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# T H E L A W

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The sun may be clouded yet ever the sun  
Will sweep on its course till the cycle is run,  
And when into chaos the systems are hurled,  
Again shall the Builder reshape a new world.

Your path may be clouded, uncertain your goal;  
Move on, for the orbit is fixed in your soul;  
And though it may lead into darkness of night  
The torch of the Builder shall give new light.

You were and you will be; know this while you are;  
Your spirit has traveled long and afar.  
It came from the Source, to the Source it returns;  
The Spark that was lighted eternally burns.

It slept in a jewel, it leaped in the wave;  
It roamed in the forest, it rose from the grave;  
It took on strange garbs for long eons of years,  
And now in the soul of yourself it appears.

From body to body your spirit speeds on;  
It seeks a new form when the old one is gone;  
And the form that it finds is the fabric you wrought  
On the loom of the mind with the fibre of thought.

As dew is drawn upward, in rain to descend,  
Your thoughts drift away and in destiny blend.  
You cannot escape them for petty or great,  
Or evil, or noble, they fashion your fate.

Somewhere on some planet, sometime and somehow,  
 Your life will reflect all the thoughts of your now.  
 The law is unerring; no blood can atone;  
 The structure you rear you must live in alone.

From cycle to cycle, through time and through space,  
 Your lives with your longings will ever keep pace.  
 All that you ask for, and all you desire,  
 Must come at your bidding, as flames out of fire.

You are your own devil, you are your own God,  
 You fashioned the paths that your footsteps have trod,  
 And no one can save you from error or sin,  
 Until you shall hark to the spirit within.

Once list to that voice and all tumult is done,  
 Your life is the life of the Infinite One,  
 In the hurrying race you are conscious of pause,  
 With LOVE for the purpose, and LOVE for the cause.

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## Capricorn

Spiritual Keyword of Capricorn is Self-Sacrifice  
 Mental Keyword . . . . . Concentration  
 Emotional Keyword . . . . . Consecration  
 Physical Keyword . . . Support (The Skeleton)

The force represented by Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn, has to do with both the beginning and end of manifestation.

This force was the agent active in setting the boundaries of the Universe, in crystallizing God's thought into form in the substance of all planes, thus marking the descent of the Spirit into Matter. It was involved also in awakening the Ego to consciousness on the physical plane. It is through this force, now focused on the Earth by the mighty planet Saturn, that the conquest of Spirit over Matter, and the sublimation of Matter into Spirit is to be achieved on the return journey to God. Christ Jesus, who has taken upon Himself the task of helping us to this achievement, is the highest Initiate of the archangelic life wave, which belongs to the Hierarchy of Capricorn. Each year at the Winter Solstice when the Sun enters this sign, He completes the cyclic concentration of His forces in the center of the Earth, of which He is Lord and Master.

During the three months that follow, He is working within the Earth sustaining and renewing the life principle of all evolving things upon the planet. His powerful love-radiations are also cleansing and vitalizing the higher vehicles of Man to the degree in which he is, individually and collectively, able to respond to them.

We take up the study of thought and motive while the Christ is working upon our inner being, thus laying the foundation for the study of *action* under the sign Aries when the spiritual forces which have been working inwardly burst into outward manifestation. The outstanding truths considered in the Capricorn lesson are:

- 1) *Thought* as the hidden seed from which all action and all manifestation spring; the reactions of our thoughts under the Law of Cause and Effect; the relation of our habitual thought-life to the yearly coming of Christ.

- 2) The picture of the Universe held in the mind of God, and the faithful, ceaseless work of all orders of Beings, above and below Man, to bring the Divine Plan into manifestation.
- 3) The physical body is the dwelling place of the Ego, its beginning as a thought-form, its long evolution; Saturn's particular work in the body, the skeleton, which is a reflection, in form, of that hidden framework of God's thought upon which the Universe rests — His life the sustaining principle in both.

Then, since the Cosmos is the pattern upon which our lives are to be molded, we seek the application of these truths to human life and conduct.

The one great lesson to be learned from the consideration of God's Plan in operation, is that we, together with all self-conscious beings, are called upon to work with the Plan; that our highest good and our greatest joy are bound up in the Plan and can be attained only when we have learned to conform our lives to its divine purposes.

Following the Right at all costs is the first step toward this attainment. Hence, *Self-sacrifice* has been chosen as the spiritual keyword of Capricorn, the sacrifice of the outer form to the life within, the obedience of the outer self to the God within. To yield this obedience is but to exchange a lesser and temporary good for a greater and everlasting good. It is, therefore, a sacrifice only from the standpoint of the personality, and then only in the first stages of self-discipline. When the beautiful results begin to flow in, it ceases to be a sacrifice, and the term loses its meaning.

This transfer of our allegiance from the Form to the Life is the supreme ideal set before us by the Great Ones who work through the sign Capricorn,

The recognition of thought as the creative power behind all activity forces us to recognize also the necessity for controlling this power in our own being and of directing it into channels that are in line with the purposes of evolution. The conscious control and direction of thought is concentration. Therefore, *Concentration* has been chosen as the mental keyword of Capricorn.

