Planets in Dr Steiner's Agriculture Course

An answer to the 100 year old contradiction

from Glen Atkinson (PhD) February 2024 the circular letter No 119, from the Agricultural Section of the Anthroposophical Society of Switzerland, which details their efforts to produce the 9th edition of Rudolf Steiner's *Agriculture Course* in time for the 100th anniversary of the original lecture cycle. In their notes about their changes there is this passage:

Direct and indirect working of the Planets

There is a contradiction between lecture 2 and lecture 6, which the editors of the new edition draw attention to, without being able to finally resolve the problems involved. In lecture 2 it is said the moon and the inner planets, Mercury and Venus, work together with the sun directly on the plants above ground, the outer planets, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, on the other hand, work with the sun in a roundabout way via the earth. In lecture 6 it is exactly the other way around: the outer planets work directly on the plant above ground and the moon works with the inner planets, Mercury and Venus, indirectly in a roundabout way via the soil. Important statements about the effect of the moon and the planets on the plants are not impaired by this contradiction!

Inner Planets & Outer Planets

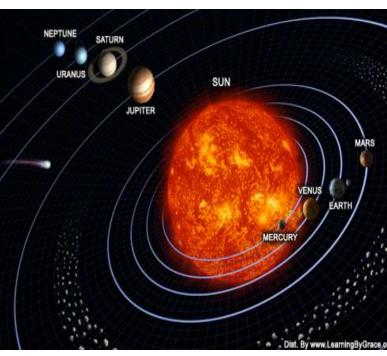
Incarnating & Excarnating Planets

Primary & Secondary Planets

Direct & Indirect Planets

Cosmic Forces Cosmic Substance Earthly Forces Earthly Substance





Galaxy

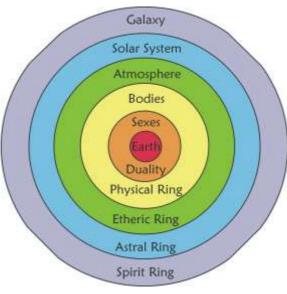
Solar System



Atmosphere



Earth



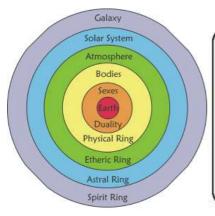
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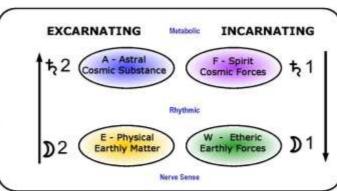
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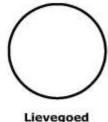
Stage 1 Archetype Thesis

Stage 2 **Forming** Antithesis

Stage 3 Manifestation Synthesis

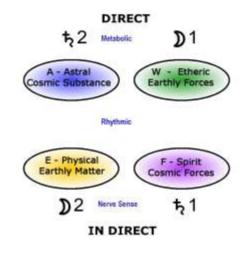


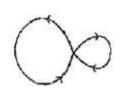




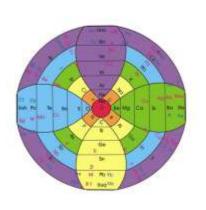
Lievegoed Stage 1 **ARCHETYPE** Spirit World

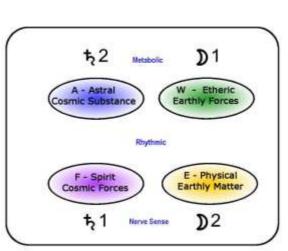






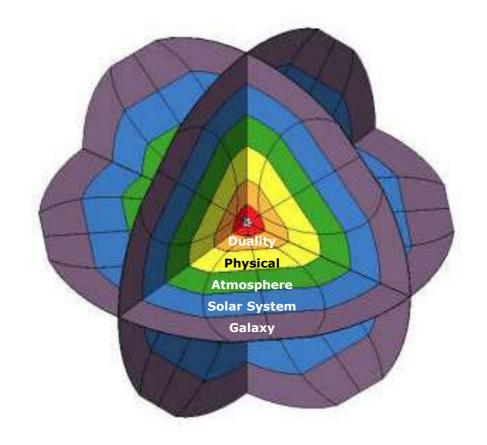
Lecture 8 Agric. Course Stage 2 BEHIND MANIFEST Soul World

