

# ORIPHIEL AGE

Sources: [https://anthroposophy.eu/Future\\_Oriphiel\\_age](https://anthroposophy.eu/Future_Oriphiel_age) & <https://anthroposophy.eu/Nostradamus>



Cole Thomas, The Course of Empire Destruction, 1836

*In the course of human evolution the external world around us will become increasingly hostile.*

*Increasingly you must learn to set your inner power against the world pressing in on you. But in so doing, fear must disappear. ... especially for those undergoing esoteric training it is necessary, unavoidably necessary, that they free themselves from all anxiety and feelings of fear.*

*Already now this condition is being prepared in the external world. And this will be shown to humans even more clearly in that terrifying age that will descend under the regency of Oriphiel ...*

*Full quote and lecture on: [Fear#1908-01-16-GA266](#)*

## BACKGROUND

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*"Oriphiel is the one who must come to shake humankind, to jolt it through terrifying suffering, awakening it to its true vocation."*

The current Micha-el age [\*] is timed approx. between the years 1881 and 2235. It is followed by the Oriphiel age between approx. 2235 and 2589.

Initiates like Rudolf Steiner and Beinsa Douno\* made very explicit warnings to humanity regarding this 'dark age' period of the 23th to 25th century.

Schema FMCoo.534 below illustrates how this period will represent a pivotal turning point for the development of modern culture and civilization, a break with the old and preparation for the new, in a similar way as the 4th century represented such pivotal point until the next cultural age broke through in the 15th century\*\*.

Note [\*]: see Schema FMCoo.239 below. For more on the archangel-reigned time periods of approx. 354 years, as already described in the middle ages by d'Abano and Trithemius, see Spiritual hierarchies and their eigenperiods.

Cultural Age	start	end	civilization	archangelic rulership	corresponding planet
1	-7893	-5733	ancient Indian		
2	-5733	-2970	ancient Persian		
3	-2970	-747	Egypto-Chaldean		
4	-747	1413	Greco-Latin		
	...	...			
	-950	-600		Gabriel	Moon
	-600	-240		Michael	Sun
	-200	154		Oriphiel	Saturn
	150	500		Anael	Venus
	500	850		Zachariel	Jupiter
	850	1190		Raphael	Mercury
1190	1510		Samael	Mars	
5	1413	3573	Anglo-German (current)		
	1510	1879		Gabriel	Moon
	1879	2230		Michael	Sun
	2230	2590		Oriphiel	Saturn
	2590	2940		Anael	Venus
	2940	3300		Zachariel	Jupiter
	3300	3650		Raphael	Mercury
6	3573	5067	Russian (Slavonic)		
	3650	4010		Samael	Mars
	4010	4360		Gabriel	Moon
	4360	4710		Michael	Sun
	...	...			
7	5067	7227	American		

Schema FMCoo.239.jpg

The above shows the archangelic rulers of approximately 354 year periods for the Current fifth cultural age (plus and minus one cultural age).

Rudolf Steiner uses this to describe the nature of current Micha-el age (see Archangel Micha-el and The Micha-elic stream) and the **future Oriphiel age**.

The figures in black between the years 200 BC and 1879 are from Rudolf Steiner's notebook dated 1924-08-18 with the annotation "morning lecture, Torquay". In the lecture of [1924-08-18-GA243](#) he covers the 'differentiation of the historical ages of Mankind and their spiritual background', describing the different qualitative aspects of the archangelic periods.

See also [Spiritual hierarchies and their eigenperiods](#) for more info on the 354 year rhythm.

## EIGENPERIODS

The term '**eigenperiod**' is used to denote the typical rhythm and time span for the influence characteristic for a being of a particular [spiritual hierarchy](#). The term is inspired on mathematical terminology of eigenvector, or eigenfrequency (natural frequency).

In the [spiritual scientific worldview](#), the concept and experience of time with [waking consciousness](#) is an illusion, generated by the spiritual reality consisting of the changing relationships between [spiritual hierarchies](#) – see also [Cosmic fractal](#) and [Lemniscatory time and space#time](#). Hence, whereas the spiritual hierarchies are more foundational, for our contemporary worldview and cognition their effects are mapped to timeframes.

When we quantify this, e.g. in human earth-years, the concept only makes sense as long as the conditions that define time are stable enough for the unit of time to be stable enough (as it is linked to the balance of Earth between the Sun and the Moon influences). For [our current concept of time](#) as we measure and use it today, we know this has only been the case since about the middle of the [Atlantean epoch](#).

What matters is not the exact length of time, but rather that we have a 'technical' term that we can use generically, that is: for whatever spiritual hierarchy in whatever stage of evolution. The reason for this is that the current experience of time with waking consciousness is in a sense an illusion, and the spiritual reality is the evolution of the spiritual hierarchies carrying impulses forward.

Therefore, rather than or beyond the human earthly unit of 'year', the [zodiac clock](#) and the Platonic year are used for the different evolutionary periods such as epochs and cultural ages.

- The **archai** underlie the **cultural ages** or periods of civilisation (prev. called subraces in the earlier epochs), they are also called Spirit of the Age (or zeitgeist) or Spirit of the Time (leading and guiding the whole of humanity). Steiner and Harrison map these periods of cultural ages of about 2160 years to the effect of the precession of the equinoxes.

