

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.

Pisces

DIVISION OF THE CIRCLE

The circle of Eternal Presence knows no beginning and no end. When however it is divided at a point, time and periodicity emerge. If we divide the zodiac by different numbers, many secrets of time periods reveal themselves to us: The division by two makes the opposites and the polarities of signs. A threefold division leads to the three groups of signs relating to the four elements - fire, earth, air and water - and to their trine relations. Divided by four we find the squares and the three great crosses - the Cardinal, the Fixed and the Mutable Cross.

RECEPTIVE WATER

Pisces belongs to the Mutable Cross and is a watery sign, together with Cancer and Scorpio. Cancer represents the saltwater, the ebb and tide of emotions. Scorpio represents the smelling water of life polluted with matter and the sin of man. Finally Pisces represents the water in the clouds, life as ethereal waters that are filtered from the filth of the earth. In its most subtle form water is spiritual electricity, the electric fire of space. Earthly water is just a representation of the waters of space.

Water is receptive and assimilates vibrations. It can be magnetised by positive thoughts. Homoeopathic diluting transfers the etheric vibration of a remedy into the receptive substance of the water. Fresh, living water purifies inwardly and outwardly and even washes away subtle impurities.

The ancient wisdom calls the Pisces-principle the cause of the recording of impressions preserving the "photographs" of previous life cycles in the undercurrent of consciousness. Pisces represents the "tablet of the universe" on which an initiate can read the past, present and future of the whole creation.

Pisces-personalities are adaptable and receptive. They get strongly influenced by the presence of other people, for the better or for the worse. Like liquids they acquire the shape and nature of their environment. They are intuitive, subtle and sometimes mediumistic and mystical. They can sympathise with all, can understand the difficulties of all types of people and run the risk to be too indulgent. They want to help, to heal and to serve suffering humanity. Commitment to the welfare of others and willingness to sacrifice oneself is the path of the Piscean person which finally brings about transformation into the permeating consciousness of the Divine.

MEETING OF END AND BEGINNING

As per direction Pisces is the last as well as the first sign of the zodiac. The symbol of the fishes swimming into opposite directions (λ) indicates the

endless beginnings and endings: Already in the beginning the end is concealed, and in the ending the beginning. The watery signs mark the closing of a cycle, the fiery signs following them mark the point of a beginning. Thus in the watery signs smaller dissolutions take place, and with the fiery signs fresh life comes up. Each time a planet passes over from Pisces to Aries, a cycle ends and a new one begins. One door for certain possibilities is closed, and time opens another one, for new qualities.

Pisces leads to completion and fusion. It helps us to experience the awareness of the background. The background is the Father of creation, the first Logos, the divine aspect of Will. By identifying himself with the Father, the Son fuses with the divine Will: "*I and the Father are one*", Christ said, "*Not my, but Thy will be done.*" Pisces is the sign of crucifixion and of the death of a world saviour who gives his life as a sacrifice for mankind, in order to demonstrate in Aries the resurrection from the grave of matter. Thus a seed thought of Pisces says: "*I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.*" On the way from the Father's home, from unity into the diversity of creation, we lose the consciousness of the eternal presence and identify with the body. This is also called the death of the soul in the grave of matter. Therefore the twelfth house related to Pisces stands for isolation and ignorance, for restriction, struggle for survival and loss.

Pisces however also brings synthesis, and when we are aware of the one energy underlying diversity, the soul raises and its imprisonment in the circumscriptions of form come to an end. This is also called the attaining of immortality.

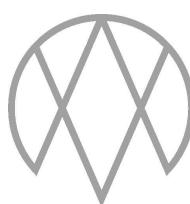
The glyph of the sign (♓) suggests two fishes swimming in opposite directions, linked up by a

horizontal line. The line symbolises the band between soul and personality as well as the bridge from the lower to the higher self. When man has built the bridge, he gains with the firm foothold in the soul the inner equipoise towards all ups and downs of life, corresponding in the course of the year to the equinox between Pisces and Aries. His awareness recedes into soul-consciousness. At this stage the glyph of Pisces and its meaning changes: The fishes come together, head to tail, to form a circle. The line now vertical doesn't touch the surrounding circle. In the following stages the line becomes a point and finally disappears, when the awareness fuses with the background.

LIGHT OF ETERNAL PRESENCE

In the physical body Pisces represents the two feet and embodies the progress towards the goal. On the upward path the sign is localised in the pineal and pituitary gland, which help the man building the higher bridge to give rise to the light of the spiritual sun. Thus the colour of the sign corresponds to that of the pure sky in bright daylight and has two phases: it appears blue but is white as the brilliant magnesium flame. Magnesium is the metal related to the sign. Pisces is also called the "Light of the World", revealing the Light of Life itself. In an initiate who has crossed the lower worlds, the end and the beginning meet, and there is nothing but the Eternal Presence.

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