

Simple Hearts of Shepherds, Wise Heads of Kings: responding to the challenges of the times. Drinks and Snacks. English and German, December 19, 2020, Obertorplatz 7, 4310 Rheinfelden. CHF 50. 10.00-12.00, Lunch, 13.00-15.00.

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*Can we recognize the dangers,
In society, in our world?
And take on responsibility
For transformation, for change.
At this holy time of Advent
In light of stars above us
And the stripes of our Destiny
To find peace and consolation
We turn to the Mysteries.
Can we regard what we are
From the high heavens,
As they would see us?*



Historical Symptomatology

January 10, 1920 was the official implementation of the Treaty of Versailles and the founding of the League of Nations. The following decades saw the rearmament of Germany, the Second World War and the establishment of the United Nations 1946. 100 years later, as a result of the 2020 pandemic, it is said that 50% of small businesses in Europe now face bankruptcy. In March 2020, the US Federal Reserve Bank granted more than \$3 trillion in loans and asset purchases to again, as in 2008, stabilize the economic system.

Twenty-First Century Plans: 'Agenda 21' (the United Nations blueprint for socio-economic development for the twenty first century), was established as far back as the 1992 'Earth Summit' in Rio de Janeiro: updated as 'Sustainable Development Goals 2030', or '2050: how the world will look'. Aligned with Sustainable Development 2030, the Coronavirus crisis accelerates 'The Fourth Industrial Revolution'. Comprising technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence (AI).

Sociopolitical Abstraction: In the French Revolution, the Comte de Saint Germain warned the ruling elites of the upcoming disaster with the words from Hosea 8:7 'they shall sow the wind and reap the whirlwind'. The Christian impulse is that change should occur slowly, so that all may come to the shore. The longer-term view: that a sociopolitical system might be capable of accommodating man and the spiritual world.

The meta-political ghosts of Rome: With Coronavirus, the US election and the longer-term plans of the United Nations, we are reminded of the play *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare, a meditation on history and alchemy. Caesar says to the Soothsayer 'The ides of March have come'—whereby the soothsayer replies 'Aye Caesar but not gone'. Notably, Julius Caesar was Pontifex Maximus (chief high priest) of Rome yet at the same time priest of the temple of Vesta, goddess of the home and hearth.