

The NINES1.5 SCORPIO_

- **The Scorpion_** transferring_ e-vile hearing-seeing-speaking
- **The Cat_** self-absorbed-desire imprisonment-inner justice testing-extreme temptation
- **The Eagle_** seeker; spiritual man or woman; a lanoo / noo / disciple on the path of inner liberation via creative, enduring, harmonious, harmless, selfless service.

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INTRODUCTION: The Zodiac and the Rays

What we have to say first on this subject is entirely of a preliminary nature. We seek to lay the ground for a somewhat new approach_ a far more esoteric approach_ to the science of astrology. Certain things we may say will probably be regarded by the academic and uninspired astrologer as revolutionary, or as erroneous, as improbable or unprovable. As yet, however, astrology has not really proved itself to the world of thought and science, in spite of many definitely demonstrable successes. We would ask all of you, therefore, who read and study this section of [-----] to bear in mind the above comments and to preserve a willingness to consider hypotheses and to make an effort to weigh a theory or suggestion and to test out conclusions over the course of a few years. If you can do this, there may come to you an awakening of the intuition which will translate modern astrology into something of real moment and significance to the world. It is intuitional astrology which must eventually supersede what is today called astrology, thus bringing about a return to the knowledge of that ancient science which related the constellations and our solar system, drew attention to the nature of the zodiac and informed humanity as to the basic interrelations which govern and control the phenomenal and subjective worlds.

1. Three Basic Statements.

The statement is frequently made that astrology is an exact science but that is far from correct in spite of the many mathematical computations. Astrology is based, curiously enough, upon illusion for, as well you know,

the zodiac is naught but the imaginary path of the sun through the heavens, and this as it appears from the standpoint of our totally insignificant planet. The sun is not, as stated, in any sign of the zodiac. It simply appears to be so as it passes between our little sphere, the Earth, and the constellations at any particular time or season.

In ancient days it was believed that the earth was the centre of the solar system and that around it revolved the sun and all the other planets. This was the exoteric knowledge and position, though not the esoteric understanding. Later, when further discoveries brought more light to the human mind, our planet was decentralised and the truth was more clearly seen, though much remains as yet to be discovered and may even be of as revolutionary a nature. From certain astrological angles, a similar process of decentralisation must take place and the solar system must no longer be regarded as a point around which the zodiac revolves or through which the sun passes in its great cycle of approximately 25,000 years.

Astrologers with insight may deny that this is the commonly accepted attitude. Yet_ for purposes of clarity and in connection with the general public_ the inference is permitted and accepted by the ignorant. Upon this theory anent the zodiac rests very largely what we call the Great Illusion, and we would have you bear this in mind as you study with us the newer approaches of this greatest and oldest of all the sciences. Astrology is a science which must be restored to its original beauty and truth before the world can gain a truer perspective and a more just and accurate appreciation of the divine Plan, as it is expressed at this time through the Wisdom of the Ages.

The second statement which we would make is that astrology is essentially the purest presentation of psyientific truth in the world at this time, because it is the science which deals with those conditioning and governing energies and forces which play through and upon the whole field of space and all that is found within that field. When this fact is grasped and the sources of those energies are better comprehended and the nature of the field of space is correctly understood, we shall then see a far wider and at the same time a more closely related horizon; the relationships between individual, planetary, systemic and cosmic entities will be grasped, and we shall then begin to live scientifically. It is this

scientific living which it is the immediate purpose of astrology to bring about.

At present, the position of the average believer in astrology is that he/she is an individual of importance (at least to himself), that he/she is living on that important planet, the Earth (important to humanity), and that, through astrology, he can discover his destiny and know what he ought to do. In making this comment, we do not refer to those few astrologers who possess real esoteric knowledge. They are few in number indeed, and only a handful of them are to be found practising at this time. The modern investigator likes to believe that on him impinge and through him flow all those energies which come from the sign in which the sun "finds" itself at the time of his birth. He regards himself also as responsive to the forces of the various planets as they govern the houses in his horoscope and he believes that his life trends and circumstances are thus determined. This makes him feel himself to be a factor of isolated importance. Modern interpretations fail to emphasise the importance of the rising sign (the ascendant) and this has been due to the fact that few have been as yet ready to function as souls; small allowance has been made for the energies which play upon our planet all the time from other constellations or from the many "hidden" planets. Of these, the Ageless Wisdom claims that there are around seventy in our solar system.

We desire to give you a truer and more accurate picture. This has now become possible because group awareness, group relations and group integrity are coming to the fore in the human consciousness. As this takes place, the personality which is individual, separative and self-centred will recede increasingly into the background, and the soul, non-separative, group conscious and inclusive, will come more and more to the fore. Interest, therefore, in the individual horoscope will gradually die out, and increasingly the planetary, the systemic and the universal picture will stand out in the awareness of the individual; he will then regard himself only as an integral part of a far more important whole and his world group will interest him far more than himself, as an individual.

We shall not, therefore, deal with the subject of esoteric astrology from the standpoint of the horoscope at all. Universal relationships, the interplay of energies, the nature of what lies behind the Great Illusion, the deluding "Appearances of things as they are," and the destiny of our planet, of the kingdoms in nature and of humanity as a whole_ these will constitute the major part of our theme.

It is immaterial to us whether modern astrologers accept or reject these presented ideas.

- We will endeavour to give you certain facts as the Hierarchy recognises them;**
- we will indicate, if we can, the subjective realities of which the outer illusion is but the phenomenal appearance, conditioned by men's thoughts throughout the ages;**
- we will emphasise the fact of the livingness of the Sources from which all the energies and forces which play upon our planet flow and emanate;**
- we will endeavour, above all else, to demonstrate to you that all-pervading unity and that underlying synthesis which is the basis of all religions and of all the many transmitted forces;**
- we will seek to remove you, as individuals, from out of the centre of your own stage and consciousness and_ without depriving you of individuality and of self-identity_ yet show you how you are part of a greater whole of which you can become consciously aware when you can function as souls, but of which you are today unconscious, or at least only registering and sensing the inner reality in which you live and move and have your being.**

This brings us to the third statement, which is so basic and fundamental that we would ask you to pause and contemplate it, even though you grasp not its full implications as yet. The Ancient Wisdom teaches that "space is an entity." It is with the life of this entity and with the forces and energies,

the impulses and the rhythms, the cycles and the times and seasons that esoteric astrology deals. [---] stated this in [---]. We would remind you that there is an astrological key to [---] which cannot yet be given in completeness. We can, however, give you some hints and suggest some lines of approach, and these, if carried in the consciousness of the illumined astrologers, may enable one of them at a later date to discover that key and then_ turning it on behalf of humanity_ reveal the fourth great fundamental of the Ageless Wisdom of which three are already given in the proem of [---].

Space is an entity and the entire "vault of heaven" (as it has been poetically called) is the phenomenal appearance of that entity. You will note that we did not say the material appearance, but the phenomenal appearance. Speculation about the nature, the history and identity of that entity is useless and of no value. Some dim idea, providing analogy even when eluding specifications, might be gained if you will endeavour to think of the human family, the fourth kingdom in nature, as an entity, as constituting a single unit, expressing itself through the many diversified forms of man. You, as an individual, are an integral part of humanity, yet you lead your own life, you react to your own impressions, you respond to exterior influences and impacts, and in your turn you emanate influences, send forth some form of character radiation and express some quality or qualities. You thereby, and in some measure, affect your environment and those whom you contact. Yet all the while you remain part of a phenomenal entity to which we give the name of humanity. Now extend this idea to a greater phenomenal entity, the solar system. This entity is itself an integral part of a still greater life which is expressing itself through seven solar systems, of which ours is one. If you can grasp this idea, a vague picture of a great underlying esoteric truth will emerge into your consciousness. It is the life and the influence, the radiations and emanations of this entity, and their united effect on our planetary life, the kingdoms in nature and the unfolding human civilizations, which we shall have briefly to consider.

The subject is so vast that we have been faced with the problem of the best method whereby to handle it. We decided on brevity, the concise statement of facts (facts to those of us who are working on the inner side

of life, but which must rightly be only hypotheses to you) and the avoidance of detail and of detailed discussion. *We will endeavour to work from the universal to the particular and from the general to the specific, but our emphasis will always be on the universal and the general, and not upon the particular and specific.* It will rest with those of you who are students of astrology to make due application of the truth to the specific. It is definitely in this connection that modern astrology has gone astray. It has reversed the true and right procedure and has laid the emphasis upon the specific and particular, upon the personal horoscope and the individual destiny, and has not laid the emphasis upon the great energies and their Source. These sources are ultimately responsible for the manifestation of the specific. This position and presentation of truth must be altered.

In esoteric astrology we are, therefore, dealing with the Life and Lives which inform the "points of light" within the universal Life. Constellations, solar systems, planets, kingdoms in nature and microscopic man are all of them the result of the activity and the manifestation of energy of certain Lives whose cycle of expression and whose infinite purposes lie outside the comprehension of the most advanced and illumined minds on our planet.

The next point for each of you to grasp is the fact that the ether of space is the field in and through which the energies from the many originating Sources play. We are, therefore, concerned with the etheric body of the planet, of the solar system, and of the seven solar systems of which our system is one, as well as with the general and vaster etheric body of the universe in which we are located. We employ the word "located" here with deliberation and because of the inferences to which it leads. This vaster field, as well as the smaller and more localised fields, provides the medium of transmission for all the energies which play upon and through our solar system, our planetary spheres and all forms of life upon those spheres. It forms one unbroken field of activity in constant ceaseless motion_ an eternal medium for the exchange and transmission of energies.

In connection with this, and in order more correctly to understand, it will be useful to study individual man; in this way we can arrive at a faint comprehension of the basic and underlying truth. Students should never forget the LAW of Analogy as an interpretive agency. Esotericism teaches (and modern science is rapidly arriving at the same conclusion) that underlying the physical body and its comprehensive and intricate system of nerves is a vital or etheric body which is the counterpart and the true form of the outer and tangible phenomenal aspect. It is likewise the medium for the transmission of force to all parts of the human frame and the agent of the indwelling life and consciousness. It determines and conditions the physical body, for it is itself the repository and the transmitter of energy from the various subjective aspects of man and also from the environment in which man (both inner and outer man) finds himself.

Two other points should here be added. First: the individual etheric body is not an isolated and separated human vehicle but is, in a peculiar sense, an integral part of the etheric body of that entity which we have called the human family; this kingdom in nature, through its etheric body, is an integral part of the planetary etheric body; the planetary etheric body is not separated off from the etheric bodies of other planets but all of them in their totality, along with the etheric body of the sun constitute the etheric body of the solar system. This is related to the etheric bodies of the six solar systems which, with ours, form a cosmic unity and into these pour energies and forces from certain great constellations. The field of space is etheric in nature and its vital body is composed of the totality of etheric bodies of all constellations, solar systems and planets which are found therein. Throughout this cosmic golden web there is a constant circulation of energies and forces and this constitutes the scientific basis of the astrological theories. Just as the forces of the planet and of the inner spiritual man (to mention only one factor among many) pour through the etheric body of the individual man upon the physical plane, and condition his outer expression, activities, and qualities, so do the varying forces of the universe pour through every part of the etheric body of that entity we call space and condition and determine the outer expression, the activities and qualities of every form found within the cosmic periphery.

The second point we would make is that within the human etheric body there are to be found seven major force centres which are in the nature of distributing agencies and electrical batteries, providing dynamic force and qualitative energy to the man; they produce definite effects upon his outer physical manifestation. Through their constant activity his quality appears, his ray tendencies begin to emerge and his point in evolution is clearly indicated.

This "control of form through a septenate of energies" (as it is defined in the *Old Commentary*) is an unalterable rule in the inner government of our universe and of our particular solar system, as well as in the case of individual man. There are, for instance, in our solar system, seven sacred planets which correspond to the seven individual force centres in man, the seven solar systems, of which our solar system is one, and in their turn the seven energy centres of the One to Whom we have referred in our other books as the One About Whom Naught Can Be Said.

Much has been given in the books of which the average astrologer remains profoundly unaware. It is essential that he learns to think in larger Wholes and to be more deeply concerned with the emanating Sources and with the eternal persistent Causes than with the effects of these Sources upon that ephemeral creation, a human being and his temporary existence upon a most unimportant planet. As he seeks to do this, he will discover for himself the signs of the essential divinity of man_ a divinity which is to be found in the infinite grasp of man's consciousness when illumined by the light of the soul and in his power to project his thought into the consciousness of those manifold Lives Whose "energetic movements" he must perforce share because his small modicum of energy is an integral part of Theirs.

There is one aspect of energy for which the modern astrologer makes very little allowance, and yet it is of paramount importance. This is the energy which emanates from or radiates from the Earth itself. Living as all human beings do upon the surface of the Earth and being, therefore, projected into the etheric body of the planet (for the reason that "man stands erect") man's body is at all times bathed in the emanations and the

radiations of our Earth and in the integral quality of our planetary Logos as He sends forth and transmits energy within His planetary environment. Astrologers have always emphasised the incoming influences and energies as they beat upon and play through our little planet, but they have omitted to take into adequate consideration the emanating qualities and forces which are the contribution of our Earth's etheric body to the larger whole. This we will consider later, but we felt the necessity of calling your attention to it at this time.

Another point which should here be noted is that the influence of the moon is purely symbolic in nature and in effect and is simply the result of ancient thought and teaching (descended to us from Lemurian times) and is not based upon any true radiation or influence. In those far off times, antedating even Lemuria and constituting in Lemurian days simply an ancient tradition, the moon appeared to be a living vital entity. But we would have you bear definitely in mind that today the moon is nothing more than a dead form. It has no emanation and no radiation of any kind and, therefore, has no effect of any kind. The moon, from the angle of the esoteric knower, is simply an obstruction in space_ an undesirable form which must some day disappear. In esoteric astrology, the effect of the moon is noted as a thought effect and as the result of a powerful and most ancient thoughtform; nevertheless, the moon has no quality of her own and can transmit nothing to the Earth. Let us reiterate: The moon is a dead form; it has no emanation at all. That is why the moon is spoken of in the ancient teaching as "veiling either VULCAN or Uranus." This hint or inference has always been here and astrologers would do well to experiment with this suggestion we have made anent the moon and (instead of working with the moon) let them work with VULCAN when dealing with the undeveloped or average man and with Uranus when considering the highly developed man. They would find some interesting and convincing results eventuate.

Students would also do well to remember that the twelve constellations which constitute our particular zodiac are themselves the recipients of many streams of energy coming to them from many sources. These blend and fuse with the energy of any particular constellation and_ transmuted and "psyscientificly refined"_ eventually find their way into our solar system.

We would like to call attention, at this point, to some comments we made in [-----] which are apposite and helpful. We are somewhat paraphrasing:

"Astrology is concerned with the effect produced in the substance of the sheaths by the influences, vibrations, etc., of the various planets. These are, esoterically, the influences of the solar centres. The forces, emanating from the solar centres, play upon the planetary centres.... This is hidden in the karma of the Heavenly Man. When true esoteric astrology comes into being, more anent this will be given. Astrological students are today only learning the ABC of this stupendous subject and are occupied with the exoteric fringes of that great veil which has been thrown wisely over planetary lore."

([-----], p. 1051)

The following is a list_ incomplete but adequate for our purposes_ of the major influences which find their way from far distant Sources into our planetary life and produce definite effects upon individual man and humanity as a whole.

1. The constellation of the Great Bear.
- I.
 2. The Seven Sisters of the Pleiades.
 3. Sirius, the Dog Star.
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1. The seven solar systems of which ours is one.
- II.
 2. The seven sacred planets of which ours is not one.
 3. The five non-sacred planets or "hidden" planets.
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1. The seven planetary centres.

III. 2. The seven centres of force in the human etheric body.

IV. 1. The twelve zodiacal constellations.

We thus have a ninefold energy impact. This is a major chart but it should be remembered that there are other impacts of relative insignificance.

To these would be added other streams of energy which definitely play upon and affect our planetary life, such as those coming from that great star, Betelgeuse, or from Antares and other stupendous suns and solar systems which are related to the constellations of the zodiac and whose force reaches us through these constellations and not directly.

Besides these, it should be remembered that technically we should also add the radiatory influence which comes direct to us from the planet, the Earth, upon which we live. Then, and only then, can you have a fairly complete analysis and picture of the energies to which the etheric body of man (conditioning the physical body which is pre-eminently automatic and negative in its reactions) must and does ever respond. An understanding of that response and the conscious intelligent control of individual reactions are supremely necessary to man but only become possible at a fairly advanced stage of development and as he/she nears the Path (technically understood). Man learns first of all to control his reactions to the planets as they rule and direct his personality affairs from their different "stations" in the twelve houses of his horoscope. There are two ways in which this is done:

First: By having the horoscope duly cast and then taking steps to determine what should be done to negate the planetary influences where it is deemed desirable to control the personality reactions. This has to be done by the applied power of thought. This necessitates complete confidence in the understanding and interpretation of the astrologer and the recognition of the exact moment of birth. One wonders if these

conditions of the exact moment and the completely wise astrologer are ever to be found as yet.

Second: By consciously assuming the position of the spiritual Observer, and by cultivating the power to respond to the Soul. Then, from the angle of that Soul, the man must learn to control circumstance and the attendant reactions of the personality.

The following attitudes and positions taken by the esoteric astrologer should also be noted:

1. That the planetary influences indicate the trend of the outer life circumstances. When correctly interpreted for the average man and for the unevolved man, they can and do indicate the personality destiny and fate; they do condition and completely control the man who has no conscious soul experience. The moment that a man becomes aware of his own soul and is endeavouring to control his own "path in life," the influence of the planets, per se, definitely weakens and steadily becomes less and less; his personality chart appears inconclusive and often most inaccurate. It is the force flowing through the planets and not the force of the planets themselves which then governs and controls. The man then becomes receptive to the subtler and higher energies of the solar system and of the twelve governing constellations.

2. That the Sun sign, as it is called, indicates the nature of the man, physical, mental and spiritual. It holds the secret of the personality ray and of the man's responsiveness or lack of responsiveness to the Soul, the real man. It indicates also the integration already achieved and the present point of unfoldment of the soul qualities, of the present available equipment, of the present life quality and of the immediately possible group relations. It indicates, from the angle of the Ageless Wisdom, nothing more. This is a reversal of the usual astrological position. The reason that we proffer this is that humanity is enough evolved so that the astrology of the soul will become possible before long; it constitutes_ from

many points of view_ a reversal of normal procedure. This is both wise and necessary, and also inevitable. Astrologers will eventually be divided into two classes: the exoteric astrologers who will be occupied with the horoscope of the personality, and the esoteric astrologers who will be occupied with the purposes of the soul.

3. That the rising sign indicates the remoter possibilities, and the spiritual goal and purpose of the immediate incarnation and of the immediate succeeding incarnations. This sign concerns itself with the struggle of the spiritual man "to carry on" from the point achieved so that when the life energy is temporarily exhausted and the "death of the personality" takes place, the man finds himself "nearer the centre of his life, closer to the centre of his group and approaching the centre of divine life," as the Ageless Wisdom expresses it. This particular phrase "death of the personality" has two definite connotations:

a. It may mean the death of the physical body, which is inevitably followed by the two stages of the death of the emotional vehicle and the subsequent dissipation of the temporary and ever-changing form which the quota of mental energy has assumed during incarnation.

b. The subjective and mystical "death of the personality." This is a phrase indicating the transfer of the focus for the distribution of energy from the personality (a definite centre of force) to the soul (another definite centre).

We realise that these concepts are not in line with the usual astrological postulates. However, astrology would not be wasting time if it experimented with these ideas for a while. Astrologers might discover some most interesting and arresting problems and perhaps arrive at an accuracy which is at present unknown. It might be of some service if we enlarged somewhat upon this point:

In connection with the sun sign, the rising sign and the effect of the thoughtform relating to the moon, the position of esoteric astrology is as follows:

1. The sun sign._ This sign indicates the present problem of the man; it sets the pace or the established tempo of his personality life; it is related to quality, temperament and the life tendencies which are seeking expression during this particular incarnation, and it is suggestive of the rajasic or the activity aspect of the innate man. Fundamentally, the forces here found are indicative of the line of least resistance.

2. The ascendant or rising sign indicates the intended life or immediate soul purpose for this incarnation. It holds the secret of the future and presents the force which, rightly used, will lead the man to success. It represents the sattvic or harmony aspect of life and can produce right relationship between soul and personality in any one incarnation. It thus points the way to the recognition of the force of the soul.

3. The moon._ This type of force (coming from certain planets and not from the moon) indicates that which is past. It, therefore, summarises limitation and the present handicaps. It governs the physical body and shows where the prison of the soul is to be found.

The next statement which we would like to make, and which grows normally out of the above, is that the zodiacal, the systemic and the planetary energies act either as hindering or as stimulating forces, according to the type of vehicle or body upon which they play; the nature of these vehicles and their capacity to attract, to respond, to reject, to absorb and to transmute is entirely dependent upon the point in evolution attained and also upon the general planetary condition and psychology to be found in the human family at any given time. An instance of the latter can be seen today in the world where the forces, beating in an almost violent and somewhat new measure and tempo upon our planetary life, are evoking a greatly intensified response from the world thinkers, thus

stimulating them to earnest effort along ideological lines and, at the same time, are drawing forth from the masses and the little evolved people nothing but terror, a miserable fatalism, widespread physical depletion and many other undesirable reactions from the form nature. An understanding of these hindering or stimulating effects can be easily grasped by those who can comprehend the nature of the activities of the planet, Saturn. This is the planet which conditions primarily the point in evolution where choice definitely becomes possible, where rejection of opportunity or its acceptance can consciously be undertaken, and the shouldering of personal responsibility becomes a recognised fact in a planned and ordered life. This point in the human evolutionary process is spoken of in the *Old Commentary* in the following symbolic phrases:

"Amid the whirling forces, I stand confused. I know them not, for, during all my past, they swept me up and down the land wherein I moved, blinded and unaware. From place to place and point to point, they drove me up and down the land and nowhere was there rest.

I know them now and here I stand and will not move until I know the LAW which governs all this movement up and down the land. I may revolve and turning face the many different ways; I face some wide horizons and yet today I stand.

I will determine for myself the way to go. Then onward I will move. I will not travel up and down the land nor turn in space. But onward I will move."

There is another revolutionary idea which the esoteric science of astrology brings to its modern and exoteric aspect: In the greater cycle of man's many incarnations, he/she_ as is well recognised_ passes through the zodiacal circle from Pisces to Aries, thus retrograding through the signs as he follows the sweep or path of the Sun's retrogression. This phrase has always disturbed us, but the apparent retrogression, based upon the precession of the equinoxes, is all an integral part of the Great Illusion. The moment a man begins to emerge out of that illusion and is no longer subject to the glamour and to the effect of the world maya, that

moment the motion of the great Wheel of Life is reversed and he/she then begins (slowly and laboriously) to work in the opposite direction.