The emotional keyword of Capricorn, *Consecration*, is drawn from the absolute devotion with which all orders of Beings above Man give themselves to the working out of the Plan.

The physical keyword of Capricorn, *Support*, calls first for the recognition of the Ego as the sustaining principle in the physical body, the invisible support without which it could not exist, and then for the study of the skeleton as the concrete support. Capricorn has specific rulership over the knees, and a significant point is found in the association of the bended knee with humility and worship and the *unbending* knee with pride and arrogance.

This synopsis, given from month to month, of the truths to be learned under each sign will give us all a view of the foundation underlying all lessons. They present, obviously, only the barest outline of the vast work going forward under the guidance of the twelve Creative Hierarchies of the zodiac. But this simple outline, if built into the consciousness *and lived*, will open in turn each of the "Seven Seals" of God's great Book of Life, to reveal at last the full glory of its

## Aquarius

Spiritual Keyword of Aquarius is Altruism  
 Mental Keyword . . . . . Individuality  
 Emotional Keyword . . . . . Friendship  
 Physical Keyword . . . . . Cooperation

The ideals placed before us by the Great Ones who work through the sign Aquarius are expressed in the above four words. They have an immense significance for us because they hold the key to the system under which the Cosmos itself is operated.

Every department of Nature into which science has penetrated, from the colossal field of astronomy to the microscopic field of the atom, tells the same story of infinite intelligence, harmony, and order in the operation of natural laws.

The occult student has the privilege of glimpsing the inner working of these laws. He learns that all lines of force operating in the universe emanate from God, the Source and Center of all life. He learns that these mighty forces are administered and directed by God-like Beings grouped into twelve Hierarchies; that under these Hierarchies are myriads of lesser Beings, each highly individualized, yet each working with all in the unbroken unity of the Spirit for a common end.

Together they present to us a divine picture of that "unity in diversity" to which we human beings must attain before we can claim our birthright as Sons of God. It is with the development of this unity in diversity that the powers of Aquarius are chiefly concerned.

Through the magnetic, mysterious Ray of Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, Man is being drawn to delve into the secrets of Nature and is incited to the original

thinking which builds individuality. At that same time Saturn, co-ruler of Aquarius, calls forth the love of justice, order, duty, and the sense of responsibility. All of these qualities lead to the association of diverse individualities in cooperative endeavors of all kinds: utilitarian, scientific, artistic, humanitarian. The motives for such cooperation vary widely according to the evolutionary status of the individuals concerned. But through all cooperative work we, God's Earth children, are being prepared for the great cooperative work of the Aquarian Age.

At the present time our faculties are so largely dominated by the personality, with its narrow outlook, that intolerance is apt to go hand in hand with a growing individuality. The individual, while demanding consideration for his own ideas and convictions, is unwilling to grant the same consideration to others. Intolerance is one of the greatest drawbacks to spiritual attainment, and it is only by acquiring the broad, altruistic outlook of the "understanding heart" that we overcome this besetting sin which lies wholly within ourselves.

The work of the Aquarian Ages will be wholly altruistic, having for its purpose the greatest good of the greatest number. Being grounded upon the recognition of the "unity of each with all", it will express in the true fellowship of the Spirit and will give to every human being the opportunity needed for the development of his inherent creative and spiritual powers.

The words *Altruism*, *Individuality*, *Friendship*, and *Cooperation* are therefore guide-posts which point directly to the ideal conditions which will exist during the Aquarian Age.

The New Age Sunday School, as part of an Aqua-

rian movement, must follow these guide-posts or fail. Likewise the individual must follow them or fail to "make the grade" when the call comes to go forward.

All this indicates to us that if we are to keep up with the advancing sweep of evolution, we must begin to make these Aquarian ideals active in our relations with one another. We must find our bearings in the universe of which we are a part. We must develop our mental, emotional, and physical powers to the utmost, to the end that we may have more to give of love and light and strength to the accomplishment of the task before us.

This task involves lifting humanity as a whole to the spiritual level that will enable us as a life wave to take the next step forward. We take our part in this cosmic work when we strive persistently to live the teachings of the Christ. He gave us explicit instructions for our guidance in all the affairs of life, and it is well to remember that every attainment on our part, great or small, raises the common level of humanity to a corresponding degree.

It is by living the teachings of the Christ that we learn to be a *friend* in God's way, that is, to preserve friendship toward our neighbor under any and all circumstances — through stress and strain, through problems and failures and mistakes, in agreements and disagreements. This is the friendship which recognizes every imperfect, blundering personality as a comrade on the road of life, a spark of divinity, one with God, and one with all that is. It helps the "divine essence within" each person increasingly to manifest.

Only the eyes of love can see this hidden essence of the Spirit in all forms. Only love can serve it at all times. Therefore, it becomes of supreme importance that we learn how to love.

