



***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

### THE FORMATION OF OBJECTIVITY

In various wisdom teachings creation is described as an inverted tree, whose roots rise upwards and whose branches are turned downwards. The tree of life grows down from space, its roots are the causes in the subtler planes, while its branches are the manifestations in the gross matter. Man too resembles this tree, whose upper pole is the head, out of which the vertebral column grows down. From there the nervous system, the manifestation of the subtle lines of force, branches out and reaches the extreme ends of the body, the five senses and the organs of action. What the vertebral column is to the two sets of the efferent and afferent nerves, the line between the points of the two equinoxes at the beginning of Aries and Libra is to the zodiac. Libra represents the lower pole of creation, it expresses objectivity coming out of subjectivity. Here the material manifestation blossoms in all its fullness and beauty. Libra is therefore also regarded as the full moon of the year.

Through the attraction of objectivity the perfect creation comes into the imperfect creation and we get into conditioning. Adam and Eve were happily living in the perfect creation, the Garden of Eden, until they were attracted by objectivity and had the feeling that they were missing something. The snake climbed down the Tree of Knowledge, which symbolically represents involution, the fall of man into matter. Eve touched the apple and wanted to taste it. When she had tried it, she felt a sense of shame. Subsequently Adam and Eve were expelled

from Paradise and got coats of skin. This is a symbolic representation of the formation of objectivity.

We experience objectivity through the five senses, through them the inner man comes out and externalises. Objectivity and subjectivity are the two scales of the one balance. When we identify with a part, we lose the sight of the whole. Thus Libra separates the inner man from the outer and causes limitation and attraction to objectivity. Excessive attraction is passion. At the lower pole of Libra man gets under the spell of passion for money, power, sex, and falls. Libra separates the purity of Virgo and the power of Scorpio. Spiritual Astrology explains that originally the second half of Scorpio and the first half of Virgo formed *one* sun sign of the perfect zodiac consisting of 10 signs, and there was no differentiation of sexes. The beginning activity of Libra gave rise to the dawn of the mental plane and of objectivity. On the physical plane the separation into man and woman came up and the attraction of the sexes. Also in us there were only 10 sun signs when we were born: Until the age of 7 Libra has not yet formed in the body and not yet separated the sexes. When at this age boys and girls look at each other, the sting of sexuality is not there. The separation of sexuality only unfolds between the age of 7 and 14. Now the urge to unite and the corresponding passion also develop.

## PASSION AND DISPASSION

Passion leads to one-sidedness and puts away from the natural life. Anything in excess, like the extreme display of fiction, crime, and sex are lower aspects of Libra. It rules over exaggerations as well as over the search for balance. Its seat in the body is the navel centre, the pivot of the average man. For him the colour of the sign vibrating through his solar plexus is crimson-red. He wrongly regards his affections tinged with emotions as love. Here Venus is the regent of the sign. As seventh sign Libra corresponds to the seventh house of the horoscope representing the marriage partner, friendships and enmities.

For the developing Libra-type learning a good use of time, money and opportunity the colour is violet. He is marked by a sense of justice, the art of reconciliation and building right human relations. He should develop a right sense of discrimination and not pay too much attention to little things to the detriment of greater value. Thus he comes under the influence of Saturn, who in a slow, deep process teaches him the necessary discipline which balances the scales: On the way over the "burning ground" all impurities are burnt away and all imbalances are eliminated by crises. We feel our personality crises as a burning in the solar plexus, and many get stomach problems etc. But the purification work of Saturn prepares for us the ground for the ascent - supported by Uranus: He helps to break the bonds of old forms to lift man up into the life of the soul. Here the colour of Libra now becomes a mixture of blue and pure white.

When we have well organised our social, economic and domestic activities, so that they don't cause any more troubles for us, we slowly will become integrated personalities: We then find time to bring the objective activity into balance with the subjective and to ascend into higher states of

awareness. By inner detachment we learn to act with dispassion in the outer, standing firm in the centre, and to neutralise Libra in us. "*Labor for the good of the world will afford the proper balance. Labor evokes joy and cognizance of Infinity, and imparts a realization of the mobility of the worlds.*" (Supermundane, § 102)

## NEUTRALISATION OF LIBRA

He who has neutralised Libra in him is called pure and is compared with a child between the first and seventh year. His urge for sexuality falls away, his polarisation is continuously towards the inner light and not towards something else. Therefore it is said that all initiates are androgynous: they have found their woman or man within and do not search outside, whether they lead a family life or remain unmarried. By Libra disappearing in us Virgo - Scorpio become again one sign, and we get the zodiac of ten signs of the perfect creation, the Garden of Eden. Venus, symbolising in the early stages of development the tempting serpent, now becomes the pure ray of divine beauty beyond form. Like the presence of the magnet rearranges and magnetises the molecules of an iron bar, the presence of divine beauty causes in man a rearrangement of his etheric currents. Then the energy rises through the sushumna, the channel within the vertebral column, and "lifts up the earth to the Kings of Beauty".

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