

Aquila

Auriga

Aries

Pisces

Uranus

Jupiter

Aquarius

Mars

Neptune

Saturn

Taurus

Cetus

Capricornus

Scutum

Pluto

Mercury

Piscis Austrinus

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TWELVE HOLY NIGHTS 2022-2023 FOLLOWING THE PATH OF THE MOON/ANGELS

Traditionally the 12 Holy Nights are taken up as a time to inwardly enter more deeply into the 12 Zodiac constellations. It is truly a microcosm of the macrocosm on many levels. There are many approaches to how this might be done. None should be considered “the” way. One can work from the last constellation of Pisces, connected with the Human, and work around through the ascent of hierarchies, culminating in Aries, the Mystic Lamb of God. One can work starting with Aries, as the beginning, the I AM, uprightness, and work around culminating with the hands and feet and working with the physical world in Pisces. One can start with Capricorn, the stars from which the Sun shone on the original Christmas eve and work around the zodiac. One can start with Virgo, as Willi Sucher did in one lecture, as the stars of the Mother Mary/Sophia who gives birth to the Holy Child on Christmas and work around. One might even consider a personal approach, such as starting with one’s own birth constellation and working around the zodiac. It is important not to get dogmatic but remain flexible in deepening one’s relationship to the Twelve of the Zodiac. In any case, the relation of the zodiac to the Holy Nights and the number 12 is significant in that it brings us into a relationship to the forces of form which work particularly into the Earth during these nights. The seeds go through a formative transition at this time. In winter buried in the dark earth they receive the cosmic imprint of their formative code as the foundation for their coming life. In the south, at summer’s peak, perhaps the formative code from the cosmos is received as the fruit forming, seed forming force in the plant’s transition from flowering to fruiting.

There is also a significance astronomically to the ‘why’ of the Holy Nights which can serve as a portal to a deeper spiritual understanding. The synodic lunar year is composed of the annual cycles of full moon to full moon in each constellation and is 354 days. The solar calendar, based on the Sun's apparent movement through the zodiac and returning to the same point, is 365 days plus about 5 hours. Thus these 12 Holy Days of Christmas stand as a special time, the time in the solar year which is outside, so to speak, the lunar year. We have 12 days in which the solar cosmic forces can be accessible directly.

It is as though at this time of year great cosmic gates open to the heavens, for as the spiritual Sun rises in the darkness of winter’s night the possibility opens up for human beings to gain a quite unique insight into the hierarchic cosmos, into the working of the higher hierarchies that are the guiding forces of our Earth. Rudolf Steiner

This year due to a very special sky viewing opportunity into these “open gates” to the heavens and a “unique insight into the hierarchic cosmos, I will be working differently with the Holy Nights. All nine of the wandering stars, our planets along with the Sun, are all in one half of the sky, spanning from Sagittarius across through Taurus. Every night we can have the wonder and joy of looking to the heavens shortly after sunset and seeing all the visible planets arcing across the sky. One can also mentally picture the invisible three outer planets in their star locations as well. See the image with this article.

This year, a conscious participation in the lunar cycle of New to Full offers us a special opportunity. How might one understand this lunar cycle? This takes us into the greater being of the Sun and the totality of our Solar Cosmos, or Solar Logos. There is of course the visible Sun, which provides warmth and light to the Earth in our cycle of the year. It is the Sun which you could say “creates” space. There is also the invisible spiritual Sun, which is you could say, both a centric and a peripheral Sun. This peripheral Sun is

