

The Zodiac and Man's Body *Part 1*

THE DIFFERENT SIGNS of the zodiac are the embodiments of great Spiritual Intelligences. They are the ministers of God, the organs of the great heavenly man, the macrocosm. We respond to their influences because we have within us certain forces which correlate us to their vibrations. Man, the microcosm, is therefore an epitome of the divine.

There are twelve signs of the zodiac. These Signs are arranged in a circle, and have, therefore, neither beginning nor end. We consider Aries as the first sign of the zodiac. Let us investigate the reason thereof. The dawn of our present epoch, the Aryan Epoch, is closely related to Aries. Whenever the sun enters a new sign by precession of the equinoxes, certain new ideals or ideas are brought out in us through the influence of that sign. When the sun entered Aries, the sign of its exaltation, a new religion was given to us, even as reported in the passages of the Old Testament. This religion was the religion of the Lamb of God, the Christ. The Christian religion was not fully inaugurated until the coming of Jesus Christ. Some of the ideals which He taught were previously given to the Israelites at the time of Moses. But they would not partake of the heavenly manna while they wandered in the Wilderness. The time from Moses to the Christ, the first third of the Aryan Epoch, is therefore the period of gestation of the Christian religion, typified by Noah, who led the progenitors of the present Aryan age from doomed



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The Good Shepherd

Christianity, the religion inaugurated by the Lamb of God when the precessional sun was in Aries, the sign of the Ram, was given to an errant humanity who were all like sheep that had gone astray.

Atlantis into the land of Aryana, the realm of Aries or the Promised Land. Then in the heaven was put the rainbow, the sign of the new covenant between God and His people.

This past experience of humanity is now recapitulated in our own life cycle by the human embryo. When the ego, "the sun of life," desires rebirth, the seed atom of the physical body is planted in the sphere of the moon, the cardinal, watery sign of Cancer. When four months have rolled by, the sun enters the second watery sign of Scorpio, a

fixed sign and also the sign of death. Simultaneously the "silver cord" is tied and the ego is definitely fettered to its dense body and dies to the heaven world. When the sun at the ninth month enters Pisces, the sign of sorrow and imprisonment, the ego is enclosed in the bag of waters, the amniotic fluid, recapitulating the stage of ancient Atlantis. When the nine months are over, the bag of waters is broken and birth occurs.

Birth ushers in the personal Aryan age when the child takes upon itself separate being or personality. Birth also represents the sacrament of baptism, for at the time of birth we pass through the waters of the womb and become individual members of the race.

The head is the most important part of the body. In the newborn its diameters are greater than those of any of the other members. The head is the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, our body. In it is enthroned the three-fold divine self, consisting of the Divine Spirit, which has its seat at the root of the nose; the Life Spirit, or the Christ principle, which dwells in the pituitary body; and the Human Spirit, the Holy Ghost principle, which abides in the pineal gland. Within Aries, the skull, is located the brain, the keyboard of the mind, which is the highest vehicle of our personality. The mind was added in the Earth Period. In the portion of the brain called the cerebrum we find the motor areas, from which all voluntary motions of the body are directed. In view of the foregoing we can see why Aries is called the first sign of the zodiac.

The second sign is that of Taurus, the sign of voice and the spoken word. Taurus is a feminine, earthy, fixed sign. The divine creative fiat issued forth through the sign of Taurus. It has never ceased to be else evolution would be impossible. The Word of God is still being sounded and its creative symphony ever marshals into existence all that is to live and breathe. The Creative Word has not been lost, and its mighty anthem still reverberates in the multitudinous forms which are the expression of spirit in matter. Form is spirit crys-

tallized. The earthy, fixed sign of Taurus adequately expresses the crystallization of spirit which we call matter. The negative feminine nature of Taurus describes the passive quality of matter as compared with the energizing, activating principle of life which is God, the positive pole of being, namely, spirit.

