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### **Fatherhood**

This discourse, pertaining to a specialized human identity, will be dealt with by considering a correlation of mandalas. Three will be required: (1) The Great Mandala—Aries Ascendant; (2) The mandala of Love-Power—Leo Ascendant; (3) The mandala of archetypal Fatherhood-identity— Capricorn Ascendant. For each of these, apply the zodiacal sign-symbols in sequence, the circular symbol of the Sun at the center and the personal-Sun symbol (the horizontal line and semi-circle of the rising Sun) in each Leo-house.

First—to consider the significance of Fatherhood- identity as a factor in the pattern of the Great Mandala, the horoscope of the archetype, Humanity. Capricorn, the upper of the two signs of the parentage- line (the vertical diameter) is the exaltation-sign of the male principle, Mars. Exaltation, vibratorily speaking, is maturity, and the maturity of the self-conscious, separative quality of Mars is found in the assumption and fulfillment of legitimate responsibilities. The responsibility implied in Capricorn as one of the two factors of the Cancer-Capricorn diameter, is that of providing form as an expression of Love-Power. The diameter of Cancer- Capricorn is the polarization of the Principle of Matrix; it

is, in human terms, the essential design, or pattern, which identifies the human form.

The arch-symbol of matrix, is, of course, the maternal sign Cancer; it is the Mother who provides the essential seed from which the human form is emanated in gestation. The polarization of this arch-principle of Capricorn is the impregnation of the form-seed by the male aspect of the Principle of Form-begetting. As such, the human identity is Father—the male personification of that which represents, to the Begotten, the security of recognizable Form. Insecurity is one of the two arch-roots of negative conditioning; frictional and congestive aspects involving Moon and Saturn, are, in astrology, insecurity-patterns. Saturn, ruler of Capricorn, is initiator of the Earth-trine (Capricorn, Taurus, and Virgo)—the principle which identifies this trine is stewardship of begotten form. This refers to the begetting and guidance of children (Capricorn), life-sustainment by material exchange (Taurus), and work-expression (Virgo). Moon-Cancer is the security-symbol of the immature human; the immature ones find security in the nurture, protection and sympathetic affection represented by the Moon as symbol of the mother-instinct. Saturn-Capricorn is the security-symbol of the mature human; the mature ones assume and fulfill responsibilities, they perfect their expression of potentials in contributive action relative to the large family, Society.

If Cancer symbolizes our tendency to cling to that which protects us externally, Capricorn and the Saturn-vibration symbolizes our urge to establish our own individual security by regeneration of consciousness and expressing from that basis. Through Cancer we are the citizens of a family-group; through Capricorn we are citizens of the larger family of state, nation, and race; the

archetype of this citizenship is, of course, our identity as Earthians —fellow-inhabitants of this planet of the solar system.

Everyone—male or female—has Moon-Cancer and Saturn-Capricorn somewhere in the chart. These picture the biune security symbol of Humanity. In each incarnation we specialize our archetype; we carry subconscious instinct-memories of experience as the opposite sex from one incarnation to the next; we also carry aspirational urges to realize unity all through our sequence of incarnations. That in which we default, through ignorance and desire-congestion in one incarnation, we experience retroactively in the next, or a subsequent, incarnation. A female can learn a great deal about fatherhood principles through her experience as daughter, wife, or mother in relationship to males who outpicture her past fatherhood defaults. A male actively recapitulates the essence of past fatherhood- defaults by (it starts in each incarnation with this) his subconscious reactions to his father when he is in the immature, impressionable state. We are magnetized to our fathers by composite of dissimilarities and similarities to them. In other words, our individualized consciousness (ignorance or wisdom) of the principles of fatherhood is that which makes our particular father-relationship what it is in a given incarnation. We do not create our fathers, but our consciousness is the conditioning factor that determines the quality of our relationship with our father. Consciousness always determines relationship-quality.

Now, the mandala with Leo as Ascendant. This is the archetypal mandala of Love-Power, that which is the resource of all emotional reaction and expression. It is the basic source of all emotional identification of relationship and, as the Creative Aspect of Father-Mother- God, it is the one love of which we all partake throughout our incarnations and which we are continually aspiring to realize

and express in our relationship with human and sub-human life. Referring to the subject at hand we see that this power is "parented" in our consciousness by the generative force we call desire; the diameter of Scorpio-Taurus is the vertical of this mandala. The sexuality of the male and female gives incarnated form to the reappearance on this plane of a human focalizer of solar power. The personal desire of parents for union with each other masks the archetypal regenerative aspiration which, rooted by Scorpio at the fourth cusp of this mandala, starts as sex-expression but flowers as love-expression.

