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Summary of Key Topics Covered in Podcast #255:

- **Overview:** The theme of the great teachers is continued in this podcast with a focus on the Bodhisattva individuality who will become the Maitreya Buddha. Other themes touched upon include: the journey of the soul in the life after death, astrology/astrosophy, reincarnation and karma, and current events.
- **The Great Teachers – Valentin Tomberg:** *Recap of the two different aspects* of Valentin Tomberg/Christian Rosenkreutz in relation to how this individuality works during an incarnation upon Earth, and how he works in the life after death (seemingly two different persons, but actually one and the same)—*The two distinct phases in his life* as Valentin Tomberg: 1) working in the impulse of Anthroposophy, and 2) taking up a new mission bringing esotericism into the Catholic Church, and a new stream of Christian Hermeticism (Christianisation of the Egyptian Hermetic mysteries); How the sound YOD-HE-VAU-HE, connected with the name Yahweh/the Divinity, is key to this (background to this at the time of Abraham and Moses; How all human beings who can say “I am” in reference to themselves is a ‘ray’ of the ‘Sun,’ the Eternal Divinity; The seven ‘I AM’ sayings in the Gospel of John in relation to the 7 healing miracles)—*Recap of important incarnations* of this individuality; Focus on his incarnation as Christian Rosenkreutz in the 15th century and how his mission was to bring a new form of spiritual wisdom compatible with the modern age at the start of the 5th cultural epoch and new (Archaic) time period of 600 years beginning in 1414, which brought the development of science and technology; How the new 600 year time period beginning in 2014 is the time of the battle between good and evil—*Recap of why Christian Rosenkreutz is also connected with the sign of Leo* (reflected in the imagination given by Steiner on how he could be contacted after his death: to see him in red (colour of the sign of Aries) on one side of an altar, and Christian Rosenkreutz in blue (colour of the sign of Leo) at the other side).
- **Other Themes:** *Journey of the soul in the life after death:* Realms of the spiritual hierarchies through which the soul traverses in the path of ascent; Venus the realm of the Archaic (Time Spirits), the Venus rhythm a period of 600 years; The Sun sphere as the realm of the Exusiai, Dynamis and Kyriotetes; Hearing the harmony of the spheres in the life after death (Pythagoras and the harmony of the spheres; The gift of classical music connected with the harmony of the spheres); The midnight hour as the turning point to descend back through the planetary spheres into a new incarnation (taking up our karma on the path of descent); Creation of the spirit seed (archetype of our human physical body) in the realm of the zodiac—*Astrology/Astrosophy:* Kepler’s three laws of planetary motion; Robert’s research finding (with sidereal zodiac) that the birth horoscope picks up from the death horoscope of the preceding incarnation, and the conception horoscope picks up from the birth horoscope of the preceding incarnation (reflects how karma is brought over from one incarnation to the next)—*Reincarnation and karma:* How a consideration of the lives of different people is helpful for

understanding karma and the effects people have in the world (example of the impactful life of the current President of the US)—*Current events*: Real possibility for serious conflict at this time (Trump's wish to take over Greenland and Denmark and the US invasion of Venezuela); How sophisticated technology/weaponry makes it possible to take over a country with minimal military personnel; Help for us through the profound Foundation Stone Meditation brought by Steiner in 1923 as preparation for the Second Coming of Christ, and *Meditations on the Tarot* by Valentin Tomberg; The relationship between the four verses of the Foundation Stone Meditation and the first four arcana of *Meditations on the Tarot*, discussion of the similarities and differences of both, and the significance of these four verses and first four arcana.