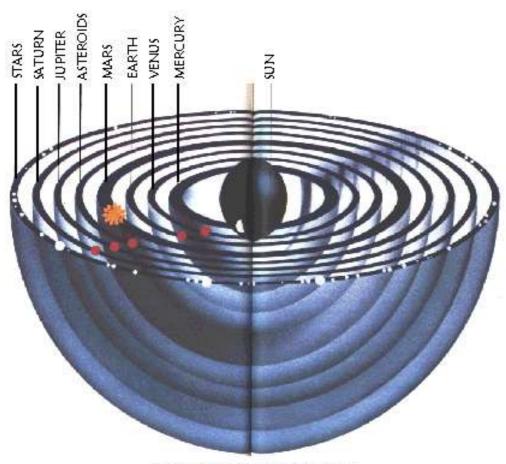




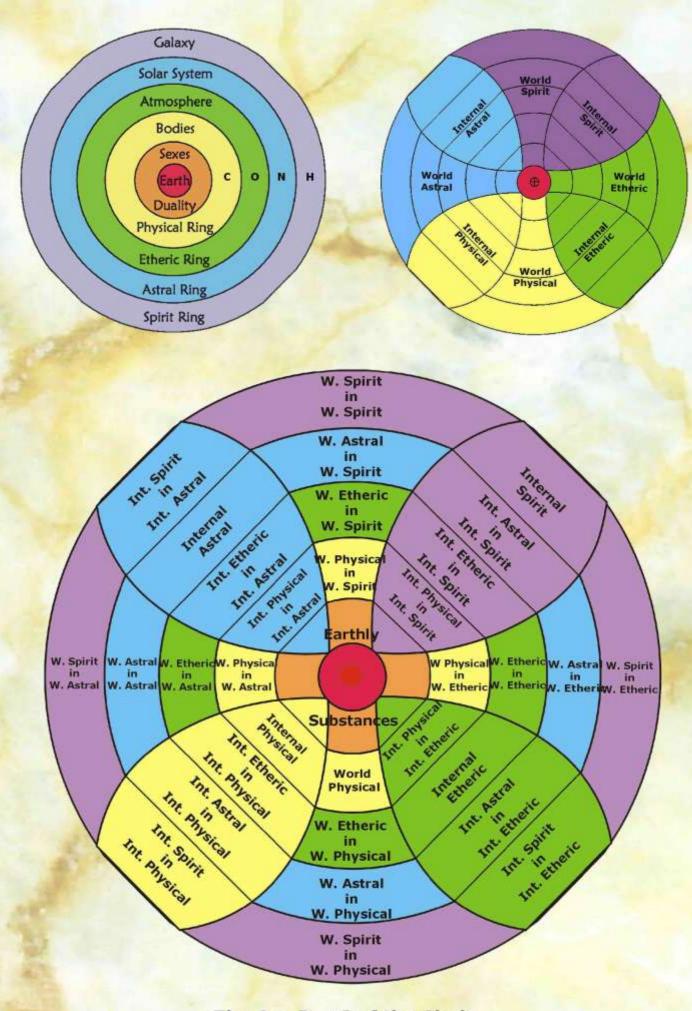


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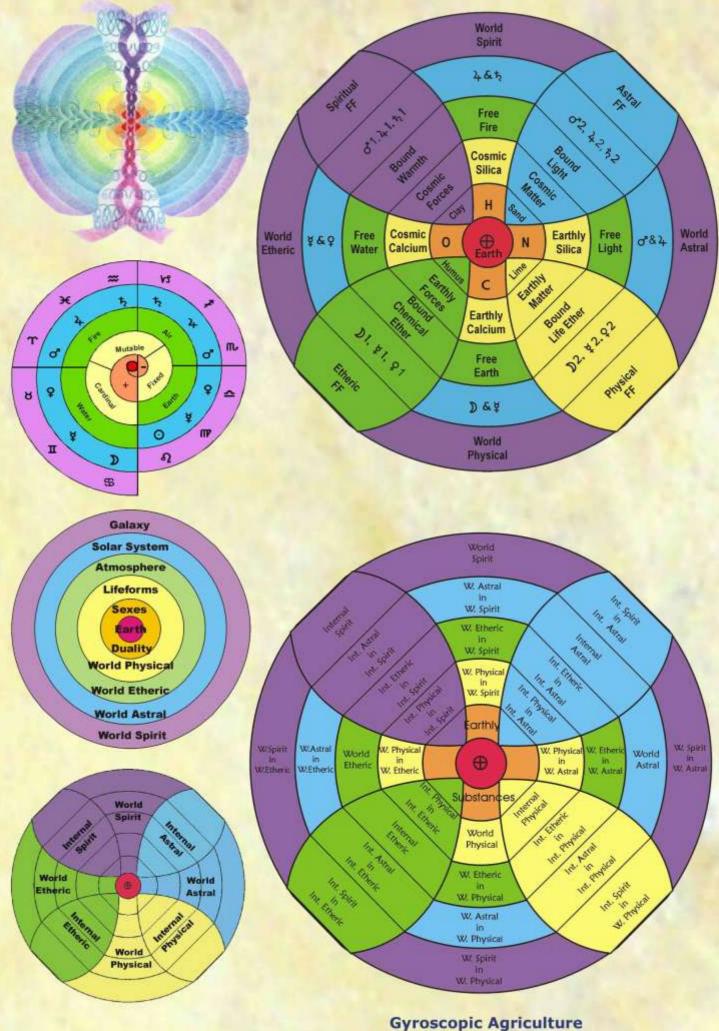


The Solar System Onion



The A + B = C of the Circle

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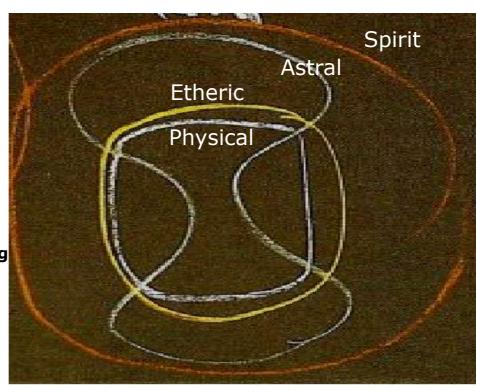
