

Planets in Dr Steiner's Agriculture Course

**An answer to the
100 year old contradiction**

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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

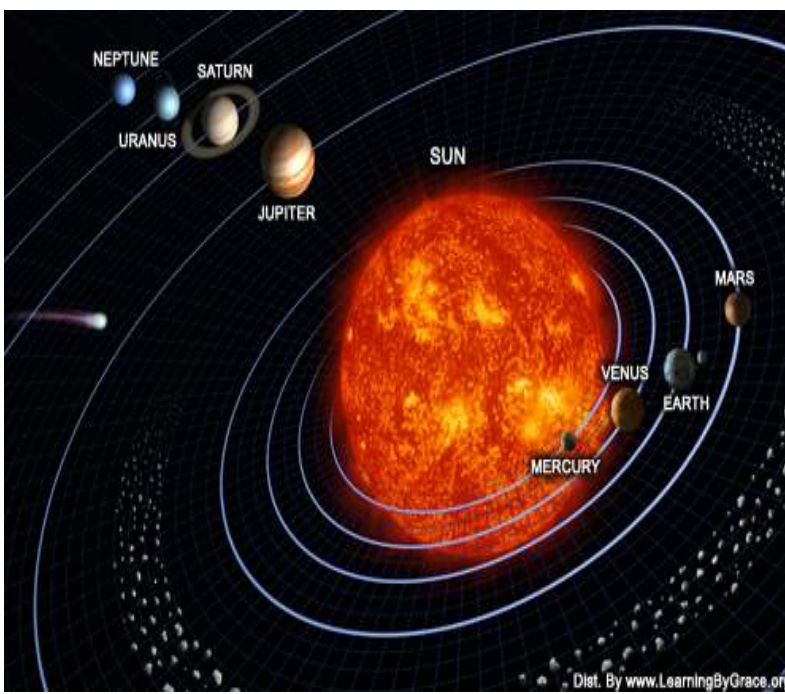
Primary & Secondary Planets

Direct & Indirect Planets

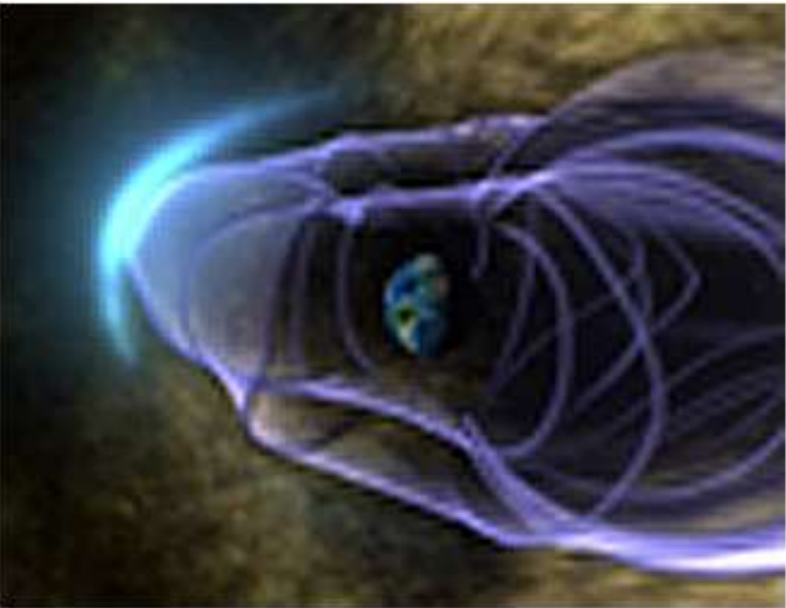
Cosmic Forces	Cosmic Substance
Earthly Forces	Earthly Substance



Galaxy



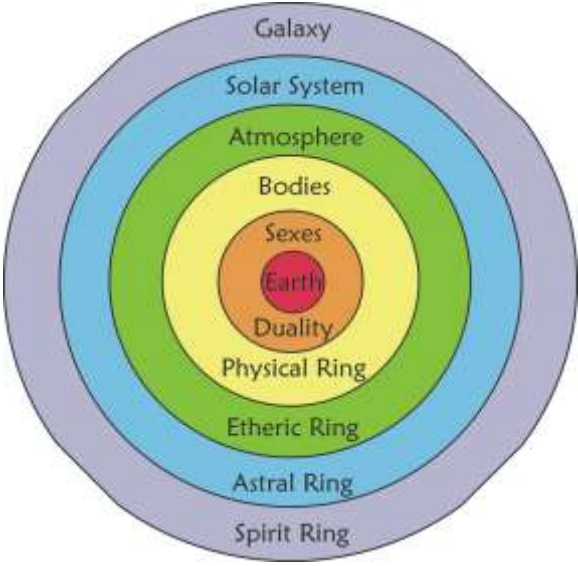
Solar System



Atmosphere



Earth



The Cell

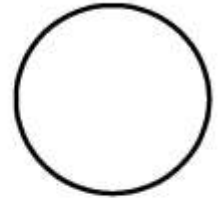
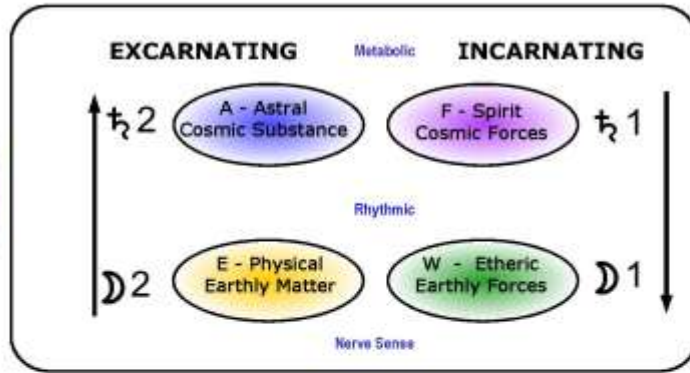
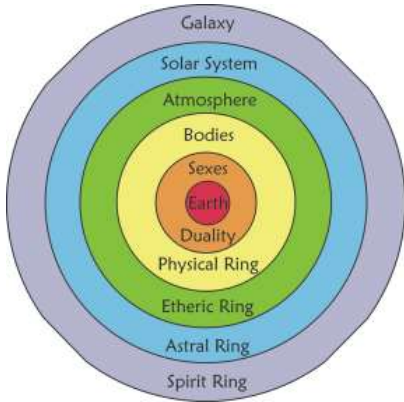
Pulsating

Division

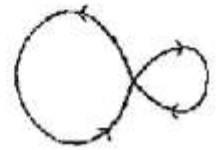
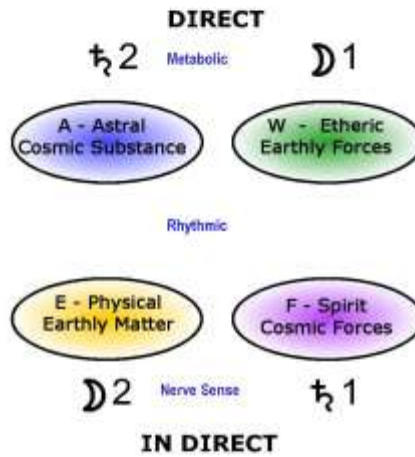
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Archetype
Thesis

Stage 2
Forming
Antithesis

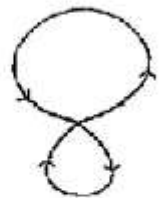
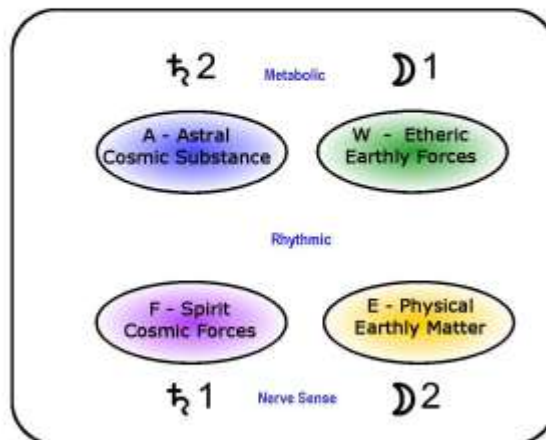
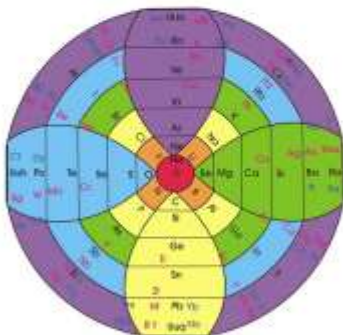
Stage 3
Manifestation
Synthesis



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Stage 1
ARCHETYPE
Spirit World

