

God's Message Through the Astrological Sign Taurus

THE SIGN TAURUS is the second sign of the zodiac and is, according to the Rosicrucian Philosophy, the second great Creative Hierarchy. The first and second great Creative Hierarchies are said "to have passed beyond the ken of anyone on Earth." It is known that they gave some assistance at the beginning of our evolution.

According to *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, these two first Hierarchies have no name; according to the Greeks, the Divine Hierarchy of Taurus is called the TETRAPHIM.

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 darkness comprehended it not.

In these mystic words of John, the beloved disciple of Christ Jesus, lie concealed some of the most precious of Gods 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 Wisdom, the Second aspect of 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 11, 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 thoughts are dealt with by the twin forces of Attraction and Repulsion in the Desire World—the good is carefully garnered and preserved under the Law of Attraction, while the evil is 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 completely 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 the 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 TWELVE GREAT CREATIVE HIERARCHIES

ZODIACAL SIGN	NAME	STATUS
	<i>Cosmo name in italics</i> (Greek, Christian & other names)	
1 Aries	<i>Nameless</i> (Xeophim).....	The first and second orders are said to have passed beyond the ken of anyone on Earth. It is known that they gave some assistance at the beginning of our evolution.
2 Taurus	<i>Nameless</i> (Tetraphim).....	The three following orders worked of their own free will to help man during the three periods which preceded the Earth Period. They have also passed to liberation.
3 Gemini	<i>Seraphim</i> (Spirits of Love)....	who, in the Moon Period, aroused in man-in-the making the germ of the human spirit—the Ego.
4 Cancer	<i>Cherubim</i> (Spirits of Harmony)	who, in the Sun Period, aroused the germ of the life spirit.
5 Leo	<i>Lords of Will</i> (Thrones)	who, in the Saturn Period, aroused the germ of the divine spirit and gave the germ of the dense body.
	The following Seven Creative Hierarchies are active in the Earth Period:	
6 Virgo	<i>Lords of Wisdom</i> (Kyriotetes, Dominions)	who, in the Sun Period, started the vital body.
7 Libra	<i>Lords of Individuality</i> (Dynamis, Might, Virtues)	who, in the Moon Period, started the desire body.
8 Scorpio	<i>Lords of Form</i> (Exusiai..... Powers, Authorities)	who have special charge of human evolution in the Earth Period.
9 Sagittarius ..	<i>Lords of Mind</i> , (Archai..... Lords of Personality, Time Spirits, Principalities)	the humanity of the Saturn Period.
10 Capricorn ..	<i>Archangels</i> , (Spirits of Fire... Race Spirits)	the humanity of the Sun Period.
11 Aquarius	<i>Angels</i> (Sons of Life..... Sons of Twilight)	the humanity of the Moon Period.
12 Pisces	<i>Virgin Spirits</i>	who are the humanity of the present Earth Period.

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.

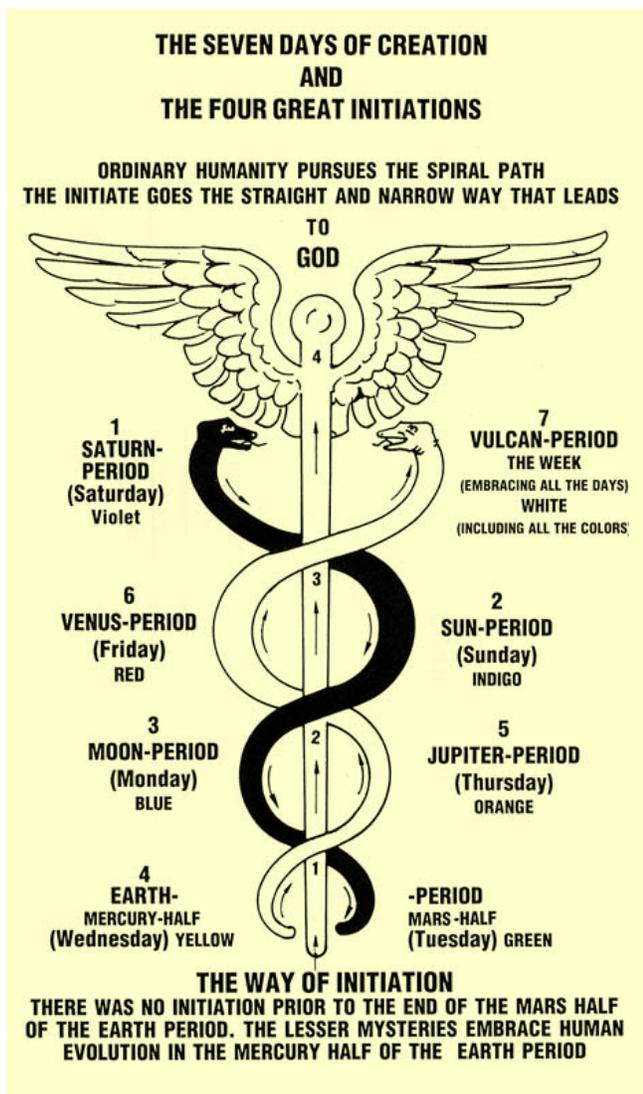
Taurus is the great power sign of Venus, through which the creative fire, burning at the base of the spine, is, by clean, high-thinking and constructive living, gradually drawn up the spine to work with greater power in the brain, ruled by Aries. A study of the main keywords of Taurus—*harmony, determination, constancy*, and others—will tell us how to tune into that power and reach a higher level. In following the voice of our higher Self, we gain more power to use in directing our life.

