

MAN AND THE UNIVERSE THAT SURROUNDS HIM

Lecture by Samael Aun Weor

Brothers and sisters, we are all here together tonight. Let's start our lecture. I hope you will be fully attentive. The time has come to study in depth all that is related to man and the universe that surrounds us.

It is first of all essential to understand the processes of life and death thoroughly. There are, for sure, in the human being, superlative and extraordinary faculties of cognition which are latent but which could help us to study man and the universe in depth.

The internal worlds within each of us are surely what matters. Thoughts and feelings (emotions, desires, aspirations) are invisible. Nobody can see them. All those values make up our inner life.

Each man has his own inner life. Each man has his own inner worlds.

If a man doesn't know his own inner world, his intimate life, he will know even less the inner worlds and the intimate life of our planet. And if he doesn't know the intimate life of our planet, he will not be able to know the inner life of our solar system, or of the galaxy that goes around Sirius, the central sun.

So, if we want to know the inner life of the solar system or of the Earth, or of the galaxy, we must first know our own inner worlds.

No one can know someone else just by observing the physical form or the physical body.

If we are invited to a party, we will see a lot of people dancing happily, but actually we only see their movements; we hear their loud voices, their giggles, or we discover the "subtle smile" Socrates spoke of, but we don't know anything about the inner life of those people.

It is not because you see physical personalities that you discover someone's inner life.

When we say: "I know this or that person," that statement is wrong because nobody can know any other person if they don't know themselves first. We exaggerate when we say we know a friend and his intimate life because we can't even know ourselves.

But if somebody knows his own inner worlds, he can also know the inner life of the people who surround him.

When somebody discovers his inner life, when he knows his psychological errors, he becomes a better friend, a better brother, a better son, a better citizen, because he understands others better.

If somebody discovers for himself that he has anger, he understands other people's anger and he doesn't expect others to have no anger because he knows he has it.

If somebody discovers that he is jealous, he won't offend others with his jealousy. He won't expect others not to be jealous because if he knows he is jealous, he will think others must have it too, of course.

It is therefore essential for us to think about all these things thoroughly.

The intimate life of each of us is what matters. It is more real than our physical life (than this table or this recorder) and it is close to us. It makes up our psychological processes, that is, what we really are.

Nobody can see the thoughts of other people unless he has divine clairvoyance, but thoughts exist and they are internal. For the clairvoyant, other people's thoughts are like an open book.

Thus, it is time for us to become more understanding. We cannot know the inner life of the planet Earth if we don't first know our own inner life. And we cannot know the inner life of a friend of ours, that is, we cannot really know a friend of ours if we don't first know ourselves.

Therefore, self-knowledge is essential when we want to explore something, when we want to know the inner worlds of the planet Earth, when we want to inquire about or investigate the mysteries of life and death.

We have to educate and develop some supra-normal faculties in order to explore the inner life of the planet Earth, but if we don't first know ourselves, those faculties will never fully develop.

So, it is worth knowing what inner life and its responsibilities are....

It cannot be denied that the Earth has a vital body! We also have an organic vital seat, without which our physical body could not exist.

When we die, our physical body goes to the tomb with the Vital Body that will decompose slowly in front of the tomb. It has a phosphorescent color and shines like the will-o'-the-wisps at midnight. Clairvoyants usually see the vital bodies decomposing slowly in front of their tombs, as the physical body is decomposing.

The Vital Body is the seat of organic life. No physical body could live without that “nissus-formativus,” that is, without the Vital Body that is essential for biology, chemistry, philosophy, etc.

It is urgent and essential to go deeper into the matter. How is that vital world?

If we have a Vital Body, the planet Earth must have one too. The Vital Body of the planet Earth is Eden, Paradise, the Promised Land that Moses, the great Cabalist-Initiate, the great Hebrew Legislator, spoke of.

The one who has developed the extraordinary faculties of his Vital Body is able to travel in Eden with that body. I don't mean that the whole Vital Body can be used to travel in Paradise.

The Vital Body has four Ethers – first, the “Chemical Ether;” it is the basis of the chemical forces that work in the organism in the assimilation and elimination processes.

The second Ether is the “Ether of Life,” which is directly related to the reproduction processes.

The third Ether is called the “Luminous Ether,” which is related to perception, calories, etc.

And the fourth Ether, that is called the “Reflecting Ether,” is the vehicle of imagination and will.

Thus, the Vital Body has four Ethers and it is the basis of organic life. The Initiate can extract the two superior Ethers out of the Vital Body in order to travel in Eden. Those two superior Ethers are the “Luminous Ether” and the “Reflecting Ether.” With such a vehicle we can study the Garden of Eden.

