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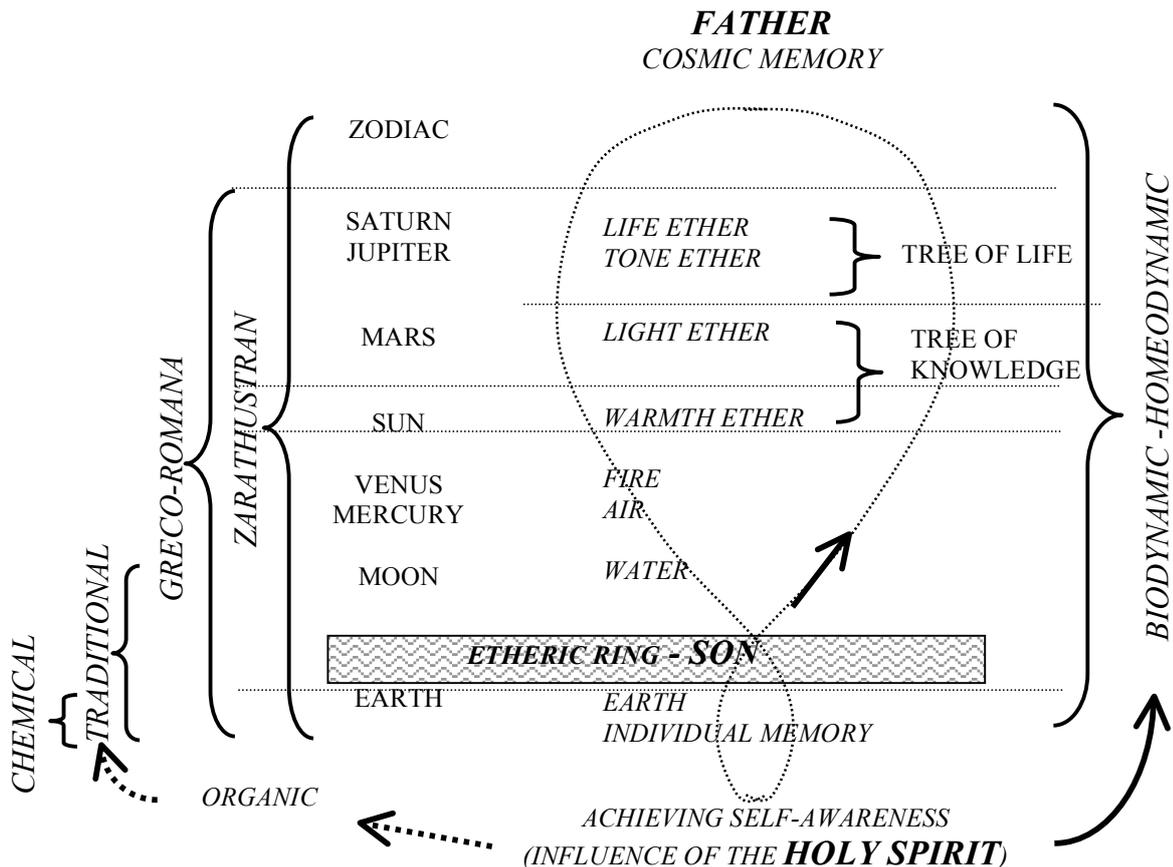
### INTRODUCTION

The subject we are going to present addresses the deepest spiritual-scientific foundations of conscious human activity in Nature. The process, thanks to which man can initiate a conscious cooperation with the evolution of the kingdoms of nature, started long ago and peaked in the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on Earth, in the Earth and for the Earth - 2000 years ago.

This sacrifice was certainly the greatest of the sacrifices made by the entity of Jesus Christ for evolution. It achieved the redemption of Adam and the subsequent victory over death. As we will see, in the last century and a half this new era had a further development with the result that a renovated humanity could have the strength to begin collaborating on the general evolutionary project. To go into this process we must first make a quick overview of the development of agriculture.

Agriculture, from its birth until the present, has undergone many changes as a result of the changing consciousness of man. Agriculture began about 7000 years ago with the impulse brought by the great Persian began Zarathustra, called Zoroaster by the Greeks. Even his name, Zoro-aster, means "shining star" or "solar star", and this tells us that first type of agriculture practiced by mankind, "talked" with the stellar sphere. In fact Zarathustran agriculture was connected to the Zodiac, thus drawing on the laws and entities that govern the whole solar system.

