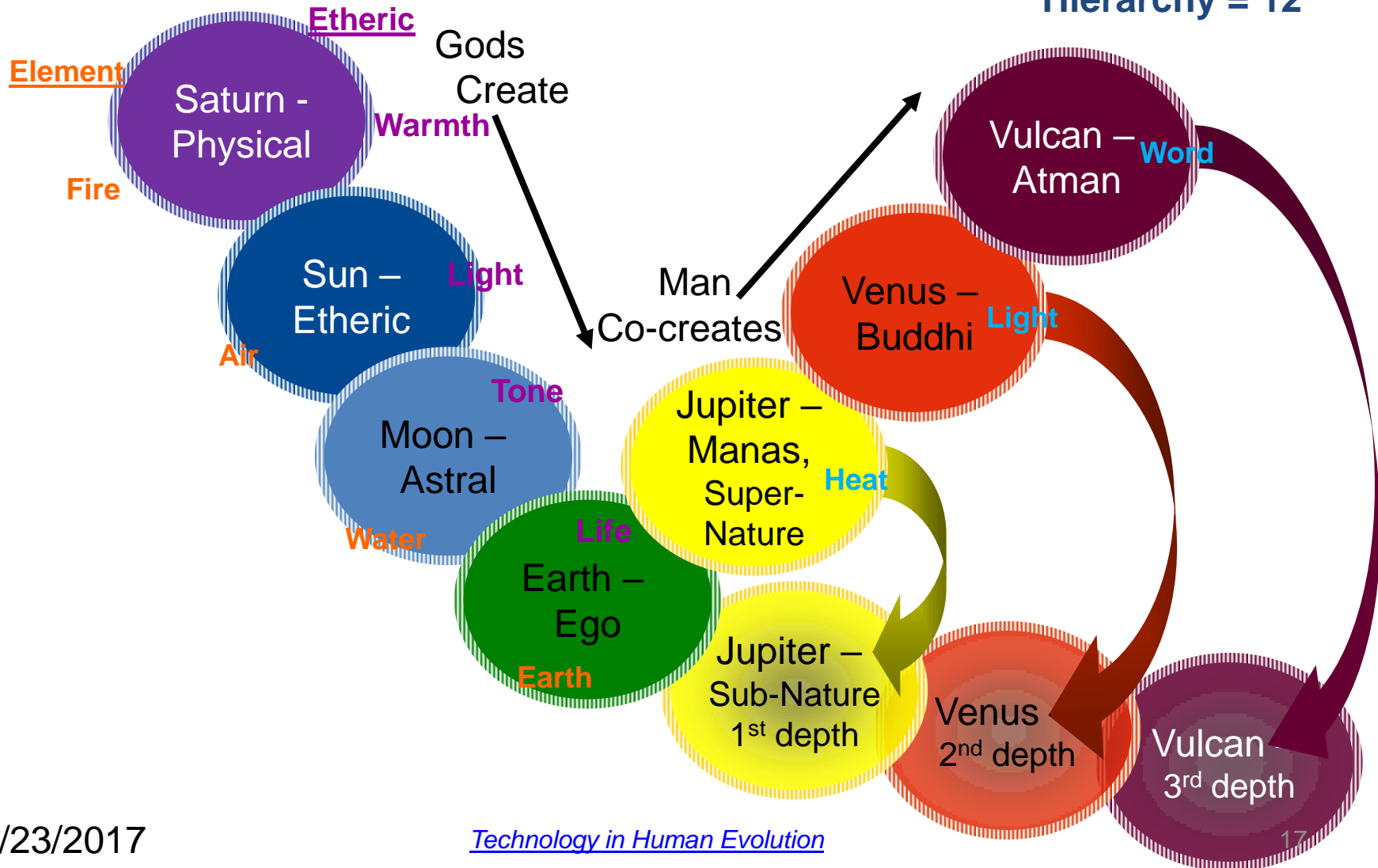
PANDORA – IS SHE HERE NOW?