- He then passes through the signs from Aries to Pisces.
- He begins patiently and consciously to function as a soul struggling towards the light until finally he/she emerges at the end of the Path in Pisces as a world Victor and a world Saviour.
- He then knows the significance of the triumph over death because he/she has surmounted and overcome desire.

This reversal of the way a man travels through the signs of the zodiac will necessitate a readjustment of the method employed by astrologers when they are casting a horoscope of senior aspirants, of disciples and of INITIATES.

According, therefore, to an individual's point of evolution upon the Path or (in other words) the individual's place upon the wheel of life, the practising astrologer will arrange the interpretation of the horoscope. *It will require the work and the thought of the intuitive astrologer, dependent upon soul contact and much meditation, to determine the processes of astrological interpretation for those who are active and living souls at some one or other of the final stages upon the Path.* The casting of the horoscope of the average man or the undeveloped man presents no such difficulties.

It might be added in addition that the signs of the zodiac are concerned primarily with the life expression of the Heavenly Man (as far as our planet is concerned) and therefore with the destiny and life of the planetary Logos. They are also concerned with the great man of the heavens, the solar Logos. We refer in this last instance to their effect as it makes itself felt in the solar system as a whole and with this effect there are few astrologers at this time fit to deal. We would remind you that to the lives who inform these great constellations and whose radiation _ dynamic and magnetic_ reaches our Earth, this effect is incidental and unnoticed. The primary effect that they have is upon our planetary Logos and this effect reaches us through Him, pouring through that great planetary centre to which we have given the name of Shangri-Lha. It is, therefore, capable of evoking the major response from the monads, and these monads express themselves through the kingdom of souls and through the human

kingdom; it consequently expresses itself through the Hierarchy and through humanity as a whole. This is a point of real importance and should be noted and connected with all the teaching you have had upon this most interesting theme of the three major planetary centres. It is the work of the zodiacal influences to evoke the emergence of the will aspect of the Heavenly Man and of all monads, souls and personalities who constitute the planetary body of expression. This statement means but little to you today but it will mean much to those students who, in a few decades, will study what we are here saying. Properly understood, it accounts for much that is happening in the world at this time.

As these influences pour through our planet and thence to the centres of force upon the planet, they produce a dual effect:

1. They produce an effect upon advanced man, galvanising the centres above the diaphragm into activity and enabling him to respond to the radiation and the activity of the Hierarchy.
2. They produce an effect upon unevolved man, enabling him to function as an ordinary, unenlightened human being.

It should be noted here, however, that all the energies_ zodiacal, systemic, and planetary_ have a definite effect upon all the lives in all forms in all kingdoms of nature. Nothing can escape these radiatory and magnetic influences. The goal of evolution for humanity is to become consciously and livingly aware of the nature of these energies and begin to know them and to use them. This is the field of psyientism as the Hierarchy has always told men. It might be stated that the disciple has to become consciously aware of the planetary influences and begin to use them for the carrying out of soul purpose. The INITIATE has to be aware of the zodiacal influences which emanate from outside of the solar system altogether. These can be recognised as

- a. A vibration, registered in one or other of the seven centres.
- b. A revelation of a particular type of light, conveying a specific colour to the INITIATE.
- c. A peculiar note.
- d. A directional sound.

The whole story of the zodiac can be picturesquely yet accurately summed up in the following statement: There are three books which the three types of human beings study and from which they learn:

- 1. The Book of Life_ INITIATES_ the 12 constellations.
- 2. The Book of Wisdom_ Disciples_ the 12 planets.
- 3. The Book of Form or of Manifestation_ Humanity_ the 12 Creative Hierarchies.

In summation, it might be said that:

1. The zodiacal signs affect primarily the man who lives below the diaphragm. This is the ordinary average man. These signs thus condition four of the centres:

- a. The base of the spine.
- b. The sacral centre.
- c. The solar plexus centre.
- d. The spleen.

2. The inner group of solar systems, working in conjunction with the zodiacal signs, affect primarily those who live above the diaphragm. They, therefore, condition:

- a. The heart centre.**
- b. The throat centre.**
- c. The ajna centre.**
- d. The head centre.**

3. Three of the energies work through the head centre but only after the third initiation.

There are one or two other points which might be noted here also. We note them for your enlightenment. Out of all the many energies which impinge upon, pass through and produce effects upon our planet, esoteric astrology emphasises the following four types of force because they affect what might be called the personality of our Earth:

1. The quality of our solar system. God is a consuming fire but God is also love. This is the teaching of both esoteric and exoteric truth.

2. The quality of the Logos of our planet as it pours through the chains, the rounds, the races, and the kingdoms of nature.

3. The quality of the Earth's complementary planet, which is the Earth's polar opposite, esoterically considered. This planet is Venus.

4. The quality of the attraction of the three planets which produce an esoteric triangle of force.

We have several times used the phrase "pass through" the centres and forms. This concept necessitates the idea of distributing centres to which the incoming energies may go and from which they may pass out again as radiation. Some idea of this might be grasped if we gave you the new proposition (new to you though old to esotericists) of the centres in the human etheric body. The four centres above the diaphragm_ the heart, throat, ajna and head centres_ are basically and primarily receiving centres. The centres below the diaphragm_ the base of the spine, the sacral, solar plexus and spleen centres_ are galvanised into activity by the four higher receiving centres. This, when accomplished, demonstrates as personality and physical magnetism and influence until the time comes when there is a reversal in the way of passing_ as a soul_ around the zodiac. This is symbolised as the revolution of the sun around the zodiac from Aries to Pisces instead of the reverse movement, from Aries to Taurus. This is repeated in the human frame and the four lower centres eventually return that which has come to them. They thus reverse the process normally followed and the centres above the diaphragm become radio-active, dynamic and magnetic. This is an intricate psyientific study and is concerned with the response of the etheric body to the incoming energies. It relates finally the lowest centre at the base of the spine to the highest centre, the head centre. This is a correspondence to the relation of the Earth to the Sun. Think this out.

As we work and study over these matters, let us bear in mind always the fact that we are considering the seven rays and their inter-relations in the cosmic process. We are concerned esoterically with:

1. The seven rays and the twelve signs of the zodiac.
2. The seven rays and the twelve Creative Hierarchies.
3. The seven rays and the planets as they govern the twelve houses of expression.

As we ponder and think and as we correlate the various aspects of the teaching, we shall find three propositions emerging which govern the inflow of life to the planet and to the individual man. These have been laid down earlier in [-----] but it might profit us to state them here:

Proposition One_ Every ray life is an expression of a solar life and every planet is therefore:

- 1. Linked with every other planetary life.**
- 2. Animated by energy pouring into it from the seven solar systems, of which ours is one.**
- 3. Actuated by three streams of force:**
 - a. Coming from solar systems other than our own.**
 - b. Our own solar system.**
 - c. Our own planetary life.**

Proposition Two_ Each one of the ray lives is the recipient and the custodian of energies coming from

- 1. The seven solar systems.**
- 2. The twelve constellations.**

Proposition Three_ It is the quality of a ray life_ manifesting in time and space_ which determines the phenomenal appearance.

Before we penetrate further into the consideration of our theme, we would like to emphasise two points:

First of all, that we are considering esoteric influences and not astrology, per se. Our subject is the seven rays and their relationship to the zodiacal constellations or_ in other words_ the interaction of the seven great Lives which inform our solar system with the twelve constellations which compose our zodiac.

Secondly, that we have necessarily to study these energies and their interplay from the angle of their effect upon the planet, and incidentally, their effect upon the forms in the various kingdoms of nature and particularly in connection with the fourth kingdom, the human, and with individual man_ average man, the disciple and the INITIATE.

We shall enter into no definitions in connection with technical astrology, nor shall we use the many technical terms. If, in the presentation of this vast subject, and in the process of indicating the attitude of the Ageless Wisdom to this new and coming (yet very ancient) "science of effective energies," as it has been called, we may present a new approach, or point out an unsuspected relation and from the standpoint of the Ageless Wisdom correct what are deemed errors by the Teachers on the inner side of life, we are am hoping that some astrologers may be found who will be sensitive to that which is new. We are believing that there are investigators along astrological lines who will be open-minded enough to recognise possible hypotheses and then to make fair experiment with them. May we repeat: we are not writing a treatise upon astrology, but one upon the seven rays and their equivalent and corresponding energies, upon the effects of ray energy and the interplay of these energies with, and their effect upon, the various planetary forces, particularly those of the Earth. We are looking for these fair-minded astrologers to make due experiment with the factors and suggestions which we may indicate. With this in mind, let us proceed.

We have pointed out that these energies fall into three groups:

- 1. Those coming from certain great constellations which are to be found active in relation to our solar system and which, from the most ancient days, have always been related in myth and legend to our system. To these constellations, ours is related in a peculiar way.**
- 2. Those coming from the twelve zodiacal constellations. These are recognised as having a definite effect upon our system and our planetary life.**
- 3. Those coming from the planets found within the periphery of the Sun's sphere of influence.**

From a certain point of view, one can generalise largely and say that these are the correspondences in the solar system to the three great centres of force which produce and control manifestation and evolutionary progress in the human being:

- 1. The great exterior, yet controlling, constellations are analogous to that centre of force which we call the Monad and to its universal will-to-power which is distinctive of the first divine aspect.**
- 2. The twelve constellations might be regarded as embodying the soul aspect and, for the present, their effect upon the individual must be regarded and should be studied in terms of consciousness and of the development of the life of the soul. This is in essence the will-to-love.**
- 3. The planets, twelve in number (seven sacred planets and five non-sacred), are effective (using the word in a technical sense) in relation to the external life, environment and circumstances of the individual. Their force contacts should be interpreted largely in terms of the human personality, the third divine aspect. They thus exemplify the will-to-know.**

We would have you remember that we are talking entirely in terms of consciousness and of the responses and reactions of the individual to the forces which impinge upon him. The effect of the emanation of our planet, the Earth, is a correspondence to the effect of that aggregate of atoms and molecules which we call the dense physical body and of its response to the pull and the attraction of any or all of the subtler bodies.

As regards the influence of the seven solar systems, we should suggest (more we cannot do) that they are linked up astrologically with the

constellations, the Great Bear, the Pleiades, and Sirius. They are intimately related to them, but their exact effect is a transmitted one and cannot be noted as producing noticeable results, as yet, upon humanity and the other kingdoms in nature. The effect of the three great constellations also cannot be noted by individual man until such time as he becomes conscious of the monadic vibration, after the third initiation. There are many potent influences playing upon our solar system and the planet all the time but_ as far as man is concerned_ his response apparatus and his mechanism of reaction remain what is called "psyientificly unresponsive," for they are not yet of a quality which will permit any noticeable recognition, either in the dense or subtler vehicles or even by the soul. Later in the evolutionary process, recognition and response will come, but for all astrological purposes and recognisable produced effects, they may be regarded today as non-existent except as they react upon the fourth kingdom of nature as it constitutes a living unit in the body of the planetary Logos. As little conscious effect is produced by these forces as the effect of a high moment of contact in your morning meditation produces an effect upon the atom or cell in the little finger upon one of your hands. There may be a general response and stimulation throughout the entire body, but the intelligent atom makes no conscious response. The vibration is of too high a character.

Speculation along these lines is profitless. A vast system of interlocking energies is in active and rapid circulation throughout the whole cosmic etheric body_ of which our systemic etheric body is an integral part_ but speculative research along the indicated lines and the following of obscure trails are utterly futile until the main highway of approach has been constructed and followed. The general outline of the astrological way is all that is possible today, until the time when man can think in larger wholes and has a more synthetic capacity. We shall confine ourselves to the vast field of energies which we have outlined for your consideration and shall consider only the major forces which are in circulation. This will suffice for our day and generation. We are concerned with energies which can and do evoke response and of which man can be aware and, in many cases, is today aware.

It might be useful here to comment in a wide and general way, and with many necessary reservations, upon the broad sweep of some of these responses:

- 1. Undeveloped humanity is primarily conditioned in its life and circumstances by the influence of the lesser zodiac and thus by the position of the planets in the twelve houses.**
- 2. Average intelligent humanity and those nearing the Path of Discipleship and upon the Probationary Path respond consciously to**
 - a. The planets, affecting their personalities.**
 - b. The Sun sign, as indicating life trends which are already established and which constitute the line of least resistance.**
 - c. The rising sign in a small measure. This indicates the life goal for that particular life cycle or else over a period of seven lives. The last two constitute the Greater Zodiac.**
- 3. Disciples and INITIATES can begin consciously to respond to all the above influences, handling them constructively, plus those potent yet infinitely subtle forces which pour into our solar system from the three major constellations referred to above. In the early stages, the response is in the subtler bodies and the brain fails to register them, but after the third initiation, there is a recognition of them upon the physical plane.**

Bringing the theme back to the subject of this treatise, which is that of the seven rays, we would point out that these rays have a close connection with the seven stars of the Great Bear (again always the four and the three as a secondary differentiation) and to the seven Sisters, the Pleiades. The first constellation is the agent of positive force to the planetary Logos and the other the relayer of the negative aspect. There is, therefore, a direct interchange of energies between the lives of the seven planetary Logoi and the stupendous and unfathomable Lives Who inform these major constellations. Great interlocking triangles of force can be found existing between the seven planets and these two groups of seven stars each. It will eventually be discovered that the innermost secret of astrological deduction in the planetary sense is connected with these "sacred triangles," and they are_ in their turn_ represented by the triangles (shifting and changing) which can be constructed in connection with the seven centres.

In casting the horoscope of the planet (which will some day be possible) it will be found that the line of these forces and of our planetary response to them is of a more potent effect than is the influence of the zodiacal constellations upon the human unit. This is due to the immeasurably advanced point in evolution of the planetary Spirits Who have (in Their individual lives) largely transcended the influence of the twelve constellations and are becoming rapidly responsive to the higher vibrations of their great Prototypes, the "three intimate constellations," as they have esoterically been called. This is a correspondence in the lives of these great Entities to the manner in which an advanced individual can offset the influence of the planets and thus so dominate his personality life that prediction and certainty, as to activity and circumstance, are no longer possible. The soul is dominating, and the planets cease to condition the life. So it is with the constellations and the planetary Logoi. They can offset the lower influences as They awaken to and respond to the infinitely higher vibrations of the three major constellations.

2. The Creative Hierarchies.

It might here be appropriate if we interpolated a chart or a tabulation which may be found suggestive of some of these interlocking energies which play through, traverse, return, stimulate and energise every part of our solar system. They only evoke conscious response where the vehicle of expression and of response is adequate to the impact, and this statement is true of the solar Logos, the planetary Logoi, and of all forms in all the kingdoms upon our planet. Unconscious reaction will of course exist, but it will be on a general or mass scale, and much of it pours through to us from these distant constellations, via the fifth Creative Hierarchy. This Hierarchy, being on the verge of liberation, is to be found on the intellectual level of consciousness and can, therefore, be used as a focal point and a transmitter of the higher energies to our solar system and to the planet. If you make a careful study of the chart of the *twelve Creative Hierarchies*, you will note that this Hierarchy is influencing, and is influenced by, the *seventh Ray of Magical Order and of Ceremonial Organisation*. The basic function of this ray is to relate spirit and matter and produce the manifested form. The sign of the zodiac with which it is closely connected is that of Cancer, the Crab, which is a mass sign and one of the "gates" into manifested life.

The following information anent the Hierarchies may prove useful. It has been gathered from various sources.

We might here remind you that the seven planes of our solar system are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane. The four Creative Hierarchies which have achieved liberation are now to be found focussed upon the cosmic astral plane; hence their potency even when out of manifestation. The fifth Creative Hierarchy exists on the highest etheric level and will join the other four Hierarchies when the sixth Creative Hierarchy has measured up to cosmic opportunity and is itself nearing liberation. The following is a tabulation showing some of the astrological relationships in connection with

1. The constellation of the Great Bear.
2. The Pleiades or the Seven Sisters.
3. Sirius.
4. The seven solar systems.

TABULATIONS I AND II The Twelve Creative Hierarchies:

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THE TWELVE CREATIVE HIERARCHIES

THE FIVE KUMARAS	Nos. Down	Name	Ray	Sign	Energy	Comments	Nos. Up
	1	Unknown	III	Pisces	Intelligent Substance	None	12
	2	Unknown	IV	Aries	Unity thro' effort	None	11
	3	Unknown	V	Taurus	Light thro' knowledge	None	10
	4	Unknown	VI	Gemini	Desire for duality	None	9
	5	Unknown	VII	Cancer	Mass life	Veiling the Christ	8

Hierarchy 1 to 4 inclusive (12 to 9 inclusive) have reached liberation. Regarded as abstractions. *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*—Page 261
 The 5th Creative Hierarchy is on the verge of liberation. It is active on the intellectual plane.

THE SEVEN CREATIVE HIERARCHIES IN ACTIVE PLANETARY EXPRESSION

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	Nos. Down	Ray	Name	Sign	Energy	Comments	Nos. Up
THE SEVEN STATES OF BEING--UNDER KARMIC LAW	6	I	Divine Flames Divine Lives	1. <i>Leo</i> Planet-Sun Colour-Orange	Parashakti Supreme energy	Fire-Air Logocic Plane	7
	7	II	Divine Builders Conferring soul (C.F. 605) Burning sons of desire	2. <i>Virgo</i> Planet-Jupiter Colour-Blue	Kriyashakti Materialising ideal	Ether Monadix Plane	6
	8	III	Lesser Builders Conferring form (C.F. 605) The triple flowers	3. <i>Libra</i> Planet-Saturn Colour-Green	Jnanashakti Force of mind	Water Aethic Plane	5
	9	IV	Human Hierarchy The Initiates Lords of Sacrifice	4. <i>Scorpio</i> Planet-Mercury Colour-Yellow	Mantrikashakti The WORD made flesh. Speech	Solar Angels Agnishvattas Buddhic	4
	10	V	Human Personality The Crocodiles Makara, the mystery	5. <i>Capricorn</i> Planet-Venus Colour-Indigo	Ichchhashakti Will to manifest	Fire Mental Plane	3
	11	VI	Lunar Lords Sacrificial Fires (C.F. 378)	6. <i>Sagittarius</i> Planet-Mars Colour-Red	Kundalini shakti Energy of matter Form	Water Astral Plane	2
	12	VII	Elemental lives The Basket of Nourishment. The Blinded Lives	7. <i>Aquarius</i> Planet-Moon Colour-Violet	Note	Earth	1

NOTE: Much in this chart may seem obscure and even innocuous. For instance:
 a. Sagittarius coming between Capricorn and Aquarius. This is a temporary emphasis and will change in another world cycle. This is one of the mysteries revealed at Initiation.
 b. The inactivity of the five Hierarchies who are out of incarnation, having achieved liberation, is only on the lower planes.

1. The Hierarchy of Creative Powers is divided esoterically into seven (4 and 3) within the Twelve Great Orders.

2. Three Hierarchies are_ in this greater cycle_ of profound significance, the fourth or human Creative Hierarchy and the two deva / angel Hierarchies, the fifth and the sixth.

3. The fourth Creative Hierarchy is in reality the ninth and that is why it is called the Hierarchy of INITIATES. This can be seen by referring to the chart.

4. We are told in [-----] that in the ninth, tenth and eleventh Hierarchies (counting from the bottom upwards) lies the clue to the nature of Agni, the Lord of Fire, the sum total of systemic vitality.

5. Much light can come to the earnest student through a study of the numbers connected with these Hierarchies.

a. The first 5 are regarded as pure abstractions.

b. Hierarchy One has the numbers_ 6.1.7.

Hierarchy Two has the numbers_ 7.2.6.

Hierarchy Three has the numbers_ 8.3.5.

Hierarchy Four has the numbers_ 9.4.4.

Hierarchy Five has the numbers_ 10.5.3.

Hierarchy Six has the numbers_ 11.6.2.

Hierarchy Seven has the numbers_ 12.7.1.

It is necessary to take note of this as in [---] reference will be found to the Hierarchies under different numbers. This serves to conceal, but it will also confuse the student.

6. The first four Hierarchies achieved liberation in the first solar system. Their influence reached our Earth through the medium of the fifth Creative Hierarchy.

7. These are, therefore, related to the four rays which work as minor rays of Attribute under the great major third Ray of Active Intelligence.

8. Pisces is seen at the head of the list of zodiacal signs because it is governing the present great astrological world cycle of 25,000 years. It

was also one of the dominant signs, influencing our planet at the time of individualisation when the human kingdom came into being. It is basically related to the first or highest Creative Hierarchy which is, in its turn, related to the third Ray of Active Intelligence. It was the product of the first solar system. The development of illumination through an awakened intelligence is the first goal of humanity.

9. The fifth Creative Hierarchy (also numbered 8) is on the verge of liberation. It is peculiarly connected with the tenth Creative Hierarchy, with the constellation Capricorn and with the human personality which veils and temporarily hides the Christ principle behind both form and mind. Eight is, under some numerical systems, regarded as the number of the Christ.

10. The Greater Builders and the Lesser Builders, working on the second and third planes of our solar system, have their activities reflected in the work of the Lunar Lords and the elemental lives.

11. You will note that the human Hierarchy (on chart 9-IV-4) is assigned no particular element as it has to fuse and synthesise them all. This is part of the great tests of initiation under Scorpio.

12. This chart is drawn up in relation only to the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human. It is not drawn in relation to the other planetary manifestations.

(The chart has been compiled from the very limited stock of knowledge that has thus far been revealed on the subject, and it is as correct as possible under the circumstances.)

Each of the seven Hierarchies of Beings, found within the Twelve, Who are the Builders or the Attractive Agents are (in their degree) intermediaries; all embody one of the types of force emanating from the seven constellations. Their intermediary work, therefore, is dual:

1. They are the mediators between Spirit and matter.
2. They are the transmitters of force from sources extraneous to the solar system to forms within the solar system.

Each of these groups of beings is likewise septenary in nature, and the forty-nine fires of Brahma are the lowest manifestation of their fiery nature. Each group also may be regarded as "fallen" in the cosmic sense, because involved in the building process, or the occupiers of forms of some degree of density or another.

Hierarchy I. The first great Hierarchy is emanated from the Heart of the central Spiritual Sun. It is the Son of God Himself, the First Born in a cosmic sense, even as the Christ was the "Eldest in a vast family of brothers," and the "first flower on the human plant." The symbol of this Hierarchy is the Golden Lotus with its twelve petals folded. [...] I. 233-250. III. 565.

It should be remembered that this Hierarchy is literally the sixth, for five hierarchies have passed on, being the product of the earlier system, that wherein Intelligence or Manas was the goal. The five liberated Hierarchies are in their totality the sum total of manas. It is the Hierarchy which is the fifth in order, and which we are told is in process of achieving final liberation, or taking its fourth Initiation, which is the cause of certain phenomena upon our planet which has merited our planet being called the "Star of Suffering." There is a karmic link between the animal kingdom and the fifth Creative Hierarchy of the earlier system which makes itself felt in man in the necessary crucifixion of the animal physical nature,

particularly along sex lines. We must remember that the Hierarchies work under the LAW of Attraction; it is the law of the Builders.

