

WILLI SUCHER AND JEANE DIXON'S PROPHECY

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This article is not intended to be a biography of Willi Sucher.¹ Rather, it is a reflection on a little-known aspect of his work. It is understandable that this aspect of his work is not generally known. However, several people who had heard Willi Sucher lecture have informed me that they, too, heard him speak about this. It was discussed with me by Willi in a private conversation, as I had the privilege of having many private discussions with him during my two stays with him as a guest at his home in Meadow Vista, California, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The first was for six weeks during the summer of 1977, and then for four weeks during the summer of 1982. These visits, where I came over to California from England, were decisive for me in terms of committing my life to deepening into the development of a new star wisdom (Astrosophy) appropriate for our time.

Having elucidated this background, I would like to focus on this little-known aspect of Willi Sucher's work. The reason for discussing this is that it entails a prophecy relevant to our time now. To understand the import of this prophecy, it will help to provide some background.

According to Rudolf Steiner, just as Christ incarnated into Jesus at the baptism in the River Jordan two thousand years ago, so Ahriman/Satan will also incarnate into a human being, mimicking the baptism of Jesus. This will take place not long after the start of the third millennium, or soon after the year 2000.² This is known in Christian tradition as the *coming of the Antichrist*. This event is considered in light of many different prophecies from various traditions in the book *Christ & the Maya Calendar: 2012*

*and the Coming of the Antichrist.*³ Here it should be noted that *Ahriman* is the name for the prince of darkness in the ancient Persian religion of Zoroastrianism, whereas *Satan* is the name from the Hebrew tradition for the same being. Several prophecies exist concerning the coming of the Antichrist (the incarnated Ahriman/Satan), mostly derived from Christ's own words:

So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place... then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, "Lo, here is the Christ!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (Matthew 24: 15, 21-24)

The reference to the prophet Daniel has to do with Daniel's prophecy regarding the city of Jerusalem (the "holy place"). Daniel speaks of "a prince who is to come [who] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary... desolations are decreed" (*Daniel* 9:26). Here Daniel refers to the "prince of this world" (Ahriman/Satan).

In Vladimir Solovyov's inspired work, *A Short Story of the Antichrist*⁴ (originally published in Russia at Easter 1900), he describes the false Christ (Antichrist) who, in league with a false prophet (the magician Apollyon), becomes emperor of the world and establishes his residence in Jerusalem. Among Apollyon's magical powers is the ability to make fire come down from heaven. This is a clear allusion to the two-horned beast referred to in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. In fact, it is in Revelation that we find an account of the reign of the Antichrist (referred to there simply as "the beast"), who is aided by the two-horned beast:

The two-horned beast exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the [first beast]... Men worshipped the first beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. (Revelation 13: 12, 4-5)

It is precisely the meeting with the Antichrist that is depicted in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Satan, the dragon, gives his authority to the beast—that is, he incarnates in human form and becomes the beast, known traditionally as the Antichrist. The beast is allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months, which can be interpreted as signifying that the Antichrist is allowed to gain world dominion (as emperor or “prince of this world”) and for a certain period of time (“forty-two months”) is allowed to tempt humanity into accepting him as the Messiah. Here it should be noted that the length of Christ’s ministry was forty-two months,⁵ and it is this same period allotted to the Antichrist for his work of perdition. According to the account in Revelation, the Antichrist is aided by the two-horned beast whose number is 666. This special number, stemming from the Apocalypse of St. John, is given a unique interpretation by Rudolf Steiner.

In his lectures published as *The Apocalypse of St. John*, Rudolf Steiner refers to 666 as the number of the Sun-Demon, Sorath. (Sorath is spelled in Hebrew: *Samech, Vau, Resh, Tau*, having the numerical value $60 + 6 + 200 + 400 = 666$.) He describes the Sun-Demon, Sorath, as the inspirer of black magic. For Rudolf Steiner, Sorath is the real Antichrist. In the Christian tradition, however, the generally understood significance of the term *Antichrist*—as used, for example, by Vladimir Solovyov, Daniel Andreev, and Jeane Dixon—is the incarnation of Ahriman. In Solovyov’s account of the reign of the Antichrist, the beast is helped by the magician (Apollyon) who wields magical powers. In other words, just as one particular human being, by becoming a vehicle for the incarnated Ahriman/Satan, will emerge as the Antichrist (the beast), so will another human being act under the inspiration of Sorath as a wielder of black magic “to make the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast.” This second human being is “the false prophet, who in its [the beast’s] presence had worked the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast” (Revelation 19:20).