To the earlier races of Atlantis the human voice was sacred. When the animals were brought to Adam, as we are told in the Bible, he named them. The power of the word used as a name had a formative influence over the beast, reflecting the creative fiat of God as typified by Taurus. Man often misuses the creative faculty of the voice in a most unholy manner. "Out of the same mouth cometh blessings and curses." This ought not to be. The voice is one channel through which the procreative power of God flows. The larynx, the seat of the voice, and the brain were both formed by the half of the procreative force which we retained within ourselves after the separation of the sexes. Therefore they truly

express the holy power of God to generate and to bring forth. The inflection of the voice gives us the clue to a man's character and temperament. It is said that a spiritually advanced being (one on the Path of Initiation) can tell the status in evolution of a human being by the voice.

The thyroid gland is located in the region of Taurus. The spiritual essence of this gland is utilized by the ego in the process of thinking, and the formulated thought is expressed by the voice, ruled by Taurus. As we develop, there is being formed in the throat an etheric organ to be used later to speak the creative fiat.

Thought is generated in the sphere of Aries; through Taurus the thought is voiced; and through Gemini, the sign of the Twins and of the winged messenger of the gods, Mercury, thought is brought into action. Gemini is a mutable, masculine, airy, intellectual sign. It rules the shoulders, arms, and hands, also the lungs, thus having a dual function.

Consider the structure of the arm. The upper bone of the arm, the humerus, articulates with the

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scapula or shoulder blade, forming the marvelous ball and socket joint which permits of the movement of the arm in all directions. In the elbow joint and the wrist we have perfect examples of the hinge joint, which gives less freedom but greater strength than in the ball and socket joint. Eight carpal bones join the wrist to the palm. The joints of the wrist are of a gliding nature, giving facility of movement. The four fingers receive their motive power through the flexor of the fingers, which splits into four tendons while traversing the palm. The tendons are attached to the proximal finger joints. Another flexor also divides into four tendons upon reaching the fingers, which are attached to the distal joints.

However, the greatest perfection in the human hand is given by the structure of the thumb. The thumb has special muscles, permitting it to be opposed to each of the fingers. It expresses the positive or will force of the hand in contrast to the dependent or negative power of the four banded fingers of the palm, thus illustrating the duality of Gemini's forces. This wonderful development of the hand is found in no other kingdom but that of man and it is a prominent factor in lifting him above the animal kingdom. The arrangement of the thumb permits of the most delicate movement and the high technical skill which is necessary in the execution of such action as our intellectual development calls for. The mind finds in the hand one of its most valuable channels of expression. This is in keeping with the lessons which we have to learn during the latter or mercurial half of the Earth Period.

Let us follow the development of the upper extremities of the body during the several stages of evolution. We find that the amoeba, the lowest expression of animal life, sends out part of its body substance in a form called false feet or pseudopodia, which constitute, so to speak, its first arms, which, however, are of a temporary nature only. As the organism ascends in the scale of evolution, these processes become permanent features by means of which it reaches out to contact its environment. In insects these appendages have become very complicated and more highly differentiated. They are still further developed in higher animals;



Zodiacal Man

Illustration shows the correspondence between the celestial constellations and the parts of the human anatomy they govern.

for instance, in fish they take the shape of fins; in birds they become wings. In the human species we find the most sophisticated development of this area, ruled by Gemini, where great freedom of movement is combined with strength.

The arms receive their nerve supply from the spine. The nerves make possible the action which has been designed in Aries, the seat of the Thinker. Our arms must figuratively embrace the whole of the globe, encircling its circumference in tender embrace, including all that lives and breathes irrespective of race, gender, and creed.

Gemini, as we have previously stated, also has dominion over the lungs. Its ruler is Mercury, the divine messenger of the gods, who in himself was a kind of heavenly telecommunications system, transmitting heavenly messages from one god to another. Gemini, through Mercury, rules the air we breathe. It is taken into the arterial blood, ruled by Jupiter, and carried through the circulatory system to the most distant parts of the body. The venous blood, ruled by Venus, conveys carbon dioxide, the waste product of cellular metabolism, to the lungs, which exhale it through the breath. □

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