Roxxy by TrueCompanion



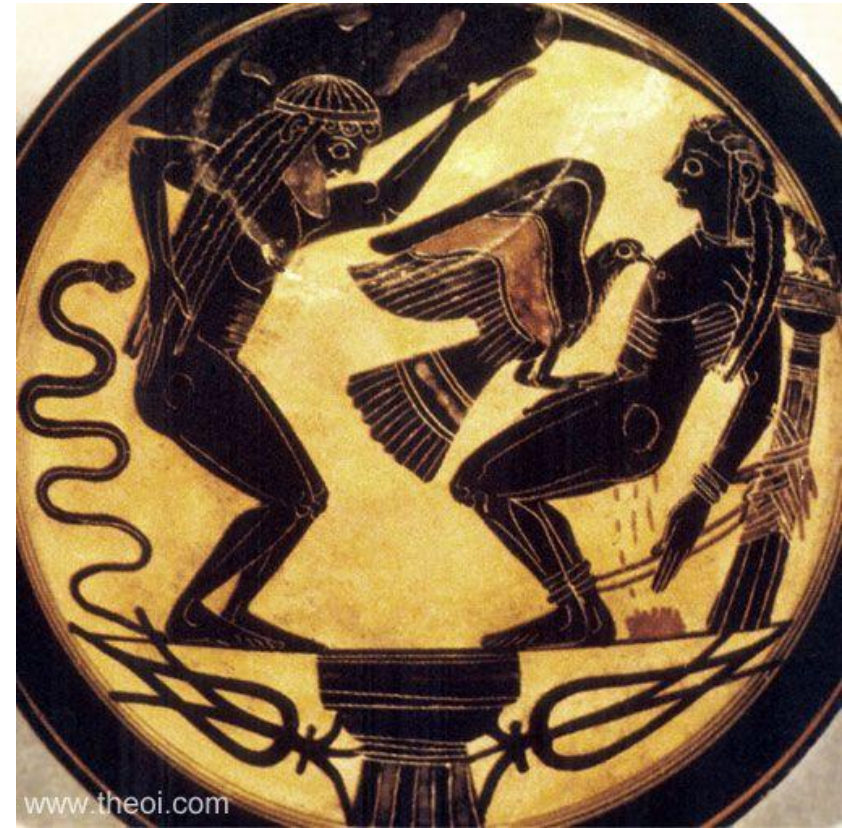
7 STAGES OF HUMAN CONDITION

Hierarchy = 12



PROMETHEUS AS ARCHETYPE OF OUR AGE

- Initiate of our age (5th Post-Atlantean Age)
 - Initiated not only into **wisdom** but also into **deed**
- Great Initiates take on **life's suffering**
 - Vulture gnaws at our liver
 - **Lifting humanity above the mineral to the etheric realm**



PAST EVOLUTION OF MANKIND

Not to scale

Sun departs

Adam and Eve

Moon departs

Abel and Cain

Incarnation
begins

Seth

Hiram

Earth-Man



FIRE, CAIN, AND HEPHAESTUS

- Whitsun Fire
- Enthusiasm
 - Christianity w/o enthusiasm (?) vs cold spirituality
- The Earth becomes a Sun

MYTHOLOGY IS WITHIN EACH OF US

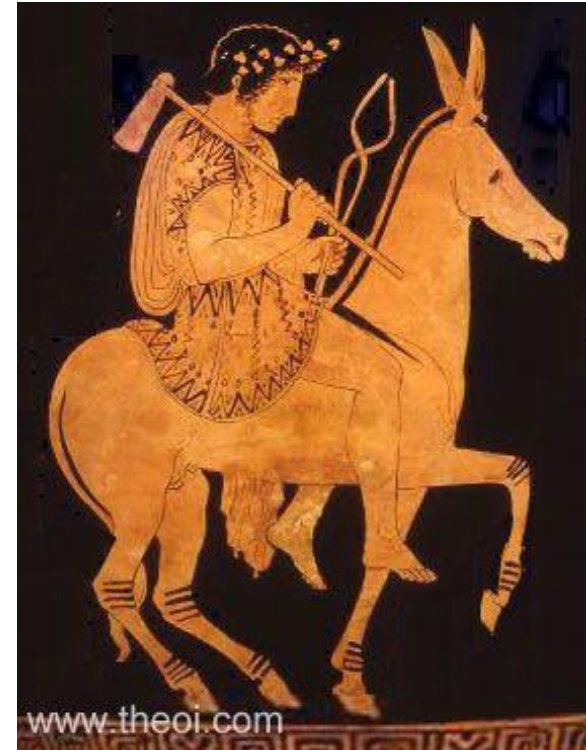
Understanding only by knowing **both**:

1. **Hephaestus**: Who is Godlike?

