



For the spiritualist, the path of the zodiac forms an important course of his theoretical and practical study. The zodiac is the limitation of man when he is in the lowest and at the same time it is the path of his liberation when he is on the higher plane.

These lines are from "Spiritual Astrology" by Dr. E. Krishnamacharya. Spiritual astrology deals with the relationship between man and cosmos. It is one of the six keys to the secrets of wisdom whose centre is the consciousness of man. Through study and continuing meditation on the human and animal forms of the zodiac, he discovers that he is a small image of the cosmic man. He eventually realizes within himself all the planets, the solar system, and the cosmic plan to which he devotes his life. This wisdom reveals itself to the person who lives in the soul consciousness. Whoever is firmly anchored in the personality will never find the subtle dimensions.

The "Letters on Spiritual Astrology" contain thoughts from the wisdom teachings. Their purpose is to give encouragement to explore connections and correspondences and to elevate oneself to the level of Oneness which is found beyond the riddles of creation.

Aquarius

Breaking Solidified Forms

When we look at the present state of our planet, we see that we, the humanity, have severely disturbed the ecological system and jeopardized the bases of life in an alarming manner. The earth is poisoned by chemicals, plants and animals are manipulated to yield greater profits. Recently we also manipulate the genes or even try to clone human life. There is a great fascination in breaking every natural law to see how it is. Traditions and authorities of old are challenged, sexual taboos done away. Marriages and family relations break, professional courses take a sudden end. In the meantime the churches in the West grow empty, on the other hand the thirst for new things and the unknown grows. In the electronic world unimagined dimensions of networking open up and allow a deep look into most different worlds of human thinking and feeling. New markets come up, collapsing a little later and dissolving enormous sums of money into nothing. Many people experience the rapid developments of the last years and decades as a menace. It is as if a big flood makes dams break, inundates the land and washes away all that comes in the way - an experience some go through also physically. There is no place on earth remaining untouched by these shockwaves. They seize all forms of life and break that which appears to be outer security and certainty.

All this happens under the inrush of the energies of Aquarius; from out of the jar of Aquarius the waters of new life flow symbolically. They break solidified forms and help us to overcome circumscriptions and restraints. From our side we tend to so-

lidify and to create circumstances of life which condition and tie us. We lock ourselves up into family, regional, national or religious concepts and confine ourselves by our own ideas. Even in the name of spirituality we build mental prisons, we speak about profound concepts, which remain empty without experience. Aquarius teaches wisdom through experience: The wisdom we learn through our own experience is deeper than all book knowledge. Hence the masters of wisdom today give us the knowledge of the Laws of Life and of the consequences if we don't follow them. However they let us free to do what we want and to make our own experiences. They only help us if we want and don't restrict our free will. The life circumstances themselves impart us the necessary lessons.

In today's planetary situation many expect the intervention of a superhuman power in order to set things right, but the superhuman always works through men. If however we think that we can solve the situation ourselves, we overestimate our capacities: Our mind is limiting us, our intellect doesn't get us any further. Therefore the Aquarian energy has paid a visit to the planet, this also being called the descent of the Avatar of Synthesis. His energies work in all kingdoms of nature in order to "lift up the earth to the Kings of Beauty". They work from the inside, therefore we have to look inside and learn to adjust to them, if we don't want to go through painful experiences.

Uranus, Ruler of Aquarius

Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius, helps us with these adjustments. He causes sudden upheavals and crises. He destroys all that obstructs the soul and reconstructs from inside. Uranus encourages spontaneity, originality and inventiveness. His work is electric and fast like a streak of lightning, a pervasive energy of high speed, which accelerates the pace of life. When sun or moon pass through the sign of Aquarius, particularly in the second half, they convey expansions of awareness. We can use these energies, if we tune into them meditatively, particularly at the full moon and new moon of Aquarius. From 1995 to 2003 Uranus is in Aquarius, during this time he has bestowed on us tremendous changes in the outer and in the inner.

The Aquarian Master

When 1912 - 1920 Uranus was the last time in Aquarius, the great upheavals started. Also at that time many people expected the arrival of a new energy, but it didn't happen as they thought it would do: The planet received the energies of synthesis through the transmission of the great master called Agastya or Master Jupiter in theosophical circles. He manifested through Master CVV (1868 - 1922), who lived in South India in the city of Kumbhakonam and also was mayor there. He didn't choose the place by chance: Kumbha means Aquarius and konam angle - Aquarian angle. Through his life he taught the Aquarian ideal of a simultaneous conscious existence on all levels - to live in the state of samadhi and to pursue the domestic, professional and social duties simultaneously. To work in a small city and to train 1000 mediums at the same time to anchor the pervasive Aquarian energy in the ether and thus to uplift the earth. All Uranian he told his surrounding that they cannot understand his work, several centuries would be needed to assimilate what has come. In order that we can react on the higher vibrations a bridge has to be built between the individual,

planetary, solar and universal mind. He said: "We will let down some kind of a fishhook and draw you up with it. You call and I will answer."

Construction of the Higher Bridge

Therefore the bridge is constructed from above downwards, in us between the head and the ajna centre. In the body the axis of this bridge is the higher counterpart of the sign of Aquarius, over which the flashes of intuition come into our mind. It is a state of experience, in which there is not yet any consciousness, any observer who could observe the event, because knowledge and knower are one. This state is a passage from the unknown to the known and is compared with the transition of awakening: In sleep we are merged with the existence. When we awaken we know that we come out of sleep, but we don't know how we awaken. The transition is the Aquarian state, it is called the positive number 0, which isn't emptiness, but fullness: "It is true and it is not true, therefore it is not untrue" the seers describe the state of fullness lying beyond the mental capacity. Symbolically it is represented by the circle with the central point. Part of this symbol was revealed to Madame Blavatsky by the Masters. The symbol has a blue colour and is of a constructive nature. You can imagine the centre of the circle in the heart centre and the circle in the surrounding. The ancient Vedic mantram "Purna Madah, Purna Midam ..." describes its essence: "THAT is perfection. 'This' is perfection. 'This' springs from the perfection of THAT. When IT takes itself out of itself, perfection remains."

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