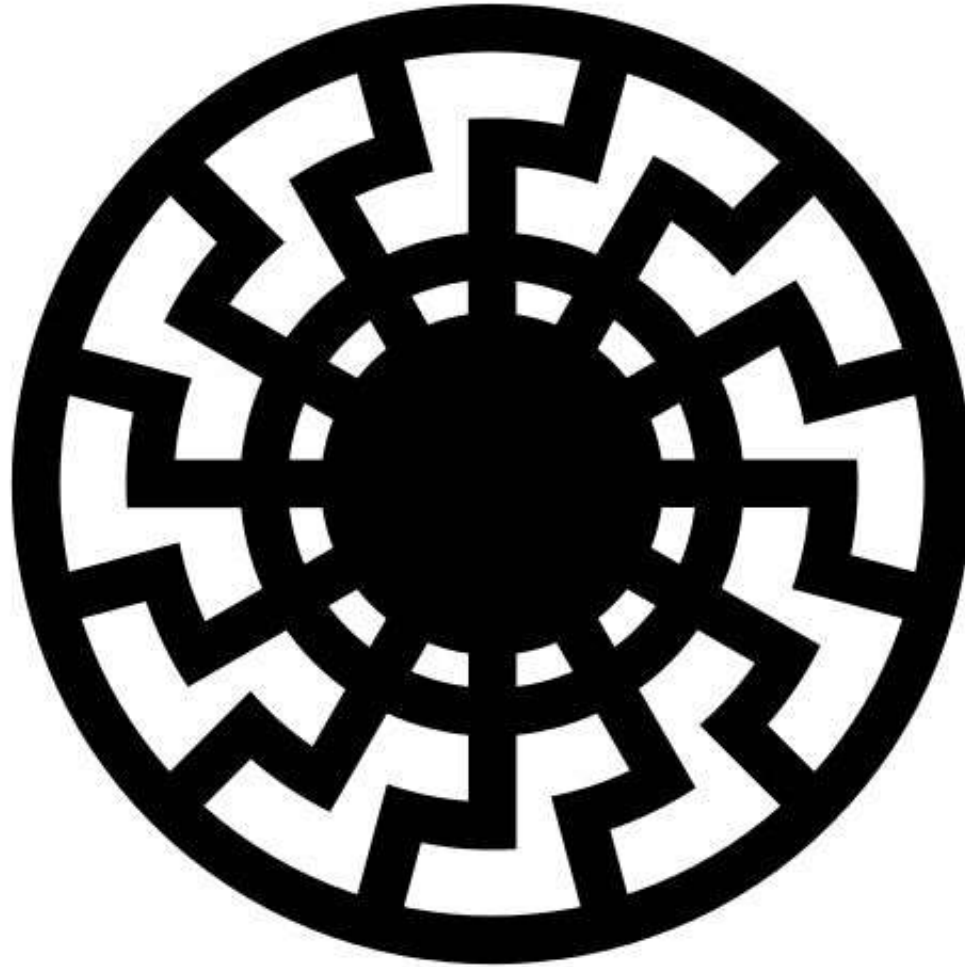


Dr.F.W.SUMNER



**AND
THE BLACK SUN**

35. Dr. F.W. Sumner and the Great Central Sun (1957)



Dr. Frank Webster Sumner (1879 - 1961) was born near Lincoln, Illinois. At age 21 he graduated from Transylvania University Bible College (Lexington, KY) with the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Literature and was ordained as a Christian Minister. He then attended Butler University and later Chicago University, obtaining A.B. and A.M. degrees respectively. Dr. Sumner then embarked on a life-long study of metaphysics finding therein a full and complete elucidation of man's dual nature and ample evidence to prove its authenticity. The Bible became an entirely new book and the life and teachings of Jesus became illuminated with new and deeper meaning. Dr. Sumner worked zealously to accumulate evidence of the Extra-sensory Perceptive powers of the soul and the reality of the unseen world about us. He was later awarded the degree of Doctor of Psychology from Butler University for his work in abnormal and experimental psychology. He also earned a Doctor of Suggestive Therapy from the Weltmer Institute of Suggestive Therapy (a private Christian educational institution and sanitarium in Nevada, Missouri). Through special study with the College of Divine Metaphysics, and other schools, he gained the added degrees of Doctor of Physio-Therapy and Doctor of Divinity. In 1932, Dr. Sumner relocated from Indianapolis in order to teach the summer term at William Dudley Pelley's [1] Galahad College in Asheville (NC). While Dr. Sumner taught for only one term, he remained in North Carolina for the remainder of his life regularly hosting séances and metaphysical study groups in his home.

[1] William Dudley Pelley (March 12, 1890 – June 30, 1965) was an influential American extremist and spiritualist who founded the Silver Legion in 1933 and ran for President in 1936 for the Christian Party.