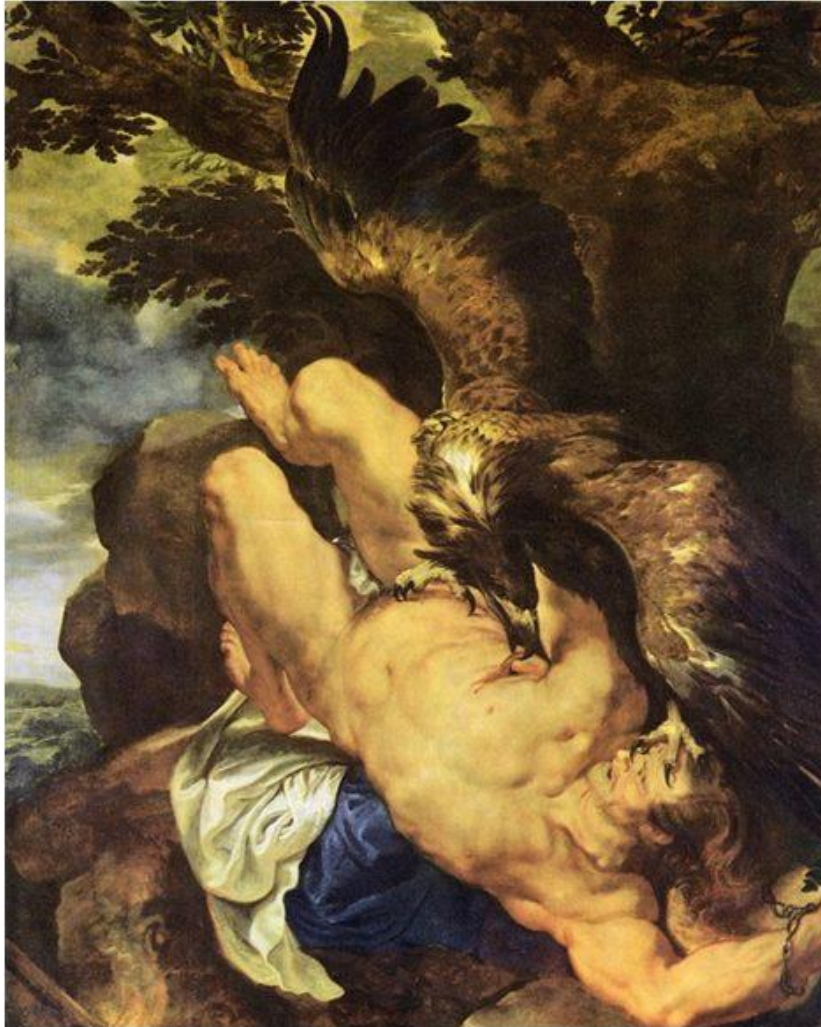
- Thrown off Olympus with malformed foot
- God of technology and **fire**
- What kind of astral-god?
- Focus upon the Earth - **Returns on donkey**

2. **Prometheus**: Foresight

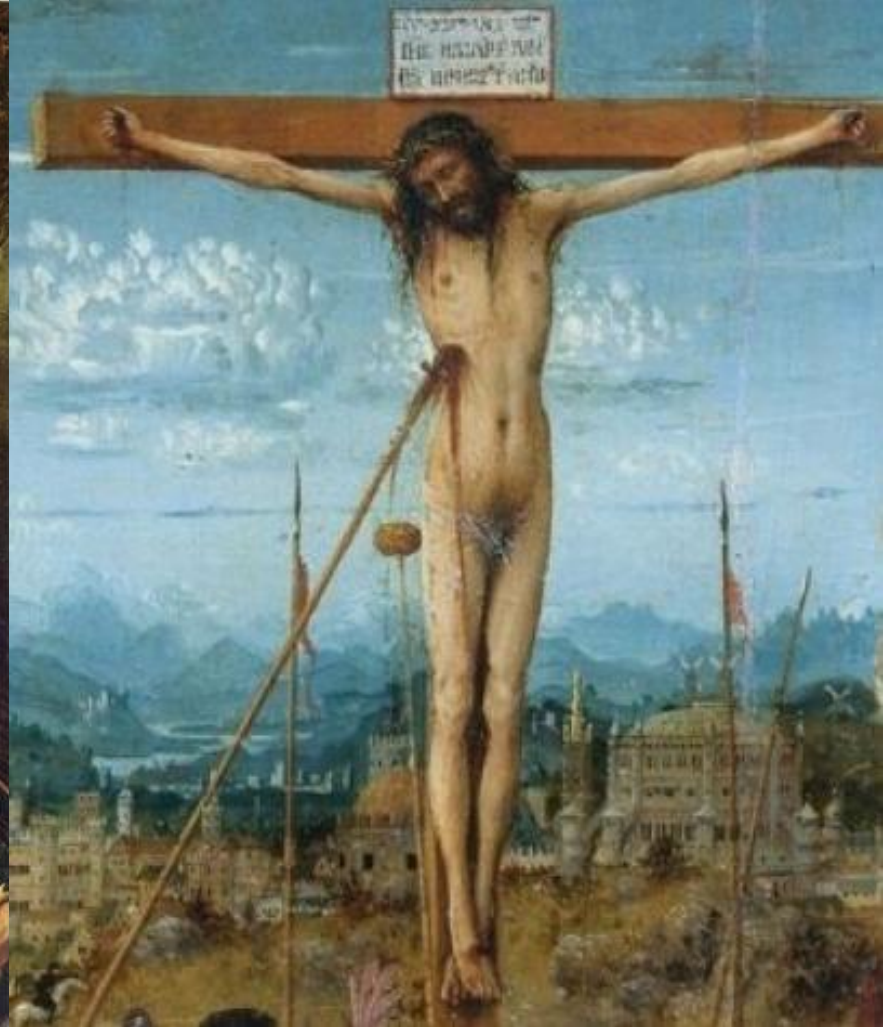
- Offers humanity inner **fire**
- Chained to the mineral kingdom
- Release: initiation and sacrifice
- Image of our times
 - Attack on the liver: pain pills, vicodin, statins, hepatitis, alcohol
- Redemption: “Upon this rock I build my church” – not in clouds
 - Develop a spiritual science



ANYTHING SIMILAR?



