

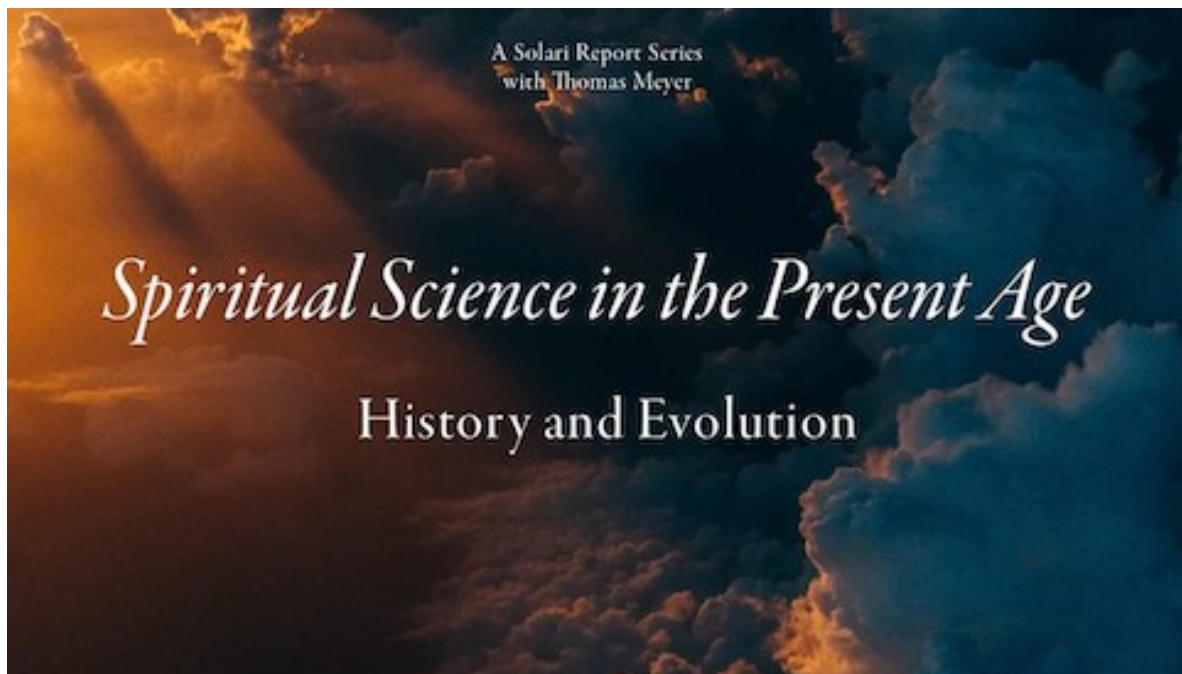
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Spiritual Science – History and
Evolution
with
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Thomas Meyer: Today we want to talk about the history and evolution of man and Earth from a spiritual point of view; from the point of view of spiritual science.

To begin with, I would like to quote a word by the famous Napoleon who once said about history, “History is a *fable convenu*.”; it’s a fable or a legend, and people believe it is true. That was his view on history.

Ordinary history, in fact, is very limited because we have to base it on documents, monuments. We have nothing else to do as a historian than looking at the documents. This is, of course, very limited. You can imagine that, in spiritual science, we must find other sources of historical cognition or knowledge. The basis of these other sources is a world memory.

As we have an individual memory-everyone has one for himself- there is a world or cosmic memory, which is called Akashic or Akasha record. Someone who has developed his spiritual faculties may penetrate into this layer of the universe called the Akashic record. That Akashic record keeps traces of everything that has ever happened since time has been in existence.

Events past come and go, but their traces are not destructed; you can find them. That is the source for everything that we will look at today about evolution of man and of the cosmos. They are interrelated, of course.

A long ago time in evolution there was nothing – literally nothing. But after a while, so to speak, there was a first substance coming into being. This was warmth, and nothing else; this was fire.

The first traces of what later became the physical body of man was created at that same time. It’s a bit hard to think that a physical body is only consisting of warmth, but that is what we have to try to imagine.

