



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.

Aries

HEAD AND SPINE

We human beings live on earth as upright beings, our head is the highest point. With the foetus it develops first. The other parts of the body grow downward along the spine. Consciousness, too, descends from the head through the vertebral column and becomes the earthly consciousness. On the way of evolution consciousness ascends again through the spine up to the head, to the spiritual origin. The head and the base of the spine resemble two poles of a magnet, around the axis of which form the lines of force of our existence. The head is the apex. In the same way earth's axis, around which the globe rotates, has its apex in the North Pole and in the Pole Star. In us the head centre and the „I AM“-principle are the centre of rotation and the spine its axis.

Our head contains all sense organs, the energetic centre at the apex of the head contains the higher equivalents of all energy centres arranged along the spine as well as the principles of all zodiacal signs - a miniature cosmos. The head is the most radiant part of our body, and its upper part is ruled by the fiery sign of Aries. The arch of the eyebrows and the nose can be meditated as the symbol of Aries (♈) in our face.

ARIES - FRESH JOIE DE VIVRE

Aries is considered as the most radiant sign, as the head of the zodiac. From a spiritual point of view it forms the point of beginning and peak. In the

course of the day it corresponds to noontime. Aries is the seed, the first vibration emerging as a new idea. It is the first impulse from the background of eternity, the impetus for a new beginning. This is represented by the head of the ram shooting ahead with full power.

This sign is fresh, elated joie de vivre, running forward with zeal. It stands for expansion, impetuous force and the impulse to destroy outdated forms in order to inaugurate better, more progressive states. On the plane of individuality Aries means war, destruction and upheaval. Here the ruling planet is Mars, the principle of „I want“. Its colour is red, blood its tissue, iron its metal. Aries personalities are considered to be powerful and not wasting time. They tend to be thoughtless, impulsive and headstrong. With their enthusiasm they are often too fast. What is to be worked out in ten days, they work out in three days, but they are knocked flat for the next seven days. Aries, like generally people with fiery signs, has to learn to set his pace in a reasonable good speed, but not in overspeed.

Aries likes to shine and has a high opinion of himself. If someone is successful through his achievements and becomes strong, his wilfulness and pride also grow at the same time. There is a story in the Vedas of a very intelligent and skilful man, the king Daksha, who was filled with pride. Daksha exists in all of us as consciousness of personality. The story tells in symbols how Daksha was made humble by the Lord getting his head cut and replaced by the head of a ram. The cutting and exchanging of the

head stands symbolically for the exchanging of the individual plan through the Divine plan. By attuning one's individual plans to the Divine plan, man overcomes his wilfulness and raises from personality consciousness to soul consciousness. It is recommended to ponder on the story of Daksha in the month of Aries.

SEEDS OF THE COMING YEAR

Spiritual astrology teaches that the beginning of a cycle contains, like a birth, the seeds for the whole development. The month of Aries holds the seeds of the coming cycle of the year. Since times of old the 15 days from Aries new moon to full moon were considered as particularly important to sow the seeds for the next solar year. The same is true with the months of Aries, Taurus and Gemini. For him who in this time intensely works at giving a better order to his five senses and mind, it is more easy during the rest of the year to maintain equanimity and right orientation. Time itself helps him with his endeavours.

Each time the sun goes through Aries, Taurus and Gemini the planet has the opportunity to receive and express energies from higher circles. At Aries full moon the new idea emerges and is received and assimilated by the initiates. At Taurus full moon spiritual hierarchy conveys it to the disciples. During Gemini it is brought more to the outside and given to the wider humanity. Those who wish to join the group of co-workers work out the plan according to their understanding during the rest of the year and thus prepare themselves for the next cycle.

INCREASING THE VIBRATION

In the past it was part of the Great Plan to make mankind self-conscious. Now there is the urgency of time that people again become soul-conscious, open for the needs of the whole. It is a crisis for humanity to be born again in spirit and to work from a higher level. Our challenge is to give full attention to the soul and to become receptive of its rhythm. Many are only little cooperative and too much busy with non-essentials and with themselves. The matters of personality however are only of little importance. It is now time to leave the kindergarten, i.e. to put the spiritual concepts into practice and not to play with them only. The most effective exercise is to see always and everywhere during the day the presence of the Divine, even in the unpleasant and difficult.

The year commencing with Aries is always causing a great change of vibration, a downflow of rays of light. This might be perceived by those who develop right attention. All fiery signs of the cycle are particularly significant to adopt a higher rhythm. Let such an increased focus begin and thus the work be carried on.

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