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*„Christ ... ist eternally interwoven in the earth-aura. ...  
Until into the atom the earth is existing now out of life  
– since Christ has penetrated her!“  
(Rudolf Steiner, GA 112, 07.07.1909)*

## **Easter as a Uniting of the Earthsoul with the Sunsphere in Nature**

Easter is the time where the Earthsoul – in it's breathing-out - is uniting with the Sunsoul – which includes the Planet-Soulforces too. Because „ ... *the power of the Christ Impulse since December (is) dearly connected with the Earth, with the Soullike of the Earth ... (so that) the Christ begins to work together with the Sun at Eastertime.*“ And until St. Johns in June „ ... *his Power (is uniting) with the Starforces and the Sunforce, that are flooding there with the Soullike of the Earth, that is devoted to the cosmic All.*“

Also Michael – the timespirit of our age – is participating in this unification between earth and surrounding:

*(After Christmas) is happening again the flooding out into the Cosmic. There Christ takes Michael with him with the Flooding out, so that Michael can get back the Forces out of the Cosmic, that he had exhausted at his Fight against the Earthly-Ahrimanic (in Autum). With the Easterlike Michael begins again to enwrap himself into the Cosmic, to interweave himself the most with the Cosmic at the Johanni Time.*“ (GA 223, 31.03.1923)...

Christ - who is anthroposophically seen congruent with the Planetspirit of the earth - starts at easter anew to penetrate in a spiritualising way the sun- and planets-sphere of our sunsystem. In truth a soul-spiritual happening – on earth connected with the out- and in-breathing of the earthsoul in every year.

The Pictures of Christs way from the Sunday before Eater up to Easter are written in the Soulworld (Astralplan). They are following in their yearly appearance the Moonrythm. And specially the old Easterhabits of the different Folks and Churches are imprinted in yearhundrets-long repeating in the etheric part of the Moonsphere on earth.

In our times we come more and more to experiences of such fine spiritual happenings around us – which can call us for uniting with such good spiritual forces in the yearcircle and also to a clear cultural creating out of this sources of existance.

This experiences can lead us at last to this, to talk about the experience oft he deepest spiritual source in this happenings, about the way of experiencing Christ in our reality. The most personal nearness of God and the godly world is called in the christian tradition the nearness to the Son or to Christ. Following Rudolf Steiner the greatest gift of our times is that this nearness - and with it the central spiritual source in existance - is more and more experienceable personally.

## **The personal experiencing of Christ**

(„Christ“ can be seen interreligious as „The man-developing and enforcing Face or Expression of God“)

So for our today's experiencing we have to face here:

Short after Christ's Death – when through the crushing of the curtain in the temple was opened the sphere of higher knowledge for every man – only a few persons experienced Christ in a „personal meeting“. The Marias and the disciples and after his rising Paul near Damascus and John on Patmos.

The most people which were coming near to Christ after this then, were seeing his life in imaginations and feeling him as a pure stream from the surrounding and the sky too – by holding themselves in a very lively connection to him and his forces. This could fulfill and strengthen the martyrs in that time to look with love on the torturers when they were tortured and burned to death. This partly is described from Rudolf Steiner or seeable in carmic looking back and in reading in the Akasha Chronic. The Soul that later was called Christian Rosenkretz was – following Steiner – the one that was bearing the most of this pains – only looking on Christ – for not falling out of his love for the torturers and becoming bad like them.

In many centuries after this time, man saw the godly expressions in the Jesus-Christ-Life in spiritual imaginations. This lived in the circles which were described in the Artus- and Grailslegends. And persons like Columban or Gallus, the Irish monks that Christianised in Europe in total peace and brotherhood, could make seeable the new stream of life, which was coming through the risen Christ and his spiritual body, through the sunshine, the wind, the rivers and the growing plants.

In the middle ages Christ was more mystically experienced as a deep moving Soul- and Heartexperience. So we can understand the burning Christlove of holy women, like the Begines, the Hildegard from Bingen, the holy Elisabeth, from nuns like Hertha from Helfta and Mechthild from Magdebourg. And of someone like the holy St. Odilie. Also exceptional men like the powerful Bernhard from Clairvaux, the beginner of the Order of the Zisterzienser or later Johanna from Orléans and Franziskus from Assisi. This time reached until to the loveborn wisdom still in Jakob Böhme, as a grandiose example in the 16th century. In the orthodox east this time lengthened a bit longer.

Nowadays – so Rudolf Steiner – we can have a direct I am Experience of Christ (the personal Godexperience). We see or feel him as a presence – like staying recognizable into the physical world (in truth it's an astral staying in the etheric part of our surrounding). We feel him like a coming together of the forces of all seasons of the year in the same time – the expanding life forces of spring everywhere, the free joy of summer, the meaningful soulintensity of autumn and the deep reaching spiritual seriousness of winter too. We can feel him also near - in difficult situations, like putting his hand brotherly calming on our shoulder or staying nearby and watching so intense that all perspectives turn to highest goodness - if we see him. We even can smell and taste his Nearness in a beautiful intimate way.

Christ is also near in „the lowest of our brothers“ – in beggars and drinkers – sometimes his face is just looking through their faces.

Rudolf Steiner told how important it is that this is becoming known – and it's still a need to open up this experiences from the 20th and 21st century – in the right way, so that it never becomes something inflationary.

Simone Weil felt Christ in her pains. The great romanian monk Arsenie Boca met him as a beggar on the trainstation. Many People in needs -while the second World War - saw Christ as a helper, suddenly appearing, often in simple clothes, and then suddenly he had disappeared again. Their where even coming reports in Newspapers about this happenings after the War! He appeared to anthroposophists, like as example to Wolfgang Garvelman, who never talked about it; it was to intim; but he wrote the most round book about Christexperiences: „I am with you“.

