



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

Disappearing and Appearing

Just like the moon waxes and wanes, we too have times where we are active in the outside and times of withdrawal and of silence. Wisdom also gets concealed at certain times and at others it gets unveiled. The times in which it is hidden appear to us as dark eras of ignorance and of chaos. Man lives totally in the outer and the inner potential remains hidden. But after the law of alternation and of evolution he slowly turns again to the subtler planes with the time and starts searching for the inner man. Then the wisdom of life begins to disclose itself, and it seems to be newer than ever before. Appearing and disappearing are relative: Nothing disappears forever, all that IS exists eternally. Relatively speaking something may disappear, but not absolutely. Thus at certain times we exist potentially and at others we are outwardly visible. Before with birth we stepped into visibility we have already existed, and we continue to exist, when we have released ourselves from our body. The presence is eternal, it is the pure existence out of which the creation comes forth, develops and into which it dissolves again. The continuous formations, evolutions and dissolutions happen on the background of existence.

This is the message of the symbol of the sign of Pisces: ♓. One fish follows the other by the tail, the tail of the one fish is at the head of the other. Every end is a new beginning, every sunset is the promise for a new sunrise. While Pisces closes the annual cycle, it prepares at the same time the seed for the coming cycle. Like in Eastern wisdom Vaivasvata Manu or in the Old Testament Noah in the ark car-

ries the seed of life through the great flood, the watery sign of Pisces carries the essence of experience of the closing cycle over to the one beginning anew with Aries.

Receptivity

Pisces is a sign of dissolution, but also of preservation of impressions. Therefore it is also called the sign of "photography", of recording the impressions of past lives as seeds for coming cycles, stored in the undercurrent of consciousness. As a mutable watery sign Pisces is adaptable and receptive by nature. People born in this sign are considered to be mobile in thinking and psychologically impressionable, to lower as well as to higher influences: Of alcohol, drugs and bad company, of moods and one's own ideas, but also of mysticism and impulses from higher planes.

If our mind has become pure, calm and receptive, it can receive the Light from higher circles. It is only into a purified mind that the Light of the Divine can descend: The Lord is born into the Virgin Nature as the Son or the Soul. Therefore the sign of Virgo symbolizes the Mother of the World; the opposite Pisces are the sign of the Christ, the World Saviour. Through Pisces the grace of God can come down, this being called in the East the incarnation of the Avatar. We cannot demand of God that His grace should come to us, for it is His decision. But our efforts are needed, so that the grace can come to us. We can prepare ourselves by leading a pure life, by contemplating on Him and by serving Him through service to our fellow men.

The Descent of Grace

When the grace of Divine experience pours into us, it doesn't have a form by itself, but permeates our form as a vehicle of flesh and blood. We are the light body or the temple, into whose inner sanctum the Lord enters to carry out the divine work in the world and to fill the surrounding life with energy. In order to serve, to inspire and to enlighten the people. A Son of God is the Father in form of the Son: "I and the Father are one", Jesus said. When the Father descends into us and sees through our eyes, then it is He who sees and blesses others through His eyes and his voice. Then this isn't the blessing of the body, but the blessing of the indwelling spirit. In the Bible this is symbolically called eating and drinking of the flesh and blood of Christ.

Neptune, the Lord of the Waters and the higher ruler of Pisces represents the Cosmic Christ. In man Pisces rules over the feet, to which the foot washing of Christ and His serving refer to. But in its higher counterpart Pisces rules over an immaterial tissue in the head which is called in the East the Light of the Gods or the realisation of Gayatri and which stimulates in us the neptunian principle. It is the higher bridge which leads from the ajna centre to the third eye. It reflects the rays of a mysterious cosmic force. It leads to a radiation, through which a man who has built the higher bridge can uplift other people through his look, inspire them and uplift them in their consciousness. They say that His eyes are like the two fishes or the eyes of the World Mother. The look conveys the reflection of rays of the higher plane and makes us transcend the pairs of opposites of the intellectual mercurial mind. Analysis is the quality of Virgo, Synthesis of Pisces. Pisces teaches us to see the One in the many and to stand in the synthesis of the background.

Knowledge, Wisdom, Service

In the West we have brought the analytical mind to the peak. Many also try in a mental-analytical way - for example through study of the books of Master D.K. - to acquire spiritual knowledge. Book reading however doesn't help to get wisdom, however much we may read. Reading much only makes impractical. Wisdom comes by starting to work with the principles of the teachings in our own lives and to serve the society. To speak about cosmic contacts or world service remains only an imagination, if we don't fulfil our duties with deep interest and try to help other people without personal motives. All knowledge culminates in service. The Masters of Wisdom give us a living example for this, in fact they are nothing but an objective embodiment of our own higher self. They help us to ascend to our own soul; they drive our thoughts to deeds of good will. They promote every work for the welfare of humanity, however not the personalities. When we think of them and invoke their presence, we receive power and help out of our own inner being, to carry out the work of good will in an impersonal manner. This leads to the sacrifice of the personality for love of humanity. Through this sacrifice we get back to the original, divine state of our existence. The transformation of the personality through sacrifice brings forth the light of the Eternal Presence, that expresses itself through the sign of Pisces as joy.

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