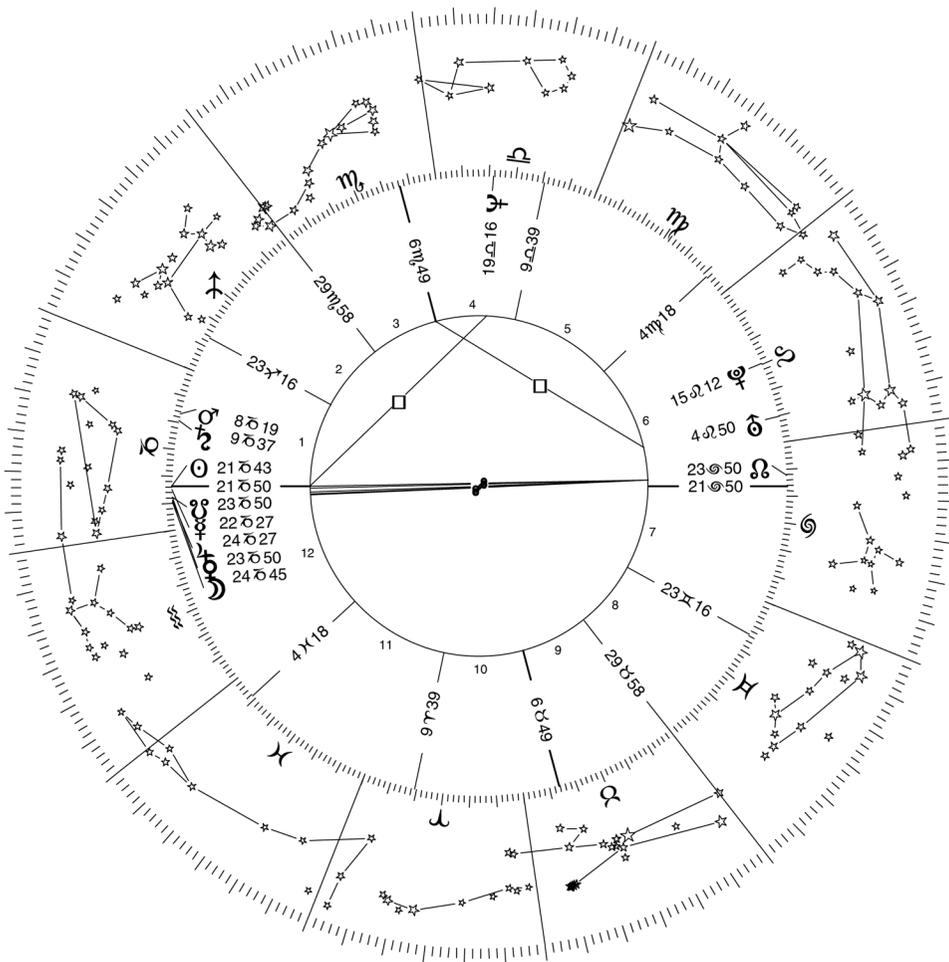
Discussing the influence of Sorath in a lecture on September 12, 1924, Rudolf Steiner refers to the historical intervention of the Sun-Demon at rhythmic intervals of 666 years. He mentions a first intervention around the year 666; a second one around the year 1332 ($= 2 \times 666$); and a third one around 1998 ($= 3 \times 666$), which leads to the present time. He spoke of “the

arrival of the Sun-Demon before this century [the twentieth century] comes to an end.⁶ The year 1998 is only an approximate indication, yet there can be no doubt that around this time—and this includes the present time during the first part of the twenty-first century—some remarkable individual is destined to appear on the world stage as a fulfilment of the prophecy in Revelation of the coming of the prophet of the beast.⁷

This signifies a great trial for humanity, first through the emergence of the prophet of the beast, and then through the appearance of the beast himself, the Antichrist, as the “world emperor.” In light of Rudolf Steiner’s indication concerning 1998 (3 x 666), if this is brought into connection with the emergence on the world stage of the human being who is the prophet of the beast, inspired by Sorath to prepare the way for the coming of the Antichrist, it is clear that these two human beings must have already been born before the year 2000.