Joseph Beuys was going to a huge crisis in the Fifties and experienced Christ as „ the moving one“. Christs voice sounded encouraging to Marthin Luther King, when he prayed helpless and alone at his altar, because he was asked to lead the Civil Rights Movement. Christ layed his hands on Bob Dylans Shoulders in a helpless emptyness of him in 1978 , so that he - the famous „Voice of a Generation“ - was writing touching christian songs and sang only them for a while.

Today it is only needed central switch of our perspective for to know about Christs liveforces as this moving background of our time and to see and look into the huge field of his presence. Also on our spiritual path – specially after crisis – we can see his unbelievable soulgoodness-light showing us our eternal path. So Rudolf Steiner is formulating such experience in his first Mysterydrama:

*„It's living in me the light,  
It's speaking in me the brightness,  
It's germing in me the soullight,  
It's creating in me the worldsbrightness ...  
I feel saved everywhere, ...  
Out of lightful hights is shinig me a being,  
I feel wings,  
To lift myself to him ...  
I see this being,  
I want to become like him in futuretimes.  
The spirit in me will free myself  
Through you sublime aim.  
I want to follow you ... „  
(GA 14, 1. Mysterydrama, 9th Picture)*

When we really experience him in a meeting, really experience how he never judges and always is looking with understanding and with deepest personal love into every single heart – then we can not stop our tears, we can not stop our love, we can not stop following him. His nearness and trust to us is nearer then Father and Mother and we ourself can be to us. So Novalis was „singing“ in his „Spiritual Songs“:

*„I must weep, always weep ...  
Always i see only him in suffering ...  
Is there nobody weeping from them all ? ...  
If they would know his love ...  
All wood weep with me  
And dissolve in sweetest longing pain“*

And Bob Dylan sings:

*„I was in your presence for an hour or so  
Or was it a day, I truly don't know*

*Where the sun never sat  
Where the trees hung low  
By that soft and shining sea  
In the summertime  
Oh in the Summertime  
When you where with me*

...

*And I am still carrying the gift you gave  
It's a part of me now  
It's been cherished and saved  
It will be with me unto the grave  
And then unto eternity ...  
In the Summertime  
Oh in the Summertime  
When you where with me ... „*

(„In the Summertime“)

Seeing and experiencing Christ in his actual presence is like the central gift of our epoche – like a central and repeating eternal aim of our spiritual journey. And the falling in love and jubilating that can appear shall not make us narrow and fixed (9), like it is happening sometimes in charismatic or other groups, where all seems directed only on soulfeelings, believing and turning back onto a spiritual experience. Christs opening is one of clearing wideness – for a deeply differentiated thinking, feeling, willing and relating –into the abblitys of pictural imagination, empathic inspiration and being-unifications in intuition - if in important doings in daily life, in groupwork, in work with nature and not at last in science for a creation of a spiritual human culture. Not at last – and this in the yearcircle with a corepoint on the eastertime – it is leading us into the sphere of healing.



Michelangelo - Pieta

So may mans hearts learn to sing honestly touched in a way like this:

*„You have given everything to me. ...  
You have explained every mystery ...  
What can I do for you?“*

(Bob Dylan, „What can I do for you“)

## **Christ as the Lord of the Karma and opening of Time and of social Spaces**

Since only a few years Christ is near in a fully new way into the more opened worlds of our Karmic-Connections – which are worlds of Yearthousands back at last, and worlds of Yearthousands up into the future.

So our connection to time can change specially in our days – if we go through real spiritual experiences. We can feel a personal connection to the pre- and past Christian times.

The times before Christ as very strong connected with our inner zodiac, our archetypical direction, our archetypical old holyness, but our archetypical sins too - unchangeable present like our body. But an asuring inner homeland too, which – like a paradox – also contents the shadows of decadent periods of magic and wars in that ancient times.

The times after Christ – if we had spirituality in lifes after the „timeschanging“ - we can feel like connected with something of free-breathing new, young and pure of our inner person. It's maybe feelable as if our pure God-Childness is eternal young and can't wait to go up to all that clearing goodness which still shall happen on earth.

Feeling this, and looking on our weaknesses, which are like glue and so hard to change; the look on our guiltynesses - often done without knowing - which appear like unreparable abyssees – all this streams into wide time-landscapes of possibility of forgiving and re-uniting – as brother and sisters in him.

Also more and more is appearing a – nearly artistical – ability to prepare and configurate directions for next lifes – thanks to his gesture of open hands, in love to our true ways.

So also our social abilities can become more fluid and more full of conscience, greatitudes and mild goodness. A social space can more and more often and more easily become a field of listening and empathy – and a trustful esoteric space of human community in a timeless felt togetherness with good angels and christic elementarybeings which know about the future.

## Christ and the Bodhisattvas around him

Following Steiner the twelve Bodhisattvas (see as example GA 114, 21.09.1910 and GA 116, 25.10.1909) are like sitting around Christ and what is streaming out from Christ is taught to man through the twelve.

*"... we have to recognize a great lodge of twelve bodhisattvas as the ruling lodge of all our earthly evolution. ... They are teachers, great inspirators for this or that part of what people have to acquire. ... in the midst of the twelve bodhisattvas in our world-existence there is (sits) a thirteenth being ... from which wisdom itself flows out substantially. ... "(It) emanates from this thirteenth what the others have to teach. They are the teachers, the inspirers, the Thirteenth, as being, is itself what the others teach. ... This thirteenth is the one ... whom we call the Christ." (GA 114, 21.09.1910)*

In the earthly development of the cultures, especially throughwards the atlantian time and the postatlantian time with its cifferent culturepochs and the initiation-centers, from where the cultures mostly have been directed in the past, the twelve highest developed man became the 12 Bodhisattvas which followed the "24 Arch-Moonteachers"\* which Steiner described as example in GA 239 in the Karma-Lecture from 23.05.1924 in Paris ( in the Bible called the "24 Oldest" in the Apocalypse of John).

