

THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS AND THE CYCLE OF THE YEAR WITH CHRIST

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When we visit the Temple in Mount Ecclesia we can notice that the Leo panel is placed on the West side of the Sanctuary, over the Altar alcove containing the Rosicrucian Emblem. The Temple symbolism (1) tells us that *“Leo is the sign of the risen Christ and the emblem of spiritual unfoldment. Leo represents the path to Initiation through the heart. The Rosicrucian path to Initiation commences at the door of intellect under the mental sign Aquarius (Eastern door of Temple Sanctuary) and leads to liberation at the altar of the heart under the dominion of the Leo Hierarchy.”*



This prominent position of Leo as the goal of four longings in the Initiatory path establishes a pattern which can be also recognized in the Evolutionary Process and in the cycle of the year with Christ.



To identify this pattern, we will focus our attention in the evolutionary scheme, especially to the period of time devoted to the attainment of self-consciousness and to the building of the vehicles through which the spirit manifests in man, and we will compare it to the cycle of the year with Christ.

We know from the ROSICRUCIAN COSMO CONCEPTION (2) that, in the first period of Manifestation – the Saturn Period - during its first revolution, the Lords of Flame, the Leo Hierarchy or Thrones, working on men on their own free Will, succeeded in implanting in the evolving life the germ which has developed our present dense body. Also, in the middle of the seventh revolution, the same Hierarchy awakened the highest spiritual principle in humanity – the Divine Spirit.

The work of the Saturn Period started and finished in the World of Divine Spirit through globes A and G. This region was the highest one ever reached by all the seven manifested globes during the evolutionary scheme.

Considering now the cycle of the year with Christ, after the Sun reaches the highest point in its northernmost ascension and transits the sign of Leo, Christ ascends into the spiritual realm of the Divine Spirit, known biblically as the Throne of the Father. During this transit under the supervision of the Lords of Flame and united with the power of the Father, the Lord Christ works with the supreme Power of Love, keynote of the Hierarchy of Leo, the stabilizing force of the Earth (3).

Proceeding with the analysis of the period of Involution, two other Hierarchies worked on mankind in the second period of Manifestation – the Sun Period – the Hierarchies of Virgo and Cancer, neighbors of Leo Hierarchy in the Zodiacal Circle.

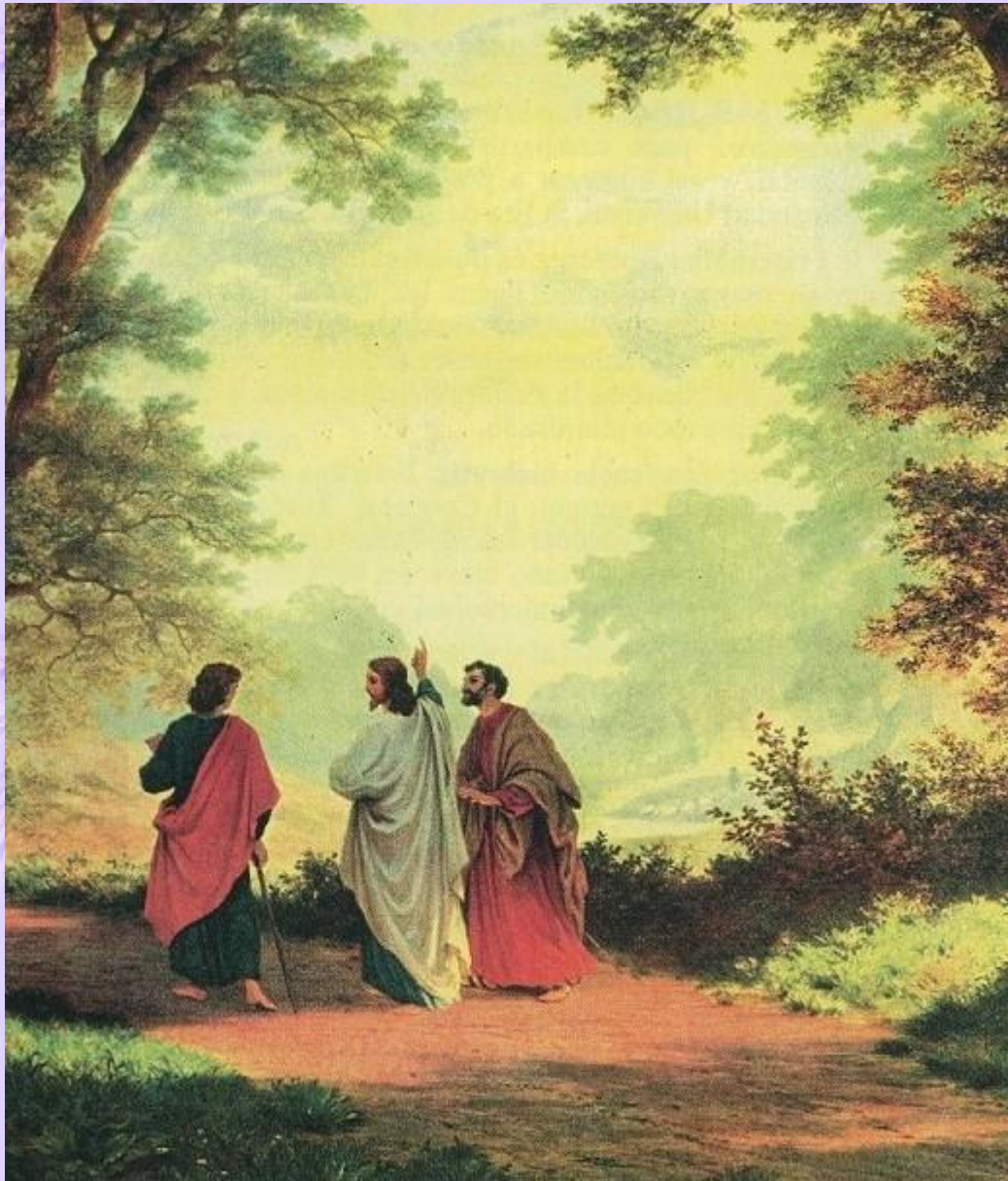
In the first revolution of the Sun Period both Hierarchies of Leo and Virgo conjointly reconstructed the germinal dense body.

