



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

THE PLAY OF CREATION

When vapour becomes water and water becomes ice, the forms differ, the substance of the different states however remains the same: Water. Seeing an excellently designed cloth we are attracted to the design and colour. We are no longer aware of the cotton and its different details, at best we recognize the cloth. In creation there is pure existence at the basis of all forms. But who bothers about the substance, when he sees the great variety of forms?

The one existence appears in different states and planes. The wisdom teachings speak of seven planes and of the eighth, which is beyond creation and is called the Absolute Existence. In cyclical emanations the worlds come out of the pure existence, evolve and dissolve again only for a restart in a new beginning. Thus every conclusion has in it the seed of a new beginning and every beginning the germ of its end. He who stands in the synthesis of the background can experience creation as a grand ritual, as a most intricate drama, in which the One is playing the roles of the many. In this drama Pisces stands for the fall and the rise of the curtain between one act and another. The curtain falls only to rise for another act.

In creation there is a continuous double movement from the subtle to the gross and from the gross to the subtle. This is also called the wheel of creation and is represented in the zodiac as the ascending and the descending path. We can see the flux of things as a cyclical and spiralic flow of energies, out of which emerge all movements, also those of the stars and the sun. The sign Pisces marks the

null-point or the point of poise, where the currents of water cross one another as is indicated by the two fishes swimming in opposite directions.

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SWASTIKA

It is said that the waters of the sky have their vertical descent, then they make their horizontal movement, and reach the ocean which is called the nether regions. This is depicted in the symbol of the swastika. The swastika, abused in the Third Reich, is considered to be a sacred sign in the East, giving the message of the continuous change in creation and that in the permanent transformation we are the unchanging One. The word *swastika* means "The One, who builds self-existence" (*swa*: self; *asti*: existence; *swasti*: self existence; the seed sound *ka* has the ability to build, to manifest). The swastika is the sublime symbol which leads us to build our own existence. It can help us to reverse the order of our lives and to give us a new direction through which we can find the truth of our existence. The anti-clockwise swastika is recommended for meditation for the individual who wants to return to the source of his original being and whose personality is quite stable. Visualised in the ajna-centre within a triangle and in blue colour it helps to burn the circumscribing thought patterns, to unite with the soul and to reach the truth. The sound RAM, the seed-sound of fire, supports this work. The initiate who has become a part of the Plan works with the clockwise direction to carry out the Plan on earth.

DISSOLUTION AND SALVATION

Like all watery signs Pisces is a sign of dissolution and of transition. It is only a seeming dissolution, for Pisces prepares the seed for the manifestation of a new cycle. When the works are well done, we can enter with Aries into the new cycle, into a higher winding of the spiral. In the life cycle Pisces corresponds to the time of the age of 77 to 84, the twelfth group of seven years. Here it is the duty of man to prepare for the transition.

Pisces is a sign of “photography”, it represents the “tablet of the universe”, on which are recorded all the stories and associations of the past cycles of lives. From the undercurrent of consciousness, called “Chetas” in the ancient wisdom, the initiate can read the experiences extending over many lives. Through our actions and their consequences we make experiences. He who offends against the Laws of Nature - which are not the social laws - through wrong thinking and acting, causes an imbalance of forces and gets bound to the consequences of his actions: As you sow, so shall you reap. The twelfth house governed by Pisces represents the limitations and self-conditionings caused by mistakes, resulting in disease, suffering and struggle for existence. In the present age man is strongly conditioned by a wrong dealing with food and sex out of a false understanding of freedom. You can consider wrong behaviour as a sin and condemn it. The wisdom teachings however don't know sin, but only ignorance, and they show the consequences of right and wrong actions. They teach how we develop discrimination through right action and deeds of good will for the welfare of others and change our way of life - not with outer rules, but out of an inner impulse. Thus we refine our consciousness and dissolve old entanglements. The personality creates ties, it emphasizes what it does and always craves for recognition. Many therefore watch out for self-aggrandizement and do self-marketing, also in the name and with the thoughts of the wisdom teachings. Truth however doesn't market and sell itself, it reveals itself only

to those who seriously search for it. To others it remains concealed. Imitations of truth presented in an attractive way may outwardly seem to be successful, but time makes them fall as fast as they have come.

Yoga is the state of consciousness where all actions are done out of an inner equilibrium and with ease, without binding us to the consequences of the actions. Pisces stands for this universal consciousness which the soul attains when it effuses itself through selfless service. Therefore Pisces is the sign of the saviour. Wisdom however is not for saving the world, but for saving us from the world: Be within the world, but not from the world. Selfless service liberates, because we give without expecting something and thus do not enter into bonds.

THE WATER OF LIFE

While Pisces represents the two feet in the body, on the higher path the pineal and the pituitary gland in the head correspond to it. When in the Yogi the Bridge of Light is built, the “Light of the World”, the light of the Divine presence, lights up. Then man has completed the circle from Alpha to Omega, he is with the “Father in the Heaven” and one with Him. The month of Pisces as well as the time of the new moon are particularly suited to approach the energies of the First Logos, of the divine father aspect. He rules over ending and beginning. He is said to be completely surrounded by pure water, the water of life. It says that he likes water very much, it is an embodiment of pure energy, of the electric fire. When in the rituals of the First Logos pure water is offered, His presence can be experienced.

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