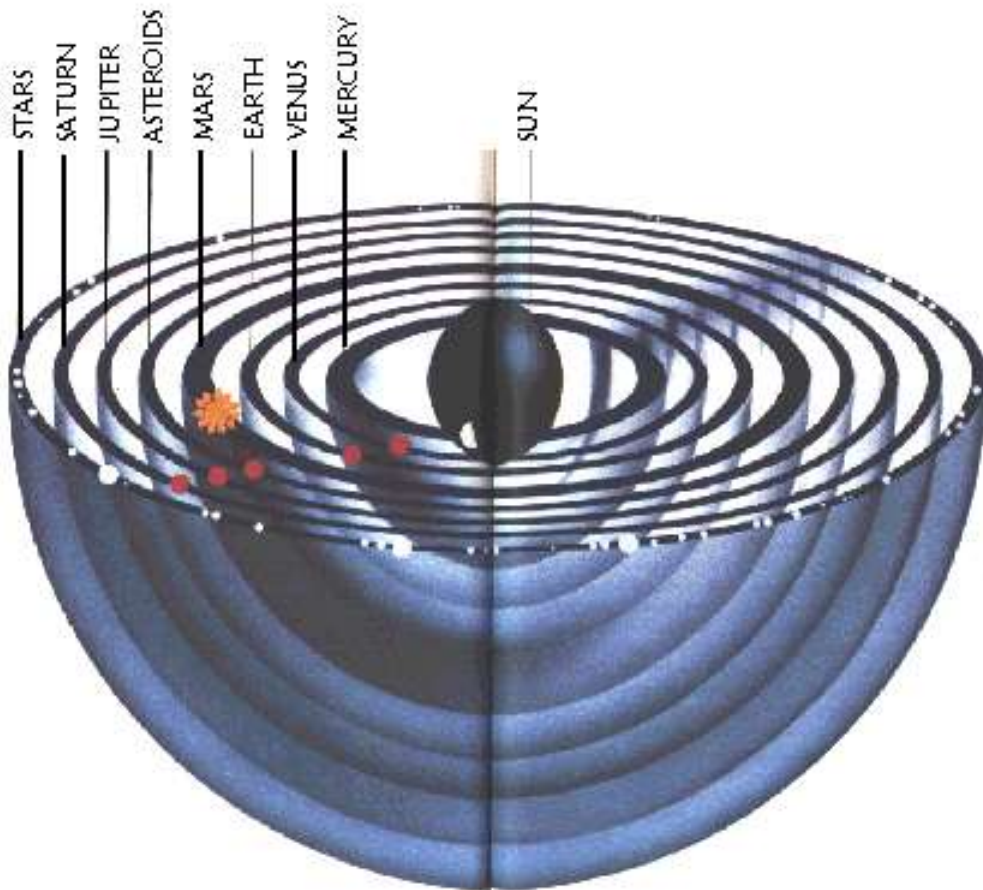
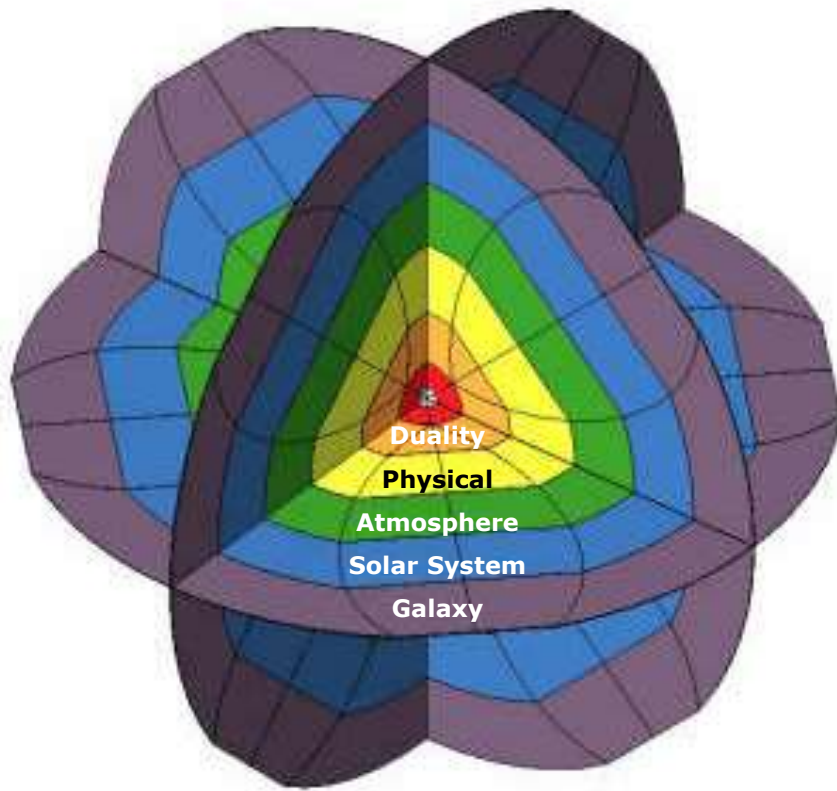


Lecture 8 Agric. Course
Stage 2
BEHIND MANIFEST
Soul World

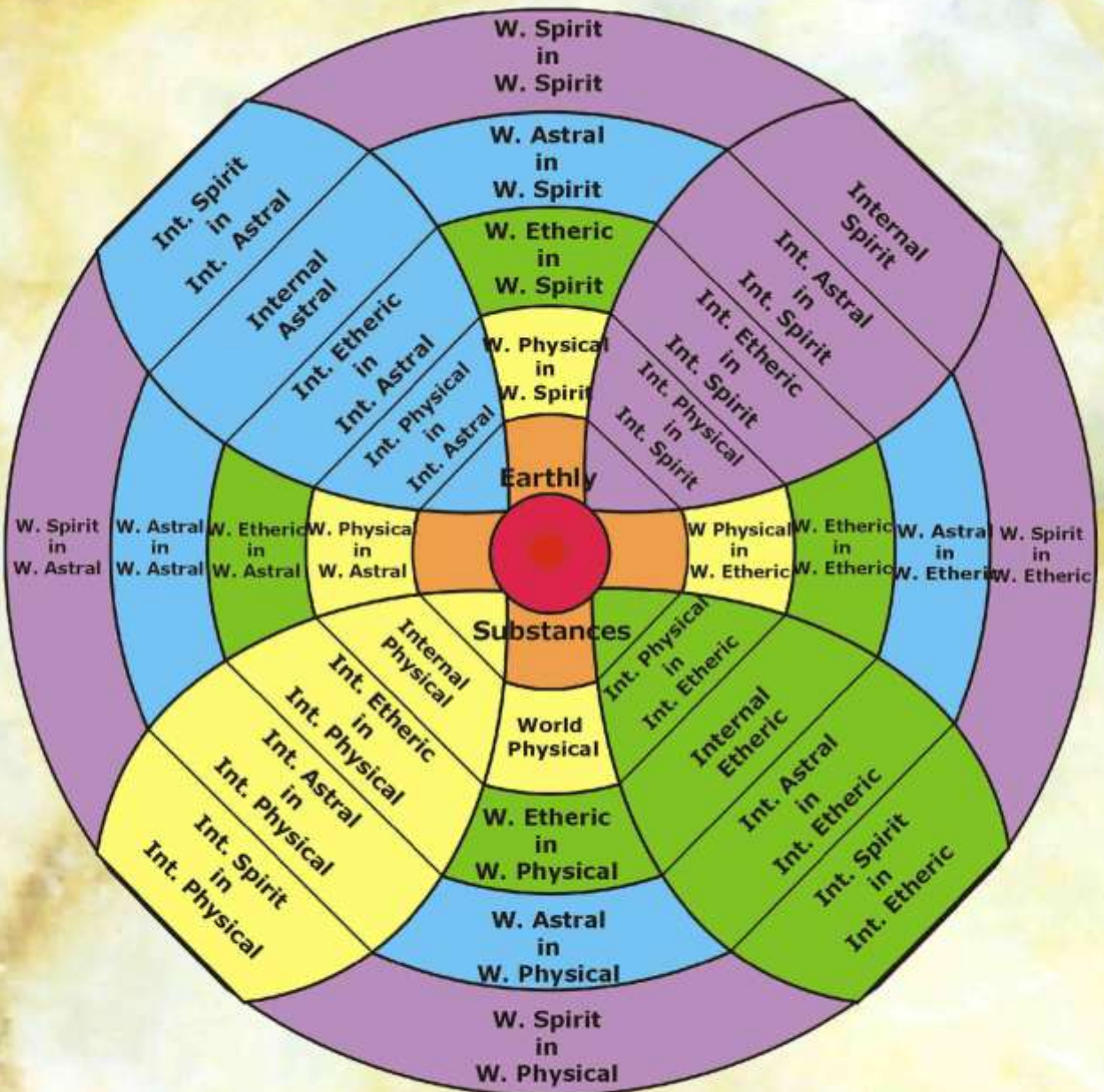
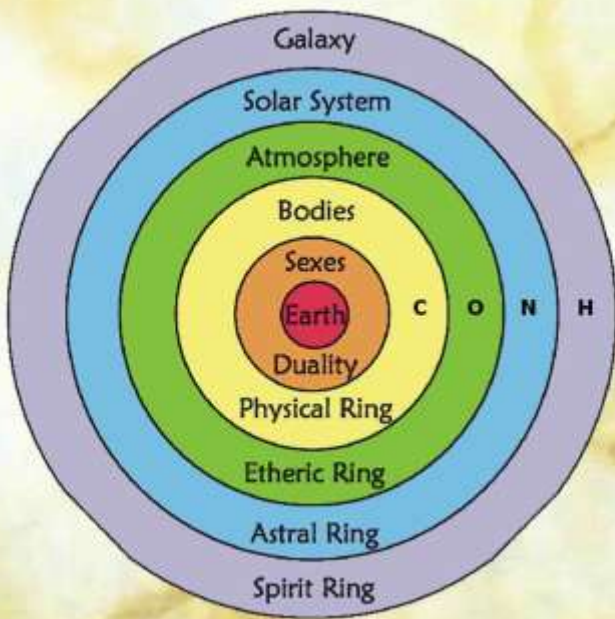


Seasonal Cycle
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Stage 3
MANIFEST
World



