

Esoteric Astrology as the Highest Science

- The needed main subjects to work with esoteric astrology as the highest science

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Classic astrology is occupied with the reading and understanding of the chart of a man. It tells him how he is and how his surroundings are. Esoteric astrology includes the classic astrology and it also tells the man how to reach and express his soul with the focus on the consciousness but it is so much more than this. Esoteric astrology links the man with cosmos and relates him with these great being who express them self through planets, suns, the zodiacal constellations and even greater constellations. Esoteric astrology is suppose to bring the knowing of 'living scientifically', which means to create the right relationship between the individual man, the planets and the systemic and cosmic entities. To be able to learn to live our lives scientifically there are some statements and basic subjects we need to master. This paper tries to cover these subjects with the emphasis on the attitude of esoteric astrology, but the comments are only superiorly since every subject could be a paper itself.

The subjects are divided into five parts:

- The first part refers to three basic statements the Tibetan gives in the beginning of the book 'Esoteric Astrology'.
- The second part deals with the main points of the different sciences of esoteric astrology.
- The third part is about some other general subjects, which include the 12 creative hierarchies, the three crosses, the great wheel and cycles.
- The fourth part describes the attitude of esoteric astrology to three greater constellations, zodiacal signs and planets.
- The fifth part explains how the esoteric astrology relates to the ascendant, the Sun and the Moon.

Three basic statements

Esoteric Astrology deals with the conditioning energies, which works through the whole space and influences all that there is in this field. We

have to understand the sources of these energies and the nature of space better to live up to the statement that “astrology is essentially the purest presentation of occult truth in the world at this time” (EA p 5). Esoteric astrology is the present purest occult truth but at the same time we are told that astrology is based upon illusion. The science of esoteric astrology is based on non-existing conditions and has no foundation in the material world. It shows the subjective reality and is based on an eternal truth. The illusion is the phenomenal world, which is created by the thoughts of humanity through times. An example is that the zodiac is the imaginary path of the sun through space - but this is only as it looks from our planet. The sun does not move through the zodiac or is the center of the zodiacal constellations. This is part of the illusion, but the constellations do exist and the energies which flows through them, which influences each other and which is everywhere in space are real. The truth lies in the sources of the constellations and to see the beauty of the Divine Plan through esoteric astrology, we have to develop our consciousness to include the recognition of these sources.

Space is an entity and the firmament is the phenomenal appearance of this Being. Esoteric astrology works with the forces, energies, rhythms and cycles of this Being. The ether of space is the area in and through which the sources of the constellations and other great beings take effect. Esoteric astrology is therefore occupied with the etheric vehicles of planets, solar systems, galaxies and the universe. The man is connected with the universe through his etheric vehicle, which is a part of the etheric vehicle of humanity which again is a part of the etheric vehicle of the planet and so on the whole way out to the universe.

The sciences of esoteric astrology

The science of esoteric astrology includes several 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

(EA p 87)

The seven rays are the builders of the universe and in our solar system they are transmitted from the seven stars in the Great Bear. They are seven great beings who characterize our solar system, the 12 zodiacally constellations and the planets. It is the quality of a ray being that determines the phenomenal appearance and esoteric astrology must be based on an understanding of the rays. Esoteric astrology studies these rays and their interaction out of the influence they have on the Earth and their influence on form life in the kingdoms and especially on the

humanity and on the individual man.

The seven rays unfold them self in both sevenfold and trinity. The seven sacred planets is a sevenfold expression of the rays. From another view the forces of planets as a whole is connected with the third ray of active intelligence and streams through humanity and influences the personality where the energies of systems indicate the second ray of love and wisdom and it flows through the Hierarchy and it influences on the souls and finally the zodiacal energies are connected with the first ray of will and power and it streams through Shamballa and influences the monads. All the time the seven rays express them self in different connections and interactions and the interpretation always depend on from which level and angle the rays are observed.

The science of triangles is about subjective energies which determine the consciousness and not about the outer physical expression of the same energies. Through the complicated combinations of cosmic, systemic and planetary triangles the purpose of God is shown. The purpose is motivated by love and bears the beneficence of Deity within itself.

The Science of triangles is related with the collected expression of the Divine Trinity in manifestation as the life, consciousness and form or as related to the rays as will, love and intelligence. When the disciple is able to express these triple aspects both inside and outside him, he is also able to understand the meaning with the subjective science of astrology.

