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not a "special fluid," it is merely a fluid whose chemical composition one attempts to analyze in the same way any other substance is analyzed; it is nothing special. But if we have gained the starting point of being able to understand the metamorphosis of air and light from the soul aspect, we shall gradually advance to the soul-spiritual comprehension of the human being himself, in every respect; then we shall not have abstract matter and abstract spirit, but spirit, soul, and body working into one another. This will be Michael-culture.

This is what our time demands. This is what ought to be grasped with all the fibres of the soul life by those human beings who wish to understand the present time.

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*A Star*

Andrei Belyi

There fell to earth the sun's own reddish sphere.
Above the earth, its gleaming so emboldened,
There rose a mirrornocity all golden
Just glimmering to ashes.
There appears all round: grey haze, and mists
obscure us. . . .

The turquoise now starts glowing glassy green,
And clearly can a brilliant tear be seen —
The adamantine, adamantine Venus.

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