In more recent times we find that Greco-Roman Agriculture already began to lose the connection with the influences arising from the sphere of the Zodiac, and therefore, so to speak, moved down one rung in the diagram below.



This type of farming developed a connection with a consciousness limited to the planetary sphere, and strength - a Saturnine divinity - is the bridge to connect to the higher worlds.

In the Middle Ages we find a time that has always been considered obscure. This fact is confirmed also in the way of practicing agriculture. The diminishing sphere of consciousness that then prevailed in European rural communities, retreated from the planets and practiced agriculture with reference only to the moon. The single ray of light from that period are the agricultural innovations from the Knights Templar, who fertilized their fields using alchemical techniques such as sprinkling compost with a mixture of salt and clay during the autumn period. The technique of *water meadows* was initiated in Templar mansions.

Therefore we can find roots in the Middle Ages of "lunar" agriculture which follows the course of the Moon phases to determine the time to perform various activities. This is now known as traditional or organic farming.

For a century we have all been subject to a further significant dimming of consciousness concerning the profound processes of Nature: we refer to 'conventional' agriculture, ie an agriculture system underpinned by a mechanistic and reductionist conception of natural processes. According to this understanding the processes of life can be reproduced with techniques that use artificial substances and molecules and other synthetic chemicals, using techniques drawn from sub-nature (electricity, magnetism, radioactivity). In this conception the earth is nothing more than a substrate for 'cutting-edge' techniques to produce exaggerated quantities with ever less nutritional value to the detriment of the general life on the Earth.

So we can say that over the millennia we have moved from an agriculture that could be called "of the Father", because it is inspired by his forces and laws, to the "*tabula rasa*" of today.

This has brought us to the turning point of the whole process, its zero point. In this particular situation the individual is faced with three possibilities. The first is to grope our way to revive the old traditions by using methods such as "organic" farming, and trying to redevelop lunar agriculture by "looking back" to a time that is actually irrevocably past. The second involves sinking ever deeper into conditions that are increasingly distant from cosmic laws, a condition hinted at by the precursors of genetic engineering and manipulation. The third way is to develop something entirely new but not by looking backward. We can go forward toward a new goal in an evolutionary mode. This new way is today divided into two types of agriculture with the same spiritual-scientific foundation: biodynamic and homeodynamic agriculture. The common root is the work of Rudolf Steiner, the modern Christian initiate.

The modern necessity is an agriculture that should allow us to reconnect to the "house of the Father," and this requires the development of an appropriate consciousness and moral technique.

This whole process is founded on a word of fundamental importance. This word is *consciousness*, the development of a new consciousness for working in harmony with the forces of the Moon, the planets, the zodiac and beyond, and the only limit to this development is us with our moral and cultural patterns.

Given the importance of the word *consciousness* we should be clear that this is an expression of the influence of our I over our soul. We can say that our higher Self, the divine element in us, "writes" upon our soul, weaving our *karma* in terms of its laws and its developmental aspirations. If we experience these properly, or turn away from them, this is manifest to us as our "voice of conscience."

So the question is how to develop an adequate consciousness at a time like the present, where both the goals of humanity and its *karma*, are adulterated and spoiled.

An adequate development of consciousness is the cornerstone for the construction of a new type of agriculture that can reconnect to the sphere of the Father. We can calmly confirm that a perfectly executed technique will fail if not supported by adequate awareness, while a properly developed consciousness is able to compensate for inadequate materialistic-scientific equipment. An example of this new moral technology is homeopathy.

An example of Man's changing relationship with the Earth: he has always had a predatory attitude towards the Earth who has generously provided everything necessary for our survival. But now, after millennia, the Earth no longer has the strength to withstand the ever-increasing demands to which she is subjected. Now Man must begin to "give." At the time of Zarathustra it was normal to leave a field fallow for one year in every two so that it could be regenerated after the needs of Man. In old Egyptian times a field was allowed one year off for every 3 years of work. At the time of the Greeks, the ratio had risen to 1 to 5, and with the Romans it reached 1 to 7 - the famous year of "sidereal" fertilisation in which the land was left free from any cultivation so that it could regenerate itself with the forces coming from the world of the planets and fixed stars. (To be fair, this increased cultivation is not only due to human self-interest, but also to the fact that in more temperate climates there is less need for regeneration of the Earth through the cosmic forces.)