Love, the sentiment, bound up in personality and subject to all the discords and upheavals of the personal life, must be transformed into that love which is a radiant power of the Spirit, and which, being grounded in the Oneness of the Spirit, transcends all individual differences, harmonizes all discordant elements, and brings about true Christian brotherhood. This is the sublime power brought and taught by the Christ.

So great is the need of the world for this unifying love that every sincere effort on our part to attain it is blessed a thousand fold by the Christ and the Great Ones who work with Him for our enlightenment. Under the divine law which gives Man the right of choice, these Great Ones may not prevent us from using our powers destructively, but they may, and do, enhance and strengthen our every outpouring of good — every altruistic thought and deed.

For this reason cooperative humanitarian work which is done in true love and fellowship will rise above all difficulties, grow into beautiful proportions, and accomplish unbelievable results.

The example of unity in diversity which is set before us by the builders of the universe is reflected in the complex cell life of our physical bodies. In this miniature zodiac, the human body, we find the same grouping of individual units for special work and the same marvelous cooperation of group with group for the serving of the whole.

At present we interfere with the cosmic design being worked out in this wonderful physical vehicle. However, as we come into a deeper realization of the purpose of our existence and strive more and more earnestly to adapt our lives to that purpose, a perfection similar to that of the great universe will be established in our bodies.

## Pisces

Spiritual Keyword of Pisces is.....Unity  
 Mental Keyword .....Understanding  
 Emotional Keyword.....Compassion  
 Physical Keyword.....Rhythm

The Creative Hierarchy operating through the sign Pisces is the Hierarchy to which the human life wave belongs.

It is called the *Sign of Sorrow* because in its mystical depths is pictured that pathway of pain upon which Man entered when he broke from his spiritual guardians and took upon himself (prematurely) the responsibility for his actions.

Pisces indicates the reaping, under the Law of Cause and Effect, of that which has been sown. It is the Sign of Sorrow only because so much of Man's sowing has been done in defiance of the laws of life. When the awakening comes and he recognizes these laws as the laws of his own being, Pisces ceases to be the Sign of Sorrow and becomes the Sign of Liberation.

Each individual travels this path of pain until he becomes so entangled in self-wrought confusion that he sees no escape. Then, in despair, he cries out to God for help, the help which was there for him all along the way.

"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice." (Psalm 130).

This cry marks the turning point in the evolution of each individual, the beginning of his upward journey toward the Light. From this point on there stands before him on the path Christ Jesus, the Wayshower, with His magic call "Come unto me . . . I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,"

Every word that He utters points the way to liberation from the bondage of pain and discord. But one promise rings out above them all to strengthen the courage of the climber: "If ye continue in my word then ye are my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

During the solar month of Pisces we are given an opportunity to touch the very depths of our own being and to gain a truer understanding of life's mysteries than we have ever had before.

During this month let us meditate often on the symbolism of the Crucifixion — Spirit nailed to the cross of Matter — and apply it to ourselves, the Christ crucified in us. Let us hold in mind the Law of Cause and Effect as it operates throughout all Nature, hold it until we *know* that the conditions which surround us and the experiences which come to us are the direct results of forces which we ourselves have set in motion.

This complete acceptance of responsibility for all that "happens" to us, is necessary before we can realize to any extent the power that lies within us to shape our destiny as we will. Once this realization has come, every defeat may be turned into a victory and every obstacle into an opportunity for progress.

The mystic Ray of Neptune calls us during this month to recognize the divinity within us as being one with the divinity of our brother man and one with the divinity of Him Who is All in All.

The Jupiter Ray, meanwhile, calls for an analysis and readjustment of our scales of values, based on this broader vision of life.

Understanding, one of the most precious qualities to which the human mind may aspire, is born of such deep searchings into the inner meanings of outer phenomena.

One of the first fruits of understanding is glad obedience to the Law within, as represented by conscience. Happiness in obeying the Law indicates a developed conscience.

With understanding comes compassion for the failures and sufferings of others, together with an increasingly intense desire to hasten the day when pain and discord will be eliminated from human life. This can be brought about only by the effort of each awakened Ego to attune his individual life to the cosmic rhythms so that these may vibrate through him in ever greater volume and power.

Under Rhythm, the third keyword of Pisces, we study the relation of the physical body to these mighty rhythms.

The archetype of our physical body is established in the rhythmic outflow of that Power which sustains the universe. Hence the wonderful resistance of this, our most perfect vehicle, to the countless abuses to which it is subjected. Nevertheless, every inharmony in our being has a disturbing effect upon its delicate balance, so that persistent abuse together with discordant thinking over a period of lives will wreck it in time. It can then be restored to health only by the re-establishment of the rhythms which have been broken.

Conscious effort toward the establishment of the life rhythms in our whole being builds the regenerated physical body. This, as we "continue in His word," grows more and more responsive to the will of the Spirit and becomes, in time, the perfect spiritual instrument it was designed to be.

Pisces has rulership over the feet, and it is well to remember that what the feet are to the body as a supporting foundation, so are Love and Truth to the inner man.

