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## Chapter 1 : The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World: Zodiac, Planets & Cosmos by Rudolf Steiner

*plant and animal kingdom and that their physical body, ether body, astral body and the I are located in different spheres (Angel only physical body in the Earth, ArchAngel physical body and ether body in the Earth, Archia physical, ether and astral body in the Earth while Humans have all four parts in the Earth (in this time!!!)).*

Human beings have likewise felt abandoned and alienated. In these remarkable lectures, Rudolf Steiner reestablishes the human being as a participant in an evolving, dynamic universe of living spiritual beings: He does so in concrete images, capable of being grasped by human consciousness as if from within. How is this possible? Everything else is illusion. Hence, to understand the evolution of the cosmos and humanity in any terms other than consciousness is also an illusion. Whenever we are dealing with grand cosmic facts, we are dealing with states of consciousness. But states of consciousness never exist apart from the beings who embody them. Therefore, the only true realities are beings in various states of consciousness. Indeed, any science--physics, chemistry, botany, psychology--is a science of beings. And the sensory perception, or physical trace, is simply the outer vestment of the activity of beings in various states of consciousness. To describe these beings, Steiner uses the names made familiar by the wisdom traditions of the West. He speaks of the evolutionary states of Saturn, Sun, Moon, and so on; the nine choirs of angels; elemental beings and nature spirits; and the elements of fire, earth, air, and water. The *Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World: Reality and Illusion* contained a previous edition of this lecture course. In he broke with the Theosophists because of what he regarded as their oriental bias and established a system of his own, which he called Anthroposophy anthro meaning "man"; sophia sophia meaning "wisdom" , a "spiritual science" he hoped would restore humanism to a materialistic world. Steiner believed that human beings had evolved to the point where material existence had obscured spiritual capacities and that Christ had come to reverse that trend and to inaugurate an age of spiritual reintegration. He advocated that education, art, agriculture, and science be based on spiritual principles and infused with the psychic powers he believed were latent in everyone. The world center of the Anthroposophical Society today is in Dornach, Switzerland, in a building designed by Steiner. The nonproselytizing society is noted for its schools. Querido, LLD, was a seminal figure in Waldorf education for a half century. Querido lectured throughout the world on historical and educational topics and was director of Rudolf Steiner College Fair Oaks, California. He was also Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

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*The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World: Zodiac, Planets & Cosmos is a translation from German of "Geistige Hierarchien und ihre Widerspiegelung in der physischen Welt. Tierkreis, Planeten, Kosmos" (GA ).*

Flame through the weakness of faltering, fainthearted souls! Burn up egoism, kindle compassion, so that selflessness, the lifestream of humanity, may flow as the wellspring of spiritual rebirth! Lecture 1 of This course of lectures will take us into the high spiritual regions. We shall be led from the Earth, where we live, not only into the wide physical spaces of our universe, but also be uplifted to those spiritual worlds from which this whole physical universe has derived its origin. Such a course will show us that the fundamental object of all knowledge and all wisdom is to solve the greatest problem of all "the problem of humanity. In order to make the human being understandable, explanatory facts have to be brought from far away. Above all it is necessary that those who wish to follow this course should be acquainted with the fundamental conceptions of Anthroposophy; although it is true that all Anthroposophists are acquainted with them in a general way. In these lectures we may rise in spirit to very exalted spheres, but we shall always endeavor to bring those facts which lie so far afield near to you and make them as comprehensible as possible. In the visible world we can only progress to beings that represent four degrees of one hierarchy, i. Above man begins a world of invisible beings, through the knowledge of the supersensible world, and man is able as far as it is possible for him to rise a certain distance toward those beings and powers which are the continuation in the invisible world of the four grades found within the realm of the Earth. The knowledge and investigation which lead us into those regions has not, as you all know, come into existence only at our present time in evolution. There is what we may call a primeval world-wisdom; all that man can fathom, all that he can know and realize, all that he has gained in ideas and conceptions, all that he has attained through clairvoyant imagination, inspiration, and intuition "all has been lived before, and known before, by those beings who are higher than he. He only follows, so to say, in their track. To make use of a trivial example: At the present point of evolution it is indeed only this kind of connection that man can have with primeval world-wisdom and with the spiritual beings that stand above him. Spiritual beings had first those imaginations, inspirations, intuitions, those ideas and thoughts according to which the world, as we see it, was formed. Man finds these thoughts and ideas in the world again; when he rises to clairvoyant vision, he finds the imaginations, inspirations, and intuitions, by the help of which he can penetrate into the world of those spiritual beings. We can, therefore, say that before our world came into being there already existed the wisdom of which we are going to speak: How far must we go back, while still remaining within the limits of reality, if we want to come into touch with that primeval world-wisdom? Must we go back to some time or other in the historical past, when some great teacher was teaching? We can certainly learn a great deal if we do; but to come into touch with true primeval world-wisdom we must go back to the time when there was no outwardly visible Earth, when no world visible to the outer senses was as yet in existence. It was from out of that wisdom itself that the world came forth. But this wisdom, out of which spiritual beings formed our world, was imparted to man later. Man with his thoughts could see behind those thoughts, could realize the thoughts according to which spiritual beings have built the world. After this primeval wisdom, this wisdom of the creators of the world, had worked through many forms, it appeared in a form known to many of you: With these sublime rishis the primeval wisdom expressed itself in a form which the man of the present day can but little understand. The human capacities of feeling and thinking have greatly changed since the times when the great teachers of India taught man in the first epoch of civilization after Atlantis; and if the words which came from the rishis were simply repeated as they were said, there would be hardly one soul in the whole Earth who could hear anything more in them nowadays than just words and again words. One has need of other capabilities of feeling than those at present existing, in order to understand the wisdom which was given to humanity in the first epoch after Atlantis. For all that is found in the best books regarding primeval world-wisdom is but a faint echo of what