This first (sixth) Hierarchy has for its type of energy the first aspect of the sixth type of cosmic electricity, and wields special power, therefore, in conjunction with the lowest fire, or "fire by friction," as it makes itself felt on the sixth plane. These lives are called "the burning Sons of Desire" and were the Sons of Necessity. It is said of them in the *Old Commentary*. "They burned to know. They rushed into the spheres. They are the longing of the Father for the Mother. Hence do they suffer, burn, and long through the sixth sphere of sense."

Hierarchy II. The second Hierarchy is closely allied with the Great Bear. We are told that They entered through the second ventricle within the Sacred Heart, and are (as we are told in [---]) the prototypes of the Monads. They are the source of monadic life, but They are not the Monads; They are far higher.

This Hierarchy, which is literally the seventh, is the influx into our system of those Lives who in the first solar system remained on their own plane, being too sinless and holy to find opportunity in that very material and intellectual evolution. Even in this, they will find it impossible to do more than influence the incarnating Jivas, imparting to them ability to realise the nature of group consciousness, the quality of the seven Heavenly Men, but not being able to express themselves fully. Some clues to this mystery will come if the student carefully bears in mind that in our solar system and our seven planes, we have only the physical body of the Logos, and that that physical body is a limitation of the expression of His threefold nature. The first (sixth) Hierarchy might be viewed as endeavouring to express the mental vibration of the solar Logos and the second, His emotional, or cosmic astral, nature.

This second (seventh) Hierarchy has for its type of force the second aspect of the seventh type of force from out of the many. Some idea of the

relative point in evolution of the solar Logos may be gained by study of the varying aspects of force which He is demonstrating in this particular incarnation. It is this energy which drives the Monads through into physical incarnation, for it makes itself felt on the seventh plane. The energies which are functioning are those which the Logos has unfolded, and are the gain of previous incarnations. Gaps necessarily occur, and certain types of force are lacking because He has as yet much cosmically to gain.

It is the energy of this Hierarchy which results in the manifestation of the Divine Androgyne, and in the seven centres of force which are the seven Spiritual Energies.

Hierarchy III. The third Creative Hierarchy (or the eighth) is a peculiarly interesting one. They are called "the Triads" for They hold in themselves the potencies of triple evolution, mental, psychical, and spiritual. These Triads of Life are inherently the three Persons of the Trinity and the flower of the earlier system from a certain angle. From another angle, when studied as the "flower of the earlier Eight," They are the eightfold points awaiting opportunity to flame forth. They are the devas who are ready for service, which is to give to another Hierarchy certain qualities which are lacking. This Hierarchy is regarded as the great donors of immortality whilst Themselves "standing aloof from incarnation." Lords of Sacrifice and Love are They, but They cannot pass out of the logoc etheric body into the dense physical vehicle.

This third Hierarchy wields the third aspect of electric force of the first type of cosmic energy. They stand for a recurrent cycle of that first type symbolised by the number 8. The formulae for these electrical energies are too complicated to be given here, but the student should bear in mind that these Hierarchies express:

1. Septenary cosmic energy.
2. Cosmic prana.

3. Solar energy or electric fire, solar fire and fire by friction.

Each Hierarchy manifests a triple energy or an aspect of each of the above, and that necessitates a ninefold differentiation, for the two first are triple, as is the third. It is the rejection of the Triadal lives by units in the fourth Hierarchy, that of the human Monads, which precipitates a man eventually into the eighth sphere. He refuses to become a Christ, a Saviour and remains self-centred.

We have dealt with the first three Hierarchies which are regarded as ever "seeing the Face of the Ruler of the Deep," or as being so pure and holy that Their forces are in realised contact with Their emanating source.

We now take up for brief consideration two Hierarchies which closely concern ourselves, the human self-conscious entities. These two groups are literally three, as the fifth Hierarchy is a dual one, and it is this which has led to some confusion and is the psyientific significance behind the ill-omened number thirteen. They are the "Seekers of satisfaction" and the cause of the second fall into generation, the fact behind the taking of a lower nature by the Ego. The fourth and the fifth Hierarchies are the ninth and tenth, or the "INITIATES" and the "Perfect Ones." All human beings, or "Imperishable Jivas," are those who evolve through a graded series of initiations, either self-induced or brought about on our planet with extraneous aid. They achieve through a "marriage" with the order next to them, the fifth. They are then completed or perfected, and it is owing to this psyientific fact that the fourth Hierarchy is regarded as masculine and the fifth as feminine.

Hierarchy IV. The fourth Creative Hierarchy is the group wherein the highest aspect of man, his "Father in Heaven" finds place. These lives are the points of fire who must become the flame; this they do through the agency of the fifth Hierarchy and the four wicks, or the two dual lower hierarchies. Thus it can be seen that where man is concerned, the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh Hierarchies are, during the cycle of incarnation,

his very self. They are the "Lords of Sacrifice" and "Lords of Love," the flower of Atma-Buddhi.

In studying these Hierarchies, one of the most valuable lessons to be learned is the place and importance of man in the scheme. The Hierarchy, for instance, which is the essence of the intangible Life of Spirit, the principle of Buddhi, is the esoteric cause of the cosmic marriage of spirit and matter, based on the love and desire of the Logos, but each Hierarchy also expresses itself through one particular manifestation which comes to be regarded by the finite mind of man as the Hierarchy itself. This is not so, and care must be taken to distinguish between these Hierarchies.

They are latent germs of force centres and manifest subjectively; they warm and vitalise groups of forms; they flower forth and express themselves through the medium of a form, or another Hierarchy. These Hierarchies are all interrelated and are negative or positive to each other, as the case may be.

As is stated in [---], I. 238, this Hierarchy is the nursery for the incarnating Jivas; and it carried in it the germs of the Lives which achieved the human stage in another solar system, but were not able to proceed beyond that owing to the coming in of pralaya, which projected them into a state of latency. The condition of the Hierarchy is similar, only on a cosmic scale, to the condition of the seeds of human life held in a state of obscurity during an interchain period. The three other Hierarchies dealt with (first, second and third) were those who have (in previous kalpas of logic manifestation) passed beyond the human stage altogether. They are, therefore, the arupa or formless groups, as the remaining are the rupa groups or those having forms.

The fourth Creative Hierarchy, or the ninth, must ever be regarded in this solar system as occupying what might be considered as the third place,

First, the Lives or the three Persons of the Trinity.

Second, the Prototypes of man, the seven Spirits.

Third, man or the lowest manifestation of the self-conscious Spirit aspect.

This needs to be carefully considered and has no reference to the form aspect but solely to the nature of the Lives expressing themselves through other lives who are also self-conscious, or fully intelligent. This, certain of the Hierarchies are not.

The four lower Hierarchies are all concerned with manifestation in the three worlds, or in the dense physical body of the solar Logos. They are Those who can discard or pass through the etheric body of the solar Logos and take forms composed of either gaseous, liquid, or dense substance. The others cannot. They cannot fall into physical generation.

Students must bear in mind that from the standpoint of the Logos, the solar Angels on the mental plane (the fifth subplane of the cosmic physical plane) are in physical incarnation, and what is called the "second fall" applies to this. The first fall has reference to the taking of a form of cosmic etheric matter, such as is the case with the Heavenly Men, the prototypes of the human jivas. In this latter case the bodies used are called "formless" from our standpoint, and are "vital bodies," animated by cosmic prana. In the case of ourselves and the remaining groups, the forms are composed of substance of the three lower planes (that which the Logos does not regard as a principle) and, therefore, matter responding still to the vibration of the earlier system. This means that the four lower Hierarchies are links between the life of the past and of the future. They are the present. They had not finished their contacts with the active intelligent principle of the preceding kalpa, and so must continue such contacts in this. They will work out of it in this system, the four will

become the three and they will then be the three higher arupa Hierarchies of the next system.

Before continuing our consideration of the particular Hierarchies, it is necessary to point out that in these Hierarchies, certain of them are termed "dominant hierarchies" and others "subsidiary hierarchies." By this is meant that certain of them are expressing themselves in this solar system more fully than the others, and this necessarily entails the consequence that their vibration is more to be felt than that of the subsidiary groups. The dominant groups are the second, fourth and fifth, and this because:

a. The second is the great expression of duality, of the Son as He vitalises the Sun.

b. The fourth is the Hierarchy of human Monads who are the mediators or the synthesisers; they express the gain of System 1 and the goal of System 2.

c. The fifth or tenth is closely linked with the five liberated Hierarchies, and is an expression of their synthesised life. It might, therefore, be said that the fifth Hierarchy serves as the representative of the five liberated groups, and the fourth is the representative group in this system, whilst the second represents (for man, or these two groups united) that which is the Spirit aspect, the Father, the Unknown.

Hierarchy V. The fifth Creative Hierarchy is, as we know from study of [---], a most mysterious one. This mystery is incident upon the relation of the fifth Hierarchy to the five liberated groups. This relation, in connection with our particular planet, which is not a sacred planet, can be somewhat understood if the history of the Buddha, and His work is contemplated. This is hinted at in the third volume of [---].

The relation of the fifth Hierarchy to a certain constellation has also a bearing upon this mystery. This is hidden in the karma of the solar Logos, and concerns His relationship to another solar Logos, and the interplay of force between Them in a great mahakalpa. This is the true "secret of the Dragon," and it was the dragon-influence or the "serpent energy" which caused the influx of manasic or mind energy into the solar system. Entangled closely with the karma of these two cosmic Entities, was that of the lesser cosmic Entity Who is the Life of our planet, the planetary Logos. It was this triple karma which brought in the "serpent religion" and the "Serpents or Dragons of Wisdom," in Lemurian days. It had to do with solar and planetary Kundalini, or Serpent fire. A hint lies in the fact that the constellation of the Dragon has the same relation to the ONE greater than our Logos as the centre at the base of the spine has to a human being. It concerns stimulation, and vitalisation with a consequent co-ordination of the manifesting fires.

A clue to the mystery lies also in the relation of this fifth group to the two contracting poles. They are the five-fold Links, the "Benign Unifiers" and "the Producers of the Atonement." Esoterically, they are the "Saviours of the Race" and from Them emanates that principle which_ in conjunction with the highest aspect_ lifts the lower aspect up to Heaven.

When these mysteries are carefully studied, and due application made to the lives of the greatest exponents of the at-one-ing principle, it will become apparent how great and all-important is their place in the scheme.

It is for this reason that the units of the fifth Hierarchy are called "The Hearts of Fiery Love"; They save through love, and in Their turn these lives are peculiarly close to the great Heart of Love of the solar Logos. These great redeeming Angels, Who are the Sons of Men on their own true plane, the mental, are ever, therefore, pictured as taking the form of twelve-petalled lotuses_ this symbology linking them up with "the Son of Divine Love," the manifested solar system, which is said to be a cosmic twelve-

petalled lotus, and with the logioic causal lotus, equally of a twelve-petalled nature.

We have, therefore, a direct stream of energy flowing through:

- a. The logioic twelve-petalled egoic lotus, cosmic mental plane.
- b. The solar twelve-petalled lotus.
- c. The planetary logioic heart, also a twelve-petalled lotus.
- d. The twelve-petalled human egoic lotus on the mental plane.
- e. The twelve-petalled heart centre in a human being.

Or, to word it otherwise, energy flows direct from:

a. The solar Logos, via three great cosmic centres:

1. The central spiritual Sun.
2. The heart of the Sun.
3. The physical Sun.

b. The heart centre of the planetary Logos, situated on the fourth cosmic etheric plane (our buddhic plane).

c. The egoic lotus of a human being on the mental plane, which is literally a correspondence to the "heart of the Sun." The monadic point is a reflection in the human system of the "central spiritual Sun."

d. The heart centre of a man on the etheric plane of the physical plane, which is in its turn a correspondence to the physical Sun.

Thus the tiny atom is linked with the great central Life of the solar system.

This fifth Hierarchy is equally, under the law, a distributor of energy to the fifth subplane of each plane in the system, only it must be borne in mind that, in the three worlds, it is the fifth subplane counting from above downwards, whilst in the worlds of superhuman evolution, it is the fifth counting from below upwards. This Hierarchy wields, as we know, the dual aspects of manas, one in the three worlds and one which makes itself felt in higher spheres.

It is necessary to bear in mind that all these groups are (even when termed "formless") the true forms of all that persists, for all are in the etheric body of the solar Logos or planetary Logos. This is a point requiring careful emphasis; students have for too long regarded the form as being the dense physical body, whereas to the psyientist the physical body is not the form, but a gross maya, or illusion, and the true form is the body of vitality. Therefore, these Hierarchies are the sum total of the vital lives and the substratum or the substance of all that is. We might regard the subject as follows:

a. The four superior groups are the Hierarchies expressing themselves through the three cosmic ethers, the second, third and fourth.

b. The two lowest groups are the lives which are found functioning as the involutory matter (organised and unorganised) of the logoc dense physical body, the liquid and gaseous, with the living substance of the four higher subplanes of the systemic dense physical body.

c. The fifth Hierarchy has an interesting position as the "mediating" body between the higher four and those which are found on the lower three subplanes. There is a vital and significant correspondence to be found between the seven head centres and the seven groups of egos on the mental plane, and there is an psyientific analogy between the three head centres (pineal gland, pituitary body, and the alta major centre) and the expression of these seven groups of egos in the three worlds. This is a most esoteric fact, and all students meditating upon the laws of at-one-ment must take this analogy into consideration.

It is useful to remember the place of these Hierarchies in the scheme, and to realise that upon the sum total of these vital bodies is gradually gathered the dense manifestation which we regard as the evolutionary matter. The forms are built (from the form of all atoms to the body of the ego, from the form of a flower to the vast planetary or solar lotus) because the Hierarchies exist as the aggregate of germ lives, giving the impulse, providing the model, and procuring, through their very existence, the entire raison d'être of all that is seen on all planes.

Hierarchies VI and VII. These sixth and seventh Hierarchies which provide the substance forms of the three worlds have a vital use and a most interesting place. From the logoc standpoint, they are not regarded as providing principles, but from the standpoint of man they do provide him with His lowest principles. They hold the same relation to the Logos as the dense physical body does to man, and all that concerns the evolution of man must (in this particular place) be studied as going on within the physical, logoc vehicle. They deal with the display of physical energy; with the working out in the physical vehicle of all divine purposes, and with the physical organisation of a certain great cosmic Life.

Particularly is this so when we view the two Hierarchies under consideration. They are the lowest residue of the previous system, and the energy of that matter (liquid, gaseous and dense) which the vibration of the logoc permanent atom (on the plane adi) attracts to itself in the building of the divine form. For purposes of clarification and of generalisation, it might be noted that the seventh Hierarchy is the life or

energy found at the heart of every atom, its positive aspect, and the sixth Hierarchy is the life of the forms of all the etheric bodies of every tangible object. The function of this Hierarchy is well described in the words of the *Old Commentary*:

"The devas hear the word go forth. They sacrifice themselves and out of their own substance they build the form desired. They draw life and the material from themselves, and yield themselves to the divine impulse."

[----], pages 1196-1207

TABULATION III

I. *DYNAMIC ENERGY* Electric Fire

| Cancer

1. Sirius..... | Saturn.....Fifth Creative
Hierarchy

| Capricorn (the 8th Unknown)

The Cardinal Cross

2. The Great | Aries

Bear..... | Sun, veiling VULCAN.....Second
Creative Hierarchy

| Libra (the 11th)

Unknown

The Cardinal Cross

| Gemini

3. Pleiades..... | Mercury.....Fourth Creative Hierarchy

| Sagittarius (the 9th) Unknown

The Mutable Cross

All the above energies are called into play as far as man is concerned during the major initiations and upon the Path of Initiation.

II. MAGNETIC ENERGY.....Solar Fire

4. The 7 solar | Taurus
systems..... | Mars.....Third Creative Hierarchy

| Scorpio (the 10th) Unknown

The Fixed Cross

All the above energy is called into play as far as man is concerned whilst he/she is in training as a disciple and upon the Path of Discipleship.

NOTE: It is not revealed through which signs of the zodiac the first or twelfth Creative Hierarchy pours forth its energy.

Before continuing with the analysis of the tabulations and showing the inter-relations existing in this particular zodiacal cycle between the twelve signs of the zodiac and the twelve planets, there are certain things which we would like to point out here in connection with these zodiacal constellations. They are in the nature of generalisations, but the specific and the particular can be deduced from them.

First of all, we would point out that the twelve planets, governing the twelve houses, concern primarily the physical plane expression of the man; they affect potently the personality aspect; their influence, plus inherited karmic conditions, produces those environing states and those circumstances which give opportunity for the development and eventually the control of the form side of life.

Secondly, the twelve constellations are concerned primarily with the stimulation of the soul within the form, producing subjective activity which, in its turn, causes changes in the outer expression, through the fusion of the energy of the constellation with the energy of the planets. The effect produced falls into two stages:

1. The first stage wherein the sun sign dominates the man and he/she is gradually fitted to respond to the soul. His latent possibilities for this life are unfolded. The effect of the sun sign is sometimes called "the potency of the Sun of Probability."
2. The second stage wherein there is increasing response to the energies, concealed by the rising sign. They evoke the unexpected and produce the hastening of the evolutionary process and the unfoldment of the inner life. The rising sign is termed in the language of esotericism "the Sun of Possibility."

Through the effect of the energy flowing from the zodiacal signs the man is prepared for the "crisis of orientation" wherein he slowly and gradually reverses his mode of progress upon the wheel of life and begins consciously to travel back to his source. He then goes from Aries to Pisces, via Taurus, Scorpio and Capricorn, instead of moving from Aries to Taurus via Sagittarius, Leo and Cancer. The triplicity of constellations mentioned in these two great routes around the zodiac have a definite and momentous effect and are called "paramount signs of influence." During this process the mental principle, the discriminating mind, is developed

and in this specific connection (not in a general connection) the emphasis is laid upon the influence of Aries, Gemini and Libra. Under that influence the man learns to overcome desire through experiment with and experience of every kind of desire and selfish impulse. Thus gradually, and with infinite pain, the human soul learns to function first as a member of the human family, and, secondly as a spiritual entity, the divine soul.

You will see from the above that certain positions taken by the esoteric astrologer reverse the position of the orthodox astrology of today. The reason for this is that in the descent of ideas from the plane of ideas, they become "reversed" upon the astral plane and subject to the great illusion; astrology must eventually free itself from this reversal.

A right understanding of the effect of the various energies and forces will make it apparent that, when the conditioning planetary forces, the expanding energies of the sun sign and the driving energy of the rising sign are all being controlled and directed by the illumined spiritual man, you will then have a soul upon the very verge of liberation.

Eventually the energies of the twelve constellations and_ at a final stage of experience and development_ of the three great constellations which condition the solar Logos are blended with the innate energies of the seven rays or of the seven planetary Logoi. This marks a point of perfection. These extraneous energies (We refer here to those of the major constellations) are relayed to the Earth via the seven sacred planets and the five non-sacred planets, and when there is the complete fusion of the related energies and, therefore, full expression, a great world period comes to an end. For a long time during this cycle of reincarnations and periods of manifestation, the human being is conditioned almost entirely by the activity of the non-sacred planets. These, as you know, are five in number:

The Sun (veiling a planet)

The Moon (veiling a planet)

The Earth itself

Mars

Pluto

Man_ speaking symbolically_ is the "five-pointed star and, at the fiery points, the forces of the man pour out and upon each fiery point appears a centre of reception." This is of course pictorially expressed, but the meaning is clear. However, as man nears the Path of Discipleship the influence of the sacred planets becomes increasingly effective, until after the final and fifth initiation the non-sacred planets have no effect, though the INITIATE wields their energies potently as they pour into and through his vehicles of reception, of response and of expression, for all three activities and purposes must be noted.

The energies of the twelve constellations are blended with those of the twelve planets, but their power to evoke response, and to be consciously received, recognised and employed, is dependent entirely upon the type of response mechanism of the planetary Life and of the individual man. It has been rightly said that consciousness is dependent upon the vehicles of consciousness, upon their point of development and upon the ability of the individual to identify himself with the energies and impulses which are reaching him, and is not dependent only upon that which is already a recognised part or aspect of himself. It might be said that the higher response to the realities and qualities revealed and made possible by the impact of energy from the zodiacal signs is somewhat dependent upon the waning influence of the planets to hold down the consciousness aspect of the man. Ponder upon this, for it embodies a deep esoteric truth.

Thus, two potent streams of energy_ cosmic and systemic_ reach man via the conditioning planetary centres of force (the seven planetary schemes in the solar system and their corresponding seven centres in the planet on which we live) and pour into the symbolic "twelve houses" through their medium. It is for this reason that our solar system is spoken of as one of "intrinsic duality" (love-wisdom) and that the major task of man is the

"regulation of the pairs of opposites." The theme of duality, therefore, runs through the whole story of man's development. Upon all the three planes of human unfoldment the reconciliation goes forward.

1. Upon the physical plane we find the merging of the dense and the etheric forces. This is consummated upon the Path of Purification.

2. Upon the astral plane there must come the resolution of the pairs of opposites. This is consummated upon the Path of Discipleship.

3. Upon the mental plane the Angel of the Presence and the Dweller on the Threshold are brought face to face. Their synthesis is brought about upon the Path of Initiation.

What is true of man in this connection is true also of humanity as a whole, of the planetary Logos of the Earth, as of all planetary Logoi, and of a solar Logos. The analogy between the fusion of the pairs of opposites, for instance, upon the physical plane can be seen in the conscious and directed fusion of the planetary forces with the energy of any specific planet or group of planets. The analogy, involving discrimination to regulate and offset the force of the pairs of opposites upon the astral plane, can be seen when the energies of the sun sign and of the planets are perfectly directed and adjusted. The analogy can also be carried forward onto the mental plane and when the energies of the sun sign and the rising sign are coherently blended and expressed (in the case of both the individual or a planetary Life) there comes a point of crisis wherein the soul and the personality are brought face to face. The Angel of the Presence, distributing solar fire and holding focussed electric fire, and the Dweller on the Threshold, expressing and utilising fire by friction, know each other "with intimate psyientific knowledge." The door then stands open wide through which the life and light of the three major constellations can_ after the third initiation_ be psyientificly available to the INITIATE, be he/she a liberated human being or a planetary Logos.

When astrologers understand the true significance of the constellation Gemini, the Twins, and the dual forces which pour through this sign (the "forces in conflict" as they are sometimes called or "the quarrelling brothers") and beat upon our planetary life, then the true method of resolving the dualities will be known.

It is interesting to note also that seven of the symbols which express the twelve signs of the zodiac are dual in their nature, and duality can be inferred from them.

