

Carmic Orientation places in Nature

- Re-Uniting with our Carmic Path at special Places in Nature - an Aspect of the Lightsoulprocess in the Michael-Culture -

In 2016 and 2017 the group around the Romanian trainingcourses for “Spiritual Organizational Development went three times the year on Inspirational Walks to special places in the Tineretului-Park in Bucuresti – for to deepen the spiritual perceiving. Especially on one place there, found by Cosmin Borca, more and more evident spiritual experiences where emerging for most of the group. The experiences at that place, which always had been our last stop, were leading to the term: Carmic Orientationplace. Such places, which had been experienced similar from other groups while Inspirational Walks in other countries too, are very meaningful. We will embed it here in it’s context inside the “Zeitgeist” of “Interbeing” – the anthroposophical so-called “Michaeltime”.

1. Anthroposophical “Interbeing”

Around 2014, out of the anticapitalistic “Occupy-Movement” emerged a new basic idea in the Civic Society: the idea of “Interbeing” as a base for ne economy and politics, as an interconnected service for all men and beings. Charles Eisenstein presented this idea from Thich Nah Than out of the Buddhist stream very convincing in symposiums, TV and books (as example “Gift Economy”). Right in time! - Because the differentiated interbeing with the spiritual beings and the spiritual being of men is the main aim of the time spirit of our time – so described from Rudolf Steiner as the “Michaelculture”. A culture in which we learn to breath with our perception into the living-, soul- and spiritual dimensions into our surrounding. Steiner called it “Lightsoul-Breathing” (in GA 194). In another occasion he called the process of coming into a consciously communion with the spirit all around and over us the Cosmic Cultus, which is the highest form of communion with spiritual world, higher then the Social Cultus, we spoke about, and higher then any temple-, church- or mosque-cultus.

2. Michaelculture – Lightsoulprocess – Surroundingconsciousness

The lightsoul-process is a breathing with our soul-abilities, so that we can have an attitude like Christ when we look at something or someone: we look with love on the inner being of that what we look at, we receive the soul side of it while the senses-perception, and we will unite with the being. The duality is vanishing and our subject becomes one with the object. The process includes at last an inversion like in a breathing: we flow and breathe out, enter the other world, unite, and –we see now from there, from our surrounding back on us. We are now imprinted with the other one – and we come back, like breathing-in, to us, in reflectedness and understanding what we experienced. The perceiving process becomes a social process, a religious surrounding circumcircle- and point communion-process –and it is also a breathing-process.

Steiner describes this breathing-process in different perspectives – see also the following chapters.

We can say also that in this way the world comes to itself in us. "Mans innerness is the innerness of nature" so Steiner. A new community arise, a new nearness. Also the nature and the cosmos start to become a social realm of man.

The outlook points to a higher relation between all spirits, the new social-spiritual "Interbeing-Realm" which wants be reached in our time!

3. Different breathing Access to the Spiritual World

The way of the lightsoulbreathing through wards the object we see a way of perceiving, knowing and unification. It can basically happen more synthetically, like embracing and gathering a complex diversity, or it can happen more analytical, like opening up one layer or one aspect after the other. To see the whole of something, the physical, etheric, astral and spiritual both ways include perceiving forms of imagination, inspiration and intuition.

The inner being of everything includes more an anatomical relation of pieces, a physiological functional and chemical interaction of parts of a whole organism, a psychological dimension of soul qualities and soul interaction and a most inner identity and relation to the holiness of the godly origins.

The supersensible- or clairvoyance perception of a being – and everything has at last a being as its inner origin –, even if it always needs empathic abilities, can happen in general through accesses with a more anatomical grasping, a more physiological grasping, a more psychological empathy or a morally-dignifying attitude with maybe religious dedication forces.



