

God's Message Through the Astrological Sign Scorpio

WHEN WE ENTER upon the study of the sign Scorpio, we are approaching the mystery of life in its most powerful and most intensive expression. Scorpio is the department of Nature through which pours the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to produce all living forms. What mind can measure the depth of that power and what words can describe it? The best that we, God's Earth children, can do is to bow in awe before it and pray for understanding.

All that we have learned by study and practice in our journey through the other signs of the zodiac must be melted and blended into one if we are to do the work God calls upon us to do under the Ray of Scorpio. This Ray is administered throughout the cosmos by the Lords of Form. Therefore a survey of the work done for us by this Creative Hierarchy will give us a clue to the use which we should make of the Scorpio power as it manifests within ourselves.

It was the Lords of Form who, previous to the Earth Period, actually did the principal work upon our dense, vital, and desire bodies under the direction of higher orders, using the evolving life, we are told, as a kind of instrument. Thus they established with us a peculiarly close relationship. Because of this work upon our vehicles, they were given charge not only of the precious living germs of these vehicles but of the Human Spirit in us as well—the counterpart in man of the Holy Spirit, the creative, form-building principle of God. In the Bible, these Great Beings are given by Paul the name of Powers.

Now, in the Earth Period, when we as evolving

Spirits are having our crucial test in dealing with the problems of Form, these great Beings, who carry so large a share of responsibility for our progress, overshadow us in a special manner with the power of the Holy Spirit, and sound in the depths of our being the call to creative Godhood.

Mars, their intermediary, stirs the creative fire in man to keep it alive and active, and thus urged on, man has used this power to conquer the elements of earth, fire, water, and air, on the physical plane; but he has still to conquer and blend these elements within himself. The dense body (earth), the vital body (fire), the desire body (water), and the mind (air), must be brought into alignment and attuned to one another and the forces which play through them balanced and controlled before he can answer the call of the Holy Spirit and take his place in the Plan among the Sons of God.

The work of aligning and attuning our vehicles goes on insensibly from month to month as we endeavor to respond, in all faithfulness, to the particular radiations focused upon us. Under the power Ray of Scorpio the opportunity is given us to hasten this process of transmutation, to weld together, as it were, the gains we have made and take a long step forward on the mystic path that leads from generation to creation.

We ask ourselves how may we best take advantage of this opportunity. The answer is, by delving into the very depths of our being and gathering all the powers that we find there—powers of mind and body, of heart and soul—and forming of these the spiritual scourge of small cords with which to drive the money changers from our temple—the false conceptions, bad habits, and weaknesses

which cheat and betray our high purposes when we least expect it. Purity of motive and intensity of purpose are needed for this task. Without these no progress can be made. However, the intensity of which we speak is not the intensity of clenched hands and taut muscles. It is the still intensity of the Spirit that sets the body free from every tension and burns its way, like a white-hot torch, through every barrier that would block its way.

In God's Message through the Sign Libra attention was called to the fact that throughout the Cosmos the force of Mars is always counterbalanced by the Love-power of Venus. We repeat this statement here, because without some realization of the relation between these two forces, the mystery of Scorpio must remain for us a sealed book. A study of the operation of these twin forces in our own being will help us to gain this realization.

The path that leads from generation to creation is indicated in the zodiac by the pair of opposites, Scorpio-Taurus, and in the human body by the pair of creative organs, the organ of generation, ruled by Mars, and the organ of speech, ruled by Venus, the larynx, through which some day the creative word is to be spoken. The straight line between these opposites in the heavens and their prototypes in the physical body is the Path, called by Christ Jesus the straight and narrow way.

In following the winding road of evolution we cross and re-cross this mystic, hidden path, but with eyes that see not, for the following reason. We gained our consciousness in the Physical World through use of the creative force in generation, and since, have leaned so heavily toward the gratification of desire that the Mars force has become the dominant factor in human relations, working destruction everywhere because the balancing Love-power of Venus has remained comparatively undeveloped.

But where love has found an entrance, there the process of regeneration has begun and as Venus blends her ray with that of Mars, mellowing, refining, redirecting this force, the consciousness is at last awakened to the glorious purpose of life, and the entrance to the narrow, shining way is disclosed to us.

When this awakening has come, we begin to

know something of the sacredness of generation. We know that the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon every human mother as it came upon Mary of Nazareth, regardless of her capacity to understand the mystery that is being consummated in her. A mystery, indeed, for the interaction of forces involved in the birth of a human being are identical with the interaction of forces that bring a universe to birth. "As above so below."

Since it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that Life involves itself in Form, we may say that Scorpio is the point at which the two meet. It is therefore the gateway through which we come at birth and through which we pass again at death.

When once our feet are planted firmly on the Path, birth and death appear to us as incidents in life. As we travel step by step along this mystic way, the creative fire which has operated for so many ages from the sacral region of the spine, begins to shine like liquid gold and rises by imperceptible stages to its ultimate goal in the brain, the brain that spells for us Initiation, and releases in us the power of the Word.