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Two Main Energy Conversations

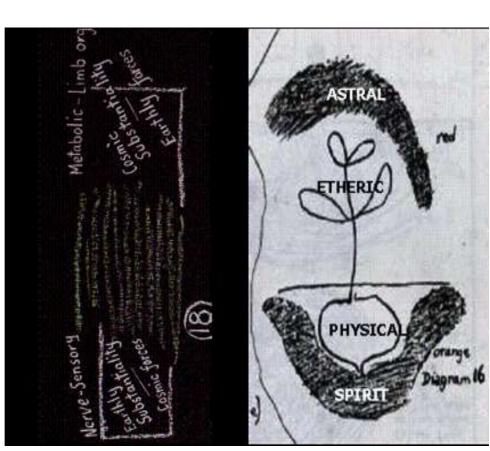
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Cosmic and Earthly
activities

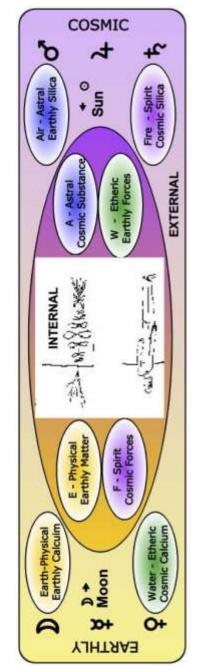
Planets

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Incarnating Excarnating
Direct and Indirect

