



***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.*

## Capricorn

### HEAVEN AND EARTH-BORN MAN

Science says that man has developed out of matter, during the evolution from mineral via plant and animal, and that the monkey is the ancestor of man. But even the highest developed animal cannot be compared with man, and between the brain of a monkey and that of a very primitive man there is a gap, which cannot be explained. The wisdom teachings speak of a "descent of man" from higher circles and explain that after the planet had been prepared and the material forms adequately developed, the heavenly man descended into the body to gain experiences. The one half of the human being is formed and enlivened by the forces involved in matter; they work out the forms of the mineral, plant and animal kingdom up to the lower part of the human mind. This part of man is called "the vehicle not different from the animal." The higher part is the real man described in the scriptures. It is built by the devas (beings) from higher circles called the Solar Angels; in the East they are called Agnishvattas or also Kumaras - the eternal youths, which don't involve in matter. Their presence in us gives us self-awareness and the power to mould the beautiful soul. Through the dawning of the light of their presence we can gain control over the different planes of our personality. But just as light makes visible all objects in a room, however doesn't clean up itself, their light shows us what is all right with us and what is not. It doesn't interfere with our affairs, but gives us the inspiration to use our discriminating will and to correct our lives with greater clarity. The undeveloped mind is like a

closed bud. When the flower turns more and more to the sun, then it will open up in time.

### THE DAWN

Each time light overcomes darkness, this is a dawn. Whenever we think of the light, this is for us the dawning of the light. For the planet this happens once every 24 hours. In the lunar month it corresponds to the first phase after new moon, in the course of the year to the month of Capricorn. The effect of dawn upon the beings of earth is more profound as it seems to us. Like the mystery of the daily awakening the dawning of the higher awareness cannot be completely understood by the consciousness of objectivity. The sun's rays contain spiritual activity which will be showered upon the beings of earth during the first two hours after sunrise. They help us to make the mind transparent. The sun rays of the dawn in Capricorn carry in themselves the double nature of matter-spirit in its ideal blend. Spirit meets man through soul in this sign. Capricorn is the third earthy sign in the zodiac, the spiritual and subtle matter, through which Light can permeate without getting arrested. In its lower aspect Capricorn however represents hardness, crystallisation, and material condensation. In the gross matter the possibility for permeation is little. Man shows rigid attitudes and fix convictions, his activities are mainly of an intellectual and utilitarian type. He believes in religion only in so far as the ethical and social side is concerned. He is sceptical towards all on principle and he is circumscribed and confined by the material.

The subtler the matter is the better the spirit can shine through. The true goal of Capricorn is the return from matter to spirit. Each year Capricorn offers to us the possibility to free ourselves from the dense matter of the body - without leaving the body - and to become a son of God. Thus every year, at the entrance of the sun into Capricorn happens the birth of the Saviour, and therefore this is the real day of the birth of Christ, the World Saviour. The winter solstice at 0 degree Capricorn is a symbol for the rising spirit, because the sun starts to go northwards, no matter whether we are on the northern or southern hemisphere. When the sun rises from south to north, the spirit also rises in the living beings of the planet, and the individual soul, which is a copy of the sun, also rises more easily. During the time of sunrise and particularly in the month of Capricorn, where the days have a special importance for inner purification, it is good to take the position of the five-pointed Star, looking to the East. While doing this we can visualise with closed eyes how the orange or golden light enters into us. The light permeates and fills us and flows through all parts of the body. This brings about a purification of the senses and the body.

### THE LIGHT ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP

Capricorn is the tenth sign, it is also called the mount, where Moses, the lawgiver, receives the Ten Commandments from the Sun God with the name "I AM THAT I AM" out of the burning bush. It is also the Mount of Transfiguration of the New Testament, on which the soul is glorified, after the personality has been conquered: For 40 days Jesus had prepared himself in the desert through fasting and penance and overcome the shadow. Satan is Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn, symbolising in his lower aspect the unpurified personality or the karma which circumscribes us. For him who willingly takes up the cross of his karma and works with it, Saturn becomes a friend and guide. For climbing the mountain of Capricorn inner determination and a focused use of all powers are necessary.

In the book "Supermundane - The Inner Life" it says: "The Great One taught people to pray within their hearts, upon the mountain, amid inspiring summits." (§ 150) A meditation technique of the wisdom teachings recommends: "Imagine a great rocky mountain, and at the top of its peak it has a light. You are this Light, and this mountain is your personality. It is as rocky and strong as the mountain. Let your higher self overlook, observe and examine your lower self and keep in mind that you are the higher self, and let the meditation happen. The lower self may contemplate on the higher and the higher self on the lower." When the higher self meditates on the personality, we visualise our lower self with its mental, emotional and bodily structures. It is like a pyramid with a crystal or a golden light on the top. We ascend to the light and propose that our body relaxes and our senses have a rest. We invoke the OM and imagine that the crystal sends forth the light. Regular visualisation of the personality from the light of the soul will show us day by day many things which we have to correct. By constant recollection that we are the soul we slowly ascend from the personality to the higher self.

For this to happen without hindrances, we also can visualise in our own being an orange five-pointed star in the heart centre on a daily basis. The five-pointed star you see everywhere at Christmas reminds us of the mystery of the fifth principle of man, of the mind. The shining five-pointed star in us, surrounded by a deep blue, is the form of the Lord in man. When our mind is purified and enlightened, we can receive the radiance and vibration from the Star of the Saviour.

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