

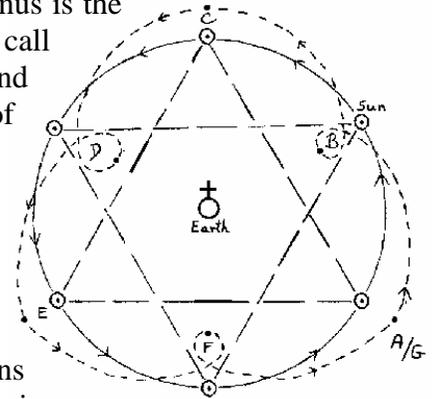
The Twelve Holy Nights

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The 12 Holy Nights are passed and the symbols on the Christmas tree have gone. On the 13th night we turn away from that which had reminded us of the stars, and we come down from the cosmos.

The Imagination of the Three Kings and Epiphany, when Christ entered the Earth. There is a custom that on Epiphany the Three Kings come to clear the Christmas tree, and they take it away. They who were the masters of ancient star-wisdom had to take the symbols of the stars away so that we can turn again to the Earth.

We shall now talk of Occult Venus, the star of the Deeds. This Occult Venus is the real six-pointed star, which is made by the movements of the planet that we call Mercury. As the five-pointed star reminds us of the shepherds' compassion and healing, so the six-pointed star of Occult Venus reminds us of the real star of the Magi. It's the star of the Deeds. Here we have a difficulty, as in modern astronomy this planet is called Mercury. If we take the position of Occult Venus from the view of Earth, we find that it stands sometimes behind the Sun and sometimes in front of the Sun, as it is always going around the Sun. The loops and conjunctions describe a six-pointed star, which we cannot see, but in the course of 40 years, these conjunctions rotate around the Zodiac, coming within a degree or so of its previous starting point. Inferior conjunctions are compressions or contractions and superior conjunctions are lighter or expansions.



When Occult Mercury crossed the Sun, in front of the Earth, the dark race came about—light and darkness. The guardians, who were responsible for helping to create the different races, hid this meaning. The Magi-wisdom was used indeed, magic powers. One of the Magi came from Persia, where they tilled the soil.

The seven signs of Christ stand like a kind of archetype for healing. The Three Years are not really three complete years but only 2¼ years. We have seven signs that occur during the inferior conjunctions of Occult Venus with the Sun. Christ had taken the forces of light coming from the previous superior conjunctions of Occult Venus with the Sun and presented it through the Signs during the inferior conjunctions that followed.

The seven cycles of Occult Venus in these 2¼ years, correspond to the seven Signs given by the Christ found in the Gospel of St. John. Here we have also gathered together the seven-foldness of the planets, and also how they are associated with the days of the week. We can see Saturn in the First Sign, Wedding of Cana. This is where Christ fully stepped forward in Jesus, so to speak; it was the beginning of the Service, whereby the “I” now made water wine, it now took the place of wine. The Second Sign, the healing of the Nobleman's Son of Capernaum, revealed the Mystery of the Sun. The healing took place in the 7th hour, at noon in mid-summer. The Third Sign was the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda, who was sick for 38 years, revealing the Mystery of the Moon. The waters of the pool were sometimes moved by an angel, and whoever entered first was then healed, but there was nobody to help the sick man into the pool in time. The Christ asks the sick man if he wants to be healed, then ordered him to take up his bed and go home. The healing was on the Sabbath in 31AD. The Moon's node has a rhythm of about 38 years, and the man had been sick for 38 years.

The planets do not move on exactly the same plane. The plane of the Moon is slightly tilted to that of the Earth, and therefore the Moon's orbital plane crosses that of the Earth at a descending point, or node, and an ascending point, or node. These nodes rotate around the plane of the Earth. A complete Moon node return takes about 18 years 7 months. Two Moon node returns is 37 years 3 months, and 31 years from 38 comes to the year 7 BC, when there were tremendous events in the sky. Majestic events, such as a first gong in 7 BC, announcing the coming Christ incarnation, when there was a tremendous eclipse. That man fell sick at that time, a reflection of the Great Fall in the cosmos (see Ancient Moon III). This man was not able to receive the Sun message and he had to wait for 38 Years. Then the Sun Being came and healed the Moon mystery, with the Sun descending into the Moon; that is, the Sun coming back and entering the Moon again.

Looking back into these Events can bring to light the significance of the Christ. The stars are moving on; the Christ has united with the Earth. Jupiter in Ram-Kyriotes; the Lamb of God. Such events happen only once. Once, the Jupiter forces in Ram were brought down to the Earth; now we can look toward the Earth and realize in vivid pictures of the great cosmos, and the spirit leader of the Kyriotes. This, then, concerns the whole universe.

(1) Saturn/Saturday: The Wedding at Cana.

(2) Sun/Sunday: The healing of the son of the Nobleman of Capernaum.

(3) Moon/Monday: The healing of the man who was sick 38 years.

(4) Mars/Tuesday (uniting of Sun and Moon)—The Feeding of the 5000. Mars, who was the first-half of Earth evolution, now becomes the servant, the Bread. In this fourth Sign the star of Occult Venus points indeed to the far future. Jupiter also points to the future. Our thoughts will become the substance of the future Jupiter. We will behold the spirit. Occult Venus will be able to create the spirit. Mercury (Occult Venus) comes to the place where the Feeding of the 5,000 took place. What we can do is to realize vividly the Feeding of the 5,000. In the far future, humanity will be able to do greater deeds.

(5) Occult Mercury/Wednesday: Christ Walking on the Sea: Mercury is the planet of peace. As seen from the Earth, Venus conjuncts the Sun and then Mercury just before Mercury conjuncts the Sun, and Jupiter is in Bull. The fourth watch is the early morning. Before Sunrise the disciples were caught in the elements, then the Sun rose. Christ calmed the sea with the Mercury forces.

(6) Jupiter/Thursday: The healing of the man who was blind from birth: It was to wake up to the Jupiter forces. Preparation for the future as long as the day lasts. "I Am the Light of the world and of the Cosmos." Christ gives of His own substance—symbolic of the clash between the darkness of the past and the light of the future.

(7) Occult Venus/Friday: The Raising of Lazarus—There was a superior conjunction in Capricorn/Goat: "I Am the Door" (St. John, Chapter 10) and an inferior conjunction, a loop, in Fishes. With Occult Venus are the Mysteries, and in the 7th cycle the Mysteries become manifest in the Raising of Lazarus (St. John, Chapter 11).