



***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

### Music and Consciousness

When we listen to a beautiful music, the eyes close themselves after a while and we get absorbed into the music. We forget that we listen to the music: All that remains is the music, neither the listeners remain nor the musicians nor the room in which the music is played. If at this moment somebody comes to us and says: "That's very beautiful music, isn't it?" this question is very unpleasant for us and we answer: "Please keep silent." The pure experience doesn't allow any thought. A thought serves to explain something about the experience and make it clear after the experience is over. During the experience itself the thought is an obstacle: As long as we think about our hearing of music, we don't really listen to it. The same can occur with other forms of creative work: Only after a while we realise that time has passed. We know nothing about the span of the experience. Often the same is the case with an intuition: We simply carry it out - only later a logic develops in our mind around the intuition, which tries to support and to explain the intuitive action.

Music has the ability to directly rise the consciousness from the emotional plane to the plane of the soul and to make it dive into it without the help of the mental planes. This path is related with the sign of Cancer and its ruling planets Moon and Neptune. Musical sound work through the unconsciousness as a mantra. If they are used rightly, they can have a healing effect. The sounds dissolve obstacles in us, and we can experience the bliss of comprehensive levels of consciousness.

Without a skilful teacher however the work with sounds is a dangerous way: Actually music should build us up and make us harmonious, but if we listen to certain kinds of sounds we get deeply disturbed and our energies dissolve. Today sounds and rhythms are also created without any sensitivity and it is called music.

Through music great masses can be influenced. We can be led into subconscious levels and into illusions and indulgence; in this our mind gets weakened. Especially in combination with alcohol and drugs music develops an intoxicating effect, which is related with the lower influence of Neptune. Therefore people with a keen intellect might reject working with sounds and mantras. Since the concrete mind tries to systematize and to crystallize, they find it difficult to engage in a transformation process which goes via experience and not via meaning. Sounds and music however are considered to be the highest means for inner transformation and also for energising the surrounding. Reciting the Gayatri-mantra for example has a musical, metrical and charming effect. When we go deeply into the sound, we get totally aligned. The scattered energies in us find together, the body cells are purified and transformed, our mind gets silent and transparent. The soft, harmonious music of flute, violin or guitar flowing like a wave can also build up our vital energies and arrange the vibrations in the house.

### Electromagnetic Patterns

The mind is connected with the moon, and the moon conveys to us the influence of Neptune. In

this lies the importance of the full moon meditations, especially at Cancer full moon: It is not a question of the moon light, but that we become aware of the magnetic lines of force coming from the musical vibrations of Neptune being reflected by the moon to the earth. In the East it is said that the reflection of the moon even transmits Soma, the nectar of life, to the earth. We try to attune to these energies and to contemplate on them.

In its movement around the earth the moon follows a rhythm: It runs through fifteen phases until full moon and then goes again back through fifteen phases to new moon. The cyclical movement through the new moon and full moon in each sun sign builds up patterns out of the magnetic forces. They create high tide and low tide with the waters of the earth and etheric and astral currents with man. By the sun an electrical work is being done. In this the daily path of the sun around the equator works like an induction coil, which builds up the required electric field around the earth. The seeming southern and northern movement of the sun from the tropic of Cancer to the tropic of Capricorn weaves the electric lines of force. In this way the equator is charged on both sides with the radiant energies of the sun and the electromagnetic field is generated around the earth. These electromagnetic phenomena form the vital sphere around the earth. It is called by the Masters 'Plenty of Prana' and is worked out by the earth as the life of the planet. The living beings carry this life as their individual electromagnetic field. The movement patterns of sun, moon and planets create the innumerable diversity of the patterns of the individual living beings and shape the behaviour. They correspond with the patterns a man has developed in earlier times and is connected with the time of birth of the person.

## ***The Music of the Soul***

The cardinal watery sign of Cancer represents the "mother's womb" of the subconscious nature. It

protects and directs life through instinct, impulse and behaviour, until it awakens to the soul. On the mundane plane Cancer rules the mental activity, which is coloured by emotions and feelings: Our mind wavers, sometimes it is hopeful and luminous like the waxing moon, then again dark, full of fear, hesitation and pessimism. We only overcome the ebb and flow of the personality when we adjust ourselves to the tide of soul life. In the chamber of the heart we experience, how the current of the sound of silence eternally flows in and enlivens us. The music of the soul pulsates in our being, through it Neptune gives us a reorientation to inside. Krishna's flute music was of this neptunian quality, it could lead people into soul awareness, no matter in which state they were. When we listen to the pulsation, which is the basis of our respiration, and are totally engaged in it, we can hear certain sounds like bells, flute or string music. It is an original music and so beautiful that we would like to unite ourselves totally with it. He who lives out of this origin is beyond all patterns and set patterns. He is an original, he has no frame which binds him. We cannot expect him behaving in this or that manner. However he can adapt at any time and at any place to each pattern and every structure. The way he behaves and reacts is always something which has never been there before. He is charming and very inspiring. All Great Ones live out of this origin, therefore we cannot typecast them and also understand them only a little. But we can reach this originality ourselves by associating ourselves more and more with the music of the soul and by resounding through us.

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