of the nature of the zodiac, as it is the periphery of our Solar Logos. Between the centric spiritual Sun activity and the peripheral zodiacal Sun activity lives our entire cosmic being of planetary hierarchical activity and our Earth activity. If we think of the planets as a realm of spheres, we can imagine a dynamic flow of continual interrelationships among the “cosmic intelligences” permeated, guided even, by the greater Sun. What is this Sun activity? Picture now the solar system with the center Sun and the planets ascending outward with Mercury and Venus between Sun and Earth, then the Earth with our Moon revolving around us, and then out to the superior planetary realms of Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the outer planets up to the zodiac encircling all as the fixed stars. From the peripheral Sun streams cosmic spiritual substance from the twelve directions, each bearing its own unique gesture and word. (Hazel Straker has written wonderfully about this dynamic in an article she titled, *The Great Cosmic Sunflower*, because the pattern of the sunflower reflects this pattern of streaming spiraling solar substance.) As this substance streams towards the center it begins a condensation process, gradually increasing in density until on Earth it reaches its maximum density as matter. From the Earth, this substance begins already a spiritualization process with the activity of Venus and Mercury as it moves towards the centric Sun. Then something happens. Some of you may be aware that Steiner describes the Sun not as a body but as an empty space, a hole, or as he calls it “less than empty”. We have a mystery here which is akin to the mystery of the human “I”. The substance disappears, fully transubstantiated into the centric less than empty Sun, which is not a “thing” but a ever transformative activity. Where does it go? It reappears at the periphery, spiritualized, and the process begins again, ever ongoing.

So what role does the Moon play in this process? Here we can work with another picture. At New Moon, the moon is dark, or one could say “empty” as it stands between the Earth and Sun. As it begins its path around the Earth towards Full Moon, starting with its tiny grail crescent, it begins to “fill up” with the cosmic substance streaming towards the Earth from the periphery and the outer planets. The Moon is a kind of vessel for the cosmic substance. At Full Moon, it is full of this solar substance and then a new process begins. The substance as it moves around towards the spheres of Mercury and Venus and towards the Sun, begins its spiritualization process, emptying the Moon. Here is where the human being now enters the picture. If we choose to participate with the cosmos, with the Sun, we can join in this transubstantiation process. The transition of Full to New Moon is the process of transforming substance. We do this through our consciousness of the need to spiritualize our own souls and to transform the consciousness of our Earth from a materialization process to a new spiritual consciousness in all aspects of existence. Eventually this can become a physical/spiritual activity with earthly substances done by the human being.

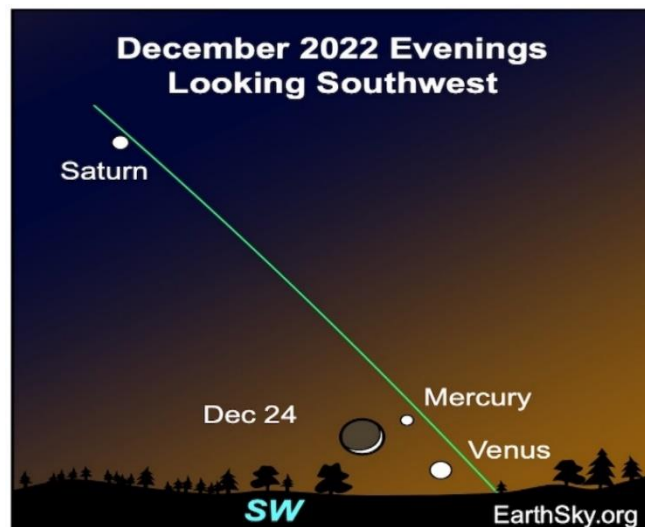
During these special Holy Nights, our unique opportunity this year is to participate consciously with the “filling up” of the Moon from New to Full between December 23 and January 6, so that we become more conscious of the hierarchical activity of the stars and planets during this particularly holy time of the year. As I see it, due to the unique lunar process which we can witness this year during these special days, our own inner activity from Full Moon to New Moon in transforming the substance received can have an impact on the entire year ahead. This is truly a working with the Angels, the beings of Moon sphere, as well as the Masters, who seek always to help us in the realization of our higher selves. As many of you may know, the 12 days of Christmas each carry the seed activity of each of the following months of the year and can have an impact on each month, with December 24/25 corresponding to January, December 25/26 to February and so on.

