

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 Full Moon Point of the Year

The full moon point of the year is during the sign of Libra, when material manifestation has come to full fruition, and creation has totally poured itself into the outer world. Like a bubble bulging to the size of a globe, Libra governs the growth of an impulse from the centre to the circumference. If you examine the rotation from the centre, you will find dual forces: the radiating force, which brings diversity from centre to circumference, and also the blending force, which brings unity from diversity. Libra therefore represents the fulcrum-principle of the universe, which causes the rotation of the wheel, and the grand miracle of objectivity coming out of subjectivity.

Libra is the birth of the polarity of inside and outside as well as the duality of the sexes. Its birth is due to the dawn of the mental plane on our planet. The mental sheath of man forms the demarcation line of objectivity, which serves as a mirror or surface of reflection, and separates the higher from the lower, the inner man from the outer. On the surface of the mind, the faculties of the five senses evolve and open up the channels connect to the outside. It is the purpose of the senses to allow consciousness to experience objectivity, but not to lose itself in it. However, attraction to objectivity draws the inner man toward the outside powerfully, and a dark curtain obscures the inner light. The fall into creation, or matter, points to the story of Adam and Eve and the expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

The symbol for the sign of Libra, the beam with two scale pans, symbolizes the horizontal expan-

sion into the outer world. The trinity of the air signs (Aquarius, Gemini, and Libra) are all double signs, illustrating the interplay of spirit and matter. Aquarius has two electric wavy lines (☿), which cause the emergence of the name- and formless essence as Sound and Light into space and time. Gemini brings down the Light, as symbolised by the vertical lines of the sign (♊). Libra (♎) is its manifestation in the horizontal, in objective life.

Over-stimulation

Libra is a symbol for equilibrium and balance. The scale pans of the sign are also referred to as the scales of justice. Sagittarius, the sign of Judges, is linked with Libra, through a sextile aspect, as well as Leo, the sign of the ruler protecting the law. When the weights on the scales are unequally distributed, a state of imbalance, exaggeration, and passion is created. All false values and excesses of today's civilisation are a lower aspect of Libra. In business, the demands and desires of people are stimulated to an extreme via marketing. Then products are offered to satisfy the desires. Banks, insurers, car companies, and the fashion & cosmetics industries all do it. The ordinary mind responds to this stimulation. Even though we are already overactive, we are stimulated further by people with an even greater concrete mind, causing us to become lost. When we are passing by shops, a feeling of desire for one thing or another immediately arises. We buy without having planned, and in the absence of any real need. Meanwhile at home, we already

have more things than we need. At the moment of the purchase, we are emotionally driven, and we are slaves to the situation. When we waste money, we must not be fooled into thinking that nothing bad happens. Money unnecessarily spent contributes to a crystallization. We form a habit of stimulated actions, which are reactive in nature, and become unable to receive inspiration from higher circles. Our overactivity creates many difficulties; it makes us do things of which we know that they aren't right, but we do them nevertheless. It is an insatiable addiction, which weakens our discrimination more and more and opens the door to the darkness. The force of desire prevents the influx of vital force, weakening the etheric body and leading to disease. Greater joy is available when we spend more time internally, moderating our involvement with the outer and the fulfilment of outer needs.

Desire and Need

No one is arguing against desires, but we don't have to act upon them immediately. Instead, we should view them through the filter of discrimination: What is desire and appetite, and what is need? We should respond to needs, but bridle desire and appetite. Discrimination is a shining sword given to us by the higher mind. It is the light of wisdom, which enables us to distinguish between the agenda of the soul and that of the body consciousness. The light illuminates what to do, and how to apply the discriminative will in order to think, speak and act correctly. It is a slow process involving discipline, by which Saturn teaches us a higher equilibrium and how to bring our actions in harmony with the Law. In Libra, Saturn helps in the building of the bridge of light, the antahkarana.

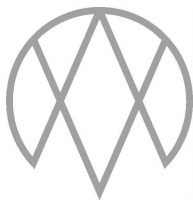
The Mother Impermeable

When we don't regulate our lives, we, through the influence of Libra and Scorpio, enter the illusionary worlds of matter. Everyone who is not linked with the thread of light falls into a bottomless abyss. During dark times, we urgently need the light of the soul. It illuminates when we manage to remember it, or when we invoke the presence of the Master or alternately, the divine Mother. The moment we think of her, she bestows a spark of Light upon us. In the East, during Libra, she is called "Mother Impermeable" or Durga, and stands on the threshold between illusion and truth. It is recommended, as it is difficult to overcome the illusions of matter, that we meditate upon the energies of the Mother, especially during the 15 ascending moon phases until the Libra Full Moon. Then she clears the way, so that we can get through the second half of the year in safety. At every stage of life, we must achieve a measure of balance, which must be superseded by aspirations of equilibrium at yet a higher level. As a result, we learn the ease of living.

"Everything vibrates and is in motion, and it is necessary to consciously preserve inner balance. Life itself reveals that only equilibrium permits progress and advances evolution." (Supermundane III, 613, 485)

Durga is visualized as riding a tiger, which represents the personality regulated and balanced by the soul. Thus the Mother may be worshipped as a balancing power, which makes us find the necessary equilibrium in order to ascend into Eternity.

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