In fact, as discussed here and in the book *Prophecy • Phenomena • Hope*,⁸ a definite date for the birth of the Antichrist was communicated by the American clairvoyant Jeane Dixon in her book *My Life and Prophecies*.⁹ In this book she refers to a vision she had of the birth of the Antichrist at sunrise on February 5, 1962, at a place in the Middle East—a matter of only five hours after a total eclipse of the Sun in the sidereal sign of Capricorn, when there was a most spectacular alignment of planets in Capricorn at this time of the birth of the Antichrist as indicated by Jeane Dixon, with Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, the Sun, Mercury, and the Moon aligned with the Moon’s Node in Capricorn. The last time such a grand conjunction of the seven visible planets occurred was in 1524. If the future “world president” was actually born on this date in 1962, then he was born with the most powerful horoscope imaginable—an *imperial horoscope*, to use the terminology of Roman astrologers casting horoscopes for members of the emperor’s family. These astrologers credited imperial power to horoscopes of those born with two or more planets in proximity to the Ascendant. And in the 1962 horoscope all seven classical planets are close to the Ascendant (see horoscope below). If the Antichrist was indeed born on February 5, 1962, in 2010 he would have turned forty-eight years old, signifying an important time in the unfolding of his destiny—a time having to do with the start of a new Jupiter cycle in his life. Note that $48 = 4 \times 12$, which is four times the twelve-year rhythm of Jupiter’s orbital period around the zodiac, a rhythm

Birth of Antichrist (V. 1) - Geocentric
 At Tobruk, Latitude 32N6', Longitude 23E56'
 Date: Monday, 5/FEB/1962, Gregorian
 Time: 7:20, Time Zone EET
 Sidereal Time 15:55:32, Vernal Point 5X(47'21", House System: Placidus
 Zodiac: Sidereal SVP, Aspect set: Conjunction/Square/Opposition



associated with “immense spiritual adjustments”¹⁰ as exemplified in the life of Jesus, who went through a profound transition at the age of twelve in the temple in Jerusalem. If Jeane Dixon’s vision is true, the Antichrist’s fourth “Jupiter birthday” at the age of 48 could possibly signify a *coming to power* on an inner level—and perhaps also a coming out into the public arena on an outer level, although it is also possible that this figure may for the time being prefer to work from behind the scenes.

Let us return now to the content of the private conversation with Willi Sucher referred to above. In this conversation Willi indicated to me that he had done research into Jeane Dixon's vision and that he had found it plausible. Based on his own inner perception, he had even identified the place of birth of the individual born on February 5, 1962, in Tobruk, Libya. This enabled him to cast the horoscope (see horoscope above), showing the planetary alignment in Capricorn close to the Ascendant in Capricorn). When asked about the significance of the planetary alignment in Capricorn, he replied:

In antiquity Capricorn was called the "gateway to the gods," and what better moment could the Antichrist choose to be born than when all the planets are aligned in front of Capricorn, blocking the gateway to the spiritual world, in order to establish his rulership in a world of materialism, cutting off humanity from all spirituality.¹¹

Whether Jeane Dixon's vision comes true or not remains to be seen. What is striking for me is the confirmation of her vision by Willi Sucher, who even determined the place of birth of the individual born on February 5, 1962, and who spent time contemplating the horoscope of his birth. As I learned from a friend who was present at some of Willi's workshops at Hawkwood College in England during the 1970s, Willi had already spoken about this prophecy by Jeane Dixon on one occasion.¹² In his conversation with me about it in California, he positively affirmed the validity of Jeane Dixon's vision and even added to it a geographical location (Tobruk) from his own perception. Moreover, he was certainly aware of Rudolf Steiner's words: "Before only a part of the third millennium of the post-Christian era has elapsed, there will be in the West an actual incarnation of Ahriman—Ahriman in the flesh."¹³

Given the relevance to our time now, some twelve years into the new millennium, it is appropriate to give Rudolf Steiner's prophecy serious consideration, and this is precisely the reason for discussing here the content of this private conversation with Willi Sucher about this matter. During Willi's lifetime, he evidently exercised restraint in speaking about it. However, now, a quarter of a century after his death, things have moved ahead rapidly in the world, and the reality of the current world situation in terms of a possible imminent appearance on the world stage of such individuals as the Antichrist and his prophet cannot be ignored.

