

ASTROLOGY



The Divine Science

S EARCH THE SCRIPTURES, for in them you think you have the life of the ages, and it is they that testify of me.” The scriptures to which the Master refers, the scriptures which testify of Him, are written in living gold—the color of the Christ-Spirit—on mysterious blue—the color of the Father. Every night we lift our eyes to them, and we feel as if we want to bow our knees in veneration, or spread our arms in ecstatic wonderment, or fold our hands in quiet gratitude, before these glorious Scriptures of the Stars.

How small we are! What are our little scribblings of history and civilization compared with the magnitude of that golden Script!

How great we are, that the Divine Hierarchies who wrote it deemed us worthy to learn how to read at least one page in the infinite book of the Universe. This page is contained within the margin of the twelve constellations called the Zodiac, and it was opened to us, we were taught how to decipher it, because it contains the history of our evolution.

Astros means star. *Logos* means word, reasoning speech. *Astrology* means “word of the stars,” “word from the stars.” In astrology we of the human race have received the magic key by means of which we can make the stars give us word of our evolution as written on our page within the boundaries of our zodiac.

But we who follow the Rosicrucian teachings are favored much farther than this. To us is given a special golden key by which new paragraphs of this celestial page are daily revealed to us. For if

the zodiac contains the history of mankind’s evolution, every individual horoscope which we are privileged to read is a paragraph of it, as it tells the history of a human soul on the path of evolution.

“The heavens declare the glory of God.” The grandeur of the starry skies is reflected in the small wheel-shaped figure which we call a horoscope. The starry skies speak of the glory of God made manifest in the Universe, the horoscope declares the glory of God made manifest in the human soul.

Astrology, the divine science, forms part of the Bible, which was given to the western world by the

***The heavens declare the glory of God.
The stars in man show His handiwork.***

recording angels. We are told that if we seek its light, we shall find it. A large portion

of this light comes from the stars, and we must understand the stars to fully understand the Bible. The stellar script is reflected in the Biblical script. The words of the Master are full of allusions to the history of evolution as written in the stars. Human life through the ages is revealed on the zodiacal page, the mission of the Christ is stated there: “Search in the Scriptures, for in them you think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

Yes, the sun and the planets and the constellations of the zodiac testify of the Christ Spirit as the cosmic redeemer; the tiny map which we call *horoscope* testifies of the Christ-will as the redeeming power in the human soul.

Now there are billions upon billions of other constellations, other zodiacs in the skies, grander and mightier perhaps than our Zodiac, and astronomy, aided by its ingenious instruments, tries to

investigate, even to weigh and measure them. It tells us exactly how distant some of the remotest stars are from us and from one another; how long it takes their light to travel to us, how big they are, what their density is, what chemical substances they contain. The intricacy of the astronomical calculations, the subtlety of the instruments used, the vastness of distances and figures with which the patient men behind the telescopes work, are so marvelous, that we stand in awe before the science of astronomy. But it is a science that is mute as far as we and our human interests are concerned. Astronomy tells us something of the physical nature of stars, but it does not tell us how (or if) the stars affect us. It says nothing about the relationship between the stellar bodies and humans.

Astronomy locates and tracks the stars through the heavens; astrology brings the stars and the heavens into our lives. The true astronomer has to be an accomplished mathematician; the true astrologer has to be a devoted lover of mankind. The astronomer has to watch and study incessantly how he can improve his instruments, make his calculations better account for what he observes, and bring greater exactitude to his observations. The astrologer must ever watch and study how he may make his heart purer, his thoughts more illumined, his actions more loving.

It is impossible to be an efficient astronomer without the mathematical head, impossible to be an efficient astrologer without the loving heart. The astrologer has to have some of the visionary, divining faculties which call forth inspiration in poet and woman. Intuition and compassion are two prominent feminine qualities which will be developed in both men and women of the Aquarian

Age. Intuition and compassion must be strong in the astrologer.

We cannot well read a horoscope unless we project into it like a living stream our compassion and our intuition. The poet is not a “teller of tales,” but a revealer of truths, and we turn to him, not to the anatomist, when we seek information about Man—the living and striving, sinning and suffering, conquering and rejoicing soul. When we carry

our intuition into a horoscope we do not

invent what is not contained in the figure, but by the flash of light from our own soul the life of the human soul hidden in each horoscope is revealed to us. The revelation may be very sad, it may be terrible from our limited human point of view, and by all that is sacred in the growth of a human soul, by all that is sacred, yes, in sin as well as in the triumph

