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The whole of humanity is about to cross the threshold. Because of this, the thinking, feeling, and willing of humanity as a totality will become more independent. Fritz Mauthner. Natural science owes its greatness to the fact that it is, and is meant to be, thought-less. The life of ideation as a shadow of reality. Through thought-will, the soul must carry these shadow images into something that still remains unconscious for the most part in people. Humanity's passage over the threshold causes a split in soul life. In order for inner threefolding to develop there needs to be a threefolding of the social organism.

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The age of the Nibelungs was succeeded by the era of Central European 'burgherdom,' which has come to the end of its development. In the age of burgherdom, the territorial princes of Central Europe and their adherents express the Nibelung soul-character in a state of decay. Frederick the Great and Goethe. Henry IV and Walter von der Vogelweide. The demise of Central Europe was brought about by the collaboration of the ahrimanic element of modern industrialism in the form of technology and capitalism, with the adherents of Nibelung wildness in a state of decay. Crossing the threshold as the passage through the portal of death.

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was pulsed through by soul, but was lacking in spirit. Because people did not observe the conditions necessary for the life of the spirit in Central Europe, and did not put the spiritual-intellectual life on its own independent footing, catastrophic conditions resulted. Since the middle of the fifteenth century the spirit must be born through experiencing a spirit-less natural science. Since the turn of the fourteenth to the fifteenth century souls descending to the Earth are less concerned about race than about geographical conditions. Due to the way of thinking in Asia, light shines out from there into cosmic space; in the West, life pulsates into cosmic space.

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Spiritual-scientific work awakens understanding for the social question. The double nature of the human being: our inner being lives in the metabolic system and in the lower section of the rhythmic system; with regard to the nerve-sense system, the human being is strongly reliant on externality. We are able to get free of ourselves when we develop interest in the concerns of humanity. The bourgeoisie has reached such a nullity with regard to the social question because people today lack the will for inner activity. The idea of a threefolding of the social organism cannot be realized in a sect. It is not a matter today of thinking up cranky ideas for social reform, but rather of shedding light in a universal way on what is needed. A broad stream of enlightenment concerning the urgent needs of society is meant to flow from the Anthroposophical Society. The mission of Switzerland.

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