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Thomas Meyer: Ladies and gentlemen, friends, we are making another step in the series called *Spiritual Science Academy* focused on the teachings of Rudolph Steiner. Today we want to speak about Occult Politics and how it is reflected in present politics.

What do I mean by “occult politics,” so that we have a basis for understanding? Just roughly speaking, it means that you work with factors in great perspective, including hidden, nonphysical realities. For example, “spirit of nation,” which is normally just an abstract word, is the reality of the spirit of nation. There are spirits of nation among all peoples—French, Italian, Russian, American—and occult politics takes into account these realities. It takes into account reincarnation and karma. It takes into account the present and the reality of the so-called “dead.” This is a special point for what is done in occult politics, certainly in Western [secret society] lodges. They work with the dead.

And occult politics also works with large historical epochs with the knowledge of evolution laws of a big kind. For example, we live now in the 5th Postatlantean epoch, which started in 1413 and which will endure about 2,160 years. This is a starry rhythm. I won’t explain this today because I believe we’ve already discussed this. The next epoch will be the sixth epoch, which is called the Slavic. That will only begin in 3570 after Christ. So there is some time to it. But, of course, every epoch is prepared in what comes before. Some people who know that and have some notion of occult politics say, “Then, let’s see if we can prepare the next epoch.”

Now the question is: In what way do they prepare it? Do they prepare it from an all-human point of view? Or do they prepare it from a special Western Anglo-American point of view? This, unfortunately, is the predominant factor today. So these are the basic points to be understood by occult politics.

Now I just want to go in a different direction and make an example of where we can see where this sort of occult politics with the Western accent or emphasis is actually manifest today.

In Great Britain, as I mentioned in one of our other talks already, at the end of the 1800s, there was an interesting book with a strange title. It was called *The Transcendental Universe* (1893). It was six lectures on occult science, theosophy,

and the Catholic faith. In this book the writer, C.G. Harrison, who had undergone an interesting development to lead him beyond the threshold of the physical, became initiated into occult realities. Out of his initiation, he speaks about some examples of occult politics, referring to the fact that peoples and nations have their own spirit and have a development in time.

The basic point is that all of these people who know these things knew the French culture was beyond the culmination of its mission. At this time, it is the English/American who is having the great action to perform in the world, and they do. The Slavic people have a future. That is why they are said to be still today in “infancy.”

The Slavic is not to be confused and identified with the Bolshevik; that was kind of a shadow and a caricature and actually fabricated in the West. Bolshevism, now has ended in a certain way, but as we said in another talk, it was also globalized after 1989. It's not Slavic; it's a Western imprint in the future Slavic area about which some people have a great consciousness. The Slavic area will be important, and it will be important who forms it today. In that area, we have a big confrontation between what would naturally evolve in the Slavic area and what is implanted today.

There I want to make a concrete reference. But first, to close, Harrison's *Transcendental Universe* has the following sentences about the Slavic people, “Their destiny is to evolve a higher civilization of their own in the future.” That was said in this booklet in 1893.

Now it is in a period of infancy. He speaks also of the next great European war in that time, which would bring, in the Slavic East, the possibility of performing “socialist experiments.” That is the term that he used—“socialist experiments”—which would be impossible to perform in the West. Again, that was Harrison foreshadowing in 1893 what then occurred in 1917 with the surge, the rise of Bolshevism.

As a contrast to this, I will give you—and remind some of you who noticed already—some words of a speaker on the American geopolitics doctrine in 2015 in Chicago; that is a bit more than seven years ago. I will name him later, after I read his words. “The main interest of U.S. foreign policy during the last century

and World War I and World War II and during the Cold War were the relations between Germany and Russia. Because if united, they would be the only power that could threaten us [in the U.S.]. Our main interest, therefore, was that this was never to happen.”

George Friedman said this in 2015, and it is clearly to be seen that this is based on some of the occult politic principles. It doesn't matter whether George Friedman has a clear consciousness of this. That is an important thing, that the actors on the political stage don't need to know what is actually in the background of what they are doing. What they have to do is inspired, like puppets, by some other people who do know, and they are not so visible.