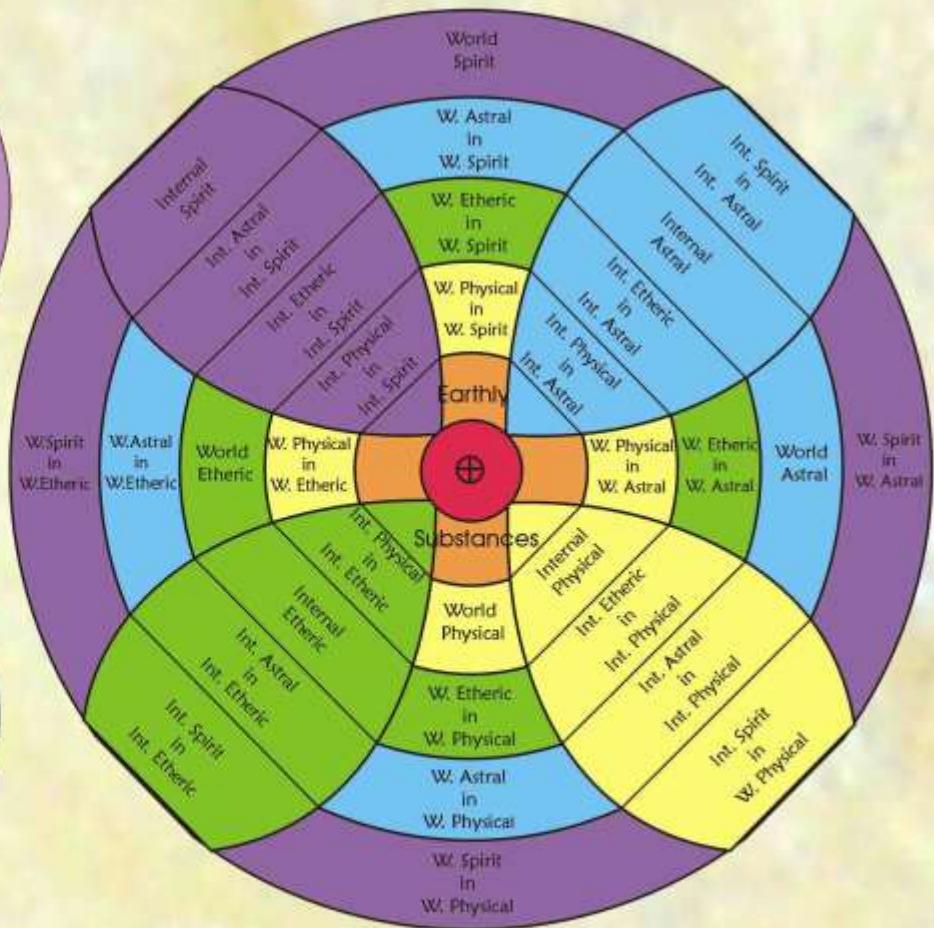
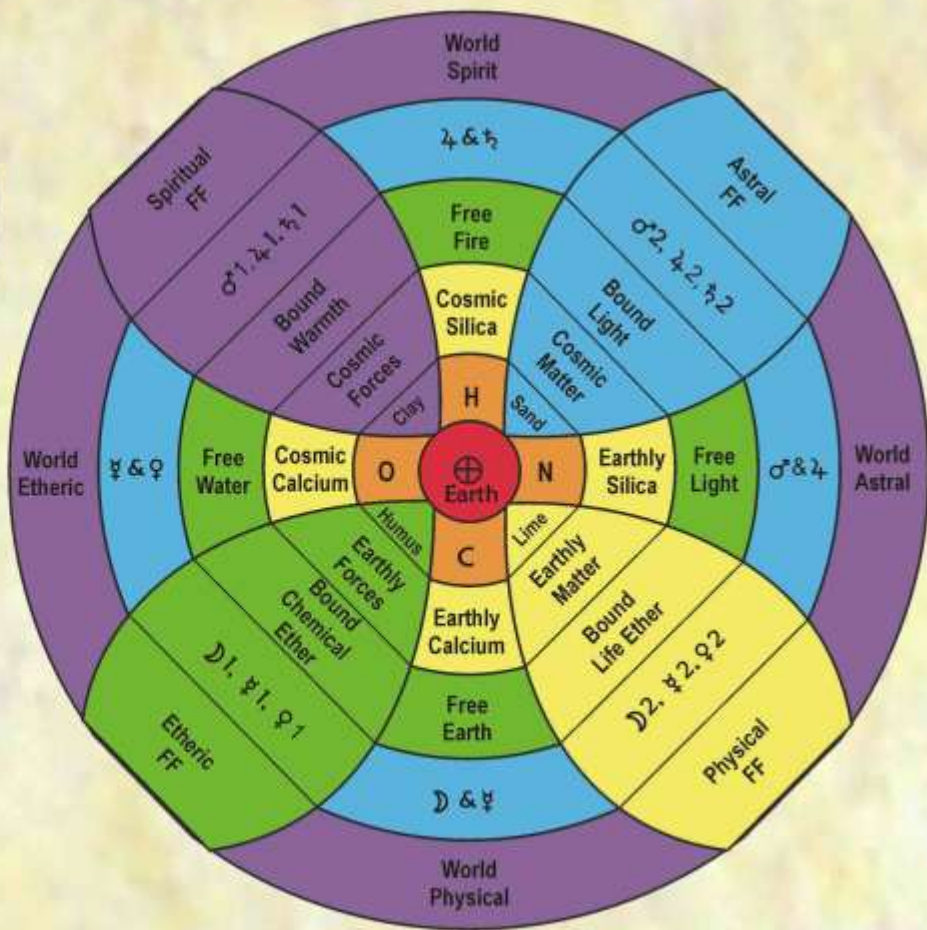
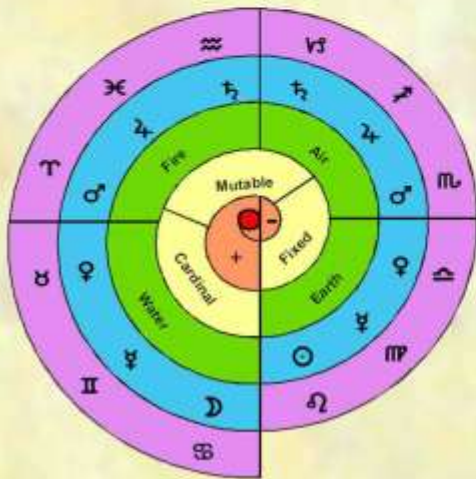


The Solar System Onion



The A + B = C of the Circle

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Two Main Energy Conversations

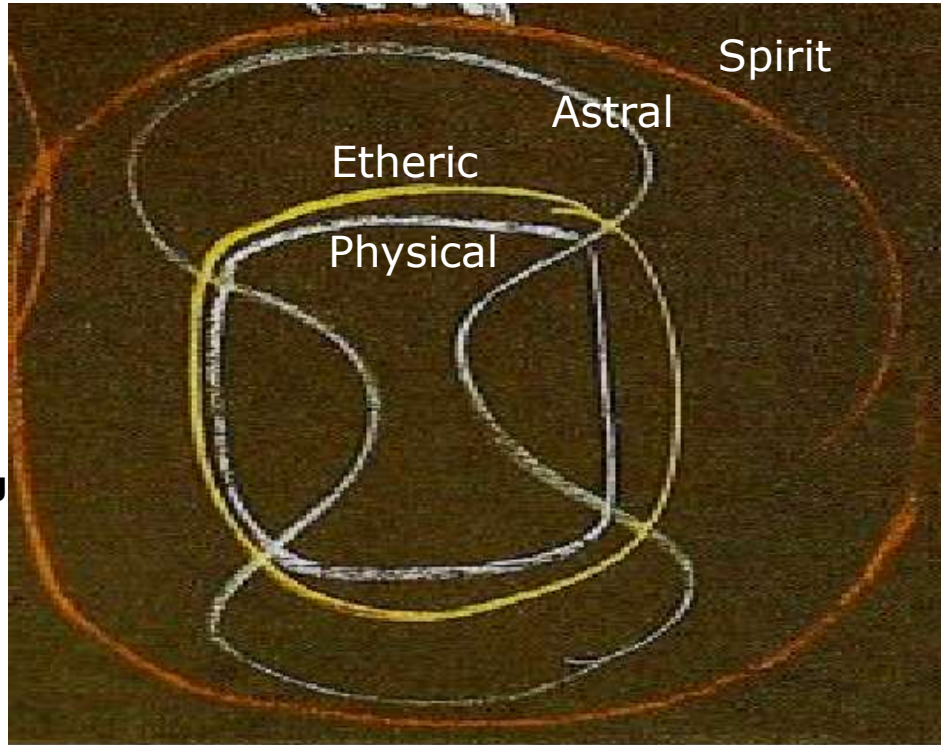
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Cosmic and Earthly activities