- One level below, **archangels** – some are called **Folk Souls** – rule a period of three to four centuries, an average of **354 years** is used.
- The hierarchy above the Archai, the **Spirits of Form (SoF)**, are mapped to the **epochs** corresponding to a 'root race', and the transitions such as the ice ages. For our **Current Postatlantean epoch** that period is also referenced by the Platonic year of approx. **25,920 years**.
- The **Spirits of Rotation of Time (SoRT)** regulate the rhythms of nature as related to the daily and yearly cycle on Earth.

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## \* SHORT BIOS

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### Rudolf Steiner

Rudolf Steiner (1861–1925) was an influential incarnation of the important **Individuality of Rudolf Steiner**, closely related to the **White Lodge** and the **Individuality of Christian Rosenkreutz** in the Micha-el age starting in 1879. See also **Sources of spiritual science**.

His life touched and influenced many souls part of **The Micha-elic stream** directly across Europe. His lifework provided the foundation for a worldwide movement of spiritual science or anthroposophy, that inspired millions of people across the world in the last century.

### Beinsa Douno

Peter Deunov (1864–1944) is an incarnation of an important spiritual Individuality and was a spiritual teacher of esoteric Christianity. As a spiritual teacher he used the name Beinsa Douno and not his native name Peter Deunov.

He lived and worked mainly in Bulgaria, and his teachings show a connection with the Slavic people and culture in light of the next **Sixth cultural age**

Beinsa Douno is characterized by teachings for the people, whereas Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science or anthroposophy represents more of a 'knowledge' stream. One could call Beinsa Douno the 'Teacher of the Good', of Love and purity.

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## \*\* SHORT NOTES ON THE TRANSITION BETWEEN 4TH AND 14TH CENTURY

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*The evolution of humanity now approached the fourth century A.D. In the super-sensible world, thought brought about an extremely significant event; namely, **the SoF (the Spirits of Form) gave their thought forces up to the archai**. The archai, took over the task formerly executed by the SoF. Such things happen in the super-sensible world. **This was a particularly sublime and significant cosmic event.***



*From that time on, the SoF, retained only the task of regulating the outer sense perceptions, therefore ruling with the particular cosmic forces over everything existing in the world of colors, tones, and so forth.*

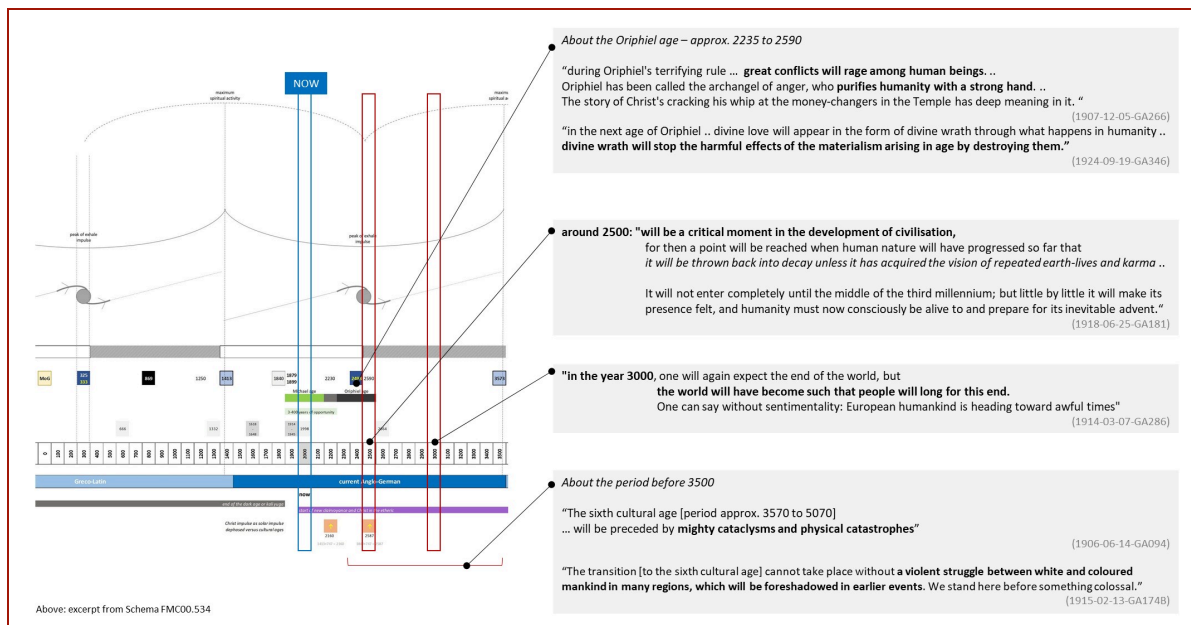
*Concerning the age that now dawned after the fourth century A.D. a person who can discern these matters must say that he beholds how the world-dominating thoughts are passed on to the Archai, the primal beginnings, how what eyes see and what ears hear, the manifold world phenomena engaged in perpetual metamorphosis, are the tapestry woven by the SoF.*

