

***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

### **Being Stuck in the Personality**

Our personalities consist of an accumulation of personal thoughts, emotions and desires. In the course of life we acquire likes and dislikes, views, opinions, troubles and worries. We develop our own logic, which we think it is sound common sense and which solidifies into the intellect. We distinguish between "mine" and "yours", we judge, criticise and feel that we have a right to certain things. We collect things and would like to have more possessions, more money and more power. In this way, over time, we build up a strong personality.

When we want so many things, and are so dependent on the personality, we are unable to simply sleep in the cemetery when we drop our bodies. Certainly the body will disintegrate into earth, but we will emerge and take other bodies in order to satisfy unfulfilled desires and emotions. We call this reincarnation. Those who are limited by the personality have no other choice but to return again and again to experience cycles of births and deaths in order to settle things. For as long as we do not realize the soul, we are stuck in the personality and in problems. When the soul suggests a beneficial activity, the personality immediately criticizes and complains, overpowering us with ease and making our decisions for us. The personality obstructs the light of the soul, and its radiance and magnetism are lost: Our lives become monotonous, grey and depressive. Even though we might technically still be alive, we die when we are sepa-

rated from the soul's energy, becoming the living dead.

### **Loss of Consciousness**

The sign of Scorpio stands for the state where we forget our divine existence. While it's true that we haven't ceased to exist, we are enmeshed in matter and soul consciousness disappears. The lower centres keep us imprisoned and we cannot rise to the higher ones. Serpents slithering in the dirt belong to Scorpio. When we live only in the horizontal, material orientation, we take on these slithering qualities. Serpents and scorpions harbour deadly poisons, biting in secret and bringing a loss of consciousness. Secrecy and concealment are Scorpio tendencies of the personality, as opposed to the openness and transparency of the soul. In the Eastern tradition, Scorpio is symbolized by the struggle between the serpent and the eagle: The serpentine nature of personality hides in the caves of its low opinions and suspicions; the eagle-nature of the soul, with its sharpness of discrimination, liberates man from his involvements in matter to the freedom and expanse of the spirit.

Black, which represents darkness, is the colour of Scorpio. For the average man, it means death and the temporary suspension of consciousness. For the higher man it symbolises the disappearance of the lower consciousness, and the birth of the higher Light. The path of Scorpio is a path of trials leading through the depths, where we learn to face our-

selves and to resolve the manipulative tendency of the personality.

### **The Work During the Night**

We should review at the end of the day when we retire to sleep. We should recollect that we are the soul and then examine the personality: "How has my personality behaved this day? How have I thought, spoken, and acted? How have I used my time? Should I change anything?" By continuously remembering the soul, our personalities slowly get rearranged. Through sleep, we prepare for the yogic state of existence. We shouldn't let ourselves simply slip into unconsciousness, but beforehand, with a thought like, "Master, please receive us and include us in your work", centre ourselves in the brow centre and align ourselves with the soul, our Master.

Symbolically, the inner work is being done during the night. Others don't have to know what the consciousness builds inside. It is said that a mason builds the temple in the darkness of the midnight hour, in complete silence and secrecy, without even letting his neighbour know. Only when the Temple of the Soul has been built, is it revealed and dedicated in service to the public. Thus, we should learn to do our spiritual exercises in silence and secrecy. For this, Nature gives us the example of the caterpillar, which can only transform itself into a butterfly via cocooning.

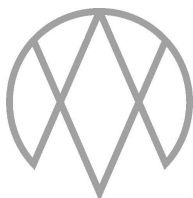
### **Savitri - the Light in the Darkness**

In the course of the day Scorpio stands for the time between two and four o'clock in the morning, when it is very difficult to stay awake. It is the time of the greatest darkness, which at the same time carries the promise of the new dawn. The great master Sri Aurobindo describes this in his epos "Savitri", which is a Secret Doctrine of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He provided this deep Vedic concept in the English language for the benefit of human-

ity. Savitri is the light spreading out after sunset, "the Mother who shows the Light in the darkness". She promises us: "Don't worry that you are going through the darkness. In a few hours I will bring back the one who has gone down deep."

In the parable of Savitri, a man weds a lady named Savitri. The man is called Satyavan, the Truth Bearer, about whom it had been prophesied that he would die within a year, which came to be true. This means that when we lose the Truth, we are dead. Satyavan was buried in matter, and Yama / Pluto, the Lord of Death, took him away from his body into the darkness of the netherworld. But his spouse Savitri followed him. She stands for the consciousness in us, the light of the Soul called Savitur, which we invoke every morning through the Gayatri mantra. Savitri succeeds in outwitting Yama and bringing her beloved husband back to life. Since his consciousness was with him continuously, Satyavan finds the Truth, and his life, again. The sun is also referred to as Truth Bearer, because it bears within itself that which is beyond it. During the dawn hours the Truth Bearer rises and emerges from matter as the Saviour. The drama of Savitri occurs daily as well as yearly. In the darkness of Scorpio, we can prepare ourselves so that a new dawn can begin in Capricorn. There is a little ritual one can perform each evening during the twilight hours of the month of Scorpio, which consists of lighting a light at the entrance to ones home, and worshiping the serpent-power of kundalini, which encircles the stem of the base centre. Thus Scorpio leads us on the vertical path upwards, from darkness to Light.

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