- 1. The two horns of the Ram in Aries.**
- 2. The two horns of the Bull in Taurus.**
- 3. The figures of the Twins in Gemini (two lines).**
- 4. The two claws of the Crab in Cancer.**
- 5. The two scales of the Balance in Libra.**
- 6. The two Parallel Lines of force in Aquarius.**
- 7. The two Fishes in Pisces.**

These seven constellations are, therefore, closely related to six of the seven sacred planets and to one non-sacred planet. There are two signs which are simple figures and have no significance of duality. They are

- 8. The symbol for Leo, which is simply the Lion's tail.**
- 9. The arrow in the symbol depicting Sagittarius.**

They embody the idea of isolated separation and one-pointed desire. Two signs are definitely triple in construction and this has a clear meaning to the esotericist.

10. Virgo is a triple sign.

11. Scorpio is also a triple sign, closely resembling the symbol of Virgo.

These two signs are crucial in the experience of the human being, indicating as they do the function of the triple form and the liberation of the man imprisoned in the form, through the tests in Scorpio wherein he proves to himself and to the world the reality of that which Virgo has veiled or hidden.

12. The symbol for the sign Capricorn is most mysterious. It conceals the mystery of the Crocodiles, or Makara. It is constructed in an inaccurate and definitely misleading manner and should be regarded as a mystery and therefore not to be defined.

These signs and their relationship to the sacred and non-sacred planets will be considered later.

To sum up: Man will, therefore, have to be studied as a threefold entity, a composite individual, expressing (in the three worlds):

- a. The spiritual soul, reflecting the Monad.
- b. The human soul, reflecting the divine soul.
- c. The form nature, which should be the revealer of the two higher.

Three Creative Hierarchies condition the man in incarnation, the 4th (or 9th) the 5th (or 10th) and the 6th. These, in collaboration, create man and, at the same time, constitute the field of his expression. Man is consequently a blend of electric fire, being a divine Flame, and becomes eventually responsive to the three major controlling influences; he is also solar fire, being a solar Angel in manifestation. He then becomes increasingly responsive to the influences of the twelve constellations. He is likewise fire by friction and comes under the influence of the planets. The tabulation below may make this somewhat clearer:

I. Electric Fire._ Path of Initiation_ 4th Hierarchy; full soul expression; monadic life.

GOAL: Identification with the Monad. Produces responsiveness to the three constellations.

II. Solar Fire._ Path of Discipleship_ 5th Hierarchy; full life experience; soul life.

GOAL: Identification with the Soul. Produces responsiveness to the twelve zodiacal constellations.

III. Fire by Friction._ Path of Evolution_ 6th Hierarchy; life experiment; human life.

GOAL: Identification with the Personality. Produces responsiveness to the planetary influences.

3. The Great Wheel and Spiritual Unfoldment.

Before we give you the remaining part of the chart which deals with the constellations as conductors of cosmic energies or as transmitters of

their own energy, we would like to remark that much that we shall say will be based upon:

1. The wheel of life and the path of man, the human being, as he/she passes through the signs according to the mode recognised by orthodox astrology. He, as well as the planets, apparently retrogrades through the signs and appears to pass through the constellations from Aries to Taurus. But this is all part of the Great Illusion.

2. The wheel of life and the path of man, the divine or spiritual soul, as he passes through the signs of the zodiac according to the mode studied by the esoteric astrologer. This is the Path of Reality as the other is the Path of Illusion. This carries the disciple around the path from commencement in Aries to consummation in Pisces.

The present method is based upon the temporary truth that ordinary man is subject to the illusory nature of manifestation and "as he thinks, so is he." When, however, he/she becomes Hercules, the Sun God (or solar Angel), he/she begins to reverse the process (again only apparently) and a definite reorientation takes place. The Teachers on the inner side, therefore, study the horoscope only in its relation to the following three entities:

1. The horoscope of the planet itself as the expression of the life of the planetary Logos. This involves the studying of the horoscope of the spirit of the planet as well as of the informing Life and their joint relationship and interplay. The spirit of the Earth is to the planetary Logos of the Earth, for instance, what the personality (or form nature) is to the soul of man. The two horoscopes are superimposed and the "planetary pattern" then emerges.

2. The horoscope of the human family, of the fourth kingdom in nature, regarding it as an entity, which it essentially is. This is in reality the study of two horoscopes, as in the above case;

- the horoscope of the kingdom of souls, of the divine sons of God upon the mental plane, and
- the study of the entity which is the coherent life of the form side of the fourth kingdom in nature.

This is again done by superimposing the two charts. These charts are drawn on a large scale and on a transparent material of which humanity knows nothing. Upon these charts are noted the pattern which emerges when "soul and personality are brought together" and present conditions, possible developments and relationships, and the immediate future objective appear with clarity.

3. The horoscopes of disciples. The Masters do not study the charts of ordinary undeveloped man. There is no profit in so doing. This involves again the study of the two horoscopes of the disciple under inspection_ one of the soul and the other of the personality. Again the process of superimposition is utilised. In one horoscope, the new orientation and the embryonic reorganised inner life will be noted and studied, and in the other the outer life and its conformity or non-conformity to inner conditions will be the subject of attention. Thus the life pattern will emerge, possibilities will be indicated, problems will disappear, and the immediate next step will clearly show forth.

It thus becomes apparent again to what an extent the "principle of duality" enters into everything. It is a shifting dualism, according to where the emphasis may be placed, but this dualism is present until the last and final initiation_ present in the later stages of the evolutionary process, in the adjustment of form relations but not present in the consciousness of the disciple of advanced degree. That is the major point to be grasped.

A third point must here be made, following upon the two earlier emphasised. A great part of our study will be occupied with the relation of the six constellations in the upper half of the zodiacal wheel to the six which are found in the lower half; we shall consider the energy which is a human being (note that phrasing) as it travels clockwise from Aries to

Taurus and then_ reversing the process_ travels from Aries to Pisces. We will consider the dualities provided by one of these constellations and its opposite; we will study, therefore, the great qualities provided by a constellation and its opposite sign. We will take up these points in the following manner:

1. From the standpoint of commencement in Aries until the man_ through many turnings of the wheel of life_ reaches the point of reversal and reorientation. The man progresses from the point where, in Cancer, he forms a part of the mass with the mass consciousness, inchoate and unfocussed, and with no recognition of objective (except the satisfaction of instinctual desire) until in Scorpio he becomes the triumphant disciple, having found himself in Leo. Then comes the Crisis of Reorientation which may take a long time and constitute an interlude of many lives of struggle.

2. From the standpoint of the man upon the probationary path, seeking the light, struggling through the signs (as the *Old Commentary* expresses it when considering this point):

"He turns from right to left, and then again from left to right. He revolves in giddy fashion upon an axis of desire. He knows not where to go or what to do. The sky turns black."

At this point, the sign Gemini begins potently to play its part in the life of the disciples, with Sagittarius gradually "piercing the heart with his arrows, and then upon the flight of the arrow, the man reaches Capricorn." Then comes the Crisis of Renunciation.

3. From the standpoint of the pledged disciple and INITIATE who traverses again the Path of the Sun and finds that that which he has discovered himself to be in Leo finds its crown in Aquarius. The separative individual consciousness becomes the group consciousness in Aquarius, and he

begins to comprehend the significance of that basic combination of signs, that "triangle in the consciousness" of humanity:

Cancer	Leo	Aquarius.
Mass awareness	Individual awareness	Group awareness.
Instinctual consciousness	Intelligent consciousness	Intuitive consciousness.

Then, from the standpoint of achievement in Capricorn, he works for several lives around the zodiacal path, descending into the sea of the mass consciousness to become what is called in the ancient books "the Crab, who clears the ocean of matter which flows around the soul of man," and eventually to become a functioning world saviour in Pisces. He descends into the world of men to save mankind and to further the plan. He is then "the fish who swims free in the ocean of matter."

The INITIATE has always to express, in each sign of the zodiac,

- the consummation and the spiritual fruit of earlier life experience, world experiment and soul achievement.
- Selfishness has ever to be translated into living active service, and
- desire has to demonstrate its transmutation in the purity of spiritual aspiration for identification with the will of God.

There are one or two points which must be dealt with in order to enable you to study with certain definite ideas clearly formulated in your minds. We have hinted at them in some of our earlier books but it will be of service to refer to them again and to expand the ideas somewhat. We would have you carry them in your minds as you read and study.

We have frequently referred to the fact that the entire science of astrology is based upon a non-existent condition. It has no basis in material fact and yet is eternally based on truth. The zodiac is, as you well know, the imaginary path of the Sun in the heavens. It is therefore largely an illusion, from the exoteric point of view. But at the same time the constellations exist, and the streams of energy which pass and repass, intermingle and interlock throughout the body of space are by no means illusions but definitely express eternal relationships. It is the misuse of the various energies which has created the illusion. This illusory path is consequently as much a reality to humanity today as are the personality illusions of any individual. These illusions are due to the polarisation of the individual upon the astral plane.

It is interesting also to note in this connection that_ due to the precession of the equinoxes_ a fourth type of force is brought to bear upon the planet and man, but one which is seldom recognised and given due place in the horoscope. The month and the sign, or the place of the Sun in the heavens, do not really coincide. When we state, for instance, that the Sun is "in Aries" it conveys an esoteric truth but not an exoteric fact. The Sun was in Aries at the beginning of this great cycle, but it is not in exactly the same position today when it is "found" in that sign.

Also it should be remembered that as it is necessary to know the moment of birth and the place of birth in casting the horoscope of the individual, so in order to have a perfectly correct understanding and accurate deductions in connection with the constellation, the planets and our Earth there should be a fixed time from which to reckon. That fixed time is as yet unknown in exoteric astrology, though the Hierarchy possesses the needed information and it will be made available when the right time comes. It is the knowledge of this inner information which constitutes the basis of the statements which we have made or will make which will seem revolutionary to the orthodox investigator. There has to be a constant rectification of the earlier conclusions of humanity and of this the outstanding instance is the statement in the Bible that the prime date of creation is 4004 B.C. This is recognised as an error by modern science but is still believed by many.

We earlier gave a hint upon which definite astrological computation could be based when we gave the time of the "Great Approach" of the Hierarchy to our planetary manifestation when individualisation took place and the fourth kingdom in nature appeared. We placed that stupendous event as happening 21,688,345 years ago. At that time the Sun was in Leo. The process then INITIATED upon the physical plane and producing outer physical events took approximately 5,000 years to mature and the Sun was in Gemini when the final crisis of individualisation took place and the door was then closed upon the animal kingdom.

It has been stated that Sagittarius governs human evolution, as the Sun was in that sign when the Hierarchy began its Approach in order to stimulate the forms of life upon our planet. Sagittarius, however, governed the period of the subjective approach.

The Sun was in Leo when physical plane individualisation took place as a result of the applied stimulation.

The Sun was in Gemini when this Approach was consummated by the founding of the Hierarchy upon the Earth. This is one of the great secrets which the Masonic Rituals typify, for the symbol of the sign, Gemini, is the source of the concept of the two pillars, so familiar to Masons. It might therefore be stated that, symbolically speaking,

1. Leo governs the E\ A\ degree.
2. Gemini governs the F\ C\ degree.
3. Sagittarius governs the degree of M\ M\ up to the episode of the raising of the Master, and that Capricorn governs the final part of the ceremony and the H\ R\ A\

It is always confusing to the beginner who has not yet a developed and trained intuition to reconcile the seeming discrepancies and apparent contradictions which appear in the teaching of the Ageless Wisdom. This same difficulty will be met with in the science of astrology and some reference to the matter is in order at this point. We would remind you of the psyientific truism which states that interpretation and right understanding are based upon the stage of the development of the individual. [---] remarked in [---] that for some people the highest principle of which they can be consciously aware might be a very low one for another person. The constellations and the planets which govern them may, and do, have one effect upon the mass and another upon the average individual man, and still a third effect upon the disciple or the INITIATE. As the various energies and forces circulate throughout the etheric body of our solar system, their reception and effect will depend upon the state of the planetary centres and upon the point of unfoldment of the centres in individual man. That is why the various charts and tabulations can differ so widely and different planets can appear as ruling the constellations. There seems to be no fixed rule and the student gets bewildered. Orthodox astrology posits one set of planetary rulers, and they are correct as far as the mass of humanity is concerned. But the disciple, who lives above the diaphragm, responds to another combination and it is with these that we shall principally deal. That is why the three charts here given do not appear to coincide. They are drawn up to express the situation in regard to three groups:

1. The mass of people who conform to orthodox and recognised astrological conclusions.
2. Disciples and advanced individuals, conforming to the conclusions of esoteric astrology.
3. The Creative Hierarchies, giving the interim situation in this world cycle.

TABULATION IV. THE ORTHODOX ASTROLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP

CONSTELLATIONS AND PLANETARY RULERS IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINARY MAN

Constellation	Ruler	Ray	Related to
1. Aries	Mars	6th ray	Scorpio. Same ruler.
2. Taurus	Venus	5th ray	Libra " "
3. Gemini	Mercury	4th ray	Virgo " "
4. Cancer	<i>Moon</i>	4th ray	none.
5. Leo	<i>The Sun</i>	2nd ray	none.
6. Virgo	Mercury	4th ray	Gemini " "
7. Libra	Venus	5th ray	Taurus " "
8. Scorpio	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray	Aries " "
9. Sagittarius	Jupiter	2nd ray	Pisces " "
10. Capricorn	Saturn	3rd ray	none.
11. Aquarius	Uranus	7th ray	none.
12. Pisces	Jupiter	2nd ray	Sagittarius " "

a. The non-sacred planets are italicised.

b. All the rays are represented except the first. This is interesting, as the mass of the people move within their horoscopes and the will aspect is latent but unexpressed.

TABULATION V. THE UNORTHODOX ASTROLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP

CONSTELLATIONS AND PLANETARY RULERS IN CONNECTION WITH DISCIPLES AND INITIATES

NOTE: In charts connected with the PATH, progress is from Aries to Pisces through Taurus, etc.

<i>Constellation</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Related to</i>
1. Aries	Mercury	4th ray	Virgo Same ray.
2. Taurus	VULCAN	1st ray	Pisces " "
3. Gemini	Venus	5th ray	none.
4. Cancer	Neptune	6th ray	Scorpio " "
5. Leo	<i>The Sun</i>	2nd ray	Aquarius " "
6. Virgo	<i>The Moon</i>	4th ray	Aries " "
7. Libra	Uranus	7th ray	none.
8. Scorpio	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray	Cancer " "
9. Sagittarius	<i>The Earth</i>	3rd ray	Capricorn " "
10. Capricorn	Saturn	3rd ray	Sagittarius " "
11. Aquarius	Jupiter	2nd ray	Leo " "
12. Pisces	Pluto	1st ray	Taurus " "

NOTE: In connection with disciples and the zodiacal signs, *Gemini* and *Libra* are two constellations which_ through their rulers_ express 5th and

7th ray energy. For some psyientific reason, they remain unrelated to any other of the signs.

The relation between the other constellations through the planets, as expressing the rays, is as follows:

1. *Taurus and Pisces*, through VULCAN and Pluto, are related to *Ray 1*. Transmutation of desire into sacrifice and of the individual will into the divine will.

The World Saviour

2. *Leo and Aquarius*, through the Sun and Jupiter, are related to *Ray 2*. Development of the individual consciousness into world consciousness. Thus a man becomes a world server.

The World Server

3. *Sagittarius and Capricorn*, through the Earth and Saturn, are related to *Ray 3*. The one-pointed disciple becomes the INITIATE.

The INITIATE

4. *Aries and Virgo*, through Mercury and the Moon, are related to *Ray 4*. Harmonising the cosmos and the individual through conflict, producing unity and beauty. The birth pangs of the second birth.

The Cosmic and Individual Christ

5. Cancer and Scorpio, through Neptune and Mars, are related to *Ray 6*. Transformation of the mass consciousness into the inclusive consciousness of the disciple.

The Triumphant Disciple

We would call attention to the fact that in Tabulation IV, the relationship is between the planets which rule, and in Tabulation V the emphasis is laid upon the conditioning ray.

TABULATION VI. PLANETARY RULERS IN 3 TABULATIONS

Constellation	Orthodox	Disciple	Hierarchies
1. Aries	<i>Mars</i>	Mercury	Uranus.
2. Taurus	Venus	Vulcan	Vulcan.
3. Gemini	Mercury	Venus	<i>The Earth.</i>
4. Cancer	<i>The Moon</i>	Neptune	Neptune.
5. Leo	<i>The Sun</i>	<i>The Sun</i>	<i>The Sun.</i>
6. Virgo	Mercury	<i>The Moon</i>	Jupiter.
7. Libra	Venus	Uranus	Saturn.
8. Scorpio	<i>Mars</i>	<i>Mars</i>	Mercury.
9. Sagittarius	Jupiter	<i>The Earth</i>	<i>Mars.</i>
10. Capricorn	Saturn	Saturn	Venus.
11. Aquarius	Uranus	Jupiter	<i>The Moon.</i>
12. Pisces	Jupiter	<i>Pluto</i>	<i>Pluto.</i>

TABULATION VII. UNORTHODOX CONSTELLATIONS, RULERS AND RAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIERARCHIES

<i>Constellation</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Related to</i>
1. Aries	Uranus	7th ray	none.
2. Taurus	Vulcan	1st ray	Pisces Same ray.
3. Gemini	<i>The Earth</i>	3rd ray	Libra " "
4. Cancer	Neptune	6th ray	Sagittarius " "
5. Leo	<i>The Sun</i>	2nd ray	Virgo " "
6. Virgo	Jupiter	2nd ray	Leo " "
7. Libra	Saturn	3rd ray	Gemini " "
8. Scorpio	Mercury	4th ray	Aquarius " "
9. Sagittarius	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray	Cancer " "
10. Capricorn	Venus	5th ray	none.
11. Aquarius	<i>The Moon</i>	4th ray	Scorpio " "
12. Pisces	<i>Pluto</i>	1st ray	Taurus " "

NOTE: Aries and Capricorn in conjunction with 7th and 5th ray energy stand alone. The other constellations and rays are related in every case.

- a. Ray 1_ Taurus and Pisces, through Vulcan and Pluto.
- b. Ray 2_ Leo and Virgo, through the Sun and Jupiter.
- c. Ray 3_ Gemini and Libra, through the Earth and Saturn.
- d. Ray 4_ Scorpio and Aquarius, through Mercury and Moon.
- e. Ray 6_ Cancer and Sagittarius, through Neptune and Mars.

In view of all the above, and starting with the basic fact of the Great Illusion it should be remembered that the accuracy of astrological prediction and interpretation will be based upon three factors:

1. The potency of the thoughtforms which have been built up in connection with the twelve signs. These thoughtforms were originally constructed or anchored upon the mental plane by the Hierarchy in Atlantean days and they have steadily gained in power ever since. They serve as focal points for certain forces and enable the individual, for instance, to be in touch with great reservoirs of energy which then definitely condition him.

2. The intuition of the astrologer. The casting of the horoscope serves to put the astrologer en rapport with the individual, but this is of small service to either party unless the intuition and sensitivity of the astrologer is actively present.

3. The capacity of the astrologer in any specific period to respond to the changes which are all the time taking place, such as the gradual shifting and changing brought about by the precession of the equinoxes, or the slow shift of the pole of the planet. To this should be added that_ as man evolves_ the mechanism of response or the vehicles of consciousness likewise steadily improve. His reactions, therefore, to the planetary influence and to the energy of the various constellations change with equal steadiness and allowance must be made for this. It is consequently essential that the modern astrologer begin to study the point in evolution of the subject, *prior* to casting his horoscope. He must ascertain his approximate place upon the path of evolution. To this end, the study of the rays is most necessary through an investigation as to quality and characteristics and life objectives.

Astrologers will eventually be able to cast the horoscope of the soul, which is sensitive to different combinations of forces to those controlling the personality life. The disciple and the INITIATE respond distinctively to

the incoming influences and their response differs from that of the undeveloped man or the self-centred person. This will have to be recognised. Those who "live below the diaphragm" and who react to the incoming energies through the medium of the lower centres will have a very different type of chart to that of the disciple and INITIATE. It will require a different mode of interpretation. We have referred to this before and would remind you of some of the points which we made.

1. Disciples upon the Path of Discipleship are strongly influenced by *Mercury* and *Saturn*_ one bringing illumination and the other offering opportunity.

2. At the various initiations, the influence of the planets affects the candidate in a totally different manner than earlier. Cyclically the energies from the constellations pour through the planetary centres.
 - a. At the first initiation, the disciple has to contend with the crystallising and destroying forces of *Vulcan* and *Pluto*. The influence of Vulcan reaches to the very depths of his/her nature, whilst Pluto drags to the surface and destroys all that hinders in these lower regions.

 - b. At the second initiation, the candidate comes under the influence of three planets_ *Neptune*, *Venus* and *Jupiter*. The three centres_ solar plexus, heart and throat_ are actively involved.

 - c. At the third initiation, *the Moon* (veiling a hidden planet) and *Mars* bring about a fearful conflict, but at the end the man is released from personality control.

 - d. At the fourth initiation, *Mercury* and *Saturn* again bring about great changes and unique revelation, but their effect is very different to the earlier experience.

e. At the fifth and final initiation, *Uranus* and *Jupiter* appear and produce a "beneficent organisation" of the totality of energies found in the INITIATE'S equipment. When this reorganisation is complete, the INITIATE can then "escape from off the wheel and then can truly live."

All this time the energy of the sun (veiling a sacred planet, hitherto unknown) is steadily and persistently reaching the man via the solar angel.

The Nature of Esoteric Astrology INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

It will be apparent to you after studying the foregoing that one of the results which should emerge under the impression of this new approach to astrological diagnosis (as far as the individual is concerned) will be the more correct casting of the horoscope of advanced human beings_ disciples and INITIATES. This has not hitherto been accurately possible. It will only come about, however, if there is wise and right experiment and investigation.

We have posited two sets of rulers for two types of people:

1. The orthodox and generally accepted series of planetary rulers for the undeveloped and average man.
2. A new combination of rulers and constellations for those upon the Path.

It will be necessary to remember nevertheless that there are an infinite number of permutations possible, of complexities and relationships, due

to the vast number of possible combinations existing in the path of life of the individual and dependent upon his stage of evolutionary unfoldment. These might be divided into three groups through a broad, but necessarily inadequate, generalisation:

1. Average and undeveloped man, living below the diaphragm and with the emphasis of the incoming energies and forces focussed either in the solar plexus or in the sacral centre.

2. A large number of people who are in an interim stage, with the energies and forces focussed mainly in the lower centre but at the same time playing quite frequently through the throat centre and evoking a faint response from the heart and the ajna centres.

