

Three of the Great Trials  
of Initiation

Trial by Fire  
Trial by Water  
Trial by Air

**Trial by fire**

TRIAL by FIRE  
Political

**Imaginative Cognition**

Transform:  
Blame &  
Egoistic  
seeking Power

Day & Night cognition  
of this life, from  
birth into future

Virtue:  
Living Faith  
Steadfast  
Trust

Karma: impact of outcome  
Regarding one's life

**Mysteries  
of self  
Current  
incarnation**

CULTURAL  
TRIAL by WATER

Economic  
TRIAL by AIR



# FIRE TRIAL or Trial by FIRE

Political realm / Thinking/ Angeloi /  
Holy Spirit / Imaginative Cognition

*What truly nourishes, what gives one nourishment and  
who do I nourish?*

**Trial by Fire: developing Soul organ of Imaginative Cognition. Symbols and tones of the  
Microscopic Script behind world of Nature and human/earthly evolution.**

## How Fire Trial Manifests?

A disaster of destruction and Reality as known, suddenly gone, everything depended upon now  
burnt away, now need to learn how to continue when all physical security is turned to Ashes.  
Trial can be experienced suddenly as a total change in one's life circumstances like the Christ  
Jesus, in the desert after 40 days and nights, facing Temptation to overcome 'Sin of Power'

**How is Fire Trial expressed in destiny? All that once was part of life's security vanishes.**  
**One might now have the clothes on one's back left, a suitcase with a few belongings for  
beginning one's future life. What once was security and comfort in knowing reality,  
percepts of thinking that one regarded as true, now destroyed -  
what was base of security is burnt to ashes, forever changed.**

Overcoming Great Sin of Egotistic Power and need for security in outer reality.  
Learning what is True Source of nourishment.

Gaining capacity to Love another as Self.

Organ of Imaginative consciousness brings continuity of day and night cognition

## Trial gives blessings:

Virtue of Soul: Faith, Living Faith and Trust in the  
Ever present Spiritual and Divine. Responsible for reality one  
perceives as Imaginations of the divine world that supports  
and Nourishes all Life, and understandings  
Mysteries of current incarnation



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and Trial by Water:  
2 great Trials of  
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Seeking Fame

Cognition extends  
thru 5th  
Great Epoch

Karma: impact of deed  
upon self, others,  
Community

**Inspirational  
Cognition**

“I”  
Higher  
Self

Virtue:  
Love of other higher  
than self  
TRUTH

CULTURAL  
TRIAL by WATER

Economic  
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# Water TRIAL or Trial by Water

Cultural realm / Feeling / Archangels

*What truly does one stand upon, what is true support? to whom or what do I give support? What is TRUE supportive foundation?*

**Trial by Water: developing Soul organ of Inspirational Cognition**  
Discern the writings and musical tone from cosmic script and cosmic music behind world of Nature and Human/Earthly Evolution

## How Air Trial Manifests in Destiny?

Nothing to stand on or hold on to: need to learn to remain upright as ground disappears  
One's character is attacked / destroyed and assassinated through Lies and Mistruths.  
One Now stands Alone and Isolated and Notorious - infamous. Even one's initiatives are impacted through the destruction of one's character. One begins to understand that all around one is the surging currents of lies and deception and one is powerless to stop the horrors and isolation.

## Trial is experienced as great waves of pain and destruction

Like being tossed in a great body of water, helpless to stop what is happening - like the Christ Jesus, standing on the edge of the temple's parapet. Where is Protection from destruction from lies and deceit? Upon what can one stand to keep one's character safe?

How does it end? Developing virtue of Selfless Love and developing Soul capacities for Warming - Adaptation, and Growing - Becoming More.  
Creating new forms for adapting and receiving new life and expansion self confidence.

Overcoming Great Sin of Egotistic Shame  
One begins to understand 's Karma from Higher "I" and past cultural ages.  
One learns to love and hold another higher than oneself.

## Trial gives blessings:

Virtue of Soul: Selfless Love and knowing of TRUTH  
Character healing comes from true forgiveness and selfless love of another. Shame is healed through Virtues from Corona of Christ



**Mysteries of Heart and "I"**

**TRIAL by FIRE Political**

**3 Great Trials of Initiation  
Rudolf Steiner's indications**

Virtue:  
Living Faith  
Steadfast  
Trust  
'Gratitude'

Realm of Holy Spirit  
Thinking  
**Imaginative Cognition**  
**Day & Night**  
**Consciousness of this life**