Boardpicture the ways of supersensible perception,
Bucuresti 02nd February 2018

Every attitude of access opens other dimensions of what we see. And if we don't have enough love and devoutness we can never reach the most godly part of the inner self of that which we perceive. In all findings and work out of the spiritual realities we have to keep this in mind. Many people have supersensible perception that seem to show the whole, but often it's not the whole at all. We can only strive for authentic devoutness as much as possible.

4. The Cosmic Cultus following the Social Cultus

The church-cultus brings an angel or even Christ among the people – via priests and a ritual. The social-cultus brings people among the angels – via the spiritual openness and uniting of people in a group-process. The cosmic-cultus (see Steiner in GA 219, 29. and 31. 12. 1922) unites man and groups directly with the actual spiritual surrounding. This uniting leads to an understanding. Ad this understanding leads to a consciously co-living. Such co-living leads further to co-work.

The experiences in training-groups of “Spiritual-Organizational-Development” show already that from this co-living experiences is changing the whole way of planning or designing our path and our direction of group building: it seems unfinished and patchwork to plan like before linear, it's needed to listen and breath through wards the known spiritual surrounding around and over us, for to find the true forms in a true way! Linearity changes into a listening horizontal and surrounding act.

We come back to the first chapters, where we spoke seemingly more theoretical about this: it's only fitting from now on to find to important decisions through a work out of spiritual fountains, out of the spiritual being-association around us including our higher selves.

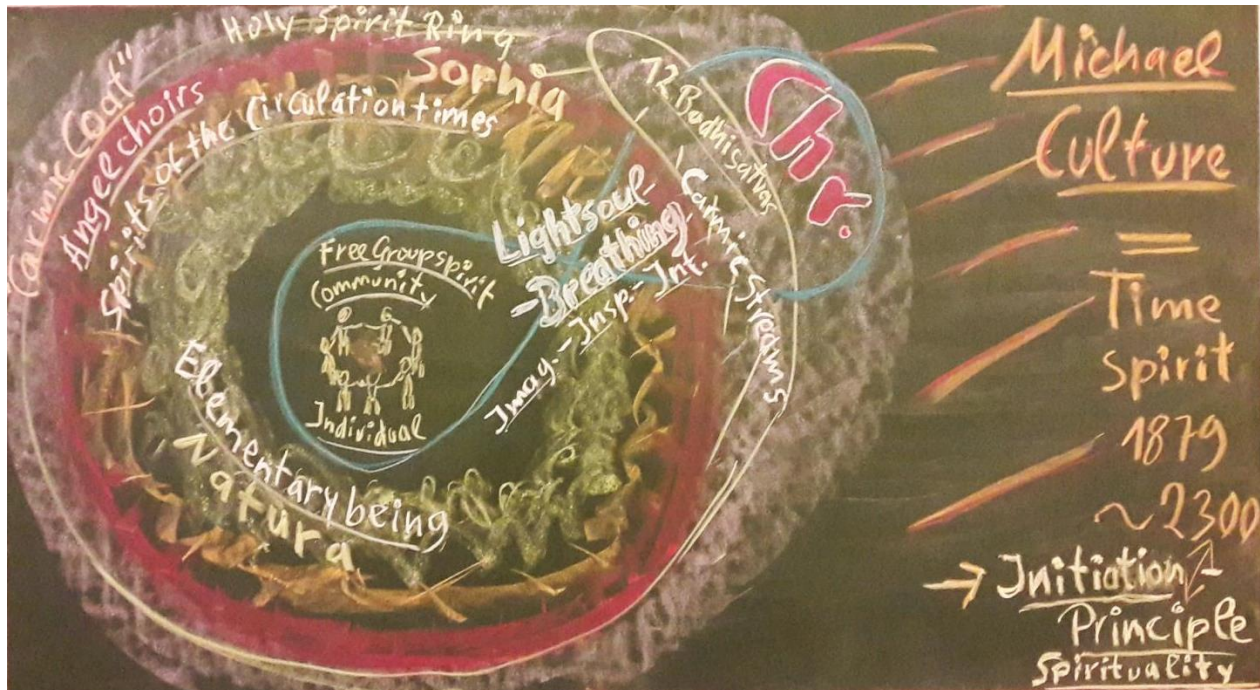
It is already experience from more and more people: The highest form of organization development, the highest form of new community building, is a form of a cosmic communion, a cosmic cultus.