The Capricorn of fatherhood-identity is seen to be the sixth house sign of this mandala. The diameter of which it is the male polarization (Capricorn-Cancer) forms the sixth-house-twelfth-house diameter of this mandala, and it is analogous to the Virgo-Pisces diameter of the Great Mandala (Aries Ascendant). This diameter is the Principle of Redemption by personal (Virgo) and impersonal (Pisces) service. Since Love-Power is the "thing incarnated" in this mandala, every factor in it is an aspect of Love. The placement of fatherhood-Capricorn at the sixth cusp is, in the specialization of male consciousness, the human expression of Divine Love by willingly assuming the responsibilities (Saturn vibration) to serve the on-going of human life (sixth house) by male expression as a form-begetter. St. Joseph, the human father of Jesus, is a personification of the purity of spiritualized human fatherhood. His parental service and devotion were expressions of a consciousness of the one love to instrumentate the begetting of a perfected human form. A devotional exercise of great power has been performed by millions of humans who have knelt with reverence before images and pictures of this benign Vibration because they, as symbols, convey a sense of the livingness of the loving, protective stewardship of fatherhood as microcosm of the

father-hood of the Solar Logos. This sanctified Consciousness, in male form, has transmuted personal, genetic, possessive desire into an octave of spiritualized epigenetic service; he, and his prototypes throughout the ages, symbolize to the inner knowing of Humanity the Love that is specialized in the fatherhood-identity; His purity and devotion are archetypal of that true security which all immature ones seek to receive from their fathers, which all fathers should seek to realize in themselves and which all humans must, sooner or later, realize to be an aspect of a divine attribute. Fathers: turn your natal chart so that your Leo-cusp becomes the Ascendant; study this arrangement as your specialization of the Leo-mandala with reference to the conditions indicated by the Saturn-vibration. What is your consciousness of fatherhood as a Love-Service? How is your consciousness of your own father's love pictured? Do you tend to repeat, in your experience, what you interpreted as defaults in him? For what things do you honor him in your heart and seek to be honored by your own children?

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Here, for variety, is offered a reading-suggestion pertaining to literary portraits of highly evolved father-consciousness; you may, as an astrological student, enjoy a stimulus of your inner knowing by consideration of these imaginary archetypal personalities to correlate with your present study of fatherhood principles:

John Evered in "Strange Woman" by Ben Ames Williams; Ling Tang in "Dragon Seed" by Pearl Buck; Stephen Sorrel in "Sorrel and Son" by Warwick Deeping; Phillip Gordon in "Well of Loneliness" by Padclyffe Hall; Lavrans Bjorgulfson in "Kristin Lavransdatter" by Sigrid Undset; David Naughton in "Claudia" by Rose Franken. The qualities of highly developed masculinity are

combined with wisdom and protective strength in these characters which keynote the evolved father type.

Further consideration of Capricorn in the Leo mandala reveals it to be the ninth house sign of the Midheaven, Taurus, and hence the Wisdom-aspect of the principle of Stewardship. The man has, for the most part, been the "bread winner" of human families since primitive times. In such experiences, all Egos—incarnating periodically as males—distill clearer realization of the spiritual principles involved in the material stewardship of Life. It is clearly shown in this mandala that in all families of which the father is the material support, one of the father's basic responsibilities is to teach the principles of right exchange in material matters.

That duty becomes a focalization of his father- purpose in this incarnation. To the degree that he is unaware of such principles will the mother, or others, have to fulfill that responsibility. Right exchange is an aspect of true security and as such it is evidenced in all psychological and spiritual maturity. To the degree that the father is spiritually informed on this matter is it incumbent upon him to guide his sons and daughters in the spiritual preparation of their practical and professional experience. To the degree that he is free from congestion on desire-for- possession-of-things (a crystallizing lockjaw of the consciousness of stewardship) will he be qualified to instruct truthfully. This is wisdom illuminating the practical experience-chapters of human life and no one functioning as an adult male can be considered an evolved father who is ignorant of this Principle.