Those who suppose that the Garden of Eden is located at a definite place in the Earth are wrong. The explanation the Bible gives about the Tigris and the Euphrates and about the Paradise located in Mesopotamia is completely symbolic.

The Garden of Eden is the Vital Body of the planet Earth. It is the upper part of Euclid's three-dimensional world. The Vital Body of the Earth is the seat of the organic life of the Earth.

The Vital Body contains two spheres. The first one is the Moon and the second one is the Earth. They are like the two yolks of an egg. This may sound strange, but actually it is not. Let's remember that the Moon that lights us from the infinite space was once alive. Its life was rich and generous: deep seas, erupting volcanoes, vegetable, animal and human lives, etc.

The pseudo-esoterists or Initiates who asserted that the Moon was a part of the Earth that had gone apart were proved to be wrong after the explorations done by NASA. The various lunar rocks examined with Carbon-14 indicated that the Moon is older than the Earth. Therefore, it can't be a part of the earth's crust as several ignorant people wrongly assumed.

It is obvious that the Soul of the Moon has been transferred to our Earth! After the Moon had become a corpse, its Soul, that is its vital principle, was transferred to that region of space and served as the "nissus-formativus" to our planet Earth. This is why our ancestors of Anahuac called the Moon "our grandmother."

Mrs. Blavatsky said that "the Moon is the mother of the Earth." According to the Initiates of Anahuac, the Moon is our grandmother because the Moon is the mother of the Earth and if the earth is our mother, then the Moon is our grand-mother. You can see how they could define with their wisdom something that modern intellectuals have not been able to define. I can tell you something I have noticed – wisdom is terribly simple. It has surprising ingenuousness and innocence.

The Moon has an important role in the organic economy of the Earth. As the Vital Body of the Earth also contains the Moon, the latter can act directly on the Earth, on organisms, etc. We already know its influence on high and low tides.

We already know its relation to the function of women's ovaries. We also know its relation to various diseases and, among others, with the mental illnesses of people who are in asylums and whose illness becomes more serious when the Moon changes.

The Moon influences the conception of all living creatures directly.

It is known that sap rises when the Moon is rising and falls when the Moon is sinking.

Thus, the vital world is something worth investigating. In Eden, that is, the vital world, there are marvels. The one who can travel with his Vital Body in Paradise can see the existing human races. There are paradisiacal races who live in the fourth dimension and they are human. They live next to us but they are invisible to us. I know one of those races. They have a physical body and reproduce like us. They live around us without people seeing them, because of the different modifications of matter.

There are still human races who haven't left Paradise. They are happy, they are made of flesh and bones but they are invisible to the people who live in Euclid's three-dimensional world. They are inhabitants of the Garden of Eden and they haven't yet eaten the fruit about which we were told: "Don't eat it because if you eat that fruit, you will die." Some people have been able to obey that commandment....

The vital world or the world of Eden is very beautiful. The mountains there are transparent like crystal and have a nice blue color. The seas are blue and so are the fields. The basic color of Eden is blue. I don't mean that the range of colors doesn't exist in Eden. Colors exist there but the basic color is the intense blue of Ether.

The vital world is very beautiful. There are extraordinary temples. The temples of the elementals of nature are there. Each plant, for example, is the physical body of an elemental. There is, for example, the family of oranges, the one of mint, the one of pines, the one of roses, etc. Those vegetal elemental families have their temples in Eden. Those innocent creatures meet there in order to receive the instructions of the Devas that govern them.

The one who can travel with his Vital Body can check for himself directly what I am telling you.

Therefore, it is worth investigating and studying this doctrine more deeply in order to discover all those wonders.

John the Baptist undeniably lives in the vital world; that is, in Eden, in Paradise. John the Baptist is a Christ. He has already embodied within himself the Word; that is, the Intimate Christ.

If we want to go into Eden, we must first be able to travel with our Vital Body and receive a thorough esoteric education.

Beyond the Vital Body that is so precious, we can discover what we could call the "Astral World." The true Initiate has an Astral Body (all human beings do not have one, but an Initiate does have an Astral Body).

The planet Earth also has an Astral Body.

The Astral World is marvelous. It is the world of color. There are seven basic, fundamental tonalities in accordance with the seven basic colors of the solar spectrum and with the seven musical notes.

The Astral World has extraordinary sublime areas and, unfortunately, others that are infernal. In the Astral World we find Angels and also demons (we might say that angels and demons fight against each other in the Astral World).

The one who has an Astral Body can travel in those regions of the Astral World. He can know them and discover their wonders, etc.