5. The concrete Breathing Way-Through

The concrete Breathing Way-Through already happens unconsciously, already when we feel something. Steiner described how our feelings flow into our surrounding, interact with Elementarybeing and then with Christ – for to come back at last to us. This is happening in seven years! Steiner described that in his “Sending of Michael-Lectures” and ends the description like this:

“Through that what a person is spreading as a spiritual atmosphere, it comes in an interaction with Elementalbeing. ... at the building of our destiny are co-working such Elementalbeings, which feel attracted towards us though wards our own nature. ... this sphere of the Elementalbeing it is interwove in the same time from the Christ-Impulse. ... there we find ... the place where Christ is findable real ... and objective. ... That's the need in the Michaeltime ... to grasp the spirit in its concreteness ... that in the same way as we say water or air in our surrounding, we do now the different elemental and higher beings into our surrounding.” (GA 194, 06.12.1919)

On the board picture here we can see the breathing perception through wards our spiritual surrounding layers:



Boardpicture from Seminar in Bucuresti from 2nd February 2018

And a detail of this process is described from Steiner in that repeated quoted words:

"... if we meet and befriend with these elementary beings, then we will soon see behind these elementary beings, especially behind the elementary beings of the mineral world, higher beings, which in the end will guide us until the first hierarchy But if we are able to come to them (to the elementary beings), then our horizon expands, as it were, and what before was something teasing, one with clever teasing dwarfs, now reveals itself only a foreground, which carries into a background, that come until the first hierarchy, to the seraphims, cherubims and thrones." (GA 240, 24.08.1924)

In this way we also meet the higher zones around the earth, so the Holy Spirit Circle around the earth and that what Steiner called once the Carma-Coat around the earth. To the Holy-Spirit Ring he said:

„But some time (after Christs earth living) ... the etherbodys of that man which have found a relation to the Christ-Impulse, have been penetrated by radiation, ... In into the etherbodys of man is flowing the Christ-Light. ... Since that time in the etherbodys of man it's given the possibility that in it – quasi as an effect from the Christ-Light – something new is appearing ... which is deathless ... what breathing life, what is deathless ... what people can capture step by step through the influence of the Christ-Impulse, that now is streaming back, which is streaming out into the worlds space (and creates) a sphere all around the earth ... which is in „becoming Sun“.

Some kind of a Spiritual-Sphere out of etherbodies that have become alive is in creation all around the earth. ... In the same way as the Christ-Light is radiating out from the earth, in the same way we have some kind like a mirroring of the Christ-Light in the surrounding of the earth.. This what gets mirrored here as Christ-Light and what was appearing as consequence of the Christ-Happening, is that which Christ call the Holy-Spirit. ... from this happening on the earth also (starts)... to become creative and to build all around itself a spiritual ring, which later again becomes some kind like a planet around the earth." (GA 112, 06.07.1909 – underlining – D. K.)

On another occasion Steiner said it like this:

„The spiritual is around us like it was not spiritual around man in the ancient time. The etherbody (of man) gets splitted off as a second corpse but he becomes some kind of conserved through the Christ-Impulse which has stayed from the mystery of Golgotha, In that moment where the (spiritual) imaginary's which in some ways are living on are splitting off from the physical body, ... and where they could become received from someone who is receiving them in love and is thinking ahead on them ... then they get new life. ... believe in the resurrection of the imaginary's“ , and believe so definitely in it that you are following up it at the spiritual Soul forefathers“ (GA 175, 24.04.1917)

From our cosmic surrounding is lightening the so formed Holy-Spirit- or Sophia-Wisdom, as mentioned from Steiner in an other occasion:

“Isis (Sophia) is these what is lightening towards us out of the cosmos in many shining auric colours.“ (GA 202, 23.12. 1920)