One of the points in a triangle will always be of more influence on the triangle as a whole than the other two. This means that there will be the expression of one fundamentally energy and two secondary energies. This expresses a law under which the triangles function. A triangle will always consists of

1. An emanating energy centre, which is a dynamic expression and a positive outgoing ray energy
2. A receptive force centre, which is an evocative expression of the initial energy and is a synthesis of two forces - the emanating and the receptive
3. A responsive point of negative energy, which is a centre there is completing the grounding of the emanating energy and is responsive mainly to the receptive force centre.

If the triangle is created of the monad, the soul and the personality, this means that one of them ex the personality - in this incarnation - will be the emanating centre which infuses the others. On our planet a great triangle is made of the Humanity, the Hierarchy and Shamballa. On an even bigger scale, we are influenced by the Solar Logos which express the second ray energy from his emanating energy centre. In this case the triangle of the monad, the soul and the personality is under the influence

of the triangle of the Humanity, the Hierarchy and Shamballa which again is influenced by the triangle of the Solar Logos, so the second ray makes its influence appears in even the little triangle of man and even if he do not have any second ray influences of himself.

Esoteric astrology recognizes the triangles and discriminates between all these inter related energies. The science of triangles creates the ground for all astrological consequences and for the centres in the human vehicles.

There is a connection between the seven centres of the man, the seven root races (the seven centres of the 4th creative hierarchy) and the seven planetary centres. They are all the same sevenfold just in different beings. The centres distribute etheric energy and interplay with each others on all levels.

Zodiacal, systemic and planetary energies all works either as stimulating or hindering forces depending on which type of vehicle they influence. The type of mechanism and the quality of the consciousness decide the ability to receipt and response. All energies are in the Solar System at the same time and we can reach through the ether but the conditions of our centres determine what we are receptive to.

When the sciences of the rays, the triangles and the centres are correctly understood, then the science of destiny will be applied and the interpretation of the future indicated.

Other main subjects

The 12 creative hierarchies are all that exists and are everything everywhere on all planes. They can be divided into two main groups. The first group includes the five highest creative hierarchies - they are abstractions and are focused on the cosmic astral plane. The second group consists of the seven lowest creative hierarchies which are focused on the cosmic etheric/physical plane and they make a total sum of all living beings and form the basis of all existence. The creative hierarchies are the accumulations of seeds, which through just existing create the perfect and complete foundation of existing for everything that is on every plane.

Each of the seven creative hierarchies is a great being who mediates and embodies one of the types of forces from the seven constellations (7 of the 12 constellations of the zodiac). Their mediating work is double - they function like a link between spirit and matter and they mediate energies from sources, which are outside our Solar System to forms inside our Solar System.

In their lowest aspect they express themselves through the Kingdoms, but they are much more than the kingdoms and should not be confused with those. They are closely related to planes, rays and signs.

The three zodiacal crosses - the mutable, the fixed and the cardinal - have to do with the whole synthesizing manifestation of the collected areas of experiences of an incarnating being. The three crosses have a main importance and practice interest in the study of all the interplaying energies which touch and influence on the man especially when the man breaks off the normal path of evolution and tread the path of discipleship on the fixed cross or when he after the third initiation climbs the cardinal cross.

The mutable cross is the cross of the Hidden Christ and is related to Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. It has to do with the personality and form life and is developed through experience. The crisis of this cross is of the incarnation and it develops the manifestation of the human nature. It is connected with humanity.

The fixed cross is the cross of the Crucified Christ and is related to Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. This cross works with the disciple and the soul and development comes through consciousness. The crisis is of the reorientation and it develops the manifestation of the Christ nature. It is connected with the Hierarchy and becomes more and more active on the way to the third initiation where disciple moves on to the cardinal cross.

The cardinal cross is that of the Risen Christ and is related to Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn. It has to do with the initiated of third degree or higher and cosmic energy. The crisis is that of initiation and is connected with transfiguration. The cross is related to the life of spirit and Shamballa and develops the Divine manifestation.

Through the effects of the energies of the zodiacal signs the man is prepared to the crisis of the reorientation where he slowly - during many lives - changes the direction of the great wheel and consciously begins the walk back to the 'Father in Heaven'. Then the man goes anti-clockwise in the great wheel from Aries to Pisces through Taurus and is developing the mental principle.

On the clockwise direction of the great wheel from Pisces to Aries through Taurus the soul consciously detaches itself from the monad and gives up the life and light of its source. The soul works from the centre of its own, it goes down in matter and creates material binds. The clockwise direction is the big illusion and is expressed in the personality.

