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Summary of Key Topics Covered in Podcast #251:

- **Overview:** The central theme of this podcast is the circle of twelve Bodhisattvas, with a primary focus on Valentin Tomberg. Several indications given by Rudolf Steiner support this discussion. Other themes include Astrosophy (or a spiritual view of our galaxy) and some discussion is given to Christ's descent from the Galactic Centre.
- **The Circle of Twelve Bodhisattvas:** Steiner's indications concerning the *Great Spiritual Lodge of twelve Bodhisattvas* in the midst of whom is a thirteenth, Christ – The Manu/Melchizedek as the leader of the 12 Bodhisattvas (instituted the Feast of Agape through Abraham, transformed into a new form, the Eucharist, by Christ at the Last Supper) – The difference between a Bodhisattva and a Buddha – Steiner's comments about Gautama Buddha as one of the 12 Bodhisattvas, and about the Bodhisattva who will become the Maitreya Buddha whose mission is connected with the living force of Love in relation to the further evolutionary development of the world – The significance of Steiner speaking of the returning teachers in the sequence of Moses, Abraham and Elijah (as opposed to the historical sequence of their coming: Abraham, Moses and Elijah)—*Valentin Tomberg/Maitreya Bodhisattva* (Taurus) whose mission is the development of the moral power of speech – Prior incarnations: Kashyapa (one of the seven Holy Rishis); Abraham (founder of the Jewish people whose mission was to bring forth the perfect human being for the incarnation of Jesus of Nazareth in whom the Christ incarnated); incarnation at the time of Gautama Buddha, named Mahākāśyapa by Buddha (who recognised him to be the reincarnated Kashyapa) and who became the leader of the Buddhist community on Buddha's death; Incarnation as Jeshu ben Pandira (teacher of the Essenes at Qumran) whom Steiner indicated would be Mahākāśyapa come again, who would become the Maitreya Buddha, and who might incarnate in our epoch and would be the greatest proclaimer of Christ, teaching of the coming of Christ in the etheric (by which he could be recognised), but that such a significant incarnation might go unrecognised or treated with indifference; Incarnation as William the Silent (sometimes known as the Father of the Netherlands who led a rebellion against the Spanish occupation of the Netherlands) – Maitreya as the bearer of the force of the Good and Christ as the Good, pointing to the close relationship of the Maitreya Bodhisattva with Christ – The Lord's Prayer Course given by Valentin Tomberg as an expression of the deepest Christian esotericism—*Other Great Teachers mentioned:* Peter Deunov/Master Jesus (Gemini), the Master sent to teach Love; As Zarathustra, was the founder of the Zoroastrian religion; Was the first to refer to Ahriman, the opponent of Christ, and Ahriman's plan to win over all of humanity to himself; How Ahriman has had great success, using technology as his main tool to take over human consciousness, and his goal to drag all human beings into the subearthly realms (specifically the Eighth Sphere which he is creating); Christ as our only hope.
- **Astrosophy:** The 18-19 December the time of the Galactic alignment (alignment of Earth, Sun and Galactic Centre) and the importance of this alignment – Outline of the Central Sun, the Milky Way Galaxy, the four spiral arms and the Orion Arm – The discovery of radio telescopes as leading to the increase of knowledge regarding the structure of the Milky Way Galaxy – The Galactic Centre as the Heart/presence of

the Father/Creator (present in every galaxy) – Christ and Sophia as born out of the heart of the Father (as one essence/substance with the Creator), all other beings as ‘created’ beings

- **Christ’s Descent from the Galactic Centre (into incarnation):** How Christ was beheld, when united with the stars of the local part of our galaxy, by the Holy Rishis as Vishvakarma; and how Christ was perceived, when united with our Sun, by Zarathustra as Ahura Mazda.