Overcome"  
Blame,  
Sin of  
Egoistic  
Power

**Karma:**  
**Perceive outcome of deeds self**

Mysteries of Self  
Current Incarnation

**Heart Learning:**  
**Love**  
**Another**  
**As Self**

**Heart learning:**  
**Love**  
**Another**  
**Higher than**  
**Self**

12-fold thinking  
continuity  
consciousness

Purity in  
Willing  
12-fold  
Senses

**Heart Learning:**  
**Love:**  
**Sacrifice**  
**Care-taker**

**Cognition**  
**Cultural epochs**

Realm of  
Son  
Feeling

Overcome:  
Shame and Egoism of  
Sin of Fame

**Mysteries of True "I"**  
**Christ "IAM"**

**Realm of**  
**Father**  
**Willing**  
**Overcome:**  
Fear &  
Sin of  
Greed

**Inspirational Cognition**

Mysteries of  
past incarnations  
Higher "I"

Self-control  
12-fold starry  
corona  
Past lives

**Cognition**  
**past great**  
**epochs**

**Intuitive Cognition**

**TRIAL by WATER Cultural**

**Karma:**  
**know impact on another & community**

**Karma:**  
**World Karma**

**Economic TRIAL by AIR**

Virtue:  
Sacrificial  
Love  
'Forgiveness'

Virtue:  
Hope & fortitude  
'Humility'



# AIR TRIAL or Trial by AIR

**Economic realm / Willing / Archai**

*What truly serves and to whom or what is my serving  
owed? What is TRUE Breath of my Life?*

**Trial by Air: developing Soul organ of Intuitional Cognition**

**Discern the Meaning behind cosmic script and cosmic music creative substances  
Behind world of Nature and Human/Earthly Evolution**

**The Trial is experienced as no air to breathe in ways known from past  
Soul terror/ pain from losing what was, how to have the Air to move forward and  
to create anew what is no more - helpless to stop what is Happening - like the Christ Jesus  
High upon the Mountain top overcoming the sin of Greed to gain relationship with 'True I'  
Trial of total spiritual Solitude/loss**

**How Air Trial Manifestsd in Destiny?**

**Without Air to breathe - upon what is my survival given.**

**Inner Spiritual terror no seeming way forward. Total emptiness / Abandonment Crushed by Life's  
Circumstances, Choking - life being chocked out. No Air - no oxygen, cannot breathe, Hopeless  
& helpless. Like great grief - chest caves in, helpless abandonment of one's spiritual heritage**

**How does it end? Developing Soul capacities for Creating Anew,  
breathing from New Life and generating New capacities of Selflessness  
and Opening to and developing New forms needed in Future**

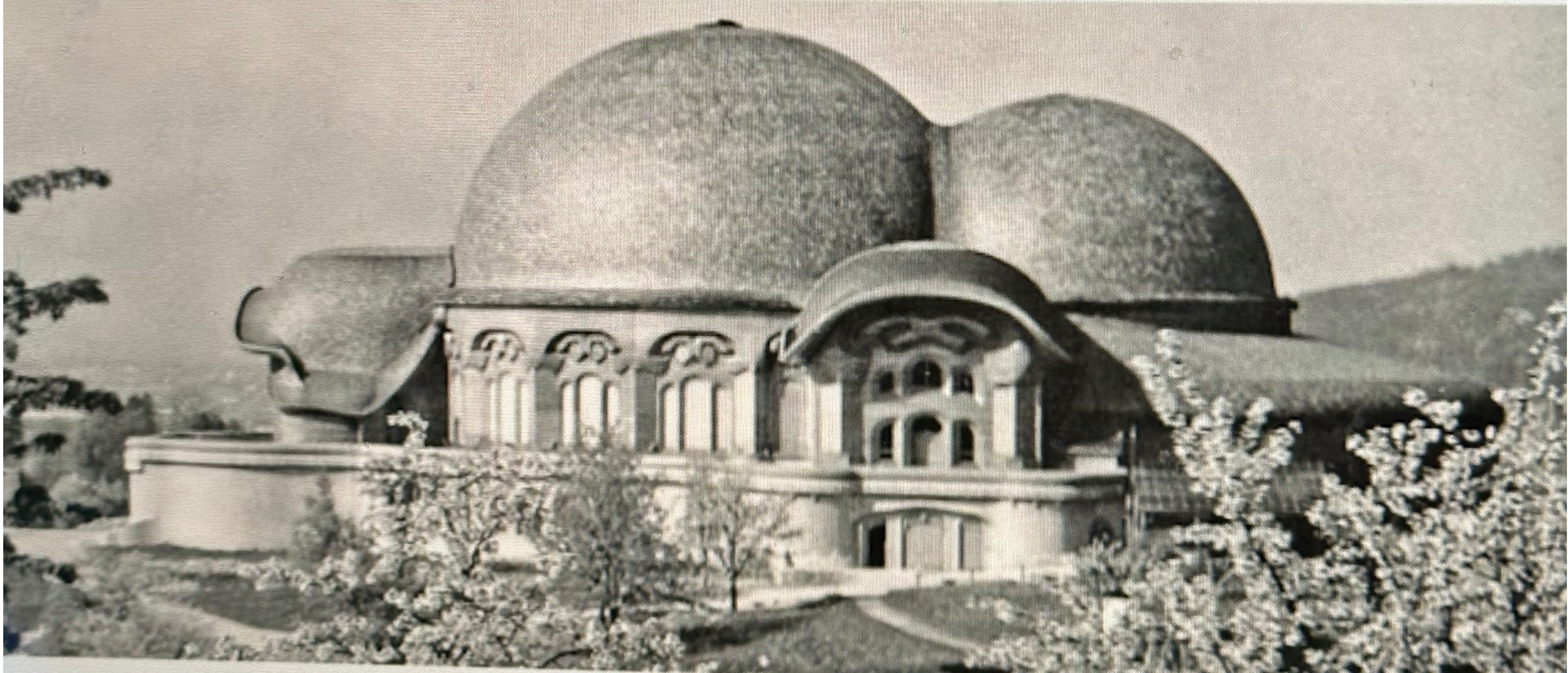
**Overcoming Great Sin of Egotistic Greed and limitation  
learning what is True Source of Energy for creating forms, service, and actions in world  
To acquire True Presence of Mind, Fortitude  
Conscience formed through development of Moral Forces  
Uniting One's Karma with World Karma thru Higher "I AM" True "I"**