this really is which in many ways is but a deceptive, obscured wisdom. However grand and sublime the Vedas appear to us, however beautiful the songs of Zarathustra sound, and however magnificent the language in which the ancient wisdom of Egypt speaks, so that we can never sufficiently admire it – still, all that has been written down gives us but a dim, dull reflection of the wisdom of Hermes, of the grand teaching of Zarathustra, or of the sublime knowledge which the ancient rishis proclaimed. This sublime wisdom has been preserved and guarded for humanity; it was always to be found in certain very limited circles of people who watched over what is called the knowledge of the Mysteries. In the Mysteries of India, Persia, Chaldea, Egypt, and in the Christian Mysteries, all the primeval wisdom of humanity has been safely preserved up to our times. Up to a short time ago it was only in those narrow circles that not book-wisdom but living wisdom could be found. For certain reasons which will be made clear in this course of lectures, our time has been chosen for extending to larger masses of people that which has been kept alive by those little groups. The original wisdom of the rishis, for instance, has never lost life. It permeated, like the fountain of youth, the age which we regard as the beginning of our era. The very holy wisdom which the rishis gave to man was continued through Zarathustra and his pupils, through the Chaldean and Egyptian teachers. It also flowed in the words of Moses, and it came forth again with an altogether new impulse, as from the fountain of life, with the appearance of the Christ upon Earth. It then became so deep, so intrinsically internal, that it could only gradually flow again into humanity. Thus we see that since the outward declaration of Christianity, the primeval world-wisdom has penetrated but slowly and gradually into humanity from most elementary beginnings. Its messages are there, they are to be found in the Gospels and in other Christian writings which include the wisdom of the holy rishis, in a new form – like a new birth out of a new fountain. But how could these messages be understood at the beginning of the era for whose purification Christianity had been created? Through the Gospels it was least of all understood; they only attained very gradually to further comprehension – and in many ways to a still further obscuration – and today the Gospels are, in truth, the most sealed of all books for the larger part of humanity – books which will only be first understood by a future age which will have refreshed itself at the source of the original world-wisdom. But the treasures hidden in the Christian revelation have been preserved, treasures no other than those of the Eastern wisdom, but renewed by means of fresh forces. They have been guarded in narrow circles which were the continuation of Mystery societies, like the Brotherhood of the Holy Grail, and finally in the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross. These treasures of truth have been kept well hidden and have been accessible only to those who through severe trials had prepared themselves for the living wisdom. Thus the treasures of the Eastern and Western wisdom, through all the centuries of evolution from the beginning of our era, were made almost inaccessible to the larger mass of humanity. Only a little trickled through here and there to the outer world: Then came a time when some of the contents of primeval wisdom, treasured in narrow circles, was allowed to be given out to larger masses of humanity in a language comprehensible to them. Since the last third of the nineteenth century or thereabouts one can speak of this world wisdom in a more or less unveiled form. It is only because certain things have taken place in the spiritual worlds that the guardians of the Mysteries received permission to allow some of the ancient wisdom to penetrate to the outer world. All of you, my dear friends, know the course of development of the Anthroposophical Society. You know how the ice in which its development was bound was, so to say, broken by those words of wisdom, revealed in a way which I am not going to enter into now: Those Stanzas of Dzyan, of the secret teaching, contain in truth some of the deepest and most important wisdom; they have in them much of that which coming from the teaching of the holy rishis has flowed through the sanctuaries of the East. They contain also much of what has streamed into Western Europe since the Christian rejuvenation. For the Stanzas of Dzyan do not include only the wisdom which had to be kept exclusively for the East, but also a great deal of that which streamed as a clear light through the centuries of our time, through the Middle Ages into the Mystery schools of the West. Much that is to be found in the Stanzas of Dzyan will only be gradually understood in all its depth. It may well be said here that the wisdom of the Stanzas of Dzyan is of such a kind that it cannot yet be understood in the widest anthroposophical circles, or fathomed with the exoteric

