

A Cosmic Wake Up Call: The **Easter Paradox of 2019**

We know that Easter is determined by a cosmic alignment of Sun, Moon & Earth. 1st the Sun must come into its place of balance at the Vernal Equinox. Then the Sun waits for the Moon to come into Fullness, so that the rays of the Springtime Sun can be reflected to us on Earth. The Moveable Feast of Easter then arrives on the 1st Sun-day after, which brings earthly humanity into connection with the Sun-forces.

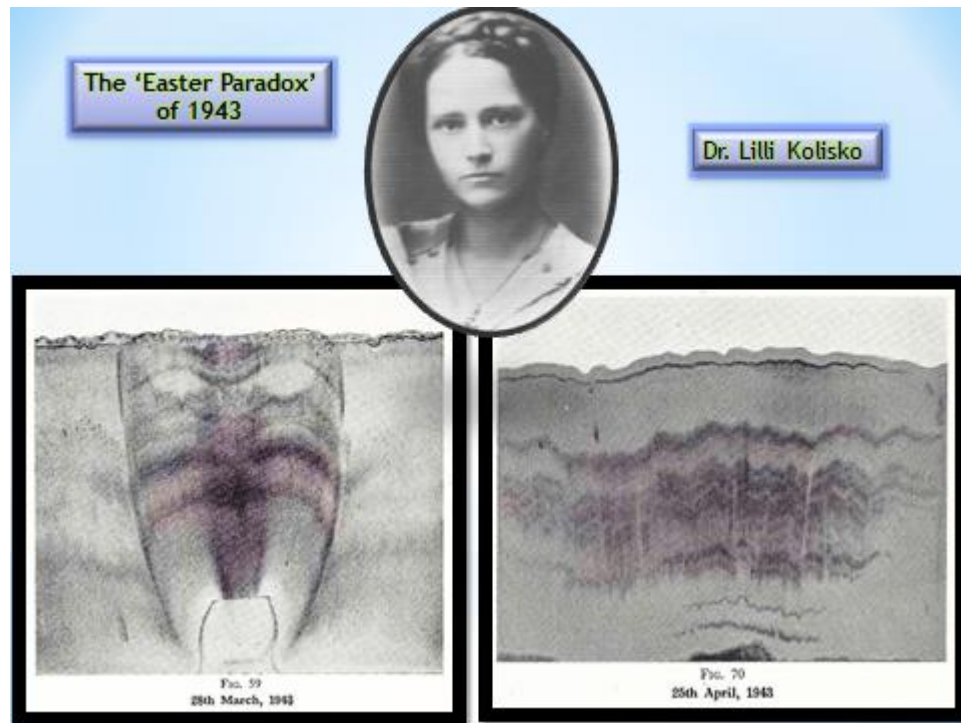
This year, the Spring Equinox is at 4:58 pm CDT on March 20th. The Full Moon also comes on March 20th, about 4 hours later, at 8:43 pm. By these calculations, the 1st Sunday after is, March 24th. So this, my friends, seems like an important cosmic call to pay attention!

But if you look on the internet or on the 'Official' Church Calendar, it says Easter is April 21st 2019.

Dear Friends, **This is extremely important! We must vigorously apply what we know to be true & not take anything at face value.** It is so easy to be asleep & miss these powerful opportunities to be in cosmic alignment.

Every year, humanity has a responsibility to Consciously Resurrect this 'Turning Point of Time' in our Thinking, Feeling & Willing, to participate in Christ's deed which planted the seed of our redemption from the fall, which we must cultivate!

If we sleep thru this opportunity, the death forces will strengthen.



Dr. Lilli Kolisko established important scientific documentation on this very subject, following initial indications given by Rudolf Steiner.

In 1943, Easter fell shortly after the equinox, on March 28th. The Church authorities in England had ruled that the Easter Full Moon should be considered to be a month later & that the festival should be celebrated on April 25th 1943, Even though the Royal Astronomer maintained that the earlier date was correct.

Lili Kolisko discovered through her experiments the true cosmic reality. Every day she repeated her experiments. She showed that one can obtain a picture of life-force activity with solutions of minerals representing key planetary forces –such as Silver Nitrate, Iron Sulphate or Gold Chloride, displaying colors & forms which reveal the invisible etheric forces working on earth or in plants in specific ways & at specific times. On Sunday March 28th 1943, (1st image) an enhanced form & color appeared. On the Church authorities' preferred date of April 25th (2nd image) there was no difference from the pattern of any other day.

A similar strengthening of the etheric forces was revealed on the true Whitsuntide date, six weeks after the real March 28th 1943 Easter.

You can read the full documented research [here](#): (Many thanks to Patricia Kaminski for sharing this link)



Below is a powerful quote from Rudolf Steiner reminding us not to be blinded by the materialism that wants to keep us bound to the earth:

“The Easter Festival, is intended to remind us of an event whose significance lies, not merely within the course of earth-evolution, but within the whole world-order into which humanity has been placed. Therefore the time of the Easter festival must not be determined by ordinary earthly conditions; it is a time that can be ascertained only when the human being turns their thoughts to the worlds beyond the earth. And there is deeper meaning still in this plan of a movable time for the Easter festival. It indicates how through the Christ Impulse humanity is to be set free from the forces of earth-evolution pure and simple. For through knowledge of that which is beyond the earth, humanity is to become free of the evolution of the earth, and this truth is indicated in the manner of dating the Easter festival. It contains a call to the human being to lift himself up to the worlds beyond the earth; it contains a promise to humanity that in the course of world-history it shall be possible for him, through the working of the Christ Impulse, to become free of earthly conditions.

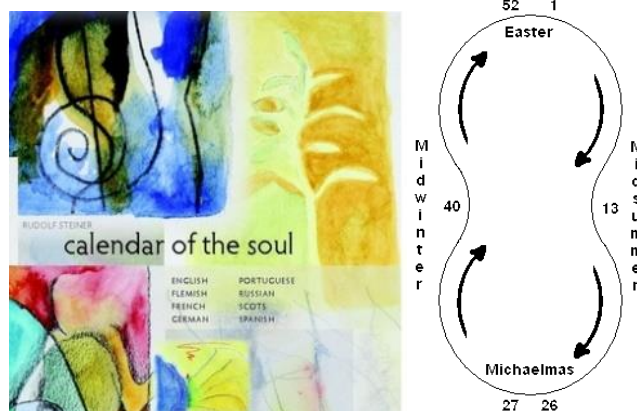
The time has come when humanity must realise with full and clear consciousness that supersensible knowledge has now to arise out of the grave of the materialistic outlook. For together with supersensible knowledge will arise the knowledge of Christ Jesus. In point of fact, man has no other symbol that fits the Easter festival than this — that mankind has brought upon itself the doom of

being crucified upon the cross of its own materialism. But man must do something himself before there arises from the grave of human materialism all that can come from supersensible knowledge.

