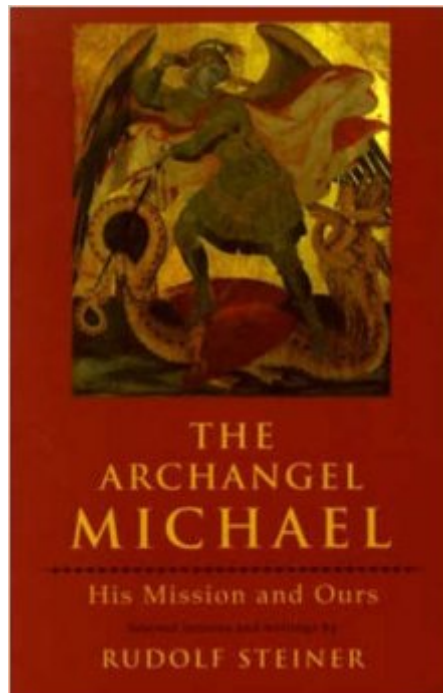


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The Archangel Michael: His Mission And Ours



Synopsis

For centuries, the tradition of the âœmystical chronologyâ of the worldâ™s seven archangelic regents has been part of Western esoteric teaching. According to this tradition, 1879 marked the return of the solar spirit Michaelâ the archangel of the Sunâ to oversee earthly evolution. Steiner always placed his life and work in the service of Michaelâ™s evolutionary task. And he recognized that, at the beginning of the twentieth century, humanity emerged from the Kali Yugaâ the Dark Ageâ and entered the Age of Light. Against this background, Steiner described the ascent of Michael as cosmic ruler, his battle with the âœdragonâ of the spirits of darkness, and his roles as the countenance of Christ and the guardian of cosmic intelligence. He also gave many profound indications of how Michaelâ™s evolutionary task depends on the free and independent collaboration of human coworkers. Speaking on behalf of Michael, Steiner laid out the essentials for a new Michaelic path to full humanity. Among the elements of this path are the development of selfless individuality; cosmopolitanism; the practice of the presence of Christ; fearlessness; the transformation of thinking and perception in a new synthesis of science, art, and religion; the spiritualization of space; and the separation of thought from language. The Archangel Michael gathers most of Steinerâ™s statements on this subject, making it an important source for coming to terms with todayâ™s political, social, psychological, and spiritual crises. Read Bobby Matherne's review of this book

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Review of "The Archangel Michael: His Mission and Ours: Selected Lectures and Writings" by Rudolf Steiner. A great Introduction by Christopher Bamford reviews who Archangel Michael is to mankind through the writings of Rudolf Steiner, letting us know that when, in 1894, Steiner published "The Philosophy of Freedom" we were given the "first Michaelic work": "Under different names, from the moment the idea of humanity was born in the Divine Mind, the spiritual Being known as Michael has accompanied humanity on its journey through the cosmos." This Being or divine-cosmic Presence was most important to Rudolf Steiner. Every aspect of Steiner's life and work is permeated by service to Michael's evolutionary task. In the Prologue we find "Intimations of the Archangel Michael in Different Traditions":

Indian: From the Rig Veda "Let me now sing the heroic deeds of Indra, the first that the thunderbolt-wielder performed. He killed the Dragon and pierced an opening for the waters; he split open the bellies of mountains." He killed the Dragon who lay upon the mountain; Tvashtar fashioned the roaring thunderbolt for him. Like lowing cows, the flowing waters rushed straight down to the sea."

Persian: From the Denkard "When he came up from the water, he saw Vahman, the Amahraspand in the shape of a man, fair, bright, and radiant. Vahman wore a garment like silk, which was as light itself. And he was nine times taller than Zardusht. He questioned Zardusht: 'Who are you? Whose are you? What is your chief desire? In what are you diligent?' " And Zardusht answered: 'I am Spitaman Zardusht. My chief desire, in both existences, is righteousness."

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