Peter Paul Rubens c 1618

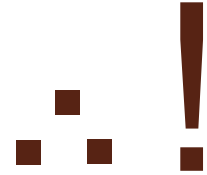


Jan Van Eyck c 1430

Technology's Role in Human Evolution



CONCLUSIONS



- Mythology is a **literal** story about
 - Happenings in a spiritual world – on the **astral** plane
 - The myths remained in our memory after death
 - New incarnation: stories arose again to prepare for life
 - Our task in our age: Redemption of our inner
 1. Prometheus (thinking)
 2. Who else? (feeling)
 3. Hephaestus (willing)
 - Help him to ride back to Olympus
- } Love + Freedom
- Thinking, Feeling, and Willing are activities of our soul
 - Soul active within Astral body that is above time (Etheric) and space (Physical)

FURTHER RESEARCH

1. Donkey
2. Effect on illnesses of our Age
3. Promethean thinking in our Age
 - Programming? Electronics?
 - When chained to the mineral:
 - What is the vulture? Astrality?
4. Compare Epimetheus/Prometheus to Abel/Cain
 - Inventions
 - Fire knowledge to Hiram Abiff (Solomon's Temple)



Bible of San Paolo fuori le Mura



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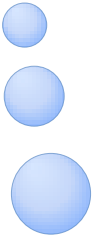
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Athena and Heracles, 480–470 BC

Kingdom	Element
Man	Fire
Animal	Air
Plant	Water
Mineral	Earth



Greek God	Roman God	Domain
Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of Love
Apollo	Phoebus Apollo	God of the Sun
Ares	Mars	God of war
Artemis	Diana	Virgin goddess of the hunt, wilderness, wild animals, childbirth and plague
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of wisdom
Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of grain/crops
Dionysus	Bacchus	God of wine
Eros	Cupid	God of love
Hades	Pluto	God of underworld
Hecate	Trivia	Goddess of witchcraft, crossroads, and justice
Helios	Sol	The sun God
Hephaestus	Vulcan	God of fire, and the forge
Hera	Juno	Queen of the Gods
Hermes	Mercury	Messenger of the Gods
Nike	Victoria	Goddess of victory
Pan	Faunus	God of woods and pastures
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea
Zeus	Jupiter	King of Gods



My point, once again, is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally.

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Episode of Birthing

Dual streams of Humanity: shepherds & kings

Queen of Sheba: transition of soul

from Solomon-focus to Hiram-focus

Vulcan Future



PART 2: CAIN AND ABEL

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 lore
 - Adam also *unites* himself with Eve; from this union came Abel





ROLE OF THE ELOHIM (אלהים)

Following Old Moon, there were two kinds of Elohim:

1. **Remained static** with the union of wisdom and **fire**
 - Remembrance of fire-breathing dragons
 - Impulse towards freedom
2. **Went beyond** - during the creation of man *they were no longer filled with desires*
 - So they were able to endow their creation with calm and clear wisdom
 - That is the essential Yahveh — or Jehovah
 - Wisdom without personal desire

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 for procreation
 - But “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 came into the world
 - Karma **as a 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



