



***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

### THE COSMIC EGG

In the Egyptian "Book of the Death" the God Ra is said to be in the solar egg. He is described to beam in his egg (the sun) and to start off as soon as the solar energy awakens and gives him the impulse. The solar God exclaims: "I am the creative soul of the celestial abyss. None sees my nest; none can break my egg. I am the Lord." Ra is the mighty one and the egg is the symbol of Light, of immortality and eternity.

The Eastern wisdom knows the seed sound Ra or Ram as the sound of the Cosmic Fire, which permeates space. The symbolism of the egg forms one of the major keys of the ancient wisdom. It says that the globe of space manifests as a radiant golden egg from out of the darkness of the background and that the Creator, Brahma, lives in it. From out of the egg of the Presence comes the Cosmic Man. He manifests through number 10: The 1 represents the I AM of the Lord, the 0 or the egg the divine Nature. Before creation unfolds itself, it has the shape of an egg, later that of a lotus, as the ever unfolding principle. The poetic mind of the seers describes that the Mother of the World lives in a lake full of lotuses representing the many universes. With the unfolding of a lotus the One Light of the "Mother of the Worlds" divides into 12 different kinds of light, radiates into the 7 planes of creation and lends them light and life. 12 x 7 makes 84, the number related to Uranus and his period of revolution around the sun. Therefore Uranus is also regarded as the greater sun, on the spiritual plane he rules over the cardinal fiery sign of Aries.

According to the law of correspondences the unfolding globe of the cosmos, the space globe surrounding us and the egg in the womb are analogous. During the months of pregnancy the egg grows up in the womb like the lotus in space. After birth man follows his path within the egg or the sphere of the 12 signs of the zodiac. The stalk which links the egg with the ovary corresponds to the sunrise in the day and the zodiacal sign ascending at birth in the East, the ascendant. In the solar year it corresponds to the vernal equinox, with which the sign of Aries begins. The tradition to celebrate the resurrection of Christ or the awakening of the spirit with eggs at Easter reminds us of the deep spiritual reality of the cosmic seed principle.

### GERMINATION OF NEW LIFE

The symbol of Aries ♈ can be regarded as a blade of grass with two diverging leaves, from the middle of which the next generation of the node of tender grass leaf emerges. The annual herbs - like nearly all cereals, which are our chief foods from the plant kingdom - die by producing their fruit. For this reason they symbolize the reaping and sowing of karma. Aries brings the new seed, the impulse for a fresh beginning; astrologically it is therefore the beginning of the year. During the full moon hours of Aries the seed for the plan of the coming annual cycle is received by the great initiates from higher circles. After the reception of the seed in Aries its "soaking" is in Taurus and in Gemini it is being expressed. Already before the seed is received it exists, but it is not perceptible. There-

fore it is said that the Word was with God and then it came to man. Only when the Word comes to man, its seed develops in him. And the seed of the idea then spreads into the thought and is expressed later: It is the Will that proposes an idea, which we then should understand in the right way and afterwards put it into action.

## INSTRUMENTS OF TRANSFORMATION

To be able to receive the new seed and to express it, inner purity is necessary. The first 15 days of Aries are a good time for us to orient to the inner and to give a better order to our senses. Mantric sounds like “Sri Ram” help us with this. “Sri” stands for the splendour, the Divine Nature. The fiery sound is uttered and written repeatedly, in order to burn the impurities on the physical, emotional and mental planes, making thus the personality transparent. The sound has the power to purify, protect and direct. It helps speedier transformation and generates intuitional following of the Law.

Another instrument are rituals. Initiates use rituals to replenish their will and thus to be able to conduct great tasks in an effective manner. The flames of a fire ritual are meant to burn away impure thoughts and to bestow on us lightful thoughts. We can sit in the dawn hours with a pure body before a flame, looking to the East or the North-East and speak mentally with the flame: “Oh Master, please burn up the impure in me and give me the fiery power to conduct actions of good will.” Especially the fiery signs of the zodiac - Aries, Leo and Sagittarius - as well as Sundays and Thursdays can give us a lot of fiery energy. By the way, the meaning of name of Master Djwhal Khul, who gave us the Treatise on Cosmic Fire, is “A Garland of Flames”. He has mastered the fiery element and therefore works for the transformation of the fire of mind. He knows how to cook and serve the wisdom in order to make it tasty for us, so that we are able to assimilate it.

## TAKING THE FIGHT INTO THE INNER

The fiery energy of Mars rules Aries on the outer plane. It makes us fight with all that comes into

our way, in order to conquer and defeat it. Power, determination, venture, rashness and obstinacy are the keynotes of the lower Aries type. He thinks only of his intention and his action and not of how others see a matter. He is the energetic type of a leader, who directly rushes at that which he wants to attain - no matter how much war, fight and opposition there might be.

Outer fight comes from inner unrest. On the spiritual path we have to learn to take the fight into the inner and to fight with our own personality. A good government will fight the inner weaknesses instead of fighting other nations. Only when we take the fight into the inner, we can overcome the lower, impetuous aspect of Mars. Thus the power of discernment slowly awakens and with it the light of wisdom. The enlightened mind is Mercury, the higher ruler of Aries. When the light in the head grows more and more strong, Uranus finally becomes the Lord of Aries. He is the light ray of intuition, which is being received via the higher centres in the head. Therefore Aries is considered to be the most radiant and most enlightened sun sign representing the upper part of the head and the midday light in the course of the day.

He who realizes the light in the head ascends into the divine kingdom. If however we grow in knowledge without wisdom and modesty, the pride in our own achievements grows. In the Eastern wisdom there is the history of Daksha, a very intelligent and skilful person. He was very proud of his abilities. The story tells that Daksha was made humble by the Lord by cutting his head and replacing it with the head of a lamb, which later developed to a ram. The exchange of the head symbolizes exchanging the individual plan with the Divine Plan. It is recommended to ponder on this story each year in the month of Aries, in order to harmonize one's own plan of life with the Divine Plan and to begin the annual cycle in the right way.

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