*They formerly bestowed the thoughts on human beings; they now give human beings their sense impressions, while the primal beginnings bestow the thoughts on human beings.*

*(Excerpt from [1923-03-16-GA283](#). See [more](#) on FMC for more depth on this subject.)*

# VARIOUS ASPECTS

- Divine love will appear in the form of divine wrath, and will (from 1924-09-19-GA346):
  - Stop the harmful effects of the materialistic arrangements (that are in our materialistic consciousness age) by destroying them
  - Produce a separation into good and evil races
- Schema FMCoo.534 illustrates the explanation on why this period will be pivotal: in a way similar as to what happened in the 4th century, it will probably mean the end of the old culture and turmoil setting the world upside down, followed by a long and very different transition period, before the next new cultural age 'takes off'. This pattern can be discerned in previous cultural ages, all according to the principle of Schema FMCoo.534. More on this also on [The two halves of an evolutionary cycle](#).



Schema FMCoo.534A.jpg

- The dark age is described as:
  - A war in which over 500 million people will die, and all communications, railroads, telegraphs, telephones will be disrupted for over a 100 years causing complete isolation before the relations between peoples to be restored .. there will be famine, chill, pestilence (Beinsa Douno).

- Terrible epidemics and strange nervous diseases; children could be born with a ruined nervous system (Rudolf Steiner).
  - From the middle of the Oriphiel age (2400) onwards, Christ will work from the physical plane into men and will reveal himself on the physical plane in etheric form (re: 1913-03-05-GA152). See further: [Christ in the future cultural ages and next epochs](#).
  - Preparation of a cohort or host of human beings for those difficult times; through the study of spiritual science and initiation – see link with [Individuality of Christian Rosenkreutz](#), and [Qoo.006 – spiritual events at various points in life](#).
  - In terms of purification:
    - The cleansing in the Oriphiel age can be regarded a forebode for the transition to the [Sixth cultural age](#), see also: [Sixth cultural age#Note 1 – Transition between the fifth and sixth cultural ages](#).
    - For the later major transition towards the sixth epoch – see also [Earthquakes and emergence continent sixth epoch](#).
    - Prophecies place a global disaster (and/or divine cleansing) as part of – and ending – the future great war between East and West (third world war) , see [Three days of darkness](#).
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## THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS

The 'three days of darkness' refers to a future cataclysmic event whereby the Earth and mankind will go through a major upheaval over a period of 72 hours or three days and nights; a global disaster that will end the third world war and wipe out a large part of humanity. Afterwards, a long period of peace will follow. Civilization will be thrown back in time (a hundred years), the survivors will rebuild culture slowly.

The three days of darkness appear in a myriad of prophecies by numerous sources over the centuries as a decisive global event for mankind whereby hundreds of millions of people will die. In contemporary terminology it would be formulated as a world-scale disaster, triggered by a non-human cosmic cause. In religious terminology it is the divine wrath and cleansing and "the punishment will be the most terrible ever known in the history of mankind".

A few points from the [Three days of darkness](#) page:

### Descriptions

- Three days of continuous darkness
- Huge storms, lightning and thunder, and earthquakes .. the ocean will cast its foaming waves over the land
- "An uninterrupted rain of fire" .. "clouds with lightning rays of fire and a tempest of fire" .. "hurricanes of fire will pour forth from the clouds and spread over the entire Earth"
- "Overnight more people will die than in the combined two world wars"

### Timing

- Unknown, only commonality seems to be that various/many sources link it to ending the third world war
- However, without any further qualification, (it appears at least) two sources in the 20th century seemingly (info just copied from sources) stated this would still be experienced by the current generation (Alois Irlmaier, Madeleine Aumont)

### Examples on a Lower Scale

- Farmers consciously burn the fields to make these fertile again after a harvest. They destroy what was before because it needs to be done out of necessity, preparing for the next thing to come and knowing it takes time to recover.
- Old buildings are razed in order to build new; From time immemorial civilizations have been built upon the ruins of previous civilizations.
- Another example is the approx. 1000 years it took after the fall of the roman empire (approx. 4th century AD) to reach again a similar level of civilization (starting again 14th century). Exoterically, history may call this a dark period of the middle ages, as if nothing much of interest happened. However see Schema FMCoo.167 on [Transition between 4th and 14th century](#) for an esoteric perspective on this crucial transition phase.

## LECTURE EXCERPTS, RUDOLF STEINER

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*Something quite similar to a birth took place on the astral plane in 1879. What had slowly ripened since the 14<sup>th</sup> century could now be carried into the world in a freer way, even though only for a few people. For Gabriel's rule was followed by that of the archangel Micha-el. He's the radiant sun that lets esoteric wisdom shine out into a small host of people. Materialism is included in the divine plan of creation and it has a purpose in the whole world. But the time has now come for the esoteric sun to shine brightly under Micha-el's radiant direction. For materialism's dark forces are increasing.*

*Micha-el's radiant rule will be followed by a dark, terrible age that starts about 2300.*