capabilities of the present day. After the first ice had been broken in this way, the time came when one could speak more openly from the sources of Western occultism, which is no other than the occultism of the East transplanted and continued in a way that has adapted itself to new circumstances and conditions of physical and spiritual life. The time has come when one can speak from those ever-living sources of occultism which have been faithfully treasured in the Mysteries of the Rose Cross. There is no wisdom of the East which has not streamed into Western occultism and into the teaching and investigations of the Rose Cross; in them is to be found absolutely all that the great teachers of the East ever had in their keeping. Nothing, nothing whatever, of that which is to be found in the Eastern wisdom is lacking in the wisdom of the West. The only difference – if it can be called a difference – is that Western occultism has to include the whole of the Eastern wisdom and teaching and, without losing anything, to blend it with the light which has been kindled in humanity through the Christ Impulse. When one speaks of Western occultism, of that which has its derivation from the hidden Western rishis whom certainly no eye hath seen, it is impossible to say that in it is wanting one single iota, one single shred, of the Eastern wisdom. Only it had all to be brought forth again fresh and new from the fountainhead of the Christ Impulse. All the great treasures of wisdom which were first revealed by the holy rishis regarding superhuman worlds and supersensible existence resound in the description we have to give of the spiritual hierarchies and their reflection in the physical world. Just as the geometry of Euclid has not become something different from what it used to be because one teaches and learns it with new human capabilities, just as little has the wisdom of the holy rishis changed because we learn and teach it with the new capabilities which have been kindled in us by the Christ Impulse. Therefore much of what we have to say about the spiritual worlds can be called Eastern wisdom. There must not be any misunderstanding in these things – and misunderstandings happen so easily. Those who will not free themselves of a misconception in order to come to understanding can very easily misinterpret what, for instance, was said yesterday at the Easter lecture. Illness will also be extinguished through the healing power of the Christ Impulse, and there is no more pain in illness for one who understands Christ, and death also has no more pain for him who understands Christ. All religions say the same things, but you have spoken of a progress, you expounded to us how, with the help of Christianity, the old truths of Buddhism would not be true any more. For that was not said: It is very important that this very subtle question should be rightly understood. A fanatic can never understand with precision, but a man who is objective can. No one who speaks with knowledge of Rosicrucian wisdom will ever expound anything that would be against any of the writings of the great Buddha, or say that anything in them is untrue. Every man who speaks from the sources of Rosicrucian wisdom shares the conviction of Buddha; no one denies it. All of it remains as it was. And it is just because all of it remains as it was, because all is true of what the Buddha said about the pain of life, of illness, of old age, and of death, just because of this, the Christ Impulse is such a powerful and important saving help to us, for it is just this which lifts the pain – because it is true that pain would be there if the world could not be lifted beyond and above it through that great Impulse. Why could the Christ work effectively? Because the Buddha had spoken the truth. Does that man deny the reality of facts who, while declaring that these realities exist, holds at the same time that remedy has been given us by which the facts, about which those truths have been said, can be brought to a salutary development; does he who says this deny any existing reality? But every misconception regarding human evolution, every misconception as to its ascending development, is a misconception also of that spiritual act in our earthly evolution which is the Act of Christ. Thus nothing is denied of the wisdom of the East, the wisdom which has brought down to us the teaching of the holy rishis, and with it the primeval world-wisdom, which through such long epochs of time has ever been streaming into humanity. But, all through those very long epochs, large masses of humanity could not penetrate to the sources of that wisdom, could only understand it with great difficulty; it was precisely the understanding of it which came with such difficulty. In ancient Atlantean times, before the great catastrophe, when the masses of humanity were still clairvoyant with the thin ancient clairvoyance, they beheld something quite different when they looked upward to the spaces of heaven, to the spiritual hierarchies, from what they saw in the times after Atlantis, when the

larger part of humanity had lost its clairvoyance and so could gaze only with its physical eyes into the physical distances of the heavens. Therefore in the times before the Atlantean catastrophe it would have been quite senseless to speak to them of the heavenly bodies spread out in space as they are today. The clairvoyant human eye gazed into heavenly distance and saw the spiritual worlds. In those times there would have been no sense in speaking of Mercury or of Neptune or of Saturn, etc. The way astronomy speaks of the spaces of the world and what they contain is merely a reflection of what is seen by our own physical sight when it looks into the depths of the sky. This did not exist for the ancient clairvoyant humanity of Atlantis; when they looked upwards, they did not see physically limited stars; what the physical eye sees today is but the outer physical expression of the spiritual realities which people then beheld. What was seen by the man of Atlantis when he lifted his clairvoyant gaze to that same point which we look at today with our physical eyes? The eye of the Atlantean would not have seen the physical star Jupiter, but he would have seen that which is also united with Jupiter today, which the man of the present day does not see: Thus did the gaze of man, before the Atlantean catastrophe, sweep round the spaces of the world, seeing everywhere its spiritual content. He could speak only of the spiritual, for it would have had no meaning to speak of physical stars when the physical eye was not yet opened as it is today. Looking into the spaces of the universe, man saw spiritual beings – the spiritual hierarchies. He actually saw beings. We can compare the changes that took place with further evolution in this way:

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## Chapter 3 : [PDF] The Spiritual Hierarchies And The Physical World Reality And Illusion Download eBook f

