

Open letter

to all who feel committed to anthroposophy.

(Written for the period from September 29, 2020 to December 31, 2022.)

From

Before the Storm or the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism«.

The year 1989 has a special meaning for Germany; but not only for Germany. It is the year in which a divided people in Central Europe begins to find each other again in a relatively peaceful way.

If we look back 72 years from this point in time, we see the year 1917. – If we look thirty years ahead from 1989, we reach the year 2019. – Let us remember how in the past year 2019 many Centennial-Celebrations were taking place. – Looking back on the year 1919, one can see the extraordinary efforts made by Rudolf Steiner and his colleagues to realize the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« in Germany.

We know that the first effort of 1917, with memoranda to the imperial houses of Germany and Austria, was not made possible 'from above'.

In 1919, after the revolution, the way was sought 'from below', the realization of the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« by democratic means. But this path also failed due to the political resistance of all reactionary forces, both on the left, on the right and in the centre.

We know the 72-Year Cycle. We also know the 33-Year Rhythm. We know that this rhythm has worked in humanity since the Mystery of Golgotha. In a certain way it is made up of the 30 years of Jesus' life and the three years of Christ, from the Jordan baptism to Good Friday on Golgotha, April 3rd in the year 33 of our calendar.

This 33-Year-Cycle is a Resurrection Cycle. This means that what groups of people or even entire peoples wanted in certain times, for example the Germans peacefully united in 1989, that this powerful impulse of will is resurrected 33 years later, by 2022.

In Germany in 2019 we commemorated this relatively peaceful 'Revolution' for the 30th time. In 2019 there were also numerous Centennial-Celebrations for the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« in 1919 and the opening of the first Free Waldorf school in September 1919. (The 100-Year Cycle is also a three-fold 33 (1/3) year rhythm.) – These are all backward-directed impulses.

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How does the forward-looking impulse fit in here? To be able to answer this question more precisely, we have to look backwards – briefly – one more time.

21 years before 1989 the so-called (19) '68-Revolt' started

The young generation, (my generation), wanted to forge new social paths and bring about fundamental social changes. – The vast majority of the younger generation knew nothing of a »Threefold Order of the Social Organism«. (I was one of them.) Even then, the Anthroposophical Society lacked the necessary intellectual impetus to present answers to the burning social questions of cooperation in the social field in the world. – In these 21 years between 1968 and 1989 the world public should have experienced concretely what the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« is about. – Then we would have been prepared in 1989.

Why is it that the broad world public has so little knowledge of the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism«?

The same problem appears that was already noticed in 1919. – It is the disinterest among us Anthroposophists in the burning Social Question. The disinterest of most Anthroposophists in relation to the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« is a heavy burden that we place on the Anthroposophical Society. This disinterest is a great neglect for whole of humanity.

I see a main cause in the steadily increasing Bourgeoisisation of the Anthroposophical Society, for which the burning social question was not an issue in large parts and still is not today. And every Anthroposophist can honestly ask himself: What have I done myself to heal the burning social question?

What have really I done to manifest the "Basic Issues of the Social Question" (Rudolf Steiner GA/CW 23) in the vital necessities of the present and future and then, above all, to bring it out into the world, especially to those people who have so far not heard of the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism«? – Most of us have to answer: I wasn't interested and I have no idea what is in the "Basic Issues".

Summarised:

The first possibility of realising the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« failed in 1917 (+ 72 years) / 1919 (+ 70 years).

We slept through the second option in Germany in 1989.

The third possibility now arises 33 years later. This is the short time until December 31, 2022.

We shouldn't let the last opportunity for Central Europe pass by. – There will no longer be a fourth option for Central Europe. It is really, very serious. – It is about the passing of a test for all who feel obliged to Anthroposophy and that means specifically about the test for each of us.

What will happen if the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« is not realised in Central Europe, because here it would be shaped by the "Christ-Impulse", Rudolf Steiner describes on December 25, 1920, i.e. on Christmas Day 2020 100 years ago. (The first prophecy that he pronounces there came 19 years later, the second is – still – open because it has not yet been decided.) It is up to us, up to every human being, in which direction humanity will steer. It is serious. It is a very important historical moment.

“It is time” to stand up for the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« with all one's might, each in their own place and to collaborate in a brotherly, honest and truthful manner with all others who stand up for the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism«.

We would have to set aside a lot, a lot for the short time, as a voluntary sacrifice in order to devote ourselves completely to this human task now, without delay, for this short period of time. It is time to collaborate.

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The years 1989 (200 years of the French Revolution) to 2019 were the 30 'Jesus years'. Now the three 'Christ years' follow: 2020, 2021, 2022. – This short time forms the third possibility, the last possibility from Central Europe to present the impulse of the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« to the world public. – If humanity will know by then what the »Threefold Order of the Social Organism« is and can become, then we would have taken up our task at the last moment. – It is time to collaborate without bias, across all borders. – This is a calling by the Zeitgeist, not by a single person. Please check yourself and the time conditions. These conditions are "dictating" these lines.

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