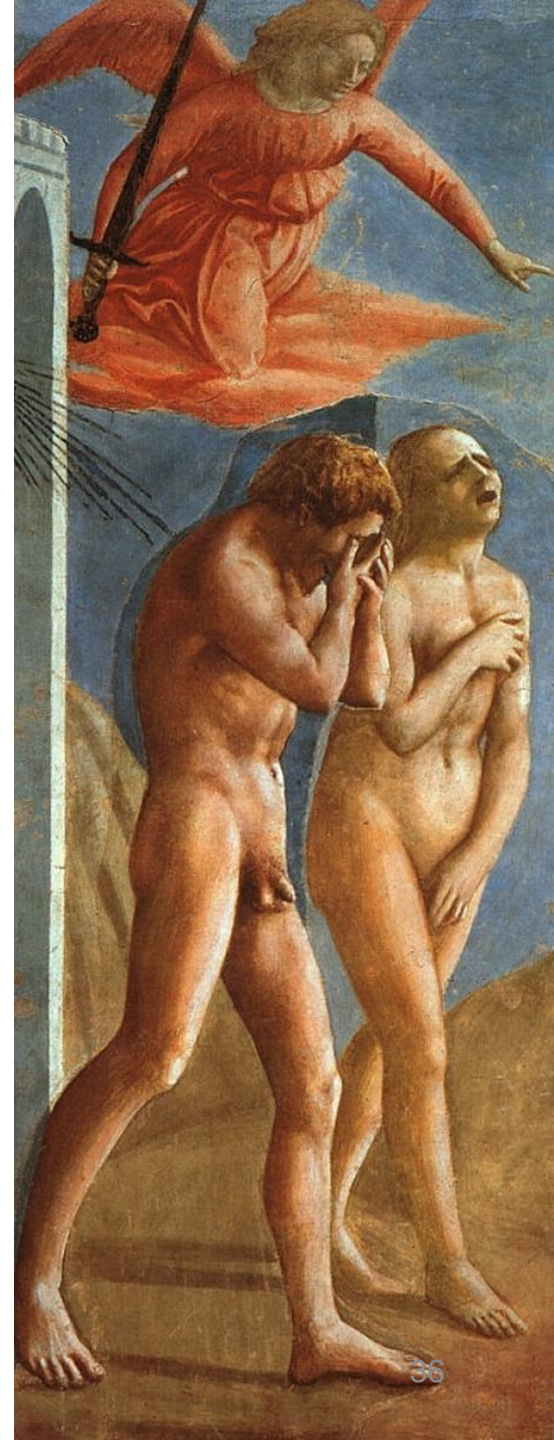
HUMAN FORM AND PROPAGATION

- 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
 - Offspring then looked like the father **and** like the mother



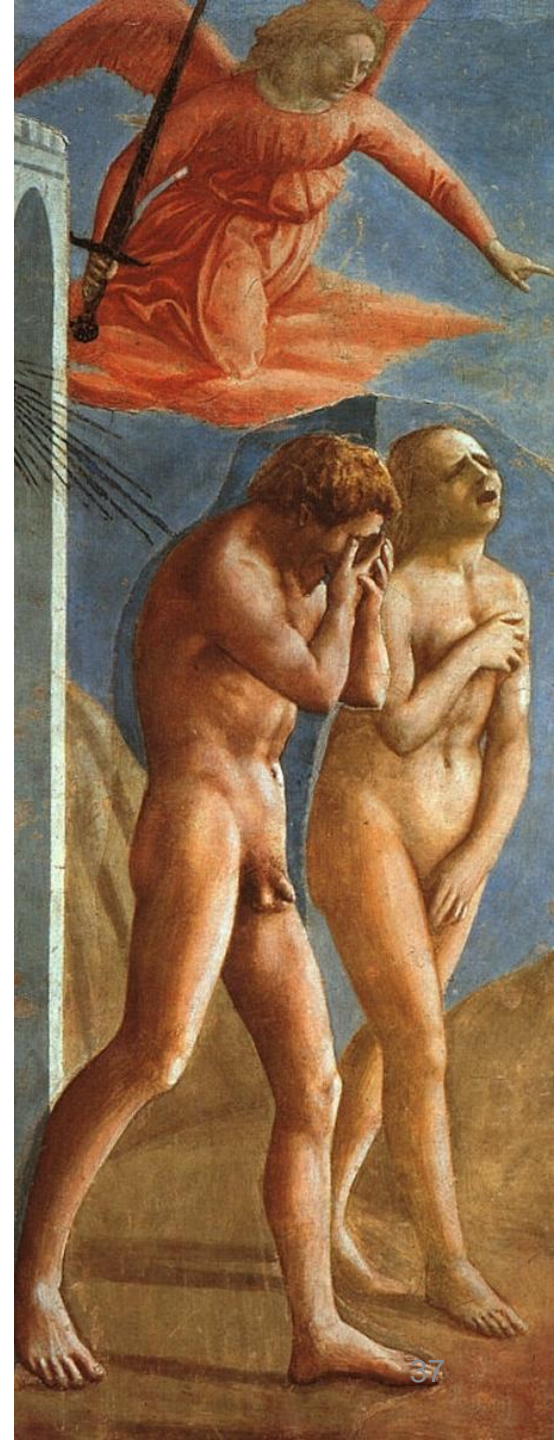
ATLANTEAN TRANSFORMATION ASEXUAL TO SEXUAL

- 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**



ATLANTEAN TRANSFORMATION ASEXUAL TO SEXUAL

- **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**
- Result of 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 then, there is a **duality** in Man