In the space of this article, it is not possible to go into details concerning the symptomatology of contemporary world affairs. This is attempted in the book *Christ & the Maya Calendar: 2012 and the Coming of the Antichrist* (2009) and in the book *Prophecy • Phenomena • Hope*. What is important is to grasp that the appearance of the Antichrist is a trial for humanity, and that this initiation trial, if passed through successfully, leads directly to what is discussed in appendix 3 of *Prophecy • Phenomena • Hope* as “World Pentecost.” In other words, there is a process that humanity is passing through, culminating in the crossing of the threshold for humanity as a whole, and this process leads to the World Pentecost.

What does “crossing the threshold” mean? Each of us crosses “the threshold” at the moment of death. The veil of appearances is lifted at that time, and we become aware that we are spiritual beings belonging to the *great chain of being*, which comprises all the spiritual hierarchies from the Angels and Archangels to the Cherubim and Seraphim—and beyond, to the Godhead, the Creator, the Ultimate Source of existence. Crossing the threshold is also possible during earthly life, while still living (that is, prior to death), and this is called *initiation*.

Rudolf Steiner prophesied the event of humanity *as a whole* crossing the threshold—an event that entails humankind *as a whole* encountering the Guardian of the Threshold,¹⁴ who reveals to humankind the sum-total of humanity’s negative karma. The encounter with the Antichrist is none other than this meeting with the sum-total of humanity’s negative karma. In other words, the Antichrist represents the *double of humanity* to be met with in a courageous and morally upright way in order to cross the threshold to the spiritual world.

In his book *How to Know Higher Worlds*,¹⁵ Rudolf Steiner depicts the Guardian of the Threshold as Christ and elsewhere he characterizes the Archangel Michael, at the right-hand of Christ, as the Lesser Guardian of the Threshold. The crossing of the threshold is thus a twofold event. On the one hand it is the meeting with the Guardian of the Threshold (Christ) or with the Lesser Guardian of the Threshold (Archangel Michael). On the other hand, in the course of this encounter, through the Guardian of the Threshold one is shown one’s double—the sum-total of one’s negative karma accumulated through all one’s incarnations. Since the double is an entity that one has generated oneself, one has to take responsibility for it.¹⁶

This is the admonishment of the Guardian of the Threshold, constituting the necessary prerequisite for crossing the threshold. It is only when one takes responsibility for one's negative karma in the shape of one's double that one is allowed to cross the threshold. For humanity as a whole the event of crossing the threshold—under the guidance of Christ or the Archangel Michael—means beholding the *double of humanity* embodying the sum-total of humankind's negative karma, represented by the Antichrist.

Expressed otherwise, the figure of the Antichrist, representing the sum of humanity's negative karma, is the entity to be faced by humanity as a whole in crossing the threshold to the spiritual world, just as the double is the entity everyone has to face and take responsibility for upon crossing the threshold as an individual. Crossing the threshold means opening up to and becoming cognisant of the angelic realm—this being the first cosmic sphere which human beings enter into subsequent to crossing the threshold at death upon departing from the earth. In this connection Rudolf Steiner made a specific prophecy concerning this event for humanity as a whole, where he indicated that:

Here lies the great danger for the age of the spiritual soul. This is what might still happen if, before the beginning of the third millennium, human beings were to refuse to turn to the spiritual life. The third millennium begins with the year 2000, so it is only a short time ahead of us. It might still happen that the aim of the Angels in their work [upon the astral body of human beings] would have to be achieved by means of the sleeping bodies—instead of through wide-awake human beings.¹⁷