*"The 24 Oldest of the Apocalypse are the two times 12 stars of the world-clock, which once have governened", Steiners said in his lecture from 22.04. 1907 in GA 104a. Here we see the connection to the zodiac, which – as the planets – is very present in the most esoteric part of the Bible, the Apocalypse.*



Kingsportal of Chartes with the 24 Oldest

Some of the very early teachers have developed to higher beings than man until the Atlantian time. Only the still human initiated worked and work in the Post-Atlantian time - in incarnated form (see GA 11, Chapter: "The passage from the fourth to the fifth Roottrace" and GA 92, 28.10.1904).

Following Steiner we can see them like the body of the Holy Spirit too. Their spiritual streams are a basic fluid in spiritual streams on earth. Following in their imprinting the spiritual zodiac they have also polarities in the circle. Steiner spoke also about “White Lodge” of 12 Masters, 7 incarnated mostly and 5 working out of the spiritual world only (see GA 264, Chapter I). This are also Bodhisattvas, but not always the twelve Bodhisattvas. One Master as example is called in the Islam the “hidden Imam”.

The picture of the 12 around Christ is again a high archetypal picture of the harmonic social organization!

A huge moment in evolution is connected with the activity of the 12 Bodhisattvas face in face with a to extreme materialism in mankind:

Twelve high Masters initiated the highest developed Christian in 1250, Christian Rosenkreutz. He created in another incarnation, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, a spiritual stream which has among its tasks the unification of the streams of the Religions and spiritual directions in the future. Four of the Bodhisattvas, Steiner called them once “the Masters of the West”, prepared this initiation for the welfare of man, in a conference in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century after Christ.

This have been Buddha, Skythianos, Manes and Zarathustra (after Christ called “Master Jesus”). Looking through the work and conversations of Rudolf Steiner (the most is findable GA 93, GA 93a, GA 264, Ga 265, GA 266a, Ga 266b, Ga 266c), we can say that among the others are Individualitys that once where incarnated as Appollo/Orpheus, Melchisedek, Moses, Pythagoras, Parzival, Jeanne d Arc, Elias/Novalis.



A section of a picture from Anna May with the initiation of Chr. Rosenkreutz – painted after abvices from Rudolf Steiner

One event shall be mentioned here, because its central in the spiritual history: 1449 Christian Rosenkreutz (with his incarnations before as Kain, Hiram), in a new incarnation, was initiated again – from the individuality of Manes.

Christ flows cosmical-personal also through the work of the 12 Bodhisattvas. Christian Rosenkreutz stays – like under them in his highest noble simple service - , but they serve him. They all let man free. Man can come to speak to them. Man have to learn first the spiritual thinking and seeing – and then grasp the aroma of the masters and Bodhisattvas that stream with Christ and as the Holy Spirit – like down from a cosmic tent – to us. And if we open for Christ, we will be more open for them – to let them stream in Christ through our service here on earth or up in the heavens where they receive us after our death – if we had opened our eyes a bit here.

*"The Christ is always there, but he is in the spiritual world. And we can reach it when we rise into it. And all anthroposophical doctrine should be transformed within us into the strong desire not to let this event pass by humanity without trace, but in the time that we have at our disposal to gradually develop a humanity that may be ripe, these new abilities to train oneself and thus again with the To connect Christ. Otherwise humanity would have to wait a long, long time before it could be given such an opportunity again. For a long time it would have to wait: to a reincarnation of the earth. If humanity passed by this event of Christ's return, then the contemplation of Christ in the etheric body would be confined to those who, through an esoteric training, are willing to rise to such an experience. The great thing, however, was that for universal humanity, for all men, these abilities would be achieved, that this great event would be understood by the naturally developed capacities of all men, that would be impossible for a long, long time. Thus we see that there is already something in our age that justifies the existence and working of spiritual science in the world. It's not just the satisfaction of theoretical needs, scientific curiosity, what it's all about. That spiritual science is the People are preparing for this event, preparing them to be in the right way to put themselves in time and to see what's really there with a bright mind and insight. ... It will be extremely important to grasp this event of the Christ apparition. For this will be followed by other events, as the events of the Palestinian Christ event have preceded other events. Thus, those who prophetically foretell that prophecy even after the characterized age, when he himself will become visible again to humanity in the etheric body, he will become his successor: those who have previously foretold him before. All those who have prepared him, they will be seen in a new guise to those who have gone through the new Christ event. Once again people will discover what has lived for them the earth as Moses, Abraham and the prophets.*

*And you will know that, just as Abraham precedes the Christ, preparing him, he also undertakes the mission of later helping with the work of Christ. Thus man grows, if he does not oversleep the most important event of the nearest future, gradually into communion with all those who, as patriarchs, have preceded the Christ event. He connects with them. And again the whole chorus of those to whom we will be able to rise will appear. Who has led mankind down into the physical plane, then appears again after the Christ, and leads man up again, again connecting man with the spiritual worlds." (GA 118, 25.01.1910)*

Christ, as the Lord of the Lords is present throughwards many touching spiritual choirs ... .

## Christ in Nature today

Christ's presence in the earth is opening not only our human constitutions and our social abilities but also the constitutions of spiritual beings, angels and elementary beings. He is not only in his newest form „Christ in us“ but also in the newest form „Christ in Spiritual beings“, „Christ in the being of a landscape“, „Christ in the being of a city“ and so on.

Just in nature is winable the whole access to the dimensions of the Christbeing, which was praised in pre-Christian times everywhere as the sunspirit. Behind the skydome we can experience him as mightyful Cosmic-Christ, as clearing Logos – as Truth; in the Skydome as grandious Pantokrator and Planetspirit – as Way; under the Skydome etheric Renewer or „Coming one“ as – as Life. And to them, which have personally connected themselves with him, he is brother – experienceable walking with us side by side through the nature.

