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Part I

At the present time we are in the midst of the Karma of the “Filioque” question of the ninth century, and of the “denial” of the Spirit.

The West accepted the “Son” i.e. that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, while the East adopted the “Father” only. It was Charlemagne who set the East against the West – not the pope – and laid the foundations that resulted in the World War. Leninism is the expression of the dogmatic expulsion of the Spirit, in 869 at the Council of Constantinople. If we do not counteract this, and re-awaken true knowledge of the Spirit, the world will also loose the “Soul”. The nineteenth and present centuries are recapitulation of the ninth. Nearly all of us have been concerned in the affairs of the ninth.

Filioque question.

In the West and East up to the early part of the ninth century there were groups everywhere that held one or the other view of the Holy Spirit. In 807 – 808 there were, for example, two monasteries, one Byzantine, one Frankish, so close together that the monks could hear each other chanting. The Franks sang their Credo differently from the Byzantines, asserting that the Holy Ghost from the Father and the Son. This started a quarrel between the monasteries (even to “fisticuffs”), and the pope was appealed to. He supported the Franks, but said it must be understood implicitly, not explicitly – not expressed in words.

The Christians of the East (Russia) belonged more to the streams connected with John the Baptist, keeping especially, for instance, the Feast of Jan 6th; and conscious spirituality in a less individualistic way than the West. That is, they were aware of the “planes” – astral, devachanic etc. and thus feeling affinity to the Father-God and of the Holy Ghost as proceeding from the Father.

Those of the West (Europe) were more individualized; they looked to the Son as to One Who (expressing Himself through the Holy Spirit) draws together those who are separated. Even the

appearance of the map of Europe is indicative of this feeling, as compared with that of Russia, and western Asia. In the East men were not "Separated"; in the West they were.

This fact therefore appeared physically as strife. This internal strife was laid before Pope Leo. He said – the decision shall rest with Charlemagne. Charles said – the Filioque shall stand. This was the Council of 809. The pope was compelled to agree, but affirmed that it should not be spoken, because this would continue to cause strife.

Charles the Great.

An extreme choleric personality ... bull-necked ... wishing to carry out everything by force. He was determined at all costs to force the "Filioque" upon the world. It was made compulsory to chant it at meals etc. etc. The Pope protested against this. But his protests were of no avail. Not until 200 years later did the then Pope have to submit entirely to the results of the power of Charlemagne. (This fact is not generally known. Dr. Steiner attached great importance to it.)

Charles had a number of wives ... and a huge family of descendants. They were incessant quarrels. It was a "bloody" time. Massacres and misery ... The power of the lower ego of Charles was rampant.

Occult aspect of Charlemagne

Charles the Great had twelve Paladins around him. Whenever an individual gathers Twelve around him, he is making a physical picture of Christ and the Twelve; and such a one is always a "Knight of the Grail," however ordinary the outer personality may be; and is always one who can continue to work in the world after his death.

"Behind" Charles, and acting through him, was a Spiritual Being; namely, the Apostle James. This can be proved not only by spiritual science, but wonderfully discovered in legend and history. The root of the Mystery is to be found in the "Apostles' Creed." The Creed was formed by each of the Twelve uttering out of his inmost being, what he most strongly experienced of the Mystery of Golgotha.

Two examples are given here -- Peter said; – "I believe in God the Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth." That was spoken out of his "element" – that of the ROCK. 2. James said; – "I believe in the Holy Ghost." Out of the former, grew the earthly power of Rome.

Legend. It was a fact that the body of James was carried to Compostella. One night, Charles the Great stood looking at the stars. He gazed at the Milky Way; and there he saw a rider on a white horse, who said to him; "This is my way: and whiter it leads is my place." Charles followed the way that was indicated, and came as first pilgrim, to Compostella.

It was through Charles that the mission of the West had to work to establish the Holy Spirit as proceeding from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit brings together those who are separated. But as yet (in 809) etc, the separation had not completely occurred except in so far as the Sword of Charlemagne had accomplished it. What was “separated” was the Threefold aspect of the Heavenly Problem – in the sense that the result of the Sword of Charlemagne has brought about our present karma – namely,

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| In Charles the Great’s time | - - a spiritual problem. |
| In Thomas Aquinas’ Time | - - a political problem. |
| In our time | - - an industrial problem. |

That is, the problem of the Holy Spirit has now entered into the Earth itself.