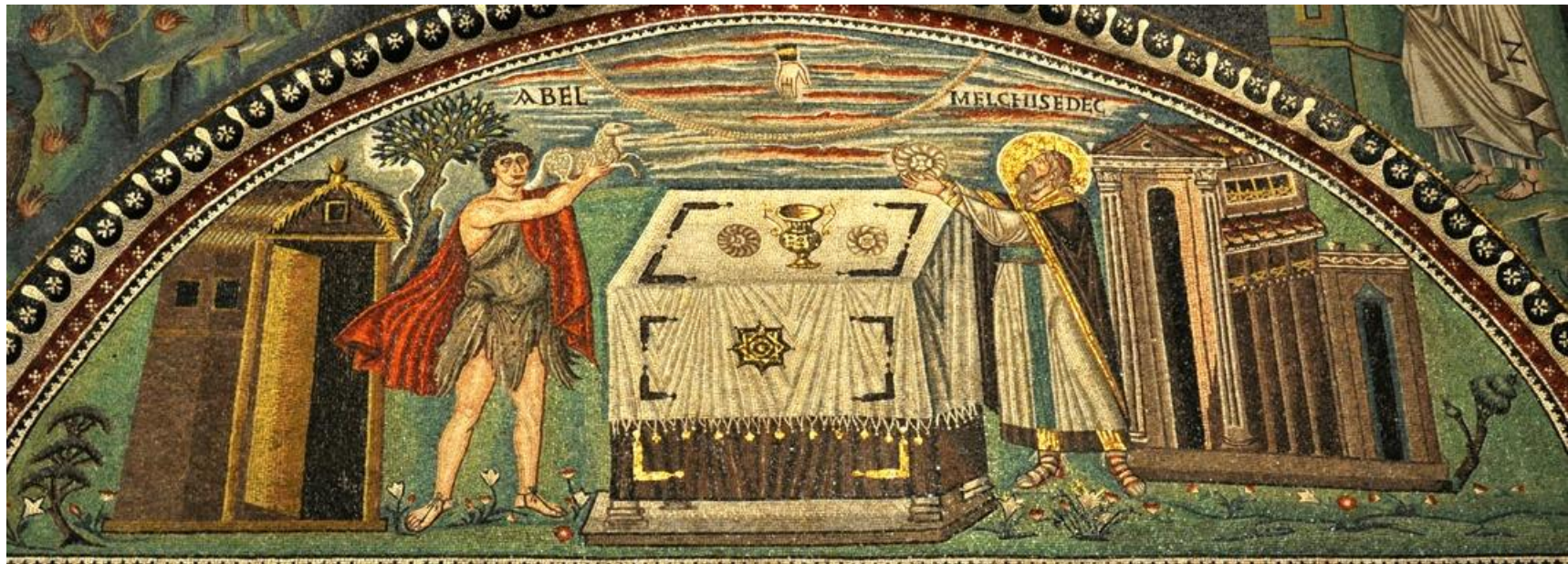
FERTILIZATION AFTER THE FALL

- 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 fertilizing-capable**
 - 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 & 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



YAHVEH CAUSED STRIFE

- Between the sons of Cain and the sons of 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*

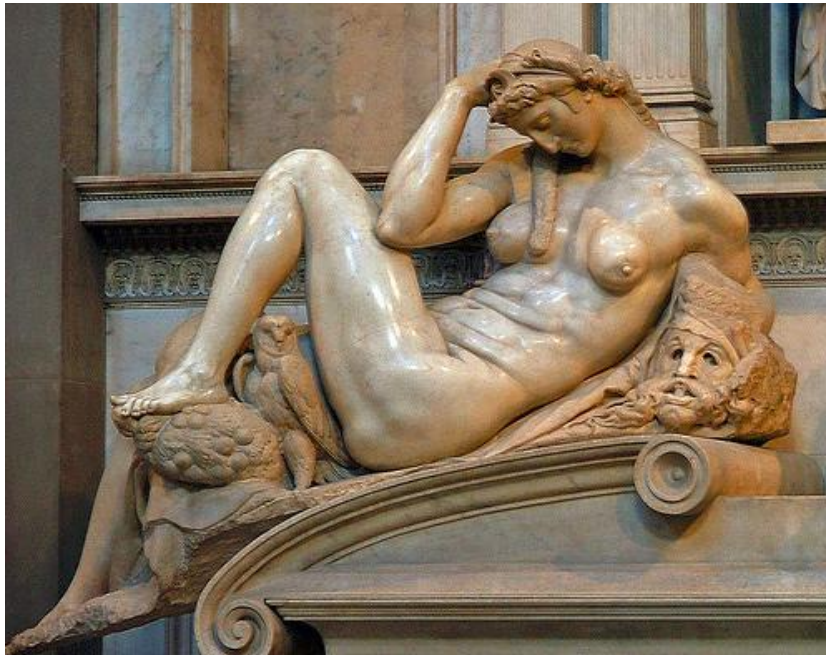


WHAT CAIN AND ABEL REPRESENT

- Variation only comes about when a mixture occurs
- How was this mixture made possible?
 - The **masculine element committed itself to the earth**
- The physical plane and the effect it has on man is the mark set upon Cain
- Sons of Cain derive from those Elohim who, during Old Moon, were slightly behind in their role as Elohim
 - We are dealing with Kama, astrality, during Old Moon
 - This Kama, or **fire**, was penetrated with **wisdom** on Old Moon
- 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.
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<http://biblehub.com/interlinear/genesis/5.htm>

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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

120 [e]	1323 [e]	413 [e]	430 [e]	1121 [e]	935 [e]	834 [e]	3651 [e]	310 [e]	1571 [e]	1992 [e]	3117 [e]
hā-'ā-dām,	bə-nō-wī	'el-	hā-'ē-lō-hīm	bə-nē	yā-bū-'ū	'ā-šer	kēn,	'a-ḥā-rē-	wə-ḡam	hā-hēm	bay-yā-mīm
הָאָדָם	בָּנוֹת	אֶל־	הָאֱלֹהִים	בָּנָי	יָבֹאוּ	אֲשֶׁר	כֵּן	אַחֲרָיִם	וְגַם	הֵם	בַּיָּמִים
of men	the daughters	unto	of God	the sons	came in	when	that	after	and also	those	in days
Noun	Noun	Prep	Noun	Noun	Verb	Prt	Adj	Adv	Adv	Pro	Noun

