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Summary of Key Topics Covered in Podcast #256:

- **Overview:** The main topic of this podcast is the great teachers around Christ, with a primary focus on Christian Rosenkreutz/Valentin Tomberg. The podcast ends with a brief reference to current events.
- **The Great Teachers around Christ:** The podcast begins with an outline of the correspondence between the four verses of the Foundation Stone Meditation and the first four arcana of *Meditations on the Tarot*, and how both relate to the 'I' (self) which embraces thinking, feeling and will—The importance of all four of these levels in a Christian spiritual path—The podcast ends with a reference to Rudolf Steiner (Aries) as the great teacher of thinking (Gnosis), Peter Deunov (Gemini) as the great teacher of Love (Mysticism), and Valentin Tomberg (Taurus) as the great teacher connected with the will (Sacred Magic).
- **Christian Rosenkreutz/Valentin Tomberg:** An outline is given of the biographical background of Valentin Tomberg—The incarnation of the *Count of St Germain* as the reincarnation of Christian Rosenkreutz; Outline of the life of the Count of St Germain; How he was known as the 'man who never dies,' and what this really means; How the position of the Sun at the death of the Count of St Germain is in the same position of the Sun at the birth of Valentin Tomberg, and how this is a positive indicator that they are the same individuality—Valentin Tomberg as the reincarnated *Jeshu ben Pandira* (the teacher of righteousness) and how his interest in righteousness is reflected again in Tomberg's PhD thesis on Jurisprudence—Discussion of the *Aristotelian stream and the Platonic stream*, the differences between the two streams, and why they failed to work together resulting in a one-sidedness in the development of Anthroposophy—The *two 'halves'* of the life of Valentin Tomberg in relation to the *two aspects* of this individuality as the Maitreya Buddha and the Kalki Avatar: When incarnated this individuality, as the Maitreya Buddha, follows an 'ascending' movement to rise to Buddhahood, and when in spiritual realms between incarnations follows a 'descending' movement inspiring particular individuals on Earth; How these two aspects are expressed in the two halves of the life of Valentin Tomberg: The first half (during World War II) expressing the ascending movement of the Maitreya Buddha during his connection with Anthroposophy, and the second half (post World War II) expressing the descending movement of the 'Kalki Avatar' working in an inspirational way after entering the Catholic Church—*Meditations on the Tarot* a fusion of Hermeticism with Christianity, outlining the path of Christian Hermeticism; The connection of the stream of Rosicrucianism in *Meditations on the Tarot*; The three Rosicrucian mantras and how they are expressed in the Foundation Stone Meditation; Background to how Valentin Tomberg was pushed out of the Anthroposophical Society, why he entered the Catholic Church, and how this relates to his work *Meditations on the Tarot* and Sacred Magic—How Valentin Tomberg may be seen as representing the sign of Taurus in the circle of twelve around Christ, and how Christian Rosenkreutz may be seen as representing the sign of Leo in the circle of twelve around Christ, acknowledging these are one and the same individuality.

- **Current events:** Reference to the rising and worsening tensions between countries in the world—The threat of Artificial Intelligence increasing in 2026, together with the use of electromagnetic frequencies to control and direct people's thoughts, and the need to be aware of this.