3. People upon one or other of the final stages of the Path, with the emphasis passing rapidly away from the lower centres into the higher triad and with the highest head centre in process of awakening. These people also fall into two major groups:

a. Those who are using the solar plexus centre as a vast clearing house for the incoming energies and who are beginning to work through the throat and the heart centres, with the goal of completely awakening the ajna centre.

b. Those who are using all these centres, but in whom the heart centre is fully awakened and the triangle of force in the head (from the ajna centre to the head centre and from the head centre to the centre found in the medulla oblongata) is beginning to function.

When these centres are all awakening, their simplest combinations are the following triangles. The Science of Triangles underlies all astrological deduction as well as the centres in the human body. This you know, but the four triplicities of orthodox astrology are only the rudiments of this true science, which lies behind the orthodox interpretations. copy

- I. | 1. Base of the spine.
| 2. Sacral Centre.
| 3. Solar Plexus Centre.

- II. | 1. Throat Centre.
| 2. Heart Centre.
| 3. Ajna Centre.

- III. | 1. Ajna Centre.
| 2. Head Centre.
| 3. Centre in the medulla oblongata.

Unfortunately the organising principle is not as simple as the above tabulation would make it appear, for the emphasis, the focus and the mode of arranging and of vitalisation, and the appearance of these esoteric triangles vary with the ray type. This Science of Triangles of Energy underlies the new esoteric science both in astrology and in the science of laya-yoga or the science of the centres. Both this ancient yoga and the still more ancient astrological science have now to be studied upon a higher turn of the spiral. Up till the present time, the teaching about the centres has been inherited from Atlantean times and couched in the old forms and formulas which are basically unsuited to our present greatly advanced stage of development. The same can be said of orthodox

or exoteric astrology. Both these sciences must be reoriented and rearranged, and astrology must be based upon a deeper understanding of the relation of the planets_ sacred and non-sacred_ to the centres and to certain prominent "cycles of polarisation" emerging as the fore-ordained results of "periods of crisis." This last sentence embodies a basic and important statement of truth.

1. Centres and Triangles of Force

There are, as you well know, five non-sacred planets, and seven which are regarded as sacred. These twelve planetary lives (with their own cycles, points of crisis and moments of polarisation) are closely related to the seven centres. The five centres up the spine are related to the five non-sacred planets, but in unevolved or average man, are focussed almost entirely upon the astral plane and in the astral body. It should be noted that:

1. Two of the non-sacred planets (the Earth itself and the Moon) are connected with two centres which in the highly evolved man are not of dominating importance:

a. The spleen receiving pranic emanations from the planet on which we live and concerned with the etheric and physical bodies and their physical relation.

b. A centre in the chest related to the thymus gland. This centre becomes inactive in the advanced man but has a connection with the vagus nerve, prior to the awakening of the heart centre.

2. Two of the other non-sacred planets_ Mars and Pluto_ function in connection with the sacral centre (Mars) and the solar plexus (Pluto). This latter planet becomes active in the life of the man who is "becoming alive

in the higher sense, his lower nature passes into the smoke and darkness of Pluto, who governs the lesser burning ground, in order that the man may live in truth in the higher land of light."

3. The Sun (standing here for VULCAN, which is a sacred planet) governs a centre in the front of the throat which is related to the para-thyroids and not to the thyroid gland, which is related to the throat centre. This centre in the front of the throat falls into disuse as the creative period of throat activity begins. It acts as a "mediator" between the higher and the lower creative organs (between the sacral and the throat centres) and leads eventually to that creative activity which is consciously that of the functioning soul. VULCAN was one of the first creative workers among men. He was also related to "Cain who killed his brother." The symbolism underlying these ancient myths will be easily interpreted by the intuitive student.

Some of the tasks which we propose to undertake in this section of our Treatise on the Seven Rays are as follows:

1. Consider why five of the seven rays express themselves through two sets of planets_ sacred and non-sacred_ and also which centres these two groups of rays govern. Thus we shall relate:

a. The seven centres in man's etheric body.

b. The seven centres of the fourth Creative Hierarchy of which the seven races are the expression.

c. The seven planetary centres.

d. The seven and the five planets which are the centres of energy in the solar system, responsive to the energy of the twelve zodiacal constellations.

These planetary centres will be studied from two angles:

a. From the orthodox angle.

b. From the angle of discipleship and initiation.

2. Consider the energies of the three major constellations as they each pour through three of the zodiacal constellations, thus forming great interlocking triangles of force. Thus nine of the zodiacal constellations are involved, and these in their turn fuse and blend their energies into three major streams of force upon the Path of Initiation. These three streams of force pour through:

a. Leo, Capricorn and Pisces.

to

b. Saturn, Mercury and Uranus (the Moon).

to

c. The head, ajna and heart centres.

to

d. The throat, the solar plexus and the base of the spine.

It should be remembered that the sacral centre and the spleen are primarily connected with the planetary emanation of the Earth itself.

3. Consider the three great cosmic Crosses:

<i>The Cardinal Cross</i>	<i>The Fixed Cross</i>	<i>The Mutable Cross</i>
a. Initiation	Discipleship	Evolution.
b. The Planetary Logos	Humanity	Kingdoms in Nature.
c. Cosmic Initiation	Solar Initiation	Planetary Initiation.
d. Spirit	Soul	Body.
e. Life	Consciousness	Form.
f. Monad	Ego	Personality.
g. Three Initiations	Two Initiations	Ordinary man.
(INITIATES)	(Disciples)	

and the relation of these three Crosses to the twelve planets and the general sweep of the soul in incarnation.

4. Elaborate the subject of the interplay between the three groups of ruling planets as given in Tabulation VI. These, in the totality of their effects, are the agencies through which the purposes of God are wrought out.

Before proceeding with the more technical aspects of our subject, we would like to elaborate this theme of the zodiac, its story and symbolism from the more philosophical and spiritual angle, giving you the subjective picture of man's progress as he passes on "the sweep of the sun along the path of life." This is a technical phrase and refers to the activity of a sun, a planet, a hierarchy or a man, after there has been a "moment of crisis,"

resulting in a "period of polarisation," leading inevitably to a fresh surge and sweep onwards. These three words_ crisis, polarisation and sweep_ are the basis of cyclic law and govern the evolutionary process. From the point of view of humanity, the passage of the Sun around the zodiac is apparently a slow and laborious process, taking approximately (on the plane of time) 25,000 years. From the angle of the inner vision, it is a sweep around the Path of Life, taking only a moment of time and "obliterating past, present and future in the radiant glory of the work accomplished."

2. The Crosses and the Signs

We will follow man from sign to sign as he_ in travail and pain_ forges the equipment and develops painfully the mechanism which will enable him to arrive at a major moment of crisis in his cyclic life wherein he will begin to free himself from the *path of the great illusion* along which he/she has travelled for aeons from Aries to Taurus, via Pisces and_ reversing himself_ will begin to travel the *path of light* from Aries to Pisces, via Taurus. This changing experience is expressed for us most beautifully in the sixth section of the *Old Commentary*.

"The Cross of many changes (the Mutable Cross. ---) continues with its whirling, carrying crucified thereon the form of a man in whom is found the seed of all illusion.

But, from the Cross whereon he has been slain_ e'en though he knew it not_ the man climbs down and feels his way (with pain and many tears) on to another Cross_ a Cross of blinding light, of fiery pain, of bitter woe, and yet the Cross of liberation. It is a stationary Cross, fixed in the Heavens, and guarded by the Angel.

Behind the Cross, another Cross appears, but that he/she may not reach (the Angel guards the way!) until the Bull has rent and torn the man, and

then_ the light shines forth; until the Serpent dread has wrestled with the man and brought him to his knees, and then_ the lifting up into the light; until *the Lion* has been tamed, the secret of the Sphinx revealed, and then_ the revelation of the inner light; until the man has lifted up his water-pot and joined the ranks of those who are the *Water-bearers*, and then the flowing of the stream of life will fill his water-pot and drain the rancid pool and cleanse its source and thus reveal the hidden way which leads unto the innermost light, hid by the final Cross. Then, from the Cross of man, the INITIATE finds his way, passes the Angel and leaves behind the inner torn veil, mounts the major Cross and passes into day, the final *day*. The wheel for him stands still. The sun and stars, for him, fade out. A great light is seen and..."

The three crosses on Mount Golgotha were Biblical symbols of these three astrological crosses, the Common or Mutable Cross, the Fixed Cross and the Cardinal Cross.

We would ask you to remember that though we shall trace the progress of the man from sign to sign around the zodiacal way, yet there is not necessarily this ordered sequence of travel or the smooth passage from sign to sign as we may portray it. All souls come into incarnation in the sign Cancer. By this we mean that the very first human incarnation was always taken in this sign which has been recognised down the ages as "the doorway into life of those who must know death," just as the constellation Capricorn is ever regarded as another door and is called esoterically the "doorway into life of those who know not death." As the ages slip away, the man passes into and out of all the signs, the particular sign being determined by the nature of the personality ray which itself changes, as you know, from life to life. In those signs he learns the needed lessons, broadens his horizon, integrates his personality, begins to sense the conditioning soul, and thus discovers his essential duality. When he is upon the Path of Discipleship (and here we include the Path of Initiation) psyientific rumour says that he then becomes conditioned by the tireless Watcher, the soul, and is subjected (during the final stages of the path) to exactly twelve incarnations, passing one in each of the twelve signs. In

them he has to prove himself, attaining great moments of crisis in each of the constellations of the Fixed Cross in particular. From point to point, stage to stage, and finally Cross to Cross, he fights for his spiritual life, in all the twelve houses and all the twelve constellations, subjected to countless combinations of forces and energies_ ray, planetary, zodiacal and cosmic_ until he is "made anew," becomes the "new man," is sensitive to the entire range of spiritual vibrations in our solar system and has achieved that detachment which will enable him to escape from the wheel of rebirth. He has accomplished this by mounting the three Crosses_ the cross of the Personality or the changing form, the Cross of the Disciple or the eternal soul, and the Cross of the Spirit. This really means that he has passed through three momentous crises in his life cycle.

I. The Crisis of Incarnation The Mutable Cross

The Mounting of the WheelPersonality and form life

The Cycle of Rebirth in Form Experience

Manifestation of Manhood

II. The Crisis of Reorientation The Fixed Cross

The Changing to the 2nd Cross . . . The life of the soul

Preparation for the 2nd Birth Consciousness

Manifestation of Christhood

III. The Crisis of Initiation The Cardinal Cross

The Transfiguration The Life of the Spirit

Manifestation of Divinity

In our study of the interlocking system of energies, in so far as they affect and condition a human being, the theme of the Three Crosses is of

profound and practical interest, especially as they provide those points of crisis wherein a man steps off the ordinary path of evolution and treads the path of discipleship or_ after the third initiation mounts a third Cross. It will underlie our thought and all that we have to say. A steady recollection of the twelve basic energies (five major and seven minor which are in reality, and apart from astral reversion due to the Great Illusion, seven major and five minor) will be of value. These work out into human expression via the Lords of the twelve signs and the twelve planetary Rulers. These twelve basic energies emanate from the seven stars of the Great Bear (transmitted through seven stars of the Little Bear); two of them come from Sirius and three from the Pleiades. This set-up (if we may use such an unorthodox term) will be the condition of the major solar sphere of influence at the end of the Great Age of Brahma, as it is esoterically called. In the "interim or interlude of evolution" (which is the inadequate translation of an psyientific phrase given to a world cycle in the Masters' Archives) these energies are stepped down into forces and are literally sixteen all told_ from the angle of manifestation, we would remind you_ and make literally: $7+7+2=16=7$. In these numbers the mystery of our evolutionary process lies hid. Always, however, the emphasis must be laid upon the Rays of Energy and Quality as they pour through the zodiacal constellations and the planets. The new astrology therefore is necessarily based upon an understanding of the rays. The following tabulation is fundamental in its implications in this connection and upon it all that we have to say will be based.

Seven stars of the Great Bear are the originating Sources of the seven rays of our solar system. The seven Rishis (as They are called) of the Great Bear express Themselves through the medium of the seven planetary Logoi Who are Their Representatives and to Whom They stand in the relation of prototype. The seven Planetary Spirits manifest through the medium of the seven sacred planets.

Each of these seven Rays, coming from the Great Bear, are transmitted into our solar system through the medium of three constellations and their ruling planets. The following tabulation makes this clear but must be interpreted only in terms of this present turn of the Great Zodiacal Wheel (25,000 years):

TABULATION VIII

<i>Ray</i>	<i>Constellations</i>	<i>Planets</i> (Orthodox)	<i>Planets</i> (Esoteric)
I. Will or Power	Aries, The Ram	Mars	Mercury.
	Leo, the Lion	Sun	Sun.
	Capricorn, the Goat	Saturn	Saturn.
II. Love-Wisdom (veiling a planet).	Gemini, the Twins	Mercury	Venus.
	Virgo, the Virgin	Mercury	Moon
	Pisces, the Fishes	Jupiter	Pluto.
III. Active-Intelligence	Cancer, the Crab	Moon	Neptune.
	Libra, the Scales	Venus	Uranus.
	Capricorn, the Goat	Saturn	Saturn.
IV. Harmony through Conflict	Taurus, the Bull	Venus	Vulcan.
	Scorpio, the Scorpion	Mars	Mars.
	Sagittarius, the Archer	Jupiter	Earth.
V. Concrete Science	Leo, the Lion	Sun	Sun.
	Sagittarius, the Archer	Jupiter	Earth.

	Aquarius, the Watercarrier	Uranus	Jupiter.
	Virgo, the Virgin	Mercury	Moon.
VI. Idealism. Devotion	Sagittarius, the Archer	Jupiter	Earth.
	Pisces, the Fishes	Jupiter	Pluto.
	Aries, the Ram	Mars	Mercury.
VII. Ceremonial Order	Cancer, the Crab	Moon	Neptune.
	Capricorn, the Goat	Saturn	Saturn.

It will be obvious to you how much correlating work and how much readjustment of ideas will be needed as the new astrology is worked out into practical usefulness and eventually substituted for that now holding sway. This new astrology really embodies five sciences:

1. The Science of the Rays.
2. The Science of Esoteric Interpretation which is carried out through
3. The Science of Triangles.
4. The Science of the Centres.
5. The Science of Destiny.

This latter science will be based upon the four previous ones and will constitute an interpretation of the future which will be founded on a correct understanding of the rays_ personal and egoic_ of the influence of the triangles_ zodiacal, planetary, racial and human. These latter triangles are arrived at by a study of the individual human centres. When all this has

been ascertained and worked out in the new style of horoscope which will be later developed, then the Science of Destiny will be applied and the future indications discovered. Of this, the personal progressed horoscope is the embryonic seed.

Some indication of relative values can be gained by a consideration of the human triangles as given in [----], which suggested the following:

"It would repay the student to contemplate the interesting succession of triangles that are to be found and the way in which they must be linked by the progression of the fire before that fire can perfectly vivify them, and thence pass on to other transmutations. We might enumerate some of these triangles, bearing always in mind that, according to the ray, so will proceed the geometric rising of the fire, and according to the ray, so will the points be touched in ordered sequence. Herein lies one of the secrets of initiation, and herein are found some of the dangers entailed in a too quick publication of information concerning the rays.

1. *The pranic triangle.*

- a. The shoulder centre.
- b. The centre near the diaphragm.
- c. The spleen.

2. *Man controlled from the astral plane.*

- a. The base of spine.
- b. The solar plexus.
- c. The heart.

3. *Man controlled from the mental plane.*

- a. The base of spine.
- b. The heart.
- c. The throat.

4. *Man partially controlled by the Ego, advanced man.*

- a. The heart.
- b. The throat.
- c. The head, i.e., the four lesser centres and their synthesis, the ajna centre.

5. *Spiritual man to the third Initiation.*

- a. The heart.
- b. The throat.
- c. The seven head centres.

6. *Spiritual man to the fifth Initiation.*

- a. The heart.
- b. The seven head centres.
- c. The two many-petalled lotuses.

All these different periods show different triangular radiations. We must not infer from this that when the fire is centred in one triangle it is not demonstrating in others. Once the fire has free passage along any triangle it flames continuously, but always there is one triangle more radiant and luminous than the others, and it is from these glowing triangles of light, issuing from wheels and vortices of fire, that the clairvoyant and the

teachers of the race can appraise a man's position in the scheme of things, and judge of his attainment. At the culmination of life experience, and when man has reached his goal, each triangle is a radiant path of fire, and each centre a wheel of living fiery force rotating at terrific speed; the centre at this stage not only rotates in a specific direction, but literally turns upon itself, forming a living flaming iridescent globe of pure fire, and holding within it a certain geometrical shape, yet withal vibrating so rapidly that the eye can scarcely follow it. Above all, at the top of the head will be seen a fiery display that seems to put all the other centres into insignificance; from the heart of this many-petalled lotus issues a flame of fire with the basic hue of a man's ray. This flame mounts upward and seems to attract downward a sheet of electric light, which is the downflow from the spirit on the highest plane. This marks the blending of the fires and the deliverance of man from the trammels of matter."

[-----] (pp. 169-171)

At present, charts are set up on the basis of the personality condition or of the personality ray, if the astrologer is fortunate enough to know or to guess it accurately; if, however, the subject is an advanced person, then the chart will be frequently wrong as the planets which govern in the case of ordinary or undeveloped man have ceased to influence the spiritual man and the disciple. Average man is primarily conditioned in the events of his physical plane life by the position of the planets in the twelve houses and they are, in their turn, conditioned by certain karmic influences which the advanced man has overcome, or is overcoming. The horoscope will be cast eventually on the basis of the soul ray, and then the zodiacal signs which govern the activities and the influence of the present group of planetary Rulers will be considerably lessened. New planetary potencies (conveying zodiacal energies) will control and take precedence of the old ones, thus putting the man in touch with different forces. Finally the time will come when he will be sensitive to the whole range of vibrations; charts will then be set up which will be called "*charts of the crosses*" and not simply indications of planetary influences in the twelve houses. We question whether there is any living astrologer capable of doing this as yet. These are the kind of charts by which the Masters gauge Their disciples and they are most interesting; we touched upon them somewhat earlier in this treatise. These "*charts of the crosses*" are the ones that are prepared prior to the third initiation, at which time the man begins his

"approach" to the Cardinal Cross of the heavens. We would here remind you, e'en though it is a piece of useless information, that the fifth major initiation of our planet is the first cosmic initiation, just as the third initiation is the first systemic. The two first initiations are planetary in their implications. The above statement has deep and esoteric astrological significance.

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The NEW WORLD RELIGION

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^{1*} 1919-2025: Let us indicate the possibilities of such spiritual events intended to offer study to disciples and initiates at the close of this century [20TH] and the beginning of the next century, up until 2025 A.D., attempt to prophesy the nature of the coming worldwide Festivals and lay a foundation for future teaching around the year 2025. There will be three such major Festivals each year, concentrated in three consecutive months and leading, therefore, to a prolonged annual spiritual effort which will affect the remainder of the year. These will be:

A. TriFesta = APRIL, MAY and JUNE FULL MOONS

B. "The Nines" = JANUARY; FEBRUARY; MARCH (depends on April); JULY; AUGUST; SEPTEMBER; OCTOBER; NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FULL MOONS.

TriFesta

1. The FESTIVAL OF EASTER. This is the Festival of the risen, living CHRIST,

- the Teacher of all men and
- the Head of the Spiritual HIERARCHY.

- He is the Expression of the LOVE OF GOD.

On this day the spiritual HIERARCHY, which He guides and directs, will be recognised and the nature of God's love will be emphasised. This Festival is determined always by the date of the **FIRST FULL MOON OF SPRING** and is the great Western and Christian Festival.

2. The FESTIVAL of WESAK. This is the FESTIVAL of the BUDDHA, the spiritual Intermediary between the highest spiritual centre,

- SHANGRI-LHA, and
- the HIERARCHY. The BUDDHA is the expression of
- the wisdom of God,
- the Embodiment of Light and the Indicator of the
- divine purpose.

This will be fixed annually in relation to the **FULL MOON OF MAY**, as is at present the case. It is the great EASTERN Festival.

3. The FESTIVAL OF GOODWILL. This will be the Festival of the spirit of humanity_

- aspiring towards God,
- seeking conformity with the WILL of GOD and
- dedicated to the expression of right human relation.

This will be fixed annually in relation to the **FULL MOON OF JUNE**. It will be *a day whereon the spiritual and divine nature of mankind will be recognised.*

On this Festival for two thousand years

- The CHRIST has represented humanity and has stood before the HIERARCHY and in the sight of
- SHANGRI-LHA as the God-Man, the leader of His people and

- "the Eldest in a great family of brothers" (Romans VIII.29)

Each year at that time He has preached the last sermon of the BUDDHA, before the assembled HIERARCHY. This will, therefore, be a festival

- of deep invocation and appeal,
- of a basic aspiration towards fellowship,
- of human and spiritual unity, and
- will represent the effect in the human consciousness of the work of the BUDDHA and of the CHRIST.

These three Festivals are already being kept throughout the world, though they are not as yet related to each other and are a part of the unified spiritual Approach of humanity. The time is coming when all three Festivals will be kept throughout the world and by their means a great spiritual unity will be achieved and the effects of the Great Approach, so close to us at this time, will be stabilised by the united invocation of humanity throughout the planet.

“The NINES”

The remaining full moons will constitute lesser festivals but will be recognised to be also of vital importance. They will establish the divine attributes in the consciousness of man, just as the major festivals establish the three divine aspects. These aspects and qualities will be arrived at and determined by a close study of the nature of a particular constellation or constellations influencing those months. For instance, Capricorn will

- call attention to the FIRST INITIATION, THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST IN THE CAVE OF THE HEART, and
- indicate the training needed to bring about that great
- spiritual event in the life of the individual man.

We give this one instance to you in order to indicate the possibilities for spiritual unfoldment that could be given through an understanding of

these influences by expanding them into their larger undying relationships. The minor festivals will emphasise the interrelation of the Whole, thus lifting the divine presentation

- out of the individual and the personal,
- into that of the universal divine Purpose;
- the relationship of the Whole to the part and of the part
- to that Whole will be thereby fully expresses. Humanity will, therefore,
- invoke the spiritual power of the Kingdom of God, the HIERARCHY;
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The HIERARCHY, on a higher turn of the spiral will invoke the "Centre where the WILL of GOD is known," thus invoking the Purpose of God. **THUS WILL THE WILL OF GOD BE IMPLEMENTED BY LOVE AND MANIFESTED INTELLIGENTLY; FOR THIS MANKIND IS READY, AND FOR THIS THE EARTH WAITS.** [L8r, more on the NINES as Esoteric astrology.]

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- revelation of divinity. They will present a means of bringing about relationship, first of all,
 - during *three months*
 - with the *three great spiritual Centres*,
 - the *three expressions of the divine Trinity*.