So let us begin our journey with the Angels by accompanying the Moon as it proceeds across the night sky, directing our attention to different planets and zodiacal stars as a step-by-step guide. You can

follow along with the included image from right to left. As you know, the stars actually progress from right (west) to left (east), from our viewing perspective, in their movement against the backdrop of the zodiac from day to day. Only the Moon, the inner planets and the Sun will move noticeably over the twelve nights. But due to the Earth's daily rotation we experience that the starry firmament during the night will move from left to right as we rotate into the east. So as the night progresses, first Mercury and Venus, followed by the other planets, will disappear below the western horizon, until as the Sun rises in the east, they are all below the horizon line.

As you can see in the accompanying image of the sky on December 24th, Christmas Eve, the Sun, in the bow and arrow of the Archer, has set. The lower body of the Archer is just at the horizon line. The Sun will only move through the bow of the Archer throughout the Holy Nights. The Moon was conjunct the Sun on December 23rd, a dark New Moon, starting its new cycle. Each day described below begins in the night as the start of the occult day. So, December 24th should be worked with the night of the 24th and the day of the 25th until night. It is helpful to view the Moon and planets in the sky of that night, take the thoughts into the night sleep, and bring them again to consciousness in the morning as a practice for the Holy Nights.

Day 1: December 24/25th: (Corresponds to January)



We start our Moon tour with the New Moon exact on December 23rd, conjuncting the Sun. But on Christmas Eve, the Moon conjuncts first Venus then Mercury which are only 4 degrees apart, so essentially conjunct with each other. They are emerging past the Sun, just visible next to the young crescent Moon. They will become more visible after sunset as they progress away from the Sun during the Holy Nights. Just about midnight on Christmas Eve the Moon then meets Pluto, which is only 5 degrees away from Mercury. These times are Greenwich Universal time, so one would need to adjust for one's own time zone.

So we start the Holy Nights, with the deeply inward awareness of the Child born in the night when the Moon points us to Mercury and Venus conjunct in the Archer's bow and then around midnight conjoins with Pluto in the animal body of the Archer. We can imagine the transformative power of love and healing from Mercury and Venus, standing in the Archer's bow pointing humanity towards our spiritual goals or our human ideal. The Archer, as I have often written about, is that constellation connected with the Archai activity and the forces of ego-hood which is shown in this imagination of the centaur, with animal body, human torso and bow aiming for the future goal of becoming truly human. So, we have

Mercury and Venus with the Sun in the bow and upper body stars of Archer this Christmas bringing the potential for true awakening to our higher nature. At the same time, Pluto continues in the lower animal body of the Archer, where it has been for years now. In this Pluto we can imagine the great challenges to humanity in these times, to counter the animalization of humanity and the destructive efforts by the fallen Archai, the Asuras, to materialize the ego. However, it's potential lies in the deep transformative force of will that will bring the spiritual right into the transformation of matter. It can become a revolutionary force of transformation if taken up by the spiritual I am, or a force that destroys the ego binding it to the material. On this Christmas eve we can take up both of these pictures of the transforming power of awakening to our true human nature and the overcoming of the anti-human forces out of the great birth of the holy Christmas child.

Day 2: December 25/26th : (Corresponds to February)

The Pluto impulse described above continues into Christmas day as the conjunction of the Moon and Pluto occur just around midnight of the 25th, the start of Christmas Day. During the day, the young Moon will depart the Archer and move into Capricorn, the constellation most deeply associated with initiation and catharsis. It is that region of the stars known as the Gateway to the Gods. The Moon will pass the location of the Great Jupiter and Saturn Conjunction of 2020, just at the start of Capricorn stars, which also carried a deep association with Pluto in 2020. This location in the heavens holds now the imprint of this great conjunction as a living memory, which on this day we can bring again to mind and remember its message of Annunciation of a new impulse into world karma. This great conjunction particularly announced to humanity the need to reckon with our world karma and to change our thinking in radical ways. The conjunction carries the memory of its new Christic origin, which was the Great Conjunction of 6 BC, the star of the Magi announcing the birth.