## Aries

Spiritual Keyword of Aries is . . . . . Epigenesis  
 Mental Keyword . . . . . Initiative  
 Emotional Keyword . . . . . Courage  
 Physical Keyword . Co-ordination (The Brain)

Under Aries, the first of the fire signs, we consider the mighty outpouring of Life from God, its source and fountain-head, and the distribution of that Life through all the avenues of Being.

During the past six months the Christ, our Planetary Spirit, has brooded over the Earth and in the Earth, nurturing the souls of men. He has called upon us to turn within ourselves, to search our motives and cleanse our hearts, that we may better prepare "the way of the Lord" and "make straight His paths" within us.

Meanwhile He has filled to the brim the hidden reservoirs of Life throughout the planet. When, at the Vernal Equinox, He begins His ascent to the Father, He releases this "abundant life" to be used by all evolving beings upon the Earth. The divine spark in every living thing has been touched by it, and in each has been awakened the inherent cosmic urge to press forward — *to be, to do, to dare.*

This cosmic urge is the expression of the Eternal Epigenesis of the Spirit. Never is Man more divine than when inaugurating new constructive activities, or breaking the bonds of habit to mold his life upon a larger plan.

The student who is endeavoring to adjust his life to the Great Plan will find much interesting work to do during the solar month of Aries — vigorous work

joyous work — for the God within him has been stirred to *action*.

The desire body is the body of action, the body through which the creative power of the Ego finds expression. This power, Man, at the instigation of the Lucifer Spirits, undertook to handle under his own initiative, when the vehicle through which it flowed was barely started on its development and the mind, the instrument of control, was as yet but a germ. Small wonder that the desire body has proved such a problem in his evolution.

The infant mind coalesced, we are taught, with this body of action, desire, and emotion, and in the vast majority of mankind is still under the sway of its surging, never-resting currents.

Those who have heard the call to the higher life and are striving to answer it, are gradually extricating the mind from this age-long domination and placing it in its true position as link between the Ego and its vehicles.

This is a tremendous task, but a glorious one. It is through the constant effort to command the obedience of the desire body to the will of the Spirit that consciousness is expanded and the personality made gradually aware of the eternal I AM as a living Presence within.

Under the stimulating Ray of Mars, ruler of Aries, each of us is given an opportunity during this month to gauge the measure of control he has gained over the forces that play through his own being. Our progress in evolution depends upon active *use* of the powers that we possess, whether these be great or small. God calls upon us now for *action*.

If, in the past months, we have conceived a wider vision of life, then the Spirit, with its inherent epi-

genesis will find a way to translate this new vision into action. But the will must hold steadily to its chosen purpose, otherwise the desire body, filled with new strength, will slip its leash, and scatter the precious store of life force in *purposeless* activity.

The mind is called upon, during this month, to develop initiative, and the heart courage. It is the time to draw out the problems that lurk about in odd corners of our being and bring them to the light to be faced and solved. It is the time to clear from our minds and our lives the non-essentials which absorb time and energy and block the way to the accomplishment of the constructive, progressive work that we want to do.

This necessitates a general survey of our activities with a view of co-ordinating them, and assigning to each its proper time and place in our lives.

Our physiological study this month centers in that marvelous instrument of co-ordination, the human brain, which is under the rulership of Aries.

When we come to the functioning organs of the body and their correlation to the Cosmos, which is the body of God, we enter upon a field of study so vast in its extent and of such intense interest that the heart fairly stands still before it. No wonder the injunction "Man know thyself" is written above the doorway of every Mystery School!

The physiological key to the Wisdom Teachings is one that brings to the earnest student the richest of results. Every hour given to the study of anatomy and physiology, with the cosmic correspondence in mind, will repay the aspirant a thousand-fold when realization begins to dawn upon him.

This realization of the analogies between Man, the microcosm, and God, the macrocosm, is an individual

matter, something that grows and deepens as the aspirant grows and deepens. But the least of us may prepare the way for understanding by getting acquainted with the wonders of our physical body.

The brain, as instrument of the mind, is both sending and receiving station for the messages that pass between the Ego and the personality. It is through the intricate mechanism of the brain, therefore, that the Spirit makes conscious contact with the physical plane, and makes known its will in the use and distribution of the life energies pouring into the three lower vehicles from the Center of being.

The brain is the instrument through which all the functions of the body are directed and operated.

Here in the folds of the twin hemispheres are stored for reference all the records of the current Earth-life — all sense perceptions, all inner and outer experiences, all dealings between the Ego and its vehicles.

In these same hemispheres are great unused spaces suggesting the larger life to come, as we succeed in pushing ever farther back the self-wrought lines of limitation that stand between us and that larger life.

In the brain, too, are the pituitary body and the pineal gland whose intensified vibrations will some day meet across the mysterious passage-way of the third ventricle, to bridge for us the gap between the seen and unseen worlds.

No occult student can meditate upon the brain and its infinitely complex operations without becoming, in time, aware that he is looking into a miniature model of the workshop of God. He knows then that some day, through the reverent study of this model, he will learn how the mighty forces of the Creator are directed and distributed throughout the universe.