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When new messages arrive the previous ones will be moved to the Transmissions page. Please remember that We are here to serve humanity in any way We can. As the Ascension grows ever closer it is important to form a good relationship with Us so We can help people through any traumas or hardships â€” or indeed give general advice. There is always assistance and all that is needed is to ask for help. Think of your fellow man â€” be aware of any hardships they may be going through. Talk to lonely people, be kind and offer forgiveness and loving kindness. It is by doing these simple things, that people have been taught over the years, that humanity will reach the peak of their compassionate nature and will truly live their lives with Love in their hearts. The Initiation of which we speak on these pages cannot be fully understood until the meditators have been aware of the Inner Light and Sound for some months. It is a complete Mystery to them! Before Initiation the meditator should get into good habits regarding meditation. It is no easy task, but if the practice is built up, then they will be able to keep up regularity, even when things get difficult, either with lifestyle changes or that they feel their meditation is not going well. As has been stated many times before, the benefits are many and varied. To follow the Path of Meditation on the Light and Sound, the Journey will lead to absolute joy and total peace. How many people seek this in the modern World? When we speak about Love in the highest form, We mean that which is attained on Enlightenment. People use the word so freely now, they love this or they love that. But, if you get initiated and Meditate on the Light and Sound, then the meaning gets more profound. The Initiate goes into the awe and wonder of the Journey that leads them to the Source of Creation. The Love that is found, as people Meditate more and more, far surpasses any love they feel in the physical World. The love they feel for their family for instance is completely overshadowed by the Love they feel inside when they Meditate. The wonderful thing is that they can bring that Love into their daily lives, which in turn become richer and far more meaningful. As you might imagine, We observe many things about humanity. It is important to remember that you are not judged â€” just observed. But there are millions of people living like this, they live a meagre existence without any sense of respite. The basic needs are taken care of, not like the very poor who struggle to survive. One of the major obstacles that people have to deal with is lack of gratitude. This should be developed from an early age and by adulthood be completely integrated into the psyche. Each day, be grateful that your basic needs are met! Each day, be thankful that you are alive and have enough to eat! Each day, be grateful that you have a roof over your head! These basic things are what every human being should have as the cornerstone of their existence. Sadly, this is not the case. So, in that gratitude, send Love to all who are in suffering and in pain. By doing this it helps to make you realize that although you may not have all you want â€” you really do have all you need. This will make you a better person. The History For us to understand who or what the Spiritual Hierarchy are, we need to first look into the past. History shows us that Spirituality came to this planet through great teachers, mystics, gurus and often ended up as religions. Unfortunately â€” the Truth was often manipulated or lost due to egos, greed, desire for power etc. We know very little about the Hierarchy other than they are a vast number of Intelligent Beings that populate the Higher Dimensions. These dimensions exist beyond the 3 that we, as Humans, are normally aware of with our limited senses. They are always in contact with us; much evidence has been recorded in our literature, since the dawn of mankind. If we look at the rise of great civilizations we see that the people acquired incredible knowledge. This knowledge is demonstrated by their art, literature, technology and science; the Source again being the Hierarchy. They put ideas into the minds of those that were receptive. Once an idea was seeded many others became open and helped develop it. As with Spirituality, when a new idea manifests there are always individuals that want to use it for self gain, power and destruction. And so all civilizations eventually crumble and much of the knowledge is lost. Your Planet and its inhabitants are sick;

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we need you to reveal the Truth to large numbers of people. If you are successful then we can elevate the Consciousness of the Human race. We can give you advanced technologies to improve the quality of your physical existence. Additionally we can reveal great Knowledge to stimulate your minds and help you to understand your place in the Universe. The remit is usually the same; They want 1 person in every , to be Initiated into Spiritual Light and Sound. So today as we approach a World population of 7. So we must learn from the past and make sure that it is as accessible as possible and the teachings completely transparent. Many of you will not consider yourselves spiritual but if you have ever questioned your existence or feel within your heart a part of you is missing then this Path is for you. What is asked of you is simply that you learn the practice of meditation, adopt a healthy lifestyle and most importantly learn how to truly give. As stated above we believe that the Spiritual Hierarchy sit behind all Masters and Religions that the world has ever known. They have been responsible for the building of the Pyramids, the rise of great Civilisations and the breakthroughs in modern science. Many will testify to their existence as prophets, seers, mystics, clairvoyants and people who have flashes of inspiration or creativity and if honest and without ego testify it was not them: In February the Spiritual Hierarchy contacted a few of us who had attained high Spiritual States and the necessary knowledge and insights to confer the Light and Sound Energies. We wish to work as the Spiritual Hierarchy do, behind the scenes, not to front an unwieldy organisation and have pledged to devote the rest of our lives to this wonderful Cause. We are in awe of what we have learnt and are humbled that we have been chosen to impart this Knowledge and the Spiritual States of Consciousness. For us no greater honour or purpose could possibly exist. One of the greatest mistakes is to charge money for Spirituality; it is the downfall of most groups. Previous messages are to found on the Transmissions page. When we look at what is happening around the World right now, we are filled with Hope that things are most definitely moving in the right direction. There is a way to go yet to reach the target, but we are gladdened to see the Positivity and Joy that has been created by those who are aligning with the new Lightwave and attaining the Higher States in a very short time. These are the new Warriors who all have the capability, fortitude and Love to take this amazing Energy and bring thousands of people. They in their turn can give the Love they have found to the World. From Us in the Spiritual Hierarchy: We are looking down and are very pleased that you have put the new sites so that they are separate from the rest. We intend to give messages, to put up now, on a regular basis and We feel that is what people want and will be inspired by. There will be many people soon bringing down messages from us in other languages that need to have a place. We are certain that these sites will be welcomed by many. We, the Lords of Light, need to communicate some words to you all. It is written in many books, that the ultimate expression of God, is Love. With the teachings of the new Lightwave, we say that, Love is at the core of every transmission we make. It is because of Our Love for you, that we send Energy and messages to help Humanity. We are very pleased to see that the newly Initiated people wish to communicate this Love also; to each other, to friends and family and to the people who work tirelessly, to ensure their well being during the process of Initiation and beyond. It is only by spreading this Love, together with Compassion and understanding, that your Consciousness will be raised to the point where the Earth will become a different place. A place where people look for the Good in everyone and everything. This is achievable right now! Light and Sound Meditation If what is written above resonates with you in any way, take a look at our main website by clicking the link below.