The planetary influence for this solar month of Scorpio comes to us from the spiritual keyword, *Power*. All that we call energy, or force, is a part of the great stream of Life pouring out from God and flowing through everything in the Universe, from the greatest suns and planets to the smallest grain of sand in this physical world.

The difference between the mineral and man is that the mineral has only one way of using that power while man has several ways of using power to enable him, as he grows in understanding, to use more and more of this mighty power. With it he may ferret or dig out all the secrets of Nature and accomplish any heroic thing he may will to do.

Just as the engineer who builds a power house for lighting the city must know the laws governing electricity and must understand the machinery he uses, so we, if we want to use the living power that flows out from God, must know the laws that govern it and must understand the living machinery we possess. Our dense physical body has no more life than any other combination of solids, liquids, and gases, but when we take up the higher life, represented by the straight rod of the Caduceus, and

begin to change our habits, we have taken a great step forward.

Thoughts and actions, repeated constantly, make grooves, then become the channels through which the Life stream flows, and we say a habit has been formed. When we try to break an old habit and put a new and better one in its place, we must block up the old channel in the brain by stopping the thoughts and actions that made it. At the same time, we form a new channel by turning the power onto a new set of thoughts and actions, until they have made their groove in the brain, and the new and better habit has been established. This calls for all the intelligence and will power we possess. Intensity of purpose is necessary to accomplish it.

Each one of us can do our very best to break an old habit by substituting a new set of thoughts and actions. Will you do that?

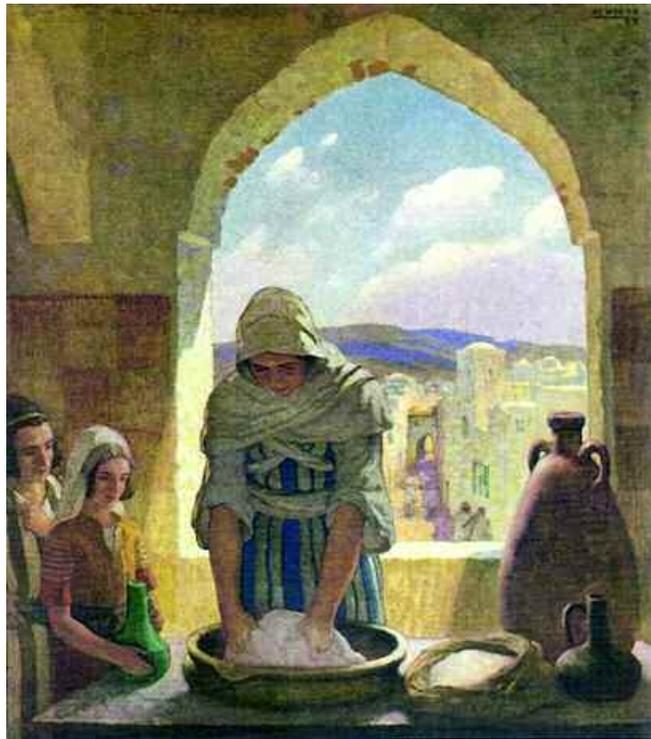
The Leaven Parable

"Behold, all things are become new."—II Corinthians 5:17.

In this parable Christ Jesus explains how the great power of transmutation—change or conversion—works. We notice that in all of His parables Christ Jesus referred to things people knew something about. In this story, with its hidden meaning, it was the bread they ate every day and generally made at home. There were not many places where bread might have been purchased, as is the case today.

If you have ever seen bread or rolls made, you have probably noticed that a small quantity of yeast—that is what leaven really is—was mixed with flour, salt, and water. The mixture was placed in a pan, covered, and set aside in a warm place to increase in size, then followed a kneading down process, after which the procedure was repeated. The mixture afterwards was formed into loaves and baked into bread.

We may compare the above with an idea or thought allowed to remain in our minds. It makes no difference whether it is good or bad, as long as we permit it to stay in our minds it will increase or expand until we feel forced to do something about it. If the idea is a good one, we have perhaps benefited others as well as ourselves by putting it into



A. N. Wyeth illustration for *The Parables of Jesus*, by S. P. Cadman, David McKay, 1931

The Leaven

Leaven, or yeast, is emblematic of the etheric because it contains a primitive plant form (fungus) which, like life ether, causes expansion and rising outward from the center. For this reason the feeding of the 4,000 and the 5,000 with a small portion of bread (and fish) has been called an etheric feeding because the Word or Bread of Life was given as nourishment.

action. If not, there is no telling what harm may be done.

Likewise, the spark of God within everyone of us, if allowed to grow while we sincerely pray to God in our search for truth and understanding of His will, awakens within our hearts a sympathy for, and a realization of, others' needs. When this happens, we learn how to develop an unselfish spirit of brotherhood in our daily communication with others. At times we may stumble, but we still must keep on trying again and again to increase in honesty, unselfishness, and purity of love. Thus we endeavor to make this familiar song a part of our daily lives: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

As we continue in our efforts we shall be hastening the time when all nations will have fellowship together, and peace and Love will become the new way of life. □

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