As Lord of all Lords and King of all Kings able to live in all realms on earth, his work is reaching more and more far. So the Christfilled being of nature, Natura-Persephonea, is also more opened today; so vulnerable open and warmly welcoming – and loyal and strong, even if the silliness and blindness of greedy man, directed from ahrimnic beings, is hurting so much.

The clearing light of the Christfilled Sophian being, that gathers so grandious the wisdom of man and the cosmos up in the sky, is flowing more lively and more sculptural – whenever man hold receiveable there thinkingforces, their hearts and intentions – in a lovefilled and differentiating way for this presence flowing permanently down from the Skys..

*„It becomes born at the passage to the 20th century already a new Kingdom of Naturebeings, which flows out of nature as a spiritual fountain and gets seeable and experienceable for man“, said Rudolf Steiner (GA 130, 17.09.11) in autumn 1911 in Locarno, making clear then afterwards, that this is happening throughwards the etheric Christ-Effecting. This new Elementarybeing-Kingdom, which penetrates the most parts of nature since more than 100 years, has grown into more selfconsciousness and has opened up a new invisible country together with man loyal to them, man who carry Christ-Substance to them.*

A walk, where we open to awareness more and more – so the „Inspirationalwalks“ – can bring us into all this touching presence step by step. Like in a Friendship it may start from a trustful feeling, from empathic reading in phenomena – and it often needs longer times – until it leads in a dearly togetherness and a tremendous wise communication.

Christ is appearing with different „etheric clothes“ in the different landscapes and countries – we only have to catch a bit the different mood of a country, when we travel over the borders or step out of a plane and open for an inner flight into the other air. The same can be learned in the perceiving and receiving of foreign people, cultures and speeches. In truth the newest space-opening form of Christ has prepared for the Globalisation – even if man structured it onesided, into a prisoned system mainly made through technic and economy. But the spiritual background in young souls is flowing even through this.

Now it's time to go deeper into the prepared etheric-astallic fields in nature, in other countries, between us man. Rudolf Steiner told, that it is a Christ-relation to nature „to see – with the senses perception – the soulalike“ (GA 194, Seite 113). Christ at last brings to appearance the deepest dignity, beauty and truth of everything in nature – like among man in the social realm too.

And nature is waiting in „longing and sighing“ for man with Christ in themselves, like it's said in the New Testament in Rom. 8,19 – 22.

Many new spiritual and artistical ways of interacting with nature are waiting to be found in the next time. The new Christconnected Man – Nature – and Man – Cosmos – Relation has begun. This is meaning also: *„The Christforce is imprinting the Man-Imaginations into the cosmos. Die Christuskraft prägt die Menschen-Imagination dem Kosmos ein. As long as it was not connected with the earth, but was effecting from outside onto the earth as sunforce, all growing- and life-impulses have gone into the inside of man. Man was builded and holded out of the cosmos. Since the Christ-Impuls is living with the earth, the man in his selfconscious being mit is given back to the cosmos.“* (GA 26, Article „The freedom of man und the Michael-Age“, January 1925)

### ***The Christexperience in the Yearcircle***

As Rudolf Steiner told, Christ ist he most near to find in the living with the yearcircle. We can see his force in the sunlight, like coming out anew every day. But since his resurrection he is living in the etherbody of the earth as the planetspirit. So he is even breathing out with the earthsoul. Like Steiner described, he is taking even Michael with himself out into the cosmos in spring – with the outbreathing of the earthsoul.

In winter he is like sacral in the most inner earthly substance. It's as if we are listening deep into his soul all around us here in the earthrealm.

In spring we can see his presence for a while like being between earth and sky with the healing fine sunlight and then at easter big at horizon – new connected with the cosmos.

In summer he seemed connected with all ends of the world – in time and in space. He seems like giving down his grace out of the cosmos in love connected with the happenings down here. Looking at him he is gifting us with the existence-happyness – to let us look on our long living task here in the earthly evolution.

In autumn Christ is coming up to us from out of the eternity of the cosmos in intense loving, knowing and dignifying the earthly creatures here. He let us feel our center in us and cares for us like our brother on the long way in the same task.

## The Secrets of Raphael in his Service in Christ

### Every year going through the raphaelic Easterhealing

So differentiated doors to the spiritual background of nature are brought from the metamorphose of the year! The most direct connecting with Christ through nature is to really enter and see through the soul- and life-forces-changings into the year-circle.

In his Yearfeast-Imaginations Rudolf Steiner called the every year's Easterdrama also a „RAPHAELIC HEALING MYSTERYPLAY“ (GA 229, 07.10.1923). Here we have more to understand how much the Christability that was in Jesus appearing was one of „unbelievable deep compassion“. This force is coming through him yearly and permanently renewed into the „moralic- or Christ-ether“ (GA 139, 01.10.1911) which is surrounding us. Beside an awareness for this feelable quality of an ether on one hand, on the other hand we still have to make experiences and to understand more how suffering in existence is already a healing – and so also the co-suffering. And how every suffering is normally a dying and losing of old unfree states and a rising or birth to a true eternal self which is connected with Christ directly. Sure - this process is happening also collectively for our whole mankind – now in the global dimensions.

The governor of this Mysteries on earth is the Spring-Archangel Raphael, whom we can recognize in the special mildness and vulnerability in between the sprouting powers around us in the outbreathing of the Earthsoul around the Eastertime. His penetrating view is digging deep into the truth of every being and its connection to its true self. It's as if he could weaken our inside to be so honest, that it's easy suddenly to say: „*Yes i am ill. I cannot help me alone. I open my being for the highest Healer*“. Staying in the West in our big spacedirections, Raphael is able to touch and judge the „fruits“ of a being „when the day is done“. His mild mercurial power can feel until deep into the meaningful. The meaningful, that what is counting also when the light is gone, which we can feel every day also in the steps of darkening - after sundown in Raphaels west!

