

# **THE SHEPHERDS' FIRE**

## **A MEDITATIVE STUDY**

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## Introduction

"The coward slave we pass him by  
The man's the gowd for a' that." (gold)

Robert Burns 1759-1796

This meditative study is dedicated to all people of goodwill who see in the lust for power and greed for gold something base, pitiable and socially reprehensible.

The meditative study is not a new form in Western tradition. René Descartes (1596-1650) the French father of modern philosophy used it in his *Meditations on First Principles*. In the 20<sup>th</sup> C France produced another philosopher of the meditative school whose profundity of thought was matched only by her personal courage and social conscience; the French Jewish genius Simone Weil (1909-1943). The 2ndWW losses to humanity of people of truth, beauty and goodness cannot be measured but in Simone Weil the world lost a philosopher of the first magnitude. In other words, Simone Weil was a serious and totally dedicated working philosopher. She was one of the few. Rudolf Steiner was another, although of the 19thC. His book, *The Philosophy of Freedom*, was also a work of the meditative school. What Simone Weil was to Metaphysics (Theory of Reality), Steiner was to Epistemology (Theory of Knowledge). Such things are perhaps only of interest to students of Philosophy but in The Scottish School, La Philosophie Écossaise, it was once recognised that all philosophising is but a plant growing out of the rootstock of common sense. Meditation is a fundamental exercise for the philosopher, the lover of thought, and maintains the link with common sense.

Descartes *Meditations* are not easy, he begins with his own soul and we, the readers, are allowed to see the inner workings of perceptive thought as it contemplates its own experience and the thought consequences of such contemplation in his soul. This meditative study uses a similar form, not for reasons of device or artifice but because this form is the only way that it's christian esoteric content can be communicated. However, this is not a philosophic study, nor a theological study but a study in christian esotericism and mysticism and consequently it could be described as Simonean Metaphysics, after the metaphysical method of Simone Weil, or equally Spiritual Empiricism, after the epistemological method of Rudolf Steiner.

These considerations are all technical, but we live in a technical and technological age and the study concerns fundamentally just this age in which we live. The study stands on its own, however, and these introductory considerations are offered in order that those who like a peg on which to hang their hats can orientate themselves and know where to find their hats on the way out. Like Simone Weil the author is not a roman catholic and grew up in an agnostic humanist household and this too is said only for reasons of objectivity and clarity.

The *Shepherds Fire*, the preparatory exercise, is an exercise in *heart thinking* which prepares a "soul space" for the Epiphanic content: at least that is the relationship of the *Shepherds Fire* to Liberté, Egalité, and Fraternité which presented itself to the soul of the author and is presented here.

In 2000 the author published *Aesthetics of Economics*, a book no longer in print, which explored some of the ground of this study but withheld the content given here. The economic events of 2008/9 and their continuing aftermath make this withholding no

longer justified.

For those with an interest in these matters the assisting Saints are;

St Columba of Iona  
St Brigid of Ireland  
St Margaret of Scotland  
St Bernadette of Lourdes  
St Michael, the Archangel.

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## The Shepherds Fire

### A Meditative exercise in Christian Esotericism

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The Holy Spirit, whenever It draws near, speaks Its name to me and Its name is Christ Mass. This speaking is like no other speaking. The Holy Breath is very gentle in the soul, like an infant reaching for a mother; if the soul can welcome it likewise then the following experience can happen.

The Holy Breath, when it moves the soul produces the sound of the Angelic Choirs singing Gloria and simultaneously a deep dark night descends on the soul. If one ponders the night and allows the angelic singing to fill the soul then a third experience dawns. The heart suddenly becomes warm and is, as it were, on fire. This mystical fire lights up in the deep dark night with great gentleness. It is not a blaze. The heavens are ablaze, not with fire, but with the singing of the angelic choirs singing both Gloria and Hosanna to God in the Highest as if the myriad stars themselves were saying Gloria, Hosanna in the Highest, for the stars spoke once to man.

In the warmth of this fire that fills the soul is the realisation of the truth that the stars are speaking; the truth is that this very night, as every night, *and* the night of the soul is a Holy Night. The warmth and light of this Truth kindles the Shepherds' Fire that keeps the sheep safe from the wolves- one's own sheep and one's own wolves and others' wolves. In this safety of the heart on fire one can ask the Breath of Holiness, what are the sticks? What is the flame and how is it lit? For one must learn to discern very clearly if one is doomed to spiritual science, and one must learn the art of questioning as a white dove. That is to say, one's question must arise as a white dove just as Noah's question arose; or as a stock dove, a blue dove, a columba, calman gorm.

*Calman=dove, gorm=blue, calma=brave, a columba*

This clear blue dove is an exact question about a precise aspect of, in this case, the experience of the Shepherds' Fire as soul experience - what are the sticks and flames and how is it lit? It is the spiritual scientific question, which is to say the columban question. The question arises out of absolute stillness, the stillness of observation, thus it is scientific in nature. However, the stillness is not the stillness of the head, the coldness and deadness of sight, but the stillness of the heart in a deep silent night: the heart stilled yet on fire, the sheep safe. When the blue dove of the question arises like Noah's dove it arises and returns like Noah's dove, and it brings with it the answer to the question.

The Breath of Holiness, the Holy Spirit, answers the question; the sticks are prayers, the flames are tears, the igniting is a Miracle of the Lord, an Act of His, an act of Divine Magic or Mystery, a Mystical Act.

Now if one is doomed to spiritual science, doomed to the abyss, one sees arising in this Holy Night, like birdsong before dawn, like a miracle in the soul, the Mystery of the Rose Cross and the Mystery of the Flame of Tears, which is also a cross. For these two are two of the many crosses that can arise on either side of the Mystery of Golgotha, the Cross of the Crucifixion. For to be doomed to spiritual science means that one has presentiments of Zoroaster; that one knows in a deep layer of the soul that the Magi from the East are approaching and it is

this Zoroastrian light that has lit up the three crosses arising from the abyss of the deep. But this strays far from the Shepherds Fire, for the Star of Zarathustra is what all the myriad stars are speaking and the stars spoke once to Man. So, not so far from the Shepherds' Fire.



However, it is the Shepherds' Fire that brings us *all* to where the Star comes to rest in the Holy Land of the Heart, so those doomed to spiritual science must return to the experience of the Shepherds' Fire, they must have the courage to leave their Master's Star for the Shepherd's small and fragile fire.