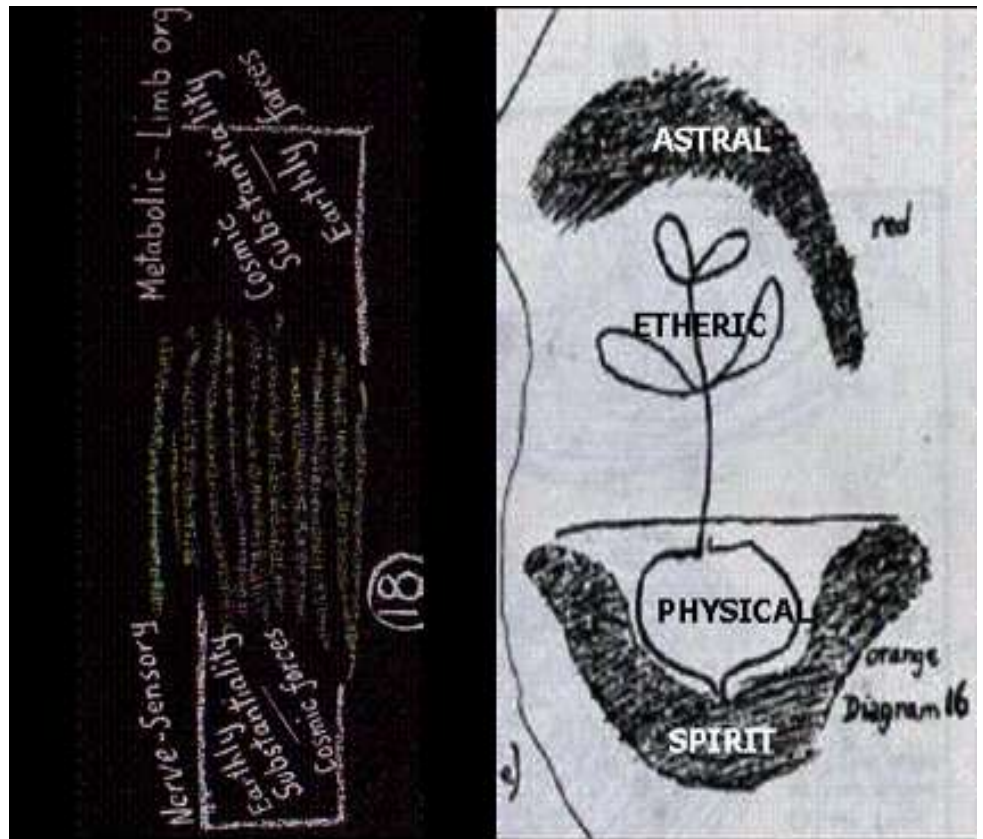
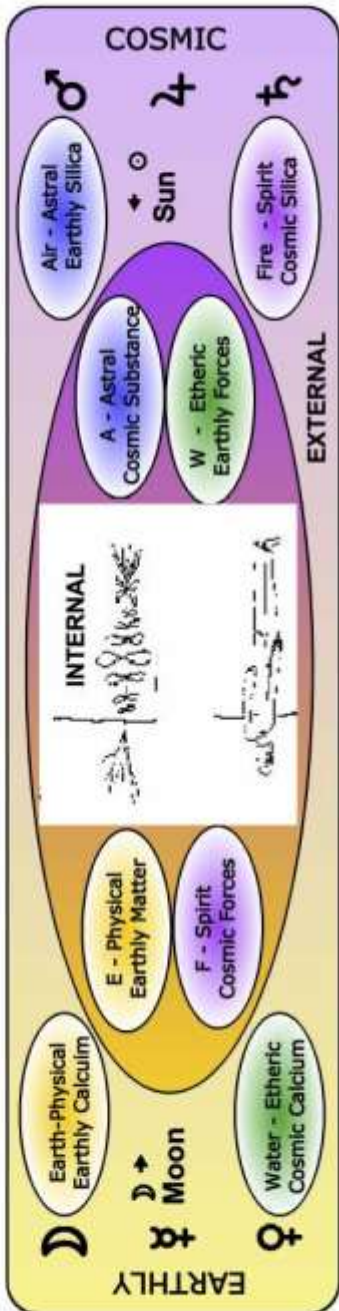
Planets

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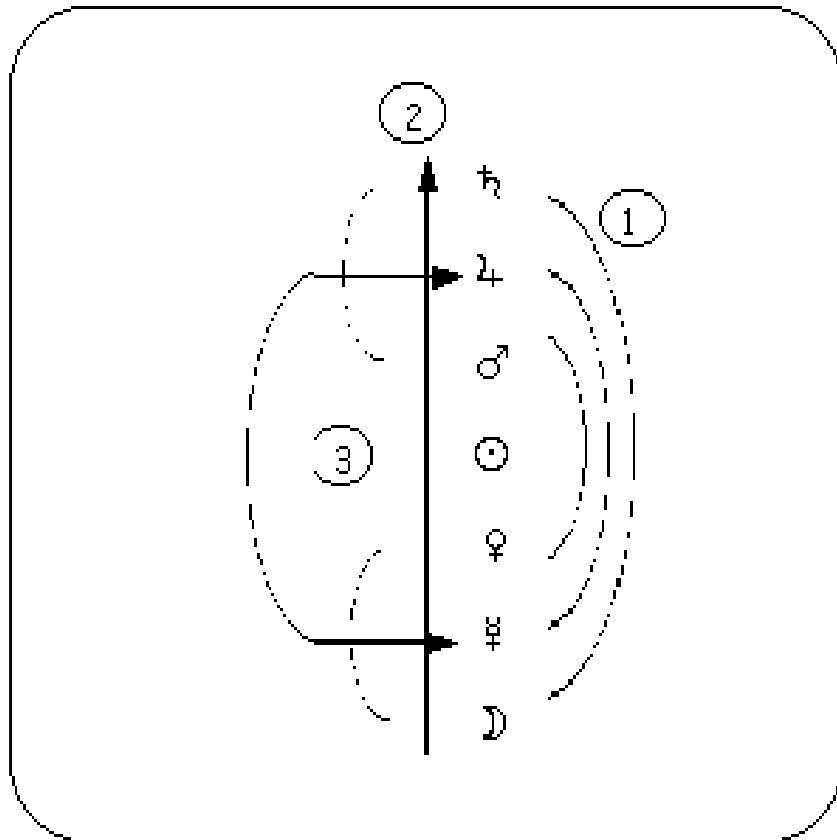
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Incarnating Excarinating
Direct and Indirect



Lecture 8 Pictures



The Planets by their Solar Year



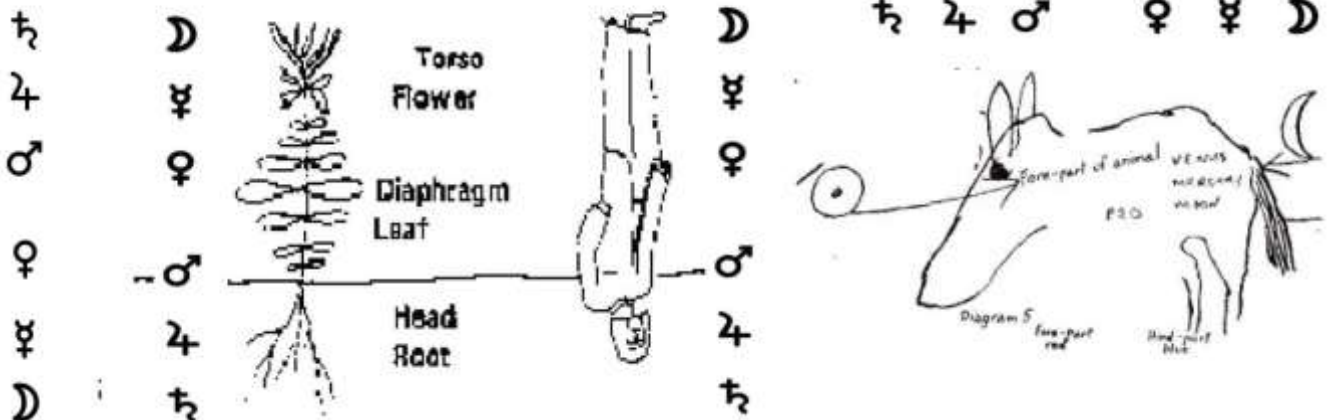
- ☾ Moon
- ☿ Mercury
- ♀ Venus
- ♂ Mars
- ♃ Jupiter
- ♄ Saturn

Earth

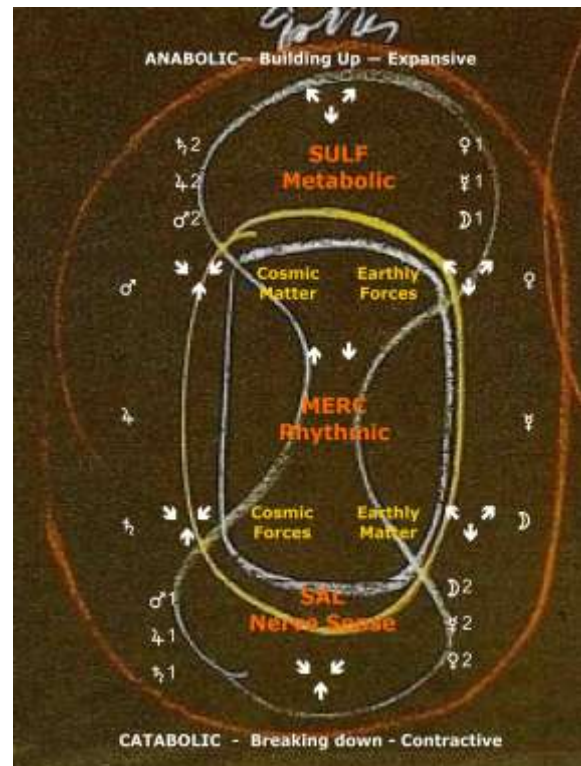
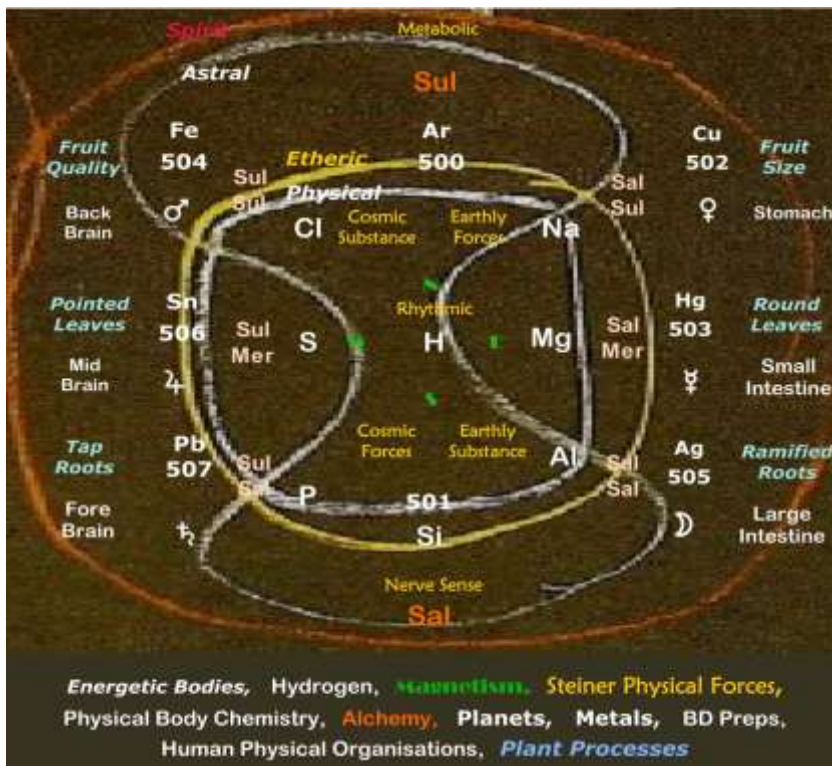
Plant

