

# The “East-West” problem in Ukraine

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The large-scale military invasion in Ukraine that began on February 24, 2022 is most often viewed exoterically, but can also be approached esoterically. This should be the perspective of the Anthroposophical Society in Dornach, Switzerland, if it is to remain true to the covenant of its founder Rudolf Steiner, if they are to be an active, relevant, even leading voice in world events. The large amount of information left Dr Steiner makes this possible in this case, which esoterically also can be considered from external and internal points of view, the latter of which is the most important, and of greatest value to humankind.

Fundamental for us are two pieces of information from Rudolf Steiner from December 1917, in one of which, dated December 22, with no visible connection to the rest, he says:

"In 1914 began a world event that at first ... could be called a war between the forces of the Allies and the Central Europeans. But beneath the surface of what can be so called dominates something substantially different, opposed to one another there lurk *very different enemies!* And today a serious symptom declares itself that, smouldering, dominates under the surface of that, which we are completely wrong in still calling the war between the Allies and the Central-Europeans, a symptom declares itself that consists of a *tragic collision between the populations of the northern and southern Russia*, a substantial symptom ...

that smoulders under the surface of events. People today do not like to call things by their names ... " (CW vol. 179, lecture from 22th of December)

Two days later in a lecture dated 24 December he once again raises the same theme, saying that one can see the signature of that, which "at that moment, when those catastrophic events unfolded before us was being prepared, and now ... finds its symptomatic expression in the mood reigning between (the) northern and southern Russia, in *the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian hostility*. This symptom is displayed in a much more significant way - if we look at the events that are still being prepared - than all the things that modern people would like to consider significant on the basis of their love of comfort." (CW vol. 180, lecture from 24th of December).

The Russian researcher Gennady Bondarev was the first to draw attention to this information from Steiner in his very timely study on the problem, "Events in Ukraine and possible future scenarios - part 1" (2014). Some of its features we will discuss below.

Concerning what Rudolf Steiner says above, it was influenced by the October coup (Revolution) in Russia two months earlier, which succeeded in replacing tsarist rule with the Bolshevik one, which lasted 72 years until 1989. The important thing is that it was planned by certain English occult circles, as Rudolf Steiner informed us, but also the English occultist C.G Harrison in his 1896 collection of lectures entitled "The Transcendental Universe". Drawing on information from his fellow occultists, the latter described their plans for Russia in the following way:

“The Russian Empire *must die* that the Russian people may live, and the realisation of the dreams of the Pan-Slavists

will indicate that the sixth Aryan sub-race has begun to live its own intellectual life, and is no longer in its period of infancy. We need not pursue the subject further than to say that the national character will enable them to *carry out experiments in Socialism*, political and economical, which would present innumerable difficulties in Western Europe. The above are only given as illustrations of a law which is of universal application, and is known in occult science as the "law of correspondence." It must be borne in mind that, in occult science, the deductive method is pursued for purposes of discovery, and the inductive for proof." (C. G. Harrison, *The Transcendental Universe: Six Lectures on Occult Science, Theosophy, and the Catholic Faith, Delivered Before the Berean Society, Second edition, George Redway Publishing, London, 1896, second lecture, p. 51-52.* <https://archive.org/details/transcendentalunoooharr/page/50/mode/2up>)

Rudolf Steiner commented on this information in some of his lectures, giving more details about the October coup, as well as information about the First World War conceived by the same occult circles. And this is connected with the above mentioned "tragic collision between the populations of the northern and southern Russia" which we are witnessing today. It ignites the conflict which smouldered under the surface of events for 100 years, in which, however the enemies are not Ukraine and Russia but the old "very different enemies" - the global East and the global West! Or as Steiner puts it elsewhere "the war is actually a war *between West and East*. The middle is simply being ground to dust between the two, merely because West and East cannot come to terms; the middle is suffering because of

disagreement between West and East. (CW 177, lecture from 13 October 1917.)

The difference between today's conflict and that of 1914-18, as well as of its continuation from 1939 till 1945, is that it takes place entirely on the field of one of the opponents - namely Eastern Europe. This means that the battlefield is shifted, but the enemies are the same. Only seemingly are they the Russian and Ukrainian peoples, but in reality these are again the Global West (Western Europe, the United States, America and the Western Hemisphere) and the Global East (Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Europe as a whole, Asia and the Eastern Hemisphere). The first one is led by its Western, Anglo-American occult elite, and the other - by its own, very interestingly, Eastern European occult elite, which in certain ways also exists but about which little is known today.

Thus, from these two basic statements for our case from Dr Steiner, one can conclude that a new World War (III) is erupting today (as a start) within one and the same folk - the Russian-Ukrainian! And that these two states are “made” of one and the same Slavic folk! Given that it is the one who is suppose to prepare the seeds of the next, the Slavic cultural epoch, which among other things has to establish a progressive socialist system of coexistence, we can assume that the struggle against it is connected with certain desire to master it. This was predicted by Steiner, who said:

“The well-defined goal is to *bring this budding socialist impulse under the control* of the anti-social group. This goal cannot be reached if Middle Europe summons up appreciation and sympathy for the budding Eastern impulse and seeks to unite with it. Only because this group is located

within the Anglo-American world has the present constellation of alliances arisen 1): it is a subordinate factor which conceals all the real conflicts and interests. It especially conceals the true fact that a struggle is taking place between the Anglo-American "Pluto-Autocrats" and the people of Middle Europe as to who shall guide the budding Russian cultural impulse. The moment that Middle Europe reveals this fact to the world, an untrue constellation will be replaced by a true one. For this reason the war will continue in one form or another for so long until the German and the Slav peoples have joined together with the common goal of liberating mankind from the yoke of the West.

There are only two possibilities: either one must unmask the lie with which the West is obliged to operate if it is to have success, one must say: the leaders of the Anglo-American cause promote a movement originating from impulses which arose before the French Revolution and which intends to achieve the control of the world through the means of power provided by capitalism; to achieve this control these leaders make use of the impulses of the Revolution, but only as empty phrases, behind which they conceal their real motives. Otherwise, if one doesn't do this, one surrenders world control to an *occult group within the Anglo-American world*, until sometime in the future, emanating from the subjugated German-Slavic territory, through rivers of blood the true spiritual goal of the earth will be saved." (CW 173 C. See: <http://www.perseus.ch/PDF-Dateien/fundamental.pdf>)