

The Soul's Journey Through the Spheres After Death

With Star Lore Historian

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*Speaking about the journey of the soul through the spheres
after death,
while we are still in life ourselves,
is to concern ourselves with deepest initiation wisdom*

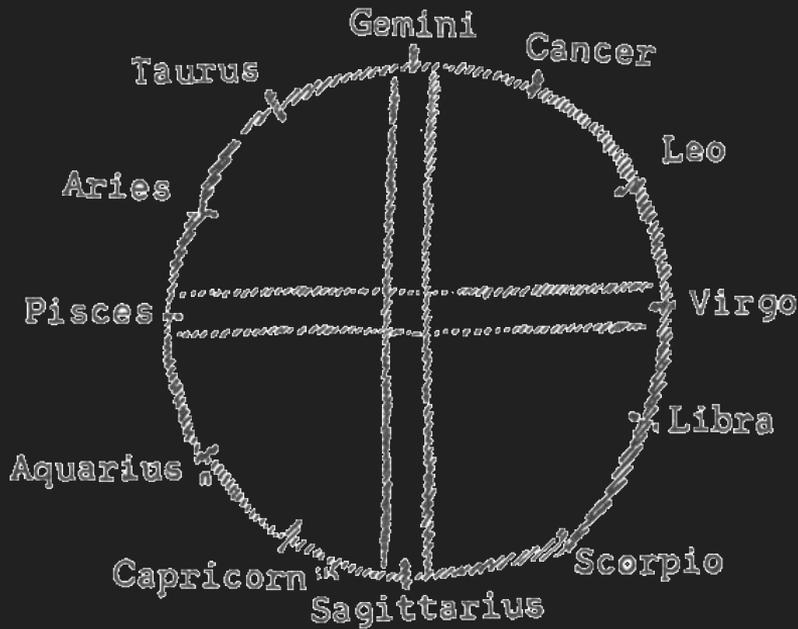
The Earth exhibits three motions:

Rotation on its axis
Orbit of the Sun
Wobble

In Hindu tradition, Brahma soars through the air on a magnificent gander, which is the symbol of sovereign freedom through stainless spirituality. The macrocosmic gander manifests itself through a song ~ a melody of inhaling and exhaling
“I am he who is free and divine.”



With each beat of its celestial wings, the celestial gander prophesies light for the universe



From the East an endeavour will be made to strengthen what I have already explained: to place in the service of the earth the beings which work in from the opposite side of the cosmos.

In the future there will be a great battle.

Human science will stretch out to the cosmic, but will try to get there by different paths.