The very striving after supersensible knowledge is itself an Easter deed, it is something which gives man the right once more to keep Easter. Look up to the full moon and feel how the full moon is connected with man in its phenomena, and how the reflection of the sun is connected with the moon, and then meditate on the need today to go in search of a true self-knowledge which can show forth man as a reflection of the supersensible. If man knows himself to be a reflection of the supersensible, if he recognises how he is formed and constituted out of the supersensible, then he will also find the way to come to the supersensible.

The truth is, we are to-day living in a time when Christ Jesus is being crucified in a very special sense. He is being put to death in the field of knowledge. And until men come to see how the present way of knowledge, clinging as it does to the senses and to them alone, is nothing but a grave of knowledge out of which a resurrection must take place — until they see this, they will not be able to lift themselves up to experiences in thought and feeling that partake of a true Easter character.” ~ Rudolf Steiner

~[Hazel Archer Ginsberg](#)



The continuing conversation on the **Easter Paradox**:

As we know the **'Calendar of the Soul' starts with Easter Sunday, Verse #1. The Goetheanum has chosen to start the Calendar of the Soul Year with 24 March 2019**, in alignment with the spiritual scientific research of Rudolf Steiner.

The cosmic dance is fluid, which is why Easter is a 'Moveable Feast'. Steiner's indications invite us to participate in this Cosmic & Earthly 'Turning point of Time'. The man-made church calendar adheres to a template which no longer reflects the true nature of the stars, & yet, since it represents the **concept of 'Time'**, within the eternally shifting **nature of 'Space'**, it offers us the opportunity to do the work of **purifying our etheric body, where the mysteries of Time, & Rhythm are tantamount to achieving what Steiner calls 'Life-Spirit'**.

Perhaps this was why Rudolf Steiner focused on the significance of the etheric body, in the ['Young Doctors Course'](#), & in the lecture 'The [Easter Festival in the Evolution of the Mysteries](#)' as well as giving the Eurythmy forms for the Foundation Stone Meditation, at the time of the 1924 'Easter paradox'. Although when he spoke to the workers around the time of the Cosmic Easter, in "[Star Wisdom, Moon Religion, Sun Religion](#)" he emphasized the astral aspect.

The Sun, Moon & Earth in relation to **the Zodiac, a division in Space**, invites us to do the work of **purifying our astral body, in the striving to achieve 'Spirit-Self', where the mysteries of 'Space', which the Fixed Stars of the Zodiac represent, come into play.**

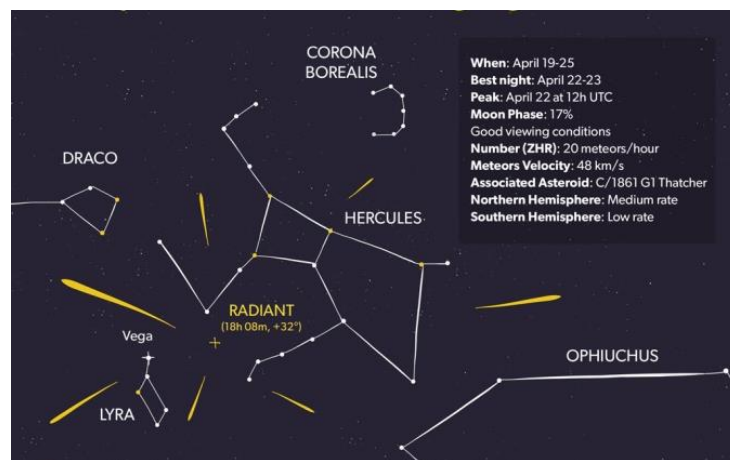
So this year we have an opportunity to grow the seeds of BOTH Manas & Buddhi, in the evolution of our True future Selves, NOW!



~Blessings Friends, Let's continue to keep the conversation living



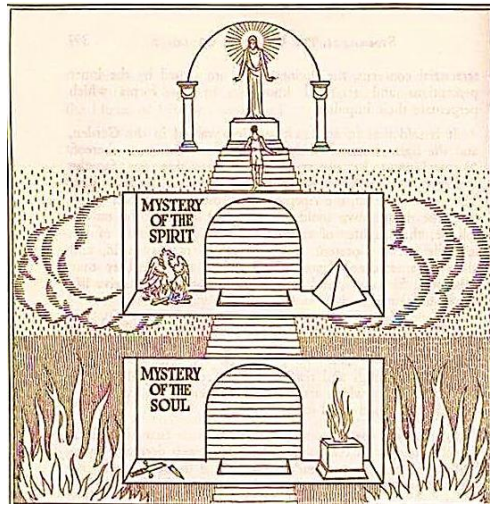
As we have been saying, this year, 2019, the Cosmic & the Church dating of Easter, Ascension, & Whitsun are different. The first Full Moon of Spring occurs at 8: 42 pm CDT, about 4 hours after the moment of the Vernal Equinox at 4:58 pm CDT. We calculate the Moveable Feast of Easter thru this astronomical phenomenon, so that the sacred festival occurs on the Sunday after, which is **24 March 2019** – the eve of **The Feast of the Annunciation**, also known as Lady Day, the Feast of the Incarnation (Festum Incarnationis), Conceptio Christi (Christ's Conception), **which commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, to announce that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**



Since Easter happens on the Earth, if we follow the Gregorian calendar rules for dating Easter, which is want to fix the moveable, then Easter is observed on **21 April 2019, at the peak of the Lyrid Meteor Shower.**

May we be the bridge between the above & the below...

~[Hazel Archer Ginsberg](http://reverseritual.com/non-angli-sed-angeli/) <http://reverseritual.com/non-angli-sed-angeli/>



The Northern & Southern Mystery Streams as they relate to the 'Easter Paradox'

Rudolf Steiner connects the **Northern path** to the **Sun Mysteries**, an initiation thru the **outer world of nature & the cosmos**, enacted at the time of the **Autumn Equinox**. The **Adonis Mysteries** revealed the **experience of the human soul after death**; the ascent into the **macrocosm**, to unite with the Spirit of the Sun. The threat to the pupils on this path was **Ahriman**, who seeks to keep humanity bound to outer material phenomena.

In the **Southern Mysteries**, the initiatory path of the **Moon**, led the pupil into the **inner nature of their own being**. This revealed the experience of **existence before birth**, the descent into the **microcosm**. These rites were enacted at the nearest **Full Moon** to the **Spring Equinox**, where the pupil gazing up thru the sphere of the Moon was able to see into the Soul of the Sun-sphere. Their main opponent or tempter was **Lucifer**.

Both paths, although completely different, arrived at the same goal – the union with the cosmic Christ in the sphere of the Sun.

These 2 paths were developed prior to the Mystery of Golgotha, in strict separation from each other. **Thru Christ's Deed, the possibility was created for every human being to receive the fruits of both mystery streams thru the actual awareness & experience of His Being in the sphere of the Earth.**

These 2 paths must become united. Every human being is now being asked to make a connection to the outer, into nature & the cosmos, as well as, to the inner, into our own beings.

Otherwise, if the 2 streams continue to develop separately they fall prey to the adversarial forces mentioned above.

Many folks have been quoting from Steiner's lectures given at the 'Easter Paradox of 1924', where he speaks about the Northern Adonis Mysteries, as a justification for celebrating Easter-tide according to the fixed date.