One sits by one's small fire, the sheep safe, the heart warm and on gentle fire and one contemplates The Mystery of the Flame of Tears. Such heart-warming peace! This contemplation, if carried far enough frees another dove of peace. The question is how to tend this small fire whose fuel is prayer and tears, for the soul wants always to have a heart this warm but must arrive at exactly the necessary amount of fuel, neither too much nor too little. One knows that many, many, many are those whose hearts, pure and simple and filled with goodness have given, and continue to give to the Lord the tears, the water He turns into wine and the wine He turns into the Flame of Tears which is the warmth of His Blood as it flows from the Cross. The red blood and the clear fluid, the Rose Cross and the Flame of Tears, the wine and the water.

The igniting of one's prayers and tears into the Shepherds Fire is an Act of the Lord, an Act of Mercy, of Grace and of Caritas, and one wants to live always in mercy, grace and love. So one prays somewhat as follows;

Lord grant me the courage to let this fire, which You have ignited, go out naturally, in accordance with the Will of the Father who gave us the fire that bakes the daily bread and the sacramental bread. For I am tempted to sit by this fire all the days of my life. But Lord, the night gives way to the day as our Father in Heaven has ordained it, and the baker of bread must have rest from his toil and the flames must become embers and the embers must become cold charcoal that sweetens the earth as the Father has ordained it. Lord grant me the faith to let the fire go out naturally in accordance with Thy Will in this Holy Land of the Heart which is Thine and which the Father gave to all humankind as the Promised Land. Amen

The Truth is that no human soul needs more than the Shepherds Fire called to Life by the Holy Spirit, for this is the gift of the Father; He gave His only begotten Son.

For there is no doubt that those doomed to spiritual science can be poor scientists and instead become unwitting and even witting magicians who can, through lack of discernment and discipline, confuse parts of the Gospel and so keep fires where none should be and fail to bring sufficient fuel to light the fire that protects the sheep thus loosing their wolves on others' flocks.

The Flame of Tears is the ignited Rose Cross. Christ metamorphoses one into the other and back again as water became wine, and wine became blood, and Lazarus came forth, and the seed becomes the plant annually.

But those doomed to spiritual science, those with the prescience that the Magi from the East are approaching, are called to the realms ruled by the Holy Queen, the Holy Sophia, which they cannot enter save by the Way of the Son, lest they walk unknowingly the Perilous Way. That is their choice, their freedom: the Way of the Son, the Way of Truth and of Life or the Way Perilous. Truth to tell there are many already walking the Way Perilous in blindness, and some with open eyes. For again there is no doubt that those doomed to spiritual science can be very poor scientists; and a very poor scientist is just an unwitting or a witting magician, a dilettante, who looses his wolves on the flocks of others and who feeds the children of the world with stones.

### Christ in the Scottish Landscape



*Christ as The Man of Sorrows*

*William Dyce 1860*

## The New Jerusalem in the Holy Land of the Heart Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité

*Epiphany Tide 2010*

"Hence we can speak in the full sense of the word of an outer fire, which we perceive as we do other elements, and an inner soul fire within man. That is why, in spiritual science, fire always built a bridge between the outer material world, and the inner soul world that can be perceived inwardly."

R. Steiner Düsseldorf 12 April 1909

On the ground of the Shepherds Fire exercise and the guidance given above by RS we can now cross the Shepherds Fire Bridge in an attempt to deepen our esoteric understanding of the Threefold Commonwealth and social theory and praxis in modern life.

Why did RS reveal the tri-partite nature of human society when he did? For the reason that it is a divine response, at one of the darkest times in human history, to the praying of the Pater Noster by humanity. In the last working days of his life RS prayed the Pater Noster daily, publicly with his co-workers and in his own translation; "Thy Kingdom expand itself in our deeds and in the conduct of our lives." The threefold nature of human societal conduct is a reflection in man and on earth of the Holy Trinity.

Three Spirits with a special relationship to each other seek to incarnate in human societal conduct; the Spirit of Liberté, the Spirit of Egalité and the Spirit of Fraternité: or, we can say three ideals of humanity seek to rise up to meet their living content and hence express themselves livingly on earth. These 3 principles are cardinal or gateway reflections in the human mind and in human society and are *revelatory* of the Holy Trinity. They live in man as ideals and they seek full societal expression as the noblest of human ideals. We can say that modern man, consciousness soul man, is in process of building the House of Liberté, the House of Egalité, and the House of Fraternité. In order to understand things aright and to construct aright man needs the help of a Sophia being, he needs wisdom.

From the wisdom of Solomon

Proverbs 24:2

Through wisdom (Sophia) is an house builded;  
And by understanding it is established. And by  
Knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all  
Precious and pleasant things.

Through RS the 'ground plan' of the architect was revealed. The architect is Anthroposophia; the 'ground plan', the Threefold Commonwealth.

Who is Anthroposophia, the guiding wisdom in this endeavour? For the requirements of this Christian esoteric study we must turn to Hiram the archetypal architect. This Being has aspects of Hiram, her Anthropos nature, but essentially she is approached as a feminine being. Just as the physical female has a male etheric or life body so our essential recognition of Anthroposophia across the fire bridge is firstly through her Marian Sophia nature. It is via her Marian Sophia nature that we reach her Anthropos nature. However we must make distinctions in her Marian nature which we will come to later on in this study.

This 'ground plan' marks the beginning of the descent of the New Jerusalem, already built in Heaven, and which descends from on high. This revelation is part of The Mysteries of Light. Those called esoterically to this 'construction' work are but labourers, navvies, paddies, comparable to the much maligned workers on the lowest rung of the construction industry ladder. For the sake of esoteric clarity this must be stated at the outset and also that this is a vast work in which there can be no haste. The Spirit of Haste who dominates modern life at all levels and leads to prematurity of effort and to poor workmanship has no workplace here. Esoteric maturity is required. (This Spirit of Haste is described vividly by Clare Short MP former International Development Minister in the British Cabinet as the guiding spirit of the Iraq War and her evidence to the Chilcot Inquiry into the Iraq War is invaluable source material.)

The traditional and time-honoured esoteric and practical forms of Apprentice, Journeyman and Master prevail here. This work, the building of the societal forms for the descent of the Celestial Jerusalem is the future of the Earth and is under the guidance of Masters. All human beings are engaged in this work. What RS calls *humanity crossing the threshold* is humanity as a whole entering its Apprenticeship. This astral/etheric 'ship' is the modern Noah's Ark on which humanity will survive its own self-created deluge, the first waves of which began crashing ashore during the 20thC and the latest wave being in 2008/9 with the first collapse of the world economy. These astral tsunami waves arise from the astral 'earth quake' known in Christian esotericism as The Second Crucifixion of Christ, the Crucifixion by Materialism, caused by humanity's moral unconsciousness. The three esoteric 'ships' have already been constructed by the Masters of the Craft over inestimably long periods of human history in preparation for the descent of The Heavenly Jerusalem.