The Lords of Wisdom (Virgo), who were not as highly evolved as the Lords of Flame, worked to complete their own evolution. They started the proper work of the Sun Period, the second period of Manifestation by radiating from themselves the germ of vital body, during the second revolution of this period. In the sixth revolution, the Cherubim, the Cancer Hierarchy, entered and awakened the second aspect of the threefold spirit in man, the Life Spirit.

The highest region attained by the globes A and G during the Sun Period was the World of the Life Spirit. Similarly, during the cycle of the year with Christ, the World of Life Spirit is visited by Him during the solar months of July (Câncer) and September (Virgo).

The work done by the Virgo and Cancer Hierarchies on our vital body and its spiritual counterpart, the Life Spirit, has been fulfilled with the most pure vibrations and had a decisive influence in building the correspondent archetypes in accordance with their own characteristics.

The keynotes of Virgo are Service and Sacrifice. The Cherubim (Hierarchy of Cancer) are guardians of all holy places of heaven and earth and they hold the great mystery of Life itself. The destiny of humanity is, therefore, luminous and glorious, as long as we can find ourselves on the proper way, living a life of service and purity, following the pattern implanted by the Hierarchies of Virgo and Cancer in the seed atom of our vital body and in its spiritual counterpart, the Life Spirit. The Rosicrucian School helps us to learn this magnificent lesson of service and purity, especially through the healing process. We can read from the healing service form: (4):



“Neither can pure and strong healing force be sent out from here unless we keep our minds and bodies clean and pure.” (...) “When a person is intensely in earnest in supplication to a higher power, his aura seems to form itself into a funnel shaped thing which resembles the lower part of the waterspout. This leaps up into space a great distance, and being attuned to the Christ vibration of the interplanetary world of the Life Spirit, it draws thence a divine power which enters the man or company of men, and ensouls the thought-form which they have created.”



The third period of manifestation was the Moon Period. After the work done during the first two revolutions of Moon Period to adapt our dense and vital bodies to have an interface with a new vehicle to be given to humanity, the germ of the desire body, the Lords of Individuality, the Libra Hierarchy, commenced the proper Moon work during the third revolution. They helped human being to appropriate and build into a germinal desire body. The Lords of Individuality also worked on and in man to complete their own evolution.

During the fifth revolution of the Moon Period, the Seraphim, the Hierarchy of Gemini, awakened the third aspect of spirit – the Human Spirit.

In the Moon Period, the globes A and G reached the Region of Abstract Thought, the highest planes attained by the globes in this period. Similarly, during the solar month of June (Gemini), the Lord Christ passes into the Third Heaven, i. e., the Region of Abstract Thought. This is the highest sphere in the reincarnation cycle attained by humanity at its present stage of evolution.

During the month of June the Christ becomes a channel for radiation sent forth by the Seraphim. He contacts them by means of the Holy Spirit. One of the keynotes of Gemini is activity. It is also the keynote of the Holy Spirit (3).

We know from the Rosicrucian Philosophy that the desire body, the counterpart of the Human Spirit, gives us all the incentives to action, but we have to learn to control this force, sometimes unbridled.

When the Sun enters Libra, the Sublime Christ touches the outer surface of the Earth. The great lesson to be learned through Libra is to develop the power of discrimination and distinguish the real from the unreal and the true from the false, in order to overcome the illusions created by the Desire Body and to control it. (3).

In the fourth period of evolution, the Earth Period, mankind received the germ of the mind, through the work of the Sagittarius Hierarchy, the Lords of the Mind. This stage marks the birth of the individual.

The humanities of the former periods (Saturn, Sun and Moon), respectively the Lords of Mind, the Archangels and the Angels are working with the Virgin Spirits, the Hierarchy of Pisces, during the Earth Period. They are been assisted by the Hierarchy of Scorpio – the Lords of Form, who were given charge of the Earth Period.

During November (solar month of Scorpio), the Christ force permeates the Desire Realm. The Golden Christ ray when passing the Scorpio period represents a time of transmutation. Transmutation is the dominant keyword of Scorpio. The golden Christ force penetrates still more deeply into the Earth as the Sun passes through Sagittarius, and the inner realms become intensely luminous with its glory light. The golden Christ force becomes then centered in heart of the Earth at the December Solstice (Capricorn). This marks the Holy Night of the year, when a deep calm and peace pervades the whole world. When the Sun is transiting Aquarius the Lord Christ center its activities in the etheric realms. During the month that the Sun transits Aquarius the higher ethers become luminous as the Christ force is being lifted toward the surface of Earth, in preparation to His triumphant Easter liberation. The forces of the two higher ethers are becoming increasingly potent in their effect upon mankind, with the proximity of the Aquarian Age (3).As mentioned in the beginning of this article, Aquarius is the starting door for the Rosicrucian Path to Initiation. The two higher ethers can convey the forces to develop the faculties of observation and discrimination, important requisites to build up the soul body. But the development of these faculties is not sufficient to pursue up the Initiatory Path. The heart, ruled by Leo, must be deeply involved. The ideal of Aquarius is shown in the opposite sign, Leo and the keynotes of Leo are: Love and Light.

“God is Light; if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light we have Fellowship one with another.”

- Roberto Gomes da Costa, Rio de Janeiro, 2008.

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