Human

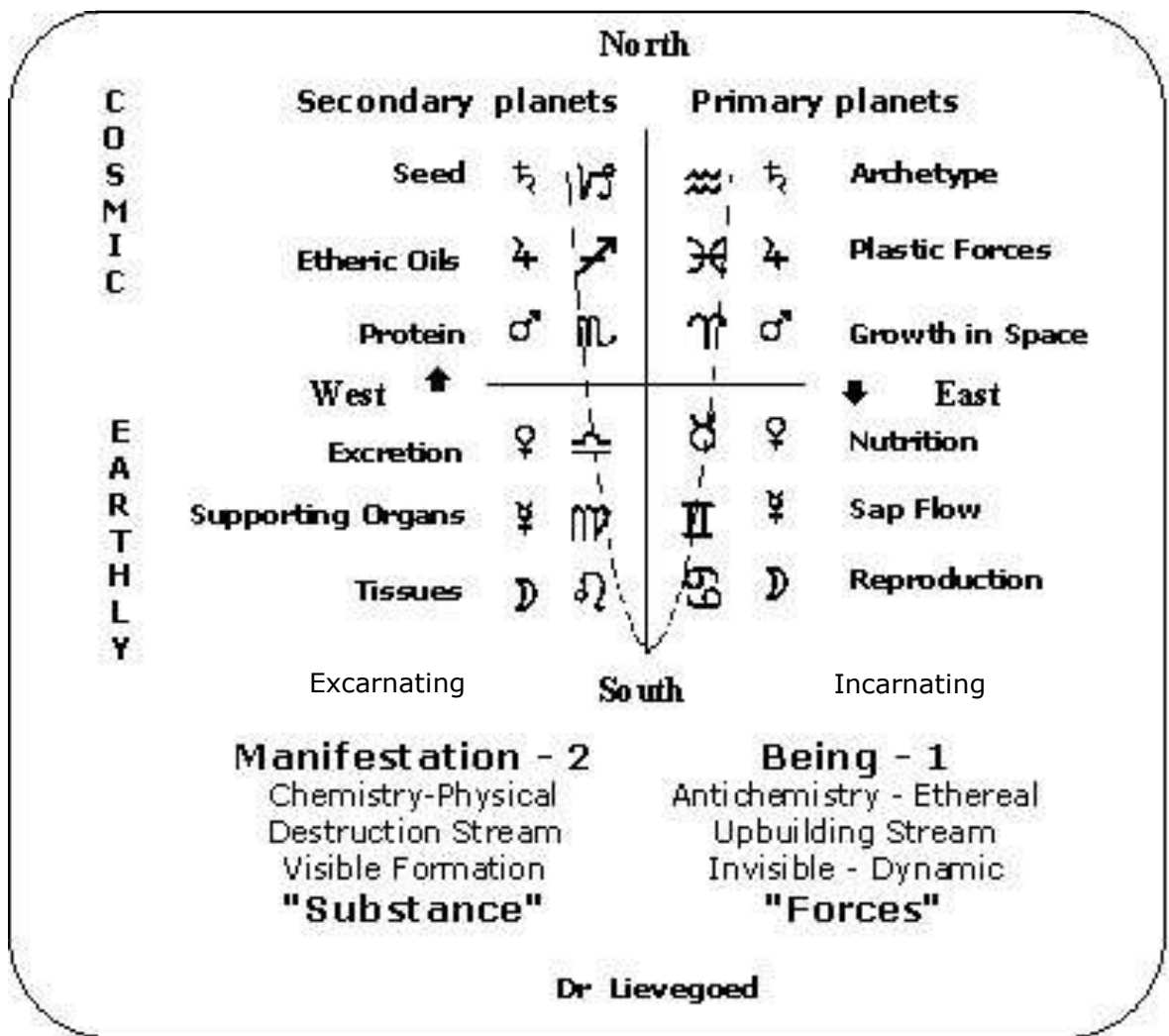
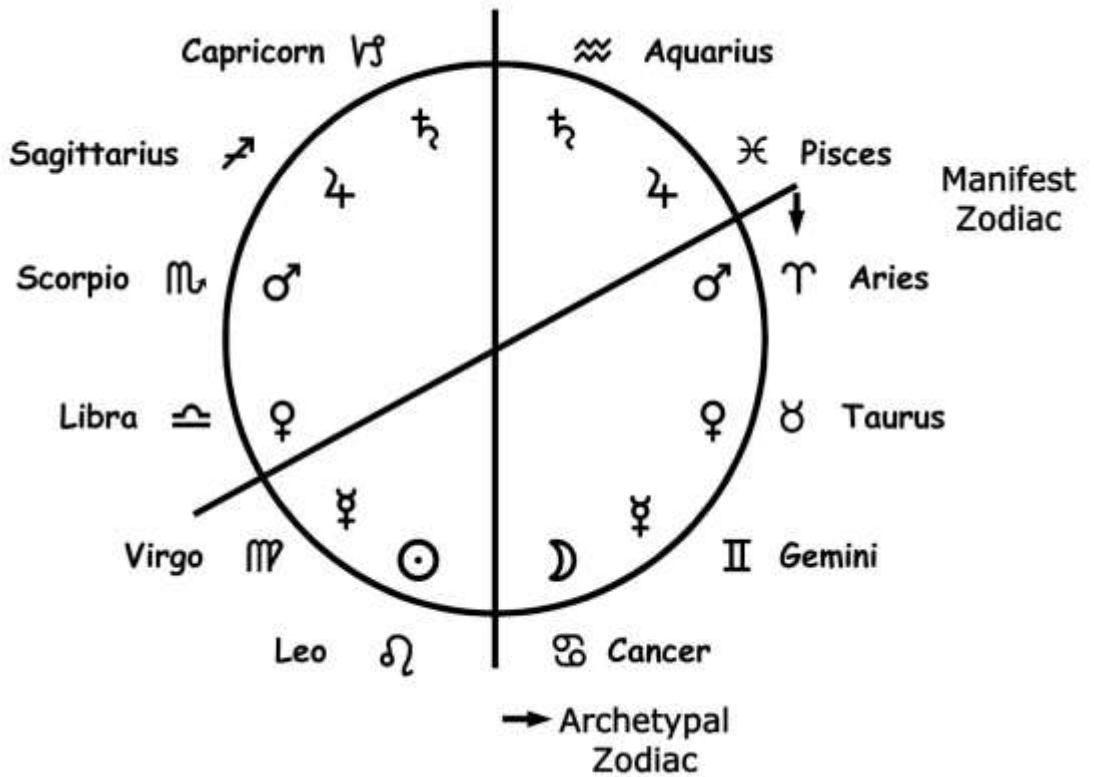
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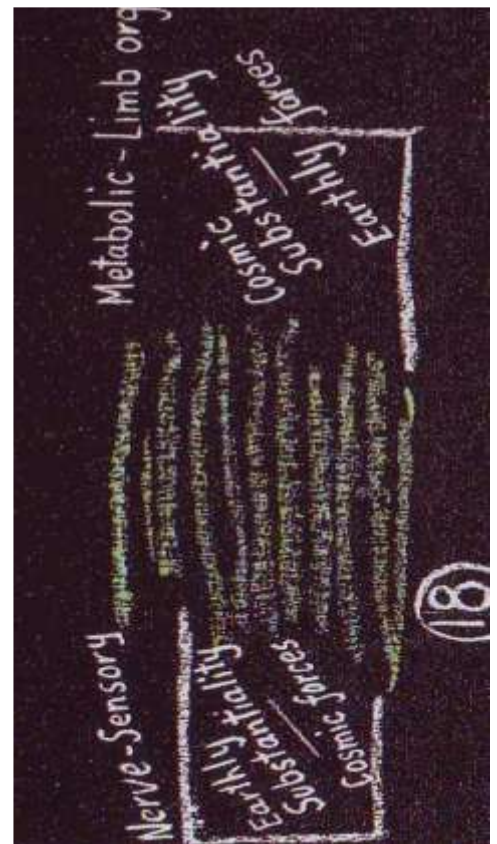
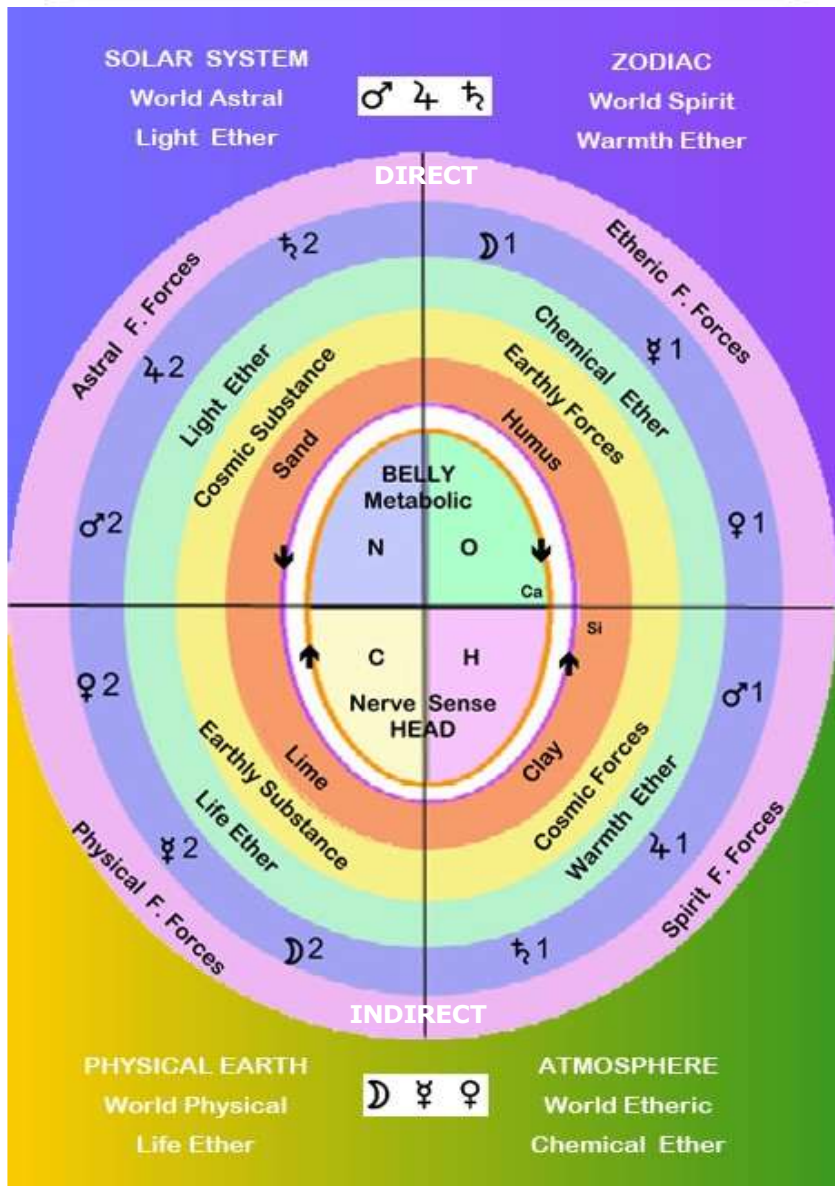
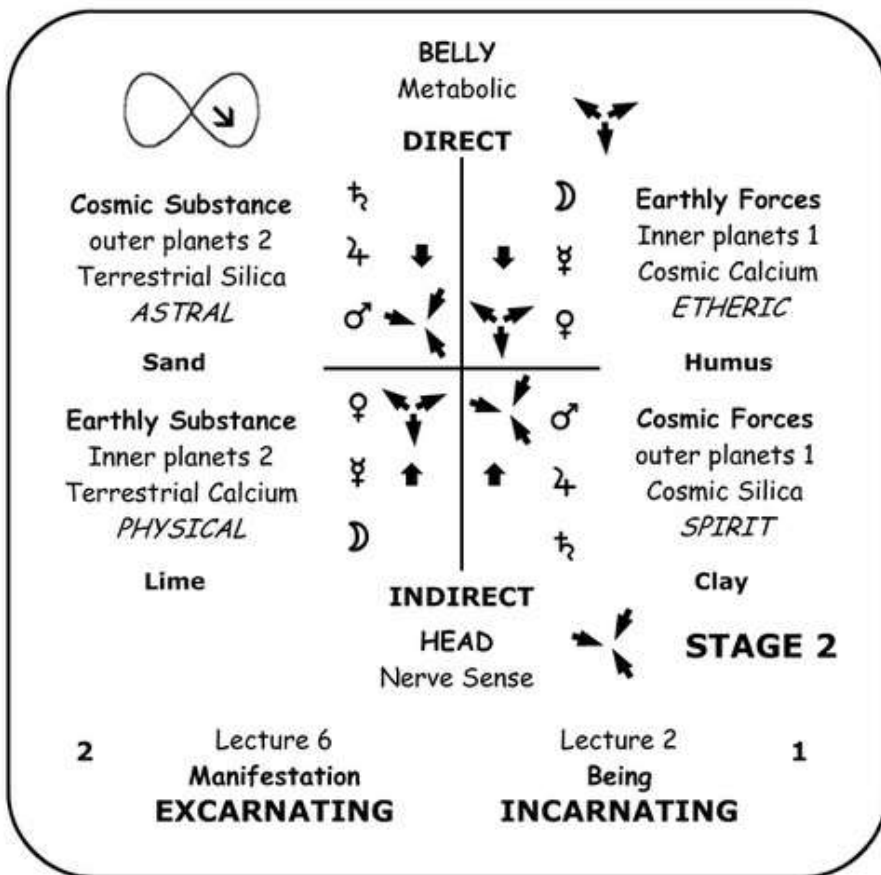