Initiation is nothing other than crossing the threshold while still alive, and this is the event that leads to a conscious relationship with the Angels that, from the above words of Rudolf Steiner, should occur (or should already have occurred) for humanity as a whole around the beginning of the third millennium with the year 2000. At the same time, however, he clearly saw the grave negative potential presented if the forming of a relationship with the Angelic hierarchy by human beings in a wide-awake (i.e. fully conscious) condition were not to occur early in the third millennium (or before) and he referred to this as a “great danger.” This indication is yet another pointer to our present time as one of enormous possibility through consciously crossing the threshold and thus forming a conscious

relationship with Angelic beings. Simultaneously it is a time fraught with grave danger, if the initiation trial entailed in crossing the threshold should fail. Humanity's encounter with the Antichrist is part of the initiation trial of humanity as a whole crossing the threshold.¹⁸ The external aspect of this initiation trial is the meeting with the Antichrist as the embodiment of the sum-total of humanity's negative karma, the *double of humankind* as a whole. The inner aspect is the encounter with Christ or the Archangel Michael as the Guardian of the Threshold. The result of successfully passing through this initiation trial is the opening up of conscious awareness of the Angelic realm. This is one aspect of the great event at the culmination of the process of humankind as a whole crossing the threshold. Another aspect of this culmination is depicted in Appendix 3 ("World Pentecost") of the 2011 book *Prophecy—Phenomena—Hope* referred to above.

The New Age of Angelic consciousness toward which humanity is moving will be a time of developing a new relationship with the world of stars, since the heavens are the outer aspect of the reality of the weaving of the spiritual hierarchies in the work of creation and in tending the further unfolding of creation. It was toward this time of a new consciousness of the Angelic realm that the life-work of Willi Sucher in pioneering Astrosophy was dedicated. Now, more than a quarter of a century after his crossing the threshold of death, the time has come for the flowering of the seeds of Astrosophy that he so diligently sowed.

For myself, as for many others who knew him, Willi Sucher lives on in our hearts and souls as a wonderful source of inspiration. Apart from being tremendously knowledgeable, he was also a deeply humble human being. He extended warmth and a most gracious and generous hospitality during my two stays with him in Meadow Vista, California, making these times unforgettable. He was for me—and always will be—a radiant representative of humanity's striving for a new star wisdom as a metamorphosis of the star wisdom of antiquity. Expressed in words that he was fond of quoting:

It became clearer and clearer to me—as the outcome of many years of research—that in our epoch there is really something like a resurrection of the astrology of the third epoch [the Egyptian-Babylonian period], but permeated now with the Christ Impulse. Today we must search among the stars in a way different from the old ways. The stellar script must once more become something that speaks to us.¹⁹

In conclusion, returning to our discussion of humanity crossing the threshold and experiencing the Angelic realm, I would like to add the following words of the Etheric Christ, addressed recently (2009) to a young American woman, Estelle Isaacson, who received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, in the year 2008. These words serve as a living example relevant to the encounter with the Guardian of the Threshold and the meeting with the Angels described in this article, and also relate to the coming great wave of love associated with World Pentecost:

As I stood before Christ in the Etheric, he lifted me up so that we were hovering just above the Earth. He was like a fire, a purifying fire. He was glowing like the Sun. Upon his chest was a brilliant cross of light, with rays of blue-violet light emanating out from it. He spoke to me:

O child of light, I came to Earth that I might illuminate it with My love, and My love knows no bounds. I love all, and the light of My love shines upon all beings, both good and evil. And all those whom I love, who receive My love, receive illumination to their souls. And this illumination calls forth the darkness from their souls. The darkness is there because of pain. Those who let go of their darkness in My light receive the light of My love into their souls. And My light emanates from their souls and then illuminates others' souls. In this way, others awaken to My love, and also awaken to their darkness. I hold their darkness in My love, and call it forth that their hearts may be purified and prepared to receive Me. I am the light that shall lead you out of your darkness. Keep your eyes on Me.

Remember the story of the prodigal son, and hold fast to the image of the great reunion that took place when the son returned to his father. When you become aware of the prodigal son that is within each person, which is the part of that person who has left the light to squander his gifts and talents and time in the darkness—remember the image of the great reunion when the prodigal son returned. And when you meet the prodigal son within others, hold for them the image of the glorious return as a prayer in your heart, instead of falling into judgment or anger or fear about the choices they have made. All have the possibility of redemption. I love the lost sheep. I go out after the ones who are lost. That is where I am; and you shall do this work with Me also, bringing the lost sheep home to Me, where they may be safe-folded in My love.