The Master of all apprentices is Hiram whom we know as Lazarus John who walked the measure of Holy Jerusalem with the Master of Masters, Jesus Christ.

Now that we are absolutely clear that we are neither masters nor architects, overseers nor gaffers, but labourers at the beginning of their apprenticeship we can begin to see what we are asked to see. Christian esotericists' and hermeticists' labour consists in learning to see what they are asked to see; their sweat is in trying to clarify what is seen; their crown of thorns is in describing in modern concepts what is clarified. That is the only meaning of clairvoyance acceptable in the esoteric school to which I belong. It is, of course, not the only meaning of the term, but it is the meaning worked by RS and is the Christian/Rosicrucian meaning.

Let us now return to the three Houses and try to clarify what aspects of the Trinity they represent and why. In thought, 3 Houses are conceived, but in reality they are one; just as the Holy Trinity is three in one. This conceiving of three houses is necessary because in human development it is an advance in consciousness from the current position where, although the ideals are perceived and held deeply by humanity, their societal expression is chaotic. Let us firstly consider the first of the 21stC tsunami waves to crash ashore, the collapse in the economic realm. The crashing waves of the 20thC, its two World Wars and spin off conflicts were essentially of the political realm. (For Christian esoteric consideration of these see *Crisis of Civilisation* by GA Bondarev. This work can be used to access further the content of the meditative picture of the political realm given later in this study. It stands temporally on one side of 9/11, the Destruction of the Twin Towers, and this study stands on the other)

Economic life at present is under the sway of the Myth of the Self-Made Man. This myth is Malthusian (sociological) and composed of fragments of Darwinism married to Nietzsche's concept of the *übermensch* within a setting of an Ancient Roman Coliseum. Thus it is common to hear and read in media commentary on the economic realm



references to individuals as *so-and so the "self-made billionaire" or the "self-made businessman" or the "self-made entrepreneur"*. The self-made man is economic self interest writ not just large, but Goliath size. In the banking world are the so-called Masters of the Universe, the übermenchen. Again, they are the Goliaths of the world banking system. The language of the financial markets is gladiatorial, a bear pit, bullish, predatory etc. etc. Market forces are the 'natural' laws of evolution here and they function via natural selection, survival of the fittest, at least so the myth says. But the crash of the world economy showed that politicians feared these 'laws', feared to let the weak immoral banks die 'naturally' according to their own Darwinian 'laws'. Thus we are not dealing with economic natural science but economic pseudo-science i.e. mythology, and in their own mythological terms politicians feared to slay Goliath/übermensch and instead continue to reward his immorality.

A very little commonsense observation would show how far from the realities of economic life this mythology lies. Man enters the world dependent. Of all milk nourished offspring in nature he is the most helpless and therefore the most dependent at birth. He depends on others for food, warmth, shelter, all that keeps him alive. When he is no longer mother-milk dependent he depends on the generations of farmers to produce his foodstuffs with all the attendant agricultural labourers who pick, slaughter, sort, pack and transport it, the generations of merchants who sell it, the generations of weavers and all the attendant finishing labourers and engineers who invent and produce the machinery to weave his clothes, the generations of steel workers who produce the raw materials of the machinery, the generations of miners who mine the coal or gas or oil that fires the power stations that give him warmth and light and fire the factories that produce the light bulbs, fire the building bricks, produce the cement etc. etc. Not to mention the inventors of light bulbs and the mathematics of the functionality of products. What one finds if one enters the economic realm by way of this simple but scientific observation - man enters the world as the most dependent of all the creatures- is that as soon as he leaves the mother's breast the dependence and inter dependence increases exponentially for all his material needs.

If we now look to the base of all economic activity, the Earth herself, we find again interdependence, firstly ecological then planetary then cosmological. If we go now to Christian Cosmosophy or Spiritual Science we find described there the creation of the Earth and Man as a cooperative working of the spiritual Higher Hierarchies. The material economic base is the result of cooperation and interdependence of inconceivable magnitude. Our only access to it empirically is via the concept of the mother and child, the archetype of all production and consumption. This realm, the realm of pure production or creation, accessible to us only through the mother and child, is the realm of the Father. It is empirically perceptible as the Earth on which we stand and which let's not our feet go through. The esoteric perception of it outlined here is empirically experienced in the Pater Noster, "Father in Heaven, Give us this day our daily bread."

Rather than self-made, economically speaking, the human being is other-made from conception onwards.

Esoterically the self-made man is an echo of Cain in the soul of modern economic man: Cain who has killed his brother, his other. Cain who, on the basis of self interest, alone decides what his hereditary and inheritance should be. What is being acted out in modern economic life is the murder of Abel, our other, our dependence on each other for any economic life at all. In economic life we hold to the denial "Am I my brother's keeper?" when the Truth is, in fact, that in economic life "I *am* my brother's keeper". That is the empirical scientific fact out of which true economic science can grow. Furthermore the

Truth of economic science is that we are given each day our daily bread from out the realm of the Father. We cannot produce true economic science on Earth without the true concept of production and consumption which is everything that is morally, reproductively, historically, spiritually and devotionally contained in the archetype of the Mother and Child, and by association the Holy Family. Our beginning must be the recognition that Fraternité not fratricide is the scientifically justified, morally justified and esoterically justified guiding principle of economic life.

"And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth.

I sent you to reap that whereon you bestowed no labour; other men laboured,  
And you are entered into their labours."

John 4: 37,38

Thus it is Fraternité who is the Sprit of Man wishing to incarnate in the House of Economia, and it is Economic Science/Truth which is seeking a home in the House of Fraternité. We are justified in saying that the economic realm reflects on earth the realm of the Father, the Maker. From His realm was all made that is made.

"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made."

John 1:3

In ancient Greece economics and politics first separated into recognisably different spheres of activity; Economics was a labour of women, Politics a labour of men. This separation allowed Democracy to be conceived and born in ancient Athens. The Polis, Politics, left the unified Household to give birth to Democracy. Men give birth to children of the mind only, women do both. This left the Eternal Feminine alone in the Household and from this act of Ancient Athens we derive the names Economics and Politics as descriptive of two spheres of activity whose *separation*, not union, gave birth to infant Democracy. Economics from that time onwards also reflects what is said in the body of this study, namely, Economics means household management by women. Access to the realm of True economic science is via the concept of the Mother and Child. The children of the mind that men give birth to have a long maturation process in human history and the 'bodies' of their children are societal. The world we live in is indeed shaped by men, its unnecessary chaos and suffering is also a product of men since the female physical body has the capacity to produce out of suffering (labour) and the chaos of matter a physical body for another living being. Men, and now women, are tasked to produce societal "bodies", community "bodies" in which ideals can live harmoniously as the human spirit lives within a human body.