In the epoch that we are speaking about, there was nothing other than a warm sphere out of which man was created as a fire being – a warmth being. We call this ‘epoch Saturn’, the same name that the planet still has today, but much larger. We have to take the planetary *sphere* of Saturn today. You have the whole sphere of ancient Saturn. At that planetary sphere, there was a creation at

a certain moment of what we call 'time'.

Time is not eternal; time was created. The idea of time is eternal as all ideas, but the real flowing time started in the Saturn period of the universe. There is even a hint in Greek mythology with the figure of Chronos, who eats his own children as an imagination of time, devouring every born instant again. The word 'chronos' is translated in Latin into 'tempus'. In the word 'time' tempus-the word is also the word for temperature. So, time was born out of warmth processes.

Of course, there were beings related to it. In spiritual science, they are called Archai beings. It was the first temporal stage of the universe, roughly speaking. It's all very sketchy. Today we may go into more details. Also, we will make a survey of huge epochs in order to have a bit of a counterbalance to the thinking of today in science and in everyday life, which is very short-term; there is no long breath in it.

If we study the evolution from the point of view of spiritual science, we get a larger view. We need a long breath, which is totally absent today in ordinary science and in everyday life. You can look at it as an exercise to widen your consciousness horizon when studying these epochs of evolution.

We have Saturn; that is the beginning. Then we have a time that all manifested universal elements vanish. It's called in an ancient term, pralaya. Everything that comes forth vanishes again. It's like a night phase.

Then the second round starts with another part of the human being created, namely the etheric body. We had been talking about the etheric body a little in the last lecture. This is the second part of the human being created in an epoch called 'sun epoch'. There was not only warmth, but in addition to warmth, light and air were brought forth. At the same time, space started. Space didn't exist in Saturn; only time from a certain point. Now we have space.

Facilitator: What does space mean to you? How can one imagine a place without space?

Meyer: That is a good question. We have to try hard. In fact, according to

spiritual science, space started with two dimensions: Inward and outward. There was not the third dimension to begin with; everything was planes.

The etheric body floated in this sunlit, airy, two-dimensional space, and it was called the 'sun sphere' or the 'sun epoch' of Earth's evolution. The etheric body is younger, and it is coming into the physical. Then we continue. It's very sketchy and very rough and very short.

Next is the third stage, called moon-stage. We have even denser matter now. The substance is not only light and air, but we now also have water. Parallel is the genesis of a third part of the human being called the 'astral body'. It's the soul and the consciousness that only started in the moon period of evolution.

We still have, of course, these members today. We have the physical body, the etheric body, and the astral body. The physical body is the oldest and the most perfect. It was there in the beginning; it was there in Saturn, it was there in sun, and it is still there in moon. The physical body underwent two transformations to begin with: First to be able to take a living etheric body into it, and then to become able to absorb an astral body into it.

The astral body is less perfect; it is the youngest so far. You can see that we have quite a harmony in the physical body. It's a wonderful structure; it's perfect from a certain point of view. Then in the astral body, we have a lot of turmoil. We can call it 'passions' and 'irregular things' that show that it is on a lower stage of evolution. It is a higher member of the human being, but in itself, it is not yet so harmonious as the physical and the etheric body.

The etheric body is also highly perfect, and it is the key in our being for everything that has to do with healing. It's not very conscious, and I think that is very healthy because our astral body would 'mess it up' if it were too conscious.

The third stage of evolution is called the 'moon stage'. It is the old moon, not the present moon. You can say that it corresponds to the moon's sphere.

The fourth stage is the Earth. Here we have an even more dense substance, Earth. Parallel to this, we have the birth of the human ego. So we have the physical body, etheric body, astral body, and then the ego developing through

long stages of evolution. The ego is sometimes called in spiritual science, a bit jokingly, the baby of our being. It is the youngest. In a certain respect, it is higher than the other three, but in itself, it is not yet fully developed. We can easily see that. In some people, the ego is quite asleep, even in waking consciousness. It's not as developed as it will be one day.

These are the four stages of evolution producing the four main members of the human being, which is a very short sketch.