If we turn with the “Friedman doctrine” words to the present situation, we make some interesting discoveries. As we all know, we have this terrible war in Ukraine. All modern wars are terrible. In antiquity it was, in a way, a bit different. The war in Ukraine started February 24th of this year.

An American writer whose name I have forgotten wrote an interesting article saying, “This war is not against Russia from Ukraine or against Ukraine from Russia; it's directed against Middle Europe, especially Germany.” That might be a little bit surprising for some of us, but if you see how Zelensky and some others are trying to involve all Europe, especially Germany, to send weapons and back Ukraine's so-called “fight for independence,” “fight for democracy,” and all the rest of the slogans, then you can see that it is especially important in light of this doctrine that Germany be drawn in and its independence weakened, thereby betraying [working against] the great possibility of a productive cooperation with Russia.

This was there in a potential that was becoming real at the time of Schröder [chancellor from 1998 to 2005], for example. The whole pipeline project was born, together with Putin. It was a prosperous perspective to have good neighborly economic relationships that would make Europe more independent in a cooperation with Russia.

Now, already in a press conference on February 8, 2022 in Washington—the new German chancellor Scholz was called to go there—he was told by the American President Biden that, “In the event that something were to happen in

Ukraine with Russia, you will have to forget the pipeline project forever.”
Surprising, surprising.

To the question of how that would be performed [halting the pipeline project], he just said, “There are means to do this. Don’t worry.” This was a declaration that the question of these prepared pipelines functioning was an American affair, and it has nothing to do with Germany and Europe. This, of course, is very odd.

This was uttered before the war started, and Scholz then saw that the contracts for the pipelines were “frozen,” and it was not going on. Technically it was very far, and they could have been used, but there were “contract problems” now. So that went on through the whole ensuing part of the year until we got to September 26th.

It was not long ago that you had this evident sabotage of the pipelines. There were four holes. A photograph by the CIA went around the Internet of a Russian passport swimming on the surface of the gas. I don’t know if it was a joke or if some people really believed that. It would be very silly. You remember the story of the passport of Mohamed Atta? He was one of the alleged accused criminals of 9/11. The whole buildings were reduced to dust, but one passport survived without any harm, and that was the passport of Mohamed Atta, to show the public world where the crime came from. It’s a similar thing.

I think it’s just a joke, but it’s not without foundation because in the press of the European media you find people who believe that the sabotage was done by Russia. Ask yourself: What would Russia have as a motive to do this? I don’t think that you can find any answer. Cui bono? That is the main—and recurrent—question of our friend Catherine, and rightly so. Cui bono? Who had the main interest in this sabotage? There is no question that it’s the Americans—the U.S. This was even confirmed by a Polish foreign minister who said on the Internet, “Thank you, U.S., for doing this.” How did he know that it was the U.S.? Everything is pointing in that direction.

With this, a fundamental possibility of having an economic long-lasting action between Middle Europe, Germany (where the gas would flow), and Russia was just destroyed for quite a time. I don’t know whether these pipelines could be

repaired or substituted. If yes, that would take some time. It would also take a change of mentality in Middle Europe toward Russia. As long as Russia is under the sanctions and under the belief that it is a terrorist—the demon of present world politics—it won't work.

So we have an important criminal act. This is the criminal part of performing occult politics. Mind you, the background is always an interest in the future of the Slavic people. In order to develop the future, some people who have the Friedman doctrine in sight want to make sure that Russia and Germany and Middle Europe are isolated from each other, which is totally unnatural. It's only in the interest of certain power politics in the West. It's not in the interest of the middle Europeans; it never was.

I will quote you a sentence by Steiner in 1917 to the Austrian Polzer-Hoditz, whose brother was linked with the last emperor. We have talked about that before. To Ludwig Polzer-Hoditz, Steiner said, "It is necessary to preserve economic competition between Middle Europe and the West. It cannot and should never be eliminated." Maybe in future centuries it will be different, but not now. If this economic independence of Europe and the West is eliminated, you are necessarily going to enslave Europe for good. This is not good; this is bad.