The world is developing a growing sensitivity to the needs and conditions of our planet, together with the inner awareness of wanting to actually do something positive. The impulse to want to help the world, the impulse not to remain indifferent to the needs of others, the desire to "carry the cross" of those who are disadvantaged with respect to us, are a manifestation of the Christ in us, one of three impulses through which He acts in us.

It is appropriate to follow this impulse so that we can return to the "house of the Father." This means to sanctify every single day by working the Earth and for the Earth. In this way, agriculture can become the key tool to bringing life into the Earth. But always remember that life can only come from an act of selfless love and therefore only those who love the Earth can bring life into it. If this gesture of love is lacking, the Earth can only be regarded as an inert support from which we might as well make the most in our economic interest.

### **THE ETHERIC RING**

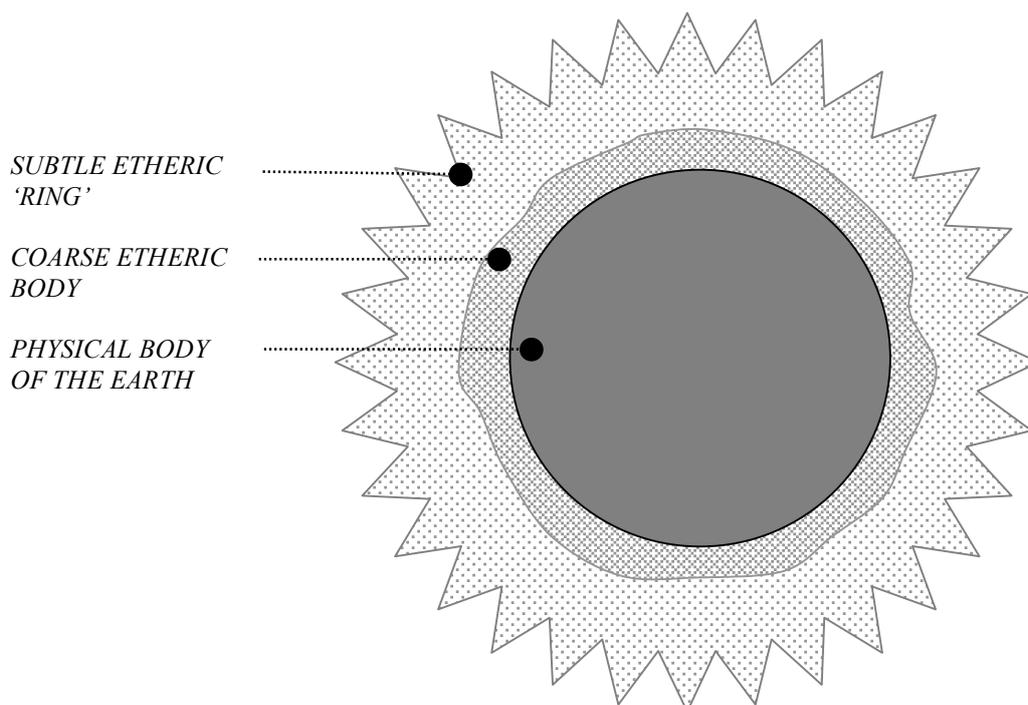
The current "*tabula rasa*" status is due to the dominance of the materialist conception and culture. In his activity Man has forgotten and God, so to speak, has "turned his back".

In the previous diagram the point of intersection of the lemniscate is the key point for everyone, because it is the meeting point with Christ. This point is not only in diagrams! It is also within us, and also in the Cosmos. The responsibility for developing the small intersecting point is ours alone. Precisely because it represents the beginning of the rising road home, that little point is exposed to a thousand attacks. It is the field of battle for good against evil. Our task is to develop an adequate consciousness for the whole evolutionary process and have a sacred enthusiasm for it.

The consciousness that we will develop will give us the necessary security, and it will lead us to develop the necessary power of faith to address the forces opposing evolution. The enthusiasm thus matured will soon be transformed into forces of courage: faith and courage are the two attributes that man must develop in order to follow the Christic spiritual evolutionary forces brought by the Archai Michael.

One wonders how it is possible for us to start a new form of dialogue with the higher worlds when we know very little even of their existence, to say nothing of their activity. Well spiritual science can help from which we learn that the builders of nature are the elemental beings, who are emanations of the spiritual entities that relate to the inner planets, while the entities that correspond to the outer planets are the Group Is (or individual principles of the various species) of animals (Mars), plants (Jupiter) and minerals (Saturn)<sup>1</sup>.