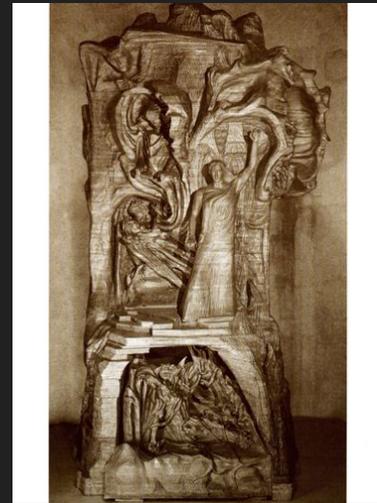
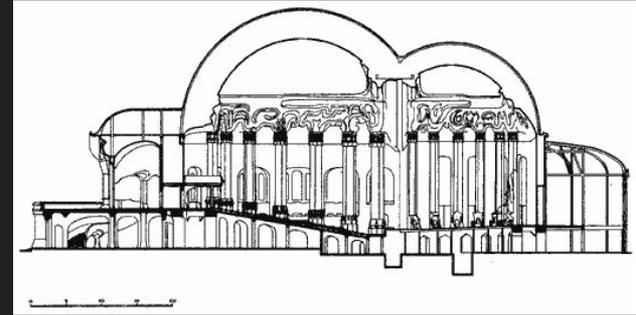
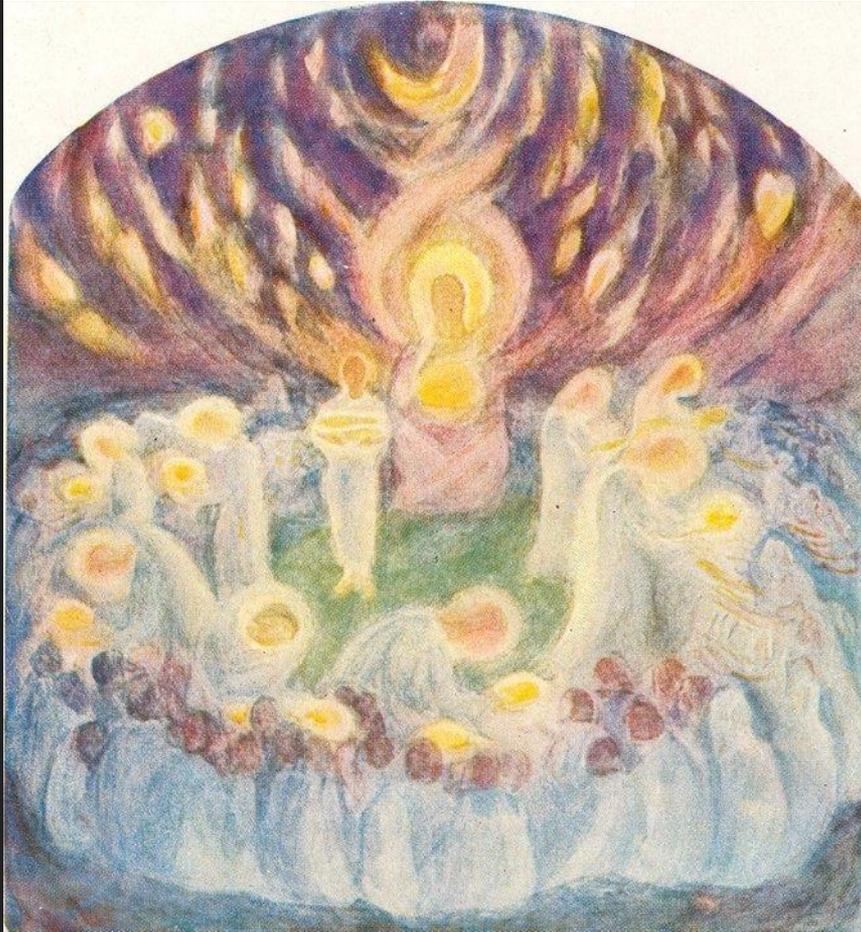
It will be the task of good, healing science to find certain cosmic forces which can reach the earth through the co-operation of two cosmic streams, those of Pisces and Virgo.

The great secret to be discovered will be how the influence which works from the direction of Pisces as a power of the sun unites itself with the influence working from the direction of Virgo.

It will make for good when it is learnt how the morning and evening forces from the two sides of the cosmos can be brought into the service of humanity.

When the forces of Pisces and Virgo act in co-operation, nothing wrongful can be brought into being.

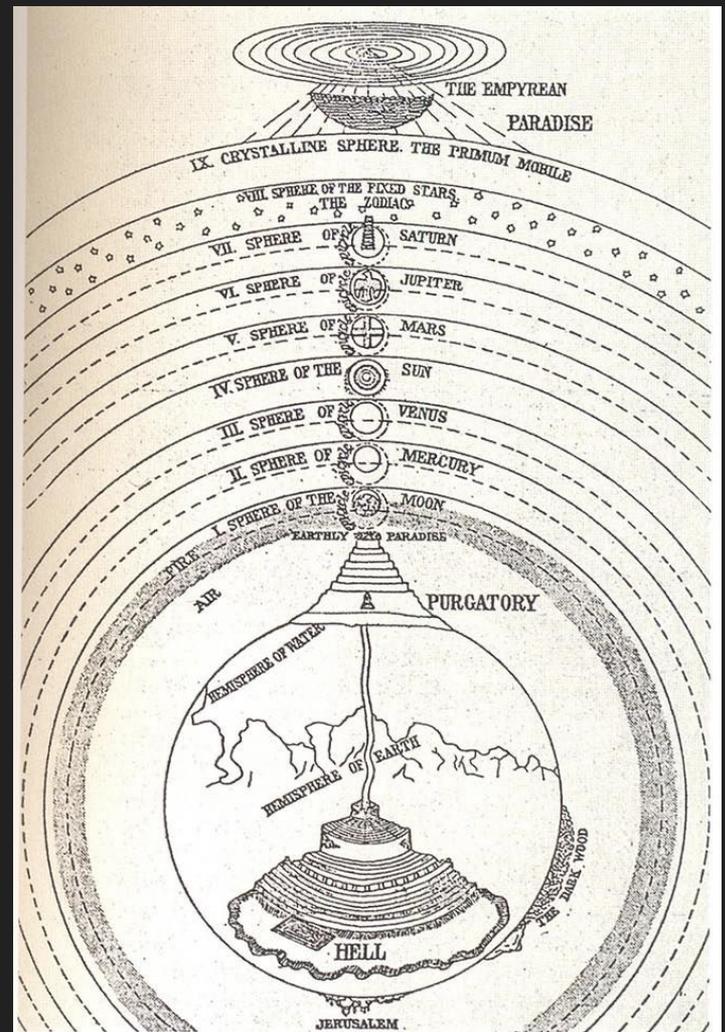
Feeding the Multitude with five loaves and two fishes
Pisces ~ Virgo axis