Day 3: December 26/27th: (Corresponds to March)



The Moon progresses into Capricorn coming into conjunction with Saturn (exactly about noon EST USA). You can view it this night alongside Saturn in the stars of Capricorn. This in some way continues the theme of the Great Conjunction as Saturn remains still in Capricorn since 2020. Specifically, the Angels are taking up the question of the Divine Will of the Father, the justice of world karma and the

accountability of humanity through the working of karma in order to continue the divine plan. The Saturn sphere stands always as Memory, reminding us of the great plan for human evolution, of original intent. This is Saturn's task for each of us individually as well as for the world. We can again think of the world karmic initiation taking place, with the necessary catharsis. Capricorn also carries the memory of the time on Ancient Moon when the great war in heaven took place when ultimately the Sun beings overcame the rebellious Moon beings, reuniting the human with its solar nature.

Day 4: December 27/28th: (Corresponds to April)

The Moon enters the stars of Aquarius, the Water-Bearer, the imagination of the one who pours out the waters of life, etheric forces, to the Earth. Aquarius is one of the four cherubic cosmic archetypes, the image of the Human. The others are Taurus, the Bull, Leo the Lion, Scorpion the Eagle. On this day, we can look to the ancient past and to the not too distant future of human becoming. Aquarius will be the next 6th cultural age, for which even now important foundations are being put into place which will bring humanity to a new level of spiritual potential. It can become an age when the true spiritual brother/sisterhood of humanity can be realized. It will be an age when humanity will be working with the etheric forces in new ways. It also carries the memory of Ancient Moon when the Sun and Earth/Moon reunited, when the densification process of the rebellion had been overcome and the young human was rescued by the Sun beings and could then exist on an etheric level. This Moon in Aquarius can perhaps be thought of as the Angels reminding us of our future becoming and the need to prepare ourselves and our world for the future Age.

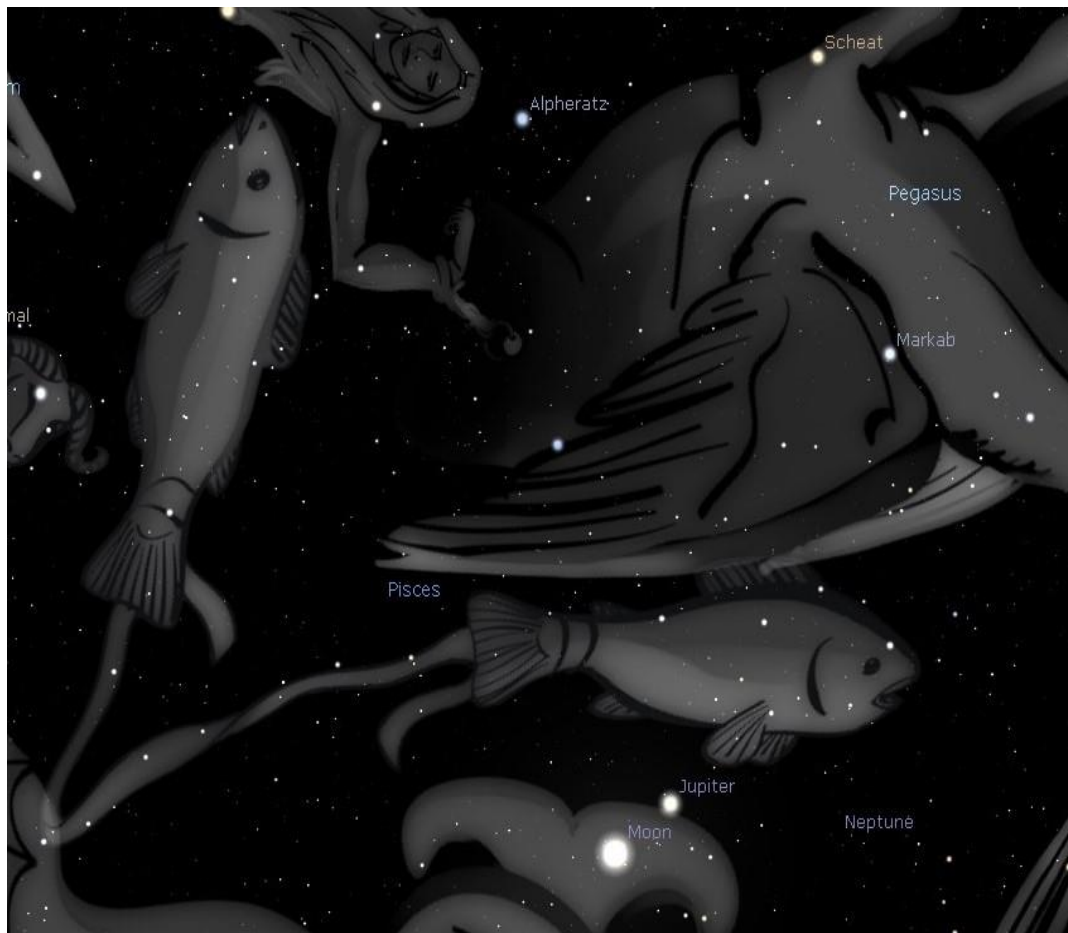
Day 5: December 28/29th: (Corresponds to May)