But we must also take into account that in March 1924 at the time of the Astrological Easter, Steiner also gave lectures to the workers from the perspective of the Southern Mysteries.

Dear friends, **we are being asked thru the 'Easter Paradox of 2019' to cultivate a new experience of Christ**, which is connected to our willingness to encounter evil; an 'As above so Below' experience, beyond a creed, or the events in Palestine 2000 years ago; **we are called to bridge the 2 streams within ourselves, which will foster a true spiritual experience in the life-realm of the Earth.**

Rudolf Steiner's core mission was to bring an understanding of Karma & Reincarnation to the West. Perhaps **by looking into our propensity toward 1 or the other of the Streams we can find a clue to our own karma, & thru this year's 'Easter Paradox' find a way to open to the opposite stream to bring the Christ path to bear within us.**

If we are to live into: **'Christ in me'**, we must **take up this task of integration**, for the **future evolution of humanity & the Universe.**

~[Hazel Archer-Ginsberg](http://reverseritual.com/the-northern-southern-mystery-streams-as-they-relate-to-the-easter-paradox/) 16 March the eve of Holy Week 2019
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Our Chicago community has taken on the mystery of the Being known as Kaspar Hauser this year. We will read throughout this Cosmic Holy Week, recognizing that confronting challenging cosmic alignments is part of humanities calling, to face, name & work to redeem evil.

We will continue this Study during the Ecclesiastical Easter-Tide, so that like Rudolf Steiner, who gave lectures during the 'Easter Paradox of 1924', on BOTH the Esoteric & Ecclesiastical dates, we will be working to bridge the 2 streams.

Interesting to note that the lectures to the workers (Southern Stream) “**Star Wisdom, Moon Religion, Sun Religion**” entered around bringing the wisdom of the Magi (Northern Stream) to the Shepherds (Southern Stream).

And the lectures to the members of the Anthroposophical Society (Northern Stream) “**The Easter Festival in relation to the Mysteries**” gave the Magi a profound look into ancient mysteries of Adonis & Ephesus, the distinct worldview of the Shepherds.

And in the **Young Doctors Easter Course** given at that same time, by Dr. Steiner & Dr. Ita Wegman (Southern Stream) they are given these verses to meditate on:

**“Behold what is joined in the cosmos,
And you will feel the forming of the human being
Schau, was kosmisch sich fügt
Behold all that moves you in Air
And you will experience the ensoulment of the human being.
Schau, was luftig dich bewegt
Behold what is changed in the Earthly
And you will discern the spiritualizing of the human being.**

The whole planetary system is connected with substances that are remedial:

**Saturn = Lead
Jupiter = Tin
Mars = Iron
Sun = Gold
Venus = Copper
Mercury = Quicksilver
Moon = Silver.**

(see **Lili Kolisko’s experiments** done during the Easter Paradox of 1943)

If you think about these lines again and again they will help you to realize what is built into the human being out of the cosmos, out of the earth’s periphery, and by earthly forces. If you will meditate on these questions in the light of the following lines, you will learn to look into the real nature of the human being:

**Behold, what is joined in the cosmos:
You feel the forming of man.
(that in connection with Moon)
Behold, all that moves you in Air:
(for example, in breath or in blood circulation)
You will live man’s ensoulment.
(that in connection with Sun)
Behold, what is changed in the Earthly:
(especially what also brings death to the human being)**

You will discern the spiritualizing of man.
(that in connection with Saturn)”

What a powerful opportunity for all of us to practice the Science of the Spirit.

~**Hazel Archer-Ginsberg** <http://reverseritual.com/the-eve/>

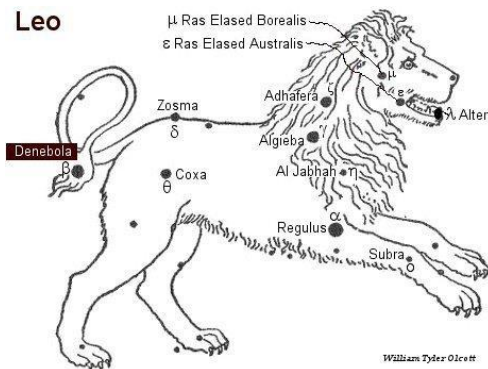


At the bird sanctuary, aptly named the ‘**Magic Hedge**’ near my home at the edge of the ‘**Great Inland Sea of Chicago**’, the sky lightened when the sun rose on this Vernal Equinox morning, but the clouds & persistent drizzle did not reveal its glory. I had to watch for other signs of Spring – the sweet earthy scent rising up from the mud, a patch of purple crocus pushing up from the dead grass, the activity of the animal kingdom, robins, starlings, a coyote family by the red dogwood tree, the song of the wind in the still bare branches, the way the water grabbed at the shore, the wet rocks gleaning in the grey. Yes, **magic is abounding thru the elements, waiting to be seen & blessed by human hearts, held with awe & wonder.**



As I stroll along the shore, open in reverence, I contemplate **our Holy Week study of Kaspar Hauser**, & I am deeply struck by the profoundness of the celestial association that was given as an imagination at his death by **professor Daumer**, his teacher & care giver, who **Rudolf Steiner** called “**The last Rosicrucian**”. Steiner often repeated this

when speaking of **Kaspar Hauser as a ‘stray Atlantean’**, that when he died the **‘Sun was setting in the West & the Moon was rising in the East’ – a true Easter image.** And so fitting for this year’s Easter Paradox, where **the 1st Full Moon after the Spring Equinox (tonight at 8:43 CDT) is, according to Astrosopher Johnathan Hilton, in Denebola, the tail of Leo the Lion,** which in ancient Arabian astrology was said to portend misfortune & disgrace, which can certainly be related to the outward aspect of Kaspar Hauser’s destiny. And yet according to the Kabbalists, it is associated with the Hebrew letter Kaph & holds the image of Strength, which points up his spiritual task.



It’s easy to want to turn away from pain & suffering; but by doing so we miss the opportunity to heal & redeem evil during this 1st cycle in the ‘Easter Paradox’ of 2019.

I am new to this study of Kaspar Hauser, but I am not new to pain & suffering, & the ever-clear calling of karmic healing. From the beginning I was struck by what seems **an important relationship between Kaspar Hauser, Christian Rosenkreutz, Rudolf Steiner & The Christ.**



We know that Rudolf Steiner was bound by the occult rule prohibiting him to speak about a Rosicrucian initiate directly, but it is important to note that it was in Malsch, near **Karlsruhe, where Kaspar Hauser was born on Michaelmas Day in 1812,** that Rudolf Steiner laid the foundation stone of the first anthroposophical building, known as

'Francis of Assisi', which he referred to as a '**Rosicrucian temple**', on the night of the **Pascal Full Moon of 1909**.

