



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 Great Flood

In many parts of the world there are stories reporting that long ago a progenitor of mankind gathered the seeds of life and took them like Noah into an ark. Then came a great flood washing away all life on earth, and only the beings in the ark were saved from extinction. After the end of the flood the new life germinated out of the preserved seed and gave a new impulse to the earth. In the Eastern wisdom teaching the first avatar, the first descent of the Divine on earth is called the Fish Avatar. With a thread he draws the ark drifting on the surface of the ocean. The thread symbolised the thread of consciousness connecting man with the all-embracing consciousness, and the ship is his vessel or vehicle being lead by the fish with the help of the thread of consciousness. The stories of the reproduction of the seed of life over times of destruction refer to the periodical drama of the dissolution of the created beings. Imperfect forms disappear, in order to make room for a new formation: A seed breaks and a tree comes out, bears flowers and fruit and creates again new seeds. Continuously forms are being built, evolved, and dissolved only to bring forth again new and better forms. There is a cyclical movement of all forms of life. We human beings too sometimes exist in the seed form, in the subtle, and sometimes we take to a dense form in order to live in the outer world. When the dense form ceases to exist, we cannot say that we would cease to exist, because the change of states goes on. In the "Pledge of the New Group of World Servers" it therefore says: "We the humanity per-

ceive the simultaneous double movement in synthesis."

Pisces brings the annual cycle to a conclusion and represents a phase of seeming dissolution. All three watery signs stand for the end of things, and Pisces marks the end of a spiritual cycle leading to a begin of a better one. Pisces preserves the essence of experience from the previous cycle and prepares the seed for the future cycle, so that it can manifest at the right time.

The Seed of the Future

According to a spiritual understanding all events result from the corresponding preparations, there is no chance. Before any blossoming a seed has been sown. When today we see the blossoming of groups and of group-cooperation, someone has sown the seed for it. During decades the Masters of Wisdom have laid the foundations, working in the background. The seed sprouts in accordance with the time and the place and gives a new direction to life. How lasting a seed is and how effective depends on the strength of the life force in it. When we aren't content with what we experience today, this means that the related seeds have not been sown well in the past. No good fruit can result out of a sick seed. Just as we have created by our past the foundations for the presence, we lay in the presence the foundations for the future. We carry the seed in our attitudes and thoughts, consciously or unconsciously they enter into our speech and action. Pisces is a good time to prepare the seed for the new cycle beginning with

Aries. If today we sow a good seed we have a better harvest in the future.

Detachment

Therefore the doctrine of discipleship proposes to practice good will in all thoughts and actions and to connect with people of good will in order to gain the necessary strength. In this it stresses the necessity to act without clinging to the results: "Leave the fruits of your deeds, you are a Yogi. You attain the peace of poise. You are out of Synthesis while doing your deeds for results. Then you are attached, then you are conditioned." it says in the Mandra Geeta (VI/12). "Yoga is equipoise" says Lord Krishna. This equipoise represents the equinox, the point between Pisces and Aries.

If we try to draw something to us and to hold onto it, this draws us out of equipoise. Therefore we should take care of what we do, but not of the results. When we live in inner detachment, we do what has to be done, and life brings us always something new. We fulfil our duties towards our bodies, towards our family and the society, without expecting something as a fruit of our action. It is all right if fruits come through our action, but in detachment we don't stick to them. We also are not disappointed and sad, if we don't get fruits for what we have done. The results come according to the Law, Time produces the qualities, they are beyond our control. If however we carry out well our works, we can proceed at the right time to the next stage of ascent.

The Last and the First Sign

The watery sign of Pisces stands for the "spiritual waters" of the ascending path, which, purified and distilled, rise as the pure "waters of heaven".

The occult symbol of Pisces is the Mother of the World; the two fishes of this sign are described as "the two eyes of the Mother which do not wink", from which the original light shines forth. It says that Pisces-people carry a special power in their eyes, by which they can influence others. The look of a Master awakens the consciousness as a point of light, and this point grows, when the aspirant works in accordance with the Law.

Pisces is the sign of the Saviour, the initiate who reverses the wheel of the zodiac in order to return to mankind and to carry out the Plan on earth. Thus Pisces is considered to be the last and the first sign of the zodiac, the alpha in omega and the omega within alpha. Through its ruler Neptune Pisces leads to the universal consciousness, however only when man doesn't look up, to the Spiritual, but down to the world of men. If he is not a mystical dreamer, but a practical worker who works in a profound and efficient way for the welfare of mankind and of the life on the planet. Here are the prospects and dangers for the Pisces-individual: He is flexible and easily impressed. As long as he is not firm on the path, he can easily be influenced by others. If however his mind is purified and stably oriented to the path, it receives the higher light and can inspire others with it. In this way the two fishes and the five loaves of bread the Bible speaks of are multiplied and the spiritual hunger of many satisfied.

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