The Threefold State is to come out of the Karma of the “Filioque”. The solution lies in bringing the Holy Spirit into the Industrial problem of our age.

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Between 809 and 869 A.D. Alexander and Aristotle were re-incarnated together, though hardly known to one another. And that period was extremely important for Anthroposophists who were also incarnated, and for Anthroposophy generally. But actually it was soon after 809 that they were together again in the Spiritual World.

Just as the Apostle James “stood behind” Charles the Great, so the Apostle Peter “stood behind” the Pope Leo of the time. That was, at the time a real fact. There was a kind of “spiritual converse” taking place between James and Peter. (On earth between Charles the Great and the Pope.)

The whole of this converse was really concerning the fate of the Angles. The Holy Spirit has to do with the Angles and Archangles, and since the destiny of the Angles and the Archangles is concerned with men, their destiny was at stake. Our karma is bound up with the fate of the First Hierarchy.

Before 869, there was the Pope Nicolas I. and he was actually and really inspired by the Holy Spirit. He died in 867; and in the two years between then and the Council of Constantinople, a complete change over of everything takes place.

The Pope who succeeded Nicolas was Hadrian II ... and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was then withdrawn from him and the succeeding Popes. Their claim in power rested not on true inspiration but on the pseudo-Isidorian Decrees. Nicolas’ claim to power was right, for its source was the Holy Spirit; but in the hands of his successors it became a colossal World-lie.

The mission of the Holy Spirit was to unite the East and the West. But the result of the World-lie was to cause absolute dismemberment. Nicolas had advisors – and also a great friend; and a great opponent. This was Klingsor; the originator of the “black mass”. The headquarters of Klingsor were then at Byzantium (Constantinople); and there were means of communication between Byzantium and Rome. Nicolas knew that it was absolutely necessary to root out everything Byzantine from Rome, except for the “good” part of the Byzantine stream, which was the spiritual stream of “John”. ... the stream of the “Risen Christ” ... the school of Dionysus the Areopagite ... and the Grail. (To this stream belonged later Scotus Erigena).

Thus, from Byzantium there issued two things. The Good (as above), and the Opponents – who were allied to Klingsor.

The East had the “dream-version” – The West received what in Nicolas’ time, was the the “Dogma” of the Filioque, and the power of ROME.

In his successor’s time, and ever after, the power and the Dogma became a World-lie, because the Source of Inspiration was lost.

Part II

I would like to add something further to what I gave in my address at The Hague; so I am sending a short outline of certain points. - -

In the Cycle No 29 (The Secrets of the Threshold), in the first lecture, Dr. Steiner speaks of the fact that in the events of the World-War certain forces were at work that are to be traced historically to the “Carolingian Sword” – (the Wars of Charlemagne).

1. At the present time there are many souls in incarnation who were also incarnated at the end of the eight, and beginning of the ninth centuries.
2. Those souls are connected with the “Filioque” controversy that was brought to a head by Charlemagne in 809.
3. The strife over this “Filioque” – (up to 1057) worked on as the cause of the separation of East and West. We souls, who are karmically connected with this, have, as our compensating task, to re-unite East and West. This is as precisely right for the present time, as it was right for the East to be separated with the West a thousand years ago.
4. Middle Europe was actually “born” through the separation of East and West.
 - a. It was dissociated from the East by the “Filioque” strife.

- b. It was dissociated from the West by the concealment of the discovery of America by the Normans.
5. The Threefold Constitution is the means of uniting East and West.
In the ninth century men began to doubt the Trinity. The counter-impulse to this was the Grail-Saga, which was intended to give certainty about the Spirit, and hence about the Trinity. What took place in 869 i.e. denial of the Spirit – we have to make it good today.
6. What was a religious question in 869 is today an industrial question. The re-establishment of the Spirit must penetrate into the industrial world.
7. It is the mission of the West for this reason - - that in the ninth century the knowledge of the “Great Spirit” worshipped in America, was cut off (and at that time rightly so) from the rest of humanity, beginning with England and Ireland. This is the geographical aspect, whose “reflection” was the act of the Council of 869.
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The Holy Spirit is that Light which arose in the periphery of the Earth as the “Christ-Light”, in that moment when the Blood of Christ – the “Sun-Blood” penetrated into the innermost of the Earth, warming and illuminating it. This light shines out in the Saturn-sphere.