We can assert that the Astral World is the world of sacraments. That has been proven esoterically.

The true Adeptus has an Astral Body. It is possible to make the Astral Body visible and tangible after the death of the physical body. In high esoterism there is a sacrament that is called "Almoadzano." Thanks to that sacrament, a Master can live materialized in Euclid's three-dimensional world for one year after the death of his physical body to instruct his disciples.

The Almoadzano sacrament is tremendous. When a Master wants to instruct his disciples in the physical world after losing his physical body, he can do it by materializing his Astral Body and making it visible to his disciples, provided he has carried out the Almoadzano sacrament. The Adeptus will put a little of his blood in a chalice and his disciples will put a little of their blood in the chalice, too. They will mix that blood and will celebrate a very special Ritual during which each of them will drink blood from the chalice and the Almoadzano sacrament will take place.

This deserves a precise and clear scientific explanation. In arterial human blood there is the Being's Hamblezoïd (Astral blood or particles of subtle blood that correspond to the Astral World).

The liturgy, combined with the blood operation I have mentioned, enters in the Astral part of each person who has celebrated the sacrament. So, the Hamblezoïd of each disciple enters the Master and the Hamblezoïd of the Being of the Master enters all the disciples. To say it more clearly, the Astral blood contained in the physical blood will reach the Astral part of the disciples and the Master.

This is the only way for the Master to be able to materialize after the death of his physical body and to live with his Astral Body in Euclid's three-dimensional world full of darkness and where only wailing and gnashing of teeth can be heard.

Thus, the Astral World is a fohatic world (angelic and diabolic) and this is something we must understand.

The dead live in the Astral World: lost souls, captive souls; and so do those who practiced High or low Magic.

In the Astral World we find Elohim Gibor or Andrameleck, Michael or his antithesis Chavajoth, Raphaël or Lilith or Nahemah, Michael or Lucifer, etc.

The armies of angels and demons fight each other there.

Those who dedicate themselves to practical Magic are in the Astral World. Let's remember Eliphas Levi, a great Master who undeniably lives in the Astral World. He lives and works there because he is a magician.

We must reassert the value of the word "magician." Nowadays magicians are charlatans and conjurers who deceive people with their hand skills. In ancient times a magician was a wise person, an illuminated person who had developed in his occult anatomy the annular serpentine fire that develops in the ascetic's body.

We can invoke angels, and demons, too, in the Astral World. There are ineffable angelic phrases thanks to which Elohim can assist us. But there are also diabolic mantric phrases by which we can invoke demons.

Angels and demons obey the Magus. Magi live in the Astral World. The Adeptus who has dedicated himself to High or low Magic lives in the Astral World.

The Astral World is a world that has fantastic glittering colors. The Astral fire burns ardently in the whole universe.

We find the disembodied souls in the Astral World and we can talk with them if we can leave our physical body at will.

Beyond the Astral World there is the Mental World. When a man is able to develop his Astral Body, once he has it, he can also travel through the world of the universal mind.

In the Mental World, we can find Knowledge and Wisdom. There are all the Temples of Gods, the Temples of Hermes Trismegistus, where his works are mentioned and where Wisdom is worshipped.

There are very few people who can travel with their Mental Body, because there are very few people who have developed a Mental Body.

When you learn to travel with your Mental Body, you discover that the mind of the Earth is huge. In the mind of the planet Earth we find the suburbs, the markets, etc, but we also find the subliminal part of the universal mind.

Everything is in the Mental World. Every person's thoughts and ideas are there.

A few souls who behaved well during their life are rewarded. They can stay for a while in Devachan, that is the region of the superior mind, and they can go and visit the Causal World, even if they have to come back and take another physical body once their period of reward is over.

There is pain as well as bliss in the Mental World. It depends on the region you are in. In the inferior region of the Mental World there is pain. In the superior regions of the Mental World there is bliss.

In the Mental World we can also find several Devas who love Humanity. They work for Humanity, for the good of millions of people who live on the surface of the Earth.

My brothers and sisters, the time has come to understand clearly that if you don't know your own mind, if you don't know your mental processes, if you haven't learned to subdue your mind and control your senses, you will be even less able to know the cosmic or universal mind.

Remember that "the mind that is enslaved by the senses makes the Soul as invalid as a boat that goes astray in the wind."

How could we know the universal mind if we don't know our own mind, if we haven't studied the 49 levels of the mind, if we haven't created a true Mental Body, if we haven't disintegrated those undesirable elements we carry in our mind?

Thus, it is possible to explore the Mental World when we have explored our own mind.

