



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

Distorted And Pure Mind

Our mind is naturally receptive. With information it receives from the outside, through the senses, it develops knowledge and ideas about objectivity. The information is stored in memory. What goes into action as our thinking is mostly nothing but the work of memory. Our subjective thinking is also often just a reproduction caused by memory. When we close our eyes to meditate, we quasi open the door to the reservoir of memory: The mind wanders about and recalls events, persons and places coming all from the storehouse of objectivity. Thus the mind is continuously impregnated by the outer world, and it is occupied with satisfying desires or seeking experiences stimulated by memory.

However, it is important to remember that we are souls. We are consciousness expressing itself into objectivity through the vehicle of the body. The unimpeded soul radiates Love, Light and Will. When the soul enters into objectivity, the Light gets reflected in the personality and there is the possibility of a disturbance. When the mind is occupied with things other than Light, the inner radiance is covered, and the body consciousness overshadows the soul and imprisons it. Disturbances of the subjective mind cause disturbances in our personal understanding. Distortions happen on the mental plane, in the sense activity, in our speech and action. Whenever the mind gets shaken by disturbances, the entire picture of Truth is corrupted. From the absolute to the objective world the virginal pure mind is capable of reflecting and expressing Truth in an undistorted

way. This type of mind receives directly from the source, it is not reproductive, but originally creative. It carries magnetic radiation, inspiration and freshness, since it isn't a repetition of something given earlier nor a reproduction from memory.

Triple Reflection

Roughly speaking the mind exists on three planes. The first is the plane of the reflection of the Absolute God in the spiritual triad; the second the reflection of the spiritual triad as personality; the third, when the personality reflects itself into objectivity. The spiritual triad is a reflection of the inexpressible God, and the mind reflecting the inexpressible God as the spiritual triad is called the virginal mind, which is symbolised by the sign of Virgo. When God Transcendent reflects Himself through spirit and matter into creation, He becomes the Word, which was with God. The Scriptures also call it the Original Light, the Celestial Virgin or the Mother of the World. It is our seventh plane of existence, and the mantra of Gayatri calls upon meditation on this Light of the One, which comes out of the darkness beyond the seven planes of existence, so that it may embrace us and awaken our will. It proposes that we become light and merge with this Light. So we can become Sons of the Virgin. The Sons of the Virgin are born of an "immaculate conception", since they have become a pure vessel through which the Grace of the Divine can flow. Some religions have distorted the original wisdom concept of virginity and presented it as their property. Gaining virginity, the supra mental or buddhic con-

sciousness, is not the prerogative only of one Son of God or one religion, but the highest aspiration of every man. The way to it is referred to as the Path of Discipleship.

Kaleidoscopic Variety

On the lower planes the mutable earthy sign of Virgo personifies ignorance and distortions of Truth. The sixth house of the horoscope governed by Virgo indicates wrong views and misunderstandings. Here Mercury as ruler leads to difficulties and discord. Dislikes and rejection constrain us and we suffer. If we learn to get beyond confrontation and critical analysing, Mercury conveys to us the light of higher understanding. Thus we can gradually realize our own limitations, accept them and include other perspectives.

Virgo stands for the kaleidoscopic variety of creation. Its colours are the seven colours of the rainbow. It forms the bridge between the subtle and the gross and symbolizes the radiant aura of the World Mother. In the energy of the World Mother all forms, colours and sounds come to an agreement: "I exist in great variety on all seven planes. All seven are but ME." When all seven are visualized together, joy arises inside.

The Figure of Gayatri

An Eastern illustration of the World Mother is the figure of the six-faced Gayatri of which five faces are visible. The six faces of the Sun Deity carry five colour aspects, namely the solar and the lunar light, the colours blue, red and golden-yellow as well as the invisible colour of the background. The faces are also represented geometri-

cally as the six sides of a cube. They embody the six energies of the solar year, as represented by the 12 zodiacal signs in their male and female aspects. In their totality, they form a synthesis of the original light.

The Daughter of the Mountain

According to the Wisdom Teachings, alongside the symbolic representation, there is an embodiment of the World Mother in physical form. Just as Lord Maitreya, Sanat Kumara and all other Great Beings exist, there is also the incarnated female energy, called the Daughter of the Mountain, found in the Himalayas. The Secret Doctrine describes her as Stella Maris, the Star of the Sea, the Exquisite Jewel. The Master E.K. portrays her in the book "Man Sacrifice". She appears in the shape of a yogini, as a young woman of about eighteen years, often accompanied by a lion or riding on it. Her curls are tied up over the head, her face radiates peace and sparkles with a graceful smile. She is the guiding star of the entire Spiritual Hierarchy, and often when they are confronted with crisis, she provides for a solution. We can visualize this delightful form of the Divine Mother in order to meditate on Her and thus to experience the blessing of Her presence.

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