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The Moon works in the East. The Eastern “orientation” is towards the pre-natal life ... “Ex Deo nascimur.”

Saturn-Death – works in the West ... “In Christo morimur”. Thus the Christ Light must shine in the realm of the Death-forces. Thus we shall experience the strength of the balance in “Per Spiritum Sanctum reviviscimus”.

East and West must unite in the Centre, as the “Threefold” - - Moon and Sun united in the Earth with the Grail.

The Grail - - the Illuminated Body of Christ.

The Earth - - the Temple of God.

In 869 Nicolas I, (died 867) worked directly into the earth from the Spiritual World. (The Pope then was Hadrian II.) Nicolas and his advisor created Middle Europe. Pope Nicolas' claim to power depended upon his inspiration. Peter spoke to him – Peter being the Mediator. Hadrian made the same claim to power, but without the foundation of true experience. He depended for his inspiration only on the pseudo-Isidorian Decrees.

What spiritual Power works in the pseudo-Isidorian Decrees?

In Italy there were districts subject to Byzantium, and these supported the opposing powers – namely Klingsor.

What Nicolas did was as follows - -

1. Warred against the Klingsor forces in Italy.
2. “ “ “ “ “ in Byzantium.

In 869 Ahriman, assisted by the forces of Klingsor – conquered.

The souls living in the ninth century re-incarnated in the thirteenth. Hence arose the “Saga” that there were two Klingsors.

1. Landolf (?) von Capa.
2. Klingsor of Hungary. (The Klingsor of the Wartburg contest).

The same souls belonging to the court of Charlemagne (9th century) were again in incarnation in the 12th and 13th centuries.

The next important period of these incarnations is the present time. The Three-fold Constitution must prevail over the United State. The latter is the aftermath of the court of Frederick II of Sicily. (Who tried to unite Germany, Italy etc.)

The inner problem of our own time is - -

Will there be a sufficient number of people who will succeed in being inspired not only by the times of Frederick II, and Thomas Aquinas, but also by the times of Charlemagne and Nicolas? (Apostle James and the Holy Spirit), and also by the significance of the event of 869?

The fact that the ninth century has not prevailed now causes confusions of our time.

Under Frederick II the evil aspect of Arabism appeared. Up to the time of Charlemagne it had been the bearer of the "starry script". At the present time, those who belong to the stream of Arabism must convert Industrialism into an image of the starry script.

The relation of the world to Gold and Silver is an image of the time-periods of Sun and Moon.

Industrialism, organized after the threefold pattern will represent the starry writing; and in the creation of this, Arabism will be redeemed.

The redemption of Arabism is bound up with a Cosmological process. The Moon must be re-united with the Earth; in an astral form, this will take place in a few thousand years. Before then, following one another stage by stage, the Moon-activities must be cease.

They are as follows;

1. The Latin peoples, who's Leader is Gabriel, will, with the exception of Italy and England, disappear.
2. Also State boundaries and National Industrialism; for these obstruct World-constitution, and must go.
3. Also Birth, and Heredity.

Already, at the end of this century, Michael – the Sun – that is re-incarnation as the Race-Builder – will supplant heredity. In the proportion in which Gabriel becomes dispossessed, so will Orifiel become dispossessed.

Gabriel and Orifiel – Birth and Death, must be released. In Cycle No 9. it is stated that Saturn Powers separated the Moon from Earth. The leading back of the Moon-forces will be accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

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The time-rule preceding and following Michael each seek to constrict Him. Michael wars against Gabriel and Orifiel; as in Time so in Space – East and West must not suppress the Centre.

Gabriel should give Endurance – the "carrying power".

Michael gives the ever self-renewing Substance. (instead of birth)

Orifiel the Light-streaming Aureole of the World-Periphery.

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When Sun and Moon are united in the Earth, the Earth will be illuminated by the Aureole of "Risen Death".

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Then Humanity will celebrate its Communion.

For this we must work.

Alexander did not conquer Arabis because the Moon-stream could not be spiritualized. Now it must be done.