Let us now turn to Politics, historically until the 20thC, the child of the immaculate conception of men. Shorn of all rhetoric, ideology and obscurantism, Politics is simply a form of decision-making for community. That is to say, Politics is about community. What is the human ideal here? Equality, particularly equality before the Law. It matters not whether a prince or a pauper breaks the law there is a penalty. This creates a 'shelter' for the human spirit. A right is nothing other than a community shelter. This ideal and Democracy are closely related. In its progress through history the human ideal of equality, which is still very young in its democratic expression, reflects the growing perception that the ongoing economic murder of Abel is wrong. Just as murder itself is against the law and is recognised as such, so murder in all its societal forms is wrong. Politics makes the laws that govern community. Surely this is the role of the head of the

household? A father or mother or both lay down the rules and transgressions have consequences. Is this not also the realm of the Father? Until the entry of the Son into human history this is the case. Here we must be disciplined in our thinking, for the path to esoteric insight in this realm is straight and exceedingly narrow and it traverses that road to Hell that is paved with good intentions.

Christ entered human history. He became *equally human* with us and He suffered for that equality. Christ is the true meaning of Equality for of course human beings are not equal either in height, gifts, fears, social status, etc. Yet the sun shines equally on us all. The sun-like Christ deed, the Incarnation, was the supreme act of Freedom, the supreme act of Brotherhood with humanity and the supreme act that leads to The Mystery of the God/Man, a mystery of equality and equivalence that is barely yet conceivable to any but the Saints. Let us with temerity and the help of Maria Sophia attempt to approach this Mystery.

It is a Mystery of Joseph. It can only be approached with the greatest reverence for it lies in the relationship between the Madonna and Child and Joseph. Raphael, the painter, captures this Mystery beautifully. The Madonna and her Child are equally human, as is Joseph, but it is the Immaculate Joseph who enters this realm of Equality. The Immaculate Joseph is the Guardian of the Mystery of Equivalence, for a boy-child is born and the father is the model for the boy and the boy is father of the man. The Father in Heaven is the Father of the Child of the Madonna, the Father is the Model for Adam and the Child born to Mary is the Adam of Man. It is through the Grace of the Holy Mother that these things are revealed for our understanding and this is part of the Mysteries of Light. This Grace now points us to the Son of Mary as a Man and to an event in His life.

We are pointed to another Maria Sophia, the sister of Lazarus. We are told in the Gospels that Lazarus has two sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha and Mary are both bearers of *Economia* as outlined above. They maintain a House of the Lord. For without this maintenance neither Jesus nor his disciples can work.

"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Matthew 8:20

Yet by becoming *equally human* with us He *had* to lay His head, He *had* to eat, He *had* to drink and He *had* to die. In these material needs we are equal.

"The Son of Man came eating and drinking.."

Matthew 11:19

Whereas we may each need differing quantities of food, drink and sleep nevertheless we need them each and every one of us. The Great Equaliser is Death. Here there is no ambivalence about quantity. All living things die. Death rules the world of the living. Christ enters human history to meet Death, for death exists only on earth. Heaven is eternally living. Christ comes to destroy the equality of death because it is an Untruth. Death is an Untruth, but an empirical reality. That is his paradox. Earthly death processes are necessary for earthly life, within nature and within the human being. That is why we must view Death as a spiritual being compassionately. Death is the great teacher, the great equaliser on earth and we, out of our own resources can never overcome him. Death's equality is Stasis. Christ's equality is Love. As the sun shines equally on our good and evil deeds on the earth, so shines Christ's Love for the earth and humanity. Christ has overcome Death. What does this mean in terms of the Heavenly

Polis, the Heavenly Jerusalem? It means Christ has met Death in all his domains-physical, soul and spiritual (earth, hell, and being) and *forgiven* him, Christ has loved him and transformed him, Christ has taken all forms of death into Himself even to the planetary cosmic level and through the power given Him by the Father is the Resurrecting and Life-Giving Cosmic Sun of Love which quickens the dead to life. The Way, the Truth and the Life. As death rules in the land of the living, so Christ is now ruler in the land of death, The Holy Land of the Heart.

Thus the equality of the Son is sun-like, life producing and loving. The equality of death is like chains, static and imprisoning. Politics has a choice, a freedom. But it is Equality as a love aspect of the Son of Man which seeks to incarnate in the House of Politics, and Love of the People has always been the motive for democratic politics among those with social conscience and the virtues of the politician - honesty, honour, openness and flexibility of mind. Politicians need these virtues to develop the courage to redeem social evil, for true politicians already see social evils.

Politics creates and can destroy community. It can create inclusively or exclusively. The community of love is inclusive.

Now we must return to Mary the sister of Lazarus, the Maria Sophia of this realm. Around Christ, Martha represents the redeemed Cain and Mary the dead but now living Abel. Lazarus represents humanity as a whole. The moment of Cain's redemption is given in the Gospels. Lazarus/humanity is sick because it bears Cain's denial right down into the physical economic. Christ has to await Martha's full and free recognition of His Redemptive power. No man can represent Cain for *Economia* is already a feminine labour. Then Christ pronounces the Healing Judgement; "Lazarus is dead." Thus it falls to Martha to bring the Fratricide and the Fraternity of Man for redemption, and it is Sorority that is the means of Cain's redemption. Here Martha represents Marian Sorority. She cannot yet represent *Anthropos Sophia* because *Anthropos*, human fraternity, and Lazarus /humanity are dead and in the tomb. Women are sisters in the pain and suffering that brings forth children. Behind Martha stands Holy Mary the Mother, and behind Her stands Paradisal Eve, the Virgin Femininity. The Mother Mary in her capacity as Head of the Household as conceived and enacted in Greece centuries before brings these two offspring of human generations together both archetypally and as a soul/physical reality. Spiritual Cain and his sister soul-image Martha are guided to Her Son, who waits for reasons that are not human but Divine.

"Martha said unto Him I know that he (Lazarus) shall rise again at the last day...Jesus said unto her, ***I am*** the Resurrection and the Life...and she said Yea Lord I believe that thou art (*the Resurrecting and Life-Giving*) the Christ, the Son of God which should come into the world." John 11: 20-27

The human thing to do is to rush to the dying brother; even the disciples see this and struggle to comprehend. The Redemption of Cain leads to the Raising of Lazarus. The redeemed Cain in Martha goes quickly to be reunited with the Abel in Mary, who is sitting still, in stasis, and they speak in secret for "the Lord calleth..", that is to say, through Martha, the Abel in Mary is Quickened to Life, called to Him. Thus it is through Cain that Abel is brought back to life and the deed of Cain, the murder of Abel, is redeemed. Together Christ, Martha and Mary go now to the tomb of Lazarus/humanity. The sin of the murder of Abel is historically forgiven by reuniting Cain and Abel in the sisters of Lazarus. This is the illness that was killing Lazarus. For this Jesus Christ wept.