The process of shifting and weighing the various things, qualities, and activities in which we are interested, to decide which to hold onto and which to discard, gives the opportunity for progress onward and upward to secure spiritual gains. *Harmony*, the highest spiritual keyword of Taurus, tells us that our thoughts, feelings, and outer actions must be brought into harmony with our ideals if those ideals are to be reached.

The mental keyword, *Determination*, tell us we are to make true decisions about our general plan of living and the particular goal we hope to reach, following that course steadily without wavering. Decisions are vital; once we have chosen what is right for us, we find a peace and contentment nothing else can equal. Seeking that choice through prayer enables us to make the right decision.

Resolution, coupled with determination, is necessary. As our hearts are faithfully tuned to love truth and right action, we keep climbing onward and upward, as represented by the central rod of the Caduceus, shown in Diagram 15 of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*.

Constancy is another keyword of Taurus. Constancy is essential to the fulfillment of our



good ideas and plans. Another word for constancy is *steadfastness*. Constancy means sticking to our resolutions in spite of distractions or obstacles. It means persisting in what we have set out to do until it is finished. It means conforming to our principles even though we might occasionally find it easier or more pleasant not to do so. Constancy means remaining true to our ideals and loyal and steadfast in our affections.

If a person shows himself to be constant, he acquires a reputation for trustworthiness. If he shows himself inconstant in one thing, however, there is considerable likelihood that he will be inconstant in other things. Thus, he is not considered likely to be trustworthy. Constancy speaks for itself. People can see for themselves without being told whether or not it is one of our attributes.

Constancy is not to be confused with stubbornness.

Think, for a moment, of the constancy of the universe. Suppose the Sun could no longer be depended upon to shine, or that oxygen could no longer be depended upon to form water by combining with hydrogen. Suppose that God could no longer be depended upon to love each of His children. We would be faced with calamity if any one of these suppositions suddenly were to come true.

Our constancy in our small affairs is just as important, in its own way, as is the constancy of God and of the great divine Creative Hierarchies and the spiritual forces in their areas of activity.

It is, of course, possible to be constant to principles of evil or to the pursuit of unworthy desires. This, naturally, is wrong.

To be constant in the right way, in the way that is acceptable to God, we must follow the rules of right living and be constant in practicing them. We must put our spiritual considerations and Teachings uppermost in our minds and separate ourselves from all that is not essentially good. In this way we will be true to our principles and beliefs, to our resolutions and responsibilities, and to our friends and neighbors. Most of all, we will be true to ourselves.

Let us consider now the great help given by Christ to mankind.

The days following the glorious Resurrection of Christ, celebrated at Easter, marked a period of instruction for His disciples in many deep truths for their future work. At the same time, Christ worked with mineral, plant, animal, and mankind, as well as the Race and Group Spirits. His great mission helped not only the beings on this Earth, but the Angels and Archangels, especially those who had fallen under the influence of Lucifer. It also helped the stragglers, who had dropped behind the rest of their group.

We may get a better understanding of His mission by studying every single parable and action of Christ Jesus. This will help us in our steps upward on the Ladder of Life. Those steps are beautifully summarized in the Beatitudes—a most wonderful portion of His Sermon on the Mount. They contain Christ Jesus' message of Love, including the commandments of the Old Testament. Here are some of the lessons they contain :

1) We need a spirit of humility, as that is part of Christ's power to control every situation.

2) When we put into practice His message of Love we gain peace of mind, for Love is the greatest power in overcoming. Perfect Love casts out fear. Faith and Hope are contained in Love.

3) Meekness or gentleness attracts and increases. He who loses his life for my sake shall find it.

4) We should put God first, and have as our goal all for one and one for all, aiming to make real our ideals.

5) As we radiate mercy, love, and kindness, we show our understanding of the truism, as we sow, we reap. Jupiter's rays of mercy and compassion attract those very same benefits.

6) The key to heaven is purity, living a life pure in words and actions. Thus do we grow in understanding of what life is all about.

7) As the divine Spark within continues to grow, we shall have perfect peace in the heart and in the mind, resulting in harmony.

8) Here Saturn teaches us the lessons we need to become the kind of people in whom is demonstrated the Law of Love.

9) Others may not always understand what we seek to do in our efforts toward self-control, which we need, for He that controls himself is greater than he that controls a city.

10) As we blend the highest qualities of all the planets, we learn compassion. The Law of Love must be written within the hearts of all mankind, the Love which humanity has not yet learned to live because it does not understand that Love is the greatest spiritual power. Christ Jesus showed this in His every deed while on the Earth.

He explained to His disciples that they, too, must learn to build into their lives humility, sympathy, compassion, and purity, together with an intense desire for right-useness, with bravery, and with courage, if they would do His will of spreading the message of good-will to all mankind. We also need to develop these qualities to become true helpers in making our Earth a better place for all people.

And here is the encouragement with which Christ left us: "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). □

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