

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.

Gemini

The Cosmic Messenger

The Eastern wisdom teachings speak of a great initiate by the name of Narada and call him the mind-born son of the creator. He is one of the five Kumaras - four rule over the cosmic, solar and planetary planes of creation, and the fifth, Narada, moves everywhere and conveys energies and messages between the different planes. Narada is the great messenger, he is also called the cosmic Mercury and is identified with the archangel Michael. He belongs to the beings who cannot be localized; for them there is neither down nor up, for they don't care about the planes. For them only the Light exists. Wherever these beings are present, they are present as I AM. When we think of them, they are there, even in the so-called lowest worlds. They have expanded themselves as an active subjectivity into objectivity.

Narada always carries with him a veena, a seven-stringed musical instrument, which has three lower and three higher strings and a thick one in the middle - symbol of the seven planes of creation. Narada can play on all seven strings, i.e. work with sound or vibration on all planes in order to stimulate the divine plan. In the Secret Doctrine Mme. Blavatsky writes in detail about Narada and his task. The descriptions of Narada in the scriptures are considered to be contradictory by the scholars and are not understood. For on the one hand he appears to be the Master of the Devas, the divine intelligences of Nature, and at the same time as a trouble maker who enjoys creating problems. However, this is only a symbolic presentation of the phenomenon of speech. Many conflicts arise out of

differences of opinion and of an irresponsible use of speech. In so far as we make a baser use of speech, we get into conflicts. When Narada uses the lower strings of his veena, he gives rise to problems for people; with the higher ones he creates harmony in creation. We have a great responsibility to be careful with the Word.

Transformation of the Mind

Right speech can heal and uplift, it transforms the lower into the higher. Mercury, the alchemist and lord of Gemini, guides this process of transformation. Yes, Mercury is the power by which we can attain the higher planes of existence. Thus symbolically speaking lead is made to gold. When our mind gets rid of lower influences, it transforms itself into Buddhi, the power of discrimination, and then handles the opposites in an impersonal way. Mercury is a neutral planet, it has no value of itself, but always transmits the energy of the planet near to it. In the month of Gemini Mercury works with greater power. The Masters of Wisdom use this transformative influence in order initiate people into the kingdom of God. That is why this month and particularly the 29th of May is considered to be a time of group initiation. Group consciousness means that the limits between the individuals disappear and the One Soul comes to the fore.

As long as we still live in the world of right and wrong and have the feeling that we are right and others are wrong, we still stand in front of the door to the inner temple. Light and darkness, good and bad, left and right are the two pillars of the

gate of the sign of Gemini ♊. We are always running against one of the pillars and cannot take the path through the middle. It is the nature of Gemini to grasp everything in pairs of opposites, but they can also lead us to the underlying unity. Especially the full moon of Gemini helps us to realize the limitations of our own concepts and to transcend them.

Respiration and Pulsation

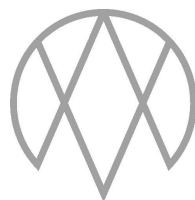
The rate with which we produce thoughts is in proportion to our breaths. When we are nervous or anxious, we have many thoughts and breathe more quickly. In a state of relaxation we breathe more slowly. The slower is the rate of respiration, the slower is our thought production. When we direct our mind to respiration, respiration and mind calm down mutually. When we are in a state, in which we have no thoughts, we do not breathe any more. We do not bring respiration or thoughts to a stop, but respiration and thoughts pause by themselves. The withdraw into the subtle rhythm of pulsation, since we have withdrawn into the inner chamber. From that centre inside and outside are one, we are absorbed into the entirety of the oceanic consciousness. Every master of wisdom lives in this source of subtle pulsation and comes from there to the outside if required. Even when he goes out, this does not disturb the rhythm of his system. The sound of Gemini is “So”, the mantram of inhalation, it is located in the throat centre. “Ham”, the mantram for exhalation, is the sound for Aries, since it utters forth the whole year. This sound is located in the head centre. “Ham-So” or “Hamsa” means “I am THAT” or also “the Great Swan”. We ourselves are the swan swimming in the pure waters of the ether. Symbolically the swan is the bird capable of separating milk from water, and “milk” here means the eternal principle and “water” the transitory, and the swan represents discrimination. This means, when we live in a detached attitude, we can distinguish between the eternal values and the temporary, and we will more and more turn to the former and liberate

the former and liberate ourselves from the latter. The visualisation of a radiant white swan in the blue ocean of eternity, with no other symbol or object around, would lead to deep meditation. “So-ham”, the twin-sound of respiration, is the mantram which leads the disciple in his path of ascent from the throat centre to the head centre, from Gemini to Aries. It means “THAT am I” and is the invocation of the Heavenly Man by the man of earth. The consonants “S” and “H” in the mantram “Soham” are called the male and the female principles, represented by Gemini. When these consonants fall away and both syllables fuse, only the holy word OM remains.

Gemini Full Moon

Gemini full moon has a special meaning for those people who are in rapport with Spiritual Hierarchy. They come together at the full moon hours and unite on the subtle plane with the Masters of Wisdom through contemplation. In silence they receive the plan for the year as a seed thought and work on it in the following months, without much talking about it, because too much speaking leads to a loss of alignment. Gemini full moon is also called the full moon of humanity. It is now headed by Master Djwhal Khul, as it had been in earlier times by Lord Maitreya or the Christ and as many traditionally still believe out of an imprisonment of thought. Master Djwhal Khul transmits the ancient wisdom through different languages and brings it into a network of groups in order to keep it available for people in all parts of the planet. Recollecting the presence of the Great Ones at this full moon will enable us to better realize the energy of Gemini, because they are the helping guides.

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