



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.

Virgo

PERSPECTIVE AND SYMBOLS

Everything we observe in nature is only as it appears to us. Wherever we go, we always have our own standpoint and our own point of view. For us the sky is blue and the horizon a ring around us. It's true that reason makes us realize that there exists neither a horizon nor the blueness of the sky. However it is of no use to us just to know this fact: We have to accept that from birth the horizon surrounds us as a circle and that we are its centre. Both perspectives, the intellectual and the experiential, are only parts of the truth. The approach of a seer towards truth is synthetic and not analytic in the first place. An intuitive view complements the intellectual thinking, and thus we can come to a comprehensive understanding.

The zodiacal sign of Virgo stands for the analytic thinking, the opposing sign of Pisces for the synthetic one. If we are focussed on details, we can get bewildered and lose the sight of the whole. If we look at the things in a more intuitive and less intellectual way, the overall scheme of things unveils to us. A holistic approach can't do without using symbols.

The science of symbolism shows that all which appears points to an underlying hidden truth. Everything visible is a manifestation of the invisible. Each form is a symbol and the entire creation a composition of symbols. There are man-made, but also universal symbols. Man-made symbols like the characters of a language are never universal, they confine to a group of people having a common understanding. The universal symbols are not invented by man, but they were received by him.

They form the language of the gods to be deciphered by man. They are the original alphabet and include number, shape, sound, colour, smell, taste, touch and the thought. They exist as creative intelligences (Devas) and are first concealed properties. However they can be revealed by us.

VIRGO - THE GREAT MOTHER

For example, the nourishing and protective power of nature is symbolically represented as the Virgin Mary holding the child Christ in her arms. Nature protects all those who respect its Laws. If we follow the Law, this leads us to the originally pure and virgin nature of consciousness. When the mind is filled with things the senses have accumulated, it is no virginal mind. A virginal mind is like a screen where no picture has yet been created. We can get it if we turn inward and thus free the mind from the impressions from objectivity. Then it is able to receive fresh things. The virginal awareness is worshipped as the Mother or the Light of the World, and the Father as the background. The Light of the World manifests through the seven scales of sound, of colour, of matter and of kingdoms. All female forms in creation are a symbol of the Mother of the World and they must not be abused. The whole nature is a network, which is described as the garment of the Mother, as the veil of Isis concealing the Truth: "Such an outspreading fluid network has an enormous salutary significance. One must send not only thoughts but also psychic energy over great distance. The ancients called such a fluid network the fabric of the Mother of the World." (Fiery World, § 309)

We can pray for the blessing of the Mother and ask her to guide us. Perhaps we think we are intelligent and seek our way with our little brain outside. But the Mother can protect us from following wrong ways. She can give us the right understanding and help us to find the right path - concerning the economic situation, the partner and the right teacher. We can experience the presence of the Mother, if we realise her message in the form, the colour and the vibration of a symbol. Through a flower the Great Mother gives us her presence as beauty and smell. Through the sign of Virgo she finds her expression in nature and in man.

Affection, favour and love for relatives are the keynote of the sign. By nature people born in this sign are serviceable and they serve according to the favour shown to them. They are easily discouraged when people do not co-operate. Nothing deceives them more than a false word of sympathy. Their humility is good but they should develop self-confidence and begin to do whatever they are convinced to be right. They should make themselves free from feeling obliged to do things against their conviction or that others should lead them.

The mutable earthy sign of Virgo is ruled by Mercury on the worldly plane and by Moon on the subtle plane. Astrologically Mercury represents the mind or the soul, having the Sun, the spirit, as father and the Moon, the nature, as mother. If the mercurial mind is turned to the material, it gets worldly and busy. If however it is near the Sun and focussed on the Spirit, it becomes divine; it conveys wisdom and enlightens the path.

MARRIAGE AND PREGNANCY

The sacrament of marriage is regarded as the most sacred one, because here the trinity of spirit, force and matter unites, for the well-being of the planet and its living beings. The bridegroom is looked on as the embodiment of the spirit and the bride as the embodiment of the divine nature. Their mar-

riage is an union and not a mating. Animals mate, man marries. This union reveals a higher purpose, it is an image of the union of Spirit and Matter for a new creation. Every pregnant woman is a repetition of the World Mother. The child she gives birth to is a micro-creation and is like the emergence of the cosmos. The egg in the womb is a prototype of the cosmos, and in its macrocosmic equivalent it emerges as the cosmic egg. Symbolically it is represented as a circle with a centre. The birth of a man on earth is indeed the birth of his globe. He is the geometric centre of the space surrounding him, the globe of his earthly life. This symbolism is one of the main keys for an understanding of the zodiac, and Virgo Full Moon is also called the moon of the creation.

Pregnancy is a time of formation; all the energy pouring in passes over to the child and crystallizes there: Whatever the mother and the father think and do during this time is transferred to the child. You can give very much education to an incarnating ego, as long as it is still in the mother's womb. If during this time the couple increases reading the scriptures, participating in rituals and doing acts of good will, the impression of these activities will find expression in the child in the womb. This is the best kind of teaching. The couple should co-operate harmoniously in order to be able to give birth to a child of good will. When the child then comes into objectivity, it carries the seeds of wisdom in itself, which develop in time and can later lead to the second, the spiritual birth. Thus marriage and pregnancy carry a deep purpose and a responsibility.

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