



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

Magha - Maya - Magic

In the Vedic system of the zodiac there is a constellation in Leo called Magha. This constellation has the ability to manifest from the subtle to the gross. Magha rules over the formation of the first grains among the plants and the formation of the seminal tissue in animals and humans, the means of the production and reproduction of the tissues. It is interesting to note that the fifth house related to Leo refers to children, romances and offspring. The word Magha became Magus, magic. Those who have the Magha-knowledge of manifestation are known as maghikos or magicians. Also the word Mexico has developed from it, it is the land of the Mayas, who had the ability to work with magic. The magic of sound is the greatest of all magics, and the Mayas had the knowledge of sound and of time. With the help of sound they could move great stones. Many esoteric principles are demonstrated by the placement of the pyramids and altars. In all Scriptures of the world the serpent represents time, and the coils of the serpent are regarded as the innumerable cycles of time. The feathered serpents of the Mayas are a sublime symbol of the timeless wisdom. The Mayas are descendents of a great civilisation of primeval times around the Brotherhood of Ibez, a spiritual centre in South America. Ibez itself is descended from the spiritual centre of Shamballa, in the vicinity of which the science of sound was very well known and widespread. In the great epos of Mahabharata it is reported how a Maya magician came to India and constructed a royal palace for King Yudhishtira over night. In Yogananda's "Autobiography of a Yogi" it is also reported how

raphy of a Yogi" it is also reported how in the mid-19th century Lahiri Mahasaya witnessed the magical materialisation of a palace in the Himalayas through Babaji.

The Movement of Wisdom

The eternal wisdom is a scientific wisdom, a free investigation of the Divine and not a religion defined by theologians. It existed in every part of the globe, even though its representation changed through the spiral path of time or ossified to dogmas and superstitions. The work with sound, colour and number, with the planetary energies was general knowledge of the Chaldaeans, the Assyrians, the Jews, the Greeks, the Knight Templars in Europe... There were many schools, who created ideations about the wisdom, there are many different works which we cannot perceive, many ways and kinds forming a network. But each time wisdom is given out anew, it also tends to crystallize through the habit-forming principle, and crystallization has a suffocating effect. The wisdom brought fresh and anew by Helena Blavatsky caused much movement, before it began to crystallize. Again the wisdom expressed fresh and anew through Alice A. Bailey. Many however think that it has crystallized again since the 80ies and that a new dose has to come for those looking out for a new approach. Thus there is always a movement from east to west in order to assure that the most ancient wisdoms are preserved.

Energies of the Directions

Each direction has its special energy: East, north and the movement upwards belong to the movement into the subtle. South is the centre, the heart, compassion, love. West and the direction downwards are the movement into the material, of becoming immersed in matter. Thus the science of wisdom tells us. With the signs of the Fixed Cross East is related to Taurus, South to Leo, West to Scorpio and North to Aquarius. In our body we also find these directions: The North in us is the point at the top of the back head where there is the whirl of hair; it stands for silence. The ajna-centre on the forehead is the East, the point where we can meet the light and where the will of God manifests. The South is in the heart centre, the pulsating principle. The West is localised in the region of the higher base centre and the spleen centre and is related to the energy of intelligent activity. All directions have a deep spiritual meaning and play a particular role in the ritual work, which supports the inner transformation. Rhythm, ritual and magical work is related to the 7th ray and Uranus, who rules over Leo on the spiritual level. Thus the fiery sign of Leo gives the energy for fiery transformation, so that a son of man becomes a Son of God.

The transformation in the heart is supported by the fire ritual. When we conduct a fire ritual in the early morning hours and with a pure body, this has a charming and magnetic effect. We look into the flames and in this we can speak with the fire. We can ask to burn that which is undesired in us. We can put forward whatever we have as desires and ask for a blessing for it. A prayer directed to fire for experiencing the highest truth says: "Reveal before me the Golden Hue of manifestation preceding all material manifestation." In a further prayer it says that the golden disc of the sun globe may withdraw its rays so that we can experience the pure existence.

The flame of the fire can also give us will. The initiates work with the flame, especially when they are engaged in great tasks. Then they kindle a fire, fill up their will and conduct everything in a very effective manner. The months of the fiery signs as well as Sundays and Thursdays are particularly

suited for this, since at these times there is much fiery energy.

Sirius and the Energies of Love

Spiritual astrology teaches very profoundly that our solar system has a father, a mother and a teacher: The Great Bear and the Pleiades play the role of father and mother, whereas Sirius, the dog-star, represents for our system the teacher-principle. The image of the Sirius-system on our planet is the Spiritual Hierarchy with their ashrams in the Himalaya and in the Blue Mountains. Whereas the ashrams of the north work with the soul, the ashrams of the south continuously correct the vehicle used by man and by other beings. In this way a gradual change in the human structure comes about in order to enable the soul to work to the full extent. It is believed that Lord Maitreya is the head of the great Lodge of the White Brotherhood on this planet and Lord Dattatreya the head of the grand Lodge of the White Brotherhood on Sirius. Together they guide the energies of Neptune to assist the planetary development. The Vedic seers perceived the energy of love and of compassion our system receives from Sirius, which they called Sarama. It is said that the Avatar of Synthesis will enter from the south, and the south stands for Leo, for love and compassion, for the heart centre. Each year when we enter into the month of Leo we can align ourselves in a particular manner with Sirius and the energies of the south. For this reason many of the Great Ones were born in the sun-sign Leo - the masters CVV, MN, EK, Sri Aurobindo, Mme. Blavatsky, but also Lord Krishna. Therefore Leo Full Moon will be the future festival of the disciples. Thus Leo introduces the work which then is picked up and gets manifested.

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