That was said in 1917, and the blowing up of these two Nord Stream pipelines is a certain "end" to all possibilities to have a cooperation between Germany, Europe, and Russia. So the war in Ukraine has this aim to destroy this bridging between middle Europeans and Russia on an economic level, which could be the basis for bridges and culture and all the rest. It is blown away with these acts.

I think that it is important that one sees this background of the Ukrainian War, which gave, by means of the demonization of Russia and Putin, the possibility to perform such an act of sabotage. This is clearly against all human rights and all declared United Nations rights and so on.

So we have a hard reality, and I think that the prophecy of some people that Europe will have a hard winter is more than near fulfillment through this destruction of this sound economic possibility between Europe and Russia, and

I'm sure Russia notices this very clearly.

And there are the recent silly remarks that you can find, there are two by the NATO Chief, who is from Norway, that they will, of course, “do everything to strengthen NATO” in the east of Ukraine and the surrounding areas and deliver weapons, weapons, weapons. This can only lead to put Russia into a corner; it is not clear how Russia will react, with the special gift of having hyper-modern weapons that are probably not all known in the West. So that is a real danger through this act of aggression of blowing up the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines. We have a totally on-alert world situation where we don't know exactly where this might lead.

This is just an illustration, showing with broad lines that with politics, you have the possibility of stopping positive processes and ending them. Unfortunately, many Europeans are just in a dream of solidarity and illusions with Ukraine. Of course, there is a lot of suffering; there is no question about that. But the answer is certainly not that Mr. Zelensky goes around endlessly [asking for money and weapons]—he doesn't want medicines or medical aid, which would be understandable; all he wants is money and weapons. That will lead Europe and especially Middle Europe and Germany into an abyss of dependency and slavery that we all should strive to avoid.

I come back to the beginning. The Friedman doctrine is based on a certain part of occult politics, namely on the will of the West to dominate not only the present in the world, but the future development by seeing to it that Russia does not have a good, healthy relationship to Europe, which would be necessary for its future to develop in the right form. Whether Friedman knows anything about this occult politics is not decisive.

On the other hand, we have another occult politics “program,” which is connected with two middle Europeans, Steiner and Helmuth von Moltke. This is more or less the opposite [of the Friedman doctrine] because there you have impulses, and you can find and document it in a source that I will name afterwards. You have impulses for the cooperation and the working together of middle European and Russian spheres, knowing that the folk spirits of middle Europeans, especially one of Germany, have a huge peaceful mission in the future, which should not be harmed or blocked by any one-sided Western

interest, as is the case now.

Last time in one of our speeches, I read you the quotes of someone who, after death, saw his own future in the East in helping the cooperation between middle Europe and Russia. This is a positive occult politics aspect, versus the one who is only abusing big perspectives for relatively narrow Western national interests. This is a subject in and of itself: How can big spiritual principles be used, and how can they be abused? Today I think the abuse is more prominent than the usage.

The usage could be important, but the ignorance about these things in Europe is gigantic. In the West, there are always people open for occult points of view, and in middle Europe, they are often not having the mentality of being modest enough to realize that the intellectual knowledge should be broadened and widened. So, as they are ignorant of the occult politics sphere, they are easy to reign and dominate. They just don't realize it. Listen to the people in the German politics. There are a few exceptions.

Now I want to insert a hilarious episode that is probably not well-known. A man, Ralph Niemeyer, was once married to one of the leading critics of the present middle European political sphere, Sahra Wagenknecht. About ten days ago, this Ralph Niemeyer boarded a plane after having written to Putin for being allowed to come to Russia and to speak to a number of public gentlemen, and he did. He met Lavrov, he met the CEO of Gazprom, Alexey Miller, and on the plane to Russia he announced himself to be "the head of the German exile government." Of course, it was fake, but it is a very interesting fake because he went to Russia with exactly those arguments about the politics with Russia that are reasonable, but never come out of the mouths of the official German politicians. In a way, they took him seriously. In *The Present Age* you will see this photograph of the "president of the German exile government" next to Lavrov. It makes a hilarious content impression. Of course, when this man went back to Germany he got arrested, and he will be sued and imprisoned, I think.