## Taurus

Spiritual Keyword of Taurus is...Harmony  
 Mental Keyword.....Determination  
 Emotional Keyword.....Constancy  
 Physical Reflection.....The Larynx  
 Function ..... Speech

Under the Ray of Taurus, the aspirant who is striving to work consciously with the cosmic forces, is brought face to face with the mystery of the Creative Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word  
 was with God, and the word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him  
 was not anything made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the dark-  
 ness comprehended it not.

In these mystic words of St. John, the beloved disciple of Christ Jesus, lie concealed some of the most precious of God's secrets. As with all symbols of eternal truth, their meaning will deepen and expand with the expanding consciousness of the one who holds them in his heart.

The outstanding truth which they tell us is that Form, on every plane, is built by *tone*, projected by the Creator at a definite rate of vibration to accomplish a definite result. They tell us also that this creative tone is one with Him who sends it forth, that it carries His life (and therefore Himself) into every form which it creates

Thus the Creator, the creative agent, and the form created are in reality one.

There is a point of immense importance here for us who are creators-in-the-making, for the thoughts and words which we send forth have *tone* and are creating living forms — each “according to its kind.”

There are other points which concern us deeply.

The Word is the Mother, or Wisdom, Principle in God — the molding, sustaining, nurturing principle — which gives form and life to the thought projections of the Father, the Will Principle. It is this Mother Principle which the Christ is calling awake in us.

In the 55th chapter of Isaiah, verse II, we find the following beautiful description of the work of this principle in Nature.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

When we remember that God is Love and that the Word, which “goeth forth” to accomplish His purposes, is born of that infinite love, we know the reason for the marvelous harmony, order, and beauty which prevail throughout the entire realm of Nature.

It is only when we come to the field of Man’s experiments in creation that we find discord, confusion, and ugliness. But even here the power of the Word is working unerringly to bring order out of chaos.

In *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* we are given a vivid picture of the way in which human thought creations are dealt with by the twin forces of Attraction and Repulsion in the Desire World — the good carefully garnered and preserved under the Law of Attraction, the evil whipped outward and destroyed by the whirling, tearing forces of Repulsion.

All pain is caused by this destruction of our negative creations which, if allowed to persist, would com-

pletely overwhelm us and block our evolution.

In our study of Taurus we are concerned only with the Law of Attraction, which is administered in our solar system by the ruler of Taurus, Venus, the planet of love and harmony.

With her radiations of love and beauty, sweetness, harmony and order, Venus draws us into the path that leads ultimately to an understanding of the mighty mysteries of Taurus.

But there are strong, clear lessons to be drawn from what we know here and now of these mysteries. For instance, there is the clearly conceived plan, the determination of the line along which the creative force is to be projected, and the sending out of that force in the combined power of Will and Wisdom (mind and heart). There is also the unfailing love which broods, motherlike, over the unfolding project, sustaining and nurturing it until its purpose has been fulfilled.

Does not this give a definite plan to follow in our efforts to control and use to the highest advantage the "powers that we possess"?

Since all of God's creations are conceived in the harmony of infinite love, we know that our first need is to establish within us that harmony and order to which Venus is calling us, so that we may use our powers of thought and speech to create only that which will endure.

Our next need is to develop the determination of mind and constancy of heart necessary to sustain our thought creations until their purpose has been fulfilled.

The larynx, the organ of speech, is the reflection in the physical body of the Taurus Ray.

When our consciousness has been sufficiently impressed with the fact that the larynx is a *creative organ*,

we shall begin in earnest to guard our speech. We shall see in a new light that statement of the Christ: "But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment." We shall know that the power which we pour out, harmfully or uselessly, in speech is the power which, conserved and directed, will carry us to godhood.

## Gemini

Spiritual Keyword of Gemini is . . . . Perception  
 Mental Keyword . . . . . Reason  
 Emotional Keyword . . . . . Adaptability  
 Physical Reflection . . . . Lungs, Arms, Shoulders

The ray of Gemini, transmitted to us by Mercury — the representative of Mind in our solar system — offers us the opportunity for mental growth. Our energies, therefore, during this solar month should be directed intensively toward the training of our minds.

In order to put this training on a logical basis, we should gain the clearest possible conception of the origin and development of the human mind and its position at the present stage of evolution. We know of no better way of gaining this comprehensive view of the mind's development than to trace the correlations of Truth that are grouped under the sign Gemini.

Our first recorded touch with the Lords of Gemini (the Seraphim) was in the fifth revolution of the Moon Period, when they awakened in us the germ of the Human Spirit — third aspect of the divinity within us. In this first service to Man we find the clue to the part that was to be played by the forces of Gemini in the development of the mind,

These forces have to do with dualism (the expression of the positive and negative poles of Spirit) and with differentiation. At that time the evolving life-stream was preparing to sweep downward to the lowest of the seven planes (the Physical), where dualism and differentiation were to reach their fullest expression in Matter.

