

The Character of Capricorn and Saturn

THE CHARACTER of Capricorn endows its natives with the quality attributed to the Goat—the ability to climb cautiously from crag to crag and summit to summit, ever ascending. The place of the mountain peaks seems to be their happiest habitat. Capricorn confers the powerful inner impulse to produce a progress that is both physical and spiritual, which the occult-minded soul understands. At the same time there is a social sense peculiar to this sign which also demands satisfaction and seeks it in obsequious conduct where place and power are concerned. This in its negative phase can descend to downright objectionable servile fawning, and there is no doubt that Dickens had this sign in sight when he created the character of Uriah Heap, who ever unctuously washed his hands with an invisible soap.

Consciously or unconsciously Capricorn natives have within them a power of authority over others and it is this mode of mastery which ever brings them to a place of power or responsibility, onerous or otherwise, in a family, local, national or world-wide context.

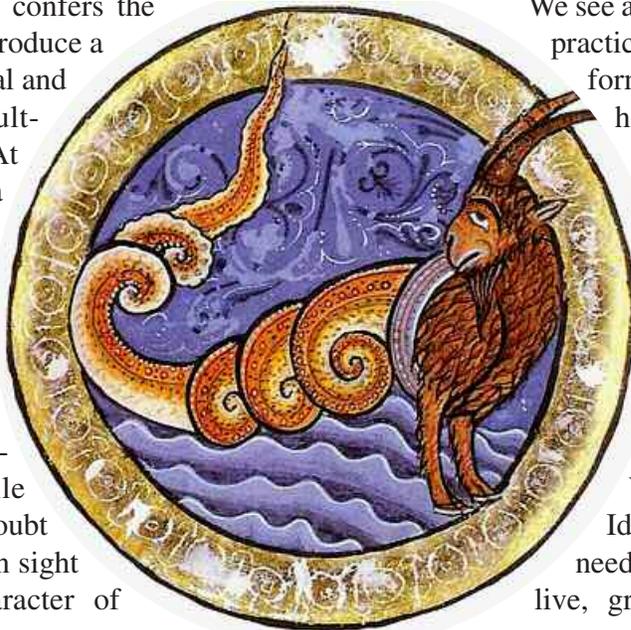
The sense of power, authority, and responsibility in Capricorn becomes admirable only in proportion to the actual amount of Christ-consciousness mani-

festing in the individual. The more this power of practical mysticism is possessed, the finer and higher the success, at least spiritually—and eventually practically, for it should be etched into the mind that the dual factors of Practical and Spiritual inhere in this sign in marked degree.

We see an outstanding example of the practical mysticism of this sign in former President Wilson with his Sun in Capricorn and Moon in Aquarius, with the Saturn exaltation sign of union, Libra, rising at birth. His was the idea of the League of Nations which his own country repudiated, which repudiation increased the chaos that produced the second World War. Yet this Christ Idea from a soul saturate in the need and nurture of Saturn will live, grow, and be required of a world whose people shall be forced into Friendship.

True power comes to the Capricorn soul in proportion to his moral-spiritual growth.

As the mind expands and the intellect becomes lighted by the Christ Intuition, then do these natives cease to react to the gall of jealousy and that fearsome antipathy which causes them to live incessantly with the idea that someone is about to steal their place, power, or prestige. As the Capricorn native dissolves the darkness through the growing flood of the Christ Light which shines in that darkness,



Illumination, English Psalter, c.1170, Glasgow University Library

Although classical authors often refer to Capricorn exclusively as a goat, the older goat-fish image can be traced to Mesopotamia and the Chaldean god of wisdom, Oannes, who was half-man, half-fish.

positive power and swift advancement is pressed upon him.

The paradox of Capricorn is a paradox of Scorpio, for heaven and hell, the darkness and light, inhere in both signs in their opposite phases. The Light of the Christ informs each aspect: in the nightside force of Saturn and in the power of the day also. In both cases it is the Power of the Sun of Righteousness, and Paul from firsthand testimony says, in second Corinthians, the fifth chapter: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Again, when Peter preached to the household of Cornelius, we see that he became commissioned through Christ, for observe his words in Acts 10:42: "And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead."

Saturnine forces make for gloom, pessimism, and darkness, for Saturn is the darkness into which the Light shines. The Jewish people are ruled by this sign as are the people in India, where the meditative mind ever ruminates, impeding a full accommodation to the physical world by utilizing its resources, harnessing its energies, and mastering its conditions.

So strong is the force of philosophy in the Capricorn sign, and so searchingly scrutinizing is the mind of these natives, in a gaze incessantly inward, that sometime, some life, they will come to an elevation of consciousness and a comprehension of the Light that was ever shining in the darkness! Out of the condition of inevitable destiny which this sign invariably confers—the oppression, limitation, frustration, delays, and denials—out of the darkness of this formative building soul-force, there at last comes the Light of the living Christ. And even those among Jewish people who are stereotypically recalcitrant and those among the Hindu people who are retroflective will come to this realization of the Christ—as will the whole world.