*Together with Micha-el, a dark God has begun his rule – the God Mammon. For occultism Mammon isn't just the God of money. He's the leader of all base, black forces. And his hosts attack men's bodies and souls to corrode and ruin them. There's a lot of talk about bacteria today, and they influence a lot of things. In future they'll increase in a terrifying way, and many human bodies will waste away from terrible diseases and plagues. The brand of sin will be stamped on men's bodies for all to see. Another archangel – Oriphiel – will rule then. He must come to shake men up to their true vocation through terrible tortures. So that this can happen in the right way a small group of people must be prepared today to spread esoteric life in the black age 400–600 years from now. [DL FMC editor: 2307–2507]*

*One under Micha-el's rule who feels the urge to participate in spiritual life is called upon to serve archangel Micha-el and to learn under him so that someday he'll be mature enough to also serve the terrible Oriphiel in the right way. A sacrifice is demanded from those who want to dedicate themselves to a higher life. One should only want to receive spiritual life and experience an awakening if one later wants to use this to put oneself, one's will and everything one has in the service of mankind only.*



In four to six centuries the small group of men who are being prepared today will serve the God Oriphiel so that mankind can be saved. If in that age men wanted to be spiritual leaders who hadn't been prepared to stand fast in all storms and to resist Mammon's hosts, they wouldn't be able to serve the God Oriphiel in the right way, and mankind would not be lifted out of their misery. So in order to do it we must work very earnestly now to fulfill our tasks then.

*But when dark powers rage most terribly, the brightest light also shines. Oriphiel has ruled before. That was the time when Christ appeared on earth. Bad powers of degeneration and decadence were ruling everywhere on earth then. And the human race could only be shaken higher by terrible means. Oriphiel is called the archangel of wrath, who purifies mankind with a strong hand.*

*The story in the Bible where Christ swings a scourge to chase the money changers out of the temple has a deep meaning. Back when things were darkest on earth, Christ appeared as the savior of mankind. Oriphiel's reign ended 109 years after Christ's appearance, and he was replaced by Anael. Then came Zachariel, then Raphael; Samael ruled during the Renaissance and Gabriel from the 16<sup>th</sup> century until 1879. Then Micha-el began to rule, and circa 2300 Oriphiel, the terrible archangel of wrath, will be ruling things. And as once before, spiritual light will shine into darkness brightly and radiantly. Christ will appear again on earth, although in a different form than before. We're called upon to receive him and to serve him.*

1907-12-05-GA266

*The Age of Micha-el began in 1879. After that comes the Age of Oriphiel, when great conflicts will rage among human beings. Therefore a tiny handful of human beings is now being prepared to keep the torch of spiritual knowledge alight in that sombre epoch*

*Anyone who feels an urge to participate in spiritual life under Micha-el's guidance is called to serve Micha-el and learn from him. This is the preparation for service under Oriphiel's terrifying rule. Sacrifice will be required of those who want to consecrate*

*themselves to the spiritual life. The willingness to put oneself at the service of humanity is the necessary prerequisite from anyone who seeks to receive the spiritual life.*



*In four to six hundred years the handful of human beings who are now preparing themselves will be put in the service of Oraphiel, so that humanity can be saved. If the people who assume the leadership then have not prepared for it by holding their own against the troops of Mammon, they will not be able to play the role assigned them under Oraphiel. Then humanity will not be raised from its misery. Therefore, we must set to work now with the utmost seriousness.*

*But it is when the darkest forces are at their most violent that the brightest light also shines. Oraphiel has assumed the leadership in the past. The last time was when Christ appeared upon the earth, a period when the worst rottenness and decadence reigned all over the earth. It took terrible sufferings then for the human race to be jolted forward. Oraphiel has been called the Archangel of Anger, who purifies humanity with a strong hand.*

*The story of Christ's cracking his whip at the money-changers in the Temple has deep meaning in it. At this darkest of times in human history, Christ appeared to save humanity.*

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1924-09-19-GA346

*Pouring out of the vials of divine wrath*

*Now the fact is that this is one stream in the universe, and it is important to us as human beings, but it is only one stream. If we look at the age of materialism since the 15th, 16th, 17th centuries, at the climax of materialism during the 40's of the 19th century and at the development of materialism afterwards with everything that people think and do and with **all the terribly destructive forces that have been raging in humanity since the***

*middle of the 19th century, although many people haven't even really noticed them yet, – we can well imagine that divine love which unfolds in light weaves above all of this.*

*However, if you take some very clean water, some absolutely crystal clear water and dip a dirty sponge in it and squeeze it, and let the water run out again, you will see that it is cloudy and dirty. You have let the dirty sponge suck up the crystal clear water and you have squeezed it out again and it has become dirty water. The crystal clear, pure water can't help it that it flows out as dirty water when one squeezes the sponge. And the divine love that is springing up in pure light can't help it that it is being absorbed by the age of materialism, by a sponge that is permeated by impurities and that it thereby becomes something quite different when it reemerges. So when crystal clear water is absorbed by a dirty sponge it becomes cloudy, undrinkable water, and by analogy we can imagine that when divine love that appears in light is sucked up by all the evil ingredients that are latently or openly raging in humanity, it becomes divine wrath.*

*The secret of the next age is that divine love will appear in the form of divine wrath through what happens in humanity. It will appear in the form of the divine wrath that will stop the harmful effects of the materialistic arrangements that are arising in our materialistic, consciousness age by destroying them.*