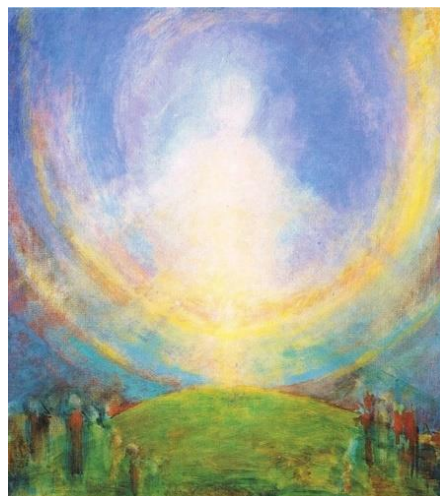
At this event he spoke about the Full Moon as the spiritual sphere of birth & death, & how humanity moved from a state of innocence into the evolution of consciousness through the encounter with evil, which brought in death; & he called us to work to spiritualize matter.

This seems to reflect not only humankind's journey as a whole, but also the life of Kaspar Hauser in particular.



Rudolf Steiner gave many groundbreaking lectures in Karlsruhe, including speaking for the 1st time about the 'Second Coming of Christ'. It was there that he also revealed the nature of the human 'Phantom', & the 'Resurrection body'. And then at Michaelmas, 99 years after Kaspar's birth, Steiner compared for the 1st time the methods of the Rosicrucians with those of the Jesuits, a direct clue to the workings behind Kaspar Hauser's mystery. Some say the Church began their attacks on Rudolf Steiner's because of these powerful Karlsruhe lectures.

When asked about Kaspar Hauser's previous lives, Steiner said he could not find an earlier incarnation; that he was a higher being who had a special mission on the Earth, working from an impulse coming from Rosicrucian origins.

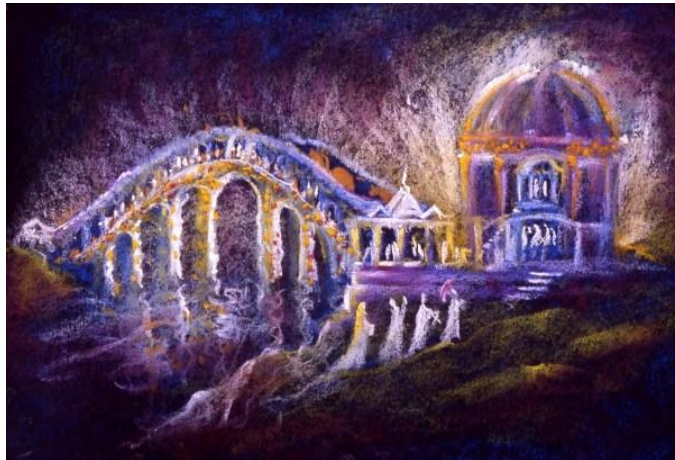


Could it be that this individuality is a sort of Angelic Being, like the Nathan Soul, held back in the Spiritual World to fulfill a special mission? Coming, in the latter case, to give physical expression to the Cosmic Christ; & in Kaspar Hauser's case, come to reveal the Etheric Christ, appearing in the realm of the Angels working from the Moon to the Earth?

The counterforce to this etheric appearance came in 1933, when Hitler & the Nazi Party held sway in Nuremberg, where 'the Child of Europe' was murdered in 1833 a hundred years before.

It reminds me of how Steiner described a 'Second Crucifixion', in the 1840s, of the consciousness of the Angelic Being that was bearing Christ in the etheric realm, a kind of 'suffocation' brought on by materialistic thinking, which formed a sort of black cloud in the supersensible sphere between the Earth & Moon.

But as Steiner tells us, this sacrifice by this Angelic Being – has made it possible for us to renew & deepen our understanding of the Mystery of Golgotha, which brought the possibility for the redemption of our physical bodies, & which, because of this 'Second Crucifixion', could now be experienced on the level of our formative forces, helping us develop a new clairvoyance in the etheric realm.



These thoughts lead us to Steiner's statement that: **"If Kaspar Hauser had not lived and died as he did, the contact between the Earth and the Cosmos would have been completely severed."**

So, my friends, to see Kaspar Hauser's sacrificial life in this light, so intimately connected to this 'Second Crucifixion' & the 'Second Coming of Christ', so reflective of our 2 modern Rosicrucian Initiates, in alignment with the life of Christ, it seems to make sense to build this consciousness during this sacred Easter-Tide.



I look forward to continuing the hero's journey throughout this Easter Paradox, exploring both dates, listening to the Elemental world, working with our friends & fellows, & with the 'ever present help of the Spiritual World', on this side of the Threshold & beyond, to ask the Parsifal Question, in the search of the Holy Grail & the Dawning of the New Sun.

In Vernal Balance Be –

~Hazel Archer-Ginsberg, 20 March 2019 <http://reverseritual.com/in-vernal-balance-be/>

STAR WISDOM, MOON RELIGION
SUN RELIGION
THE EASTER FESTIVAL AND ITS
BACKGROUND
by
RUDOLF STEINER
*Three lectures given to workmen at the
Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland*

Esoteric Studies
Easter
as a Chapter
in the Mystery Wisdom
of Man
Rudolf Steiner

"Julian 'the Apostate' maintained that in Christianity men should be taught: Christ came from the Sun and then, as Sun Being, entered into the man Jesus. Now the Churches did not wish this knowledge to be in the possession of men. The Churches did not want the real facts about Christ Jesus to come to light, but only such knowledge as was authorised by them".

The 'Easter Paradox' of 1924

"The original idea of any sacred festival is to make the human being look upward from his dependence on earthly things to those things that transcend the Earth."

Dear Friends – Below is a synopsis I created of the lectures Rudolf Steiner gave during the Easter Paradox of 1924, 1st to the workers at the Goetheanum at the time of the Esoteric Easter & then for the members of the Anthroposophical Society during the Ecclesiastical Easter date. If you take the time to actually investigate what he said to each group you will find a powerful message that applies to us today.

Star Wisdom, Moon Religion, Sun Religion, Given to workers at the Goetheanum in Dornach March 13, 1924, here Steiner tells us:

In Roman times the Star Wisdom had been lost. Julian the “Apostate” tried to re-introduce it, but he was murdered. The advent of Christ brought the ancient Star Religion to life again — but in a new form — teaching that the Sun God must now have his place upon the Earth, accessible to all of humanity, not just the initiates.

But those in power denounced this as superstition — & not only as superstition but as a creed of the devil. People were expected to believe only in the external, historical event of the presence of Christ Jesus in Palestine — in the form in which the Church proclaimed it. Consequently the Church became the supreme authority in the matter of how & what people should think, which ignored the whole cosmic setting of the Easter event.

The Easter Festival in relation to the Mysteries 19-22 April 1924, Dornach

The Adonis Mystery. The Easter Thought: 19 April 1924: To understand the Easter festival, we must recognize the many customs & sacred ceremonies associated with this mystery, which has spoken for centuries to the heart of human beings, in the course of historic evolution.

In the ancient Mysteries, the festival of Death, the lying in the Grave & the Resurrection was enacted at the Autumn season, an initiation into the rites of Adonis.

In the course of evolution the human being became less able to penetrate into spiritual, losing the inner understanding which once told them that when outer Nature appears to die, the life of the Spirit can then truly be seen as a resurrection.