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### Chapter 4 : Wellspring: The Renewal of Primeval Wisdom: The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World

*The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World has 9 ratings and 0 reviews. Ever since nature and consciousness were separated in the late Middle Ages.*

Sarah Green Describe and Compare the Spiritual Hierarchies in Blavatsky, Leadbeater and Steiner Introduction Spiritual hierarchies of non-human beings are an important component of Theosophy and nineteenth century occultism, and are evident in the theories of many writers around this time, including Andrew Jackson David and Paschal Beverly Randolph These hierarchies could be understood in two different ways: On the other hand, these hierarchies were distinct from human beings and the dead Some introduction to these writers is required to appreciate the philosophical context and relationship between these three writers. Helena Petrovna Blavatsky founded the Theosophical Society in and her aim was to syncretise scientific and religious teaching. She travelled widely and was deeply influenced by Orientalism, which was to become an intrinsic part of Theosophy. She presented the teachings of the Great White Brotherhood through direct contact with mysterious Masters from the East and members of the occult hierarchy. Rudolf Steiner became a Theosophist in and was the founder of the spiritual movement Anthroposophy. Annie Besant , Head of the Theosophical Society from , eventually appointed Steiner as leader of the German Theosophical Esoteric Society in but a rift between them developed due to their differing philosophical views. Means and Myths of Transmission in Western Esotericism, ed. Brill, , pp. Steiner has a distinctly Christological view and described the differences between them as follows: Regarding the value of Eastern wisdom as the subject of study, one can only say that this study is of the highest value, because Western cultures have lost their sense of esotericism, while the Eastern ones have preserved theirs. But equally, it should be understood that the introduction of a correct esotericism in the West can only be of the Rosicrucian-Christian type, because this latter gave birth to Western life and because by its loss mankind would deny the meaning and destiny of the Earth. Neo-Theosophy differed from traditional Blavatskyan Theosophy in four respects: The Adventist claim that Jiddu Krishnamurti would become the next world teacher a further reason for the departure of Steiner from the Theosophical society. The assimilation of Catholicism into the Theosophical society. The promotion of the works of both Leadbeater and Besant. Spiritual Hierarchies in Blavatsky 3 Ibid. Hanegraaff and others Leiden: In this respect man the individual , reflected the outer cosmos. She compares this to external motions and actions being necessarily preceded by thought, desire and impulses. The commentaries on the initial Stanzas of Dzyan show how a new cycle of the universe Manvantara begins, with successive agents of creation manifesting and acting to transform spirit into material forms. They differ from man in that they are devoid of the earthly characteristics of personality and emotion. The perfected are free from bodies and emotion and the incipient have no sense of ego-ism yet. Blavatsky, The Secret Doctrine: Theosophical University Press, , p. North Atlantic Books, , p. The nearer to the region of Homogeneity and the One Divine, the purer and the less accentuated that individuality in the hierarchy. They are finite, in all respects, with the exception of their higher principles “ the immortal sparks reflecting the universal divine flame ” individualized and separated only on the spheres of illusion by a differentiation as illusive as the rest. Occult cosmologies typically divided the universe into various planes such as the material plane of bodies, the divine plane of souls, and the spiritual plane which linked these two other planes together This is described in detail under stanza seven in The Secret Doctrine. As the name shows, they are the prototypes of the incarnating Jivas or Monads, and are composed of the Fiery Spirit of Life. It is through these that passes, like a pure solar beam, the ray which is furnished by them with its future vehicle, the Divine Soul, Buddhi. These are directly concerned with the Hosts of the higher world of our system. From these twofold units emanate the threefold. These Dhyanis were connected with the Crocodile in India and Egypt. They are conscious, ethereal Entities Steiner treats the work as authentic, oral esoteric Christian teaching: It was the most intimate pupil of St. Paul, Dionysius the Areopagite, who said in clear-cut words: Dionysius, the pupil of the Apostle Paul had the same

