



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.

Cancer

THE MOTHER OF THE WORLD

Every morning we awake from sleep, then we are active during the day and go again to bed in the evening. When we wake up in the morning, our awareness awakens. Out of the state of existence the light of awareness rises. In the same way the Light of the World rises out of the background of existence, and the cyclical movement of creation emerges. In the East the first, highest Light is called *Aditi*, the Divine Mother, the radiant white light.

The primeval, unlimited Light centralises, a field gets formed, in which a birth of centres of light takes place. Out of the original Light the 12 *Aditias*, the centres of light, emerge, which give rise to the solar bodies of light. Thus the one light divides into 12 lights, which come to us through the 12 signs of the zodiac. The 12 varieties of light condense into the fabric of material existence. Just like the soul, the solar angel, descends into the body as its reflection, our sun condenses into the fabric of the solar system and the planetary centres. From the solar principle the light weaves the denser structures. The Weaver in the Light is called in the East the Son or the Mind of the Sun, *Vaivasvatha Manu*. He conducts the process of manifestation on the planes of the more dense moulding of forms.

All light is part of the one Light of the World. It is worshipped in the female form, since it is the first emanation of the eternal existence: This is the origin of the worship of the Divine Mother. God in creation is the Mother, the Father is beyond creation. Potentially the creation is male-female; the Father is the content of the form, the form itself is the Mother. The Father permeates every plane of existence, the formation of the planes however is the work of the Mother, which she carries out with the support of the Father. So that which we call God in creation is the Divine Mother, and the Father is contained in her. The Mother of the World receives energy from the Father and distributes it into creation. She herself is the vehicle of manifestation, the custodian of the living spiritual essence.

The zodiacal sign of Cancer symbolises Nature as Mother, whose quality is to receive in order to distribute. The fourth sign, the house of Cancer, stands for the home and represents service to the family and to society. Love and cordiality are the fundamental principles holding the family system together. Love is magnetic and holds different things together in unity. The love of a higher dimension sets free and doesn't try to possess others. The masters of wisdom, as expressions of the divine Mother aspect, allow as much freedom as any soul seeks. They further the welfare of humanity, they help us, when we ask for it.

THE FULL MOON OF THE TEACHER

In the East Cancer Full Moon is celebrated as the full moon of the teacher (Guru Purnima) and is dedicated to the great Master of Wisdom Vedavyasa. Vedavyasa

is the teacher who for our time cycle gave the great epic poem Mahabharata with the Bhagavad Geeta as well as the Bhagavatam and who created a classification of the Vedic wisdom. It is said that he has ascended to higher planes, but gives his presence at this full moon.

The chain of teachers reminds us that we receive in order to give: Every teacher received knowledge and wisdom from his teacher in order to give it to others, who can grow up that way. When we receive wisdom, we are a moon, when we give, we are a sun for those who receive. If we receive without giving, there is a jam and we suffer from the possession. This is true for all that comes to us: If we receive money, we should see that it is also used for others; if we can heal or if we have power, this should also be used for the well-being of others. Since we have received a body, we should also give a body. Through right receiving and giving we gain balance of mind.

THE REFLECTIVE PRINCIPLE

The ruler of the sign of Cancer is the moon. The moon receives its light from the sun and distributes it to the earth. The light of the moon is full, when it passes the sunrays on completely. The moon principle of receiving and reflecting exists on all planes of existence, our sun is also a reflective principle on a higher plane, which receives its energies from a central sun and distributes it to the solar system. The reflective principle, called *Chandra* in Sanskrit, speaks of transparency. If someone is full of transparency, he is full of love; if however he has a hidden agenda, he cannot love. He tries to manipulate others by means of one-sided or withhold information. To be transparent means to communicate and to share information and knowledge. Where there is no transparency, the moon - the symbol of the mind - is troubled. Those who possess power, money and luxury without sharing cease to be transparent, and that is their trouble. Hunger and thirst for possession and holding, but also waste and irresponsible shopping are expressions of an inner impurity, which has seized great parts of humanity. The human psyche gets more and more hungry and thirsty for things; we fill our houses and still have the feeling of not having enough. The desire to hold on is an expression of the

nature of Cancer. To store out of fear for tomorrow is a dangerous attitude, which blocks the stream of vital energy. We get conditioned and imprisoned by our ideas and concepts. We can only free ourselves of the prison by shifting our awareness and by neutralising our conditioning through service to the surrounding life. It is only through service - on whatever plane - that we can develop inner and outer purity.

MAINTAINING PURITY

Today it has become very difficult to maintain purity. It is hard to get pure water, pure air or pure food, pure thoughts of devotion are also disappearing. If young people don't have sexual relations already in an early age many consider it to be not normal. Drug consumption is also widespread. Purity however is a fundamental prerequisite for spiritual growth. We can promote the habit of pure thoughts by asking ourselves: What is my attitude to the people in my surrounding? Am I pure in my thoughts and emotions or am I proud, jealous, possessive? Purity in our way of life opens the doorway to higher beings. In purity we can receive to give on in purity. Through the principle of purity the Divine Mother protects and guards us against dangers.

With the entrance of the sun into the sign of Cancer at the summer solstice on June 21st the annual cycle enters into a phase of condensation and concretising. Therefore Cancer is also called the dusk of the solar year. We walk into a process of descent, in which the objective side or the aspect of matter is prevailing. Here is the opportunity to consolidate that which has been gained during the first part of the year. Now the challenge for us is not to forget the wisdom acquired and not to lose ourselves in the outer. If we succeed to keep our inner intention in mind and to carry this wisdom into daily life and put it into practice, we will be ready for a new step of development in the next cycle of ascent.

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