*Proceeding from what appears to the Apocalyptic in pictures, he speaks of **the pouring out of the vials of wrath in the next age.** That is something that was expressed in the mysteries in a sentence that had a terribly shocking effect upon the neophytes: Divine love appears in the form of divine wrath in the sphere of human illusions.*

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*Looked at from a real and true point of view, **the divine wrath that is poured out over men is still a manifestation of divine love, and that is why the sentence was formulated in the way that I gave it.***

*If divine love would become weak and if it would seemingly take pity on men in this age, it would be no real compassion, for it would ignore the necessary consequences of human thoughts and actions. That would be very loveless, for then humanity would*

*become corrupt. The deleterious things that men did and that would have an unspeakably harmful effect on further human evolution can only be eliminated by the outpouring of divine wrath, which is a metamorphosis of divine love. This sentence in the manuscripts is so old that it is often stated in its oriental form in Europe, so that one says: In the region of maya divine love becomes manifest as divine wrath. Here again one can see how completely the Apocalypse is taken from the really active ingredients in the world. The deeper one goes into it the more one realizes that one can really rely on this Apocalypse; although that is a rather trivial way of putting it. It is basically something that tells priests what is happening in the course of human and world evolution. It was originally given to priests as the really esoteric part of Christianity in addition to the other part that was exoteric.*

1933-01-15-BD (BEINSH'DOUNO)

Translation by Annael, from Sunday lecture 1933 'And They Decorated Their Lamps'.

*Christ came, but what did He accomplish?*

- As people understand the arrangement of things, He did arranged nothing; He came and the Roman Empire crucified him.
- Well, then Christ came in year 1914 and He told to peoples: "Do not fight," but they did not listen to Him.
- He will come during the next war [the II w.w.] as well. People are now preparing [for this time], and if a war breaks out, about 50 million people will die.
- If they do not become more thoughtful even then, **a new war [a III w.w.] will open, even more fierce and terrible, in which 550 million people will die.**

*This is not what I want, but I am saying that human thoughts, feelings and actions determine this war (World War II) in which about 50 million people will die, and [as I said] if they do not become more thoughtful even then, a more terrible war (the III w.w.) will come.*

*After it, they will no longer fight [in this way], because will happen such a [strange] miracle, which people have never expected.*

*[editor: see also [Three days of darkness](#) and the sign in the sky mentioned recurrently as part of the prophecies]*

*Then all communications, railways, telegraphs, telephones, will be cut off, and it will be at least a hundred years that would have to pass, before the relations of one nation with another can be restored. Until then, they will be completely isolated [from one another]. At that time they will be completely isolated.*

*This is not foretold by me, but the prophets from all over the world: from England, from America, from Germany, from France, China, Japan, from everywhere predict what will happen [in the future].*

*You say - they are crazy people. It may be so, it is possible that those who prophesy [such things] are crazy people, but it is possible that those who listen [to them] are also crazy. If I allow one [thing to be possible to happen], then I also allow the other [thing to be possible to happen]. If a prophet speaks something that [later] happens, this prophet is not crazy, he knows the Laws and understands [them]. But if someone prophesies things that do not happen, you may say that prophet is crazy. When a man says that a building will fall and it does fall, that man is not crazy, he foresees things, he is a wise man. Within the crazy state of consciousness things do not happen [in a writ way], but things [always happen in a right way] within the state of sanity.*

*Now we think about what the reasons are [of what could happen], or how things will turn out [in the future]. I say: if some scientist finds that lighter that could set all the air on Earth on fire, what would happen? Then everything will be over, everything will be liquidated and all current culture will disappear. If some people today would have known about this [lighter], they would [gladly] set the whole Earth on fire without thinking much [of the results].*

*[editor: this quote then reminds of Rudolf Steiner who stated "mankind will make discoveries about the physical forces of nature, to take hold of great and mighty forces that will in the*

■ end turn the whole earth-globe into a kind of [self-functioning]  
■ live electric mass". (1904-12-23-GA093, see War of all against all)  
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# NOSTRADAMUS

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Note: This is only a partial extract from the noted source above.

- Rudolf Steiner discussed the Future Oriphiel Age (approx. taking place between 2235 and 2589) in not to be misunderstood terms as a terrible phase of cleansing for mankind. This topic page also contains quotes with prophecies by Beinsa Douno.
- Furthermore, we know that
  - the sixth 'russian' cultural age (approx 3570–5070) is the age in which part of humanity will reach the maturity required for the 'epoch sample' that will be the seed material for the next epoch, and
  - just looking at the table of cultural ages in the current Post-atlantean epoch, it is clear that great cultures rise and fall, eg the ancient Indian, Persian, Egypto-Chaldean, Greco-Latin .. and that this process of rise and fall is characterized with great clashes between the cultures
  - the end of this epoch is around the seventh millennium with the 'war of all against all'

To my knowledge no one has ever linked the Nostradamus prophecies to the above. The prophecies contain phases with major clashes, terrible wars and catastrophes that correlate to some predictions made by Beinsa Douno and Rudolf Steiner. An example follows below:

## 2.1 -WAR BETWEEN THE WEST AND ASIA AND WORLD CATASTROPHE

Besides the conflicts around Arabic invasions into Europe, Nostradamus experts also read into the verses the prediction of a major conflict between the Western (Anglo-american) forces and China.

