

READERS' QUESTIONS

Etheric Footprints, Power of the Square, Recognition in the Desire World

QUESTION: SINCE THE DEATH of our fox terrier we have found paw marks on the coverlet of the bed on which it was accustomed to lie, also a depression as though a small body had lain there. Is it possible that these marks were made by the astral or desire body of the dog?

Answer: No, but it is possible that they were made by the etheric body of the dog, provided its desire for reunion with its master was strong enough to cause partial materialization. Animals frequently remain for a short time near a beloved master or mistress after the death of their physical body. If the owner is a "sensitive," frequently he is conscious the fact that the animal is still with him. After death the animal remains in the lower strata of the Desire World, where first it incorporates into its spirit the essence of its past Earth's experiences and then becomes absorbed for the time being by its individual Group spirit. The Group Spirit profits by the animal's Earth experiences, and then sends it back to be born again on Earth.

POWER OF THE SQUARE

Question: Why is the square greater than that of the trine, and will you please define the opposition?

Answer: The astrological square is correlated to the cross, and the cross is the symbol of man's evolution in this Day of Manifestation. Man rises by virtue of the cross, on which he crucifies the lower nature in order that it may become a serviceable instrument for the use of the Higher Self. The cross, or the square, represents the form which is best adapted to promote the evolution of mankind. Therefore, the square contains more power which

man can utilize than does the trine or sextile. On the other hand, only a few of the more advanced Egos have attained to where they can control the great power that is contained in the square, and therefore it more often than otherwise upsets them and produces inharmony. At the present time man gets easier conditions and more agreeable results from the trine than he does from the square, but this condition will be changed as he advances in evolution. The opposition is an incomplete square and thus contains less power than does the square because there are only two opposing signs brought into play, whereas the square brings in four.

RECOGNITION IN THE DESIRE WORLD

Question: If it is possible to change one's looks in the Desire World, does not that interfere with the recognition of friends and relations who have already passed into the Great Beyond?

Answer: No, actually it would not. A Spirit may change its appearance completely in the Desire World, may allow its form to blend with forms of other Spirits, and it may even permeate a physical body if it so desires, and still retain its individuality and be recognized by someone previously known on the Earth plane. The reason this is possible is that each Spirit vibrates to a particular keynote which is all its own and different from that of all others. In the spirit worlds it is the keynote of the Spirit and not the form that distinguishes each being from another one. Therefore any change in outward appearance in no way prevents the positive recognition of people by those who have known them before they were bereft of their physical bodies. □