The Moon continues through Aquarius and enters in the evening into the stars of Pisces. There it meets with Neptune which is just crossing into Pisces from Aquarius. For some time zones, this meeting with Neptune will occur in the early morning hours of the next day, after midnight on the 29th. In USA EST the conjunction takes place at sunset on the 29th and earlier in the US zones west. On this day we can then consider Neptune as it enters Pisces, the stars of the physical body, of the hands and feet, of applying in our actions a new impulse for our relationship to the Earth and to other human beings. We cannot see it in the night sky but as we look up at the Moon we can picture it meeting Neptune. Neptune particularly carries the challenges with which Ahriman confronts us in this realm of Pisces. On the one hand his gift is our relationship to matter and on the other hand his challenge is the identification of our being with matter. This challenge plays out in all aspects of our relationship to the world and our view of our fellow human beings as only physical material entities. However, Neptune also carries the potentiality of the transformation of our feeling life into a source of Inspiration; inspirations about our shared human relationships and inspirations about how to transform our world. So, on this day, we can become conscious of the challenge of Ahriman and the redemption of Ahriman called for out of an awareness of the spiritual that underlies and is the source of all matter.

Day 6: December 29/30th: (Corresponds to June)

The Moon now fully enters Pisces, the stars of the hands and feet, the stars of brother/sisterhood, the stars of our Age of fully standing on our own two feet as Rudolf Steiner once described the task of the 5th Cultural Age of the Consciousness Soul. Jupiter is in Pisces now. The Moon conjuncts Jupiter on this day at a 90 degree angle to the Sun, so it is square the Sun. We can view the Moon passing bright Jupiter directly overhead emerging in the night sky as the Sun descends below the horizon in the west. Also, though we can't view it, Jupiter is now standing on the Vernal Point where the path of the Sun intersects