Evolution goes on into the future. That is where we are now – the Earth and the ego. It is most important to be developed in the Earth period of evolution. Then we will have a future stage called Jupiter, which will use an even higher part of our members called the spirit self. An even further stage will be called Venus, which will develop spiritual life. The last of the seven planetary stages is called Volcano. It will produce the highest member of the human being. In the Indian tradition, it is called the Atma-or spirit man.

Another aspect of the seven-fold development are the stages of consciousness unfolding. In Saturn, consciousness was very low and sleepy, almost like a trance consciousness, but it had a huge horizon. It was not very focused.

In the sun sphere, we had a sleepy consciousness that we still have in sleeping life today. It was a bit narrower and a bit more awake, but still sleeping consciousness.

In the moon stage, we have a dreamlike consciousness. It's also a bit narrower but a little more conscious. Only in the Earth's evolution, where we are now, do we have what we can call the *object consciousness*. I mentioned that before. It is where we are awake and don't mix ourselves up with what we see in the world with a separate consciousness; it's me as a separate being over against all «objects».

In the future stage of Jupiter, we will have what we call an imaginative consciousness; everything is in pictures. On a further higher stage called Venus, we will have an inspirational consciousness. At the end in the Volcano stage, we will have intuition.

These higher stages are already present today as a seed. We talked about that before. They can be developed by anyone who goes into a spiritual development process towards any sort of initiation. In other words, the future is present now; it's just not unfolded. It can be unfolded, and then you are aware of the future stages of the Earth in evolution.

We can turn briefly to the spiritual beings. That is, of course, a main concern in spiritual science. Everything that happens is connected to beings. So, what were the beings in producing the world of old Saturn? They are called Thrones in spiritual science. They are spirits of Will, and they are the architects of the physical body. There are even modern philosophers who see that there is a connection between the physical body and will. One of them was Arthur Schopenhauer. He was very famous for this; the physical body is an extract of will.

In the second stage, the Sun stage, we have other beings the architects of the etheric body. They are called spirits of Wisdom. That explains that the etheric body is full of wisdom that is needed for any sort of healing process.

In the next stage, the Moon stage, we have beings called Dynamis, spirits of movement building up the astral body, which is a movement body. It is an inward movement, not necessarily external. It is soul movements and thought movements, etc.

In the Earth stage, we have the spirits giving the threefold human being – physical, etheric, astral – a spark of the Ego. They are called Elohim. One of the Elohim says as everyone might know from the Book of Genesis, “I am the I am.” He is the Ego spirit.

The most prominent among these beings, including the ego Elohim, is the Christ being. He has been connected to evolution since its beginning, and especially with the Earth's evolution. You have a painting here on the wall, which is quite a special painting. A reproduction of it was used when the Christian community was founded in 1922 under the guidance of Rudolf Steiner.

It is a reproduction of a painting found today in Milan in the Brera Museum. This is a reproduction of the beginning of the 20th century. There is a halo and a

rainbow around it, and it is colored in a beautiful manner. We know that Steiner once said: This painting of the Christ has the greatest likening of the risen Christ. That is why he was using it for the foundation of what was later called the Christian community.

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In our first talk, we touched on the Christ being, and He is at the core of the whole evolution – Saturn to Volcano. He is linked to all of these phases, especially the Earth phase in which you have the great miracle of his sacrifice at the time of Golgotha in Palestine. He is not an Elohim; He is a much higher being who, when he descended, went through all these spheres of the spiritual beings. At a point, of course, he was on the level of the Elohim.

This is a very rough scheme of the stages of evolution until the Earth's evolution and beyond, making clear the parallels to stages of consciousness from trance to intuition consciousness, drawing the parallels of the human being's members that were coming into existence. We briefly recapitulate these stages, when we go to sleep.

If we go to sleep, our higher members – the ego and the astral – go out of the physical and etheric. What would happen if they were not met by some other beings in sleep? They would be destroyed; they would be useless when you wake up – if you woke up. But what really happens is that the astral body meets the architects of the astral body in the old Moon stage. The architects of the ego and Elohim come in during the night. The architects of the physical body – the Thrones – come in at night. The architects of the etheric body, the Kyriotetes, come in.

There is one problem that you can study very closely today. When we do not behave properly and harmoniously, our astral body we produce something that these architects of these bodies – like the astral body – cannot find compatible with their own nature. So, they find substances that we produce in these members that they cannot use. They have to throw them out. That creates certain elemental beings.