Lazarus/humanity died. The sin was forgiven. Christ Jesus raised Lazarus/Humanity from the tomb of our own sin, from the death sentence that is fratricide in the economic and all other realms. Henceforth Lazarus/Humanity was a John, a Grace of God. Lazarus John. Humanity is a John, therein lies our equality; we are all individually named John by the Second Adam, the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

Shortly thereafter they are back in a House of the Lord maintained by Mary and Martha.

"There they made him a supper which Martha ministered, and Lazarus was one of them that was at the table with Him." John 12; 2

The redeemed Cain in Martha and the now living Abel in Mary are working together in the preparation of daily bread in the Spirit of Truth about economic life.

"Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the (healing) perfume of ointment." John 12; 3

What are we seeing here? Simple gratitude on the part of Martha and Mary? An act of devotion on the part of Mary? Yes all that but so much more: we are seeing an esoteric and profoundly deep Truth enacted and confirmed. The working together of Martha and Mary fills the house with healing perfume. They *are* the economic future. The working of Cain and Abel, the economic past, must follow in the footsteps of Mary and Martha who follow in the footsteps of their brother Lazarus John, who follows in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. The price is high; Mary and Martha had no fear in expending 1 year's household budget on spikenard and its symbolic meaning and empirical effect. In Islamic legend Spikenard was the tree from which the first Adam ate. This anointing of the feet of the Second Adam with the spikenard of the First Adam symbolises among other things that the sin of the First Adam and his descendants Cain and Abel is forgiven in and through the Second Adam, not as a promise but as a fact, as deed performed. The spikenard is not a luxury but a necessity. The anointing of the feet of Christ Jesus with spikenard is in actuality spiritual sustenance ministered by Abel as he lives in Mary and Mary as she lives in Abel. The tears which wash the feet prior to this Deed are the Tears of the Mother and Son which become the Flame of Tears of The Shepherds Fire. The light cast by this Flame enables us to see again, by Grace of Mother Mary, the basic economic fact exposed previously in this study. This time we see it from out of the realm of the Son, the Celestial Polis/Jerusalem

"And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon you bestowed no labour; other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours." John 4: 37,38

The labour of a full agricultural year, 300 denarii, anoints the "I am "of The Bread of Life. It is at this point that Judas enters.

"Then said one of his disciples Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for 300 denarii, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and had the purse and it was laid bare to him what was put therein." John 12; 4-6

In other words Judas had a failure of consciousness. He could not rise to level of Christ

consciousness of Mary, Martha and Lazarus John. He was a thief because this failure robbed him of the light of understanding and this lack of understanding, this darkness, in turn prompted him to try to turn back time: to take the Household Purse out of the hands of the women and back into the hands of men, to deny the historical reality of Ancient Greece and the part of the intellectual soul which is love and which gave birth to politics and the infant democracy, 'he cared not for the poor'. This failure of consciousness of Judas is the beginning of the Agony of Gethsemane and would eventually affect all the disciples. Judas' denial leads to Peter's denials; all are failures of consciousness, specifically the failure to recognise the Redemption of Cain and the again living Abel, and ultimately the Power of Resurrection and Life of the Second Adam. Not that Peter did not recognise the Christ, but that his Christ consciousness had not caught up with the deed of Christ that is the Raising of Lazarus. The denials of Judas and Peter mark the beginning and end intensity of this dimming of Christ consciousness in the male disciples that would not brighten again until Pentecost. Only the consciousness of His Mother and her ministering sisters accompanied Him fully to the cross and this is revealed in the Pieta of Michelangelo and in the Gospel of St. John.

At the foot of the Cross christian esotericism sees in "the disciple standing by, whom he loved" Lazarus John, Raised Humanity. From the Cross come the words heard by three Marias.

"Woman behold thy son!" "Son behold thy mother"

When from that moment this new son takes her into his own home, it is the House of The Lord appearing in the essence of humanity, the realm of Freedom, Libert  et Lib ration, the home of the human spirit and the Holy Spirit.

We are therefore justified in thinking of the realm of the Son as that realm concerned with community and with universal humanity and with Equality, Egalit  as described here. It is universal humanity both as quality of soul and as a societal expression of itself that wants to incarnate more fully in the House of Politics and that means that Politics is about social conscience, and social conscience is about love and that we already know. What we do not seem to know is that the Deeds of Love do not include killing.

## Freedom, Libert  et Lib ration

The home of freedom is the human spirit and the human spirit is at home in freedom.

"So come all ye at hame with freedom  
Never heed what the hoodies croak for doom  
In oor hoose all the bairns o' Adam  
Will find breid, barley bree and painted rooms"

Hamish Henderson (1919-2002)