the celestial equator. It is a transition point. Jupiter now is in the ascending phase of its orbit. Jupiter has been looping around the vernal point in a retrograde motion, going direct on Thanksgiving. It is now crossing the vernal point on its ascent above the celestial equator. As we see the Moon with Jupiter we can contemplate much about our Pisces time. Jupiter is the Cosmic Thought King. It is the workshop of the Spirits of Wisdom and carries the living cosmic wisdom that wants to become a new living thinking in humanity. It stands now in Pisces and Pisces stands under the great constellation of Pegasus the winged intelligence. Jupiter will over the next months move through Pisces and pass below the star Alpheratz, that star which is seen as the forehead of Andromeda out of which Pegasus arises. So, with Jupiter and the Moon we can aspire to this Jupiter new thinking, to a living intelligence born of our ideals, which is the emergence of our path out of materialism into the beginning of the new heaven and new earth, the Future Jupiter evolution. Below is an image of Jupiter and Moon on this day in which you can see Pegasus and Alpheratz above. With Jupiter now making its ascending journey, I see it as a very positive potentiality in humanity beginning to realize and awaken to a new world view. Also on the 29th, Mercury which has gone as far away from the Sun as possible, will begin its retrograde movement, turning back towards the Sun to then disappear into its light. It will once again conjunct with Venus as it turns back towards the Sun. So we can take up again the healing and transformative potentiality of Mercury and Venus coming together.



Day 7: December 30/31 : (Corresponds to July)

On this day the Moon continues its journey through the stars of Pisces underneath Pegasus, passing below the great star Alpheratz. The theme of the previous day can deepen, particularly to allow us time to consider our Piscean Age, the challenges and rewards of the Consciousness Soul or Spiritual Soul and the work of our time in healing our relationships to the Earth and to our fellow human beings, striving for that true brother/sisterhood out of a new consciousness of who we are and who the Earth is. The Moon now has reached 1st Quarter so will appear half full.

December 31st/January 1: (Corresponds to August)

New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. The Moon enters the stars of Aries on this day. So just as New Year's Eve transitions to a new beginning of the new year 2023, so the Moon enters the beginning of the zodiac, the first constellation, the Ram. One can view the faint small stars of the constellation of Aries with the Moon entering it in the night sky. On this night we can contemplate perhaps the nature of the true I AM, the Lamb (Ram) of God, as the highest expression of the I. Aries is also an expression of the head activity and the power of uprightness rising out of the ego experience. As is typical of New Year's Day resolutions to "improve" ourselves, with the Moon in Aries, we can perhaps consider a "new beginning" with our Angel and our developing "I" towards our higher self.

On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, as we turn into the new year, Venus will conjoin Pluto in the lower body of the Archer. (In Eastern Standard Time the exact conjunction will occur right at midnight.) This can be a picture of the new power of Christic love entering the realm of death, the depths of the earth core. It can be a picture of the new Christ mysteries of the I AM working transformatively in the lower animal/will realm of the human being. It can be a picture of the potentiality of the new force of love in the world to overcome the destructive and rebellious forces, even of the Asuras, and reunite human beings with their higher calling, their true Self. In fact I experience this Pluto and Venus conjunction as a central thought and word from the cosmos during these Holy Nights as they are in orb of conjunction (6 degrees apart) for most of these days, Dec. 27-Jan 6.

January 1/2 : (Corresponds to September)

On this day we carry still this conjunction of Pluto and Venus as a powerfully potentiality which can impact the entire coming year. The Moon continues through Aries and passes through its own Ascending Node and conjoins Uranus. We cannot see Uranus, but after sunset, we can view the ascending stars from the western horizon with Mercury, now retrograde, and Venus just above the horizon, then Saturn and then Jupiter and imagine Uranus high in the southwestern sky with the Moon after sunset. Uranus has been hovering in the Moon node in retrograde movement for many months, in the orb of the node since summer coming exactly into the node in August. Now in retrograde it is within 4 degrees of the Node. In general then, Uranus, with its potentiality of change and the transformation of the astral nature into a vehicle for Imagination, true spiritual picturing, has been streaming through this gateway of the Moon towards humanity. Perhaps we can, during this night when the Moon enters its own node and meets Uranus, take up quite consciously this challenge of Uranus to overcome the Luciferic illusions and sense bound thinking and create true imaginations for our world becoming.