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Your major spiritual activity must now be turned into work at the time of the Full Moon. Each month spend your periods of inner recollection in getting ready for the work of the five or the three days of the Full Moon period:

1. The **WESAK FESTIVAL** (the Vaisakha Festival) @ the **MAY FULL MOON** is a ritual in which stands for the **Great Day of the Illuminated Buddha**. No cost is too great to pay in order to be of use to the **HIERARCHY** at the time of the **FULL MOON OF MAY**, the **WESAK FESTIVAL**; no price is too high in order to gain the spiritual illumination which can be possible, particularly at that time.
2. The **FESTIVAL of the RISEN CHRIST, EASTER Sunday**, @ the **APRIL FULL MOON**, stands for that inclusive, serve-the-servers/love-ye-one-another Brotherhood exemplified by Christ, whilst the
3. The **FESTIVAL of HUMANITY** @ the **FULL MOON of JUNE** stands for making its major annual approach to **God** under the guidance of **Christ**.
4. The other full moons in each month constitute lesser festivals in which certain spiritual qualities necessary for the expression of **Discipleship** and **Initiation** are considered and emphasised.

PREPARATION: TriFesta = 5 days

1. THE **TWO DAYS** OF PREPARATION AND INTROSPECTION.
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3. THE **TWO DAYS** OF ATTEMPT TO CAPITALISE ON THAT WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECTIVELY GAINED-_ MAKING IT OBJECTIVE IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS.

The gain of this exercise, if successfully carried out, in the development of your inner sensitivity would be immeasurable and its usefulness to your fellow disciples would be greater than you know.

The next few months are intended to be (for all disciples in all Ashrams) a period of preparation for fuller service.

PREPARATION: The NINES = 3 days

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To sum up therefore: on the basis of the fundamental truth already recognised the NEW WORLD RELIGION will be built.

The great theme of the NEW WORLD RELIGION will be the *recognition of the many divine approaches and the continuity of revelation which each of them conveyed*; the task ahead of the spiritually minded people of the world today is to *prepare humanity for the imminent and (perhaps) the greatest of all the Approaches*. The method employed will be the scientific and intelligent use of *Invocation* and *Evocation* and the recognition of their tremendous potency.

RELIGION is the NAME GIVEN to:

- **THE INVOCATIVE APPEAL of HUMANITY and**
- **THE EVOCATIVE RESPONSE of the GREATER LIFE to that CRY.**

Man invokes divine Approach in various ways:

- by means of the inchoate, voiceless appeal or invocative cry of the masses and also
- by the planned, defined invocation of the spiritually oriented aspirants, the intelligently convinced worker, disciple and initiate_
- by all, in fact, who form the NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS.

The science of *Invocation* and *Evocation* will take the place of what we now call "prayer" and "worship." Be not disturbed by the use of the word "**SCIENCE**." It is not the cold and heartless intellectual thing so oft depicted. It is in REALITY the INTELLIGENT ORGANISATION

- Of SPIRITUAL ENERGY and
- Of the FORCES of LOVE, and these, when EFFECTIVE,
- Will EVOKE the RESPONSE of SPIRITUAL BEINGS WHO can AGAIN WALK OPENLY AMONG MEN, and
- Thus ESTABLISH a CLOSE RELATION and a CONSTANT COMMUNICATION between HUMANITY and the SPIRITUAL HIERARCHY.

In order to clarify, it might be said that Invocation is of three kinds:

1. there is, as stated above, *the massed demand, unconsciously voiced, and the crying appeal, wrung from the hearts of men in all times of crisis such as the present.* This *invocative cry* rises ceaselessly from all men living in the midst of disaster; it is addressed to that power outside themselves which they feel *can* and *should come* to their help in their moment of extremity. This great and wordless *invocation* is rising everywhere today.

2. Then there is the *invocational spirit, evidenced by sincere men as they participate in the rites of their religion and take advantage of the opportunity of united worship and prayer to lay their demands for help before God.* This group, added to the mass of men, creates a huge body of invocative applicants and at this time, their **massed intent** is in great evidence and their **invocation** is rising to the Most High.

3. Then, lastly there are the trained disciples and aspirants of the world who use certain forms of words, certain carefully defined invocations and who_ as they do this_ focus the invocative cry and the invocative appeal of the other two groups, giving it right direction and power.

All these three groups are, consciously or unconsciously, swinging into activity at this time and their united effort guarantees a resultant evocation.

This new invocative work will be the keynote of the coming world religion and will fall into two parts.

1. There will be the invocative work of the masses of the people, everywhere, trained by the spiritually minded people of the world (working in the churches whenever possible under an enlightened clergy) to

- accept the fact of the approaching spiritual energies, focussed through CHRIST and His spiritual HIERARCHY, and

- trained also to voice their demand for LIGHT, LIBERATION and UNDERSTANDING.

2. There will also be the skilled work of **invocation** as practised by those who have trained their minds through right **meditation**, who know the potency of **formulas, mantrams and invocations** and who work consciously.

They will increasingly use certain great formulas of words which will later be given to the race, just as the Lord's Prayer was given by the CHRIST, and as the New Invocation has been given out for use at this time by the HIERARCHY.

This new religious **science** for which prayer, meditation and ritual have prepared humanity, will train its people to present at stated periods throughout the year_ the voiced demand of the people of the world

- for relationship with God and
- for a closer spiritual relation to each other.

This work, when rightly carried forward, will evoke response from the waiting HIERARCHY and from its Head, the CHRIST. Through this response, the **belief of the masses** will gradually be changed into the **conviction of the knowers**. In this way, the mass of men will be **transformed and spiritualised**, and the two great divine centres of energy or groups_ the HIERARCHY and HUMANITY itself_ will begin to work in complete at-one-ment and unity. *Then the Kingdom of God will indeed and in truth be functioning on earth.*

It will be apparent to you that it is only possible to indicate the broad general outlines of the NEW WORLD RELIGION. The expansion of the human consciousness which will take place as a result of the coming Great Approach will enable humanity to grasp not only its relation to the spiritual life of our planet, the "One in Whom we live and move and have our being," but will also give a glimpse of the relation of our planet to the circle of planetary lives, moving within the orbit of the Sun and the still greater circle of spiritual influences which contact our system as it pursues its orbit in the Heavens (the twelve constellations of the zodiac). Astronomical and astrological investigation has demonstrated this

relationship and the influences exerted but there is still speculation and much foolish claiming and interpretation. Yet the churches have ever recognized this and the Bible has testified to it. "The stars in their courses fought against Sisera" (Judges V.20). "Who can withstand the sweet influences of the Pleiades?" (Job XXXVIII.31). Many other passages bear out this contention of the **Knowers**. Many church festivals are fixed by reference to the moon or a zodiacal constellation. Investigation will prove this to be the case and when the ritual of the **NEW WORLD RELIGION** is universally established, this will be one of the important factors considered.

The establishing of certain major **festivals** in relation to the Moon and in a lesser degree to the zodiac will bring about a strengthening of the spirit of invocation and the resultant inflow of evoked influences.

- The truth lying behind all invocation is based upon the power of thought, particularly in its telepathic nature, rapport and aspect.
- The unified, invocative thought of the masses and the focussed, directed thought of the **NEW GROUP OF WORLD SERVERS** constitute an outgoing stream of energy.
- This will reach telepathically those spiritual Beings Who are sensitive and responsive to such impacts. Their evoked response, sent out as spiritual energy, will in turn reach humanity after having been stepped down into thought energy and in that form will make its due impact upon the minds of men, convincing them and carrying inspiration and revelation.

Thus has it ever been in the history of the spiritual unfoldment of the world and the procedure followed in writing the world Scriptures.

Secondly, the establishing of a certain uniformity in the world religious rituals will aid men everywhere to strengthen each other's work and enhance powerfully the thought currents directed to the waiting spiritual Lives. At present, the Christian religion has its great festivals, the Buddhist keeps his different set spiritual events, and the Hindu has still another list of holy days. In the future world, when organised, all men of spiritual inclination and intention everywhere will keep the same holy

days. This will bring about a pooling of spiritual resources, and a united spiritual effort, plus a simultaneous spiritual invocation. The potency of this will be apparent.

"Thus God dwells in all,
From life's minute beginnings, up at last
To man_ the consummation of this scheme
Of being, the completion of this sphere
Of life: whose attributes had here and there
Been scattered o'er the visible world before,
Asking to be combined, dim fragments meant
To be united in some wondrous whole,
Imperfect qualities throughout creation,
Suggesting some one creature yet to make,
Some point where all those scattered rays should meet
Convergent in the faculties of man....

When all the race is perfected alike
As man, that is; all tended to mankind
And, man produced, all has its end thus far:
But in completed man begins anew
A tendency to God. Prognostics told
Man's near approach; so in man's self arise
August anticipations, symbols, types
Of a dim splendour ever on before
In that eternal circle life pursues.
For men begin to pass their nature's bound
And find new hopes and cares which fast supplant
Their proper joys and griefs; they grow too great
For narrow creeds of right and wrong, which fade
Before the unmeasured thirst for good; while peace
Rises within them ever more and more.
Such men are even now upon the earth,
Serene amid the half formed creatures round
_Paracelsus by Robert Browning.

For some years now the spiritual HIERARCHY of our planet has been drawing nearer to humanity and its approach is responsible for the great concepts

- **of freedom which are so close to the hearts of men everywhere.
The dream**
- **of brotherhood,**
- **of fellowship,**
- **of world cooperation and**

- of a peace, based on RIGHT HUMAN RELATIONS, is becoming clearer in our minds. We are also visioning
- a new and vital world religion,
- a universal faith which will have its roots in the past, but
- which will make clear the new dawning beauty and the coming vital revelation.

Of one thing we can be sure, this approach will, in some way_ deeply spiritual, yet wholly factual_ prove the truth of the immanence of God.

1. The churches have emphasised and exploited the extra-territoriality of Deity and

2. have posited the presence of a God Who is

- creating,
- sustaining and
- creatively active, but at the same time *outside His Creation_ an inscrutable onlooker*. This type of transcendent Creator must be shown to be
- FALSE and this doctrine must be countered by the
- MANIFESTATION OF GOD IN MAN, THE HOPE OF GLORY.

It is this surely that the expected Approach will demonstrate; it will prove also the close relationship between God Transcendent and that in "Him we live and move and have our being," because, "having pervaded this entire Universe with a fragment of [Himself, He] remains."

GOD IS IMMANENT IN THE FORMS OF ALL CREATED THINGS; the glory which shall be revealed is the expression of that innate divinity

- in all its attributes and aspects,
- its qualities and powers,
- through the medium of humanity. On the fact

- of God and
- of man's relation to the divine, on the fact
- of immortality and
- of the continuity of divine revelation, and upon the fact
- of the constant emergence of MESSENGERS from the divine centre, the NEW WORLD RELIGION will be based.

To these facts must be added man's assured, instinctive knowledge

- of the existence of the Path to God and
- of his ability to tread it, when the evolutionary process has brought him/her to the point of a fresh orientation to divinity and
- to the acceptance of the fact of God Transcendent and of God Immanent within every form of life.

These are the foundational truths upon which the world religion of the future will rest. Its keynote will be **Divine Approach**. "Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you" (James IV.8) is the great injunction, emanating in new and clear tones from CHRIST and the spiritual HIERARCHY at this time.

- It is, in fact, the recognition by the part of its relationship to the Whole, plus a constantly growing demand for increased awareness of that relation;
- It draws forth the recognition of the Whole that the demand has been made.
- It is the impact of the vibration of humanity_ oriented specifically to the Great Life of which it feels itself a part_ upon that Life and the responsive impact of that "All-surrounding Love" upon the lesser

vibration.

- It is only now that the impact of the human vibration can dimly be sensed in SHANGRI-LHA; hitherto its most potent activity has only reached the HIERARCHY.

Religion, the science of invocation and evocation as far as humanity is concerned, *is the approach (in the coming New Age) of a mentally polarised humanity.* In the past,

Religion has had an entirely emotional appeal. It concerned the relation of the individual to the world of reality, of the seeking aspirant to the sought-for divinity. Its technique was the process

- of fitting oneself for the revelation of that divinity,
- of achieving a perfection which would warrant that revelation, and
- of developing a sensitivity and a loving response to the ideal Man, summarised, for present day humanity, in the CHRIST.

CHRIST came to end the cycle of this emotional approach which had existed since Atlantean days; *He demonstrated in Himself the visioned perfection and then presented to humanity an example_ in full manifestation_ of every possibility latent in man up to that time.*

THE ACHIEVING OF THE PERFECTION OF THE CHRIST-CONSCIOUSNESS BECAME THE EMPHASISED GOAL OF HUMANITY.

Today, slowly, the concept of a world religion and the need for its emergence are widely desired and worked for. The fusion of faiths is now a field for discussion. Workers in the field of religion will formulate the universal platform of the NEW WORLD RELIGION. It is a work of loving

- synthesis and will emphasise the
- unity and the

- fellowship of the spirit. This group is, in a pronounced sense, a channel for the activities of the
- CHRIST, the world Teacher. The platform of the NEW WORLD RELIGION will be
- built by many groups, working under the inspiration of the CHRIST.

1. Man is an animal, plus a living God, within his physical Shell. [- -], II, 85. [- -], II, 284.

a. Man is the Macrocosm for the animal, therefore he contains all that is meant by the term animal. [- -], II, 179, 187.

b. Divine consciousness is received from the living God. [- -], II, 103.

c. The animal forms the basis and the contrast for the divine. [- -], II, 100.

d. The light of the Logos is awakened in animal man. [- -], II, 45.

2. Man is the Tabernacle, the vehicle only, of his God. [- -], I, 233, 281; II, 316; III, 66.

Compare [- -], II, 174. Read Proverbs VIII.

Study Biblical description of Tabernacle: _

a. Outer court, the place of animal sacrifice and purification.

b. The Holy place, the place of consecration and service.

c. The Holy of Holies.

The first corresponds to the life of the personality.

The second to that of the Ego, or Higher Self.

The last to that of the Monad, or Divine Self.

3. Man contains in him/herself every element found in the universe. [- -], I, 619; III, 584.

a. All in nature tends to become Man. [- -], II, 179.

b. All the impulses of the dual, centripetal and centrifugal force are directed towards one point_ Man. [- -], II, 179.

c. Man is the storehouse...he unites in himself all forms. [- -] II, 303.

d. The potentiality of every organ useful to animal life is locked up in Man. [- -], II, 723.

4. Man tends to become a God and then God, like every other atom in the universe. [- -], I, 183.

Compare the atom and the Microcosm, man. Illustration: [- -], I, 174. Every atom has seven planes of being. [- -], I, 205. Read [- -], I, 201.

a. Every atom contains the germ from which he may raise the tree of knowledge. (Of good and evil, therefore conscious discrimination). [- -], II, 622.

b. It is the spiritual evolution of the inner immortal man that forms the fundamental tenet of the psyientific **sciences**. [- -], I, 694.

c. Atoms and souls are synonymous terms in the language of the initiates. [- -], I, 620-621.

5. Human beings...those Intelligences who have reached the appropriate equilibrium between Spirit and Matter. [- -], I, 132.

Read also carefully: [- -], I, 267, 449; [- -], II, 190.

a. On the descending arc Spirit becomes material. [- -], I, 693.

b. On the middle turn of the base both meet in man. [- -], I, 214, 271.

c. On the ascending arc Spirit asserts itself at the expense of the material.

d. This is true of Gods and of men. See [- -], II, 88.

- e. Man is therefore a compound of Spirit and matter. _[- -], II, 45.
f. In man the intelligence links the two. _[- -], II, 102, 103.

1. **CHURCHMEN NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS GREATER THAN ALL THE CHURCHES AND**
2. **GREATER THAN THEIR TEACHING.**
3. **In the long run, that human spirit will defeat them and**
4. **PROCEED TRIUMPHANTLY INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, leaving them far behind unless they enter as a humble part of the mass of men.**
5. **NOTHING UNDER HEAVEN CAN ARREST THE PROGRESS OF THE HUMAN SOUL ON ITS LONG PILGRIMAGE**
 - **FROM DARKNESS to LIGHT,**
 - **FROM the UNREAL to the REAL,**
 - **FROM DEATH to IMMORTALITY and**
 - **FROM IGNORANCE to WISDOM.**
6. **If the great organised religious groups of churches in every land, and composing all faiths do not offer spiritual guidance and help, HUMANITY WILL FIND ANOTHER WAY.**
7. **NOTHING CAN KEEP THE SPIRIT OF MAN FROM GOD.**

The churches in the West need also to realise that

1. **BASICALLY THERE IS ONLY ONE CHURCH, but it is not necessarily only the orthodox Christian institution.**
2. **God works in many ways,**
 - **through many faiths and**
 - **religious agencies; this is one reason for the elimination of**
 - **non-essential doctrines.**
3. **By the emphasising of the essential doctrines and**
4. **in their union will the fullness of truth be revealed.**

5. THIS, THE NEW WORLD RELIGION WILL DO AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION WILL PROCEED APACE, AFTER THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST.

N.B. [Note Bene / Note well] that the **EASTERN FESTIVAL of WESAK** (Vaisaka) and the Christian day of remembrance, **GOOD FRIDAY**, will fade out of the consciousness of humanity in due time; they are both festivals related to aspects of the first Ray of Power or Will. The abolition of the fear of death and the establishment of a close relation of the **HIERARCHY** with **SHANGRI-LHA** will render obsolete these ancient ceremonial rites.

3. Spiritual Effects of the Zodiacal Constellations.

We are now going to outline to you the spiritual effect of the passage of a soul around the wheel of experience. We will attempt to consider, in the case of each constellation, the general effect upon a soul_ undergoing the experience_ from the orthodox angle as he travels from Aries to Taurus, via Pisces, and then_ as the disciple, coming under other influences_ travels from Aries to Pisces, via Taurus. Thus the usual process is reversed and the man reorients himself and "faces the East," as it is esoterically called. He expresses then in the highest possible manner the qualities of his soul ray as, in the first case, he expressed the quality of the personality ray.

It is not possible for us to be more specific. We seek only to give certain spiritual implications and hints and to convey a general idea of the effect of the great illusion upon resultant conditions and, secondly, the result of the great tests which every disciple eventually undergoes as he/she reverses the wheel of life.

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The NINES1.5 SCORPIO, the SCORPION FULL GLOW NOTEBOOK

We come now to the consideration of a sign which is of paramount importance in the LIFE of evolving man. Certain of the signs are in very close relation_ through the inflow and the outflow of ENERGY_ with certain of the major constellations. These major constellations are, in a few instances, peculiarly connected with the signs of the zodiac. There are four of the zodiacal signs which are mysteriously concerned with what one might call the "personality expression" (if such an unsuitable term can be used in default of better) of the solar Logos Himself, or with the Divine Quaternary, the fourfold manifestation of Deity.

These four signs are Aries_ Leo_ SCORPIO_ Aquarius, and they involve the expression of the ENERGY of one Cardinal sign and of three signs which form part of the Fixed Cross of the heavens. We could express this TRUTH in another manner: GOD the Father, the Will to manifest, INITIATES the creative process which is worked out through the activity of GOD the SON, the cosmic Christ, crucified upon the Fixed Cross in the heavens. The activity of GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, implicit in the Mutable Cross, is closely allied to the previous solar system, and the ENERGY of that divine aspect is practically entirely occupied with manipulating the FORCES inherited from that system and inherent in the very nature of substance itself. This divine aspect is to the whole general divine manifestation what the lower nature (form LIFE or personality in the three worlds of human evolution) is to the SOUL where an individual human being is concerned. As regards these three Persons of the divine Trinity, we might say that:

1. Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the WILL ASPECT.
2. Leo is the focal point for the expression of the second aspect, the LOVE-WISDOM or CONSCIOUSNESS ASPECT. This, primarily where humanity is concerned.
3. Virgo is the focal point for the expression of the third aspect, that of ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE. In that sign the highest function of MATTER is symbolised.

The four signs_ Aries, Leo, SCORPIO and Aquarius_ are related to the following stars which are not numbered in the twelve signs of the zodiac; they constitute another field of relationships:

(a.) Aries to one of the two stars, found in the constellation, the GREAT BEAR, which are called the two POINTERS.

(b.) Leo to POLARIS, the POLE STAR, found in the LITTLE BEAR.

(c.) SCORPIO to SIRIUS the DOG STAR.

(d.) Aquarius to ALCYONE, one of the seven PLEIADES.

There is little that we can tell you in connection with the ENERGIES pouring into the four zodiacal signs from these distant though potent points of outgoing ENERGY; they are part of the LIFE expression of an Identity, immeasurably superior to and more advanced than our solar Logos. A few hints may, however, be of service to the truly esoteric astrologer who may study these pages, particularly where SCORPIO is concerned. SCORPIO, at this particular stage of human evolution, governs the PATH of DISCIPLESHIP. You will note here also how Leo-SCORPIO-Aquarius form a peculiar triangle of FORCE, but of this we will later deal under the heading, The SCIENCE of TRIANGLES.

Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the GREAT BEAR but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The POINTERS; these point to the POLE STAR which is at this time a major "star of DIRECTION." Direction, will, purpose and plan are all connected with the solar Logos and with His evolutionary undertakings in connection with the many lives manifesting in the vehicle of expression which we call the solar system. All these respond to the influences of the FIRST RAY which is, to all intents and purposes, the ENERGY of divine embodied will, which has been esoterically described as "unavoidable directed purpose." Within our solar system, VULCAN and Pluto are expressions or custodians of this FIRST RAY ENERGY and are, as we have told you, esoteric planets. The first indication of the true spiritual will only begins to manifest upon the PATH of DISCIPLESHIP_ hence the late discovery of these two planets (late in point of time and from the angle of human knowledge) for it is only in this ARYAN race period that humanity is to any large extent beginning to manifest evidence (and as yet it is no more) of a reaction or a response

to the spiritual will of deity as it comes to our planet and hence to us via Aries, VULCAN and Pluto. You have, therefore, the following direct line of will ENERGY:

1. The POINTER furthest from the POLE STAR in the constellation of the GREAT BEAR. This is, esoterically speaking, a great reservoir or focal point for divine ENERGY, carrying out GOD'S purpose. The POINTER nearest to the POLE STAR is expressive of a lower aspect of the will, which_ in speaking of humanity_ we call self-will.
2. Aries, in which the will to create or to manifest makes its appearance and the great divine experiment is INITIATED.
3. VULCAN and Pluto are related to the two POINTERS and are only now beginning, in any definite and clear manner, to affect human response. Their effect has been planetary in its nature up to date and has not hitherto been at all effective in either the fourth or the second kingdoms in nature.
4. Shangri-Lha, the Custodian of the PLAN for our planet.