Even in that joke form, it is interesting to see that at least someone had the courage to end and sabotage these absurdities in German politics by such an act. He even succeeded in being invited to the Russian "CrossTalk" program on *Russia Today*, which we can still see in Switzerland, but which you cannot see in

England. I don't know about the Netherlands. You cannot see it in Germany or France. The EU has banned it. There on "CrossTalk," you can see Ralph Niemeyer, the self-appointed "exile president" of the German government.

It's so witty, and I think that he has a background of someone who knows Sahra Wagenknecht, to whom he was married for 13 years. I was told that she knows the entirety of Goethe [*pointing to portrait of Goethe*]. So, she is a person who has a relation to middle European culture, which is rarely the case with German politicians. I think most German politicians are less connected to Goethe and Schiller than Putin is with his perfect knowledge of the German language and some knowledge of the German culture.

When Niemeyer, the self-appointed "president of the exile government," met the Gazprom chief, they were of course talking about the future of the Nord Stream Pipelines 1 and 2, when they still existed. That is now over. That is a strange coincidence. The pipeline is now blown up, and the middle Europeans would do well to realize what an aggressive criminal imperialistic act this is, to realize that U.S. politics has absolutely no justification to meddle in this affair and destroy great possibilities for a long time.

I wanted to put that as an example for the reality of occult politics, which are a fact and are especially important to look at if they are used in a one-sided way. This is the case in the Western politics.

We could also use examples of Churchill that would show how he hated the middle European spirit. He hated not only the people, but I will remind you of the saying of a Russian sociologist quoting Churchill in a letter as saying, "We are not fighting against Hitler. We are not fighting against National Socialism. We are fighting against the spirit of Schiller, that he may never come again in a new life, reincarnated." That shows a deep hatred.

To understand this, I have already found and mentioned a saying by Steiner that is a deep psychological explanation for this hatred in the West for the potential virtues of the Europeans. It is connected with the acts of Joan of Arc who freed Europe from the presence of the British at that time. Steiner commented and said, "This is at the background of the opposition of England against not the German people but the German folk spirit." There you have the spiritual aspect,

the “German folk spirit.”

That is like being offended as a nation by what happened with Joan of Arc, which was also good, of course, in helping England to have a free development. It helped Europe to have a free development. But it showed these people who know about occult politics, “Oh, the German leading spirit is an entity which might strengthen our enemies to a degree that we don’t want.” There, we go back to the Friedman politics.

So, the realities are deep. Mind you, I don’t know about Friedman and I don’t know about Biden in this regard, but we know that occult politics includes, of course, Winston Churchill who wanted and who did destroy at the end of the war in a totally unnecessary way the city of Dresden, which had hundreds of thousands of victims. He was not only a Germany hater, but he was also a high, great Mason. He knew about reincarnation. He even made a private joke and said, “Next time I will come back as a sculpture.”

Before he will do that, he has destroyed a lot of things in Europe. And what do Europeans do? They praise him as one of the liberators of Europe from Nazi Germany, not knowing how much England and America were involved in enabling Hitlerism to rise. We talked about that earlier.

So this, in a nutshell, was an attempt to give an idea of what occult politics means. It doesn’t necessarily imply that the actors on the public scene know about these things. What it is implying is that there are people who have large perspectives of this kind. Sometimes they go into public, like was the case with Churchill, but I don’t think that we should suppose that a man like Biden, who looks a little bit like he is not really quite sane in mind when he speaks and walks, knows these things. The point is that his actions fall into harmony with these principles, and they do so perfectly.

By the way, in 2014 Biden was already meddling in Russia with his son in energy factories. I don’t know if it was oil or gas, but there was a connection already. Now America is the main “cui bono” nation for profiting from the necessity of the Europeans—if they don’t want to freeze to death—to buy very expensive American energy and gas. So this is a victory which should have been avoided and one which will have consequences.