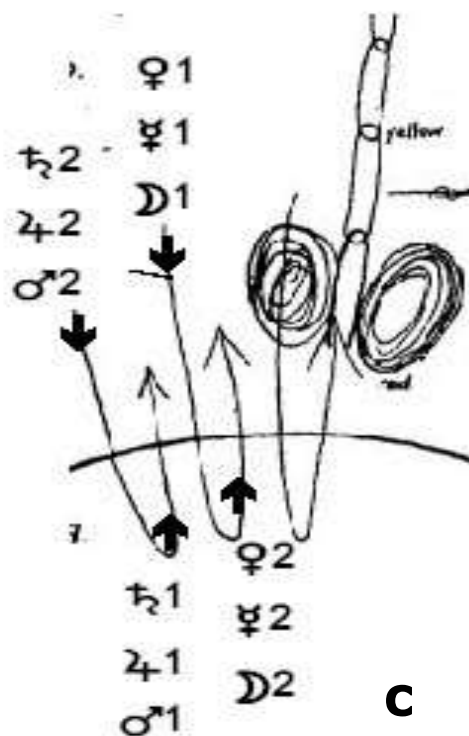
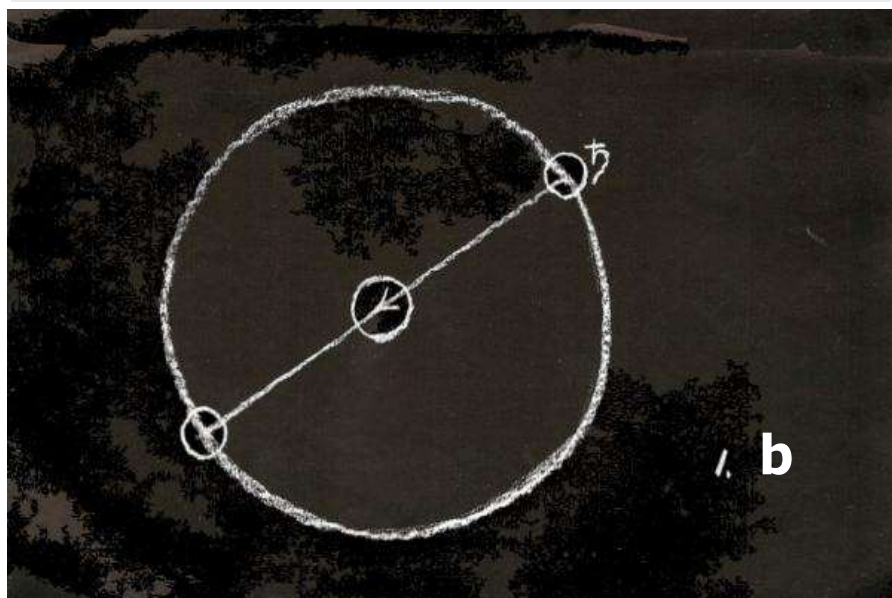
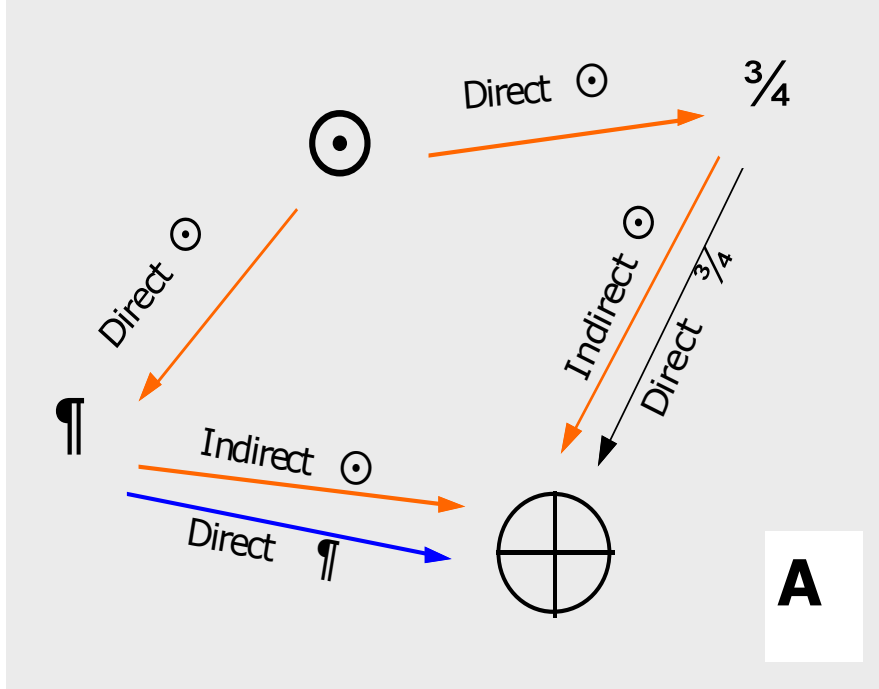
SPIRIT Indirect Outer Pl. 1 Warmth Cosmic Forces Clay	Cambium Salamanders ↓	Saturn	P	Valerian	Strengthens the Spirit
	Sylphs	Jupiter	S	Dandelion	Merge Spirit and Astral towards the Physical
ASTRAL Direct Outer Pl. 2 Light Cosmic Substance Sand	Life Sap ↓	Mars	Cl	Nettle	Harmonise the Astrality
		Sun	Ar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