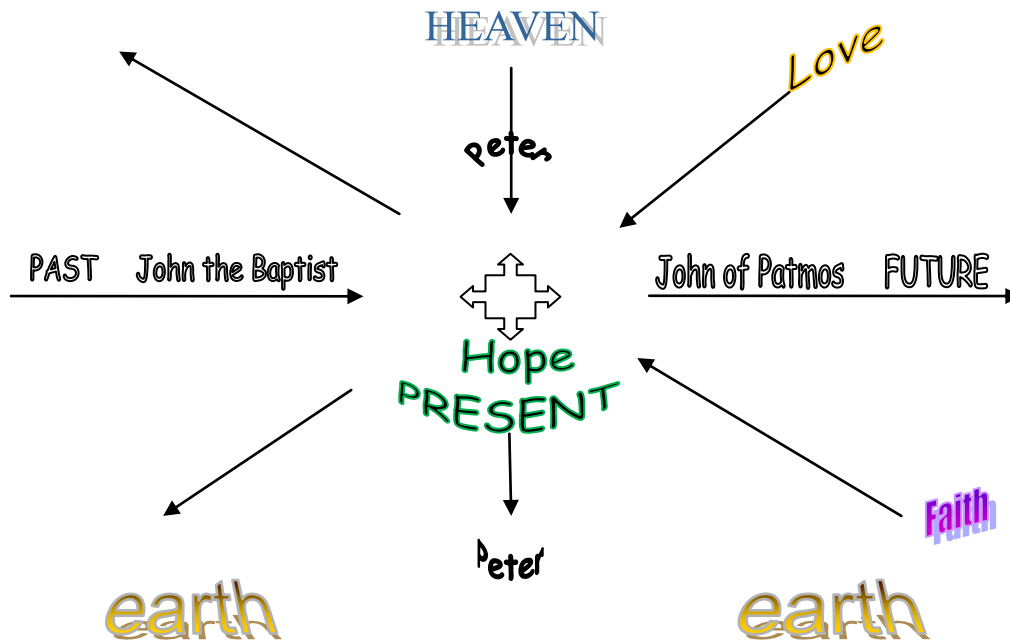
The Holy Spirit is also at home in Freedom and Freedom, the essence of Man, is at home in the Spirit. For there is no House of Freedom other than the Body and Soul of Life. Freedom is about the distinction between the house and the home. All spiritual, scientific, cultural, religious life arises out of the freedom living in humanity. As do all wars, all destruction, all evil done on earth. That is the human wonder and tragedy. The highest and universal community of humanity is the community of free spirits; nothing binds them to each other but a shared Love of Freedom. What links the spirit to the body but the soul. The soul is fundamentally religious in the pure etymological meaning of the word, re-legare, to rejoin to reunite. All religions are Holy; religions are the holy souls of humanity. In the sphere beyond the economic and the political - the cultural sphere- is everything produced by the human spirit from the theorem of Pythagoras to the microchip. This manifests on earth as everything man builds and has built for himself from time immemorial: from huts to computers, and includes all political and economic structures. The exceptions are synagogues, churches, mosques, temples and altars. These are not necessary for life on earth; these are not built for the earth but for heaven. All this arises out of the freedom given to the First Adam and his descendents. Out of the stream of Cain arises natural science and technology, out of the stream of Abel arises spiritual science and technique. Cain murders Abel, but Abel does not disappear in the human soul, he remains in stasis. This is the beginning and source of christian Esotericism in the West. The hidden Abel stream; the visible Cain stream. In the Old Testament they are moving towards the confluence of the waters that is the New Testament, the Gospels, and the Good News. And it is John of Patmos, the representative of John Humanity, the disciple whom the Lord loves who puts both hands into this living confluences of waters and baptises the future of humanity. That baptism he performed. It is the Revelation of John or The Apocalypse. It is at one and the same time the Baptism in Fire and Sacramental Bread (the Holy Spirit), the Blood and the Body. Again we must be absolutely disciplined in thought here, for St John does not brook fools lightly and true thinking entails consequences. Due to the Raising of Lazarus the Redeemed Cain is re-joined to his brother who is restored to him. Henceforth Cain lives in Abel and Abel in Cain in the Second Adam. Islam has such a clear and beautiful perception of this Mystery of Equivalence concerning Cain and Abel which is why only Islam has produced moral banking in the modern world, and why after the economic crash only Islamic banking remains standing true to God, "christian" banking is back to business as usual under the guidance of the Myth of the Self-made Man.

John the Baptist baptised the Past, human evolution, into its Eternal Present. John the Apocalypse baptises the far future also into Man's Eternal Present. But man lives in an evolving present. The two John baptisms are in linear time; this stretches back beyond John the Baptist into the far mists of Time and in front of John of The Apocalypse into the far, far future. In the human soul the past and the future meet in the form of hope. Hope is the point on the line where all pasts and all futures meet. But human beings live in an evolving present not a static present. Who then baptises the present from out Eternal Time? Peter the Rock. Peter baptises continually and furthermore he baptises each individually. John the Baptist baptised only once at this level by bringing humanity's entire spiritual and earthly history to the Jordan where it descended on Jesus of Nazareth in the form of a dove; John the Apocalypse baptises also only once, the Apocalypse was written only once and its symbol the Eagle, is the rising phoenix, but Peter the Rock baptises continually. St John the Baptist, St John and St Peter all dip their hands into the same Holy Water and they form their hands into cups with which to bring the Water of Life, the Baptismal water to humanity. Through Christ this water is changed into wine for the sake of Lazarus, Judas son of Simon and Simon Peter. It was Simon who asked for and heard given this Petrine Blessing on behalf of us all. For we are all Judas till we become Johns but there is only one Peter, only one rock, and only one Earth on which we are all called John. Peter's Baptism has no symbol, it is actual, the Eucharist. Symbolically it can be represented by Salt (bread) and Water (wine) but equally salt can represent blood, indeed blood tastes salty so it need not represent it since it *is* it. Equally Salt and Water can symbolically represent the clear fluid and the salty blood which flowed from the Wound to the Heart, but again blood is salty so need not represent itself. Equivalently,

Salt+Water+Earth (grain)+Fire = unleavened bread.

John and John work in linear time, the horizontal, Peter works out of eternal time, from above to below, from Heaven, perpetually re-uniting it with Earth. The Johns represent the redeemed Cain; Peter represents Abel who never needed redemption, the good shepherd. On this rock Christ built, on Peter whom Christ Jesus Himself named. This works down through the realms of the Heavenly Hierarchies to Earth perpetually, the recognition of which is the greatest human freedom imaginable.





If we now return to Maria Sophia and ask who is the Gospel figure through whom Spiritual Science, Christian Cosmosophy, works then the answer is the brother of Simon Peter, Andrew, The Protokletos. This is the first man called by Christ to walk from the water of John's Baptism to the Baptism in Fire and the Holy Spirit which is Christ's Baptism. On Andrew, the Protokletos, Christ founded His Science, the Science which preceded the redemption of Cain ; Cain from whom all earthly science and technology has progressed in a steady stream up until our days. What arose from the tomb of Lazarus was also Resurrected Science; it received in Lazarus its blessing, Lazarus John,(Christian Rosecross as Christian esotericists know him) the Beloved Blessing of Humanity. Science henceforth, no matter the appearances to the contrary or the howls of protest by materialismus, is the work of Andrew the Protokletos, Lazarus John and Christ Himself. Christian Esotericism is founded by Christ on Andrei, the man of courage, the true man, the manly man. Christian Esotericism and Hermeticism know Lazarus John as Christian Rosecross, and know Andrew the Protokletos only in his philosophical manifestation Andro-Sophia, for John the Apocalypse allows no man of impure heart or mind near Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Clarification of this highest and purest Mystery of the Son of Man is the Apocalypse of John and is the Life Working of the Protokletos. In the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, in the density of materialism, came the prototypical and protokletian spiritual scientist of the future and into the depths of the beginnings of technological warfare, the "clean" and automatic killing machines so beloved of the followers of Herod and Pilate, he poured Apocalyptic Truth. This man was Dr. Rudolf Steiner. He laid the philosophical base with his work *The Philosophy of Spiritual Activity*,(Freedom) in the 19<sup>th</sup> C. and worked tirelessly for the Redemption of Science in all its branches thereafter. Had his followers had the capacities or the will to develop them to the required degree then it is entirely possible that the Second World War and the most appalling mass human sacrifice in all human history could have been avoided, for men are free to choose only when they are