The verse below are taken from Centurio.

Nostradamus quatrain 1.87

“  
*Earthshaking fire from the center of the earth [volcano?]*  
*will cause tremors around the New City. [earthquake]*  
*Two great rocks will war for a long time, [forces, East & West?]*  
”

then Arethusa will redden a new river. [Arethusa was a nymph who fled from the river-god Alpheios and became a sacred spring on Ortygia island near Sicily.]

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The above can't be definitively determined to align with our subject matter, but consider the following:

- The situation at the end of the 20th century
    - See the material on [Contemporary worldview war](#)
    - The effects of the Soratic cycle of 666 around 1998, and the expected incarnation of Ahriman.
  - The [Sixth cultural age](#) and Rudolf Steiner's prediction about a great conflict between the white and yellow races ([excerpt 1915-02-13-GA174B](#), and see more below)
  - The end of the great (third world) war by [Three days of darkness](#) that appear in dozens of prophecies
  - The [Future Oraphiel age](#), and specifically about a great world war (WWIII): [Future Oraphiel age#1933-01-15-BD .28Beinsa Douno.29](#)
  - As well as Beinsa Douno's reference to a great earthquake, see [Earthquakes and emergence continent sixth epoch](#)
  - and the [War of all against all](#) at the end of the current Fifth Epoch
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## EXCERPTS ABOUT CONFLICT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

1915-02-13-GA174B

This is the key lecture that describes this extensively. It covers the different missions of the coloured and white races, and the future great war between both.

The below is only a short extract, for full lecture extract see: [Sixth cultural age#1915-02-13-GA174B](#) (and a short extract on [Current fifth cultural age#1915-02-13-GA174B](#)).

Paraphrased:

In great wars we see different people facing each other with hatred, and we can ponder over who is right or more entitled than the other, as in a court case question on guilt .. however such considerations in a purely human frame of matters that are spiritual, deny the spiritual realities underneath. Tendencies of necessity ripple through, causing wars on the physical plane .. and these causes cannot be judged in human terms of the physical world.

The different cultural ages were described, not in a purely schematic way, but with characteristics that are not absolute: in certain areas they occur, in other not (or quite the contrary, developments are held back). Such differentiation is striking if one looks at the world at large. Thus also the contrast between the asiatic people versus the western european-american people. These contrasts will have to clash to connect and **resolve the differences** in one way or another.

It is then described that the sixth cultural age cannot just be an advancement over the fifth, but has to be considered as part of ascending and descending evolutionary tendencies, as a seed for the future [and so not just more and better of the same, as in the fifth cultural age]

Then is described how the core mission of the fifth epoch consists of bringing the spiritual into the flesh, into the physical (as related to the MoG), and how the white skin colour is related to the fact how the spirit is working in the skin when (it wants to, or is in the process of) descending into the physical plane/world. The mission of the sixth cultural age is described, and also how **the eastern yellow races strive to keep the spirit and the physical apart.**

Then comes the phrase

“ *All this however has to lead to the fact that a great war will have to take place between the white and coloured humanity in the transition between the fifth and sixth cultural ages, and this in the most manifold ways.*

and then goes on to describe that **all that precedes this will be world history of necessity, until this is to happen because it has to happen.**

“ *... we stand before something colossal, that we can see unfolding as a necessity\* in the future.*

The above is elaborated over many pages, stressing



*.. please try to contemplate this in a totally objective way without any prejudices about differences between the various streams in humanity ...*

Note: the transition between fifth and sixth cultural age is timed approx. around the year 3500–3600.

However already before the Future Oriphiel age takes places around the period 2200–2600 AD.

1919–11–23–GA194

*Outwardly, humanity is facing difficult struggles today.*

*And in the face of these difficult struggles, which are only just beginning ... and which reduce the old impulses of Earth's development to absurdity, there are no political, economic, or spiritual remedies that can be taken from the pharmacy of old historical development.*



*The ferments that initially brought Europe to the brink of ruin put Europe at the beginning of its abyss, which will bring Asia and America into conflict with each other, which will prepare the way for a struggle across the whole earth.*

*The only thing that can counteract this reduction of human development to absurdity is that which leads human beings on the path to the spiritual: the Micha-el path, which finds its continuation in the Christ path*

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*Externally, mankind approaches today serious battles. In regard to these serious battles which are only at their beginning – I have often mentioned it here – and which will lead the old impulses of Earth evolution ad absurdum, there are no political, economical, or spiritual remedies to be taken from the pharmacy of past historical evolution.*



*For from these past times come the elements of fermentation which first, have brought Europe to the brink of the abyss, which will array Asia and America against each other, and which are preparing a battle over the whole earth.*

*This leading ad absurdum of human evolution can be counteracted alone by that which leads men on the path toward the spiritual: the Micha-el path which finds its continuation in the Christ Path.*

\*Regarding the idea of 'necessity' as it is spoken of here, what comes to (my, - Anthony) mind is the child who, due to a stubborn persistence of placing himself in danger e.g. clamboring up on top of a lit stovetop won't truly learn of the foolishness of his actions until such time as he is burned. In like manner, there is a necessity for the circumstances within the stages of human development to become worse before they get better. This view of necessity is directly tied to Man's (divinely ordained) freedom to choose between good & evil. Man must be allowed to bring himself to the brink of the abyss and allowed to suffer the consequences if he refuses to pursue his spiritual roots.

