

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 Fourth State

The world we see around ourselves is only one fourth of the whole of creation; three fourth are subtle and hidden. The fourth state of existence is objectivity, the material universe. It is also called the body of God or the form side of the divine Word. For ages, there is an utterance of this word; it takes on the form of a thought and manifests through creation. An impulse comes out of us as an idea. The idea specifies into a thought, and the thought is translated into visible action. This happens continuously, but since we mostly concern ourselves with the outside, we do not see what happens on the more subtle spheres of existence. We notice something only when it appears on the outside. We do not realise the stages preceding and underlying the outward appearance.

When however our awareness grows, we slowly go into the field of subtler qualities and causes. Humankind as a whole, having turned towards the discovery of the outer world for a long time, now takes again another direction. Even though it goes through the pains of change, the orientation towards qualities of consciousness will grow, and so the wisdom teachings will also be better understood.

Taurus is an earthy sign and has to do with the form aspect of creation. Taurus stand for expression - as thought, as word, as action, and as the power of life. Taurus symbolises fertility and seed force. Here the sun is also called the inseminating bull that fertilizes the earth in order to bring forth the living beings and to give them food. The opposing sign of Scorpio stands for sexual attraction

and the entanglement of consciousness into the differentiation of the sexes.

Taurus is the sign of farming, of food and taste. Taste is a reaction to beauty, expressed through the tongue. However, through the material food we taste with the tongue as well as through a crude use of the tongue in speaking we get bound to the earth. That is why the advanced spiritual students are utterly careful about speech and food. They are not only careful about the quantity, but also about the quality, they look more for spiritual food than for material stuff. They lift to lighter food, water and air. There are people who only eat air and sunlight. It is not a fantasy or something mystical, but indicates the direction of the future development of humankind.

Bringing Down Divine Energies

The passage of the planets through Taurus anchors certain energies on earth. The sun pours down light and will energy, which are not available in other signs. Taurus is therefore called the month, which brings down the divine energy. Aries is the utterer, Gemini the process of utterance, Taurus the utterance taking on form. Aries is the first vibration, and in Taurus, this vibration is brought to the outside. Shamballa, the etheric centre on the Northern side of the Himalaya range and abode of the planetary Logos, gives in Aries the program for the year as an impulse, which is received by the Enlightened Ones whom we call the Masters of Wisdom. Intuitionally conceiving the plan of the year, the Wise Ones gradually radiate it into their disciples who in turn transmit it to the

foremost thinkers and leaders of humanity. Within their limited possibilities, they guide the plan into their daily activities.

The masters transmit the received seed-word to their disciples at Taurus Full Moon, which is also called the Vaisakh Festival or the full moon of Buddha (Buddha Purnima). It is a wonderful incident that Gautama Buddha was born, received his enlightenment and left his body on a Taurus full moon. Buddha works as a transmitter, as a link between the soul of the planet, also called “the Lord of the Planet” or Sanat Kumara, and the Masters of Wisdom.

The Vaisakh Festival

The Vaisakh Festival was already celebrated before Gautama Buddha was born. For at Taurus full moon, when the moon is in Scorpio in the constellation of Visakha, energy comes from the buddhic plane, and there is an alignment of the mind towards Hierarchy or towards buddhi. The ruling principle for Visakha is Indra-Agni, the fire of thinking. The energy causes transformation of the mental matter, so that the absorption of the light from higher circles becomes possible. The moon carries out transformations on the mental matter of the planet, which also exists in us as the mental matter. Like at no other time the seed of consciousness can thus be sown at the Vaisakh Festival on the field, which is the mind of humankind. All who seek the truth can obtain on this day the necessary enlightenment.

Buddhi is the lowest point to which the divinity can descend, to the clear, pure mental of the higher intelligence. Buddhi is the light of the sun ray we are as souls; we are the sun rays who have decided to live in earth-born forms. The plane of buddhi is the plane of equilibrium in us. He who is established in it is a Buddha. So the Aries full moon is related to the atmic plane or to spirit, Taurus full moon to the buddhic plane of the soul and Gemini full moon to the mental plane.

During the full moon hours of Taurus the Masters of Wisdom and their accepted disciples gather in the Central Himalayan range in a valley called the “Vaisakh Valley”. This valley is not accessible for the uninitiated. Some initiates participate in the festival with their physical bodies and some with their subtle bodies.

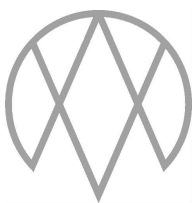
The Grand Annual Meeting

We can also tune up to it and have the possibility to experience the grand annual meeting by etheric permeation, by etheric travel, when we have aligned body, mind and senses through purity in thought, speech and action. The profundity of our longing to participate will enable the transmission of the energies. They should not be used then for ourselves, but passed on to others.

All that exists in the outside also exists in our inside. We therefore can also tune up to the valley by building a bridge between Scorpio and Taurus. This means to feel the column of light between the base and the ajna centre and guide ourselves consciously on the journey from the base of the column up to its top. When we are able to settle in the eye of the bull, the ajna-centre, then it is possible that we can come out of this eye and reach the Vaisakh Valley. The visualisation can slowly become a reality.

The Vaisakh Festival is a group endeavour and not an individual endeavour. It is therefore important to come together in a group during Taurus full moon. The purpose of the gathering is to receive the Will and in accordance with it to bring enlightenment into the material world through thoughts and deeds of good will during the coming months.

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