So it was no longer possible for Autumn to be the time of the Resurrection Festival. The human being now needs the support of material things, needs the support of what springs forth again in Nature. The human being needs to connect the Resurrection Festival with the force of the seed which is resurrected in outer Nature - needs the support of external Nature- needs to see how the plants spring out of the Earth, how the Sun increases in strength, how light & warmth increase in strength once more. Humanity needs the Resurrection in Nature in order to celebrate the thought of the Resurrection.

Our modern festival of Michaelmas can be a bridge from the past to the future.

“Anthroposophy itself must become like an inner festival of Resurrection for the human soul. It must bring an Easter mood into humanity's world-conception. This will indeed be possible if it is understood how the thought of the ancient Mysteries can live on in the true Easter thought. “

Easter Sunday 20 April, 1924: Moon-birth & Sun-birth. Necessity and Freedom.

Stages of the ancient Easter Initiation: The original idea of any sacred festival is to make the human being look upward from his dependence on earthly things to those things that transcend the Earth.

During the last centuries humanity has undergone an evolution which has lead farther & farther away from the connection with Cosmic powers & Cosmic forces. Humanity became more restricted to the Earthly powers & forces.

Humanity today does not conceive the forces spiritually connected with the Sun or what these forces are doing within the human being.

Julian the Apostate, the last of the pagan Caesars, still received instruction in what was left of the ancient Mysteries, concerning these forces of the Sun. He wished once more to make this knowledge an influence in the world, & for this very reason was murdered on his campaign into Persia. The powers in the first Christian centuries which intended that all knowledge of such things should disappear was all prevailing. No wonder this knowledge is so hard to conceive of Steiner goes on to describe the various degrees in the ancient mystery schools; and concludes with the statement that to become aware of the content of the Easter Festival we must call this ancient sacred history to life again, in a new way. Then we can understand why even today we must look upward to the Sun & Moon which determines from their mutual constellation, the time of the Easter Festival. For this truth must still remain. We calculate Easter as the first Sunday after the first full Moon after the Spring Equinox. The Easter Festival is something that must be determined from above, out of the Cosmos. This must be regained. And it can only be regained by looking back to the ancient Mysteries, where the human being was made aware by seeing the cosmos within themselves. The ancient practices receded in the age when the free development of humanity had to take place. But now the time is come when these mysteries must be found

again. Of this, my dear friends, we must be fully conscious. Institutions must be created today to find the Mysteries once more.

Steiner goes on to say it is Out of this consciousness which we held our Christmas Foundation Meeting. For it is an urgent necessity that there should be a place on Earth where the Mysteries can once more be founded. The Anthroposophical Society in its further progress must become the path to the Mysteries renewed.

The day after the ecclesiastical Easter 21 April, 1924, The Moon Secret. Spring & Autumn Mysteries. Steiner again indicates the cosmic aspect of the Easter Festival. & as a way of deepening understanding he touches upon some of the facts relating to the so-called secrets of the Moon.

In effect, all the light that rays forth from the Full Moon into the Cosmos contains the forces that the human being when descending into incarnation needs to form the outer aspect of the etheric body.

On the other hand all that rays forth spiritually from the New Moon, out into the Cosmos, contains the forces which the human being needs to form the inner aspect of the etheric body.

This rhythm, of the external shining of the Moon & of its darkening, enables the human being to connect with what Steiner called, the Primal Teachers, which work from the moon.

Steiner tells us that the spiritual Beings of the Moon turn their gaze to begin with on what is most important for them - the wandering stars that belong to our planetary system, in order that humanity may properly receive the forces needed.

Knowledge of this was contained in certain ancient Mysteries. This knowledge is seen in the days of the week. This brought home the planetary system to the consciousness of humanity in relation to space & time - on the one hand, thru the rhythmic course of the Moon around our Earth thru light & darkness, & on the other hand, we see an imprint in the consciousness of humanity the whole succession of the planets. The initiate in the Mysteries could free themselves from the physical body & live in the formative forces of the etheric body, to experience:

Monday

Tuesday: Speech

Wednesday: Movement

Thursday: Wisdom

Friday: Love, Beauty

Saturday: Inner warmth of soul

Sunday: Protecting forces (reflected from the Moon)

The initiates knew that the Sun cannot influence the forming of the etheric body directly, but only thru the reflection from the Moon.

The initiates knew that for the full inner force of the astral body, & the Ego, of the “I am”, they must go to the Sun., to become the Christophoros, the Sun-bearer -

this inner human Easter experience of former times transformed into a cosmic Festival. In later times humanity forgot that such a thing could happen. They no longer knew they could go forth from the earthly realm, unite themselves with the Moon nature, & from the Moon behold the Sun. But a certain remembrance of this has been preserved in the Easter Festival.

Our present spiritual Festival of Easter represents an event in the Mysteries which was enacted 1st in the Autumn, & then later in the Springtime

In later days man was no longer able to penetrate the living reality of this his relationship to the Spiritual in the Cosmos. And at length things went so far that the Autumn Mysteries of resurrection were simply superimposed on the Springtime Mystery of the descent. The confusion that arose in the course of human evolution shows how deeply materialism worked in the course of time. For it not only created false opinions but brought humankind into real confusion with regard to those things which were once in sacred, holy order in the course of human earthly life.

Once upon a time there was a sacred order in these things. As Autumn came near, humankind celebrated a Cosmic Festival, a Festival which pointed to a real process of the Mysteries. Nature, they said, is fading & dying away, Nature is laid waste. It is like the gradual death of a human beings physical life. But when we look at Nature we see only the transitory at work in her, in the human being we see the Eternal, which we must now behold apart from what takes place in outer

Nature, for we must behold it in the spirit as that which is resurrected after death in the spiritual world.

And through the Mysteries of springtime it was made clear to humanity that the spiritual works in again from the Cosmos, the physical springs & sprouts forth from the Earth, because it is impelled by the Spiritual. This however was to lead humanity to remember, not how they passed through death into the Spiritual, but how they have come from & descended out of the Spiritual.

When Nature is springing & ascending, the human being was to remember their descent into the Physical; & again when Nature is declining the human being was to remember his ascent, his resurrection into the Spiritual. Infinitely deepening the life of the soul to experience how the human being is related to the Cosmos.

These things varied according to the different regions of the Earth. We can say that there are Autumn people , & Springtime people.

For the Autumn people there were the Mysteries of Adonis, the Southern Mysteries, of death & the after-life; the shining of the spiritual Sun in the beginning of the night of Winter; & for the Springtime people there were other Northern Mysteries related to the life before birth as seen from the secret of the Moon initiation.

In ancient times folks stayed within their stream, which was appropriate for their time, & only great initiates like Pythagoras, who traveled from place to place

taking in the various mysteries underwent the true initiation of human experience, paving the way for our time now, when we are called to embrace both streams.

So you see our Easter Festival holds many components, 1st we meet the planetary Beings revealed in the days of Holy Week, then we experience the mystery of death, the entombment, The harrowing or redeeming of hell & then the resurrection. And of course Easter-Tide continues thru the secret teachings given to the apostles during the 40 days between the Resurrection & the Ascension & then after 10 days, the mystery of Pentecost.