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1920-10-30-GA200

The whole GA200 is interesting for context on the future "great spiritual battle between the East and the West" (and the denial of Christ and the spiritual - in both polar opposites, in different ways).

Just two short extracts are given here below, but the buildup is using materials from earlier lectures (eg the sketch of East, West and center streams in 1920-10-23-GA200)

*And though it is perhaps only a symbol, there nevertheless stands before the soul of individual people the following: a decadent clinging to revelation in the East, the nullity (insignificance) of the (European) Centre and the rationality of the West, still bogged down in economics. And yet they talk as if of a future perspective - as though the Centre were simply not there - **of the great conflict that lies ahead between Japan and America.** People, of course, picture this purely physically. This also signifies something of immense profundity. **And when the decadent element existing in the East and that which is as yet unborn in the***



*West clash together through ignoring the Centre – then the sense of which came to expression in the Centre is submerged in that chaos that arises **through the crushing from East to West**. Contemplation of the 'I' vanished with the idealistic philosophy of Central Europe. It has ceased to exist since the middle of the nineteenth century. And what people tried to create as political structure out of the upheavals – that, too, lies on the ground today. Impossible political structures spring up like that of Czechoslovakia which, quite certainly, in the long run cannot live and cannot die. These impossible structures can only spring up through the fact that peace is made by the people of the West who have no idea what the conditions for life are in the Centre. In Zurich people listen to someone or other who comes from Paris and holds forth to them brilliantly, as one says, on the unity of the Slovak and the Czech elements. The listeners are astounded at what such a professor makes known about the predestination of Czechoslovakia, because they have no idea of the conditions for life in the East and because they do not know that what is brought into being there is only the squeezing element, **the crushing together of East and West**. People still cover their eyes so as not to see what the external symptoms are saying.*

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1920-10-31-GA200



*From the way in which I had to speak yesterday it will be clear to you that, **for many who would rather go through the coming times in a comfortable sleep, with a sleeping soul, there is a very disagreeable awakening in store**. I do not say – I mentioned this yesterday already – that the prophecies of those who see the most central matter of the near future as lying in such external things as the differences between Japan and America must be absolutely correct. But what must be regarded as imminent is what I characterized for you in a few brush-strokes as **the great spiritual battle between East and West**, in which the true culture of Middle Europe, as we have come to know it in recent weeks, will be wedged.*

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1921-01-02-GA338

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*The ... World War which will be fought between Asia and America – along with what is between them – is absolutely necessary to happen and the reasons for this will be economic. You must be hearing the calls of the lower classes for a world revolution, the only way to obscure and hide this idea of a world revolution would be to ignite the catastrophe of another World War. It just has no alternative.*

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[1921-01-09-GA203](#)

*There are well-meaning writings today, emanating from the pens of English and American authors who profess the greatest sympathy with their fellow-creatures in Middle Europe and with their material needs. Such sympathy is all right in its way but Middle Europe (which often includes Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) must be very wide-awake to what really lies at the bottom of it. For when we consider the conditions of outer life and realise that Middle Europe today stands more than ever in the key position between the East and the West (and by the West I mean those regions where Anglo-American culture predominates) it seems that Middle Europe is threatened with utter ruin, so far as her spiritual life is concerned. Please do not misunderstand me. It is quite possible to be full of sympathetic understanding of the material crisis – indeed that is not at all difficult in these days of dire distress – but to understand the spiritual crisis is quite another matter. And it is the spiritual crisis of Middle Europe that is the crux of it all today. Leaving aside what is said out of prejudice, what you yourselves might say out of prejudice, let us try for once to realise what lies in the womb of current events in respect of the spiritual destiny of Middle Europe. Is not everything tending in*

*the direction of the utter extermination of the spirituality which belongs essentially to Middle Europe? When one faces this fact fairly and squarely, one is surely conscious of an impulse to do one's very utmost to enable the true spirituality of Middle Europe to live and prosper.*

*If impulses for strong and effective action are lacking, then the East and the West will come together above the head of Middle Europe – come together, to begin with probably in terrible enmity, but finally in an impulse which truly cannot be for the well-being of Middle Europe. This impulse will then grow into a world culture, a world-civilisation.*