The curse of a negative Capricorn is the lack of power to perceive the spiritual Christ Light which shines in the darkness. Those so affected cannot discern spiritual reality. In their egoism and horrible self-sufficiency they believe their ideas and views

are the only right ones—the only Truth. So strong is the force of Form in this Saturn sign that Spirit often remains untapped and unknown. This condition inverts the idea of God. The personality under such a state of spiritual death sometimes makes monsters of misrule who betray their stewardship, whether in government or finance.

The soul is veritably sold to the devil under the negative Saturnine forces of Capricorn whereby come suicide, sorcery and every tendency which bespeaks black magic. A compelling power to cheat oneself or others is seen in Saturn's darkness and this is not reversed until the Light breaks down the false astral illusion. However, it is this Great Illusion in which all the world lives. Men move in the "light of darkness," through the negative components of the Saturn-Moon-Mars forces. Reference to this fact is clearly seen in Revelation 12:9 where Christ says: "And the Great Dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels with him."

Capricorn natives experience real salvation and instant progress when the Christ Light breaks through into the brain-bound personality, for not until this time will these souls become truly self-effacing and impersonal. The weakness of Capricorn is the thirst for power, fame, honor, and title. Jesus referred to them as Pharisees, who love the uppermost rooms at feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues and greetings in the markets and to be called of men "Master."

The mighty power of the Father-force in Capricorn is only truly tapped and expressed as its subjects realize the Light which shines in the darkness, for when this Light is comprehended the highest attainments are achieved through the action of the Christ Within, which is all-wise, all-loving, and all-intelligent. But not until the humanity of Aquarius is added unto the patient persistence of Capricorn is the true force of the Father-fire added to the Christ, so that the Christ may say, "I and my Father are One." This means that active intelligence has been added to the wisdom of love and with this fact comes spiritual intelligence.

Not until they transmute fear can Capricorn natives secure true health, for melancholia and morbid

states of mind and feeling saturate and sink these souls and give rise to numerous ailments in the digestive tract and the skeletal system. One ruse often resorted to by Capricorn people is to threaten suicide if they cannot get their own way. Their worst enemy then is despondency, a lack of buoyancy, and for this reason such souls are best informed on the mechanics of our life and planet, and fully realize the appalling effect that earth-bound ignorant humans exert upon their fellows, influencing those who are negatively psychic so that they fall under the sway of evil forces.

The ideas of place, power, prestige, and personality stand strongest in Capricorn and until the Light of the Christ is found shining in the darkness, the soul remains supine through snobbery and judgments based on outward form and conditions. Yet the Golden Wedding Garment of God is in this master sign, but one must have worked his way through the negative form-forces of Saturn before the positive Father power is earned and actualized. The weakest and the strongest souls come out of this sign—the mighty meditatives, God-men, and also the “untouchables.”

Capricorn over connotes a person animated with strong personal ambition, with the element of egoism, expressing as a Saturnine fact and force through which the man passes, to rise at last in this life or the next into its complementary quality of altruism. In a planet of duality the power of opposing forces ever manifest until the crown and consummation of the Christ Man is realized. The power of the Father-force is in Capricorn, but first the soul must contend with the strong lunar influence that impels action along negative lines and kindles a strong desire to wield power for selfish purposes. In time egoism is resolved into altruism in the Capricorn natives who have become purified and illumined in head and heart through the cooperation

of Uranus, Neptune, and Saturn.

Only as we realize that Capricorn rules the mid-heaven of a horoscope—the vital point which is indicative of our integrity, the very House of Honor which predicates our worldly standing and prestige, our good name among men, and, incidentally, our true spiritual name with God—can we appreciate why this mighty Saturn sign refines the soul of those who develop their moral-spiritual condition.

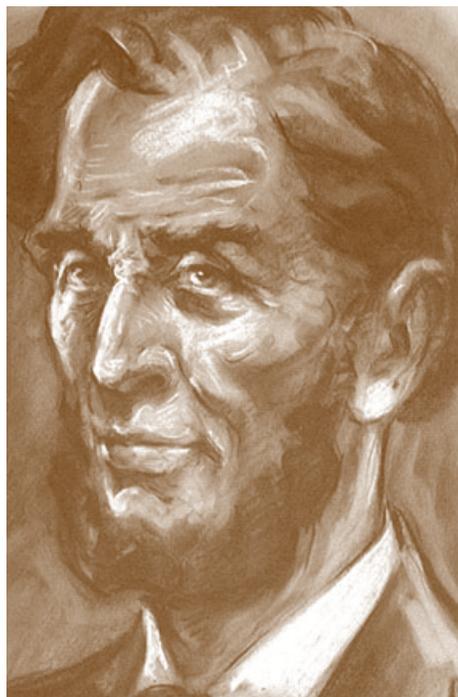
Destiny is ordered by the growth of the soul from within outward. Capricorns may become powerful organizers for good and rise far above the early difficulties of environment and parents with whom there is invariably some distinct painful inharmony through psychic-astral inheritance, as it were.