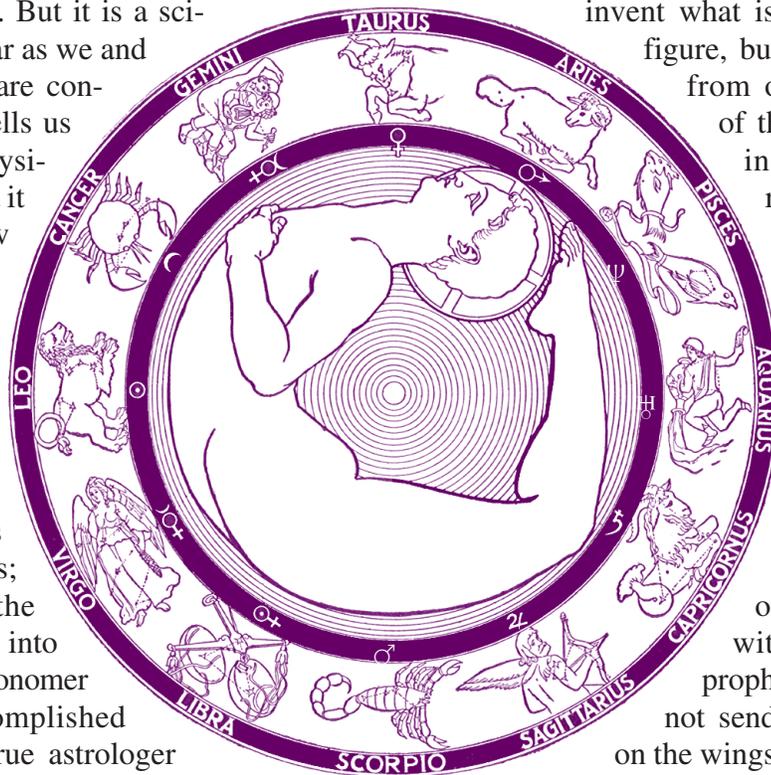
over sin, let us meet it with compassion. Poor prophets are we, if we do not send forth our prophecies on the wings of love. “For though I

have the gift of prophecy and understand

all mysteries and all knowledge, and have not love, I am nothing. And whether there be prophecies, they shall fail, but, love never faileth.”

A horoscope is holy ground. The insight into the hidden mysteries of human life gained from a horoscope is something very precious, a sacred trust given into our keeping, so that we may teach and help a fellow-being on the path of evolution—but never, never judge the growing and struggling soul. Not a judge, nor a critic, but a kindly advising friend, a gently explaining teacher—that is the role of the astrologer!

There is one factor which is shown in no horoscope, but is standing as a mighty guardian angel behind every horoscope, namely, the human will.



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This does not refer to the energy and will power connected with every-day physical or mental activities; that kind of will is shown, of course. But there is, deep within every one of us, a much more powerful will, an inner and higher will, a Christ-will by means of which Man is master over his fate, no matter how afflicted his horoscope. There may be external happenings shown in a horoscope which cannot be avoided, as they are "ripe fate"; a very hard life from the material point of view may have to be lived through; but there will also be indicated inner qualities, faculties of mind and moral character by means of which, through the agency of the Christ-will within, the hard life may be turned not into happiness, but into a great opportunity for self-mastery, and growth of soul.

At a first glance a horoscope may appear like a prison cell into which a human soul has shut itself for the duration of its earthly life, with barred windows, locked doors, and 'fate' as the warden. But there is always at least one window left open for the divine light to pour in, one door ajar and more or less movable on its hinges. Now the true astrologer sent as a minister of love to the imprisoned soul will not sadden it by pointing to the bars and locks more than is necessary to warn it and make it understand. As quickly as possible he will point to the sunlit window, to the door ajar and particularly to the hinges on which the door moves. The most vitally important thing in the reading of a horoscope is to find those qualities which are the hinges for the good. It is a wonderfully thrilling experience to detect them and a great privilege to say to the captive soul: These are the qualities by means of which you can escape. Cultivate them, develop them, strengthen them, oil the hinges faithfully, and some day the door will swing open, and past the powerless warden you will proudly walk into freedom, the Master of your destiny.

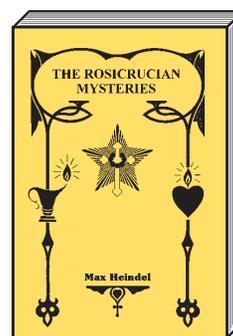
Immanuel Kant says: "Why should we argue about the existence of God? Two factors are sufficient to prove it and to force us down onto our knees in adoration: namely, the starry skies above and the moral law within."

Cosmic life in its magnitude of number, form and motion, as revealed through the telescope, is a glorious thing. In nebulae and novae and suns of

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all grades of density we see worlds in the making, the creative powers of God at work. Human life as revealed in the horoscope is often a terrible thing—the suffering and sorrow, the pitiful struggling and stumbling! And yet there is a greater glory there than that shown through the telescope. Through the telescope we see the creative powers of God at work, through the horoscope the redeeming love of God, the redeeming love of God which, and this is the greatest glory of all, works through the creative will of man himself.

God's love has ordained that we shall all be saved, but we must save ourselves. □

—Margaret Wolf