The surrounding ring is builded concrete from our imaginations – as we can grasp from Steiners following words:

„ ... by and by the power of the imagination will move into the generally intellectual mankind consciousness,. ... But with his Imaginations the man rises up into a higher spirit world, as much as he rises into his own man being with his memories. The man is not keeping the imaginations in himself, they are signed into the cosmos, and out of it he can always portray it again in the picture-imagenerly life. So that what Michael is kept from paralyzing in the man-inside becomes received from the spiritual world. What the man is experiencing from the force of the consciously imagining this becomes at the same time worlds content. That this can be like that is a result from the mystery of Golgotha. The Christ force imprints the man-imagination into the cosmos. ... Since the Christ-Impulse is living with the earth, the man in his self-conscious being gets given back to the cosmos.“ (GA 26, „The freedom of man and the Michael-Age of Freedom“, Jan 1925)

That this spiritual knowledge-breathing, with imaginative-, inspirative- and intuitive experiencing is creating that world in our surrounding is then concrete described also here:

„... if we are able to place into this earth something what she doesn't have it can arise a Futureearth. ... if the man putting into effect autonomous thoughts then he is giving future to the earth. ... Do we absorb (Imaginations, Inspirations, Intuitions) ... then they are autonomous existing formations in earth life.“ (GA 219, 31.12.1922)

“The man in his self-conscious being gets given back to the cosmos”, Steiner wrote in January 1925, our eternal being parts are out there in the earth-surrounding. And it seems this has a connection with the following words about our Carma-Coat in that earth-surrounding. To the Carma-Coat he mentioned in an esoteric schooling situation:

“If we come nearer from out of the Cosmos to the earth, so we experience her covered in an atmosphere of man-carma, which is enclosing her like a Warmth-Love-Coat, out of which is addressing speaking to us – worlds-forceful – our own carma.”

(GA 266c, Second Esoteric Hour, 30.12.1923)

6. A practical Example: Re-Uniting with our Carmic Path at special Places in Nature

Meeting eternity and our own carmic path in the surrounding is becoming an experience in our time. Specially standing outside in nature with both a special place and a special view towards the horizon, we can experience our eternal self in us and in the surrounding in the same time.

Often these places have a dearly surrounding in a landscape or in an open forest *and* a special view with strong nature parts in it – strong hill(s) or/and water and some kind of a special horizon. Sometimes we will find even the “golden cut” in the “picture” in front of us.

It’s not always a special view there. But always appears at these places, while viewing or already while feeling the atmosphere at this place, a strong inner coming to ourselves, often an uplifting experience and a clear overviewing of our now stronger present dedication forces and the ability of “going on strong”.

If we reflect deeper we can recognize more concrete things to. Such experience has always a life-changing aroma; but it depends on our dedication and devoutness in reflection, what we take with us consciously and which decision we may bring in our way and maybe especially in our community-building. In us is appearing an enlarged self-experience in an interaction between inside and surrounding self. Sometimes unchangeable holy decisions can be taken at such places, they are free very own decisions, that seemingly waited already in us, – but through this place- and view-experience we come to clearness and can do them very deep- or high grounded.

7. Concrete Experiences at concrete Places

Concrete experiences from Training- and Practisinggroup-Members of German-, Romanian and Switzerland’s groups are told and documented, so from

- a place at the Tineretului-Park in Bucuresti,
- from high areas in the Retezat-Mountains (South-Carpatians),
- from experiences in the Engadin (Highvalley in the Switzerland-Alps),
- from the Eremitage near Arlesheim/Dornach (which Steiner saw in connection with the Grails-Mysteries, the Trevrizents Meeting with Parzival and with an event in the Life of the Holy Odile),
- from two places near the Trainingcourse-Seminarplace Quellhof in South-Germany and

- from a place near the “Müllerhouse” in North-Germany, where there is happening since 1999/2000 the so-called “Silvester-Meeting” with an Inspirationalwalk in the Newyears-Eve-Night.