In 1957, New Age Publishing of Los Angeles (operated by Franklin and Dorothy Thomas) published Dr. Sumner's *The Coming Golden Age: The great cosmic changes now in progress and what the future holds for us*. The book compiled a collection of messages received by American mystic Ethel P. Hill via automatic writing from an unidentified spiritual source known only as "C.N." New Age Publishing worked closely with William Dudley Pelley, Meade Layne, George Adamski, George Hunt Williamson and others prominent in the early UFO contactee movement. The first German-language edition of *The Coming Golden Age* was issued that same year by Ventla-Verlag. The translator appears to have been Karl Veit, who published German-language editions of many New Age Publishing titles. The long-term interest in *The Coming Golden Age* in Germany can be gauged from the fact that it was reprinted an additional three times prior to 1990. Thus, Dr. Sumner's work has been more available in German than in its original English. While it is difficult to quantify the importance of *The Coming Golden Age* to the later development of the Black Sun mythos, two points demand attention: 1) the book clearly helped to keep the Central Sun idea alive as a concept in German esoteric circles from the late 1950s onward and 2) at least one recent contributor to the Black Sun mythos, Jan van Helsing (author of *Die Innere Welt – Das Geheimnis der Schwarzen Sonne* [1998] – see chapter 56), has quoted from Dr. Sumner's compilation in his own esoteric writings.

Excerpts from Sumner's *The Coming Golden Age* (1957)

"We are entering the Golden Age of our planetary system in its relation to the Great Central Sun [2] around which we revolve once in approximately every 26000 years [3], and at this same time pass within the quickening rays of the Aquarian Constellation [4] whose increased vibrations accelerate all of life and the conditions of living upon this globe." (p. 9)

"It is manifest that our revolution around the Great Central Sun produces spiritual seasons..." (p. 11)

[2] Dr. Sumner followed the terminology of Guy Ballard when he referred to the *Great Central Sun*; H.P. Blavatsky had simply called it the Central Sun. Guy Warren Ballard (1878 – 1939) and his wife Edna (1886 – 1971) were the founders of the I AM Activity. They began their metaphysical explorations in the Theosophical Society and later became members of William Dudley Pelley's League for Liberation. They founded the I AM Activity in 1932 and Guy regularly channeled the Twelve Masters. He wrote several influential books under the pen name "Godfre Ray King" including *Unveiled Mysteries* (1934) and *The Magic Presence* (1935). Much of Blavatsky's Theosophy, as well as Pelley's political metaphysics, found their way into his writings. In its heydays of the 1930s, I AM drew thousands to its day-long classes around the country. The movement continues to this day with several hundred chartered groups worldwide. Most UFO religious groups have roots in the I AM Movement.

“At this time, we have just left the radiation of the constellation called “Pisces,” which is the lowest of the twelve Ages, and moved into that of Aquarius, which is the highest of them all [5]. For instance, the vibrations of Pisces are those of the Infra-Red at 15 trillion vibrations per second, while those of Aquarius are those of the Ultra-Violet consisting of 75 trillion vibrations per second or five times greater [6]. And now, also, we have entered the outer edge of the Golden Rays [7] coming from the Great Central Sun, which are the most transforming rays contacted during all the Ages.” (p. 15)

“Now in the process of our journey around this orbit we pass at various intervals within the radiation of twelve different and separate celestial constellations, each of which exerts a distinct and powerful influence upon our planet and lives. And those influences together with that of our altered relation to the Central Sun produces stupendous effects upon our little world.” (p. 22)

“This Great Sun has what might be termed a triple radiation called “regium, aurium and magnium,” signifying the difference in radial intensity as the distance increases from the center, those of the magnium being the farthest out and least effective.” [8] (p. 25)

[3] As a result of the Precession of the Equinoxes, the Sun’s position at the Vernal Equinox shifts backwards through the Zodiac over the course of centuries. It completes a full circle in 25,920 years. Since this symbolizes a complete passage of the Sun through the Zodiac, it has been interpreted by occultists as the Great Year, in which the Sun’s position in a constellation at any given time represents an Age of approximately 2,150 years. Hence, we have the Age of Taurus, Age of Aquarius, *etc.* Many modern occultists identify the Central Sun with the star Alcyone (Eta Tauri, brightest star in the Pleiades open cluster in the constellation Taurus) and follow Mayan legends in claiming that our solar system rotates once around Alcyone every 26,000 years. Modern astronomical knowledge shows this claim to be patently false as our solar system does not revolve around Alcyone.

[4] Since it is composed of both airy and watery elements, the Aquarian influence has traditionally been seen as an energy designed to quench spiritual, rather than physical, thirst.

[5] The Age of Pisces has been interpreted as a “low age” since much of its focus is concerned with discerning the truth behind what’s perceived by the five physical senses. The Age of Aquarius, on the other hand, will usher in a period in which humanity en masse will experience a profound spiritual awakening. There continues to be considerable disagreement concerning the exact boundaries of the ages with the start of the Aquarian Age being dated anywhere from 1447 CE to 3621 CE.

[6] The visible spectrum of light Red – Orange – Yellow – Green – Blue – Indigo – Violet progresses from longer to shorter wavelengths. Many occultists claim that we are in a highly volatile period between cycles, a period of extremes, having reached the spiritual bottom of a cosmic cycle under the influence of Piscean red rays, and now entering into the glory age of the air/water sign Aquarius with its violet rays.

[7] Golden rays have traditionally been interpreted as heavenly.

[8] This triple radiation, or three-fold ray, breaks down into the three traditional elements: regium (“royal”), aurium (“golden”) and magnium (“fiery”). The fiery component, or that which is purely physical, is the least of the three elements.

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