**Trial gives blessings:**

**Virtue of Soul: Hope and Common Sense**

**True Riches come from Higher "I AM" Presence Within**









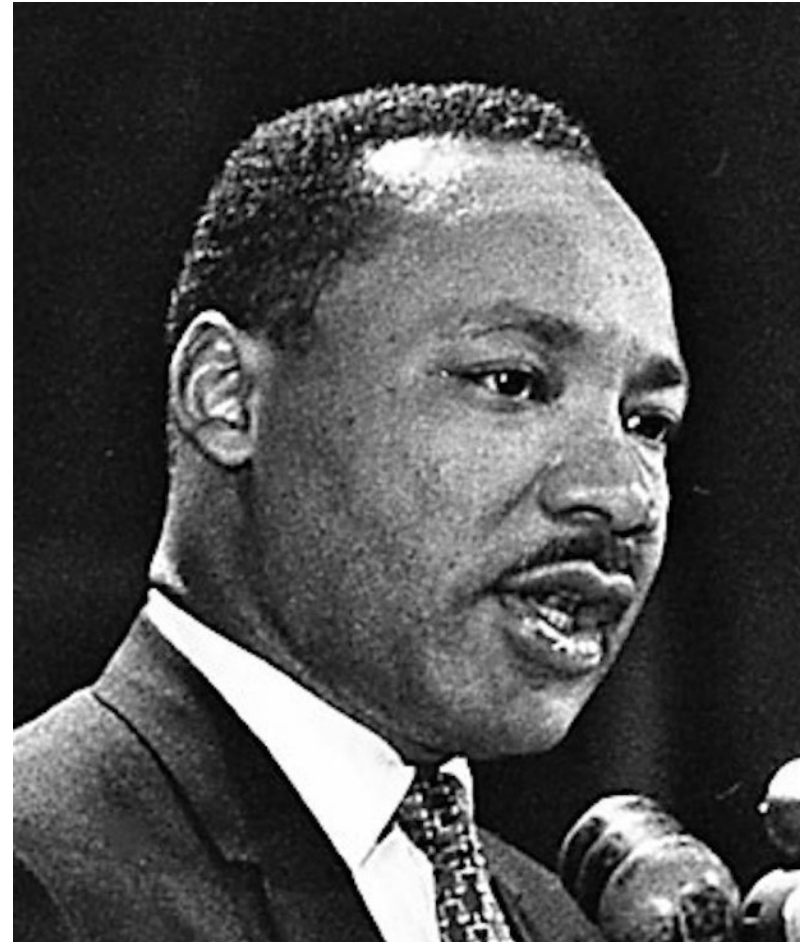


Rudolf Steiner facing east under west window looking towards the rising sun, January 1st, 1922





Human Beings who have had perhaps all their belongings and security or even their life destroyed through destruction and torture; or their character assassinated, or their initiatives - life missions shattered. Many more examples!





## Question:

Have you experience(s) with meeting great tragedy, loss -  
beyond description the pain so great.

And if so, what did or didn't change in your life?

What are the Blessings you received from  
enduring Trial and transforming yourself?

How did you grow and change?