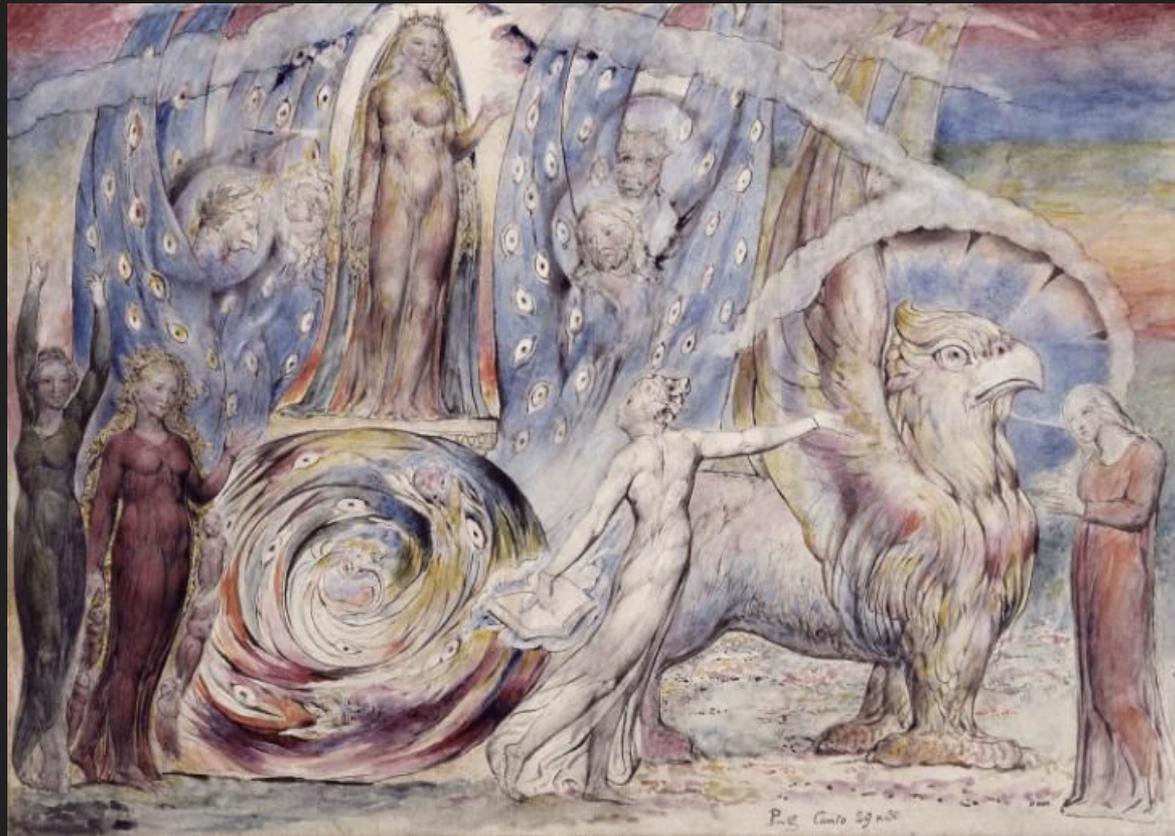


The Soul's journey follows the order of planets in our system from the geocentric standpoint, with the soul expanding out into the spheres from the Earth at the center, and moving in this order:

- Moon
- Occult Mercury (*which we regard as Venus*)
- Occult Venus
- Sun
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- The Region of Fixed stars

Image from 1855 of Dante's Paradise, from his Divine Comedy





At the threshold of the Moon sphere
the earthly paradise of encountering those we love

The Moon Sphere

Every night we really expand over the stellar spaces. After death, we expand slowly and gradually in such a way that we must seek the substance of our soul — for we cannot now say: the substance of our body — in the circumference of the earth, at first far beyond the atmosphere. Farther and farther it expands, until we (though it may sound paradoxical, it comes to that) have expanded the life of our soul over the whole expanse of the sphere which in the end corresponds to the moon's orbit around the earth. We grow so large that the boundary of our being is the orbit of the moon. As long as we thus grow larger, that which we may call the *Kamaloka-time* prevails. That is the time of inner connection with the preceding life on earth.

~Rudolf Steiner, *Occult Research into the Life Between Death and Rebirth* February 17, 1913



“You people there can help us here so much.”

~Dante's "Purgatory," Canto III line 145

The Mercury Sphere

The second stage of every seven-year cycle is the Mercury stage
with Mercury, imaginations become their reality
So the trickster sets before us tests, to assess our moral capacity
We move into the Mercury sphere after the kamaloka

The sphere of Mercury is therefore the sphere in which our moral qualities are expressed. It also is the sphere in which what we have developed in the way of moral qualities becomes effective in still another manner...the after-effect of having been in the life between birth and death a conscientious human being, or one lacking conscientiousness...

Everyone
Is God speaking.
Why not be polite and
Listen to Him?
~Hafiz



*We prepare ourselves for the Venus sphere by religious qualities,
a religious attitude...*

*Other spirits of the Higher Hierarchies enter from then on into
the human sphere, and man lives there with spirits of the
Higher Hierarchies if he has developed a religious attitude,
religious sentiments, religious feelings....
religious fellowship...here we are related
to others through shared religious feelings*

How
Did the rose
Ever open its heart
And give to this world
All its
Beauty?
It felt the encouragement of light
Against its
Being,
Otherwise,
We all remain
Too
Frightened

In the sphere of the Sun the feeling of loneliness prevails if the human being prepared on earth only for a certain kind of religious feeling in his soul. In the sphere of the Sun, a person is a social being only when he has developed, in the best sense of the word, an understanding of every religious feeling; when he has developed a deeper tolerance for all religious systems on earth.



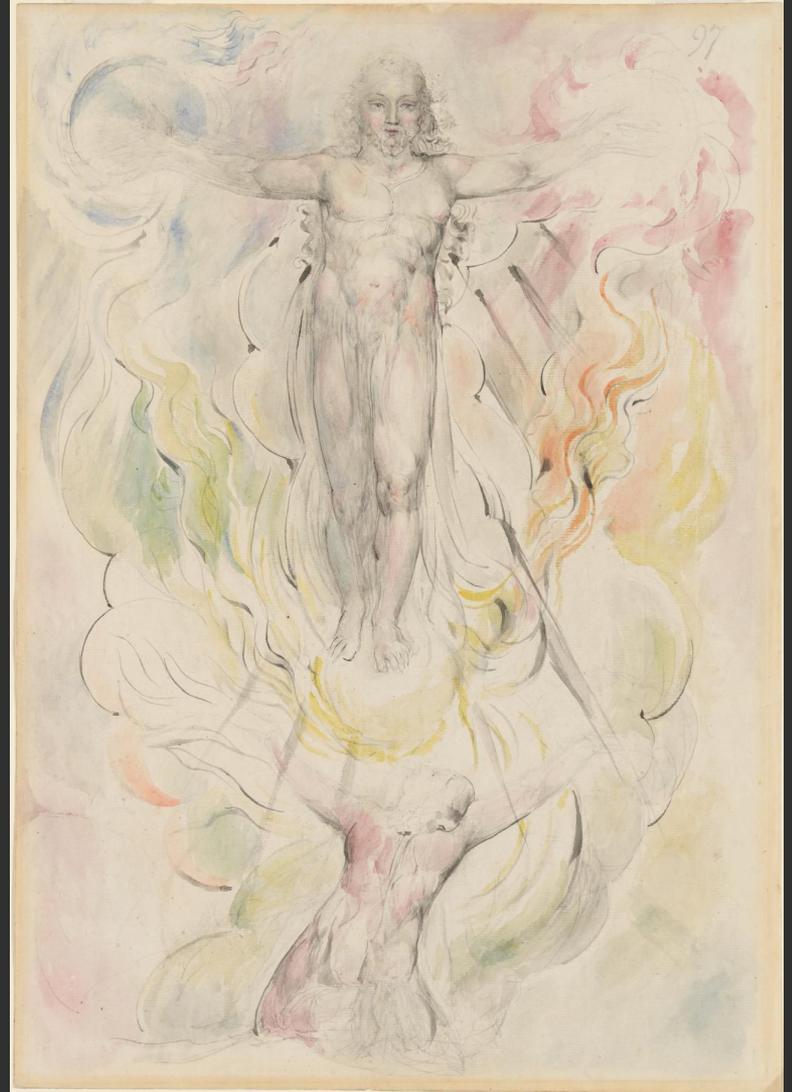
When we come into the sphere of the Sun
we find there two things:
An empty World Throne
A second Throne