One view nearer to the easter-happenings:

In the Easter-Imagination Steiner finds very clear pictures for our earthly and social alchemy and balance of Christ between the struggle of ahrimanic and luciferic beings in it. This in the elementary surrounding and in its dramatic way into the happenings of the week up to easter in Jerusalem.

But the main players here and now in the drama are man and the healing archangel of the spring, Raphael. *We can grasp the great worldstherapy of the christ-principle and can learn from the great healing-teacher Raphael* (see A 229, 07.10.1923).

Steiner opens up more concrete aspects to Raphaels work in the whole year and to the counterplay with the other three Yearseason-Archangels. He describes how the archangels work in their season from the cosmos onto the earth but in the opposite time of the year into the human being. As example Uriel in the winter into the head of men. Raphael in the breathing and in the lungs.

*“Raphael with sense for every take of breath, for all that what goes from the lungs to the heart, and from heart again through the whole blood-circulation. So the man is learning to know that healing forces which weave in the Raphaelttime in spring through the cosmos in himself, if he sees that what Raphael is doing in the breathing of man when his radiations go throughwards the earth in the autumn-time, in the time in which Michael is above.”* (GA 229, 13.10.1923)

Following this lecture Raphael can be listened to in spring „weaving in the nature forces“ through the „inspired spiritual ear“! Then *“the crowning of all healing-truth is coming to man”*. In autumn he is *“creating”* the healing breathing in man. And when it is described there that *“man is learning to know that healing forces which weave in the Raphael time in spring through the cosmos in himself, if he sees that what Raphael is doing in the breathing of man when his radiations go through towards the earth in the autumn-time ...”*, then we can have a clear imagination from the Raphael-Drama as a cosmic-earthly-human-innerly cowork. It is happening – by following Christ in the earth-aura – a mercurial breathing-through towards world – in finest flexibility, sensibility and connectivity. This can be learned from Raphael.

It's a fine-breathing-flowing balancing of the ill, which became ill at the evil. A balancing at the evil in moveable easiness, non-heaviness – like we can find by observing the healingful impressions in the springtime.

### **Raphael's Breath in the Easter-Epistles of the Christian Community**

If we touch to the Epistles of the Christian Community through the time before Easter, at Easter and after Easter we have a main theme of “breath” in them – again and again! We can move innerly the following aspects and focus on them by observations in the springmoods. It's in overview this:

- the healing, first as hope that lays in the breath-streaming
- this emerges to breath-waves-spirit-comfort of the Holy Spirit
- at Easter the force that streams in the breath is jubilating and joyful lifepuls,
- it's outside a joy in souldeariness – also in the „circle of the earth's-air“,
- and – this should be experienced – „the earth's breath“ too, lives in the „spirit-shining-sun“!

What had been said above, the *“following Christ in the earth-aura – a mercurial breathing-through towards world – in finest flexibility, sensibility and connectivity”*, which is balancing and healing, is joyful in Christ! And its healing so deep, that we can say, its *“healing the I into the deepness of the soul”*, which as it seems is meaning the connection between the deepness of the soul with the I gets healed.

This Raphael-Healingwork is happening in the timestream through spring – from touched hope-breath to joyful lifepuls in souldeariness. And in the space it's about the touched innerness of man and the joyful-souldeariness in the counterplay of breathing of the earth with the cosmic circumcircle.

### **Perceptions of the healing work of Raphael in the Spring**

Perceptions of the healing work of Raphael in the Spring have been observed many years and partly described in the “Yeasrcircle-Mails”. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April this year a group perceived the first time at the Limburg near Stuttgart in steps of imagination, inspiration and intuition, in the nature and the atmospheres focusing on the healing-experiences. It's a beginning of a work to come nearer to the Raphael-Knowledge and will be continued.

Impressions of the lineare metamorphosis of the raphaelic Healingforces in Spring:

In a tender-healing-touching more inside effecting we experience the Raphael-Healingforce around the 2nd February.  
In the middle of February, it becomes more heavy-going.  
From 22nd February on the hopeforces come like out of a counterplay of earth-outbreathing and planetsoulforces in the clouds-heights.  
The first 10 Marchdays we can experience healingul touching at good eather days.  
From approx. 12th to appr. 21st March the sundowns are mixed with luciferic escapism and over meadow-surfsaces we find gnome-greed.  
From appr. 24th March until appr. 6th of April balancing forces come to this.  
After the 6th of April all is winning vitality, soundalike and rejoicing souldeariness, which grow to soundether-bulbs between and around young leaves and flowers.  
Then all this becomes more healingful, dear, cheering and with more and more expanding spaces, which to the end of April expand allover the whole surrounding and the heights.  
To the begin of May the healingful streams like out towards the circumcircle – more and more horicontal – and is thinning itself until it is like as an imprinting part of the earthexistence and the last eart-outbreathing until St. Johns.

#### To the supersensible steps in the raphaelic healingeffects:

Now we can deepen the different healing-impressions also in a supersensible way.

Here we write down some essentials from the supersensible soul-observations from Sunday 2nd April 2017:

#### ***Etheric Formationforces***

##### Lifeetheric:

Purity, soft vitality, specific tenderness, mild-dry, renewingforces, becoming lightweight and more lightweight, opening skin, balancing holding the middle

##### Soundetheric:

A spreading in lightweight. Floating-carrying. Spheric easy holding in the middle and sounds through me. As if I am absorbing a tone. Soft flowing out in the right measure.

##### Lightetheric:

Not glittering light. Light-easyness. Light connected with wideness.

##### Warmthetheric:

Easy soft balsamic warmth out of unending wideness coming very near

#### ***Soul- or Astralforces***

##### Vital Soulfoces:

“Letting free tender penetration. Inviting to wide breathing-in. Purifying, Virginity. Letting go hardness and heavyness, so that extreme comes into balance. Innerness flows out, but stays too and is joyful spreading.