A compelling Form-life is the trammelling condition of Capricorn, for it arouses a keen sense of social standing and inclines toward a caste consciousness, which, while most prominently persists in Capricorn-ruled India, exists wherever “inferior” and “superior” typing takes place on

the basis of formal distinctions and outward appearances.

People unaware of soul or sign forces may receive the impression of reticence if not downright aloofness as a result of the subjective condition of self-restraint in Capricorn not animated by its next sign, also Saturn-ruled, Aquarius. Capricorn has a huge capacity and love for work made the greater by the immense ambition which lights it. In the left hand phase self-interest and the secret desire to gain and wield power is great, and we see this exemplified in statesmen, politicians, and capitalists who manage vast financial interests in this day. However, the work of a Capricorn soul gains only as he sacrifices his interests and personality to the spirit within.

All Capricorn natives become positively endowed with permanent place and power as they align



Abraham Lincoln displayed positive Saturnian and Capricornian traits. He had a strong sense of both personal and national destiny, based on a deep moral intuition of the rule of the All-Good.

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themselves with the Christ, as the mystical side blossoms to transmute any and all ambitious egoism. No sign is more earnest and steadfast than this, none more meditative and concentrative of mind, the soul diving ever deeper for food and facts. Nor is there a sign with more of that quality of destiny, the sense of fatality often attaching, as witness Lincoln with this sign holding his Moon and a Saturn Ascendant. All ambition save that of Christ-soul ambition is dangerous for Capricorn natives,

for when it is turned into earthly and personal channels the native is toppled.

A special challenge for Capricorn and Saturn souls is to practice true humility and to cultivate real reverence, so that egoism, the enemy of Christ, shall die. Executive ability is found in these people to a great degree, and as they rid themselves of the negative force of competition they become highly cooperative, and true exemplars of Christ. □

—John Jocelyn

On the Genesis and Evolution of Solar Systems— A Rosicrucian Perspective

"[W]hen the beings upon a planet have evolved to a sufficient degree, the planet becomes a Sun, the fixed center of the Solar System. When the beings there have evolved to a still greater degree, and consequently it has reached its maximum of brilliancy, it breaks up into a Zodiac and becomes, so to speak, the womb of a new Solar System. Thus the Great hosts of Divine beings who, until then, were confined upon that Sun gain freedom of actions upon a great number of stars whence they can affect, in different ways, the system which grows up within their sphere of influence. The planets or man-bearing worlds within the Zodiac are constantly being worked upon by these forces but in various ways according to the stage they have reached in evolution. Our Sun could not have become a Sun until it set out from itself all the beings who were not sufficiently evolved to endure the high rate of vibration and the great luminosity of the beings who were qualified for that evolution. All the beings upon the different planets would have been consumed had they remained in the Sun. This visible Sun, however, though it is a place of evolution for beings vastly above man, is not by any means, the Father of other planets, as material science supposes. On the contrary, it is itself an emanation from the central Sun, which is the invisible source of all that is in our solar system.

"Our visible Sun is but the mirror in which are reflected the Rays of energy from the Spiritual Sun, the real Sun is as invisible as the real man."

From this teaching it is apparent that the great

spiritual hierarchies which are now guiding our evolution have had their training for this path in previous schemes of manifestation, also that what they are now doing, we shall some day do for others. Already the foremost among our race are treading the path of initiation, and have thereby advanced into stages far beyond the general status of our present humanity. It has been learned that those who have gone through the Mercurial School of the lesser Mysteries, and have graduated from the School of the Greater Mysteries are now preparing human evolution for the Jupiter Period. They have entered the planet Jupiter, by way of one of the Moons, which serves as a stepping stone. Others there are, unfortunately, who have gone the other way. We read in *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* that even as the whole population of the earth was at one time expelled from the present Sun because of their inability to keep up with the vibrations of the beings thereon, thus hindering them and being hindered themselves, so also it becomes necessary in the Lemurian Epoch, to expel a number of the stragglers from earth. Thus the Moon was cast out into space to revolve as a Satellite around our present planet. Those unfortunates are gradually degenerating and the time will come when they will all go to the planet Saturn, which is the door to Chaos. Thence they will be expelled to interplanetary space to await the time when, in a new system, there will be a favorable condition for their further evolution.—*Message of the Stars*