22 April, 1924- The Mysteries of Ephesus. The Aristotelian Categories: The Mysteries have played an important part in the whole evolution of humankind. The Easter Festival grew out of the principle of initiation. Humankind is predestined to evolve to spiritual freedom. We know that human individuals return to the Earth again & again in their repeated earthly lives, carrying with them experiences of former epochs into later ones. The environment created by the Mysteries is an important factor in the progress of carrying from one age into another what human beings experienced & what they experience again in other forms of knowledge.

When that spiritual impulse which has gone forth from the Goetheanum thru the Christmas Foundation meeting, really finds its way into the life of the Anthroposophical Society it will provide the foundation for the Mysteries of the

future. The future life of the Mysteries must consciously & deliberately be planted by this Anthroposophical Society.

In the burning of the 1st Goetheanum, the Anthroposophical Society has ever before it an event which can be turned to good will in future evolution just like the burning of the Temple of Ephesus.

Both seem a tragedy on the outside, but on the various planes of existence these things appear in different ways, & only in the freedom can we turn to good will that which on one plane is so wrong, for it is just thru these terrible events that a real evolution can be achieved.

To enter into these things with sympathetic understanding we must grasp them, as intimately as possible. How did the spiritual life of the world live in the Mysteries? Steiner talked about the how the yearly Easter Festival proceeds for the Earth from the constellations of the Sun & Moon, & how the other planets are seen from the standpoint of the Moon.

And he relates that never did human hearts & minds partake so intimately in these Northern Mysteries, this descent from the pre-earthly into the earthly life as in the Mysteries of Ephesus, devoted Diana or Artemis, enabling her initiate to experience & enter into the spiritual life & movement within the ether of the Cosmos.

A deep impression was made on those present when the Temple Goddess expressed her joy in all things growing, springing, sprouting in the far-spread ether of the world; a feeling that wafted thru the spiritual atmosphere of the Sanctuary as a magic breath.

And as a consequence a certain instruction could be given with great clearness in these Ephesian Mysteries, whose aim was to bring the secret of the Moon forth in the human soul, creating one's being out of the Sunlight that wove around the Moon.

Verse Steiner gave to Ita Wegman:

The Sun, in me, my King,

Leads me into the world.

The Moon, in me, maintains

My shape, she keeps my form.

Mercury holds, in me,

The Sun and Moon in one.

Venus in me is all,

Nothing without her love.

When she and Mars are one,

He speaks me as a Word,

So Jupiter can shine

All through me wisdom's rays,

And Saturn, ripe, can beam

Through me the colours that I am.

The spiritual life in Ephesus was filled with a radiant inner light – the true dignity of the Cosmic human being, a prefiguring of the Easter thought.

All these things bound up with the Temple Sanctuary went up in the flames lit by the hand of a criminal.

Then Steiner goes on to reference: *World History in the Light of Anthroposophy*, which he gave during the Christmas Conference. Telling how “two Initiates of these Mysteries were reincarnated in Aristotle and in Alexander. “

And “When the Temple of Ephesus was burning it was the hour of Alexander's birth. But as the Temple burned something was powerful taking place...all that had gone on in these Temple spaces was communicated to the cosmic ether.

So we may truly say: The continuous Easter Festival at Ephesus which had been contained within these Temple spaces has since been written in the great orb of the ethereal heavens.

The human wisdom which was enclosed in Temple walls escaped & was written in the cosmic ether & is visible to spiritual Imagination, the interpreter of the starry script.

The stars must mean more to us than something merely to be calculated mechanically, or mathematically.

For Alexander & Aristotle, there came the moment when thru the influence of the Mysteries of the Kabiri there arose something like a memory of the old Ephesian time which both of them had lived thru before.

But in this remembrance of an ancient time, there was a certain power to create something new.

When the cosmic sounding in the Moon was there again & Aristotle & Alexander recognized what the fire at Ephesus had signified, when they saw how this fire had carried forth into the far ether of the world the content of the Mysteries of Ephesus, then there arose in these two the inspiration to be found the Cosmic Script written down by Aristotle, known as the Categories of Being:

Quantity

Quality

Relation

Space

Time

Position

Activity (or Action)

Passivity (or Suffering)

Steiner asks us to take these concepts which Aristotle first expounded to Alexander, & learn to develop them like we did as children with the alphabet, then we will learn to read in the Cosmos.

So we see, what was a mighty revelation of instinctive wisdom thru thousands of years flowed into concepts with an inner force of life & strength which must once more be revealed in time to come.

We must will find again what is resting in the grave we must find the Sophia, the cosmic wisdom & the cosmic light. We must learn to read once more in the great universe to experience the resurrection of what lies hidden.

We are here to create an Easter Festival as an experience for all humankind. "Anthroposophy in all its working, is an Easter experience, an experience of resurrection bound up with the experience of the grave."

It is important just at this present Easter paradox for us to feel, the full festivity of Anthroposophical striving. Can we open ourselves to feel how once upon a time humankind was blessed with a divine-spiritual revelation which shone most radiantly in Ephesus. But now all this lies buried.

How can we set free from the grave what lies buried? And then listen to hear the words spoken on that Easter morn 2000 years ago: "That which you seek is no longer here." Can we find it in our hearts, & open minds, in true active way?

Then in full consciousness, not instinctively as in ancient time, we are led forward into the new mysteries of Easter.

This too must be united with the impulse of the Christmas conference, which must not remain a merely intellectual, theoretic & abstract past deed. It must be an impulse of the heart, it must not be dry & matter-of-fact. It must be sacred, solemn, joyful.

Then even as Aristotle & Alexander used the fire of Ephesus when it flamed forth like a forge in their hearts, when it flamed forth in the Cosmic ether & bore down to them new secrets that were gathered up into those simple concepts.

Will we take it upon ourselves to use what has also been carried out into the ether with the death of the 1st Goetheanum, into a resurrection of Anthroposophia?

Can we awaken to the new dawn, shining in the far & wide ether, where the spirit-filled wisdom of the world dwells, to fill ourselves with impulses coming in towards us from the Cosmos?

The Anthroposophical Easter mood must hold to this Spirit that arises ever & again out of eternal foundations. Let us receive this as an Easter thought - as an Easter feeling into our hearts.





We are deep in the midst of Easter-Tide during this evocative year of the 'Paradox'. And so our spiritual scientific research experiment continues.

Our 1st **esoteric Ascension** came right after May Day.

I had the honor of presenting 'Climbing Jacobs Ladder', an Ascension festival of the Hierarchies & of the Elements, **in Ann Arbor; standing where Dr. Ernst Katz often spoke, in the Rudolf Steiner House – headquarters for the Anthroposophical Society of America.**

Every year, when the earth begins to breathe out in the springtime, the mystery of the Ascension of Christ, Who is the Spirit of the Earth, is renewed.



Ayse Domeniconi

Along with the rescuing of our etheric body, the fulfillment of the secret promise of the Ascension is the 2nd coming!