##### Character-alike Soulexpression:

Like a bride, like Snowwhite. Liberator. Break-up into unending free peace. The toucher – looking healingful into me – knowing me. Let it come easy in. „Its simple there. Ist holding – letting – easing.

### ***Intuition – Being it***

I stay into pure world. Holy space – Flowerdome. Something very uplifting. A welcoming. Ist totally dedicated. Tender fine doing connected with the width. Elevating-goodness. Christs Worldcarrying in unbelievable tenderness. “My burden is easy!”.

### ***Focusing on the way of healing in the impressions***

„Let it come up to you in devotedness – then you can do right!” Letting go old hardened. Stimulating childishness. „Giving the exhausted soul release of heaynesses“, „Handing in the right time the healing drink“, My devtedness, my letting,. My letting-in is working so much more easy. The deepness of my childlike tenderness is touched and the old wise in me is released from the hard.



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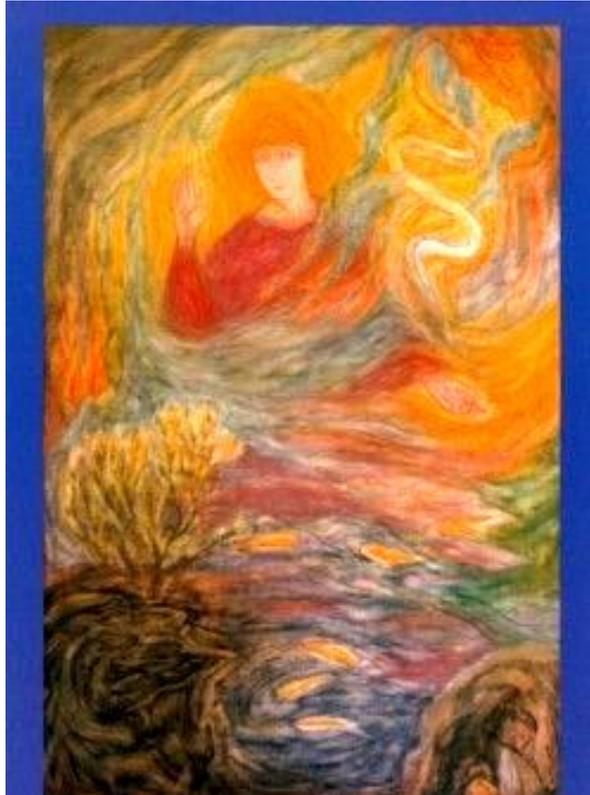
### **Raphael and Natura-Persephonea**

Back to easter. Specially in Steiners Easterimagination becomes clear our „staying in the middle“ of this huge „irritating sprouting world-becoming“. A not a closed fighting for becoming, which is a great „Easter-Healing-Cult“ is given to us as a task in the Eastertime. More „in the middle“ is not possible.

Every spring more we can receive the „healing principle in the world“ in many perspectives, if we take a walk into the living and soul-sphere of nature – or we enter to lifefull thinking, art or

rituals into the fine realm of the Raphael-Christ-Relation. But the most touching we can meet it in the realm of the healing being, that every year again is „ *penetrating with soul the nature and give her origin- and eternal forces*“

(GA 26. Leadingsentence 139 ) – the spiritual being Persephonea-Natura – the soul of nature. So Ita Wegman called her magazine for anthroposophical healing also: „Natura“. Natura is balancing and purifying in the nature everything for to let exist the ecological wholeness. And so she can balance also the nature of our bodys in such healing way. Raphael and Natura-Persephonea carrying Christ in them -in a most active, most dearly, holy-healing sun-streaming!



St. Raphael - M. Woloschina

So – also from this view - an Inspirationalwalk on Eastersunday towards the evening or on Estermonday towards the evening can give us a deep possibility to go deeper into an actual experience of this healing offers, if we carry the question with us: „ *How want to work the newest healing in our Worlds – in society, in groups, in us?*“

## **The Purification of the Evil Worlds**

We should never forget that this healing – also in the social area - is always also connected with the purifying of the layers of the evil, which Rudolf Steiner described as underearth-layers.

They are effecting the most strong in the physical connected ether- and astralbodys – via our karmical and biographical buildes elementary „double“ - and have all this tragic results in social processes and the design of our culture and our spoiling the nature.

In the raphaelic Easter-Healingdrama Christ is working every year anew on purifying the 9 undernatur-layers of the evil in reliving his „Hellride“ of Eastersaturday – going through with the help of mirroring the forces of the 9 heavenly angel-hierachys.

A helping View on this are the following Schemata:

**Balancing the Evil through Initiation into the Bliss of the 9 Angelhierachys:**  
*(Earthlayers: Rudolf Steiner GA 94, 11.07.1906, Conflictmanagement following Friedrich Glasl, Angelconnection from D.K. followig GA 136, Cosmical Aspects D.K.)*