awake and perceiving. The reality is that Steiner wanted no followers, he wanted "understanders", those willing to "stand under" Andrei-os. He was one of those brothers, the free courageous true man who goes entirely his own way to Christ when called; he was an Andrei. He freely gave up his academic philosophical and scientific work for the work of representing Protokletos in the modern age. In his wake will come a long line of Christian Esotericists and Hermeticists and Spiritual Scientists to assist their Patron Saint, Andrew Protokletos, in his loving task of ministering to the needs of his first brother, Peter the Rock, and through Peter to all the Apostles. Furthermore Rudolf Steiner made public the training of esotericists and hermeticists so that any human being could follow Protokletos. As a result of this occultists, obscurantists, lovers of political and economic secrets, ideologues and assorted other madmen pursued him all his adult life and several attempts were made on his life. For the Truth is that the followers of Andrew Protokletos are willing servants of Peter the Rock who guides the Holy Spirit from Heaven to Earth perpetually under the guidance of the Risen Christ.

Through the Andropos Sophia of this man, Rudolf Steiner, the "ground plan" of the New Jerusalem and its human architects Lazarus John, John the Apocalypse, and Christ Jesus Himself was revealed. What is guarded and will always be guarded is the Future. No man, esotericist or otherwise will be permitted to steal the future from the Woman and Child clothed in the sun, moon and stars, for it is John Apocalypse himself and all his followers past, present and future in Heaven and on Earth who hold the Keys of the Kingdom of the Holy Land of the Heart, and it is John Apocalypse alone who opens and seals again the Book of Resurrected Science in the presence of Andrei Protokletos and it is Andrei Protokletos who receives his Holy Instructions from Peter the Rock who was given the Keys of All Kingdoms of the Earth by Christ Jesus himself and who opens perpetually the Blessed Scripture in the Name of God the Father on earth, God the Son on earth and God the Holy Spirit on earth.

What is commonly called Anthroposophy nowadays by those who created a Society around RS is the result of a complete failure to understand what is contained in his master work *The Philosophy of Spiritual Activity*, (otherwise known as *The Philosophy of Freedom*) an academic work completed before he left the spirit of academia. He repeated many times to the deaf ears of the 20thC. both outside and inside the Society that all his later work and production was on this foundation. He himself was never a member of the Anthroposophical Society, nor did he found it. He was a member of the Theosophical Society until it became clear that its leaders could not or would not see and acknowledge the Western Esoteric Tradition in its own right. Prior to this he had sought, with his later wife (but continuous co-worker) Marie von Sivers, to bring Andro Sophia into the Masonic stream where St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland and Russia would be able to guide it through the Scottish Rite with its 33 degrees. The resistance was enormous and complete; for Masons resisted any Sophia being intruding upon their cosy ignorance. It was clear to Steiner and von Sivers that that route was hopeless; by then it was no longer Freemasonry but a boys club with no serious christian esoteric intent, at least in middle Europe.

The only thing Rudolf Steiner founded was an Esoteric Schooling and that at the behest of St Michael, the Archangel, the inspirer of courage, through 3 representatives of Maria Sophia, his wife Marie von Sivers and his co-workers; the medical doctor Ita Wegman, and the astronomer Elizabeth Vreede. He had by the First World War stopped all esoteric schooling and resorted to architecture, the arts, science and technology to try to advance the cause of Andrei Protokletos. This attempt ended with the burning of his architectural masterpiece, *The House of the Word*; on New Year's Eve 1922/23. From

the ashes of this setback he again attempted a New Esoteric School at the behest of St Michael who then guided the last year or so of his life. This Divinely inspired project remained barely a fragment and he died with only a fraction of it complete. He was showing the world what is also contained in this study, Andrei Protokletos at work, (Andropos Sophia), in order to avert the catastrophes looming in the 20thC from our man's separation from the world of the spirit; man's irreligiousness. For this reason and this alone he decided to become president of a re-founded Anthroposophical Society since the first AS founded by those who chose to leave the Theosophical Society with him had failed miserably. He inaugurated this amid the ruins of his building during Christmas 1923, and into it he hoped to found the Esoteric School of St Michael which he would call The Free High School of Spiritual Science based on the university model. It was not to be. The anthroposophists did not want such a school; they had plenty to be going on with from his countless lectures and few books. He died with only the smallest fraction of the School of St Michael appearing within the Anthroposophical Society. This Society has no ownership over the Esoteric School of St. Michael, or even now over the fragment of lessons given to the High School by Rudolf Steiner since copyright has now run out. Andropos Sophia demands Truth, Spiritual Science demands Truth, science in all forms demands truth. Andrei Protokletos is a being whose heart is The Truth.

“.. I can impart no more esoteric a saying to you than:

Christ is seeing us.”

Rudolf Steiner, Dornach 1915

The AS failed to incorporate its beating heart and living breath - basic, ordinary human compassion- essentially a failure Steiner described in his sociological lectures as a failing of the middle classes arising out of the inhumanity of the industrial revolution from which they arose. This failure resulted in the First WW and the Russian Revolution. In other words, the middle classes allowed their Cain to murder Abel and denied any responsibility - Malthusianism as justification. Rudolf Steiner and many other true Christian esotericists and hermeticists completely unknown to the Anthroposophical Society worked tirelessly to waken up humanity, and into the aftermath of the First WW he placed the small book, *The Threefold Commonwealth*, in the hope that the leading classes, politicians, generals, capitalists etc would grasp the truth. Simultaneously he was working as sculptor on his carved masterpiece the 9 metre high statue of the Sons of Man which he called *The Representative of Humanity*. This work was an artistic co-operative venture, a concept Steiner worked all his art work through, as was the painting of the interior of his first and only building. His building was externally a modest but technologically beautiful and accomplished building in the architectural style of his time and standing somewhere between MacKintosh's Glasgow School of Art and Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, beautiful functionalism married to sacred necessity. The building was completed and worked on by builders and artists of all the warring nationalities of the First WW and was then torched by the enemies of Peace working through a madman. Only his woodcarving was rescued from the flames of this conflagration. He foresaw in these flames a further and more horrendous conflagration to come - a new crucifixion of Christ and John Humanity, as it turned out, through His Innocent and Most Beloved People, Christ Jesus parental stream - the enormity of which he expended the rest of his life trying to avert. The Truth of these matters is that wilful ignorance is an abomination and we are all born ignorant and remain woefully ignorant, but in each and every life the Holy Spirit always

ensures there are many free choices and opportunities to be called. Ignorance is not a sin, wilful ignorance is an abomination. What happened in the world during the 20thC is that Abomination came to earth to live. The mass murder of Jews, Gypsies, Homosexuals, Incapacitated, and other innocents by "clean" technological means is the Archetypal Pilate Deed. It says, "*There is no blood on our hands, they are a technical hindrance needing a final solution because they drain resources and offend the eye. Indeed their poverty of morals, hygiene, understanding etc is an offence to the eye; let us rid ourselves of them. Let us loose eternal hell on the earth and burn them in clean fast burning ovens. Let us be economic and make useful things from them beforehand, things like experimental animals for science, lampshades and leather for craftwork, let us make their teeth into the new dollar and hide it in the lust for bullion and the artworks and the property we have stolen, for we may have need of it in the future and let us use their ashes for some useful purpose like cement or fertiliser*"

