



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.

Scorpio

SCORPIO - TIME OF REORIENTATION

The zodiac represents the journey of the soul in a symbolic way. The entrance of the sun into the sign of Scorpio marks the point in life where man stands at a turning-point and resolves upon a reorientation, to return from objectivity to subjectivity. It is like saying: „I will rise and go back to my Father.“ When we head for home, we get confronted with all that which we have built up on our onward journey with indifference, negligence, recklessness, hatred, jealousy, and with so many other things. We have to face it and adjust it. Therefore the path of Scorpio is one of test, of trial - and of ultimate triumph, because the will gets strengthened more and more.

We are souls and hence we naturally carry Light, Love and Wisdom, there is no need for us to acquire them. But over the soul layers of impurities are accumulated, which impede its functioning and make the light dim. When matter prevails, the light of the soul fades and there is a gradual fall into matter-state, like a narrowing spiral.

We are souls, not the body. We are given three bodies, one is the mental body, the second the emotional or astral body, and the third the physical body. In that triple body, the soul with its Love, Light and Wisdom gets incorporated, and we live in it like in a house. If we have the grip over the bodies, we are the Masters. When we do not know how to live in the house, the bodies have the grip over the soul and we become prisoners. Through pleasure-seeking comfort and wrong use of money and sexuality the physical body locks one

door. With ambition, hatred and fear the emotional body bolts another gate. Prejudice, cruelty and pride finally cage the soul into the mental body. Like dark shades these qualities settle on our inner and make us forget our origin. The personality grows strong, but the inner consciousness dies.

DEATH OF CONSCIOUSNESS ...

It is said that Scorpio causes the death of consciousness. The sun bird with wings became a creeping serpent which dug itself deeper and deeper into matter. Through the fall described in all great world scriptures man loses the spirit-consciousness and gets buried in matter. „When it touches the ground, it is as dark as night“ it says in the language of H. P. Blavatsky. Black is the colour of Scorpio, lead its metal. Drugs and poisons causing loss of consciousness are ruled by this sign, but also chasms and holes as well as darkness loving plants, animals and people.

... AND AWARENESS OF EXISTENCE

In the darkness of the most dense matter we certainly forget our existence - like in deep sleep -, but we do not cease to exist. And just like every state of Light is a prophecy of darkness, every state of darkness is also a promise of Light. That's why Scorpio symbolises not only the suspension of awareness, but also the disappearance of the lower consciousness in the higher man: When man becomes aware of his Self as pure existence and no longer identifies with his body, his emotions or his

thoughts, this will liberate him from the imprisonment of matter. The awareness of THAT which I in the innermost AM, lifts the spirit up from the dense material world. Thus the story of Scorpio is the story of the disappearance of man and the appearance of the Initiate. The Initiate realises his identity with his origin: The serpent creeping on the ground rises and becomes again the winged serpent, the eagle. The Rod of Hermes - the symbol of the doctors -, the Feathered Serpent of the Mexican Mayas, the head decoration of the Egyptian Hierophants, as well as the Indian and Chinese Serpents or Dragons of Wisdom point to this secret.

SECRET TRANSFORMATION

The path to Light is a difficult, razor-sharp way of spiritual discipline, on which the personality dies, the soul is born and finally the spirit is revealed. The progress in the Scorpio-state is in silence and secrecy. Everything is conducted inside and worked out for the benefit of others. But while man withdraws into his own being for inner transformation, he doesn't neglect his domestic and social duties. Nothing of his inner work is seen on the surface, even his neighbour doesn't know about it. Here many fail on the way, they become impractical and airy-fairy. Thus they lose their foothold in objective life, but also gain nothing in subjectivity.

RHYTHM AND RITUAL

Scorpio is the sign of rituals. A ritual is the higher order imitated in the material plane. Genuine rituals relate to the death of personality and the birth of consciousness. A rhythmic life is a pre-requisite

of a ritualist. Rhythm leads to ritual and ritual leads to the hidden secrets, which reveal the Light of Truth.

Rhythm is different from routine. Routine is a mechanical movement, rhythm carries the life of freshness in approach. Conducting prayer and meditation as a routine is different from conducting meditation as a ritual. If the morning and evening meditations are being conducted as a ritual, we embark upon a spirallike path upwards. If we do it as a routine, it means that we mark time. For those who are dead with routine, every morning is the same; they are dead in spirit. But there are people who can enjoy every dawn, and they can see the beauty of the dawn on a daily basis for decades.

The scope of Scorpio is to internalise to realise the Will of God. When this is done, the incubation of the disappearance terminates. Then man goes again into the world and works with society. For his work he often meets with lack of understanding and criticism, and many wait for finding faults with him. He however laughs at them and continues his work - for those who try to find the entrance of the Temple.

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