And at the moment of the Ascension the true meaning of death as a birth into the spiritual world, was made manifest. For when the Risen Christ returned 'to sit at the right hand of the Father', He became the bridge, revealing the secret that the human soul can reach **the highest sphere of the Father Ground of the World, where Christ derived the forces for His Resurrection Body – & where our future stage of Spirit Man, is derived.**

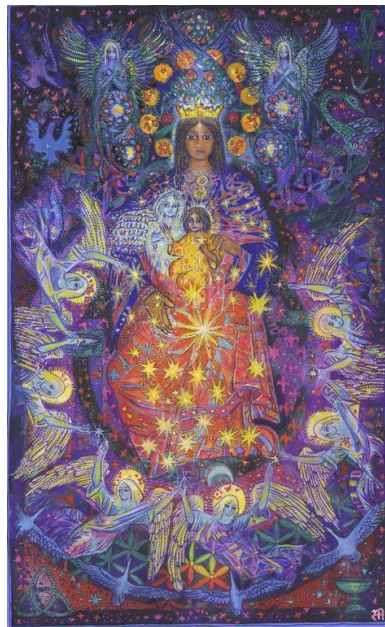
Ascension also provides the opportunity for The Holy Spirit, who illuminates the individual ego-consciousness, to be able to appear in earthly evolution at Whitsun; flashing in thru this opened gate, to pour into earth existence the truth of the Mystery of Golgotha & the Ascension in full wisdom.



But in order for this to happen Christ had to Ascend. Steiner tells us, '**Then after 10 days He sent the Holy Spirit- that divine Being of the Trinity that does not overpower, but enhances the individual ego of human beings.**'



So now the Christ impulse can enter human souls thru the mediation of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to retain our “I” in freedom.



Sri Aurobindo

How lyrically profound that our esoteric Whitsun comes today on Mother's Day! A true acknowledgement of the Divine Sophia, & an advancement away from family ties into a conscious community freely connected thru the Holy Spirit, to Christ.



Laura Summer

In the East, Whitsun or Pentecost is called Trinity Sunday, since with the completion of the 3 parts of the moveable feasts of Easter-Tide, we have been brought into contact with the 3 persons of the godhead. We receive the Resurrection forces thru The Son; at Ascension we gain access to the sphere of The father; & at Pentecost we receive the Holy Spirit.

In truth, dear friends, we can recognize 3 Whitsun events in history.



The 1st experience, occurred on the evening after the Resurrection.

'Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" ~ John 20:21

Forgiveness is the 1st step in building a conscious community.

This 1st Whitsun was recorded only by John. Thru the 1st Christian initiation, Lazarus, who became John, 'the disciple whom Jesus loved', was, along with Mary the Mother of Jesus, & the earthly bearer of the Divine Sophia forces, were

the only conscious witnesses to the Mystery of Golgotha. The rest of the apostles would stay in a dream state until Pentecost 50 days later.

The 2nd event is described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4 –

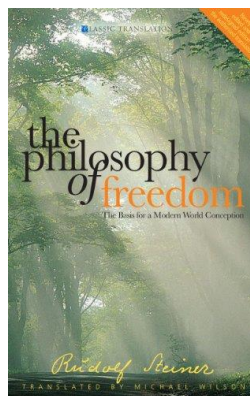
‘When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all together with one accord in the upper room. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were gathered. Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, like flames which divided until they came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with foreign tongues, each uttering what the spirit gave them to say’.



Manny Krest

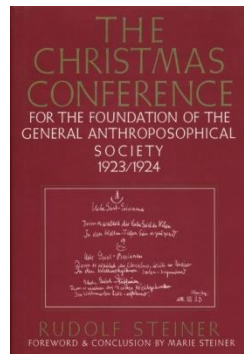
The Holy Spirit descends 1st to their heads, & then penetrates into their hearts, so that the larynx could be opened to speak the language of the heart, uniting them in a new community.

Rudolf Steiner tells us in his **‘Philosophy of Spiritual Activity’**: ***‘Only because human individuals are one spirit can they also enjoy life side by side. The free person lives in confidence that the other free person belongs with them to a spiritual world and in their intentions will meet with them’.***

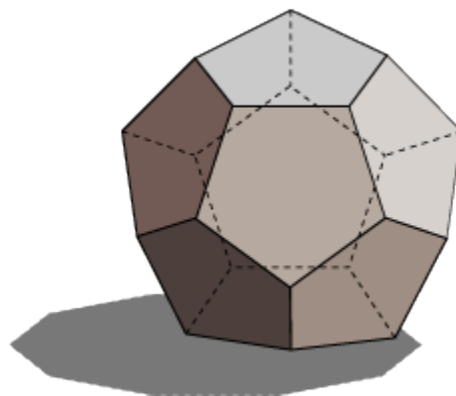




In 1907 Steiner created a Whitsun congress in Munich as a new Rosicrucian impulse, displaying the 7 seals of St. John's Apocalypse, a representation of the 7 stages of Christian initiation.



This Whitsun spirit came alive again for the 3rd time in history at the founding of the Christmas Conference, with the laying of the Foundation Stone of Love into the hearts of those connected with the Anthroposophical movement.





Ilona Miller

Just like the Grail Mystery of old, the experience of the Holy Spirit in the image of a dove appears above the chalice. And now thru the process of etherizing our blood, it rises as an etheric stream from the heart to the head, a reversal of the Whitsun experience.



One of our most important tasks is to consciously unite these 2 opposite streams. The Foundation Stone with its mantric expression is the key, in which the individual & social principles are united harmoniously.



Denise Yocco

Lifting out of the ‘me’ into the ‘we’, so that the spirit flame can enter & spread out thru us, to become what Steiner called a “World Whitsun”, which began in earnest at the Christmas Conference, where the reversed Whitsun, was born, the idea of taking the spirit that has flowed thru the head into the heart, transforming it into the wisdom of love to redeem our intelligence, & then give it back out as a gift to humanity.

Our work is to take our individual Inner Whitsun & expand it, into what Steiner calls the “World Festival of Knowledge” a path leading from ‘Spirit Recalling’, to ‘Spirit Mindfulness’, to ‘Spirit Beholding.’

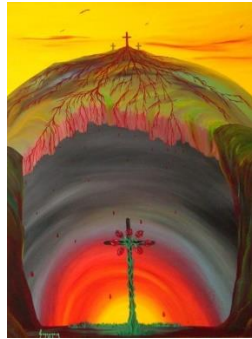
Blessings dear friends on this auspicious day

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Dear friends, with these truths in mind, I am changing our Festival programing. We will begin our Holy Week Study, exploring Kaspar Hauser, on the Esoteric Palm Sunday March 17th 2019, 2 pm – 4pm,

We continue Holy Monday thru Holy Saturday, March 18-23, from 7 pm – 9 pm,

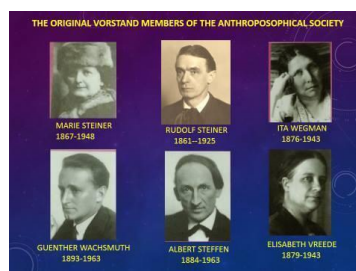


& on the Esoteric Easter Sunday March 24th 2019, from 2 pm – 4 pm, our Festival will revolve around The ‘Golden Legend’ & The ‘Rose Cross Meditation’.