worlds in his mind as the Rishis, he repeated in clear cut words that here one had to do with spiritual realms, and he used words which he could be certain would be understood in their spiritual sense: For now humanity had completely forgot what it once knew. The first class directly above humanity in the spiritual hierarchy are Angels. The Angels or Angeloi are messengers of the divine spiritual world. The second class above both humanity and Angels are the Archangels. Archangels went through the stage of being human whilst inhabiting the Sun and so are referred to as The Spirits of Fire Archangeloi. They passed through the humanity stage whilst on ancient Saturn. These three classes of beings are all higher than humanity within the hierarchy: Thus, as we begin to enumerate the stages of the cosmic realms from a spiritual aspect, we can simply say that, first, we have the visible, earthly kingdoms – the mineral, plant animal, and human realms – and then, above these, the invisible realms of the Angels, Archangels, and Archai. In the course of the spiritual ascent of these beings, as they develop from human beings to gods – or, more exactly, to messengers of gods – as they ascend in 22 Rudolf Steiner, *The Spiritual Hierarchies Lecture 1 Dusseldorf*, [http: Zodiac, Planets, and Cosmos](http://Zodiac, Planets, and Cosmos), trans. Querido Great Barrington, MA: SteinerBooks, , p. Reality and Illusion Hudson, NY: Anthroposophic press, , p. If we look back to ancient Saturn when the Archai were at the human stage, we find that conditions were totally different from those of Earth. The beings in this realm would have the same relationship to the Spirits of Personality on Saturn as Angels would have to humanity on Earth. A further stage higher are the beings referred to as the Dominions The Spirits of Wisdom or Kyriotetes. These three classes of beings are referred to as the second fold hierarchy. Beyond and above these, we enter the first threefold hierarchy which consists of three types of beings. The first is the Thrones. It is their purpose to help the Archangels as they spread out into space. The third are the Seraphim. Both of these beings are the same level as the Thrones in the hierarchy. Steiner describes a process that the Sun must follow in order for these three levels of being to come about: The next level of development, for a system whose starting point is a Sun, arises in the Sun, which is at first weak and has to throw off its planets, so that it can itself develop further. The Sun then grows stronger, reabsorbs its planets, and becomes a Vulcan. Then the whole is dissolved, and the Vulcan globe later becomes a hollow globe, that is, similar to the round of the Thrones, Cherubim, and Seraphim. The Sun will dissolve into the cosmos, sacrifice itself, send forth its being into the universe, and thus become a choir of beings like the Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones, who advance to new creative tasks in the universe. There is a sevenfold division running through all things In the hierarchy, the seven Rays are clearly distinguished. The first or ruling ray is governed by the Lord of the World: They are each representative of mankind and they stand in the presence of the Logos. Leadbeater states that each person has a part of these Heads within them as we have travelled from the Eternal into Time through the channel of the Rays. These Rays run through kingdoms - elemental, animal, mineral and vegetable. Each Ray has its own characteristic colour, distinguishable from the other rays but collectively, they form the manifested Logos. Cosimo, , p. The Publishers Printing Co, , p. Each of the three aspects has its own qualities and can descend into certain lower planes depending on which aspect it is. Leadbeater describes these three aspects of the Logos at the top of the hierarchy. This first Logos which is equated with The Father , emanates the second Logos equated with the son. This in turn emanates the third which is associated with the Holy Spirit. It is from the third Logos that the life force is devolved down into the lower planes, giving life and animation to matter. The difference here is that in Blavatsky, these spirits ether were human perfected or have yet to be human incipient. Steiner does not suggest that his spiritual beings are incipient, unlike Blavatsky. The Great White Brotherhood as discussed by Leadbeater and Blavatsky are actually living human beings that live in the Himalayas but appear not bound by earthy laws. For example, they are able to travel astrally, appear in person and deliver letters by occult means. Leadbeater gives the title Chohan to the adepts who have taken the sixth initiation and also to the Heads of the Rays from three up to seven: In Leadbeater, he refers to some of the higher aspects of the hierarchies descending downward in to specific lower planes. This notion of descent is not apparent in the other two hierarchies. Leadbeater also differs in the emphasis he places on the actual topology of the planes. He represents them as one on top of the other in his diagrams but insists that this is purely for

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illustrative purposes and actually, they are all enmeshed. Leadbeater also describes the how the occult hierarchy intervenes in human affairs but Blavatsky advises us that it would be foolish to ask the higher spirits to intervene. None of the three writers posit the notion of a pre-existing creator God but they do express this as spiritual essence that permeates downward into matter. Steiner does differ from Blavatsky and Leadbeater in some aspect of cosmogenesis. He does not acknowledge the planetary chains and sevenfold incarnation into globes. Man will continue this upward development becoming increasingly more spiritual. Conclusion The three writers examined above were all Theosophists and each had a firm belief in the presence of spirits that were higher than man.

