



Seminar held in Hamburg on September 20, 2008 – as well as further topics relating to both historical and present-day events

Rudolf Steiner said on 18. 3. 1916 (CW 174a):
"This dogma is consciously, or to some extent, unconsciously followed in all Anglo-American secret societies and consequently in all secret societies that have any connection with the "Grand Orient de France", for example, as well as in all Western European secret societies. [...] Central European knowledge cannot and must not be allowed to play a role in the fifth post-Atlantean civilisation (since 1413, H.D.) ...

...Things have to be organised in such a way that the fifth post-Atlantean civilisation bears an Anglo-American physiognomy. This calls for a kind of marriage between Western and Eastern Europe leaving out anything that Central Europe may have to offer. The war that is now being fought in Europe has been discussed for many, many years in those secret societies.

And on 1. 12. 1918 (CW 186) Rudolf Steiner emphasised: "This is what will determine the form of the history of the coming decades. No matter what lofty ideals may be set up in Central and Eastern Europe [...], nothing will be accomplished in this way if people are not able to take their departure from the motive forces that are derived in the same or even in a better way from the other side of the threshold of consciousness, just as ...

... the motive forces of the West, of the English-speaking peoples, are taken in the last analysis from the other side of the threshold of consciousness."

The motive forces of the West are of a black (or grey) magic nature.

(Herwig Duschek:) But there was something else which Rudolf Steiner also emphasised: "The true being of the German people cannot perish." Now comes an outcry from deep inside and he talks at great length of "putting the screws" on Germany, of the annihilation of German culture. The intentions of the West were all too obvious, you only had to read the newspapers – I'll show you a few extracts later on – and then he says: "But the true being of the German people cannot perish!" What does he mean by "the true being" of the German people? He is clearly referring to something quite different here, not German society, nor a geographical location, but rather something independent of both: "The true being of the German people cannot perish." What a strange thing for Rudolf Steiner to say.

Given the historical development in this country since the two "contrived" world wars, it is necessary to ask ourselves: Where is Germany? Where is the true German being? Where has it survived as a cultural factor? It possibly lives on in individual people, some try harder than others to keep it alive – but where can it be found as a cultural factor? What is it connected with? We will come back to that, however. Let us go back a further one hundred years to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and a letter he wrote to Friedrich Wilhelm Riemer in 1830. This is a wonderful letter because the writer takes a look into the future, developing a prophetic vision which contains everything you will hear me talking about today. Goethe was already saying all this in 1830, not long after the French Revolution and at the time of Napoleon etc. Then came the Industrial Revolution. I will read this letter for you:

"Behind us lies the revolution of the people, in which the individual strove to free himself from the iron shackles of the dark past. We are now experiencing the start of the revolution by means of the machine and no-one knows where this will lead us: for it throws open for us the

gateway to the future. But then it will come – even if it takes more than a hundred years – the great revolution, the revolution of man, which will put an end to all the foolishness of our animal nature, I mean the revolution of consciousness per se.” Just imagine, that was 1830. Then 1930 and the revolution of man – this is an inner revolution not an outer one. And that is the revolution Rudolf Steiner spoke about, which leads a person through his own inner qualities to the outward mastery of the living cosmic forces. Goethe knew this. He wove it magically into his wonderful Rosicrucian poem “The Secrets”.

It is amazing how everything is already written there. And now he explains what he means in a powerful image – but what is it really? – What have you been telling us, Goethe? Whatever do you mean by the revolution of man, of consciousness per se? It sounds wonderful! But what does it actually mean? Then he says: “It is that open secret.” This is typical of Goethe – that open secret, as in Nature. In every true work of art there is an open secret which can be discovered by whoever knows how to find it. It becomes visible – you can really see it. But first the eye must be trained to see. “It is that open secret whereby each and every one of us, childlike in nature, refers to himself his whole life long. It is the one who creates himself from eternity to eternity, who has no name as yet – unless our very own.”

**On December 1, 1918, Rudolf Steiner
said (CW 186):**

**"The real being of the German people
cannot perish."**

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