We can find such places, if we are aware where we suddenly are - in that eternal higher experience of “I-In-Me-And-In-The-Surrounding”! In togetherness experiences with such places, we can work deeper on our individual- and group selffindings – as it’s needed in our time. We can work on our “coming-into our true spiritual tracks and -mission”, on our true carmic communitybuilding and on the enlarging of our community towards a togetherness with our natural- and spiritual surrounding in the same time.

8. A Documentation

Here is one documentation from three observations in the Tineretului-Park in Bucuresti/Romania. In the third observation it reaches clearly the quality of a new directedness on the carmic path, which was more than one time reflected from these places. The reflections are not documented in scripture, but partly as an audio data. The text gathered together such reflections of people and descriptions from experiences of the 5. November 2016 was made from of Dirk Kruse directly after the experience-reflection. The three places where visited more than one time and showed always the described quality’s – near winter denser, near summer more opened.

The texts are findable in the Script Dirk Kruse, “Training in Spiritual Organisation Development VII - New Social Forms emerging in the Michaelculture –“, Bucharesti 04. – 06. Nov. 2016, page 34 ff.)

8.1. The Douglastree Cathedral in the Park

“Then we watched an upright cathedral-alike situation under a group of high Douglasien Needletrees on an upgoing part of a hill, which gave freedom and uprightness in their special spacegiving round. The freeing inner clearness and uprightening lightness is also a special – saturnic-venus-jupiter alike – expression of a purifying “white” expression of Natura.”

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<i>The forces are here like clear structures and spacegiving – between crystalline and bulbalike – so a structuring lifeether is working together with a claear tone-ether into which is expanding lightether</i>	<i>The soulforce which dominates here is a freedom and clearness giving one. It has the character of an upright supporter – like a positive light-knight which connects spacegiving Jupiter-with upright-structuring Saturn-and good-caring Venusforces.</i>	<i>To be it for a moment is like being a “master of free air”, that cares for the freedom-expanding in landscapes to allow the spirit to take place</i>



First place: Under the “Douglastree-Cathedral”, higher area in Tineretului-Park, 03. Feb. 2018

8.2. The first place at the Lake in the little Forest (“Innerness Place”)

“After two bridges on the first lake we met into the little water-needletree-group (Ciparos-Tress) on the left. Here we observed the strong innerness-presence there. The soul was obviously not able to find the right words for that what the soul could experience and “measure”. It was somekind of a intense inner deepness that let come deep onto ourself. Here we found something of a very deep and hidden “red-black” expression of Natura .”

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<p><i>After a short silence you see a selfcentering-force in the place and in yourself working, it’s all four ethers leaded by strong astrality from the surrounding into the innerness</i></p>	<p><i>We find here much covering soft astrality with a meaningful mild but strong directed tendency, which leads every soul here to a intense centering, and beyond that center into the mysteries of the wet earth – to a home of hidden and intim good female beings of Natura it seems</i></p>	<p><i>The innerness here is leading quick into the direction of an Intuition. But being one with the spirit of this place is – like as staying in an unknown world of productive tranquility; it seems here is a home of the secret of transforming by loosing yourself to find yourself in a female way of devotion, without tresholdpain. It needs more devotive exploring for to see deeper the archetypical and intentional spirit here.</i></p>



Second place: The “Innerness Place” under Ciparos-Trees at the lake, Spring 2017

8.3. The last Forest-Situation at the lake (Place of: “My Self inside and in the Surrounding”)

“The last stop was the most meaningful for the most of us: Again a little forest of the water-needletress, but different and more eternal than all the other places before. It’s a receiving place, into which every evening can shine the seeting sun. Here it was not that strong innerness like before - but a huge and wide overwiewing freedom. Here Natura seemed heavenly connected with a high male and michaelic force too. Sure also filled with the Sophia wisdom - strongly bringing inspirational our own eternal way into presence too. Short after sundown experienced, it is a touching meaningful place where eternity and eternal savety was graspable – for some of the group in an uncomparable spiritual richness.