Leo is the sign wherein the CONSCIOUSNESS of INDIVIDUALITY is developed, utilised and finally consecrated to divine purpose. It is related to POLARIS, the POLE STAR (found in the LITTLE BEAR) and it is also peculiarly susceptible to the influence of that POINTER in the GREAT BEAR which is the nearest to the POLE STAR. Esoterically speaking, the POLE STAR is regarded as the "star of re-orientation" whereby the art of "refacing and recovering that which is lost" is developed. This eventually brings a man back to his/her originating source. It might, therefore, be correctly inferred that this POINTER and the ENERGY emanating from it guides humanity upon the involutory path, and is constantly active in its influence upon the man who is still upon the Mutable Cross. Then the ENERGY of the POINTER furthest from the POLE STAR begins to make its PRESENCE felt and a sense of RIGHT DIRECTION or guidance is registered by the disciple upon the Path, and such guidance (when followed) leads man nearer to the Hierarchy. It is here that the divine necessity of achieving alignment is portrayed for us in the symbolism of the sky and when it has been achieved then there is a direct inflow of divine ENERGY and man is linked up in a new and creative manner to sources of divine supply. Astrologers will do well (in connection with the horoscopes of disciples and particularly of INITIATES) to consider the two

POINTERS and the POLE STAR. They are mysteriously connected with the three aspects of incarnated man_ SPIRIT, SOUL and body. More than this it is not permitted to us to convey to you. We may, however, give you another hint. These three stars are embodiments of the three aspects of divine will. It is the three aspects of all expressions of divinity in manifestation which underlie the SCIENCE of TRIANGLES. This we will later elaborate.

Another triangle of ENERGY also appears: Aries, Leo and Polaris, and they are doubly connected through the medium of the POINTERS.

□ **SCORPIO is under the influence or inflowing ENERGY of SIRIUS. This is the great star of INITIATION because our Hierarchy (an expression of the second aspect of divinity) is under the supervision or spiritual magnetic control of the Hierarchy of SIRIUS. These are the major controlling influences whereby the cosmic Christ works upon the Christ principle in the solar system, in the planet, in man and in the lower forms of LIFE expression. It is esoterically called the "brilliant star of sensitivity." You have therefore:**

□ **Polaris_ The STAR of DIRECTION_ governing Shangri-Lha. Later, another POLE STAR will take the place of Polaris, owing to the interplay of FORCES in the universe and the general shift and movement. But the name and quality of this star will only be revealed at INITIATION.**

□ **SIRIUS_ The STAR of SENSITIVITY_ governing the Hierarchy.**

□ **ALCYONE_ The STAR of the INDIVIDUAL_ governing humanity.**

You can see from the above how the entire plan of this Treatise is gradually unfolding. It was necessary for us to indicate to you the NATURE AND the PURPOSE OF the THREE DIVINE CENTRES_ SHANGRI-LHA, the HIERARCHY, and HUMANITY_ before we could make this part of the teaching clear to you, or before we could point out the nature of the ENERGIES pouring from distant constellations and zodiacal signs into our planetary scheme.

SCORPIO is the great constellation which influences the turning point both in the LIFE of humanity and the LIFE of the individual human being. For the first time in the history of both mankind and disciples the ENERGY of SIRIUS, pouring into the seven groups which form our planetary Hierarchy evokes a response. We would remind you of a basic fact in the

evolutionary process which astrology will eventually prove scientifically and past all controversy. This is the fact that ENERGIES and FORCES are pouring upon our system and our planetary lives ceaselessly, potently and cyclically. Yet they are only regarded today as existing when definite response is evoked. They come from all kinds of sources, extraneous to our system and planetary schemes, but until man responds and registers them both scientists and astrologers fail to recognise them and they are as if they were not. This is a point to bear in mind as we continue to teach you, for we may indicate some sources of active ENERGY which may as yet be unknown to you as playing upon our system and its contents. The difficulty will not be because of our inaccuracies but will be owing to the lack of sensitivity in the mechanism of response which mankind and disciples are at present utilising.

You have consequently in connection with the PATH of DISCIPLESHIP the following lines of "influential ENERGY":

1. SIRIUS_ working in a sevenfold manner through the seven rays and their seven groups as these constitute the active Hierarchy.
2. The Fixed Cross_ a fusion of four major ENERGIES, pouring into our solar system, on to our planet and through humanity.
3. SCORPIO_ an aspect of the Fixed Cross, of peculiar and specialised potency upon the PATH of DISCIPLESHIP and preparing, with its TESTS and TRIALS:
 - a. The process of re-orientation, whereby a man mounts the Fixed Cross and leaves the Mutable Cross.
 - b. The disciple for the first, second and THIRD INITIATIONS. After the THIRD INITIATION, its peculiar TESTING potency is no longer felt.
4. The Hierarchy._ The distributing agency to the various kingdoms in nature.
5. MARS and SATURN._ Both these planets are exceedingly potent in connection with INITIATION into the LIFE of the Hierarchy; MARS is potent in relation to SCORPIO and SATURN in relation to Capricorn. This involves the intensified activity of the 6th and the 3rd rays and their ENERGIES, and when these are rightly employed there comes LIBERATION from form control and the RELEASE of the conscious individual.

Again, astrologers would do well to work with this line of fused FORCES, studying its implications and effects in the LIFE of the disciple.

Aquarius relates humanity to the PLEIADES and therefore to Taurus in an unusual manner. The key to this relation is to be found in the word DESIRE, leading, through the TRANSMUTATIVE PROCESSES of LIFE experience, to ASPIRATION and finally the RELINQUISHING of desire in SCORPIO. Aquarius, ALCYONE and Humanity constitute a most interesting triangle of FORCE. ALCYONE is one of the seven PLEIADES and is called the "star of the Individual" and sometimes the "star of intelligence." It was potently active during the previous solar system wherein the Third Person of the Trinity was peculiarly omnipotent and active, just as today [1951] the cosmic Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, is peculiarly active in this solar system [just ended, 2nd or LOVE SS]. The ENERGIES coming from ALCYONE impregnated the substance of the universe with the quality of mind. As a consequence of this most ancient activity, the same FORCE was present at the time of INDIVIDUALISATION in this solar system, for it is in this system, and primarily upon our planet, the Earth, that the major results of that early activity have made themselves felt. Two of our planets, the Earth (non-sacred) and URANUS (sacred), are directly the product of this THIRD RAY activity. This is of great importance to remember. We would also ask you to link this thought with the teaching that through the divine CENTRE of intelligent activity which we call humanity, the fourth kingdom in nature will eventually act as the mediating principle to all the three lower kingdoms. Humanity is the divine Messenger to the world of form; it is essentially MERCURY, bringing LIGHT and LIFE to other divine manifestations and of this all divine world Saviours are the eternal symbols.

This coming process of planetary service through the third divine CENTRE is only truly effective when Aquarius rules and when our SUN is passing through that sign of the zodiac. Hence the immense importance of the next 2000 years. Therefore, only when a man is a WORLD SERVER and becoming group conscious can this desired objective of manifestation begin to demonstrate. It is beginning to happen today for the first time in planetary history. It is one of the first fruits of INITIATION and only in the next root race to our present ARYAN race will we begin really to understand the significance of the process and the true nature of the ENERGIES to be RELEASED through the medium of humanity upon the planet. It is for this reason that JUPITER and URANUS (expressions of the

SECOND and the SEVENTH RAYS) are the exoteric and esoteric rulers of Aquarius.

You have, therefore, the following line of FORCE to study:

1. ALCYONE_ in the PLEIADES, the MOTHERS of the seven aspects of form LIFE and the "wives of the seven Rishis of the GREAT BEAR." They are connected with the MOTHER aspect which nurtures the infant Christ.
2. Aquarius_ the WORLD SERVER, the transmitter of ENERGY which evokes magnetic response.
3. JUPITER and URANUS_ planets of beneficent consummation. The SECOND RAY of LOVE and the SEVENTH RAY which fuses SPIRIT and MATTER "to the ultimate glory" of the solar Logos are in the fullest eventual cooperation.
4. Humanity_ the focal point for all these ENERGIES and the divine distributor of them to individual man and later to the lower three kingdoms in nature.

Thus you see, that from a generalisation re the exterior constellations (exterior to the zodiac and the solar system itself) we are becoming more specific, showing how certain stars in these constellations are definitely related by direct lines of ENERGY to our planet; these lines of FORCE usually reach us via one of the zodiacal signs and_ in rare cases_ directly to a planet. The latter case is, however, exceedingly rare. We have also brought into relation to our solar system another constellation, called the LITTLE BEAR which is a reflection of or a corollary to the major ENERGIES of its greater prototype, Ursa Major, the GREAT BEAR. These facts contain a great mystery connected with the *inter-relation of URSA MAJOR, URSA MINOR and the PLEIADES; they constitute one of the greatest and more important of the triplicities to be found in the heavens as far as we have astronomically ascertained the nature of our immediate universe.* This is a perfectly unimportant piece of information as far as you are concerned and is only of significance to INITIATES of the fourth degree. It SERVES, nevertheless, to add its evidence to the essential integrity and interlocking dependencies of the universe.

In order the better to understand the nature of DISCIPLESHIP and the PROCESSES of STABILISATION and RIGHT DIRECTION, , we must precede the Capricornian experience of INITIATION with a careful study

of the spiritual implications of the sign SCORPIO and of its function in providing "points of crisis" and "moments of reorientation," as this will be of the utmost value to the earnest student. Even though we are endeavouring to lay the foundation for the new astrology and to provide some measure of technical information from the point of view of the Hierarchy, our underlying motive is ever the same: to indicate the way of living process and to stimulate that divine curiosity and that sense of outgoing spiritual adventure and eager ASPIRATION for progress which is latent in all disciples and which, when stimulated, will enable them to proceed more serenely and sanely upon the Path of Return. Otherwise the practical value of that which we seek to impart is of no real importance at all; we shall be understood and the new astrology will come into being according to the esoteric capacity of those who read and ponder our words. We are exceedingly anxious that in these days wherein the influence of SCORPIO and of the planet MARS is so strongly felt in world affairs that true insight may be cultivated, optimism and understanding developed and the nature of the TESTS to which the world disciple, humanity, is today being subjected may be estimated at their true value and thus LIGHT be shed upon the way of man. Only through understanding will solution come and rectification of error be achieved.

The TESTS of SCORPIO are necessarily three in nature as they concern intimately the readiness of the threefold personality:

1. To reorient itself to the LIFE of the SOUL and later
2. To evidence readiness for INITIATION.
3. To demonstrate sensitivity to the PLAN thus becoming the one-pointed disciple in Sagittarius.

The three major TESTS are again divided into three stages, and upon the PATH of DISCIPLESHIP the man may find him/herself passing into this sign for TESTING and experience NINE times. The fact of the three TESTS each existing in their three stages may convey a hint to esoteric astrologers as to the purpose of the three decanates into which each sign is divided_ a point upon which we shall hope to touch when we come to our study of the SCIENCE of TRIANGLES. Each test (and therefore each decanate) concerns the three aspects which in this Treatise we have called: LIFE, QUALITY and APPEARANCE. Thus the three great TESTS in SCORPIO are in REALITY NINE TESTS and hence the NINE-headed Hydra or Serpent

which is ever associated with SCORPIO and hence also the nature of the stupendous VICTORY achieved by Hercules, the SUN-GOD, in this sign.

It is interesting to note that each of the great Sons of GOD Whose names are pre-eminent in the minds of men_ Hercules, the Buddha and the Christ_ are associated in the archives of the Great White Lodge with three special signs of the zodiac (which in a peculiar manner constitute the "zodiacal decanate") in each of which They passed from TEST to VICTORY.

- 1) In SCORPIO_ Hercules became the triumphant disciple.
- 2) In Taurus_ The Buddha achieved VICTORY over desire and arrived at ILLUMINATION.
- 3) In Pisces_ The Christ overcame DEATH and became the world saviour.

These three constellations, therefore, form a triangle of INITIATION of profound importance because it provides those conditions and that ENERGY which will test and perfect the three aspects of the personality so that they are true reflections of the three divine aspects; they concern SOUL and body primarily and therefore their expression is through the Mutable Cross and the Fixed Cross but not the Cardinal Cross. We might add to the above the following:

1. SCORPIO carries the test right down into the physical plane LIFE, and then, when it is faced and handled there, the LIFE of the man is carried up into heaven, and the problem which the test involved is solved by the use of the reasoning mind.
2. Taurus governs desire and carries the test into the emotional or ASTRAL plane, and carries desire-sensitivity up from the form side of LIFE into that world of sensitive perception which we call the INTUITIONAL plane.
3. Pisces carries the test into the region of the mental processes, which is the reflection of the WILL ASPECT of divinity; the problem of the INITIATE

in this sign is voiced by Christ in the words, "Father, not my will but Thine be done." The TESTS carry the self-will of the personality up into the region of the divine will and the result is inspiration and the emergence of a world saviour.

PONDER UPON the ABOVE AND LEARN the LESSONS OF APPETITE, OF DESIRE AND OF SELF-WILL FOR THEY ARE MANY AND USEFUL.

The three TESTS in SCORPIO also concern the three aspects of the human being as they fuse and blend upon the physical plane. They are, 1. first of all, the TEST of appetite. This appetite is the natural predilections and tendencies which are inherent in the animal nature and these are mainly three: Sex, physical comfort, and money, as concretised ENERGY. They are,

2. secondly, the TESTS connected with desire and the ASTRAL plane. These are subtler in nature, producing automatic effects upon the physical plane; they are not inherent in the animal nature but are imposed by the desire nature and are again three in number:

- Fear,
 - hatred and
 - ambition or
 - desire for POWER. Then there are,
3. thirdly, the TESTS of the lower critical mind which are:

- Pride,
- separativeness and
- cruelty.

Remember that the worst kind of cruelty is not of a physical nature but is more mental in character. Therefore, you have in the category of that which must be tested and proved to be non-existent the following categories, which we are re-enumerating because of their basic importance:

| 1. Sex_ the relation of the PAIRS of OPPOSITES. These can be selfishly utilised or divinely blended.

(1) | 2. Physical comfort_ LIFE conditions, selfishly appropriated.

| 3. Money_ selfishly cornered (if we may use such a phrase).

| 1. Fear_ which conditions activity today.
(2) | 2. Hate_ which is a factor in conditioning relationships.
3. Ambition_ conditioning objectives.

| 1. Pride_ which is intellectual satisfaction, making the mind the barrier to SOUL control.
(3) | 2. Separativeness_ which is the isolated attitude and which makes the mind the barrier to right group relations.
| 3. Cruelty_ which is satisfaction with personality methods and which makes the mind the instrument of the sense of POWER.

When these faults are realised and are overcome, the result is twofold: the establishing of right relations with the SOUL and also with the environment. These two results are the goal of all TESTS in SCORPIO.

The keynotes of this sign are, therefore,

- TEST, TRIAL and TRIUMPH. They can also be called
- STRUGGLE, STRENGTH and SAGITTARIAN attitudes. Another angle of the experience in SCORPIO can be covered by two words :
- RE-CAPITULATION and RE-ORIENTATION.

In SCORPIO, two most scientific factors emerge from the past and begin to engross the attention of the disciple. One is *memory* and the other is, as a *consequence of the memory*, the DWELLER on the THRESHOLD. Memory in the sense here involved is not simply just a faculty of the mind, as is so oft supposed, but it is essentially a CREATIVE POWER. It is basically

- an aspect of thought and_
- coupled with imagination_
- is a creative agent because thoughts are things, as well you know.

From ancient recesses of the memory, from a deeply rooted past which is definitely recalled, and from the racial and the individual subconscious (or founded and established thought reservoirs and desires, inherited and inherent) there emerges from individual past lives and experience that which is the sum total of all instinctual tendencies, of all inherited GLAMOURS and of all phases of wrong mental attitudes; to these (as they constitute a blended whole) we give the name of the DWELLER on the THRESHOLD. This DWELLER is the sum total of all the personality characteristics which have remained unconquered and unsubdued and which must be finally overcome before INITIATION can be taken. Each LIFE sees some progress made; some personality defects straightened out and some real advance effected. But the unconquered residue and the ancient liabilities are numerous and excessively potent and_ when SOUL contact is adequately established_ there eventuates a LIFE wherein the highly developed and powerful personality becomes, in itself, the DWELLER on the THRESHOLD. Then the ANGEL of the PRESENCE and the DWELLER stand face to face and something must then be done. Eventually, the LIGHT of the personal self fades out and wanes in the blaze of glory which emanates from the ANGEL. Then the greater glory obliterates the lesser. This is, however, only possible when the personality eagerly enters into this relation with the ANGEL, recognises itself as the DWELLER and_ as a disciple_ begins the battle between the PAIRS of OPPOSITES and enters into the TESTS of SCORPIO. These TESTS and TRIALS are ever self-INITIATED; the disciple puts himself into the positive or conditioning environment wherein the TRIALS and the discipline are unavoidable and inevitable. When the mind has reached a relatively high stage of development, the memory aspect is evoked in a new and conscious manner and then every latent pre-disposition, every racial and national instinct, every unconquered situation and every controlling fault rises to the surface of CONSCIOUSNESS and then_ the fight is on. The keynote of SCORPIO is, however, TRIUMPH. This is its major expression upon the physical plane. As a result of struggle and of VICTORY, the whole divine man_ not yet perfectly expressing himself, if we might word the situation thus_ is anchored upon the physical plane with such accuracy and clarity that there is no escape from the envying conclusions of the disciple's family, friends and group that he/she is a disciple. From that angle he is meticulously watched; he learns the meaning of the word "example"; he is pilloried by those who are onlookers and the first conscious stages toward group awareness and group response, plus

group service, are now taken. Such is the outcome and the reward of the experience in SCORPIO.

It is in this sign that the prodigal SON comes to him/herself, and having eaten of the husks of LIFE and having exhausted the resources of worldly desire and ambition_ he/she says: "I will arise and go to my Father." There are two such major crises in the LIFE of the aspirant:

1. When the intelligent man of the world comes to him/herself and then re-orientes himself to the SOUL and its requirements. This leads to the TESTS in SCORPIO.

2. When the INITIATE of the third degree_ upon a higher turn of the spiral_ re-orientes him/herself to the Monad and passes through most subtle TESTS to certain undefinable and spiritual recognitions. Upon these we need not enlarge.

There is little for us to add here in connection with the fact that SCORPIO is upon one of the four arms of the Fixed Cross. In the study of previous signs, much anent the Fixed Cross has already been covered and there is no need for us to repeat the information here. Desire in Taurus becomes spiritual ASPIRATION in SCORPIO. The darkness of the experience in SCORPIO becomes ILLUMINATION in Taurus, for it must never be forgotten that where the PAIRS of OPPOSITES are concerned they gain and profit from each other, for there is a direct line of FORCE and of contact between the two. This is a fact which is seldom recognised.

We come now to a consideration of the Rulers which govern the sign, SCORPIO. Their influence is potent in the lives of the average or undeveloped man who responds more easily to the planetary influences in the twelve houses of his personality horoscope than does the more advanced man who is coming under the direct influence of the zodiacal signs. Through these Rulers, two rays are brought into a potent controlling position in SCORPIO; they are the SIXTH RAY of Devotion and the FOURTH RAY of HARMONY through Conflict, the latter having a peculiar relation to the mode of human development and the former to the methods of the Piscean age which is just passing. MARS and MERCURY control and MARS is particularly active, owing to the fact that MARS is both the orthodox planet controlling the personality in SCORPIO and also the esoteric planet conditioning the unfoldment of the disciple. MARS is the dominating factor in the TESTS and TRIALS of the disciple, prior to the

experience in Sagittarius and the INITIATION in Capricorn, and this for the following reasons:

First, MARS is definitely the planet which rules and controls the physical vehicle. MARS appears first of all as the orthodox ruler in Aries, the sign in which the first move is made towards bringing about objective manifestation, or physical incarnation. In SCORPIO, the result of all the STRUGGLES carried forward during the seemingly endless pilgrimage around the zodiac or wheel of LIFE is brought to a point of climax, again through the activity of MARS which has not appeared actively in the intervening signs between Aries and SCORPIO as far as the reversed wheel is concerned. The disciple has now to demonstrate the strength, character and quality which he has unfolded and developed within himself during his long pilgrimage. He started in Aries with MARS ruling, and the great war between the dualities which constitute the man began. The PAIRS of OPPOSITES were thus brought into relation with each other. In SCORPIO, with the same planet ruling his interior LIFE, the war is on and in this case MARS rules not only the physical body but the entire form vehicle, which we call the personality in the three worlds. All aspects of the lower nature are involved in this crisis, for MARS is the esoteric ruler in SCORPIO and the TESTS applied involve the form nature_ gross and subtle, integrated and potent. MARS, therefore, rules Aries from the orthodox angle and SCORPIO esoterically, and does not again appear in the LIFE of the individual except as that individual responds to mass vibration in Sagittarius, where MARS appears as ruling the SIXTH Creative Hierarchy, the lunar lords of the form nature who must eventually be sacrificed to the higher spiritual aspect and brought under the control of the solar ANGEL. The effect of MARS is, therefore, largely mass effect and group results, producing great STRUGGLES but leading finally to great REVELATION. In Aries, it is the final REVELATION of the nature of knowledge and the purpose of incarnation; in SCORPIO, it is the REVELATION of the vision of LIBERATION and service; in Sagittarius, it is the REVELATION of the purpose of SOUL control over the lower kingdoms in nature, via the human CENTRE of ENERGY. It must consequently never be forgotten that MARS establishes relations between the opposites and is a beneficent and not a malefic factor, as is so often supposed. When we come to study the Hierarchies and their relation to the signs, certain points which are at present obscure will be clarified. This we shall do when dealing with our final point in this section upon astrology and the

rays. We shall then find that SCORPIO rules and governs the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human from the angle of the SOUL and not from the angle of the lower nature. The final struggle in SCORPIO only takes place when the point of balance between SOUL and body has been reached in Libra and it is in SCORPIO that the preponderance of the spiritual ENERGY is imposed upon the lower personal FORCES. SCORPIO governs "the INITIATES," which is the true esoteric name of man, and through its hierarchical planetary ruler, the Sons of Mind, the Messengers of Deity are revealed, but it is through MARS and the Martian activity that the REVELATION comes about.

Secondly, MARS is closely related to sex, which is an aspect of the PAIRS of OPPOSITES, and its effect is also definitely to vitalise the blood stream; it vitalises, purifies and stimulates all aspects and organisms in the body, via the blood stream. It will be obvious to you, therefore, how the TESTS in SCORPIO and the activity of MARS are potent to arouse the entire lower nature and bring about its final rebellion and the last stand, so to speak, of the personality against the SOUL. It is MARS who brings the world Arjuna into the active fight. The whole man is then engaged and the "quarrel of the sexes" is resolved in its highest aspect through the battle between the highly developed personality or form nature and the SOUL which seeks to be the ultimate controlling factor.

The colour assigned to MARS is, as you know, red and this is a correspondence to the colour of the blood stream and hence also the association of MARS with passion, with anger and a sense of general opposition. The sense of DUALITY is exceedingly powerful. Hence also the necessity for the entire LIFE of man (for the blood is the LIFE in this sense) to be swung into the conflict, leaving no side of human nature uninvolved; hence again the need for the disciple to carry his/her physical nature, his emotional or desire nature and his mental processes up into heaven. This takes place as a consequence of overcoming the "serpent of evil" (the form nature with its promptings and demands) by the means of the "serpent of wisdom," which is the esoteric name oft given to the SOUL.