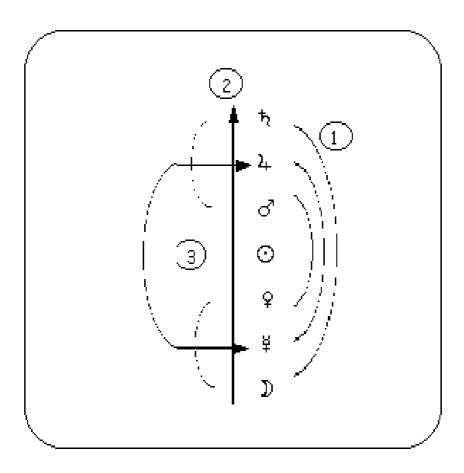


Lecture 8 Pictures

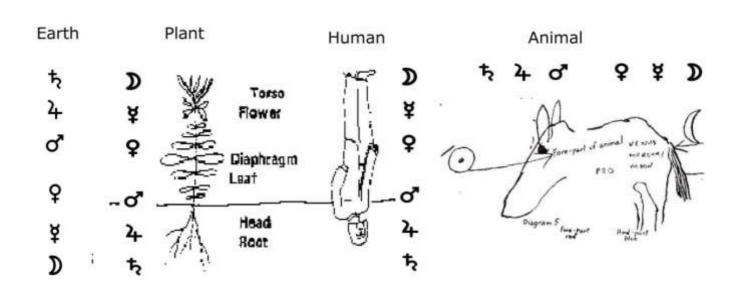




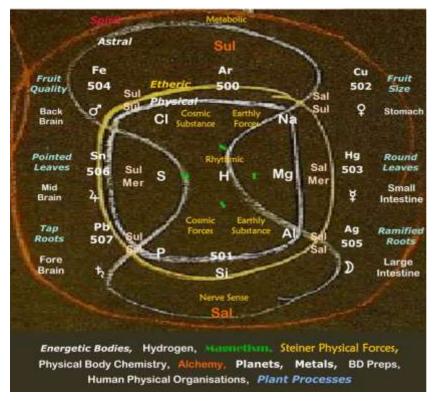
The Planets by their Solar Year

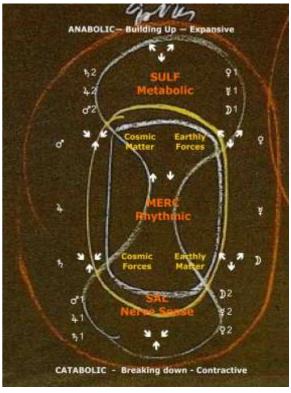


- D Moon
- **▼** Mercury
- Q Venus
- o' Mars
- 4 Jupiter
- to Saturn

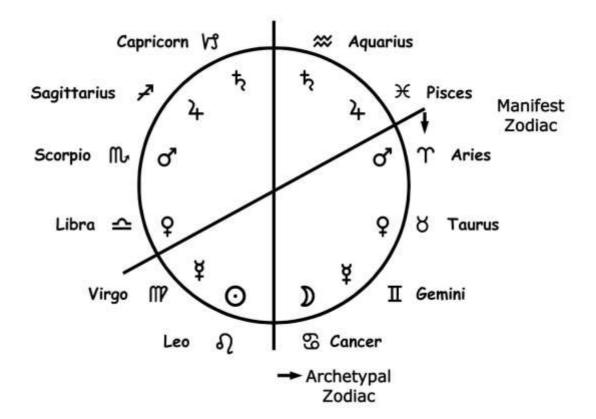


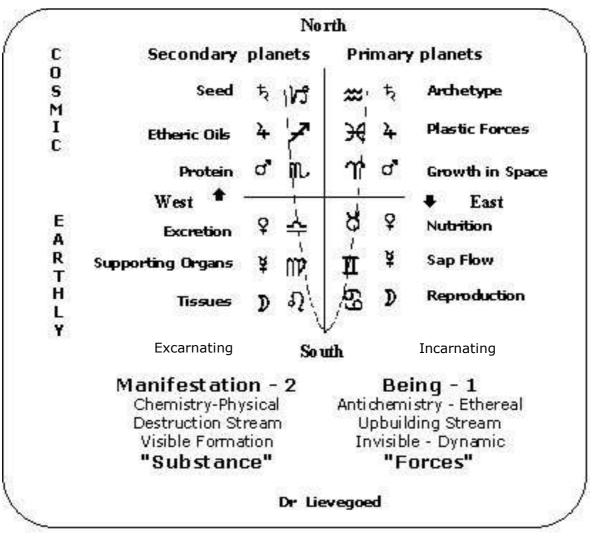
SPIRIT Indirect Outer Pl. 1 Warmth	Cambium Salamanders	Saturn	P	Valerian	Strengthens the Spirit
Cosmic Forces Clay	Sylphs	Jupiter	S	Dandelion	Merge Spirit and Astral towards the Physical
ASTRAL Direct Outer Pl. 2 Light Cosmic Substance Sand		Mars	CI	Nettle	Harmonise the Astrality
	Life Sap	Sun	Ar	Equisetum	Astral stimulates the Etheric within the metabolism
ETHERIC Direct Inner Pl. 1	Undines ↓	Venus	Na	Yarrow	Opens the Etheric to the Astra
Chemical Earthly Forces Humus	Gnomes Wood Sap	Mercury	Mg	Chamomile	Stimulates the Etheric
PHYSICAL Indirect Inner Pl. 2 Life	t	Moon	Al	Oak Bark	Etheric binds to the Physical
Earthly Substance Cations	500	Earth	Si	Quartz	Spirit binds to the Physical