Much further than the World of the Universal Mind or the earth's mind, there is the World of Natural Causes.

If we haven't developed a Causal Body for our own use, how shall we be able to explore the World of Cosmic Causes? How shall we be able to travel with our Causal Body? How shall we be able to know the World of Natural Causes?

We must study our own causal life, discover the causes of our errors and know ourselves to be entitled to become a Causal Man.

Only the Causal Man can live consciously in the Causal World. Only the Causal Man can travel in the World of Natural Causes. Only the Causal Man has access to the secret records of the Causal World.

In the World of Natural Causes the prevailing color is the intense and profound blue. The Adepts of the Causal World work for Humanity. They are dressed like people on the

Earth. They have their Temples and are very busy with the work they carry out for the good of Humanity.

In the World of Natural Causes we find the Law of the Scales. The Causal Man always works in accordance with the Cosmic Scales, which means he lives in perfect balance.

In the Causal World we discover there isn't any effect without a cause nor any cause without an effect. A cause creates an effect and an effect turns into a new cause, which creates in its turn a new effect.

The Laws of Cause and Effect are real and can be known thoroughly when we investigate the World of Natural Causes.

The Causal Man is the man who has developed a Causal Body. The Causal Man has individual will.

We must stress that the intellectual animal, erroneously called "man," doesn't have any real willpower yet. The intellectual animal is not yet a Man in the full meaning of the word.

When you have developed a Causal Body, also called "Body of Conscious Will," you really know what Will is.

If we think of the multiplicity of the psychological "I," if we think that each defect of ours is perfectly represented by an inhuman psychic aggregate, we can clearly notice that we have several "wills."

Each aggregate is like a "dark entity" within ourselves that personifies an error and has its own willpower.

Thus, the various aggregates that are within ourselves represent different volitional impulses. There are, therefore, several wills within our psyche which fight against each other. The intellectual animal doesn't have any autonomous, independent and unitotal will. There is no unity in the intellectual animal's willpower. But when a man has created his Body of Conscious Will, he has individual willpower he can work with in the whole universe.

In the World of Natural Causes we find the Causal Men who have developed their Body of Conscious Will.

How could we know the Causal World if we don't first know the causes of our own errors? The one who wants to know the inner worlds of the planet Earth must first know his own inner worlds. That requires self-exploration and conscious work on oneself.

Beyond the World of Conscious Will we find the Buddhic or Intuitive World. We can't, of course, enter the Buddhic or Intuitive World if we don't know our own intuitive reality, that is, if we haven't developed intuition within ourselves.

There is a clear difference between the process of comparative reasoning and intuition. Reason uses the process of comparison – “this is white because that is black and vice-versa.”

Intuition is something different. It is the direct perception of Truth without the depressing process of options.

Beyond the World of Intuition we find the World of Atman, the Ineffable. But in the World of Intuition we find the wisdom of the Universe, of what was, is and will be.

In the Buddhic or Intuitive World there is ineffable wisdom, brotherhood, unity, unitotality, love,... Those who live in the World of Intuition enjoy authentic bliss.

It is therefore worth investigating all that...

Beyond the Buddhic or Intuitive World there is the World of Atman, the Ineffable, the region of the Intimate, the Being (the Being is the Being and the reason for the Being to be is to be the Being itself).

The Innermost has two Souls – the Spiritual Soul that is feminine and the Human Soul that is masculine. If we read The Divine Comedy we will see that Dante also mentions two souls: one “works” (the Human Soul) and the other one “contemplates itself in the mirror of nature” (the Spiritual Soul).

A lot has been said about the zodiacal sign of Gemini. I can tell you we have that sign within ourselves, deep down in our Soul.

The Innermost [Chesed] thus has two Souls – the Spiritual Soul [Geburah] which is feminine and the Human Soul [Tiphereth] which is masculine. The Spiritual one is Valkyrie, Guenivere, the Queen of Jinas, the Lady who poured out wine to Lancelot in the cups of delights of Suka and Manti.

The Human Soul suffers and cries. It is masculine. The “Cosmic Crestos“ vibrates through it, that is “the powerful Astral mediation that embraces our physical personality with the Solar Father's supreme immanence.”

It is possible for us to incarnate the two Souls, but that requires rigorous esoteric discipline. We must first develop our Astral, Mental and Causal Bodies. We must work deeply within ourselves, here and now.

Only the free Initiate who has eliminated the ego and who has really worked on himself, is worthy of incarnating the two Souls. That means incarnating within ourselves the zodiacal sign of Gemini, as those two Souls are twins.

The Human Soul must undeniably marry its Lady, Valkyrie, Solomon's Sumalite, who is mentioned in the Song of Solomon.