<u>Evil Tendency</u>	<u>Conflictstep</u>	<u>Devotion to higher spiritual Working of Angels</u> - Model Jesus Christ Hellride	<u>Cosmic Power</u>
1. „Mineral Earth“-Hardening Luciferic-ahrimanic bondage-imagination	Hardening - with fading out perspectives - needs moderation	Angeloi – a.o. imagination- presence of true compassion	Moon Opening
2.„Fluid Earth“- Destroying Life Luciferic- ahrimanic bondage- imagination	Debatt - with fading out perspectives - needs moderation	Archangeloi - a.o. imagination-presence of Sense	Mercury Switch Perspectives
3.„Earthsteam“-Pain-Lust- Feelinglayer Luciferic- ahrimanic bondage- imagination	Action against Conflictpartner - with fading out perspectives - needs moderation + Process- coaching	Archai - a.o. imagination- presence of Worldsservance	Venus Being empathic into the other
4.“Waterearth“- Turnaround-Formlayer Luciferic-ahrimanic bondage-imagination + inspiration	Building Coalitions against Opponent – with getting moralic absent – needs socio-therapeutic Processcoaching	Exusiai – a.o. inspiration- presence of most beautif. Godly Lawfullfilling together	Sun Understanding the (other) being
5.„Fruitearth“- mushrooming Life Luciferic-ahrimanic bondage-imagination + inspiration	Making Opponent untrustworthy- with getting moralic absent - needs socio- therapeutic Processcoaching + strict mediation	Dynameis - a.o. inspiration-presence of of most beautiful Godly Transformingforce together	Mars Active servance fort he good
6.„Fireearth“-Screaming Willalike Luciferic- ahrimanic bondage- inspiration	Threatenstrategy – with getting moralic absent- needs strict mediation + arbitral- or courtprocedures	Kyriotetes – a.o. inspiration-presence of of most beautiful Godly Wisdompower together	Jupiter Clear designing the good
7.„Earthmirror“- reflecting all in the opposite Luc.-ahrim. + sorathic bondage insp. + intuition	Warpreparing tricks, limited elimination – loosing realitysense with therapy needs – needs strict mediation + arbitral- or courtprocedures	Throne – a.o. intuition- presence of Godly Will together	Saturn Sustainable designing the good
8.„Splitter“- turning all Moralic into the opposite Ahrim. + sorathic bondage insp. + intuition	Eliminationactions, War - loosing realitysense with therapy needs – needs strict arbitral- or courtprocedures and holy might intervention	Cherubim – a.o. intuition- presence of Godly Universeharmony together	Zodiac Creating the good out of all perspectives
9.„Earthbrain“- Blackmagical destructive Sorathic-asuric bondage- intuition	„Together in the abyss“, Self- and others - loosing realitysense with therapy needs destruction – with needs holy might intervention	Seraphim - a.o. intuition- presence of godly Universelove together	Zodiac Anchoring a sustainable Loveculture

## Raphaels Healingmysterys in Organizations and Man:

<u>With healing devotion to:</u>	<u>With cosmic Forces of:</u>	<u>With the therapeutic abbilitys:</u>
Angeloi	Mond	Pure awareness
Archangeloi	Merkur	Pure flexible empathic connecting
Archai	Venus	Pure empathy
Exusiai	Sonne	Pure deep understanding of everyone and all
Dynameis	Mars	Pure active healing
Kyriotetes	Jupiter	Pure clearing of all spaces
Throne	Saturn	Pure dignifying
Cherubim	Zodiac	Pure harmonisation of whole life
Seraphim	Zoidiac and behind it	Pure loveculture in Christ

Interreligious spoken we can see in the following describtions how god is connecting with the earth in a new way since 2000 years – in an intim way – in his son-aspect near to man:

„It's true, how the earth is beginning it's becomig sun through the event on Golgotha ... .“  
(GA 112, 06.07.1909)

„We are just in the beginning of that developement, which ist the christic developement. The future of this developement ist this, that we see the whole earth as the body oft he Christ. Because the Chruist ... is irridiating the earth, lightens out into the world and is interweaving eternally with the earthaura.“ (GA 112, 07.07.1909)

## **The Timespeech at Easter 2018**

A changing of Christ's earthaura is going on in this year – with all that apocalyptic scenery beside.

The spiritual seeing and relating can become one important step deeper.

The cosmic speech and the timespeech of events in the world speak still a language of seeable problems and partly helplessness, but also a speech of exposure and a new sovereignty of man.

The evil in all is more open seeable. This can – in the long term - weaken the evil. This in the light of more sovereignty of man can make the evil more wild. So we have to stay upright and balanced all the time to walk through the apocalyptic phenomena – a long way from now on in mankind.

But in the true connections between souls and between man and spiritual beings can be strengthened, so that we learn to “span wide a spiritual umbrella” with our own trustful “spiritual association” – for our protection but also for help to our surrounding. We sow stronger seeds for a spiritual culture than ever!

The specificities in the state of the spiritual world this year – has been seen in the **Timespeech of the spiritual world in the holy nights and at NewyearsEve towards 2018:**

*“Held in the huge surrounding from out of the own middle, we step through difficult times. Like never before man can gather central essences out of all experiences.*

*A new step and level of individual initiation possibilities appear in noble pictures. With new ripeness man can go on confidently, more direct side by side with spiritual beings”*

The world happenings with the dangerous tendencies of going back into old states – of nationalism or religious old states – is creating ground for the evil. The subtext behind the outwardly refugee- and borderbuilding-problems calls clearly for strong responsibilities for something that is often already in the hearts of the younger Generation, a global brotherhood among people -for serving individuality(s) but not a “One-world-Ideology”.

Out of a refining of our new „surrounding-consciousness“ it wants to be born something meaningful in our space it seems! But easter 2018 brings at last also a picture of hard focusing-work, at last – so the constellations after easter in helpful transformational overview, love and action– also in its cosmic speech.

## Cosmical Speech at Easter 2018

The big speech of Christ\*, the cosmic speech, is living in the actual Easter-Star-Timespeech. And this speech around Easter 2018 is expressing a testing for to focus on hard healingwork:

*On the way to easter is speaking a strong struggleing for overview and good activity: we have Sun square Mars on Sa 24<sup>th</sup> and Sun squarte Saturn on Thur 29<sup>th</sup> of March.*

*Then at Easter-Sunday at 20.00 o clock we have Mercury conjunctuion Sun – speaking from a focusing of healingforces and creativity;*

*On Easter-Monday at 18.00 o clock we have Mars conjunction Saturn – speaking from an ability for hard work with overview.*

*So we have this picture of hard focusing-work, at last – so the constellations after easter in helpful transformational overview, love and action:*

*On Sa. 7<sup>th</sup> April we have Venus trine Saturn and on 11<sup>th</sup> we have Venus in trine to Mars but also in square with Pluto.*

Looking back on the time from Christmas to now, we had cosmically a quick running testing time. Now with Easter and the way to Whitsun we come into a zone of little bit more calm and creative time.