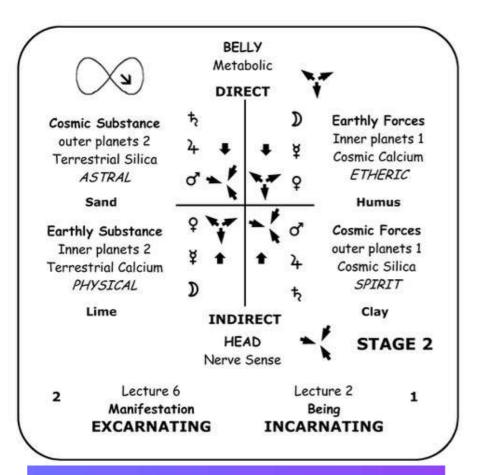


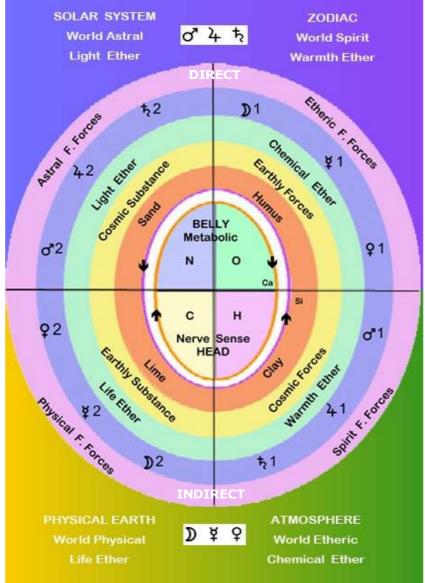


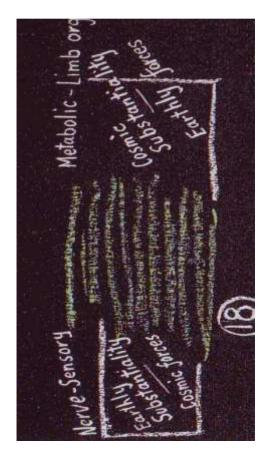
Double Planets

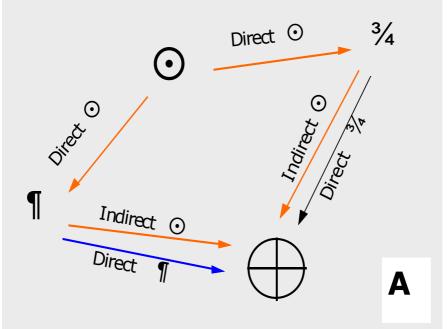


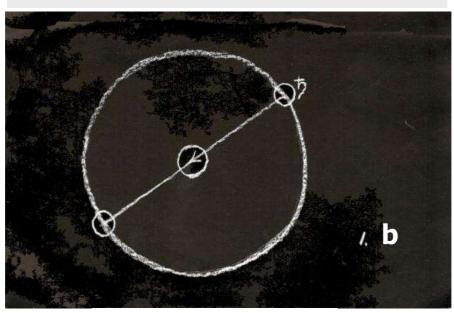


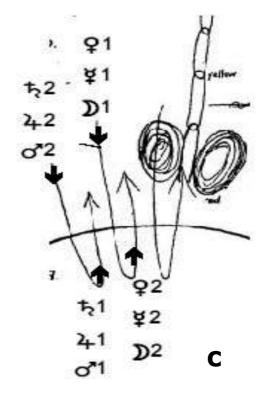




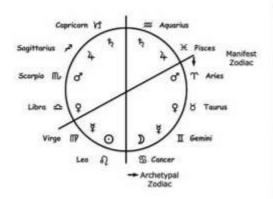








Direct & Indirect Planets



Lievegoed Spirit

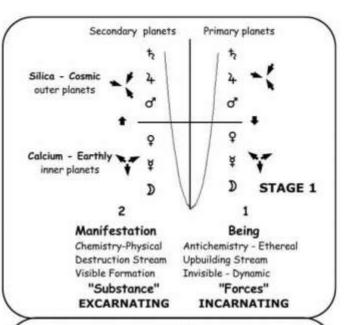


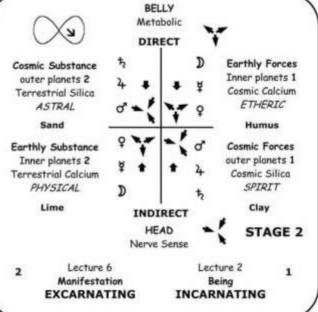
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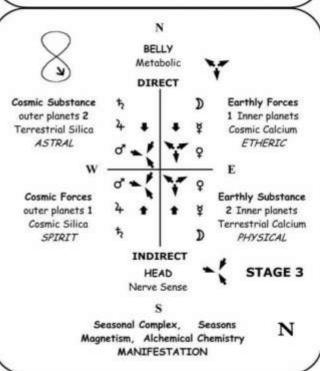
> When we spin through the Seasons In the Saps and Ethers Physical