Double Planets

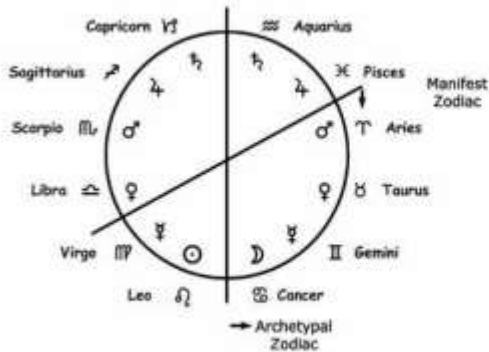






Direct & Indirect Planets

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**Lievegoed
Spirit**

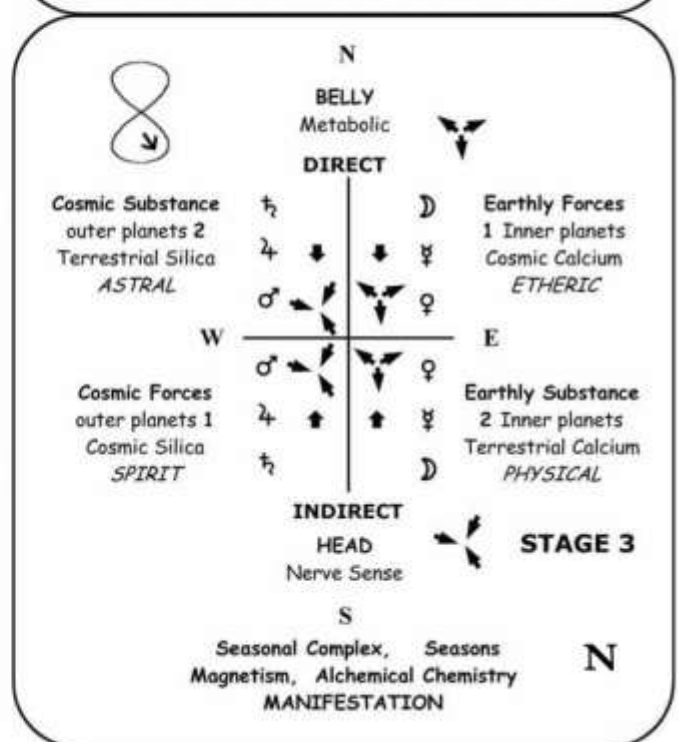
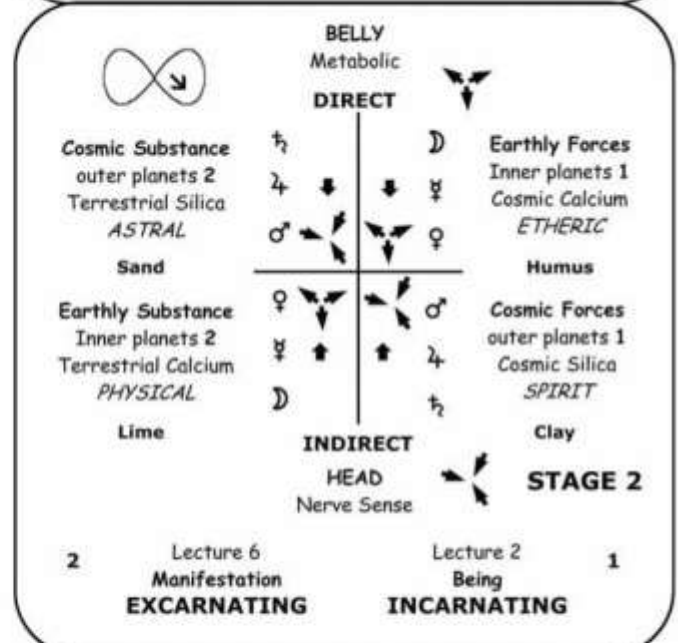
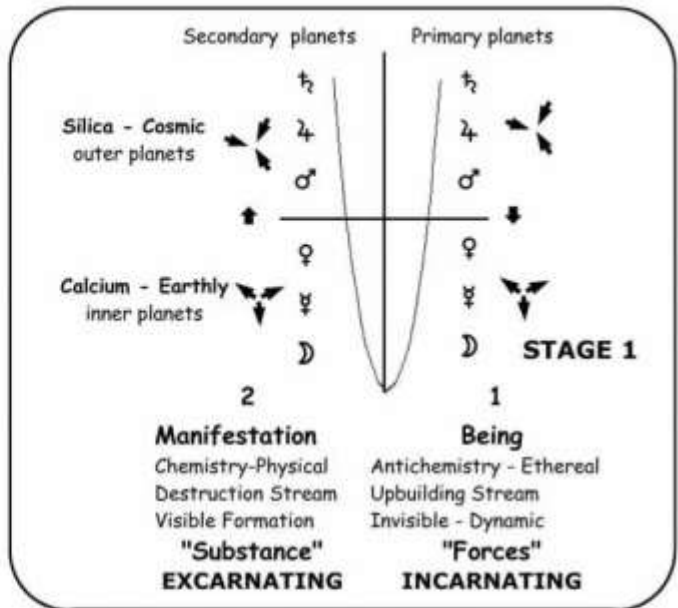
**Steiners
Agriculture
Course
Soul**