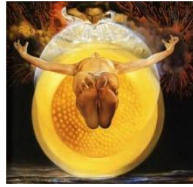


(Photo Caspar, 1812 – 1833)

For our study we will take up: ‘Kaspar Hauser: The Struggle for the Spirit’ by Anthroposophical researcher Peter Tradowsky. I have ordered copies to be given out on a 1st come basis at cost: \$23



We are also re-scheduling Fred Janney's workshop: Anthroposophy: What Ails Thee' to Saturday 6 April 2019, from 7 pm – 9 pm, & Sunday 7 April, 2019, from 1 pm – 4 pm



Since Easter-Tide also includes **Ascension, (Thursday May 2nd 2019)** & **Whitsun (May 12th 2019)** at the Rudolf Steiner Branch in Chicago, **Ascension** will be celebrated on **4 May 2019, 7 pm – 9 pm**, & in **Ann Arbor on Tuesday 7 May 2019, 7-9pm**. (With **Whitsunday** falling on Mother's Day we may not do a Festival Let me know what you think?)

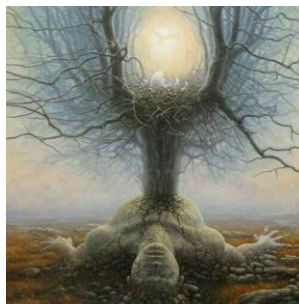
P.S. Folks no need to stress...We can celebrate both dates with JOY!

And we will also hold the Ecclesiastical Easter-tide rhythm: Holy week 14-19 April, Easter 21 April 2019 we continue the work of studying Kaspar Hasuer.

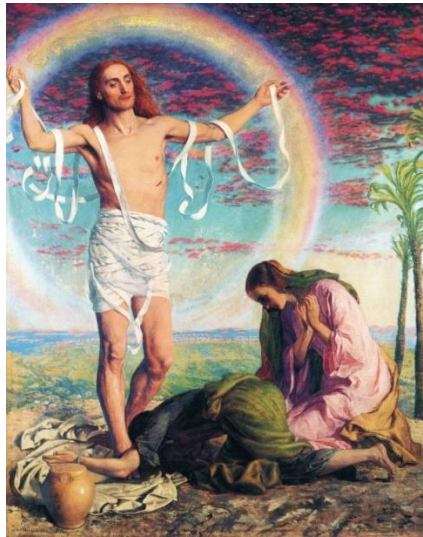


Pentecost/Whitsun will be celebrated on:

8 June 2019 in Nashville,
9 June in Knoxville TN
& 11-12 June in Ashville NC



Please Contact Hazel with any questions



24 March 2019: Esoteric Easter 2019

Sunrise: 6:47 am CDT – Sunset: 7:06 pm CDT

Daylight = 12 hours, 19 minutes

**“Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green”**

Our dear Rudolf Steiner speaks about Easter as a spiritual event that takes place on the stage of humanity. **For this Esoteric Easter – this 1st celebration in the Easter Paradox of 2019 – enclaves of earnest Anthroposophers around the world have taken up the call to hold this time as a Spiritual Scientific experiment in faith & in practice.**

The Mystery of Golgotha is the pivotal event of the whole divine process of creation, of the whole process of human evolution from its beginnings in the womb of the Spirit, to its consummation in humanity as the 10th hierarchy.

The physical body of Jesus of Nazareth was the mediator through which the powers of the cosmos were united with the Earth aura. With the sacrifice on Golgotha, when the life-blood of the Cosmic Heart penetrated the Earth & its forces flowed down, even to the very core, the Earth became illuminated from within. The Resurrection took place, 1st at the gates of the underworld for the souls of the dead who had lost their divine nature. And with the dawn on Easter Sunday, the opportunity was then given to every single human individuality to experience this light within the Self. And the seed was planted for the reunion of Sun & Earth & Moon.

The Christian Festivals were never meant to be merely the commemoration of great historical events or even simply of truths in the Christian revelation, as great as these are.

The Festivals in themselves, are, each year, spiritual events, carrying a significance that grows & deepens with the developing phases of human evolution, ever evolving as we do. This is especially true of the Easter Festival, with its answer to humanity's deepest needs, its quickening of our highest hopes; with its message of the victory of good over evil, of light over darkness, of life over death.

The earth underwent a change thru the deed of redemption on Golgotha, a transformation of the unruly Mars powers of iron, into the silvery light of Mercury. This transforming of iron, thru the sacred mystery of the Christ-blood, is a determining factor in the transformation of earthly substance, which will later be carried over into the transubstantiation of the earth.

The spirit radiates from the heights & yet is also carried to us by the eternal divine world of the depths. 'May there ascend from the Depths the prayer that is heard in the Heights'. We can send our prayer to the Christ-heart in the earth's depths, to help overcome & redeem the adversarial powers that hold sway in the 9 layers of the earth's interior. The agricultural course was a stepping stone to this ultimate aim. (The Birth of a New Agriculture: Koberwitz 1924 & the Introduction of biodynamic -Adalbert Grof Von Keyserlingk)

Spiritual science tells us that when the blood flowed to the earth from the cross on Golgotha, a new Sun-globe was born in the interior of the earth. This golden earth-center is the legendary land of Shambhalla, hidden away, yet waiting to be re-discovered by the seeking, Christ-guided human soul.

Before the mystery of Golgotha, the task of evolution was that the cosmos would become human. After this 'Turning Point', the human becomes Cosmos -The New Sun - The imperishable resurrection-body uniting with the Cosmic- Sophia.

The tomb becomes the Round table, & the Parsifal question leads us to find Christ in the etheric.

Also working with us from the time of the Vernal Equinox is the Archangel Raphael, who holds the staff of Mercury, offering us the healing power of the Caduceus thru the grace of the living Christ, who stands as the middle pillar within us all.

Again & again, from all points of view, Rudolf Steiner spoke about the deep meaning of the Easter Festival in the eternal working of the divine worlds upon humankind, in the prefiguring myths & symbols of the ancient Mysteries, in its relation to the world of

nature & the cosmic universe, in which the date of this moveable feast contains a unique mystery.

It indicates how through the Christ Impulse, humanity is to be set free from the forces of earth-evolution, pure & simple. It contains a call to humanity to lift ourselves up to the worlds beyond the earth; to once again 'Speak with the Stars'.

It contains a promise, that in the course of world-history, it will be possible, thru the working of the Christ Impulse, for humanity to once again be united with the cosmos – in the New Jerusalem. It is for this that we strive when we celebrate the Easter Fest.

“Anthroposophy itself must become like an inner festival of Resurrection for the human soul. It must bring an Easter mood into man’s world-conception.” – Rudolf Steiner, The Easter Festival in relation to the Mysteries.

On the urn that holds the ashes of Rudolf Steiner: **“To create centres of peace & love in which the Christ can resurrect.”**

~Blessings to all on this Glorious Esoteric Easter Sunday. 24 March 2019

~Hazel Archer-Ginsberg



Sunday 24 March 2019 Our Esoteric Easter Festival 2 pm – 4 pm
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