I think that we have talked about this. For example, if you are lying during daytime, there is a pollution of the purity of your physical body. That produces

phantoms – beings engendered by us and that are being pushed out by the thrones, architects of the physical body, when they inhabit our physical body during nighttime. They are created by us and populate the physical world stimulating more lies. That is just an example.

Thus, we are still linked with the original architects of these bodies or vehicles of man every night.

After this rough survey of the great evolution from Saturn to Volcano which is not by chance ruled by the number seven, there are also lesser cycles ruled by the Seven.

So, also the whole Earth evolution can be divided into seven periods.

They have names. From an ordinary historical point of view, this is prehistoric time with no records.

The first epoch is called the Polaric Epoch (do not ask me about the name).

Then comes the Hyperborean, and then the Lemurian. There is little knowledge of the archaeology of Lemuria – an ancient continent between Madagascar, Africa, and India that was submerged by a fire catastrophe. Then comes Atlantis, another island between North America, Europe, and parts of Africa. Then comes the Post-Atlantian time, which we are in.

Now you can actually subdivide each of these from the Polaric to the Post Atlantean Time – into another seven parts. Let's do that here with the Post-Atlantian time. Which started about 9.000 bc.

Then we come into a very ancient but at least historic, measurable time after the submergence of Atlantis Island. There was a new culture coming in the East – Ancient India. It is much older than anything else in the cultures after the destruction of Atlantis.

Then we come to another period called Ancient Persia, which is nearer to our own time. Then we come to Egypt. Then we come to the Roman-Greek epochs known in history and monuments. There are sparse monuments in Persia, and a little in Egypt: the pyramids, for example.

Then we come to our time, which is called the fifth Post Atlantean time.

Sometimes it is called the Germanic/Anglo-Saxon period; they belong together.

The next time period will be the Slavic period with the Slavic people, who will have an important role to play. The seventh will be the American – as if we don't have enough America today. That is an America period of the future; the American period.

These periods are already measurable, to a certain degree. They have a duration of 2,160 years. This is a cosmic number referring to the Zodiac. This is the time when there is a change from one Zodiacal sign to the next, measured by the vernal point. It takes 2,160 years to go from one sign to the next. If you want the reference, after Atlantis, we have the time of Cancer, then the time of Gemini. Egypt was the time of the Bull. The Roman-Greek time is the time of Aries. We are – in contrast to the belief of many people in the New Age movement – in the Pisces area, not yet in the Aquarian. The Aquarian will only come in the Slavic epoch. The last of these seven will be in Capricorn, in the time of the American period. That is about 6,000 years in the future. That is a key time for which we have seeds today.

Spiritual science shows that this will be the time of a huge polarization in humanity. The spiritual ones will have become more spiritualized, the materialists will become more materialist than ever, and we have seeds today of this twofold future humanity. You can say that everything that goes on the road of transhumanism ends building up a 'race' of hyper-materialism in the future. This starts today. Today is a prelude of the seventh cultural epoch that leads to a huge crisis, also highlighted by the fact that in this time, we will have a huge cosmic, catastrophic event parallel to a fight of all against all. It will have the coming back of the moon. We already have movies anticipating this event!

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The moon left the Earth in the Lemurian time. It will come back in the seventh of these periods – Post-Atlantian, in the American time. So, the Earth will have massive changes to overcome.

Moderator: In what sense do you mean that the moon has left the Earth?

Meyer: When we go to the most ancient of the Earth's periods-the Polaric-the moon and the other planets were part of the Earth. Then in the Hyperborean time, the sun went out and in the Lemurian epoch the moon went out. There will be a time when the moon comes in again, and later, even the sun. So, you

can imagine a huge transformation of the stages of our lives. Of course, the human body will also be transformed.

For example, towards the seventh of these periods, there will not be sexual reproduction anymore. Male and female, as dual principles of reproduction, are active from the Lemuria period on, and there will be a time when this will vanish, and there will be a kind of spiritual reproduction through the forces of our larynx. It's an almost unimaginable transformation of Earth and the human being.