8034 [e]	376 [e]	5769 [e]	834 [e]	1368 [e]	1992 [e]	3205 [e]
ṗ	haš-šēm.	'an-šē	mē-'ō-w-lām	'ā-šer	haḡ-gib-bō-rīm	hēm-māh
פ	הַשֵּׁם:	אֲנָשִׁי	מֵעוֹלָם	אֲשֶׁר	הַגִּבּוֹרִים	הֵמָּה
-	of renown	men	[were] of old	who	mighty men	the same
Noun	Noun	Noun	Noun	Prt	Adj	Pro

לָהֶם	וַיִּלְדּוּ
to them	and they bore
Prep	Verb

3820 [e]	4284 [e]	3336 [e]	3605 [e]	776 [e]	120 [e]	7451 [e]	7227 [e]	3588 [e]	3068 [e]	7200 [e]
lib-bōw,	maḥ-šə-bōt	yē-šer	wə-kāl	bā-'ā-reš;	hā-'ā-dām	rā-'at	rab-bāh	kī	Yah-weh,	way-yar
לְבוֹ	מַחְשַׁבֹּת	יִצֵּר	וְכָל־	בָּאָרֶץ	הָאָדָם	רָעַת	רַבָּה	כִּי	יְהוָה	וַיִּרָא
of his heart	of the thoughts	imagination	and every	on the earth	of man	the wickedness	[was] great	that	GOD	And saw
Noun	Noun	Noun	Noun	Noun	Noun	Adj	Adj	Conj	Noun	Verb

776 [e]	120 [e]	853 [e]	6213 [e]	3588 [e]	3068 [e]	5162 [e]	3117 [e]	3605 [e]	7451 [e]	7535 [e]
bā-'ā-reš;	hā-'ā-dām	'et-	'ā-šāh	kī-	Yah-weh,	way-yin-nā-ḥem	hay-yō-wm.	kāl-	ra'	raq
בָּאָרֶץ	הָאָדָם	אֶת־	עָשָׂה	כִּי־	יְהוָה	וַיִּנָּחֵם	הַיּוֹם:	כָּל־	רָע	רַק
on the earth	man	-	he had made	that	the LORD	And was sorry	the time	all	evil	[was] only
Noun	Noun	Acc	Verb	Conj	Noun	Verb	Noun	Noun	Adj	Adv

<http://biblehub.com/interlinear/genesis/6.htm>



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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



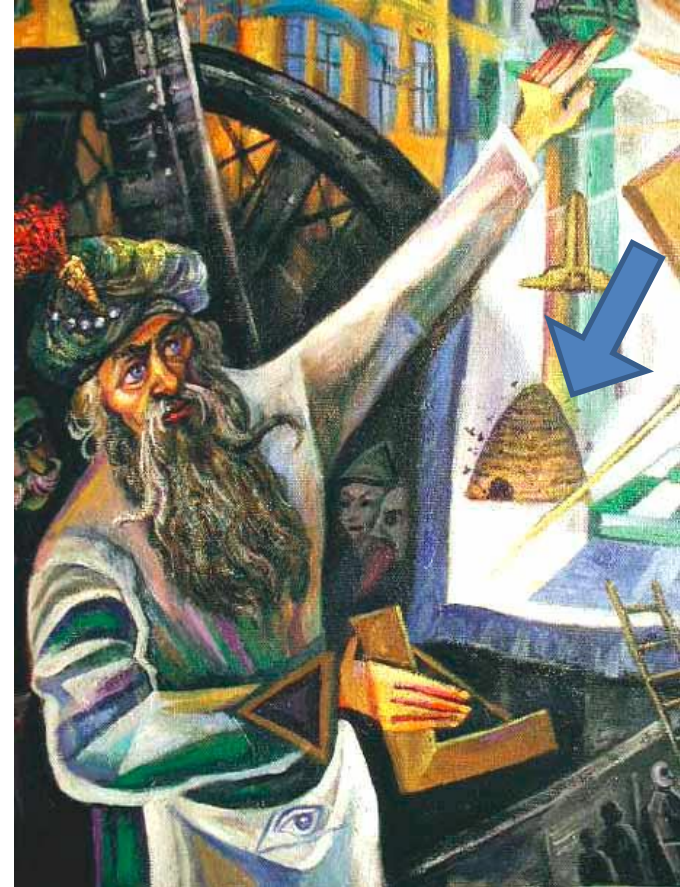


HIRAM'S INITIATION

- 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?