The Human Spirit in Man is the counterpart of the Activity Principle of God, which was to be operated in the Earth Period by Jehovah, our teacher in form-building. With this point in mind, we pick up the thread again in the *Moon Revolution* of the Earth Period where we find the Lords of Mind (Sagittarius) implanting the germ of Mind in the upper part of Man's *desire body*, the vehicle of expression for the Human Spirit.

This tells us how completely the mind was tied up with the form-building power in Man, the power through which the duality of the Spirit within him was to be expressed on the physical plane.

The next significant correlation we find lies in the Gemini rulership of the lungs, for the development of the lungs, by increasing the oxidation of the blood, made it possible for the Ego to draw within its vehicles and begin to manifest individual self-hood.

It was at this stage of our evolution that Jehovah, who was to lead us into the mysteries of generation, "breathed" into our nostrils "the breath of life", which is the Biblical way of telling us that He, as Race Spirit, established (and maintains) His contact with us through the *air* in our blood. The Ego, on the other hand, controls its vehicles by means of the *heat* of the blood.

These are points which, if made the subject of meditation, contain a real message for the one who is endeavoring to "fulfil" the Jehovistic law within him-

self in order to establish there the kingdom of the Christ.

Under the regime of Jehovah, evolution reached the stage of greatest differentiation. "Be fruitful and multiply" was the command of the "Lord God of Hosts."

We have no way of knowing what the results would have been for Man had he learned the lesson of generation under the conditions provided for him by Jehovah. But the effect of his violent "fall" into generation was to focus his consciousness so completely in his outer self that to his new-born mind he appeared to be just a form among other forms. The stage of differentiation had become for him the stage of separateness.

Separateness has no reality in Nature. It exists only as an illusion in the mind of Man, but an illusion which has woven itself so deeply into the fibers of his being, that it has become the greatest problem in his evolution.

If we could look at the universe with the eye of the Spirit within us, we should see the One Life flowing in magnificent rhythm and harmony from plane to plane, through countless channels of individualized Intelligence, to manifest at last on the physical plane in a myriad of forms, each one of which bears testimony to the glory of the Whole. But, in spite of the marvelous development of individual minds and the work which they have done to throw light upon the laws that govern Matter, the great majority of the human race still look out "as through a glass, darkly" upon this myriad of forms and see them as unrelated objects and entities traveling incomprehensible ways.

For each of us, the veil between heaven and earth grows thinner in direct proportion to the progress we

make in the work of *regeneration*, or *transmutation*.

We develop the faculty of speech through the necessity of communicating with one another, and we develop the faculty of Reason through our efforts to "put two and two together" to discover the hidden connection between one phenomenon and another. But even the great minds which have penetrated the secrets of Nature to the extent of discovering the oneness of Energy and Matter, still lack the key to the plan and purpose of it all.

We who have been given that magical key are blessed beyond measure in its possession, but we may well ask ourselves "What are we doing with it?" Knowledge of the Plan is not an end in itself; it must be used and *lived* before it can become a factor in our development.

We are avowed seekers after truth, and Truth has been defined as "the divinely established *relationship* between all things."

The Cosmos, to us, is like a vast puzzle picture made up of countless separate factors which each of us must fit together for himself, as he climbs from step to step on the Path of Attainment. The Elder Brothers have given us an outline of this great picture, which is of immense value to us as it gives us a definite pattern to follow. However, the work of fitting piece to piece is still to be done.

The mind is the tool to be used in accomplishing this absorbingly interesting task. Reason is the torch by whose light we find the bits of truth which belong together.

During the month of Gemini, while Mercury, the messenger of the gods, is calling us to mental growth, let us make an earnest survey of our mental activities, with a view to establishing such habits of thought as

will tend to bring this precious instrument of Mind to its highest possible efficiency — habits of observation, of truthfulness, and accuracy.

Accuracy of the concrete mind (Gemini) will be reflected in the higher mind (Sagittarius) as accuracy is the association of ideas.

Let us strive, too, for the Gemini quality of Adaptability, which keeps the mind open to new aspects of truth and allows it to make, without delay, the frequent adjustments required for rapid growth.

Through the constant and devoted pursuit of truth, the mind at last attains to spiritual Perception, which is Seership.

In this regard, it is comforting to remember the words of St. Paul, "Now we know in part; but then we shall know even as also we are known."

## Cancer

Spiritual Keyword of Cancer is . . . . Imagination  
 Mental Keyword . . . . . Intuition  
 Emotional Keyword . . . . . Sympathy  
 Physical reflection . . . . . Stomach, Breasts  
 Functions . . . . . Digestion, Lactation

Cancer, the second of the great Mother Signs, has to do with the bringing forth of the thought of God into physical substance. Under Taurus is sounded the Creative Word which sets in motion the sustaining rhythms of Life along the lines determined by the Divine Will.

The work of the Mother Principle in Cancer is to *receive* and *hold* the picture of the Plan — mirrored, as on the surface of a still, deep pool — and to impress that picture, already imbued with life, by the power of

the Word, upon the living seed of every physical form at conception — “Each according to its kind.”