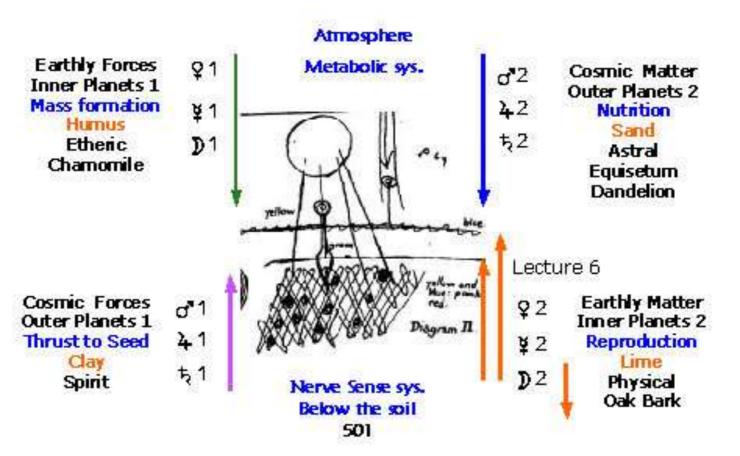
The Planets in the Three Worlds 2

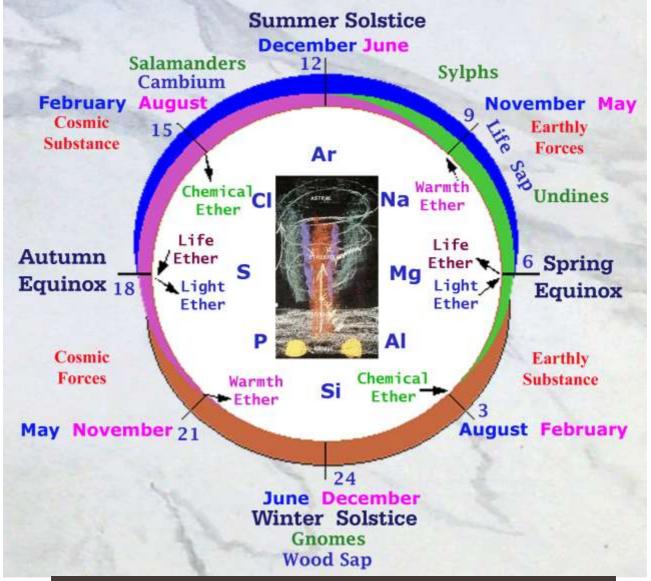
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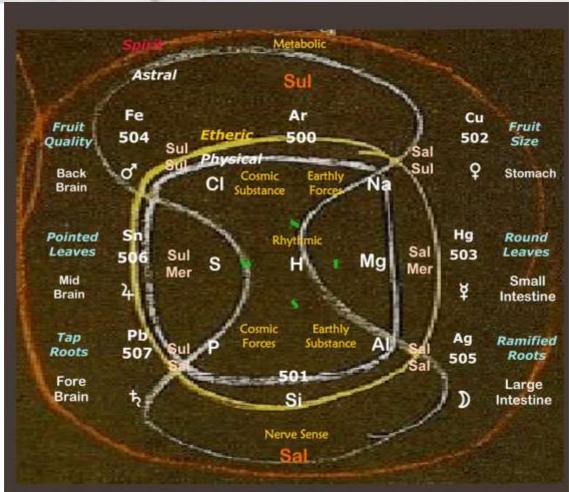












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'The Working of the Planets in the Life Processes in Man and Earth'.

"In every living organism

Physical, Ethereal, Astral and Spiritual forces are active.

In the plant, the threefold Physical and
the fourfold Ethereal forces, work from within outwards,
the Astral forces work around it,
and the Spiritual forces from the starry distance,
where the archetypes of the plants are formed"

"The effects of the Etheric Formative Forces are always general ones.

Never does an organism come into existence merely through the Ethereal processes, but only when an Astral principle presses its seal upon the Ethereal"

"The working of the Astral principle is carried into this Physical-Ethereal, as a streaming, moving activity.

Manifesting archetypally in a sevenfoldness"