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***
 - [Source of Sons of the Widow?]
 - Balkis's affections were furthered when Hiram was able to complete the Molten Sea using Tubal-Cain's hammer



THE PROPHECY AS 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**
 - Yet 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**



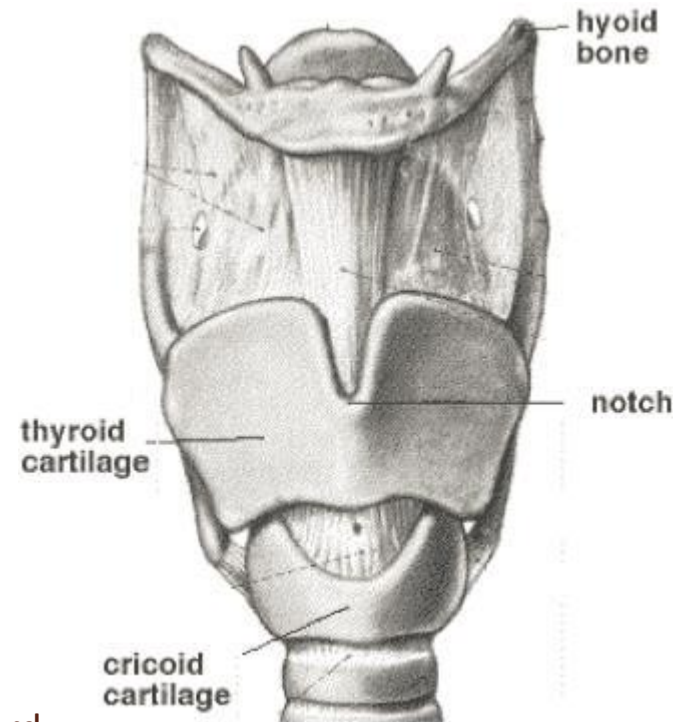


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- Hiram-Abiff appointed to undertake the Molten Sea
 - Means the transformation of mineral kingdom through art
- Told that a son would be born to him
 - He would not himself be able to see him
 - Would bring forth a new race
- This son is the coming new race that will take the place of the present one (6th Epoch)
 - It will no longer be necessary for two sexes to unite
 - Will again be able to bring about propagation through the one human individual (this 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
- Will we have physical bodies then?





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 to earth
 - 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, Kama
 - Impulsive nature, capable of flaring up, showing enthusiasm for wisdom
- All arts and the sciences
- **Western path:**
 - Till the earth
 - Till the soul

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

Interesting note: computer engineers now largely from India and China



MEANING OF THE TEMPLE LEGEND

- Two races of mankind:
 1. **Abel:** like Solomon, are in possession of divine wisdom
 2. **Cain:** conversant with fire and know how to make use of it
 - Not physical fire, but the fire of wishes, desires and instincts
- Queen of Sheba as the human soul
- Portrays the destiny of the 3rd 4th & 5th PA Cultural Ages
- The Temple: Temple of the Occult Societies that is being built up by the whole of mankind during the 4th & 5th PA C. Ages
 - Why not the 6th PA Cultural Age?
 - The Holy of Holies: abode of these Occult Societies
 - The Molten Sea: **water and fire** united in the proper way
 - The Golden Triangle: reveals secret of Manas, Buddhi, and Atma
 - **Portrayed in the Foundation Stone Meditation**
- Knowledge of **both** outer world and spiritual forces
 - From **both directions** to go forward with evolution



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ENDING OF THE EPISODE OF BIRTHING

- “At the time of the departure of the moon, physical birth commenced.
- The human being began to be born of woman.
- Just as this came to pass, so in the future the human being will no longer be born of woman.
- For that is only a passing episode in the whole of cosmic evolution.
- It is the episode that is to bring to man the feeling of freedom, the consciousness of freedom, the integrated wholeness of individuality and personality.
- It is an episode that must not be disdained, an episode that was necessary in the whole cosmic process, but it must not be retained. Human beings must not give themselves up to the indolence of merely looking up to an abstract divine principle; they must concretely behold everything connected with their evolution.
- For they can attain a true inner revitalization of the whole soul-spirit being only if they comprehend that great period of time — but in its concrete evolutionary configuration — through which they will live in successive earth incarnations.”

— R. Steiner, *Materialism and the Task of Anthroposophy*, Lecture XIV, Dornach, 13May1921, GA204

THE STARS ONCE SPOKE TO MAN

The Stars once spoke to Man.
It is World-destiny
That they are silent now.
To be aware of the silence
Can become pain for earthly Man.

But in the deepening silence
There grows and ripens
What Man speaks to the Stars.
To be aware of the speaking
Can become strength for Spirit-Man.

Rudolf Steiner





Q & A



SCHEDULE

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March 24, 2017 Lecture

- 19:00 – 20:30 Technology and the Human Body – The Western Path

March 25, 2017 Workshop

- 08:45-09:00 Registration, social time, tea/coffee
- 09:00-09:15 Welcome, Introductions
- 09:15-10:30 Merging Through Rhythms and Ethers
- 10:30-11:30 The Three Movements with Natasha Moss
- 11:30-12:30 Discussion: Protecting, Countering, Confronting
- 12:30-01:30 Lunch (BYO) together
- 01:30-02:30 Mythology and Facing the Future Without Fear
- 02:30-03:00 Eurythmy exercises and tools for balancing technical work
- 03:00-04:00 **Structured Discussion: The Challenge of Our Times**