The anti-dote to this soul sickness was given 2010 years ago and has always been available. In the 20thC Rudolf Steiner gave it in spiritual scientific form. Alas his followers failed to distribute it. Instead they wasted their time building a mausoleum to him, against his public instruction during the Christmas Re-Founding meeting of 1923. All that remained of his first building was the concrete foundation and the statue. He alone would incorporate these foundations into a new building he planned to build totally in concrete. Concrete is an Alchemical substance and at that time an innovative leader in the construction industry both in its own terms and in technological terms. This would have been a marriage of Christian Rosicrucian Alchemy with its materiality, a totally alchemical building. The architect's intention was again to produce a building marrying functionalism with, this time, spiritual scientific and technological activity, artistic activity and a new esoteric school. The alchemical building material concrete would form the whole building and he himself would guide the technology and technique of the production of flowing concrete forms for he alone was esoterically capable. Into this House of Resurrected Science he would incorporate the remnants of The House of The Word. He died before anything but foundations were laid. Almost immediately his followers chose to ignore his instructions and themselves built, not the building the architect intended for only he could build it, but a mausoleum which in the 1980's had to close its doors to any more ashes of dead anthroposophists being crammed into it. The statue occupied an upper room surrounded by the ashes of dead followers, which says it all. The rationale for this absurdity was that the carving had been attacked by a madman, a fate that also befell Dali's St John of the Cross. That did not prevent Glasgow City Council having the painting repaired and put back on public display, after all what harm can a madman do a 9metre woodcarving? The interior is entirely the work of his followers, as is the exterior, so it is at the very least disingenuous to call a mausoleum on a hill "Steiner's second building" when the intention was to build on Dornach hill a New Acropolis in the middle of Europe for the confluence of the waters of science, art and religion. No second public building, Polis, of Steiner's exists on earth. The christian esotericists and hermeticists of the Athens of the North were shattered at the betrayal and the followers of Andrew Protokletos, inspired by St Michael and St Andrew vowed in the Heavenly St Michael School and on earth that Truth Will Forever Prevail over the destiny of this man, this most courageous of brothers.

The soul sickness has not gone from humanity, the political economy of Pilate and Herod haunts the world killing innocent and guilty alike without conscience. Those who failed to slay Goliath chose to substitute Saddam Hussein, whom they had created themselves as

the diversion. The most pathetic figure in the whole sorry enterprise is Tony Blair the British Prime Minister of the day and now UN Envoy to the Middle East who displays an astonishing capacity to believe in fairy tales and myths about tyrants inhabiting far lands and threatening his land with missiles made of hot air and technology that his predecessor, and therefore he himself in political opposition (along with his pals in the US) sold to the said tyrant. Such astonishing naivety or culpability is not good in a politician. Like all his ilk who base politics on belief rather than social conscience the means justify the ends; in other words they contribute to perpetual bloodshed whether their ideology is of right or left or middle, whether their *ism* is capitalism or communism or threefoldism, whether their belief is scientism, fundamentalism, or egoism.

In deed, I say to you all personally, the gold wrenched from the mouths of the innocent and used to make the new dollar has brought crashing down the obscene and grotesque mockery of world economy. For human life is spiritual gold without price and only the Politics of Herod and the Political Economy of Pilate fail to see this in their lust for power. It cannot be spoken how profound is the depth of the debt humanity owes to all those who walked with the dignity, beauty and innocence of Christ Jesus into the horrendous ovens of the eternal hell of man's inhumanity to man. It is hard to believe that there are those who choose freely eternal damnation of their own humanity; but lust for power and greed for gold know no mercy.

In the banks of the west it is business as usual, panic over; in the chambers of politics is a hush of cancerous guilt at the failure to slay Goliath, the Self-Made Man; in the Holy Land of the Heart the architects have spoken, the drawings have been revealed, the labourers are at work and the New Jerusalem is descending. The Field of Blood is already excavated, the foundations already poured. The Apprenticeship has left harbour and all are on board.

May you dear reader live to play your part, and may the enemies of Peace wail and gnash their golden teeth to dust which we will scatter with joy in the Holy Akeldama of the Holy New Jerusalem.

Esoteric resistance to the machinations of evil requires only the courage of christian esotericists and hermeticists to look alchemically or humanly at the blood on Christ's Face or His Feet or His Hands or His Heart, the angels and the saints take care of the rest: this RS told to Ita Wegman on his deathbed and when she asked if he had any message for the anthroposophists he turned his face to the wall.

The saints on earth are all those who pray, and it is by grace of those praying saints of every religion that christian esotericists and hermeticists live at all, for out of the prayers and the goodness in every church, mosque, synagogue, temple and lonely altar those doomed to spiritual science are saved.

May God bless and comfort all those mothers whose sons and daughters are dying at this very moment at the behest of Herod and Pilate. May we be Ruthless with ourselves so that we fear not to be Ruthless with the enemies of Peace, that Truth may increase from what our hearts would found and our heads direct with single purpose. Amen.

1. For those wishing a forensic insight into the workings of the Spirit of Haste and his role in the Iraq war I recommend watching the video of Blair's testimony to the Chilcot Inquiry and then comparing this with the testimony of Clare Short also to the Inquiry. Available on the internet.
2. For those who don't speak Scots, Hame is Home, Hoodies are Black Crows, Hoose is House, a' is all, Bairns are Children, Breid is Bread, Barley Bree is Water of Life and Painted Rooms is The Aesthetics of Economics
3. The front cover painting is The Risen Christ as The White Horse of Columba, The Fifth Horseman of The Apocalypse by the author 1986

The House of the Word



The House of Resurrected Science, The Free Acropolis



The Raising of Lazarus  
Duccio di Buoninsegna 1319