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## **Christmas letter from the Kaspar Hauser Research Circle**

### **December 14th 2021**

Dear friends of our work in the name of Kaspar Hauser!

Again it is the anniversary of the day when Kaspar Hauser, full of anticipation and great, heartfelt expectation, went to the snow-white courtyard garden of Ansbach to have his origin revealed. But he walked to his death, as we know! A sinister, malicious attack pierces his noblest organ, his heart! Immediately following that he was slandered on top of it by his own guardian, who accused him of wounding himself. And nevertheless he then dies three days later in perfect acceptance of fate and engulfed in peacefulness! And hardly to measure for our consciousness is the fact that he completely fulfilled his mission by dying in such a way.

Which being can reveal itself to us that worked through him in such a way – at that time and until today and indeed into the distant future? A being whose "beginning" and whose "end" were like cut off - something which reminds us of the questions of our own destiny: "where do we come from" and "where do we go to"!

And if we do not recognize this "where from" and "where to", the same fate will happen to us, that was meant to happen to him: step by step, the human being will be "buried alive", captured between the gates of birth and death! Kaspar Hauser's destiny warns us about this in all sharpness.

When he was exposed into the world at Pentecost 1828 and experienced his birth as "Kaspar Hauser", he had to learn what it means to be human, to be human in an embodied world! This early time of his life and learning is conveyed to us authentically and vividly by Georg Friedrich Daumer, his teacher at Nuremberg. For example, he writes in his "Revelations about Kaspar Hauser", published in 1859:

"Since Kaspar Hauser began to reflect and learn, his head worked incessantly; especially in the morning and in the evening before going to sleep, a lot of reflections and problems forced themselves upon him; even on walks and rides he was sometimes silent for a long time and thought about something that had not yet become clear to him. For example, at the beginning of October 1828, on a walk, he was preoccupied with the beginning of the Gospel of John."

This beginning of the Gospel of John, with its unfathomable depth and its immeasurable poetic-spiritual power, is one of the greatest texts ever written down by human hands. There the realization can come to anyone while reading or hearing these words, that surely is something that "has not yet become clear"!

How might the following verse perhaps have affected him, just to consider an example (he probably had the Lutheran translation before him):

"And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness hath not comprehended it."

Because if anyone knows and understands something of darkness, then probably Kaspar Hauser! It was so dark around him, and not only physically in his dungeon, that one can read the word "occult" three times on the memorial in the Ansbach court garden and on his gravestone. And yet, if someone knows and understands something of the light, then probably also he. A light, which could not be seized by all that darkness. Or in other words, as I have felt necessary to write again and again: no power of evil could prevent him to love.

Just as one could not destroy the apocalyptic writer and evangelist John by physical banishment to the island of Patmos, so one could not destroy Kaspar Hauser by the intended "spiritual banishment".

Through both speaks the triumph of light over darkness.

Today we all live on Patmos, so to speak! Soon also in Pilsach?

But may this victory of the SPIRIT also be achieved in us!

And with this greeting please forgive me that I do not use these lines to report about all the many things that the research circle has been able to accomplish during the year 2021! This we will do in a new Newsletter that we will be writing in the New Year. We will also be posting some of the news on our website, so do keep visiting! And we hope to see many of you in April 2022 in New York State.

With deep gratitude for your loyalty to Kaspar Hauser and for your support of our work, also in the name of my dear colleagues

Yours,

Eckart Böhmer



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