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Quick an impression of a large horicontal force-enlargement appears. It’s very much beyond etheric- and astral substances – that means more spiritual. But the horicontal wideness has here also an etheric component in an awake lifeether-presence – like	As said the astrality is imprinted already much from spirit here – coming from the surrounding, specially form the conncting with the westhorizon and –sky. Comparing with the different soulregions in the “Theosophie” (GA 9, Chapter “The Soulworld”)	The quick receiving of the main impression here shows, that this place enforced our supersensible abbilitys and so also the Intuition. So some could maybe feel for a moment one with the place, the horicontal clearingforce around us (and

<p><i>awake lifelaying vital into the wideness. It's also carrying peace of toneetheric, fineness of lightetheric and "hitting" warmthether coming with Salamander-Elementarybing from the west-horizon.</i></p>	<p><i>we can find here the high soulregions* that are revealing the best of everything or everyone, so of us, - the so-called Soulregions of 5. Soulight, 6. Doing Soulstrength and 7. Soullife.</i></p> <p><i>So we have here a natureplace that had at this evening an astrality like an initiated person. We can recognize what some natureplace can give to man on a spiritual path!</i></p> <p><i>So the soulcharacter here was strong connected also with the clearness of Natura (highest caring for souls), Sophia (letting flow wisdom into us) and Michael (giving us unchangeable spiritual direction and overview).</i></p>	<p><i>from the west over the lake), and in a special way "one with me myself in a higher sense". In Intuition we can recognize - like somebody also mentioned in the reflection: "Here I see the actual and eternall meaning of me!" But more even: Here we can contemplate in such moment - in Intuition - about the meaning what and how (human) activity on earth shall be! We can take this idea here in a creative force with us. - In a consciousness-state that Steiner called the highest intuition-state of a connection to the Seraphim: "we have to feel the foreign being like our own soul, We know us as one with this being and look back from this being onto us ourself." In the lecture is showed how we can experience this seeing onto yourself as a new-creating yourself in the same moment (seeGA 136, 07.04.1912).</i></p> <p><i>(Comparing this experience with reading this Lecture, and if you want to read more then also the lecture: GA 121, 10.06.1910)</i></p>
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*: Compare Steiners words about the character of the higher soulregions with the experience we had there at the lake under the trees:

„ ... through the three highest (soulregions) the force of the sympathy becomes more and more free; shining and vitalising this soulsubstances stream through the soulspace, awakening what normally would loose it-/themselves in own-existance.”

(GA 9, at the end of the Chapter "The Soulworld")



The third place: The last little Ciparos-Forest at the Lake on our tour, Spring 2017

For them who can visit the park again, it can make sense to take this descriptions with you and to observe meditatively this places again, best near Sundown again, and compare with your experiences and changings in them with this decriptions! This can become a meaningful personal spiritual habit too (which is intended as a part of our “homeworks”/development works! So the park is a good “parcour” for inspirational Walks for them who live in Bucuresti and cannot reach good wild nature (if ever possible visit the places at 30th December and/or NewYears Eve Evening!).”

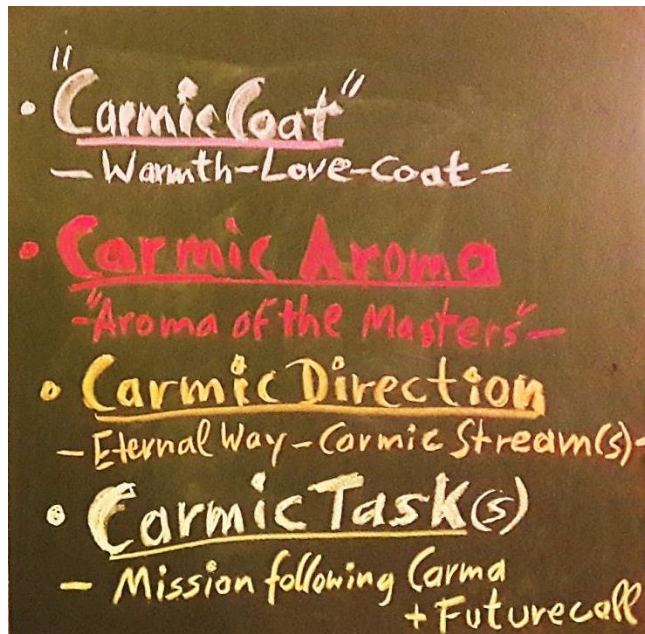
8.4. The effect of the last Place on the Reflections and the Groupspirit