*\*: „ ... we have to learn to understand the Starkonstellations and it's Influence on that, what happens on Earth. Than we come near that Speech, that was spoken from Christ.“ (R. Steiner GA 220, 21.01.1923)*

## **Addition: Celebrating Easter and the Week before Easter**

But living meditatively with the pictures of Christ in Palastine we can step through his dramatical Week before Easter – seeing every happening with full soul. So the strong seriousness of Deathfriday-Evening, the special silence of Eastersaturday and the bliss and renewing on Eatersunday. And then it is interesting how the new Christnearness is to be experienced after one more night – as example on Eastermonday up tot he evening.

### **Basically Ideas For Easter-Celebration**

Meeting in Social-Cult Form with much meditative Listening and Inquiring fort he actual spirit of time and Christpresence, In this frame looking on:

Mental State of People/Ourself

Speech of the Time

Speech of the Stars and historic Rythms

Speech of the Yearcircletime and the Celebrationtheme

New Artistically Appearances

Inspirational Walk

Questioning of Beings and the Genius Loci

Blessingwalks could be done – also through Towns

- see in the last Easteradvices for details of all this!

### **For the Easter Inspirational Walk it is good to move Questions connected with the Healing**

An Example:

„How does the healing New is now to be felt?“, „How and where do i, do we – find healing solving Entry to the Present?“, „What shall I in me, we in us and into the World let behind unusual old and explore new?“, „In which Way wants the Healing-New work?“

### **Special Steps for a longer Easter Celebrations**

In the Week before Easter (german: Karwoche, english: Holy Week) we can live every Day in Pictures and deep refeeling into the Stages of Jesus Christs Doings, Sufferings and Dying in that Days. As Example in the following Chapters of the Bible:

Sunday before Easter (german: Palmsonntag):  
Matth. 21, 1-10

Monday b E...:  
Matth. 21, 12 – 17

Tuesday b E:  
Matth. 22, 34 – 40

Wednesday b E:  
Matth. 24, 1 – 44

Thursday b E (german: Gründonnerstag):  
Joh. 13, 2. – 17  
and  
Luc. 22, 14 – 20

Friday b E (german: Karfreitag, english: „Good Friday“):  
Luc. 22, 39 – 62

Friday late Afternoon and Evening:  
Luc. 23. 26. – 56

Saturday b E (german: Karsamstag):  
Joh. 14. 15 – 29

Easter Sunday:  
Joh. 20, 1 – 18 – Auferstehung

Easter Sunday Evening:  
Joh. 20, 19 – 23

Easter Monday:  
Joh. 17. 1 – 26

And always Joh. 17, 22 – 23

***Experiences show that:***

***Good Friday – special the Evening - has always a special serious Climate;  
Holy Saturday has a special silent Climate,  
Easter Sunday a special pure and renewed Climate,  
Easter Monday a special revealing Climate***

- Even if the Moonsphere has a main Connection with our Imagination; the Experience is, that much of this Experiences are beyond Imagination. We have to feel „Like One“ with the „Mood“ to hold it into our Consciousness – and its a pure spiritual „Mood, beyond only „Feeling“ - ; so it is a Sphere of Intuition. The Intuitions are connected with the spiritual World – beyond the Soulworld (Astralplan) – and in its middle Part (4.th Level of the Spiritual World/Devachan is to find the so called „Akasha Chronic“(Worldmemory)

See the Perception-Advice which is attached!

We should not forget – how it's described - that this healing is always also connected with the purifying of the layers of the evil. Christ is working every year new on purifying them in reliving his „Hellride“ of Eastersaturday/Holy Saturday.

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**Attachment: Easterobservation 2018 - Good Friday-, Holy Saturday-, Easter Sunday-Mood differenciated in Imagination – Inspiration and Intuition**

Good Friday –, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday have often noticeable unequal „Moods“. Who likes to perceive more, please observe this moods over the day until in the night. And look also on this:

„Who, what is/was how around me/us – in the surrounding/ in the periphery? What is happening her and why?“

This can be done differenciated in a touching threestep; in direction to

- Imagination (how is it as a substance, consistency, vitality, dynamic, formgesture, movement, light, picture?)
- Inspiration (how is it as a feelingvitality, feelincharacter, feelingdignity, intentionality and wisdom of a dignity?)
- Intuition (how is ist „to be it!“, describing this – the situation we are in then - differenciated).

**Keywords to the Easterobservation - Good Friday-, Holy Saturday-, Easter Sunday-Mood**

	<b>OUTWARDLY SITUATION</b>	<b>IMAGINATION</b> Forceimpression from in front of eyes - Substance, Consistency, Vitality, Dynamic, Formgesture, Movement, Lightlike	<b>INSPIRATION</b> Feeling into - feelingvitality, feelincharacter, feelingdignity, intentionality and wisdom of a dignity	<b>INTUITION</b> Staying in it – Being it! Consciousness, Wisdom, Intention?	<b>SPECIALITY</b> - while overiewing the looking back, reverberation of the observation	<b>SKETCHES</b> Drawing – or desribing what we would draw
<b>GOOD FRIDAY-MOOD</b>  Description, Characterising over the day until in the night						
	<b>OUTWARDLY SITUATION</b>	<b>IMAGINATION</b>	<b>INSPIRATION</b>	<b>INTUITION</b>	<b>SPECIALITY</b>	<b>SKETCHES</b>
<b>HOLY SATURDAY-MOOD</b>  Description, Characterising over the day until in the night						
	<b>OUTWARDLY SITUATION</b>	<b>IMAGINATION</b>	<b>INSPIRATION</b>	<b>INTUITION</b>	<b>SPECIALITY</b>	<b>SKETCHES</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY-MOOD</b>  Description, Characterising over the day until in the night						

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