

Dear friends,

When I read the report of the meeting at Tablehurst Farm with Alan Hall I thought that I must have been very lucky, since my 500 (1995) worked wonderfully well in that drought year, just as it always had done (bumper crops with no irrigation and no watering).

Then I thought that surely Rudolf Steiner did not "design" the preparations only to counteract the then manifest deterioration of food plants, but also as something that would work into the future, a future about which he left us in no doubt. (even if not all possibilities became realities). Of course, the experimental Circle was founded with his help for ongoing work and future development.

So here I was, wishing I could ask Rudolf Steiner.

There is a book written by H. Kelmeyer "How do we find the Masters in Higher Worlds." (Not translated) The book deals with The Path as described in "How to attain knowledge of the higher worlds" by R. Steiner. The content of the book goes into great detail and stresses the importance of perseverance and discipline regarding meditation etc.

I know that the author does find the Masters (Rudolf Steiner and Christian Rosenkreuz) in the higher worlds, when they are exarnated as well as when they are incarnated. After much deliberation I thought that here there is something of so great importance for the future of the Earth, surely I would be justified in asking H.K. if he would help.

I know full well that here I am treading on thin ice, for we Anthroposophists are very sceptical about someone having attained to a stage in development the rest of us have not reached. But there are people who have The Inner Word. We are all on the way to it.

Some days later I was told by H.K. over the phone: The radiant light and youthfulness in Rudolf Steiner's realm had never before been witnessed in such a way, by H.K. (A light-filled tunnel.) The message was: "What is said about the activities of water is based on reality. One should freely make experiments and beware of illusions. The electro-magnetic fields - presence of satellites have their influence on the "untersinnlichen" sub-sensible, subjacent-to-the-world-of-senses, forces in the earth. The cow manure / preparation has supersensible forces. Electro/magnetic influences cannot get at its etheric/astral nature."

It has to be said that the message from the higher worlds is not given in a physical language, and what I was told had to be translated into English as well.

However, the horns have to be buried in the right place; and quite possibly not all horns are as good as they should be. And we have to have the right water.

Perhaps we should remember how Rudolf Steiner, in the Agric. Course layed stress on the fact

that, when making preparations we always remain in the realm of life (im Lebendigen).

To the question of electricity: we find in the Agric. Course in the discussion of 16th June the question: Is it permissible to conserve fodder with electric current? (it probably means sending electric currents through the stuff). It is worth reading. And since I think that not everyone has easy access to the so called "Light Course" will type out a passage from it as well as some words of Dr. Steiner concerning "contradictions."

Light Course, ninth lecture, 2nd Jan. 1920, page 15.

We have no direct experience of the phenomena of our own will, all we are able to experience in consciousness is our thoughts about them. Likewise, we have no direct experience of the electrical phenomena of nature. We only experience what they deliver, what they send upward, so to speak, into the realms of light and sound and warmth etc For we are here crossing the same boundary as to the outer world, which we are crossing in ourselves when we descend from our thinking and idea forming, conscious life into our life of will. All that is light and sound and warmth, is then akin to our conscious life, while all that goes on in the realm of electricity and magnetism is akin - intimately akin - to our unconscious life of will. Moreover the occurrence of physiological electricity in certain lower animals is but the symptom - becoming manifest somewhere in nature - of a quite universal phenomenon which remains elsewhere unnoticed. Namely, wherever will is working through the metabolism, there is working something very similar to the external phenomena of electricity and magnetism.

When in the many complicated ways - which we have only gone through in the barest outline in to-day's lecture - when in these complicated ways we go down into the realm of electrical phenomena, we are in fact descending into the very same realm into which we must descend whenever we come up against the simple element of mass. What are we doing when we study electricity and magnetism? We are there studying matter, in all reality. It is into matter itself you are descending when you study electricity and magnetism. And what an English philosopher has recently been saying is quite true - very true indeed. Formerly, he says, we tried to imagine in all kinds of ways, how electricity is based on matter. Now on the contrary we must assume, what we believe to be matter, to be in fact no more than flowing electricity. We used to think of matter as composed of atoms : now we must think of the electrons, moving through space and having properties like those we formerly attributed to matter.

In fact our scientists have taken the first step towards the recognition of the fact that when in nature we pass on from the phenomena light, sound and warmth to those of electricity, we are descending - in the realm of nature - into phenomena which are related to the former ones as is

the will in us to the life of thought. This is the gist and conclusion of our studies of today which I would fain impress upon your minds. [Lay upon your souls is the literal translation.] After all, my main purpose in these lectures is to tell you what you will not find in the text-books.”

If you have access to the Light Course read Lecture 10 from page 7 to the end. It helps to see why we find what we think are contradictions in Steiner's work. Things are very complicated.

I did not find it easy to put all this on paper. But I think you will understand why I did what I did. And having received what is more than an answer, I felt it my duty to let you know.

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