So when negative thoughts about others creep in, because you have become aware of their darkness, immediately turn your mind to the prayer of the glorious reunion that I am already preparing. I am already preparing the Feast. The Lamb has already been sacrificed. The table is spread before Me. The Angels are standing ready and waiting to rejoice with Me when the prodigal returns. The Music of the Spheres already knows its harmonies, for everything with Me is one great Eternal Round. There is no beginning and no end. I am here and I am also there. Because of this, all beings you meet are truly divine, because they were and they shall be. This earthly existence and this point in time you call the present shall pass away. The time spent as a prodigal is only but a minute compared to the time spent as a divine being who is evolving. All who have come to this Earth choose to have opposing forces act upon them as part of the process of evolution. Many prodigals have returned to me already, and in this you may have a greater hope. Even My beloved brother Judas has returned to Me. And others who have been labeled by historians and locked in to the evil doings of the past in your history books—many of them have already turned toward Me and are coming to Me and serving Me. So as you look at people of the past, you must reserve judgment of them also, for they have moved on in their evolution. Not all, but many.

You experience the pain of knowing the darkness, and you have the courage and faith to withstand this. But as you strive to focus upon the good, the good shall indeed prevail. Let us stand together at the Feast I am preparing, and welcome all who are returning, and we shall rejoice together. Be at peace and be patient, for you cannot see or know the breadth and the depth of the human soul to the extent that I see and know—but have faith that I am working a mighty work in human souls. You may not see the results until further lifetimes, but be at peace knowing that I see and know all, and that I love each human soul, and have love for each soul as if it is My own child. This is where the glorious reunion takes place: within the human heart.

NOTES

1. There is an excellent biography compiled by Jonathan Hilton, originally published in Willi Sucher, *Cosmic Christianity & the Changing Countenance of Cosmology*. Hudson, NY: Anthroposophic Press, 1993, pp. 9–24, and which is now available online at <http://astrosophycenter.com/inv/bio.htm> (with photo).
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4. Vladimir Solovyov, *War, Progress, and the End of History: Three Conversations Including a Short Story of the Antichrist*. Great Barrington, MA: Lindisfarne, 1990.
5. Robert Powell, *Chronicle of the Living Christ*. Hudson, NY: Anthroposophic Press, 1996, p. 424.
6. Rudolf Steiner, *The Book of Revelation and the Work of the Priest*. (CW 346) London: Rudolf Steiner Press, 1998, p. 119.
7. See the chapter on the rhythm of 666 years in Robert Powell & Kevin Dann, *Christ & the Maya Calendar: 2012 and the Coming of the Antichrist*. Great Barrington, MA: SteinerBooks, 2009, pp. 96–112, especially p. 109.
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10. William Bryant, *The Veiled Pulse of Time: Life Cycles & Destiny*. Great Barrington, MA: Lindisfarne Books, 1996, p. 146.
11. Robert Powell, *The Christ Mystery: Reflections on the Second Coming*. Fair Oaks, CA: Rudolf Steiner College Press, 1999, p. 65.
12. This friend recently informed me that he distinctly remembers Willi saying the word “Tobruk”.
13. Rudolf Steiner, *The Incarnation of Ahriman: The Embodiment of Evil on Earth*. London: Rudolf Steiner Press, 2006, p. 37.
14. Rudolf Steiner, “The Crossing of the Threshold and the Social Organism,” lecture of September 12, 1919 (CW 193). “Humanity passes through this crossing of the threshold in such a way that the spheres of thought, feeling and will become separated.”
15. Rudolf Steiner, *How to Know Higher Worlds: A Modern Path of Initiation* (CW 10) Hudson, NY: Anthroposophic Press, 1994.

16. Modern psychology has an inkling of this in referring to work upon “transforming one’s shadow.”
17. Rudolf Steiner, *The Work of the Angels in Man’s Astral Body*. (CW 182: lecture of October 9, 1918) London: Rudolf Steiner Press, 1960, p. 14.
18. The grave danger presented if humanity were to fail the initiation trial of crossing the threshold is that humankind could be dragged down by the Antichrist into a subhuman level of existence in which war, violence, torture, brutality, cruelty, sexual perversion, etc., to name only some of the features of a world ruled by Ahriman, would be the order of the day. Humanity is faced with the choice: Christ or Antichrist?
19. Rudolf Steiner, *Christ and the Spiritual World: The Search for the Holy Grail*. (CW 149, lecture of January 1, 1914). London: Rudolf Steiner Press, 1983, p. 106.

