



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.

Taurus

THE RADIANCE OF BEAUTY

The forms of the universe aspire to perfection through beauty. Beauty is the hidden quality of form, it creates a radiant glow around beautiful forms. If we look at a flower, waves of beauty radiate through it. The beauty of the flower lies in the totality, not in a part of it. Beauty is caught nowhere in the form, but reflects through it. A beautiful jar is an expression of beauty, beauty itself is neither in the jar nor in the clay out of which it is made. Beauty is the Divine aspect of form. When you see the divine side in the form, you find the radiance of beauty. All forms are the form of God. We are an image of God, our beauty is his radiance. When we see beauty in the form, the etheric streams in us take on their right and original form. The beauty of the inner organises the aura and gives rise to order like a magnet. In the East the form of God is worshipped with incredible beauty, so that the subtle matter takes on an order. Thus an electric vibration of beauty is created. Through beautiful flower decorations of the altar the emotions are purified and the attention gets turned to the Divine.

A painter visualises the colours in his inner and then expresses them in the outer on the canvas. When we contemplate on a beautiful form, take the beauty into the inner and unite ourselves with it inwardly, we detach ourselves from the attachment to matter and can visualise the colours beyond the form. The deeper we penetrate, the more radiant are the colours. He who has detached himself from the outward forms can experience the one light, the origin of all colours.

A person who has devoted himself to art, has the holy task to restore art in man. The master-artists - painters, sculptors, poets - enter into the secret side of

creation. A Master of Wisdom is beautiful in everything. It is a state of perfection, where every fibre of him vibrates, full of devotion, beauty and light. Purely by his presence he arranges the streams in others and thus transforms ugliness into beauty. Purity in attitude expresses greatness. Beauty is an expression of truth. On the spiritual path we cannot afford to be shabby. We should keep our houses and our surroundings as beautiful as possible, the things we use should be pure and beautiful. The tendency to beauty should be simple, not costly: Beauty lies in simplicity. *"Much is spoken about beauty, but the importance of harmony is little understood. Beauty is an uplifting concept, and each offering to beauty is an offering to the equilibrium of Cosmos."* (Supermundane § 42)

The fixed earthy sign of Taurus represents the beauty of the form side. A beautiful form is very attractive and also gives us a feeling of happiness. That is how man and woman are also attracted by each other. Venus, the lord of love and beauty through forms, is the ruler of this sign for all those who are in the planetary level. It means, if we are still hanging around sensual pleasures, satisfaction and joys, we are taurean and blunt in dealing with our energies. In this love finds its expression through sex consciousness and possessive nature. Bliss loses itself in its shadow, indulgence, which is related to the opposite sign of Scorpio. Taurus also governs food and taste. Taste is the response to beauty expressed through the tongue and its desire. The lower Taurus-type likes to indulge and to relish, his hunger for things is very heavy. If the senses are not already controlled in early years, it later creates problems. Therefore education should attach great importance to the disciplining of the senses at the age related to Taurus, from 7 to 14. The right kind of speaking should also be

introduced, for speech is one of the most powerful means. Taurus rules over the voice and the word which fertilises the listener through the idea conveyed through the conversation. Taurus is the fertilising principle of the universe; while the sun is transiting the sign, his rays fertilise the earth and thus create the basis of our food.

YOKING THE BULL

The bull is yoked to cultivate the field. When a man enters the path, it is said that the bull is yoked. While the bull of desire is the unregulated, undisciplined, irresponsible man in the world, the yoked bull takes responsibility and consecrates to the work of good will. The word yoke comes from the Sanskrit word yog (Yoga), meaning 'united'. When one commits to cultivate the personality in order to unite with the soul, he is said to be the man who took upon himself the fixed cross of discipleship. The initiate is the sacred bull, he works in accordance with the Divine Plan and expresses the Word from higher circles. Often there is a bullfight within us between the bull of desire and the divine bull. Frequently the bull of desire wins, but the fight goes on until it places itself under the divine bull.

If we sincerely try to become receptive for high thoughts and to serve with good will in a selfless way, we get assistance from spiritual sources. The receptivity for occult energies grows by our conscious linking up to them and working with them. When for example the sun or a planet transits the sign of Taurus, we can visualise the planetary energy in the corresponding centre of the body. Taurus is represented from the tip of the nose to the throat. The planets transit from the bridge of the nose or the ajna centre to the throat. If you attune to them, their transforming alchemy works and creates a higher order and a more subtle awareness.

In Eastern wisdom Taurus is considered to be a ray of light coming down from the sun to earth. We as souls are also rays of the sun living in this mortal form. The light of the sunray is called buddhi, it is the light of wisdom, the higher intelligence and the point of equilibrium. Whoever settles in it for all times and is

enlightened is called Buddha. Buddha is a title, just as Christ is. Besides Gautama Siddharta, who got enlightened 2500 years ago, there are many Buddhas. They are obliged to the Light and have decided out of their compassion to stay on earth in order to transmit Light and Love to the entire humanity so that each man can become a Buddha or a Christ. Gautama Buddha was born in the month of Taurus, he is also called the "sacred bull among men". Taurus Full Moon therefore is also called Buddha or Vaisakh Full Moon.

RECEIVING THE ENERGIES

On Taurus Full Moon the energy received in Aries from higher circles is transmitted through the soul of this planet also called "the Lord of the Planet" or Sanat Kumara. His habitat is called Shamballa and is located in the etheric around the Gobi desert. The etheric abode of the Hierarchy is in the Trans-Himalayan caves, they are called the Caves of Kalapa and Sravasti (Shigatze). From Shamballa the energies are directed through the Buddhas via Gautama Buddha into the Vaisakh Valley, where they are received by the World Teacher - also called Christ or in the East Maitreya - and his team of initiates and their disciples. And all disciples of the world who seriously quest for it participate inwardly. On Gemini Full Moon the energies of Will and of Love are further distributed to the disciples working on the physical plane. They form the link with humanity and endeavour to manifest the Plan during the remaining 9 months of the year. In this way a bridge is built from highest realms down to the mortals. Thus the Taurus energy stimulates our will and enables us to carry the enlightenment into the material world through determined activity and to manifest the work of good will in the different areas of life.

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