All the ideas which we associate with the term “Mother Nature” belong to the sign Cancer: infinite fertility, infinite richness and variety of form and color, ranging from the majesty of the mountains to the dainty perfection of the tiny desert flower. The hidden magic which changes inert chemical substances into a living plant is wrought by the great mother-forces of Cancer, as are also the metabolic changes by which the food we eat is transformed into the living substance of our bodies and, holiest and most mysterious of all, the forming of a living child within the body of the mother.

To understand the working of the Cancer forces in Nature would be to understand the central mystery of Life itself. But there are clues which, if followed, will lead us unerringly into the “holy place” where the wings of the Cherubim meet above the mercy seat of the Most High. There we may sense something of the glory and the wonder of that mystery. Note well this point: It was the Cherubim (the Lords of Cancer) who awakened in man the *Life Spirit*, second aspect of the divinity within him which corresponds to the Word, the Wisdom or Feminine Principle — the Cosmic Christ.

In the symbolism of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, set before us at the very dawn of our self-consciousness, was pictured the whole design of God for man — the development of his consciousness, through the use of his creative power (the Holy Spirit Principle) in generation, the development of his mind through the control and direction of this power, the lifting and extension of his consciousness through purification, regeneration, and service to the point of com-

plete surrender of his creative faculties to the awakened Christ Principle within.

“No man cometh to the Father, but by Me,” said Christ Jesus to His disciples. Not until the Christ consciousness has been established in us will the path of the Father be open to us, a path too exalted for our comprehension.

The outstretched wings of the Cherubim, meeting above the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies, guard the entrance to this path; but each year at the Summer Solstice when the Sun enters the sign Cancer, the Christ passes between these outstretched wings to ascend to the throne of the Father and lose Himself, for a brief period, in the unspeakable glory of communion. There He is filled once more with the mighty power of the Father before turning again to the task of helping us, God’s blundering Earth-children, to find the way.

Those of us who aspire to hasten our journey to the Father by traveling the path of Initiation, may well ask ourselves what we shall do with this mystic ray of Cancer while it is being focused upon us.

We shall find our truest answer to this question in the brooding silence of Nature, in some spot where she is undisturbed by the noisy activities of man. It is a silence complete and immense, yet filled with life of a quality that varies with the character of the spot. It rebukes our restless minds with a voiceless message which comes sometimes as a plea, sometimes almost a command: “Be still and know that I am God.”

This is the Eternal Mother’s message to us. It tells us that only in the silent sanctuary of our innermost being can God reveal Himself to us; only in the “still waters” of the soul can His image, His truth, be reflected.

It may seem odd to us at first that this inner stillness should be associated with Cancer, whose messen-

ger to Earth is the roving, ever-changing Moon, the avenue of fecundaiton whose ray brings life and change and movement. But this is explained when we realize that the process of creation begins with a mental image of the thing or condition to be created, and that this image is conceived in stillness. Once conceived, however, it is a living thing imbued with creative power which starts immediately the activity needed to bring it into manifestation. Here then, are two things which we can strive for under the Cancer Ray:

First, we can set up a censorship over the "moving pictures" which pass in a continuous stream across the mirror of our minds each day. We can shut out or blot out the undesirable ones, and pour the creative power of our hearts into the good ones that they may the sooner become manifest in our lives.

Secondly, we can seek more intensively the way to that "holy place" within ourselves where God dwells and, by daily endeavor, establish a line of communication between that hidden shrine and our concrete mind, a line along which His message may flow to guide us in all our affairs. We call this line of communication *intuition*. As intuition develops we cease to judge or condemn our fellowmen because, through that inner *knowing*, we gain an understanding of his position, his view point, his problems, which enables us to clasp his hand in the fellowship of Truth across any and all differences of opinion. This quality of understanding, which is eminently a mother-quality, born of love, we call *sympathy*.

Since the work of the Mother Principle in Cancer is to nourish, as well as to conceive, we find that its reflection in the physical body is the stomach, which prepares the food we eat for digestion, and the breasts which give nourishment to the new-born child.

There is for the neophyte a lesson of deep significance hidden in the question of nourishment, for through this process a mysterious exchange of forces between the higher and lower life waves is accomplished.

To the illumined Ones a meal is a communion service.

Another point of vital importance connected with the Cancer Ray is the rulership of the Moon over the sympathetic nervous system, by means of which all the functions of the body are carried on. The pressure of intensive living produces in us an almost constant mental tension which contracts the nerves and muscles and interferes with the rhythmic flow of life force to the vital organs.

When, therefore, in preparing for meditation, we still the mind and, by an act of the will, release all tension in the physical body, we not only open the door that leads into the inner shrine but we also set free the forces which sustain the body.

When, by earnest striving, we have succeeded in transferring our consciousness from the outer self to that mystic center of our being, we shall know the true meaning of the words spoken by Christ Jesus to the tempter: "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

## Leo

Spiritual Keyword of Leo is.....Love  
 Mental Keyword.....Dominion  
 Emotional Keyword.....Loyalty  
 Physical Expression.....The Heart  
 Function.....Circulation

In Leo, the home-sign of the Sun and ruler of the

heart in man, we find the Love Principle of the triune God raised to the throne of power where it reigns supreme over all departments of the solar universe.