In connection with the symbolic connection between MARS and the blood, producing the resultant conflict between LIFE and DEATH (for SCORPIO is one of the signs of DEATH), it is interesting to note that Christianity is governed by MARS. One is apt to recognise with ease that the SIXTH RAY, working through MARS, rules Christianity. It is a religion of devotion,

fanaticism, of high courage, of idealism, of the spiritual emphasis upon the individual and his worth and problem, of conflict and of DEATH. All those characteristics are familiar to us in the presentation of Christian theology.

1. It is however pre-eminently a religion which has waged a cruel and oft illogical war upon sex and its implications;
2. it has emphasised a militant celibacy (militant where women and their rights and natures are concerned);
3. it has regarded the sex relation as one of the primary evils in the world and has laid the emphasis upon the inviolable nature of the marriage bond when endorsed by the Church. This has all been the result of the beneficent or the malefic effect of the impact of SIXTH RAY FORCE upon the form nature.
4. Little emphasis has been laid nevertheless upon the influence of MARS upon Christianity, making it a definitely militant religion, oft cruel and sadistic (as witness the murders and tortures carried out in the name of Christ, who was the outstanding Representative of GOD'S LOVE).

- Throughout the teaching of Christian theology, the theme of blood runs ceaselessly and
- the source of salvation is laid upon the blood relationship and not upon the LIFE aspect which the blood veils and symbolises.
- It is the creed of a crucified and dead Christ which rules Christianity and not that of the risen Master.

One of the reasons for this travesty of the TRUTH has been that ST. PAUL, that great INITIATE, prior to taking the THIRD INITIATION which he did at the time he was functioning as related in The Acts of the Apostles, was potently under Martian influence and was born in SCORPIO; a study of his horoscope would demonstrate this were you in a position to study as can we who are connected with the Hierarchy. It was he who gave the SCORPIO-MARS slant to the interpretation and exposition of the Christian teaching and deflected its ENERGY into channels of teaching which its Founder had never intended. Such is often the undesirable effect of the activities of well-meaning disciples upon the work which they undertake to carry on after the originator of some work for the Hierarchy passes over to the other side through DEATH or relinquishes his task in order to take up other duties.

The blood theme and the DEATH theme, the suffering and the dire TESTING of the disciple, the value of the individual conflict and the CONSCIOUSNESS of the misery of existence are basically due to the combined influences of SCORPIO and of MARS which have ruled

Christianity for so long and which are only now beginning somewhat to lose their influence.

A study of the PROCESSES of DEATH as the sign SCORPIO conditions them and the PROCESSES of DEATH as we see them working out in the sign Pisces would be of very real value. DEATH through the influences of Pluto and DEATH through the influences of MARS are widely different. DEATH in Pisces through the ENERGY of Pluto is transformation_ a transformation so vital and so basic that the

"... Ancient One is no longer seen. He sinks to the DEPTH of the ocean of LIFE; he descends into hell, but the gates of hell hold him not. He, the new and living One leaves below that which has held him down throughout the ages and rises from the DEPTHS unto the HEIGHTS, close to the throne of GOD."

The connection of these words with Christ, the present world Saviour, is obvious in their implications, and yet they were written in our archives over seven thousand years ago. DEATH in SCORPIO is of a different nature and is also described in the same ancient writing in the following words:

"... Ancient One dies by drowning. Such is the test. The waters envelop him and there is no escape. He drowns. The fires of passion are then quenched. The LIFE of desire ceases its appeal and to the bottom of the lake he now descends. Later, he re-ascends to Earth where the white horse waits his coming. And this he mounts, proceeding towards the second DEATH" (that is, towards Pisces).

The reference here to Sagittarius is clear. The disciple_ after the DEATH of the personality and after the killing out of desire_ goes on towards Pisces where again he dies *"unto an eternal resurrection."*

1. In SCORPIO there is the DEATH of the personality, with its longings, desires, ambitions and pride.
2. In Pisces there is the DEATH of all attachments and the LIBERATION of the SOUL for service upon an universal scale. Christ, in Pisces, exemplified the substitution of LOVE for attachment.
3. Christianity exemplifies the DEATH of the personality, with individual and not universal implications;
4. LOVE has been conspicuously lacking and the controlling colour of Christianity has indeed been red.

5. It is not Christ's expression but the SCORPIO-MARS presentation of ST. PAUL.

MARS has ruled Christianity because ST. PAUL misinterpreted the esoteric significances of the New Testament message and

□ he misinterpreted because the TRUTH_ like all TRUTHS as they reach humanity_ had to pass through the filter of his personality mind and brain;

□ it was then unavoidably given a personal slant and twist and this is responsible for the sorry historical story of Christianity and the dire pLIGHT of the nations today_ ostensibly Christian nations yet

□ swept by hate,

□ ruled by fear and at the same time by idealism,

□ governed by a fanatical adherence to their national destiny as they interpret it and "out for blood" as the piling up of armaments discloses.

All these are SIXTH RAY characteristics, emphasised by SCORPIO and conditioned by MARS which ever rules the path of the individual disciple, and today the world disciple, humanity as a whole, stands at the very portal of the Path. The entire west is at this time under Martian influence but this will end during the next five years [via humanity's Goodwill Receptors].

Thirdly, MARS governs the senses which are five in number. These senses are the basis of all human knowledge where that which is tangible and objective is concerned or inferred. MARS, therefore, rules science and hence the reason in this present era for the fundamental but not permanent materiality of science_ a materiality which is rapidly lessening as MARS nears the end of its present cycle of influence. Already, the trend of modern science is shifting into the realm of the intangible and into the world of the non-material. Hence also the fact that the opposition to psyientism is waning and its day of POWER approaching. These subtler senses will supersede the physical senses over which MARS has so long had a successful control, and hence again the growth in the world today of the psychic senses and the appearance on every hand of the subtler and more esoteric powers of clair-voyance and clair-audience. This development is inevitable as the influence of SCORPIO and of MARS begins to lessen, as is the case today. The year 1945 saw this influence almost completely vanish, particularly from the ASTRAL plane. Astrologers would do well to remember that the influence of the constellations, signs and planets, work out upon three levels of awareness_ three descending levels_ and are felt first of all upon the

mental plane, then upon the ASTRAL plane and finally upon the physical plane. But it is with this last plane that astrologers are primarily concerned, emphasising happenings and events and not their conditioning causes. At present, astrology deals with effects and not with that which is causing them. There is much confusion over this MATTER and the horoscopes of the three levels are often much distorted. A horoscope which could be interpreted purely upon the mental plane is given a physical interpretation, and thus happenings which are entirely mental are portrayed as physical occurrences. A clue to this triple interpretation which astrology must eventually recognise can be found in the relation of the orthodox, the esoteric and the hierarchical planets and the rays of which they are the expression.

You will see from this how important are the functions of SCORPIO and MARS upon our planet at this time, and you will note also how brief a time remains in which humanity can (rightly or wrongly) handle its TESTS. You will realise also the pressure under which the Hierarchy at this time STRUGGLES now that Martian ENERGY is expressing itself upon the ASTRAL plane. WILL the WORLD HERCULES LIFT THIS PROBLEM UP INTO HEAVEN AND "ELEVATE the HYDRA" OF PASSION AND HATE, OF GREED AND AGGRESSION, AND OF SELFISHNESS AND AMBITION UP INTO the REGION OF the SOUL? OR WILL IT CARRY the WHOLE MATTER DOWN ON TO the PHYSICAL PLANE WITH the INEVITABLE COROLLARY OF WORLD DISASTER, WORLD WAR AND DEATH? Such are the problems with which the guiding Hierarchy is faced.

SCORPIO is also most interestingly connected with the constellation, Cancer, through the influences of the SIXTH RAY, for it should be remembered that that ray is also expressing itself through NEPTUNE, but in a spiritual and esoteric manner. NEPTUNE governs Cancer esoterically. The significance is therefore clear, for Cancer is the sign of birth; it is the door into incarnation and the sign of generation. SCORPIO is the sign of sex and of regeneration, and birth is ever the intended result of the sex relation. FATHER-SPIRIT and MOTHER-MATTER when brought together produce the SON. The TESTS and difficulties and pains of this era are symptoms or indications of the "entering into manifestation" of the new civilisation and culture. They portend the birth of the new era for which

the entire world waits. This will happen if_ speaking esoterically_ the **SIXTH RAY ENERGY** of **MARS** is transmuted into the **SIXTH RAY ENERGY** of **NEPTUNE**, for the one is "objective and full of blood" and the other is "subjective and full of LIFE."

A great mystery is veiled and hidden in the above relationship, for **Cancer-NEPTUNE** is expressive of the **SEVENTH RAY** which rules and controls the eighth Creative Hierarchy. This is one of the five Hierarchies whose names are unknown to us and this particular one stands upon the verge of **LIBERATION**. At the same time it is closely connected with the mind principle as it works out through the solar **ANGELS** or through the human hierarchy. It is related to the birth of the fourth Creative Hierarchy in a sense not to be understood by anyone below the stage of the **FOURTH INITIATION**, but it is an interesting fact to remember for it is in the connection between the **SIXTH** and **SEVENTH RAYS** that that potent "desire for incarnation" was aroused which resulted in the fall of the **ANGELS** in primordial times. This **SIXTH RAY** influence coming from three angles_ orthodox, esoteric and hierarchical_ and hence involving both **NEPTUNE** and **MARS**_ predisposes the race and individual man as well to become one-pointed disciples in Sagittarius. This latter constellation is ruled by **MARS**, bringing the man into control or closer touch with the lunar lords, the **SIXTH** Creative Hierarchy. Students should study their charts with care, remembering to differentiate between the five Hierarchies which are the non-manifesting Hierarchies, and the seven Hierarchies which are in expression now, and of which the **SIXTH** Creative Hierarchy is a part. This Hierarchy, from the larger angle of the entire twelve hierarchies and not simply the seven manifesting hierarchies, is the eleventh or the second. The **SIXTH RAY** of Devotion is consequently most powerful in this age or cycle and hence the expression in every land today of its best and its worst features, of which the intense devotion to material things and the intense devotion to spiritual **VALUES** are dramatic instances.

SCORPIO and **Aquarius** are also in a peculiar relation to each other through the **PLANET MERCURY** which governs the human family (being the hierarchical planet in **SCORPIO**), and through **NEPTUNE** which rules **Cancer**, thus governing expression upon the physical plane. In this connection the Moon is given as the orthodox ruler and the hierarchical

rule of Aquarius. We would here remind you that the Moon is usually regarded as "veiling" or "hiding" some planet and of these there are three which the Moon may be veiling. Here the INTUITION of the astrologer and of the esoteric student must be called out. These planets are VULCAN, NEPTUNE or URANUS. These three create and influence certain aspects of the MOTHER principle, which nourish and feed the LIFE of the inner divine REALITY until the time comes when the Christ child is brought to the birth. They determine or condition the physical, ASTRAL and mental natures, thus creating the personality. They form a triangle of immense creative potency, upon which theme we will later enlarge when dealing with the SCIENCE of TRIANGLES. The point which we are here making is that through the influence of MERCURY and NEPTUNE the group CONSCIOUSNESS of the individual is developed, so that through the TESTS in SCORPIO and the experience in Aquarius the disciple emerges on the physical plane into the position of a WORLD SERVER; all WORLD SERVERS are decentralised workers and are governed by the need and the reactions of the mass or group. That is one of the reasons why, when in training, disciples are absorbed into a Master's group which is integrally a collection of individuals who are imbued with the group idea and are learning increasingly to react to it. In this world period and in a peculiar manner, as far as the race (ARYAN) to which the Western world belongs, NEPTUNE is known esoterically as the Initiator. In certain ancient formulas, the great Teacher of the West and the present world Initiator, Christ, is spoken of as NEPTUNE, Who rules the ocean, whose trident and astrological symbol signifies the Trinity in manifestation and Who is the ruler of the Piscean Age. The formula runs as follows, speaking esoterically: "... the fish GODDESSES who have leapt from earth (Virgo) to water (Pisces) unitedly give birth to the Fish GOD (Christ) who introduces the water of LIFE into the ocean of substance and thus brings LIGHT to the world. Thus does NEPTUNE work." This is, however, a great mystery, revealed only at the time of the SECOND INITIATION in which the control of the fluidic ASTRAL plane is demonstrated.

Cancer, being the door to incarnation, has a close relation to SCORPIO through NEPTUNE and MARS, both of whom are expressions of the SIXTH RAY ENERGY. In Cancer, you have the devotion of the SOUL, developed to such an extent that the urge to manifest overcomes all other urges, and the PROCESSES of incarnation impose themselves upon the SOUL. In

SCORPIO, that same **SPIRIT** of devotion (which is based on the sense of **DUALITY** and the need to go out towards that which is not the Self) is turned in the reverse **DIRECTION** and the urge towards **LIBERATION** and the desire to tread the Path of Return becomes so strong that the disciple submits to **TESTS**, reverses_ at tremendous cost and pain_ his/her position upon the wheel of **LIFE** and assumes the attitude of the Observer in contradistinction to that of the Experiencer. Old identifications cease; new trends toward higher, subtler and more spiritual identifications begin to appear and then **NEPTUNE** and **MARS** begin to play their part.

A close study of all the above relations will reveal the fact that four signs of the zodiac play a dominant part, therefore, in the **LIFE** of the man who is working whilst in incarnation with his/her **SUN** in **SCORPIO** or with **SCORPIO** rising. These are:

1. Aries * Cardinal Cross * Initiating impulse * LIFE.
2. Cancer * Cardinal Cross * Focussed impulse * Incarnation.
3. **SCORPIO** * Fixed Cross * Reversing impulse * Return.
4. Aquarius * Fixed Cross * Group impulse * Service.

These are signs 1-4-8-11. These numbers in themselves are most significant for they are the signs of will-desire, of human expression, of the Christ principle and of **INITIATION**. There is no need for us to enlarge upon this fourfold theme and the **TRUTH** of its implied teaching, for it is obvious and clear and the history of the **SOUL** is sealed up in these numbers.

We would like to touch upon another interesting point which will **SERVE** to demonstrate the potency of **SCORPIO** and its **ENERGIES** in the **LIFE** of the disciple. **SCORPIO** is one of the four arms of the Fixed Cross of the heavens, as you well know. Upon that Cross, the correctly poised man stands right at the **CENTRE** where the four arms meet and, therefore, at the point where the **ENERGY** of all the four signs and of their ruling planets can pour through him/her and evoke the needed reactions, produce the conditions wherein test is possible and so bring about the necessary reversal of the **LIFE** currents in the man's nature and place him upon the reversed wheel. the planets which will rule and condition him in some aspect or other of his nature are:

PLANET	*	SIGN	*	RAY	*	SCHOOL
1. VENUS	*	Taurus	*	5th	*	Orthodox
2. VULCAN	*	Taurus	*	1st	*	Hierarchical.
Esoteric						
3. The SUN	*	Leo	*	2nd	*	All three
4. Mars	*	SCORPIO	*	6th	*	Orthodox and
Esoteric						
5. Mercury	*	SCORPIO	*	4 th	*	Hierarchical
6. URANUS	*	Aquarius	*	7th	*	Orthodox
7. JUPITER	*	Aquarius	*	2 nd	*	Esoteric
8. The Moon	*	Aquarius	*	4th	*	Hierarchical

From this tabulation, it will appear that the influence of only one ray, that of the THIRD RAY of ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE, is missing. All the other rays pour through, vertically and horizontally, into the man's nature and his environment. LIFE, QUALITY AND APPEARANCE are all tested, but as the entire experience has to be fought out subjectively and lifted "up into the air" finally and raised into the world of spiritual VALUES where all problems must be solved in the LIGHT of the INTUITION and by the SOUL, the stimulation of the intellect and the focussing of the disciple's attention upon the physical plane (the world of material VALUES) is not desirable. Therefore, the influence of the THIRD RAY is omitted or "psyientificly deflected," as it is called, except in so far that the substance of the brain is automatically conditioned by the THIRD RAY which is the subconscious ruler of MATTER. This pouring in of six potencies is that which provides the setting and conditions of the TESTS; all these ray ENERGIES express themselves as the active sub-rays of the ray upon which the SOUL of the disciple is found; hence the necessity to ascertain the ray of the SOUL, prior to casting the horoscope and setting up the chart.

This brings us to two points about which we would like to speak a word. In dealing with the horoscope of the personality and with the average non-aspiring man, the astrologer should endeavour to discover the personality ray from a study of character, of the physical indications, of the emotional qualities, of the type of mind and the nature of the environment. He will then be able to lay out a far more useful chart with the orthodox planets ruling the LIFE. In the case of the horoscope of a disciple, he should do the

same, endeavouring to discover the ray of the SOUL. The SOUL ray only sets its mark and emphasises its quality and nature in the case of advanced people, and when that emerges clearly, the man is obviously a disciple and the esoteric planets will then govern his chart. Having determined the ray of the man undergoing TESTS in SCORPIO, the astrologer can then place the other rays in relation to him and his probable experience.

The other point to which we sought to refer is the constant use of the word "relation" or "relationship" and analogous phrases. This is unavoidable for the reason that the entire Science of Astrology is, in the last analysis, the Science of Relations and there is consequently no use in avoiding the term, especially when there is no other which seems to meet the requirements as adequately. Inter-relation, inter-dependence, inter-communication, interplay_ these are words governing the scientific basis of astrology, and they are beginning to be words in general use today in connection with human affairs and human conduct. This will be increasingly the case. The preparatory stages for world fusion, blending and SYNTHESIS are present at this time, and in this fact lies the hope of the world and the surety of the ultimate solution of the world problem along right lines.

In connection with the vertical and the horizontal LIFE of the Fixed Cross, it is instructive to note that the vertical LIFE of the man upon that Cross (no MATTER in what sign his SUN may temporarily find position), is ever Aquarius-Leo. This indicates that the self-CENTREd individual in Leo learns the lesson of the Cross and becomes decentralised, group conscious, and given to service. The horizontal arm is Taurus-SCORPIO, indicating that desire for materiality is finally superseded by desire for the spiritual VALUES, and this is demonstrated through the TESTS in SCORPIO. Earth and water (Taurus and SCORPIO) must be blended and related and it is this TRUTH connected with these two signs of the zodiac which lies behind all teaching upon baptism and purification. The earthly material desires of Taurus must in due time be brought under the influence of the purifying water in SCORPIO. Baptism by water (a name for the SECOND INITIATION) needs a preparatory period of TESTING and purification, and this the experience in SCORPIO is intended to give.

Likewise, FIRE and air (Aquarius and Leo) must also be blended and thus the four elements as well as six out of the seven rays must all play their part in conditioning the man in SCORPIO for the final stages of the Path.

The place of the planets in this sign is also most revealing, and in line also with the general purpose of the experience in SCORPIO, as outlined above. URANUS is exalted in SCORPIO; the POWER of VENUS is lessened in this sign, whilst the Moon falls. What do these facts symbolically portray? Let us see if we can make the beauty of these implications clear to you.

URANUS is the planet whose characteristics are the scientific mind, which, at this stage of the disciple's career, means that he can begin to live the psyientific LIFE and the way of divine knowledge can take the place of the mystic way of feeling. It means also that knowledge can be transmuted into the way of wisdom and of LIGHT. This necessarily brings in the WILL ASPECT or the influence of the FIRST RAY (VULCAN) blended with the SEVENTH RAY (URANUS) producing the desired manifestation upon the physical plane. URANUS, therefore, INITIATES a new order of LIFE and conditions and this_ when developed in the LIFE of the disciple_ in its turn produces an understanding of the causes of things as they are, and the desire to change the old order and the old orientation into the new. This produces the reversal of the wheel. This can be seen happening today most clearly in connection with humanity and with world processes. Carried forward to its logical conclusion, the influence of URANUS finally produces an unfolded spiritual CONSCIOUSNESS in contradistinction to the human; for this reason, URANUS is exalted in this sign and assumes a position of POWER and of directed influence.

VENUS, the intelligent mind, has its POWER lessened in this sign because the intellect_ having been developed and used_ must now be subordinated to a higher POWER of the SOUL, the spiritual INTUITION. The SON of Mind, the solar ANGEL, must now manifest as a SON of GOD. This solar ANGEL, when in control, must give place eventually to the PRESENCE. This it has hitherto veiled or hidden. VENUS must wane and the SUN_ as a

symbol of Deity_ must wax in influence and finally take its place. Such are the symbolic and esoteric significances.

The Moon is here regarded as functioning in its true nature and, therefore, as expressing symbolically that which is dead. The Moon here stands for the personality and, in the final VICTORY in SCORPIO, the personality is entirely vanquished and defeated. Desire is killed, for it is through expressed desire of some kind that personality demonstrates LIFE, QUALITY, APPEARANCE. Ponder upon this, for in SCORPIO the Moon falls and its influence fades out.

Extremes ever meet in the disciple who stands at this midway point or at the CENTRE of the Fixed Cross in SCORPIO. The spiritual imagination, which is the factor of greatest service to man, begins to take the place of the ancient GLAMOUR by means of which we have fabricated the untrue world in which we appear to live and move and have our being. The self-indulgence which was INITIATED in Taurus gives way in SCORPIO to the selfless attitude of the disciple; ambition gives place to the executive activity of the SOUL, whilst attachment to personality desires, likes and dislikes is transmuted into the tenacity of SOUL purpose. The hidden powers of the SOUL nature_ secret and misused because misunderstood and misapplied and, therefore, misdirected_ are superseded by the mysteries of INITIATION, and the practical understanding of the ENERGIES thereby conferred upon the recipient. Such are some of the great transformations which take place in the LIFE of the disciple who submits intelligently to the TESTS and difficulties in SCORPIO.

The three decanates and their rulers are given very differently by various astrologers. One group posits MARS, the SUN and VENUS as ruling the decanates of SCORPIO whilst another regards MARS, JUPITER and the Moon as the three rulers. Perhaps the TRUTH lies in both conclusions, if we view them from the esoteric standpoint or from that of the undeveloped man. This will be an interesting point for astrologers to investigate and study. Some day they will arrive at a clear decision as to the position of the five planets suggested as ruling the decanates (they agree on one); we cannot indicate to you the essential TRUTH because a new planet is arising in this sign and it is for man to discover and rightly place it within the circumference of the GREAT WHEEL.

The keywords of this sign are significant and illuminating.

1. Deception and TRIUMPH_ control by MAYA and

2. control by the SOUL_ conflict and peace_

such are the hidden secrets of this sign and these are summed up for all disciples in the two keywords. Upon the ordinary wheel, whereon the SOUL is found, blind and apparently helpless, the Word goes forth in the following terms: "And the Word said, Let MAYA flourish and let deception rule"; upon the reversed wheel, the SOUL chants or sings the words: "Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant."

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