On the anti-clockwise direction of the great wheel the soul detaches itself from the form life and from the centre of the personality.

Consciously it relates to the One Life it left in the first place. It is the path of light and expresses the qualities of the soul.

All beings - whether it is expressed as a sun, a planet, a hierarchy or a man - follows a rhythm of a moment of crisis, a period of polarization

and a new progression which in time leads to a new crisis and so on. This is the law of cycles and controls the process of evolution.

Three greater constellations, zodiacal signs and planets

Esoteric astrology only concerns the forces and energies which affect the aspect of the consciousness of man and through that determine the life of the personality. It deals with the life which animates the points of light in the universe. Constellations, solar systems, planets, kingdoms and man are all the result of the activity and manifestation of energies of these very great beings.

Three great constellations have an important influence on our solar system and these three are the Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades. The seven rays of our solar system have their origins in the seven stars of the Great Bear and are transmitted into the system through 3 constellations and their ruling planets. The Great Bear represents the first aspect or first ray, Sirius is connected with the second aspect and second ray and the Pleiades represent the third aspect and the third ray.

The energies of the 12 constellations are expressed in the human world through the 12 signs. The grounding energies of these signs radiate from the seven stars in the Great Bear, from 3 stars of the Pleiades and the last two is radiated from Sirius. The 12 signs work as distributors of cosmic energies and also radiate their own energies.

The zodiacal signs mainly influence the Solar Logos and the Heavenly Men. Their influences reach our planet through Shamballa and it is within the monads that the greatest reaction is seen. The monads express them through the Hierarchy and humanity as a whole. This awakes the aspect of will in the Heavenly Man and in all monads, souls and personalities which are the form expression of our planet.

The 12 constellations stimulate the soul inside the form and influence to a subject reaction which again affects changes in the outer expression form, as the energies of signs and the energies of the planets unite.

The 12 planets rule the 12 houses and relate primarily to the physical development of the man. They strongly influence the aspect of the personality and their influences combined with karmic conditions create the circumstances for development and in the end the mastering of the physical form.

The planetary influences show the tendency in the outer living conditions and for the non-developed man they can show the destiny and course of the personality. When the man become conscious of his soul and tries to control his own path, the influences of the planets become lesser and lesser and it is the energies from the signs and the Solar Logos which reach through the planets.

The planets can be divided into two groups - 5 non-sacred planets and 7

sacred planets. The difference between a sacred and non-sacred planet is determined by the development of the being who express itself through the planet. When the planetary being reaches a certain initiation, it becomes 'sacred'. In the beginning the man is mostly influenced by the 5 non-sacred planets but as he become closer to the path of discipleship he begins to react to the sacred planets.

The ascendant, the Sun and the Moon

A part of living scientifically is to understand our self and the esoteric astrologer has a certain approach to the reading of ex the ascendant, the sun and the moon.

The ascendant shows the spiritual purpose of life and the goal of the soul in this incarnation and the next coming ones. It bears the secret of the future and gives the direction of the forces of the soul and gives the power which - if rightly used - will lead the man to success and create the right relationship between the personality and the soul.

The ascendant indicates the further possibilities and the spiritual fight of the human being to move on from the existing level and take at step closer to centre of the group.

The sun shows the present integration and development of abilities of the soul. It shows the physical, mental and spiritual nature of the man and bears the secret of the ray of the personality and the secret of whether the man is receptive or not to the soul. It is the quality, temper and life tendencies which seek to express itself in this incarnation and it indicates those forces which are found on the line of least resistance.

The moon is a dead form and has no radiation of qualities in itself anymore and the influences from the moon are a result of old teaching and old thought forms. The moon shows the limits and obstacles in the present incarnation and it controls the physical form and indicates where to find the 'prison' of the soul. It is also said to hide two planets - Vulcan and Uranus. When the man is non-developed, it hides Vulcan and when the man is highly developed it hides Uranus.

Summary

To work with esoteric astrology as an approach to live scientifically we need to master all the basic knowledge and laws of the inner organization of the universe - like the sciences of the rays, triangles and centres and the three crosses, the creative hierarchies, cycles et cetera. We also need to understand the planets, stars, small and big constellations and space as beings and we must try to reach the lives and sources behind the etheric and physical vehicles.

The three statements should be an integrated part of our approach to life and to astrology and we must always keep the focus on the aspect of the consciousness and understand that the phenomenal appearances are

derived from the inner conditions.

Literature

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