As Christ Jesus, in the fulfillment of His mission, functions in the power of the Father, so the Leo Ray, which is the Christ Fire, is permeated and directed by the Will Principle, the Father Fire of Aries.

Thus, the Mind of God and the Heart of God are united to form a central governing power over all phases of evolving life within the radius of His being.

It is significant that the first known service performed for the human life wave, at the dawn of manifestation, was performed by the Lords of Leo who radiated to us from their own being the thought germ of the physical body and stirred to its first faint activity the Divine Spirit, the Father Fire within us. "Lords of the Flame" they are called in the Rosicrucian terminology because of their *brilliant luminosity*, and in the Bible "Thrones", a name that points directly to the administrative nature of their work throughout the Cosmos.

We are told that the Sun, ruler of Leo, is the nearest approach we have to a symbol of God, yet it is but a veil for That which is behind. When we seek, therefore, to understand something of the Solar Mysteries in connection with the Leo Ray, we are seeking an understanding of God Himself, as ruler of the Universe.

St. John, the beloved disciple, has given us the simplest, deepest, and most comprehensive definitions of God to be found in the whole range of sacred literature.

### GOD IS LIGHT. GOD IS LOVE.

In his description of the Cosmic Christ, the Word, we find this sentence:

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Meditation on these statements reveals to us that

the Light, the radiant energy of divine Intelligence, poured forth in the radiant power of divine Love, circulates through all the universe as *Life*. This Life, which is God, flows like a stream of living fire through every plane of Nature. It fills all higher orders of beings with His Light and Love. It uses them and is used by them to further the glorious ends of evolution. It permeates the planets and holds them in their appointed orbits. It vibrates in every atom of the mineral, in every seed of plant, animal, and man. It glows in every cell of our physical bodies and circulates with our blood through every artery and vein.

Indeed, the heart of man with its circulatory system is a miniature replica of the heart of God from which the life stream flows to nourish every portion of His universe. This divine stream of Life pours into our vital bodies to energize every nerve, and forms a shining armor about the physical body to protect it.

The very substance of which our vehicles are made is God-substance, since it is permeated and held in form by that radiant essence which is God. The life that flows through these vehicles is His Life — there is no other life but His.

St. John, in continuing his description of the Word, says:

“The life was the light of men. And the  
light shineth  
in darkness: and the darkness  
comprehended it not.”

The “darkness” that comprehends not is the darkness of the concrete mind that binds our consciousness to the world of Form by busying itself continually with *effects*, with persons and things, rather than with principles and causes, or with the Life that is in and through and behind all these.

Christ Jesus, the great Sun-Spirit, has taken upon Himself the task of leading us into a realization of the Light that is God and the Life that is God by awakening the Love Principle within us, for without love there can be no realization.

Reason can carry our consciousness to the very gates of the Kingdom of God within us, but only the magic touch of Love can make these gates swing open.

"I am the Light of the world", said Christ Jesus. "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." To those who would follow Him, He gives but one commandment: "That ye love one another, *as I have loved you.*"

To the neophyte then, there can be no more important work in life than learning to love as Christ Jesus loves — not the persons of men, but that hidden essence of God within them which, when recognized by them and enthroned in their hearts, will liberate them from the bondage of darkness, and from the discord, pain, and confusion that have been bred by that darkness.

This experience can be ours only when the Will Principle operating in the mind has been united to the Love Principle operating in the heart to become the *governing* power in our lives. When this has been accomplished the Light will reign in the center of our being as the Sun reigns in the center of the solar system, as God reigns in the center of the universe.

The establishment within us of this rulership of the Spirit is the great step toward which all lesser steps are leading and upon which all subsequent steps depend. Let us therefore work for it with intelligence and devotion during the solar month of Leo. Let us hold our mental conceptions of truth in the heart that, touched by the power of love, they may become *living* factors in

the conduct of our affairs; and let us turn the light of Reason upon our heart life to find out if we are loyal, in our emotional reactions, to the conceptions of truth we hold in our minds.

Thus mind and heart may be trained to work together for the one ideal, the enthronment of God "in the midst" of us as Lord and Ruler of our being.

### THE PRESENCE

When we can fully realize Thy presence,  
 Filling our beings full of love and light,  
 We shall be changed from glory unto glory  
 And like the stars shed radiance on earth's night.

The more we conscious grow of Thine indwelling,  
 All in the soul that is not of the best  
 Will pass away to keep the temple holy,  
 A fit abode for Thee, Beloved Guest.

Angels will come and sing their sweetest anthems,  
 The fairest spirit-flowers will burst in bloom  
 In Love's white light, until its very chamber  
 Is filled with melody and rare perfume.

Thus shall we be illumined by the Spirit,  
 Like Jesus know that with Thee we are one;  
 No more the soul need face alone the darkness,  
 For it has found within itself — a Sun.