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### Chapter 5 : Steiner - The Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World: Zodiac, Planets & Cosmos (CW )

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Ascension Research Center does not guarantee the accuracy of any content on this site or on any external sites linked to us. Having come into embodiment, as you and I through the portals of birth, they walked the earth fulfilling the inner calling of their God Presence day by day, lifetime after lifetime. They mastered all the lesser things of this world, learning the lessons of life, balancing karma, fulfilling their earthly mission and manifesting and becoming God in action. At the completion of their mission they achieved the ultimate Victory through the Ascension, the permanent integration with the light of their own true reality, their Mighty I AM Presence. They continue to stand ready to assist the mankind of earth to accomplishing this same Goal and will continue to extend the Fires of their Hearts till all are received into the Great Brotherhood of Light. An Ascended Master is an individual who by Self Conscious effort has generated enough Love and Power within himself to snap the chains of all human limitation, and so stands free and worthy to be entrusted with the use of forces beyond those of human experience. The Ascended Masters have all been where we are today, have faced the same challenges, and have mastered them by mastering themselves, for all Attainment comes from within out. As unascended men and women, they did not seclude themselves from the world, but lived at the very center of the events of their day. However, they did not allow outer circumstances to overtake them. Rather, they made their God Presence the center of their being and, from within the Reality of their I AM Presence, they mastered the forces of nature within themselves and thus were undeterred by forces outside of themselves. Having become their I AM Presence-in-Action upon the Earth, they were able, as did Jesus, to ascend into the fullness of their Presence at the conclusion of their final incarnation. As Jesus instructed, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all else will be given unto thee. This is but one of the many Blessings awaiting those determined to pursue their Divine Destiny. They are real, visible, glorious, living and caring friends of old who have such Love, Wisdom and Power that the human mind gasps at its immensity. They work everywhere in the universe with complete Freedom and limitless Power, to do naturally all that the average individual would consider supernatural. It is through the radiation or outpouring of his own Pure and Luminous Essence of Divine Love that an Ascended Master is able to help those who come under his care and direction. This Luminous Essence has within It the Highest Force in the Universe, for it dissolves all discord and establishes Perfect Balance in all manifestations. The Radiation which they pour out to humanity on earth is consciously drawn energy to which they give quality, and again send it out to accomplish a definite result. In this way, they give protection thousands and thousands of times to persons, places, conditions, and things of which mankind are totally oblivious. The Ascended Masters are the wielders of such Power and manipulators of such concentrated force as to stagger the imagination of the person in the outer world. The Ascended Masters are really Great Batteries of tremendous Power and Energy, and whatever touches Their Radiance becomes highly charged with Their Light Essence through the same activity that makes a needle kept in contact with a magnet take on its qualities, and become a magnet also. All their Help and Radiation is forever a free Gift of Love. For this reason they never use any of their force to compel. Thus, he develops his superhuman attributes, until like the student graduating from college, the one under the care and instruction of an Ascended Master graduates out of his humanity into the full, continuous expression of his Divinity. From Him nothing can be hidden. Each Master knows and sees all concerning the student, for He reads clearly the record which the student has made. Personal association with one or more Ascended Masters produces an intense feeling of Love and Gratitude that can never be put into words. Once a student has truly, even for a fraction of a second, experienced the Ecstatic Bliss radiating from an Ascended Being, there is nothing in human experience that one would not endure or sacrifice in order to reach Their Height of Attainment and express the selfsame Dominion and Love. Freedom, Love, Perfection - Retreat: Shamballa, the etheric retreat

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of Gautama Buddha is the ancient home of Sanat Kumara. The retreat, once physical on an island of the Gobi Sea, is now anchored in the etheric plane over the Gobi Desert. Freedom, Wisdom, Illumination - Retreat: Hierarch of Shamballa, the retreat of the Lord of the World and the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Light on earth. Focus of Illumination in the Himalayan Mountains. Divine Direction, God-Power - Retreat: Liberty, Freedom, Illumination - Retreat: Love, Peace, Ministration, Service - Retreat: Truth, Healing, Science - Retreat:

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## Chapter 6 : The Spiritual Hierarchies and their Reflection in the Physical World: Reality and Illusion

*In this sense, Steiner's spiritual science is a science of states of consciousness and the beings who embody them. Indeed, any science—physics, chemistry, botany, psychology—is a science of beings.*