*Mirrors~you call them Thrones~there are above,
Whence God in judgement shines to us, and there
Rightly we read these things we tell thee of..
~Dante, Paradise, Canto IX, lines 61-63*

The Mars Sphere

In the late 16th century, Mars loses his old task...
The Buddha, who had completed his last incarnation on earth,
was sent to Mars...and accomplished for Mars something
similar to what the Christ accomplished on earth
in the Mystery of Golgotha....
now the peace substance of the Buddha flows into the Mars sphere...

Dante adoring the Christ in the Fifth Heaven



We expand farther and farther into the reaches of the stars, to **Jupiter, Saturn** and farther. *What has been described now occurs only, in fact, with the most advanced souls.* Those souls which have not fulfilled the conditions and will not fulfill them until later~such souls, in the life between death and rebirth, come into contact only with the spheres nearest the earth. They also go through the outer spheres, but in a certain unconscious state akin to sleep.

In the outer spheres beyond the sun, the forces are gathered which man must acquire in order to be able to work, to collaborate, in building up a new body as he approaches a new birth...While expanding, between death and a new birth, to the sun-sphere, he still has contact with the forces which are the after effects from his previous life. The forces he needs in order to work into the sphere of the earth whatever can construct his physical body out of the surrounding spheres, these forces he must extract from the forces outside the sun-sphere.



Astronomy Picture of the Day, April 7, 2020 by Mario Konang

In the weaving of the ether
Man's **web of destiny**
Is received by Angels, Archangels, Archai.
(*Moon, Mercury, Venus*)

Into the astral world
The **just consequences** of man's earthly life
Die into Exusiai, Dynamies, Kyriotetes.
(*3-fold Sun*)

In the essence of their deeds
The **honest creations** of man's earthly life
Ae resurrected in Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim.
(*Mars, Jupiter, Saturn*)

*William Blake "The Deity from Whom Proceed the Nine Spheres
(illustrations to the Divine Comedy, Paradiso, XXVIII)*



Developing a Monthly Ceremony of the Spheres

Since the Moon “touches” each planet every month, from one New Moon to the next, it is a trusty companion for creating rhythmic relationship to the planetary spheres

New Moon ~ The Invitation (Moon sphere)

1st visibility of waxing crescent in west ~ Recalling another’s story of spiritual experience (Mercury sphere)

First Quarter Gibbous Moon ~ call forth experiences of sacredness and devotion (Venus sphere)

Full Moon ~ contemplation of the Mysteries; Turning Point of Time (Sun sphere)

Waning gibbous ~ opportunities borne of seeming loss (Mars sphere)

Waning Crescent ~ contemplate one’s relationships beyond religion, race, creed (Jupiter sphere)

Dark Phase of the Moon ~ building an inner altar (Saturn sphere)

(From Mary Stewart Adams Sacred Gateways presentation)

*The whole future of mankind depends on the human being's learning
to live with the spiritual world
as naturally as they live with the physical.*

~Rudolf Steiner

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