



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.

Libra

LIBRA - BLOSSOMING INTO OBJECTIVITY

The twelve signs of the zodiac have a deep inner order, which is characterised by relations and rhythms. The cyclical movement of time makes rotate the cycle of the year and progress the evolution of life. The way of the sun crossing the equator at the spring and autumn equinoxes creates a division of the unity of the circle into two halves, which marks the beginning of the signs Aries and Libra. Thus two poles are born, with Aries as the upper and Libra as the lower pole. While Aries symbolises the emergence of the first impulse of life out of the background, Libra represents the full blossoming into objectivity. In this month the beauty of nature is considered to be particularly transparent and radiant, like the golden sun of a brilliant autumn day.

THE MATERIAL POLE OF LIFE

The splendours of the modern civilisation, big cities, industries and the finest luxuries of life are expressed through the sign of Libra. Food and drink, dresses and jewels, make-up and fashion also are located in this sign. In the Eastern wisdom Aries is noontime and Libra midnight. Libra is the material pole of life, where the outer side predominates and spirit reaches its "touchdown" point of condensation. The inner and the outer man are separated and become estranged. Thus Libra causes an externalisation of man through the five senses.

The passion for the outer life puts us away from the natural life. Anything in excess is the lower aspect of the Libra-energy: Our over-industrialisation as well as our extreme display of fiction, crime, and sex through the media. Also the frenzy and competition dictating modern life are qualities of the Libra-pole. In order to escape from it, people think that the wilderness is far better than the concrete jungles of the cities. But as long as the inner centre has not been found, the two arms of the scale are not balanced:

"Equilibrium is a proportionate tension of energy. ... It is of no consequence whether equilibrium be acquired in desert or city - the main requisite is constant tension. The path of tension is the path of striving, that is to say, the path of life" it says in the book "Brotherhood" § 44.

FINDING THE EQUILIBRIUM

At Libra-midnight spiritual darkness prevails, and the illusion of material life keeps man imprisoned. When the light of wisdom is missing, this leads to wrong outlooks and values, to wrong dealings with power, sexuality and money. Libra symbolically represents the fall of man; it is the place where the pendulum of life is halting between pouring out and back, the pause between exhalation and inhalation.

The inner centre stimulating the pulsation slowly makes the sweep of the pendulum go again into the opposite direction. We begin feeling that the search for happiness in the outer does not satisfy us and that also restless activity or the constant search for a new kick cannot cover up the stale feeling of inner void.

A practical spiritual life integrates the man in objectivity with the man in subjectivity and brings the Libra-energies to balance. Thus we link the lower pole with the higher and overcome the excessive attraction into objectivity.

A regular practice of conscious breathing for a couple of minutes, with a comfortable mind and body, helps us to bring the mind into the interior. With each inhalation we go deep into our own being and with each exhalation we pull up the being into the heart centre. Listening to the rhythm of respiration rids of emotional and lower mental currents and brings us into contact with the pulsating life principle. Then Libra works from the heart centre and no longer with the passionate energies of the solar plexus.

The pair of scales in balance is the symbol (♎) and the message of the sign. It is the sign of reconciliation and calls on us to establish right human relations, in which one side doesn't dominate the other.

THE MAN IN THE WOMAN

The seventh house of the horoscope related with Libra stands for marriage and partnership as well as for the polarity of the sexes. Mars, the ruler of Aries, represents the masculine force and Venus, the ruler of Libra, the feminine. Aries is the man and Libra is his wife.

Here we find however an inner inversion: In Aries it is said that it is the woman in man. Man is projected, and the woman is inside. In Libra it is the woman, and the man is within the woman. The woman of Libra seems to be very tender and soft, but inside she is very strong. In the Eastern symbol-

ism this is illustrated by the goddess *Durga* mounting on the lion, called the "Mother Impermeable". It is recommended to meditate on this symbol in the month of Libra.

The one who has neutralised Libra in himself is no longer polarised towards sex. Therefore it is said that all initiates are androgynous (male-female): Their woman or man are within, and hence they do not look out for a completion.

MAGNETIC PRESENCE

Magnetised iron is the metal of Libra, because it forms the lower pole of the magnet. Just like a magnet generates a harmonic order among iron filings, the magnetic presence of the initiate induces a higher order in the life-tendencies of the people. This is done very naturally, through a touch on the soul level. The initiate simply is, he doesn't want to produce an effect or to be something special: "I am one among all, and I am one in all" - the contemplation on this sentence awakens the awareness of the essential equality as the foundation of the common life and leads to the highest aspects of group consciousness.

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