"The Spiritually working principles gather together the form into a specific species and are archetypally arranged according to the 12 principles, revealing themselves cosmically in the Zodiac. It is only through this spiritual element that 'the plant' becomes a rose or a sage, 'the animal', a lion, and 'man a definite individuality."

"In the plant the seed is the carrier, or point of attachment, of the Spiritual forces which form the species.

But the seed only unfolds when surrounded by Physical, Ethereal and Astral elements in such a way that these forces can stream freely together."

Biodynamics Decoded

CAPRICORN

Cardinal, Earth, Saturn 2
Limb Metabolic
Root Plants
eg Seeds of Carrots
Arthopoda - Insects
Aluminium

PISCES

Mutable, Water, Jupiter 1
Rhythmic
Leafing Plant
eg. Leaves of Cabbage
Mollusca - Shellfish
Chlorine

SCORPIO

Fixed, Water Mars 2 Nerve Sense Leafing Plants eg Roots of Cabbage Amphibia - Frogs Carbon

TAURUS

Fixed, Earth, Venus 1 Nerve Sense Rooting Plants eg Roots of Carrots Echinodermata - Starfish Nitrogen

VIRGO

Mutable, Earth, Mercury 2
Rhythmic
Rooting plants
eg Leaves of Carrots
Aves - Birds
Sodium

CANCER

Cardinal, Water, Moon 1
Limb Metabolic
Leaf plants
eg Fruit of Cabbages
Protozoa - Bacteria
Phosphorus

AOUARIUS

Fixed, Air, Saturn 1 Nerve Sense, Flowering Plants eg The roots of Roses Vermes - Worms Oxygen