Primeval world wisdom — The Holy Rishis. Mystery Schools — Stanzas of Dzyan. Explanation of Pain and Death — Healing. The Vision to the Stars and its meaning in olden days compared with now. The Hierarchies — Angels to Thrones and Saturn. April 12, The Elements. Warmth is twofold, inward and outward. Fire separates light from smoke. Our duty and power to release the world bewitched. Bhagavad Gita does not in quoted passage refer to the human self, but to the elementals. Elemental messengers of higher hierarchies. First Class are the fire elementals bound in air, water, earth. April 13, Earth, Moon, Sun, Saturn. Saturn — a realm of invisible warmth. On Saturn inner warmth becomes outer warmth. Production and dissolution of warmth; inhalation and exhalation of warmth — exhalation as fire; resemblance to expansion and contraction in breathing. The Archai beginning to leave the exhaled warmth outside without re-inhaling it leads to manhood consciousness, objective consciousness and consciousness of self. Saturn dissolved by the Thrones. The karma of the Archai on Saturn brings ancient Sun into existence. Warmth divides into light and smoke or air. Archangels appear on Sun and secure a habitation. They have an inner body of warmth inherited from Saturn which divided into an inner body of light and an outer body of smoke. Exhalation, the Sun's day; inhalation, the Sun's night. On Sun, the warmth eggs of Saturn are hatched and pictures with inner life are produced, which were the densest bodies used by the Archangels. April 13, The eggs of warmth on Saturn were created by the thought of the Archai; now-a-days thought goes no further than the astral. Evolution is a system proceeding from taking and to giving. On Saturn the Thrones gave their own warmth to the Archai, similar to the silkworms. The Archai gave personality to the warmth. The expansion of the Archangels. They are met by Cherubim. In the Sun-nights when in the atmosphere light has left the air, in the air the Cherubim reflect the figure which becomes the germ of the animal kingdom. April 14, Old Saturn was as large as a globe having as its centre the sun of to-day and reaching as far as present Saturn. Evolution from Saturn to Vulcan. The Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones come from an earlier solar system. They have been in the vicinity of the highest godhead of all, namely the Trinity. Seraphim receive the ideas of the Trinity, Cherubim ponder over them, Thrones transform them into action. These are called the first three-fold Hierarchy. The work of the second threefold hierarchy described. The Spirits of Wisdom transformed old Saturn to old Sun and condensed Saturn to such a size that when it became Sun, it was of a size that would have its centre in the present Sun and reach as far as the present Jupiter. The planets are boundaries of the ancient worlds. The Spirits of Motion condensed the old Sun to a watery globe called Moon, whose size from the present Sun as its centre would reach to the present Mars. The creation of Moon was different from the others, it implied later a splitting into two globes so that the Sun contracted and was surrounded by another body, in the orbit of the present Mars, and in the periphery of the original single body. The origin of Evil and the Fight in Heaven. April 15, Uranus and Neptune are quite different from the others. The Ptolemaic and Copernican systems. The names of the Planets Mercury and Venus have been interchanged. The Sons of Mercury guided nations and races, they are the beings of Mercury. April 16, Habitations and nature of the Hierarchies continued. Physical body of an Angel is in water, etheric and astral body of an Angel are in air and fire Spirits of Personality from Astronomical views, descended to Lemuria and ensouled the physical body Archangels from Mercury, descended into Atlantis and inspired the physical and etheric bodies. April 17, Jupiter or Sun Eagle or Scorpion. Mars or Ancient Moon. April 18, Saturn, Sun, Moon are repeated at the beginning of the Earth. The Saturn and Jupiter of to-day. Our World System is not round but bean shaped. The origin of a planet. Adam Cadmon of the Kabbala. If you want to understand the centre, investigate the circumference. The formation of worlds is the preparation of karma. As in big things so in small — so in the nations. The time described when one person takes on the karma of a nation. This happens on every planet. From taking we advance to giving, e

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g, the Thrones, etc. It is greater to give than to receive. The astral must be spiritualised before we can see into the spiritual worlds. When the astral body is completely transformed the etheric body becomes a counterpart of it. This is Nirmana Kaya when no remnants are left in the astral world. Zarathustra penetrated the astral body of Hermes Dharmakaya. Matter contracts towards a central point and then disappears but reappears at the circumference. We cannot grasp this so long as our mind remains in the space of three dimensions. Uranus and Neptune have nothing to do with the creation of our world and their Moons are retrograde. Uranus, and later Neptune withdraw during the Mars development. All that lies outside us was generically called Ouranos "the Heavens". Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones are the only beings that have the direct light of God, and have had it from the beginning. The second Hierarchy see God only in His revelations. Masked priests in the Mysteries endeavoured to test, frighten, and lure the Neophyte. Between Jupiter and Mars adverse Spirits of Motion create obstacles in evolution. Some of the Angels refuse to be tempted and they join with Sun. Luciferic beings impress into the astral body of Lemurians the results of the fight in the Heavens. The Angels are the first to have the possibility of error and of evil and free will. Michael and the Dragon. The Bull of Mithra. The Spirits of Motion were ordered to throw themselves athwart evolution. Other Angels, and Archangels then came to help and guide man. They descended into the physical, etheric and astral and a being was prepared to receive the Ego. The Ego and the blood of Moses and Jesus of Nazareth. He did nothing to propagate theory. He did not act by teaching but by His deeds and death. Lucifer cannot enter the Ego. The Advent of Christ. The redemption of Luciferic powers makes man stronger. It is the Truth that makes free, from this comes Love. Love can only come through Freedom. Arch-messengers or Archangels perform the tasks allotted them but man will fulfil his own task. Man will be the Hierarchy of Freedom and Love.

### Chapter 7 : Spiritual Hierarchies and the Physical World : Rudolf Steiner :

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