All of the problems that people have had for thousands of years – the wars of the sexes and such, the gender gossip – will all be gone. There will be other wars, of course.

Moderator: There will be the wars of the words?

Meyer: Yes. Today I think we also have this transgenderism, which is a premature knowledge that all of this gender separation will naturally, in evolution, go away, but if it is too early, it is a caricature. This is a prelude of all these great changes and great conflicts in the future. That is a good reason why something like spiritual science came in this time that we are in now. It gives us the survey and the orientation of the large «program» of evolution.

We know where we are going, and we know where we are coming from. A man who doesn't know where he is coming from cannot clearly find out what road he wants to take. So, that is the great value of why spiritual science came about today.

This is only a sketch of another sevenfold development of smaller cycles in the evolution of this planet. That was the main thing to sketch, but, of course, that raises many questions. The past is full of mysteries, and the future is full of mysteries. We are about in the middle of this journey. Actually, we are a bit past the middle of the whole evolution since Saturn.

Those who like numbers can count: Saturn has seven stages; the sun has seven stages; the moon has seven stages; the Earth has seven stages, and we have touched upon them. Jupiter, Venus, and Volcano have seven stages. So that

gives the total number of 49 stages. These 49 stages are subdivided into another sevenfold period or seven periods. I think that is 343, which is the evolution number of the whole evolution here.

I think that even the theosophist Blavatsky knew this. We are now in stage 172, which is slightly beyond the middle.

So, the picture of evolution through spiritual science is, of course, totally crazy for ordinary materialistic, Darwinistic, evolutionary theorists, but it is a free choice that we can make to acquaint us with a larger picture that includes the spirit. It doesn't exclude it because the spirit is, of course, at the origin of all these processes. It is superior to all of these emanations. It will be there still after the entire time cycles have been fulfilled.

There is a very interesting reference that even after this seventh great stage, called Volcano, there will be a new «Earth» created. The starting point in the cosmos of a new evolutionary cycle – whether it will be sevenfold or not, I don't know – will be the region of the *Pleiades*. So, whenever on a starry night you look at the Pleiades, you are looking at the far, far wonderful future of this whole drama stage. This is a cosmic reference, and I think that our American listeners and readers have a special link to the cosmology of all this – or at least they could have. The Europeans are not so much interested in that.

Seven is a number that has to do with time. Twelve is a number that has to do with space. There are twelve Zodiac signs. The twelve disciples refer to a work in the space world. There are seven days in the week. This is a process-related number; seven days, seven years, seven months.

There was an Indian esotericist who was asked, “How long does it take to get initiation?” His answer was, “Seven hours, seven days, seven years, or seven incarnations.” This means that there is a definite process in time that is linked to seven. How long or how short the seven in detail is, is another question.

If we study something like spiritual science, that will undoubtedly speed up our development. Then maybe some of us won't need seven incarnations to get to some kind of spiritual insight. That may come a little earlier.

That is the magical number seven in the processes of time. There may be a word to the time creation, which of course, is a very unusual thought for many of us. There was a time when time was not. That, of course, is paradoxically speaking. The great church father, Augustine, has a passage in his book, *The Confessions*, about what God did before he created time. It is an interesting question. His answer was that he made he carved whips for those who asked meaningless questions. So, he was aware of the difference between time and what we can truly call 'eternity'.

I think that is about it for this time. We will go to a deeper level with more detail next time. For example, we will go into these cultural epochs or the members of the human being.

To close, let me give the primary source for all of this here. In spiritual science, there is a book that used to be called *Occult Science* by Rudolf Steiner. Sometimes it was called *Outline of an Occult Science*. Today they have changed the title, paying exceeding attention to words. Some people thought that 'occult' was not a good word. I don't remember what they call it today. It is one of the essential works of Steiner, along with the one that we mentioned earlier, *The Philosophy of Spiritual Activity*, or *The Philosophy of Freedom*.

It is, of course, related to a work called *Theosophy*, which is a book that was written at a time when Steiner was still active in the theosophical society that described the members of the human beings that have evolved on the successive evolutionary stages.

Theosophy and *Occult Science* [49:49] would be good reference books to study to understand more in detail and clarity that we have roughly and briefly outlined today.

Thank you for your attention.

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