

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

The Original Manuscript

Man is comparable to a manuscript written in his own hand, of which there is only one existing copy. Mme Blavatsky says that she has found the original copy, i.e. the being. Everyone of us is an original, of which there is no second. Every soul is unique and develops in its own special way. Nobody can do a work in the same manner as someone else. Therefore one shouldn't endeavour to be like someone other than oneself. Out of an old habit people like to copy others, but imitation belongs to the state of consciousness of a child who emulates parents and teachers. As long as we're unsure about how to do something, we feel more secure in mimicking someone whom we trust. We feel good about following someone else until we have the necessary self-confidence, the confidence in ourselves as souls. In the future there will be no more blind following and obedience, for every man will become a thinking being. He will prefer to gather his own information and on this basis decide how to proceed. More and more children respond to their parents: "Don't get mixed up in my affairs. Don't impose on me, I know what I have to do myself and will do it well. Don't worry about me, just handle me properly."

The energies of Aquarius and of its ruler Uranus encourage natural originality. Aquarius is not restrained to the beaten track, standing in opposition to accepting orders and being told. This sign doesn't make decisions for others, but only for itself. Suggestions are only given to those who are prepared to be guided. If you feel receptive, you can accept and follow them. If not, you simply leave it aside and make your own experiences. Aquarius doesn't ac-

cept hollow traditions. Values are maintained, but traditions which restrict and are devoid of value are destroyed or simply decay. That's why, in the West, there is a negative, rebellious attitude towards traditions and authorities. This attitude however disposes of things of value right along with lesser valuable things.

Learning Through Experience

From the standpoint of the Hierarchy, these aberrations are of no consequence, as souls do continue to incarnate. They might experiment and burn themselves, once, twice, thrice, or four times, but finally they will learn. In the old scriptures it is written: "Thou shalt not steal." In the Aquarian age of today it is said, "You can steal if you are ready to face the consequences." If a child doesn't want to learn, we can tell him, "You can do what you like, if you are ready to live as a beggar later." Someone who ignores his health in the name of freedom will wind up with incurable diseases and the associated difficulties, prompting him to eventually track down the causes. A smoker might stop when he has a heart attack, a drinker when his blood pressure increases seriously. We can only inform people about wisdom and about the consequences of not following it. A master said: "People know, but they don't care to put to use what they have been informed about."

Patterns of the Past

We know many things which we can't translate into practice. Something within us, which arises from the seeds of past karma, overwhelms our knowledge and

prompts us to do stupid things. These seeds don't perish, but emerge to wreak havoc as soon as there is an occasion. Our subconscious minds are conditioned by these patterns and we can also identify others by their patterns. They are very difficult to overcome: We know that we shouldn't criticize, manipulate or act emotionally, but do it nevertheless. We know that we shouldn't be possessive, and though we have decided against it, we remain imprisoned by the pattern.

Master CVV, the Aquarian Master, says that we shouldn't be worried about it, and that he has already gotten in touch with the Gandharvas, the Lords of vibration beyond creation. Vena, a Gandharva, is immediately prepared to begin the work of cleaning the scribbled pictures off of the walls of our subconscious minds and to wipe off the last trace. In Spiritual Psychology it is said that he accomplishes this with the help of sounds: "Vena, the Gandharva, is wiping off the pictures of the subconscious mind on the walls of my nature with the hieroglyphs of sound from his seven stringed lyre. When we work with the given sound keys, rapid changes take place. To our surprise, positive changes result, and people might say that it seems we are no longer the same. We can visualize the energy of this Gandharva above our Sahasrara, or head centre, how it enters through this centre, reaches the ajna and brow centre, and continues to flow down through the remaining centres to fill them with light and sound. Then the energy rises again as the serpent, which now has become the winged serpent or the eagle. It requires a certain discipline to vocalize the sound key CVV and to observe the resultant inner happenings twice a day. However, the master has assured the required changes, which will enable us to experience the inner light. Particularly at the time when the Sun or Moon proceeds through the constellation Dhanishtha in Aquarius, there is a more effective downpour of the Aquarian energy through sound, which is also called the energy of synthesis. Each year the Sun goes through this constellation from around February 7th to 20th.

The head centre is related to the sign of Pisces, the upper part of the forehead to Aquarius. Even though

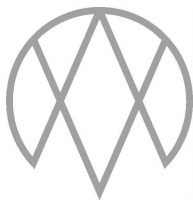
the coming seven years, while Uranus is going through Pisces, will be difficult times in the objective world, they are favourable to spiritual achievement. They assist us in opening the way to Vena, to bring in the corresponding energies and to wipe the pictures of the karma of the past off of the walls of our subconscious minds.

Restructuring

The energy of Aquarius is a form-building and form-dissolving energy. Like a potter who breaks that which isn't good enough and creates something new and better out of his clay, Aquarius can break and re-shape the forms of the various planes. The higher circles have decided that man's present models aren't suitable to experience the incoming light. The keywords are restructuring and rearranging.

In the past decades, a large number of structures in economy, politics, society, and in the individual & spiritual fields have been changed. Some consider this rapid change to be dangerous, others to be important and necessary. Regardless how it is discussed, structures must be flexible and supple for the Aquarian age. Concepts of nations and governments are therefore shaken up and races mixed, in order to break individualism and separatism and to cause societies to interrelate. We shouldn't participate in this work of unification with logic and arguments in order to convince others, but instead through simple cooperation. We can link with others on the level of the soul, and when we include them in our meditation, we begin to do work that is complementary. The soul will work via the plane of the soul; personalities need not come together for this. This work is done across countries and continents. When we carry out our work on the soul plane, we automatically cooperate with others.

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