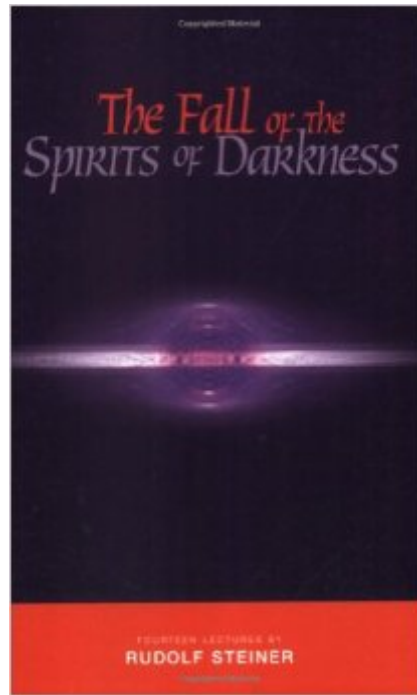


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The Fall Of The Spirits Of Darkness



Synopsis

Speaking at a time of intense war in Europe, Rudolf Steiner reveals the spiritual roots of the crises of our times and the means by which we can overcome them. Since 1879, Steiner tells us that "backward" angels, or "spirits of darkness" who were forced out of the heavens and made their abode on Earth following their defeat in a forty-year battle with the Archangel Michael have influenced human minds. It is now possible for human beings to awaken more consciously to the truth of these profound changes and thus inwardly counter the fallen spirits'™ influences. We can come to the realization that definite spiritual causes lie behind earthly events in our rapidly changing times. In these fourteen lectures, given at the end of 1917 following four years of war in Europe, Steiner speaks on the complex spiritual forces behind the World War I, humanity's attempts to build theoretically perfect social orders, and the many divisions and disruptions that would continue on Earth into our own time. Humanity in general was asleep to the fact that fallen spirits, cast from the spiritual worlds, had become intensely active on Earth. This manifested mainly in human thinking and perception of the surrounding world. However, the defeat and fall of these spirits also ensured that a science of the spirit would always be available to humanity.

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I have read several Rudolf Steiner's books and I always wanted to know why he was including and deviating (properly) from the main topic. I deducted that many of his lectures (most of them)

were not for the public, that sometimes the audience was not the same even for a set of lectures for the same topic. This caused that Steiner was sometimes repetitive in these set of lectures. But fortunately, I found the reason in this book in own Steiner's words on page 174-175:

“Something we find again and again” you would also find it so if you were focus your attention on these things “is that if you speak about special subject-areas to people who are sincerely devoted to anthroposophy, they do find the matter rather tedious. The request is always to speak about central issues “ soul, immortality, God, and so on. This will, of course, satisfy their immediate egotistical religious needs, but it leaves no opportunity to give them what is needed more than anything for the near future, namely that people make themselves a real part of this real life”. Also, Steiner always tried to explain the topics without abstract concepts but with real examples to show the living truths of physical and spiritual events. These 14 lectures given in Dornach Switzerland from 9/29 to 10/28 in 1917 includes a great variety of subjects, all turning around the events of the WWI and the inner trends related to the spiritual realm. The major emphasis is to explain how a spiritual event of superlative importance from 1841 to 1879 was affecting the events of 1917. This spiritual event is related to a battle between the Archangel Michael and the ahrimanic powers. Here, you can understand that this fight is one of the battles which occur repeatedly by the image of Michael or St. George fighting the dragon.

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