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*These are the two extremes which may well unite, in spite of an apparently bitter opposition caused by outer circumstances and inner contrast. And it is because of the existence of these two streams of influence that the spiritual life of Middle Europe has fallen upon such evil days. Trivial though these words may sound, they express a truly tragic state of things to which we must be fully alive. To put it rather drastically, one would say that Middle Europe ought to represent the higher synthesis, the harmony of these two extremes at a higher level. And it is only this harmony that will promote progress in the human race. Streams of spiritual life have come to the surface in Middle Europe from deep foundations, in spite of the fact that they were overpowered, to begin with, by an intellectualism which manifested itself in German idealistic philosophy. The philosophy of Fichte, Hegel, and finally, Schelling, represented the apotheosis of a stream of spiritual life which could have led on into true Spiritual Science, but the time was not ripe for it. Nowadays it really seems as if all the world had conspired to nip this impulse in the bud. Let me put it in this way: **From the East and from the West, Lucifer and Ahriman swore to each other to make this synthesis impossible of realisation.***

*For just think of it: here, in this central region of the Earth there have been men who although they were in many ways brought to a standstill by the conditions of the times, strove none the less for pure spirituality, and at the same time for a true knowledge and understanding of Nature. In Goethe, for instance, there is a*

wonderful alternation between his perpetual desire for a spiritual conception of the world and his eagerness to observe the outer phenomena of Nature.

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1921-11-24-GA209

*Let there be no mistake about it – so long as the dealings of Europeans and Americans with Asia are confined to purely economic and industrial interests, so long will there be distrust in the hearts of Asiatics. People may talk as much as they like about disarmament, about the desirability of ending wars. ...**A great war will break out between the East and the West**, in spite of all disarmament conferences, if the people of Asia cannot perceive something that flows over to them from the Spirit of the West.*

*Western spirituality can spread over to Asia and if it does, Asia will be able to trust it, because with their own inherent, though somewhat decadent spirituality, the Asiatic peoples will be able to understand what it means. The peace of the world depends upon this, not upon the conversations and discussions now going on among the leaders of outer civilisation. ...*

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*Everything depends upon insight into the Spirit that is lying hidden in European and American culture – the Spirit from which men flee, which for the sake of ease they would fain avoid, but which alone can set the feet of humanity on the path of ascent.*

*People like to put their heads in the sand, saying that things will improve of themselves. **No, they will not.** The hour of a great decision has struck. Either men will resolve to bring forth the spirituality of which I have spoken, or **the decline of the West is inevitable.** Hopes and fatalistic longings for things to right themselves are of no avail.*

*Once and forever, man has passed into the epoch when he must manipulate his powers out of his own freewill. In other words: it is for men themselves to decide for or against spirituality. If the*

*decision is positive, progress will be possible; if not, the doom of the West is sealed and in the wake of dire catastrophes the further evolution of humanity will take a course undreamed of today. Those who would strive for true insight into these matters should not, nay dare not, neglect the study of the life of soul in mankind at large, and in the different peoples, especially of East and West.*

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1922-01-03-GA303

In context of the urge to establish Waldorf schooling, because it is sketched how it will come under attack soon given the speed of developments.



*A wave is spreading over the world, which is definitely headed towards the coercive state [editor: state power by force]. And it is actually the case that Western civilization exposes itself to the danger of being simply overwhelmed by a kind of Asian culture that then has something spiritual about it. People don't want to see that, but it will happen.*

## EDITOR'S CONCLUDING REMARKS

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Our current Fifth Cultural Age is an important seed for Humanity's future. In this Age humanity has been untethered from the Spiritual Hierarchies in order that He may develop His Consciousness Soul in freedom and make His way back to His true Spiritual Self.

Each Cultural Age has its purpose for humanity's development. It is currently possible for humanity to raise its consciousness – or not – in preparation for what is coming in the not-do-distant future under the Time Spirit the Archangel Oraphiel, the Angel of Wrath, who comes to cleanse humanity of those ills which it has brought upon itself out of defiance against its own true nature.

We are in the fifth of seven cultural ages. Under Oraphiel beginning approximately in 2235 AD, humanity will suffer through an extreme time of war, notably referred to as World War 3. The details of these times has been characterized and laid out in this article above. It is in our time prior to that which is on the horizon when individuals are given the opportunity to take hold of their inner spiritual life and subdue within all that stands against the spiritual realms, for from the human population that now exists a cohort will be recognized as developed far enough in this endeavor to serve the Archangel Oraphiel in the correct way so that the needs of human survival can be achieved, or preserved as the case may be.

During this cultural age, humanity is, and will be more so as time progresses, tasked with coming to grips with evil. As time moves forward, evil increases. Though evil will come to manifest itself in all manner of ways, there will conversely be an increase of spiritual guidance of those who choose the spiritual path, which will produce true fruit of brotherliness in the sixth cultural age. It will be a time when the goal of (esoteric) Christianity will be fulfilled. However, even then, evil will continue to rise up.

As evil continues forward alongside this new spiritual consciousness, the seventh age will be one of chaos and will culminate in the War of All Against All after which humanity will enter into the Sixth Epoch.

In the Sixth Epoch, the Earth will undergo major changes such as it did in the Lemurian and Atlantean epochs. As in those times, the Earth will experience earthquakes of such magnitude that existing continents will break apart and new will rise.

Though all of this seems and appears extremely dire, it is an accepted truth that those who pursue what is right, moral and good, with a deep desire to follow what spiritual science offers and raise up the higher Self, they are divinely protected. This is not just

hope, it is the well of strength to push forward and no longer allow oneself to be pulled backward.



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