I think with that, we give an entrance into the actuality from a point of view that is not very usual, but I think it is very necessary. I was stimulated by this American article that said, “This war between Russia and Ukraine is not against Russia; it is against middle Europeans and especially Germany.” The Germans—not for the first time—just fall into a pit which is arranged specially for them to fall into.

As I close, I would like to make a few references that those interested can follow. These things are not pulled out of thin air or out of the blue, but you can follow them. I will just make three references.

First, there are great lectures in World War I by Rudolf Steiner, given nearby here in Dornach. They are translated under the title, *The Karma of Untruthfulness*. That is the title of these lectures in which you find many, many insights on what occult politics means and how it is practiced, especially in the West. You will find this volume in an English translation by Rudolf Steiner Press, *The Karma of Untruthfulness*, during World War I. I think it’s necessary to know these things.

Then you have lectures that we talked about in one of the last talks here, *Light for the New Millennium*. It’s from Rudolf Steiner’s and Helmuth von Moltke’s association. This volume also sheds light on the “Moltke-Steiner mission” for the whole future of the next 100 years. It’s published by Rudolf Steiner Press.

Then I want to close with a hint to some texts which I’ve already mentioned before. It’s called, *Fundamental Indication of Rudolf Steiner’s* in 1918 or 1919, in which he talks about the future Russian Slavic cultural development in a very short, concise way. He shows how the Western plutocrats know about this and want to take advantage for their own aims in using these future laws. This is a great text, and you will find it on our webpage www.Perseus.ch under the heading, “Articles in English.” Everyone should know that. It’s more important to know this little text than the “14 Points” of Mr. Woodrow Wilson, which are still ghosting around.

This would be the reading list. Thank you for your attention, and I hope that you will be able to use some of it for understanding where we are.

Postscript:

A remark about this illustration [*pointing*] here on the blackboard: This is a scene in Tokyo which was called Jeddo in 1861. When the British opened the first embassy in Jeddo, one night there was a surprise attack by what were called “ronins”—mercenaries of some strong local princes. They made a real slaughter. There were many dead and injured.

On the left, you see a man called Laurence Oliphant. He was one of the most interesting characters in England. He was a writer, an occultist, and a secret agent working for the government. He had traveled widely in Russia, and that is how he knew the geography of Crimea. The foreign office called him in and said, “You know this area. Can you draw a map of the fortification of Sevastopol?” And he did.

Sevastopol was the place that NATO was interested in for establishing a new basis in Crimea. So Oliphant was almost killed, but he survived because his attacker, the man on the right, when he drew his sword he had a resistance because on the ceiling there was a pole which stopped him, so he couldn't fully draw his sword. That made it possible for Oliphant to only have his left arm injured and not be killed, which was bad enough, of course.

At that point, Oliphant decided to step out of political life. He was going to China with some American politician. He wrote all of these books about this. Maybe this is worth mentioning here, because in the West, you don't only have the people of the program that I outlined like Biden and the Friedman doctrine, but you also have high spiritual potencies like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Oliphant who, when he came back to Scotland from his Asian tours, gave a lecture. In his lecture, after the terrible start of the opium wars, which were doing a lot of harm to the Chinese, he said, “The British, in taking the world, not only harm some of these nations deeply, like China in the opium war, out of economic reasons, but they harm their own folk substance.”

That was his vision. So he was not naively backing the British and later the American politics, but he saw in a large context that shows he was not one-sided like most Western politicians today are. That is why I wrote a little book about him. I even wrote a play because he is a very colorful, witty person. That is why this illustration is here. In that deadly night with full moonshine in the garden, they had a party in this embassy, and then suddenly you hear the rushing of the noiseless [sliding] doors that you can draw. Typically British, they had one caricaturist who could hide and not be attacked, and he peacefully made some drawings of this. That was published in the British *Illustrated London News* after the event. That's why it is here.

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