Spiritual Science also tells us that today Man has the chance to talk with these worlds above him thanks to the presence of the 'etheric ring' surrounding the Earth. There are two grades of the etheric differentiated between the ether which might be called "gross", which is the etheric bodies of living beings, and the "subtle" etheric.



The latter is a sublimation of the gross and is like a ball of light that envelops the cruder etheric body of the Earth.

It is this Etheric ring that enables a new connection between the earth and the sphere of the planets, and this is because Christ is now manifested through this ring. The etheric ring surrounds the physical Earth even beyond the clouds (10-50 km).

In the Gospels one hears about the return of Christ in the clouds and the word "cloud" is used to represent the etheric plane. The proper word to describe this event is: *Parousia* ('appearance').

It is our task to start developing a new science and a new consciousness and here, upon today's "*tabula rasa*" and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity to develop a new spiritual knowledge, which will allow us, through Holy Spirit, to come to the Son, and thanks to the Son to return to the Father.

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<sup>1</sup> See: "Spiritual Beings in the Cosmos and in the Kingdoms of Nature" by R. Steiner.

## THE SACRIFICES OF CHRIST

The process of manifestation of Christ on the etheric plane involves many assisting entities, but there are also many forces of evil ready to hinder this event. We consider it useful, in order to better understand this new process, to trace the course of the manifestation of Christ took place 2000 years ago on the physical plane.

Students of Spiritual Science know that Rudolf Steiner, in his commentary on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, emphasized that the two stated genealogies of Jesus differ from a certain point on. They have a different number of generations with different names. A plausible explanation is this hypothesis: that there were two children called Jesus, both descended from David. King David had two sons: Solomon and Nathan. Each of them had offspring and to each of these lineages was born a child we call Jesus. To distinguish these two children we call one the Solomon Jesus and the other the Nathan Jesus. Each of them had a father named Joseph and a mother named Mary. The two children Jesus were the "flower" of the two main currents of the Mysteries of the time: the mysteries of the North (or space) and those of the South (or time).

The Solomon Jesus represents the mystery stream from the North, the stream of light, the current of Zarathustra based on wisdom and the divine wisdom through which he sought a relationship with God through the mysteries of space. The Nathan Jesus represents the mysteries of the South stream, the current of the Egyptians, based on the heart and the search for the divine in his own soul. The first is represented by the adoration of the Magi (Magi = the wise ones) and the Solomon Child, the second by the shepherds who bring gifts from the land to the Nathan Child born in a cave among the oxen (forces of metabolism) and the donkeys (forces of the head).

From the science of the spirit we also learn that the entity called the Nathan Soul was present in the Nathan Jesus, namely the entity that consists of a portion of the first Adam, part of which was retained in the Zodiac and preserved from original sin by the guides of mankind, and never fell to Earth. This Nathan Soul always follows Christ through all his sacrifices. He is like Christ's instrument. The protector of the Nathan Soul is the archai Michael.

The Jesus Child in the Gospel of Luke was borne from the bosom of the Virgin Mary, more precisely from the area of the heart, and therefore was not born by natural means. This purest of souls was deeply connected entity of the Buddha, but it must not be understood in the way that *soul* is normally understood. The Nathan Soul acted as the I of Jesus, while it was simultaneously etheric in nature. As the actual soul itself the Nathan Jesus had the *nirmanakaya* of the Gautama Buddha, that is the purified soul and thus transformed into the Buddha's spirit self.

The Nathan Soul is therefore the entity that has always accompanied the Christ in his sacrifice. More precisely the Nathan Soul is the entity through which the Christ has made the sacrifices to help humanity, and is the entity that is now acting in the etheric ring that surrounds the Earth.

The Gospel of Matthew speaks of the Solomon Jesus instead. The Solomon Jesus had the ego of Zarathustra as his I (the Magi, the wise Zoroastrian masters, recognized this part and journeyed to worship him) and the etheric body of Moses. (This was the Jesus of the flight into Egypt, a country that was home to Moses).

Again from Spiritual Science we learn that the two children met at the Temple. One was twelve years (the Nathanic Jesus) the other about three years older. On that occasion there was a sort of "fusion". The Solomon Jesus surrendered his own ego to the astral

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