SAGITTARIUS

Mutable, Fire, Jupiter 2 Rhythmic Fruiting Plants ig Leafs of the lemon tree Pisces - Fishes Magnesia

ARIES

Cardinal, Fire, Mars 1 Limb Metabolic Fruiting Plants eg Fruit of Peaches Tunicata -Sea Squirts Silica

LIBRA

Cardinal, Air, Venus 2 Limb Metabolic Flower plants eg Flowers of Roses Reptilla - Lizards Calcium

GEMINI

Mutable, Air, Mercury 1 Rhythmic Flowering plants eg Leaves of Roses Coelentrata - Corals Sulphur

LEO

Fixed, Fire, Sun 2 Nerve Sense, Fruiting plants eg Roots of Lemon trees Mammals - Cows Hydrogen

SATURN

Prep 507
Valerian tincture
Element - Phosphorus
Organ - Spleen
Metal - Lead
Strengthens Spirit

JUPITER

Prep 506
Dandelion/Mesentry
Element - Hydrogen
Organ - Liver
Metal - Tin
Helps Spirit and
Physical entwine

MARS

Prep 504
Nettle / Earth
Element - Nitrogen
Organ - Gall bladder
Metal - Iron
Harmonises the
Astral body

VENUS

Prep 502
Yarrow / Stag bladder
Element - Sulphur
Organ - Kidneys
Metal - Copper
Opens the Etheric
to the Astral

MERCURY

Prep 503
Chamomile /Intestines
Element - Oxygen
Organ - Intestines,
Metal-Mercury
Strengthens the
Etheric body

MOON

Prep 505
Oak Bark / Skull
Element - Carbon
Organ - Reproductive
Metal - Silver
Retards a
rampant Etheric

FIRE

Active Intuitive
Spirit - Will - Warmth ether
Seed & Fruit - Spheres
Adult, Hydrogen, Clay
Aries, Leo, Sagittarius
Cosmic Silica, Cosmic Forces

AIR

Rational Intellectual Astral Body - Light ether Flower - Pointed leaves Pupa, Nitrogen, Sand Gemini, Libra, Aquarius Ter, Silica, Cosmic Matter

WATER

Nurturing, Emotional
Etheric Body - Chemical
Leaf & stems - Hemisphere
Grub, Oxygen, Humus
Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces
Cosmic Calcium, Earthly Forces

EARTH

Sustaining, Practical Physical Body - Life ether Root - Squares Egg, Carbon, Lime Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn Ter. Calcium, Earthly Matter



FIXED

Consolidating - Antithesis Nerve Sense system The Head Soil and Root Salt - Basalt

MUTABLE

Changeable - Synthesis Rhythmic system Abdomen - Lungs & Heart Leaf region Mercury - Bentonite

CARDINAL

Initiating, Leading - Thesis Limb Metabolic system Digestion & Limbs Flower & Fruit Sulph - Sulphur

SUN +

Prep 501 - Silica / Horn
Spring & Summer
Dawn till Midday
Catabolic, Nutritive, Warm
Strengthens the upright growth
of the plant & enhances
the Astral & Spirit
Sun, Outer planets, Silica

MOON -

Prep 500 - Cow manure / Horn Autumn & Winter Afternoon & Evening Anabolic, Reproductive, Cool Enlivens the soil and growth through the enhancing of the Etheric and Physical bodies Moon, Inner planets, Calcium

Biodynamic Agriculture provides a view of the our world, where the electro magnetic influences of the stars and planetary spheres, interacts with the electro magnetic nature of the living activities of the Earth. This gives the basis of a dynamic and interactive natural world, where many different influences act upon each, at the various levels of creation.

This diagram shows an organisation of all the various parts, identified in Biodynamic literature, and how they correspond and relate to one another. The colours and swirls indicate the lines of correspondance.

UNITY

Primal Oneness - Earth
This level is the manifest Earth
and the spiritual state of unity
from which all life begins and
returns. The atom acts
as the doorway between
spirit and matter

The references on this diagram are drawn from the works of Dr R Steiner, Dr R Hauschka, Dr E Kolisko, Dr B Lievegeod & Glen Atkinson.

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