Now—the Capricorn Mandala: the abstract horoscope of fatherhood-identity; fourth aspect of the Great Mandala and first aspect based on the Earth Element as Ascendant. Because this mandala is that of an archetypal identity, we consider it from a

little different standpoint than we do a natal horoscope. The vertical diameter becomes "parentage archetypalized." In other words, instead of male and female parent it is an archetypal instinct—an evolutionary urge—from which the identity is derived. Fatherhood and its polarity, motherhood, is "born of" the evolutionary instinct to transform the two "*I am's*" of separative Aries and Libra into the composite "We Are" of the Aries-Libra diameter, herein pictured as the vertical diameter. Because our subject is a masculine specialization, we look to the male signifier of this diameter. It is the Mars sign Aries, the matrix of Male Principle, the arch-vibratory symbol of individualized awareness of being. Fatherhood, primitively speaking, results from an action of the male to express his instinctive genetic urge and relax tensions. In primitive stages of consciousness, "love-exchange" is unknown—mating is a fusion of self-ish instinctive urge. But, from repetition through many incarnations the marital consciousness is distilled. The "**We Are**" of evolved husbandhood and wifehood distills, in its turn, regenerated consciousness of parentage principles—the laws of the Cosmos as they specialize through experience as human fatherhood and motherhood. If Mars, as ruler of this fourth house (the psycho-genetic base) is symbol of basic male quality, its ninth house sign, Sagittarius, at the cusp of the twelfth house, is the "matrix" of the spiritual redemption of the father-identity. This redemption is seen in the expressive giving-ness quality of Sagittarius's ruler, Jupiter. In back of every father is the Wisdom Aspect of his individualized consciousness. He incarnated as male, undertook fatherhood experience as an adult in order to redeem through wisdom. "What was good enough for me should be good enough for my kids" is an attitude completely outmoded—it is fatherhood congested. The urge to improve conditions for his children— esoterically or exoterically—is the evolutionary progress specializing in the father

consciousness. Also, Jupiter's exaltation in the Moon's sign, Cancer, pictures the masculine polarization of the Principle of Nurture; the tenderness, generosity, and out-going goodness of Jupiter identify the father as giver—of protection, guidance, and material good. Primitive man, like most animals, was not for the most part concerned with his children as individuals. Jupiter, in father-nature, is a distillment of compassion, sympathy, and interest in children—the result of epigenetic expression through many incarnations. If Jupiter pictures a man's expression of paternal love, as a specialization of Solar Love, Saturn pictures Humanity's archetypal symbol of the fatherhood identity and principle: He who gives form as expression of contributive love, who personifies to the Begotten the protective Principle, who out-pictures the mature masculine vibration, who out-pictures the unregeneracies and regeneracies of the individual's consciousness of the Father Principle and who personifies the masculine cornerstone of society's structure. The unregenerate father is the unregenerate citizen, the incapable teacher, blind to his essential attributes as a focalizer and expressor of Love-Power. The regenerate father, the "White-lighted Saturn," gives and sustains incarnation in Love-service, exemplifies in his person and character that upon which the family and society can build a better structure, expresses an awareness of the guiding truths of Life. He is one who influences and guides by principle, not by personal congestion, and he knows the truth of Love in human relationships.

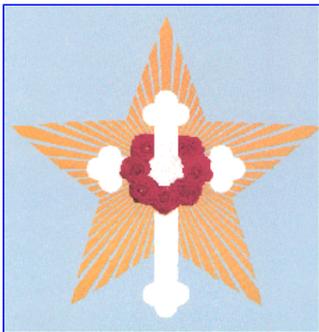
So—Saturn in a natal horoscope is the instinctive or subconscious father-picture—one aspect of the security urge which is the consciousness of the ever-protectiveness of Father-Mother God. The Capricorn Mandala has the "Love-matrix" Leo on the eighth cusp. Spiritualized fatherhood is sexual expression raised to

the octave of love-consciousness. It is not a "hit-or-miss" expression—it is spiritually inspired, spiritually planned, spiritually and beautifully expressed as a releasement of solar power. (Esoteric instruction tells this over and over.) The spiritual exercise of planned (Self-directed) fatherhood synchronizes perfectly with the essences of the eighth house, the sign Leo and the power of Saturn as a charging of generative experience, by the male, with the utmost resource of Love-Power.

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