After returning from the experiences in the Park we had an eating-pause. Then we reflected on the experiences in the park. In general, a strong wide group spirit aroused among us. Especially the descriptions of the last place where bringing the strongest experiences. Incomparable experiences of eternity, connectivity and touching impression of the deepness of the single individualities of the group where sometimes striking everyone. This experiences led to the lasting wonderful group substance of the Seminars, even if new people entered the group.

9. To our Finding of our carmic Tasks and Groups

Out from such experiences it's much more real to experience our directions and tasks.

Our findings between carmic task and future-call can be seen in the following layers of getting the path clear:



So it can be we find ourself in the surrounding, in a giving clear warm homecoming loving carmic coat. We find a specific Aroma there, an Aroma of a carmic stream, following a Master or Bodhisattva of a spiritual stream (see last Seminar in Nov. 2017). We can feel the directedness that is already here in me and in me in the surrounding. And it can lead to specify my direction now; maybe ours too – towards a carmic task of the following lifetime.

Rudolf Steiner described the high revealing work out of the Striving-Together-Forces”:

"... these (high spiritual knowledge) things (can) only be established ..., when man grasps them with those forces, which also come into existence from the common striving of people ... with the forces that the people carry within themselves from their past lives, and these forces are hold before all other things, and are used to hold the other things. ...From then on, the things will begin to speak. From then on, the things will be revealed through inspiration. ...This is the way that has to be stepped ... (which) in the karmic forces-developments of people, will find its strength" (GA 243, 08.21.1924)

Connected with this we can see, how we unite in our reflections (see above) with beings – and find at last the way towards the needed carmic communitybuilding. Steiner into this direction:

"... we must learn to be supersensibly present with our souls, with our hearts, through our inner soul constitution, to give space to a real spiritual being ... So ...through that which we experienced together ... a real group spirit can raise. ... (This is) an awakening through eachother... . Only then we are truly in the grasping of ... spiritual, inwardly, ... if we can believe ... having the spirit in spiritual grasping of spiritual community with us. And the communities, that are determined by carma, will be builded." (GA 257, 27.02.1923)

With this inner connectivity of awake consciously processes: – supersensible seeing – grasping inner carmic directions-uniting with spiritual beings – we come to the higher selfknowledge of

our belonging to carmical streams. This can lead to the needed building of the groups “determined by carma”. And with this clearness we can start the first co-work with polar carmic streams (platonic-aristotelic, Christ-seeking souls – Christ-tired souls etc.). Then we will be “in time”, then we can go on in the following of what the spiritual world is awaiting from us since 100 years.

This whole work-dimension is opening up needed new horizons of our time: spiritual fountains of social- and spiritual renewing.

10. Outlook

Overviewing the observations, experiences and reflections, we can see how we can come deeper in our experiences every time visiting such places again.

On the other side we can get a sensitivity for such places. This is important for inner orientation, spiritual research and for finding inspirations as example on “Inspirational Walks”. But much more waits in such experiences, as example a contribution to the Spiritual Ecology, for a map of the spiritual world in general and an enlarged understanding of nature-relation. Also, a contribution for year circle-festivals and culture-development in general. Now: a field of new experiences and research in a pioneer time of a new relation to the spiritual world in our time.

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