

Jupiter and Mars in Connection with Palestine
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In the sphere of Saturn we would find everything there in a kind of soul essence, as for instance memory, which we conceive as ideas. The Divine essence in Jupiter is living ideas, whereas in the sphere of Mars the Divine essence is already condensed still further, and on the Earth it finally becomes matter.

Jupiter refers to the future. This future intent or striving lives in the atmosphere and is already present now. If we look at Jupiter in a telescope, all we see is something that looks like a cloud, as we do not see any surface. We can see that Jupiter is preparing the future, if we imagine what we said earlier about Saturn and the Sun as being two poles, and between these two poles are the planets of Jupiter, Mars, Earth/Moon, Mercury, and Venus. In the middle of these two poles, was described the activity and evolution of the Earth, including its Mars-half and its Occult Mercury-half; thus, if we draw a circle from Saturn to the Sun and from there, we would bring the circle around the three planets of Earth's evolution, and then sweep up to Jupiter (indicating the future 5th Great Round of evolution) and back to Occult Venus, we also see the distant future Great Round will be the Venus evolution. This is the future as described by Rudolf Steiner as the evolutions of future Jupiter and Venus.

As we stand on the Earth, we see the fixed stars of the Zodiac. Jupiter, which also makes loops, needs 12 years to go through the Zodiac. The real stars, the forms of their rhythmic movements, we can never see. Last night I showed you the five-pointed star of Venus with its retrograde movements, which you never see physically when looking up at the night sky. We could follow the planet Jupiter in its movement, and only then do you find the real Jupiter. We can see in its movements the 12 mighty gestures that is made in each of the constellations (one each year), like 12 gates. The sphere of Jupiter is inhabited by beings who prepare for the future. Jupiter is that mighty divinity of philosophic thinking, a living world of ideas. It is Plato's world of living ideas. Jupiter is Zeus and is connected with the use of the brain. Pallas Athene was born out of the brain of Zeus. Jupiter is connected with active thinking, and it suffers under passive, intellectual thinking. Our thoughts will be the substance of the future Jupiter—the New Jerusalem. Jupiter builds up the New Jupiter through the 12 gates of the Zodiac. It is a very high cosmic sphere, the sphere of the Spirits of Wisdom, the Kyriotetes.

During the Three Years of Christ's Ministry, the gestures of Jupiter begin after a loop in Ram, a loop in Bull, and a loop in Twins:

What can we see in this movement? In Ram we would find all the spiritual forces that form the head. All that which is connected with the larynx is connected with Bull, and the further development is in Twins with balance: right/left, above/below, etc. The Jupiter forces are brought down through the thinking, becoming the creative Word, then Deed in Twins.

I pointed out that one has to go through three gates. In Waterman we find the region of the Baptism. The first picture of fire in Waterman is found in the sixth cycle of Ancient Saturn, connected with our blood circulation. Once our ancestors were like flowers. Imagine there is a plant with a flower; that was once "human", but not as hardened.

With Jupiter in Ram we would recognize the Kyriotetes, in which Christ was the head: "Behold the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world." Lamb of God means the Spirit of the Kyriotetes. The ground plan was laid in Ancient Saturn evolution, and then in the Ancient Sun evolution the Kyriotetes brought Life.

Easter 30 AD Jupiter entered Bull, The creative Word, and it was one step further down into incarnation. You will find this passage in the Gospel of St. Mark, "He did not preach like the scribes; He spoke as one of authority." Christ speaks with the power of the authority, or Spirits of Form, the Exusiai - Elohim—the creative Word speaks. Then there was the consecration of the 12 Apostles.

In 32 AD there was the Feeding of the 5,000 and the 4,000, for those of the 4th Age who would prepare for the 5th Age. It is the next step further into incarnation. Christ is not only the teacher, He enters the community.

In Twins the Head of the Kyriotetes now enters the last steps of incarnation. The dynamic of Twins is changed into Brotherhood. It was possible for Christ to be not only in His body. Rudolf Steiner said that Christ could enter other beings (see the seventh chapter of St. John and Steiner's lectures on the Fifth Gospel).

Mars is the planet of aggression and concrete awareness, and it is the last step into the material world. It is death of Divine essence, dying into matter. It pushes cosmic essence either too deeply into the Earth, when it is in conjunction with the Earth, or draws it away too much when is in opposition to the Earth.

The journey of Mars is begins with a loop in Goat, which one could say was an intention to close up the Earth against the cosmic forces. The spirits that are connected with Mars tend toward densification.

During the 40 days after the Baptism, Christ Jesus was in the desert. Forty is a cosmic number: Moses was 40 years in the desert; the 40 days after the Resurrection. Then Mars was in Twins at Golgotha and after. Christ had the capacity to appear in the Resurrection Body. Jupiter was in the highest position in the sky. Mars had become the servant of Christ, and with its capacity of condensation it gives Christ the possibility to be seen in the Resurrection Body. Christ was not dependent on the stars, but He took these powers, even transforming them, and took them into the new cosmos.