



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.

Leo

FULL MOON - TIME OF SPECIAL ENERGIES

Full Moon is always a time where spiritual energies are available in a particular extent, if you make a meditative alignment. The full moon in the fiery sign Leo is considered to be particularly powerful, it is called the Festival of the Future, which is related with initiation into more subtle planes of life.

The keynote of the zodiacal sign of Leo is self-expansion through self-discipline, it leads man to the recognition of the higher self and thus to the transformation of the son of man into a Son of God. Leo is also called a royal sign, whose colour quality is gold and whose energy is the energy of love, beyond emotion. *OMNIA VINCIT AMOS*: Love conquers all.

People born in the sign of Leo are considered to be magnanimous, direct and loving. Leo however also contains a combative element. It is the sign of the leader fighting for law, justice and order and committing himself to the protection of the weaker ones.

KILLING THE LION IN YOURSELF . . .

On the lower plane it symbolises fighting for power and for one's own advantage. For the man on the spiritual path, the path of return to his Father's house, Leo stands for the fight with the lower nature in man and its conquest: To kill the lion in yourself is a symbol for overcoming the lower, animal nature in you and achieving mastery over

the five senses and the lower mind. This doesn't come about by suppression, but by the soul, the higher self, obtaining control over the personality. Leo therefore also stands for the soul and its light: *May the Light make beautiful our lives.*

The personality-centered Leo-individual likes to stand in the centre and makes others admire his splendour. „L'état, c'est moi“ - I am the state, said the Sun King Louis XIV. On the spiritual path however, man learns to place no longer himself into the centre, but the other. Thus radiates the golden light of the heart centre, which expresses love without emotion. The energy of the heart overcomes every feeling of separation and of mine and yours.

. . . AND OVERCOMING THE INSTINCT TO POSSESS

The instinct to possess is age old and the modern human activity is mostly wanting to gain and possess much. This instinct extends to people conceiving ideas how to acquire other's wealth and other's property in an intelligent way. Our wanting to possess binds us to the things. We become slaves of our property and we claim that we are the masters.

Wisdom tells us that all belongs to the ONE, and the one in possession of the thing, animate or inanimate, is entrusted by the ONE to hold it for divine purposes and not for selfish purposes.

These are the inversions we suffer on account of the feeling of „mine“: my wisdom, my group, my

family, my nation. As soon as we say „mine”, we have made restrictions and limitations and suffer from these. Worries are beginning to chase us, they lead to fear and to a confusion of the mind. „Let go the illusion of worry” says the direction of Lord Krishna to Arjuna in the Bhagavad Gita.

FROM THE HEAD TO THE HEART

Today’s intellectual head-thinking leads man to become more analytical and critical. If we start thinking in the heart, instead of being analytical, we become synthetic. Criticism falls off and loving understanding is developed. Therefore simplicity is the keynote of those living from the heart.

Many men and women of good will and initiates work in all simplicity and silence to bring natural values back into the social system. They work in many areas of life. Today the economic system for example is such that man is subject to it. They give it a new structure, so that man stands above the economic conditions. They work in a continuous connection with the ONE and don’t think of themselves. Whenever man thinks of himself, there is a short-circuit, and consequently the connection with the energy is cut. He who acts in a selfless and intelligent way, channels the Divine and remains in its presence while he acts. „His work is hard and incessant” it says about the work of the initiate. May our approach be directed to service and may our action be full of patience and without expectation.

NATURAL AND PRACTICALLY MINDED

„The heart is verily an international organ” it says in the book „Heart” of the Agni-Yoga series. This love of the spiritual heart expresses itself in service, in commitment to the welfare of one’s fellow human beings. Without practical service an attempt to lead a good life is of no use. Without good will in action the idea to live a spiritual or only a really good life is an illusion. „The whole life is spiritual” - this should be our understanding, without thereby neglecting our duties, even not the so-called small ones. To be spiritual is to be natural, to be normal and practically minded in all circumstances of our lives. Family life, professional life and social life take place within the spiritual life and not without. This understanding leads man to the core of his being. If we have a penchant for one side, we neglect the others and are thrown off balance. By striving to keep established in the awareness of our centre, the I AM, we act well-balanced and in the rhythm of the inner life, even while we are engaged in the everyday duties.

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