The one who manages to incarnate within himself those two Souls gets total Illumination and Wisdom.

It is first necessary to get the Human Soul that is masculine, then the Human part must marry the Spiritual part, that is feminine. The Logos radiates through Buddhi, Valkyrie, Guenièvre, Dante Alighieri's Beatrice.

The most powerful divine principles are, of course, contained in the Soul-Spirit, that is, Buddhi. Mrs. Blavatsky spoke about this in *The Voice of the Silence*:

Buddhi is like a vase of alabaster, thin and transparent, through which Prajna's flame burns.

When the Human Soul (the human part within ourselves, here and now) marries the Soul-Spirit, an inner light settles within ourselves, we are transfigured and we become radiant and illuminate. But we have to work hard on ourselves for that to happen, by developing the Superior Existential Bodies of the Being, by eliminating the animal ego and by sacrificing ourselves for suffering humanity.

So, my brothers and sisters, what is essential is to convert ourselves into true adepts of the Fraternity of the Inner Light. If we do that, we will acquire true inner Illumination. We will get authentic bliss, we will be able to enter the world of legitimate bliss, etc.

We must get out of the regions of darkness we live in. It is urgent for us to reach the World of Splendors.

We must investigate and study these things. If we don't analyze or study these matters, we will never reach the final liberation.

We all have to work hard on ourselves if we long to reach authentic illumination one day. But if we want to work on ourselves, we must inevitably have the knowledge, the keys and practices.

We will teach those systems and methods to our students so that they can work on themselves in order to get an absolute change.

We must, first of all, have continuity in our purpose, because a lot of people start these studies but very few go to the end. People don't have any continuity in their purpose – they start with a lot of enthusiasm but abandon the doctrine some time later.

There are all kinds of people in the world: there are “butterflies” who go from one school to the next and who believe they know a lot although they really know nothing.

We must define ourselves clearly. The only purpose of this institution is the human being's self-realization. We are not interested in people who go from one school to the next but reach no conclusion. All that interests us is to work on ourselves to get a radical transformation.

We must become adepts of the Fraternity of the Inner Light and this is possible if we work on ourselves here and now.

The time has come when the Son of Man must teach the way to Humanity. Unfortunately, people listen but they can't hear. They look but they can't see. They are shown the way but they don't understand and if they understand a little they don't have any continuity in their purpose and they soon go astray.

The Gnostic Movement is like a train running – a few passengers get on at a station and get off at another station. Few passengers reach the destination. But the members of our institution can reach their target if they want to.

It is a pity people change their mind with the weather. If they were serious they would only be interested in the work on themselves.

In this institution we teach people how to eliminate the undesirable psychic aggregates they carry within themselves. We teach people the way of authentic sacrifice and how to develop the Astral, Mental and Causal bodies to become true, authentic and legitimate Men in the full meaning of the word.

As long as Man is born within the intellectual animal, extraordinary changes take place, some powers and marvelous faculties awake. The unitotal Man gets perfect control over the tattvas that are vibrations of universal Ether.

The tattvas are synthesized in the elements of nature. The vital-ethereal principle of water is Apas. The vital-ethereal principle of air is Vayu. The vital-ethereal principle of fire is Agni or Tejas. The vital-ethereal principle of the earth is Prithvi...

The authentic legitimate Man is the one who has developed his Astral, Mental and Causal Body and who is able to enter the ethereal world. He is able to move in the Astral World,

or in the World of Cosmic Mind or in the World of Natural Causes and he also acquires power over the elements of nature – over the perfumed earth and over igneous fire, over stormy waters and over hurricanes. That's the way an Adept becomes a King of Nature and the Cosmos.

Tattvas belong to the ethereal world, to the vital world and the Vital Body of the planet. Tattvas are vibrations of ether. They penetrate directly into the endocrine glands of the human organism, but don't get out of them. When they enter the chakras, the tattvas go through the endocrine glands and turn into hormones which circulate in the blood and that's all. They never get out of there.

Awakening tattvic powers is amazing but it is possible only for the authentic Man who is able to live consciously in the Astral World or in the Mental World or for the Causal Man who has established his center of gravity in the World of Natural Causes.

A self-realized adept is a Man in the full meaning of the word because he uses the tattvas and can handle them at will. A Man who rules fire, air, water and earth and is able to stop storms can use tattvas. He is a Real Man, a self-realized Master who knows superior worlds.

The time has come for each of you to fight for his self-realization, to know his own inner worlds, to know the inner worlds of his friends and of the planet Earth, of the solar system, and the galaxy we live in.