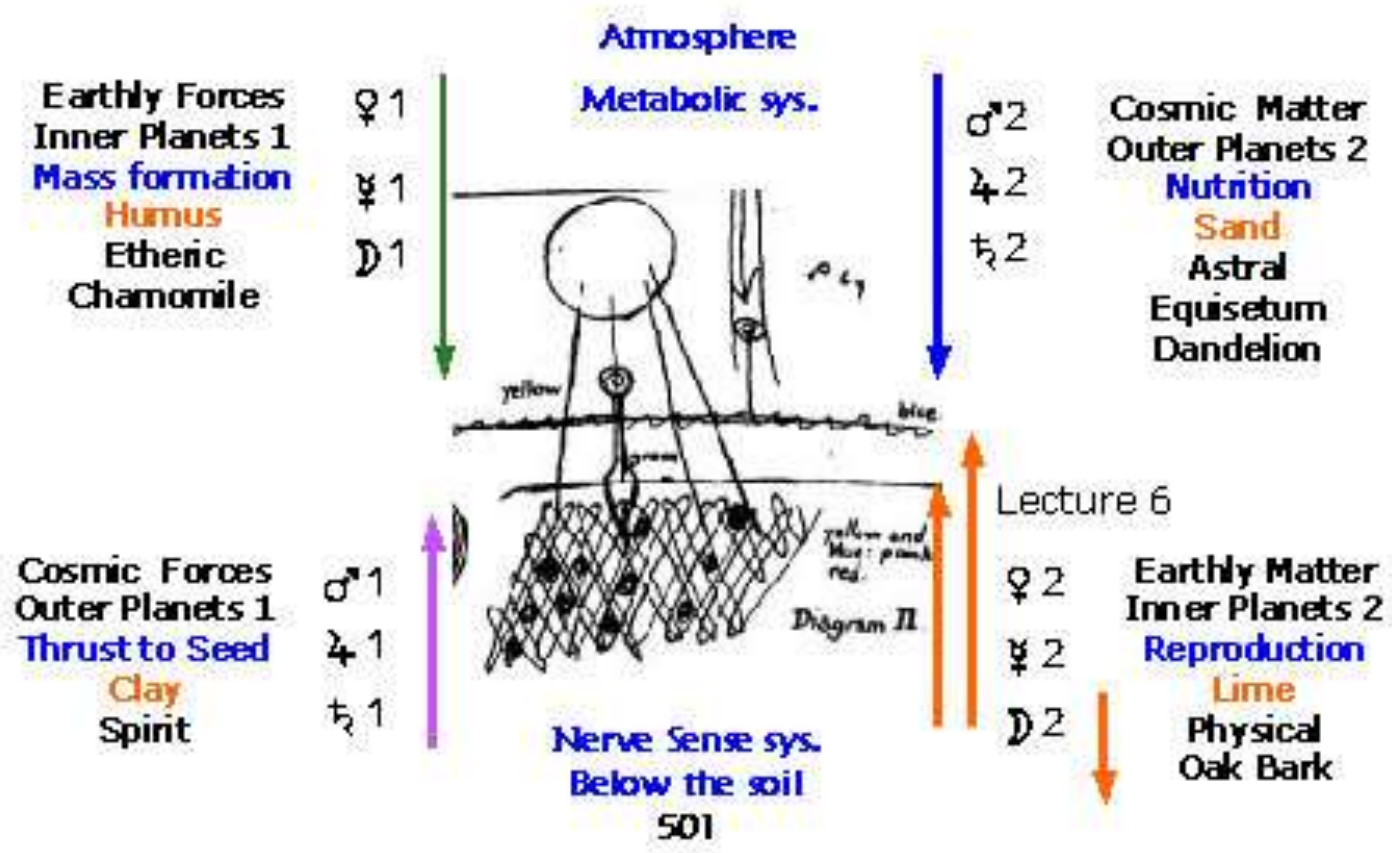


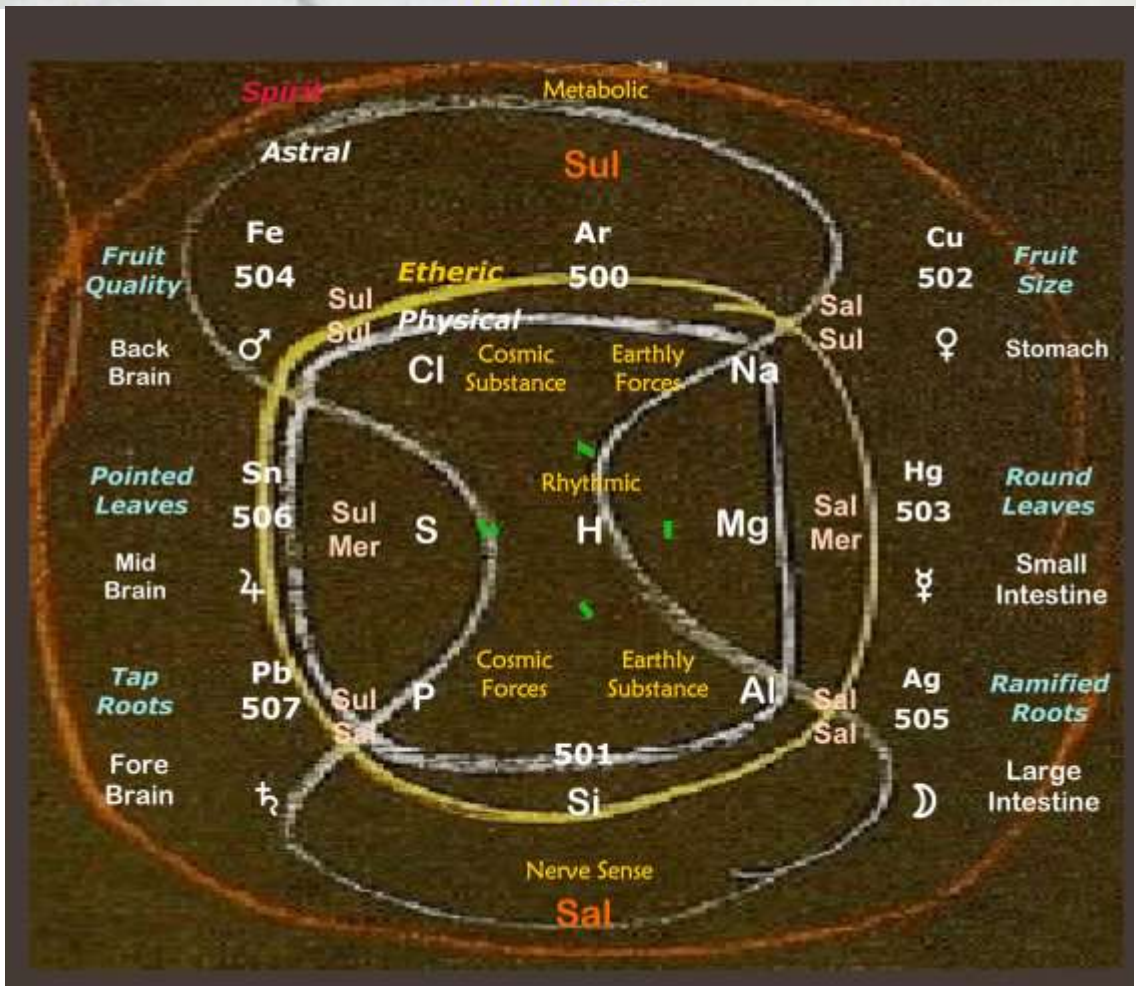
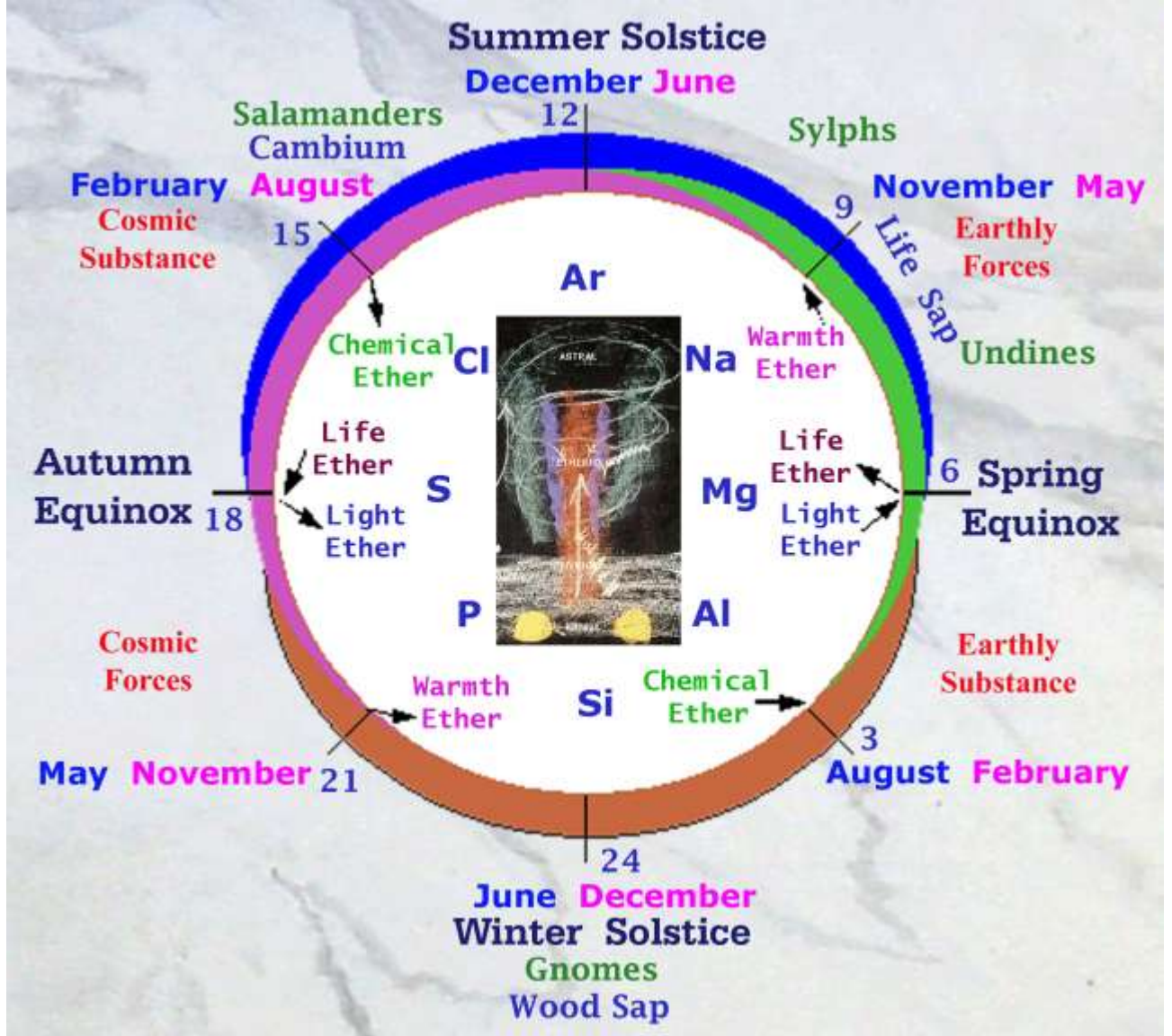
**When we spin
through the Seasons
In the Saps and Ethers
Physical**

**The Planets in
the Three Worlds 2**

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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.**

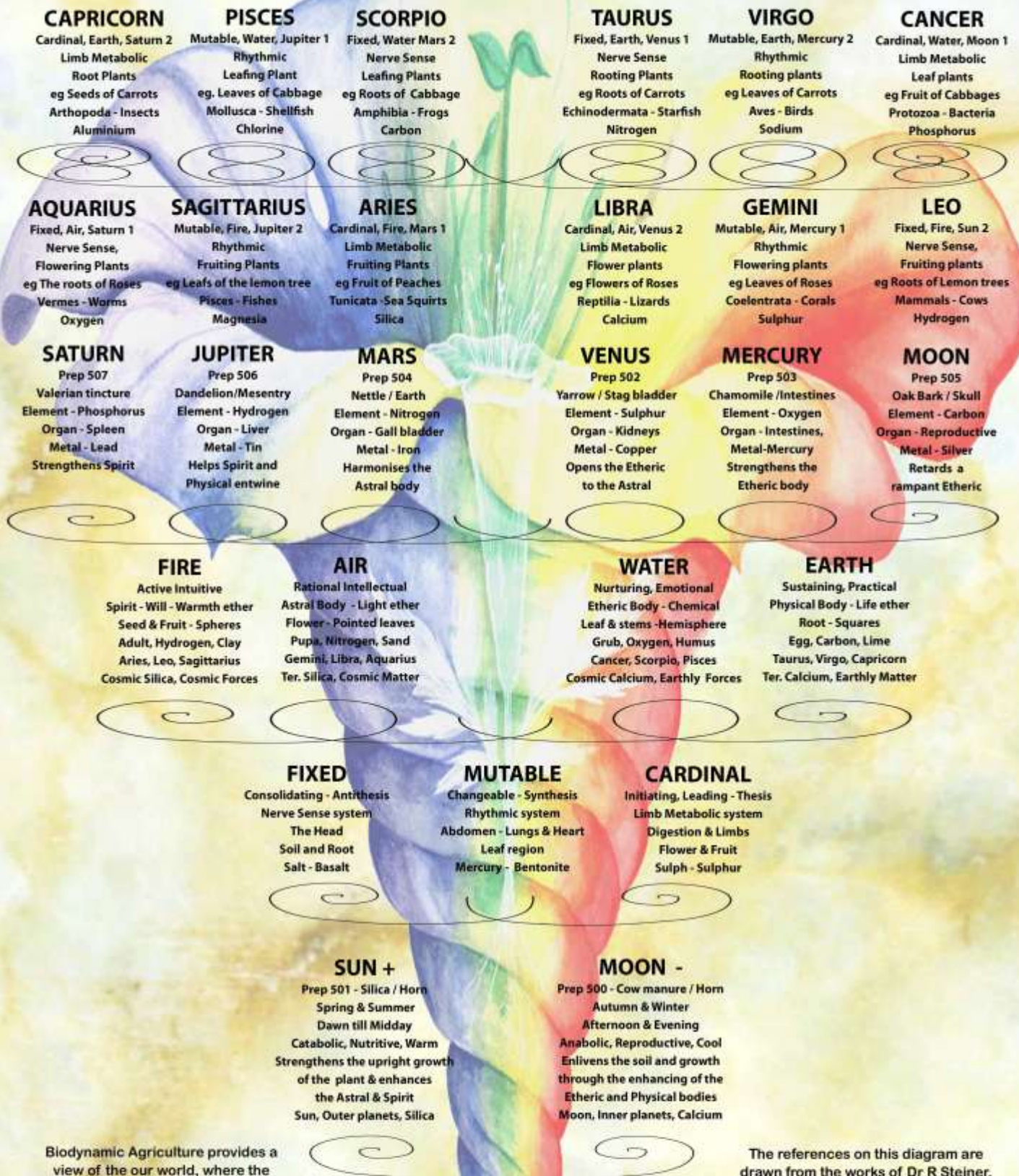
**Never does an organism come into existence
merely through the Ethereal processes,
but only when an Astral principle
presses its seal upon the Ethereal”**

**“ 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



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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