January 2/3: (Corresponds to October)

On this day the Moon steps into the stars of Taurus. One can see the stars of the Bull clearly in the sky with its two horns projecting outward. Today, the Moon moves through the body of the Bull

approaching Mars which is retrograde in Taurus . In Taurus, we have the foundations of the larynx and on many levels the Bull carries the formative forces of speech as an earthly expression of the Word. Taurus reminds us of our descent into the earthly realm, into a closer union with matter, yet it carries also this attunement to the divine. See Jan 3/4 below for how we might take up this Moon in Taurus and now particularly with the planet Mars in Taurus which the Moon will meet tomorrow.

January 3/4 : (Corresponds to November)

On this day we can take this Taurus impulse more deeply as the Moon now conjoins Mars, which is still in a retrograde loop, and then passes the eye of the Bull, Aldebaran. The Moon is approaching Full and this conjunction with Mars can take us back to the previous Full Moon on December 8th, which I wrote about at that time, when the Moon occulted Mars, passing directly in front of it opposite the Sun in Scorpion last month. I insert an excerpt from that article to consider as the Moon joins Mars today. *Mars represents the completed first half of Earth evolution. Mars also carries the memory of the previous incarnation of the Earth as Ancient Moon, when the astral body was bestowed on the human being and during which Lucifer rebelled against the higher Sun beings, a pre-figuring of his activity during Earth evolution as described in the story in Genesis. Mars represents that sphere which has given the human being the capacity to separate the self and to confront and master the external world of the senses. Mars is all about "ME!", the centric I am. Taurus is also a constellation that is connected to our taking up of the material world, our descent into the weight of the Bull on the Earth. It carries the memory of the ancient Egyptian and Chaldean cultural age, the age of the pyramids, the heavy temples grounded on the Earth, yet with their tips oriented to the stars, just as the heavy earthy bull has horns tuning it into the stars. Yet Mars and Taurus are also both deeply associated with speech, with the Word. So, Mars carries the "sharp sword" of the word. In our current times, I think we have all experienced the complete separation of the word from truth in so much of what we hear today. The word as lie, as tool of manipulation, propaganda, "fake news". The full story of Mars is the story of the Word becoming Flesh, losing its divine origin, its connection to the logos. Yet, since the event of Christ's incarnation and resurrection, the Earth has begun its new development towards spiritualization out of the new Sun ego in us. Thus, Mars is undergoing a transformation, but only through the conscious working of human beings to restore the logos to the word. This is the long process of the Flesh becoming Word, through the new I AM force of Christ in the world.*

January 4/5 : (Corresponds to December)

Today is the 12th night, the completion of the Holy Nights. On January 4th the Earth is in its perihelion, meaning that it is closest to the Sun in its annual journey. The Moon will complete its journey through Taurus and during the day of the 5th, pass into the stars of the Twins. Now it has come full cycle through half of the zodiac, Archer to Twins, and on Epiphany day will come to Full Moon, exactly opposite the Sun.

On this day, we can now consider the Moon in the Twins as a preparation for Epiphany on January 6th. In contemplating the Twins, we consider it as the top of the great cross of the world, formed by the solstices and equinoxes. Thus, Twins along with Archer, in which the Moon will culminate as Full Moon on the 6th, carry the great challenge of our egoity, the vertical beam of the cross. The Twins is a picture of duality, of the hierarchical above and below, the two worlds of the divine above and the earthly below. In the Twins, we also have the Greek myth of Castor and Pollux, the mortal and immortal twins, the one twin who sacrificed himself to save his brother who had died. We have a story of sacrifice of the immortal to rescue his mortal brother. The Moon in the Twins will come opposite the Sun in the Archer, where again is this question of polarity and egoity. In the Archer we have more of the struggle of the

human to resolve the above and below working it out within our own nature. We see the lower animal body of the horse, with the human arising from it and aiming his bow and arrow to the future goal. So, on this last day of the Holy Nights, the Moon approaches its fullness in these stars, ready to take us into Epiphany when the deed was done! When the Christ entered earthly existence into Jesus and the path of the Three Years commenced. The true I AM united himself with the earthly body to launch the great redemption of the Earth and humanity.

Our journey through the Holy Nights with the Angels is concluded, the Moon is full of cosmic substance, with each step offering us a seed for each month of the coming year. It can be a challenge to understand how to apply these days to the full year a month at a time. How does this microcosm of 12 days expand as seed for the macrocosm of the coming 12 months? I have found that a journal or some way to record my thoughts and actions of each day can be used with the corresponding month as a way to observe how what I have taken up and done each day will blossom in the corresponding month. For example, how will my working with the Moon in Aquarius and meeting Neptune on Day 5 reveal itself in May. What actions and experiences of that day, what thoughts and efforts to live with the star picture of that day will unfold in the month of May? Treat it as an experiment, with no “shoulds” and observe the coming year.

To conclude, we arrive now at Epiphany, January 6th and the Full Moon. The Moon in Twins opposite the Sun in Archer. But a significant rhythm also completed on this day. Mercury arrives between the Sun and Earth in an inferior conjunction completing a loop that began with the superior conjunction of November 8th, 2022, which was also almost conjunct Venus. I wrote about this event on November 8th as it was Election Day in the US. (see article on astrosophy.com under Current Articles) Mercury, Venus, and Sun stood in Libra opposite Moon and Uranus in Aries when that superior conjunction and the Full Moon eclipse took place. They were all in a T-square with Saturn, the keeper of world karma. The karmic Saturn challenge then was about decisions and the potential for a higher thinking to overcome the lower impulses threatened by the lunar eclipse (the full Moon's light being blocked). Mercury at that time picked up this configuration, this great question, behind the Sun. On this Epiphany it comes around now in front of the Sun and hands over to the Earth what was picked up at that superior conjunction, asking humanity to “real-ize” this world question. It hands it over on Epiphany, which as the festival of the Christ entry into humanity, can be an answer to “how” we are to realize that starry event.

At this Full Moon and inferior conjunction of Sun and Mercury, the Moon stands in the same longitude with the star Sirius, a very special star in the heavens. To complete this Holy Nights contemplation, let us look at the Moon in Twins in line with Sirius on this day of the Incarnation in relation to this question of our identity, our egoity. In ancient times Sirius was known as ‘The Shining One’. In Egypt it represented Isis (Sothis). They believed that Sirius had a tremendous effect upon life on our planet. In particular, they felt that Sirius could open a portal into the spiritual world, so they oriented the Giza pyramid to Sirius. In our time, at Epiphany each year, the Sun stands in Archer near the star Vega, which is the bright star in the Lyre made by Hermes/Mercury and given to Apollo who encompassed many attributes associated with the creative thinking human as well as being the god of the Sun. It is opposite Sirius, which then is shining through the Earth when the Sun is high in the sky or passing above in the midnight sky when the Earth is below. Sirius has always held a special place in my own heart. Many years ago, the Astrosophy Center published monthly star journals which we called ‘Sirius’. We chose this name based on a statement Rudolf Steiner made in answer to a private question by Countess von Keyserlingk. (Steiner gave the agriculture course at the estate of the von Keyserlingks in 1924). She conveys that Steiner said, ‘On Sirius everything that men are thinking is heard.’ This caused her to dig more deeply

into the nature of Sirius and she later approached Steiner with the question: Where is the realm in heaven and in the cosmos where all human suffering and all human joy are noticed? His answer to her, and our Epiphany answer, was:

Sirius is the cosmic thought which Christ makes of his own heart – thus it is found in the earth.

With great enthusiasm and confidence in the heart of the Human Being during these Holy Nights.

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