

desires and the beginning of the WILL. The man who seeks to conquer himself gains through his *iron* will his first real powers by the qualities concealed in the sign Scorpio. The outer senses of the physical body then lead to the inner senses connected with the emotional soul, and it is these inner senses that become the quickener of the birth of the spiritual. If a man turns his force of passion into devotion, he realises all that love and wisdom can bring him through those qualities symbolised by the sign Sagittarius, the sign of the higher mind, of philosophy and religion; although mystically it is the sign of surrender to the Deva or Angel, the Guru or Master.

Our past training as well as our temperament will decide the form the devotion shall take, but should we choose the line of action or service, we shall find our life work through the sign Capricorn, the sign of action and service.

This is the true exaltation of Mars, the purification of the red ray, the living fire of life, the turning of emotion into purpose. This is the true culmination of Mars, the realisation of Duty, action not for self, but in service to others which means sacrifice.

The maturity of the desire nature is the desire for service; it does not come until there has been a conquest of the senses, or until the living fire of life is turned inward and has drawn up the living waters of the vital fluids by the

process of regeneration. Not until this is achieved can desire be changed into will, or love turned into devotion, and ordinary selfish actions into skill in action, which is Service. As we have seen, the limit of Mars for the Youthful Soul (or the normal man), is the sign Scorpio the full-measure sign Scorpio. The limit for the Devotee is the sign of the Archer, Sagittarius, who is symbolised as shooting an arrow from his bow;—most wonderful symbology, so simple to the initiated and yet so mysterious to the unenlightened, to whom the words Kundalini, Regeneration, and the Divine Fool are but mere words without meaning. The extreme limit of the martial ray for the Man of Action is universal service and the realisation of all that which is symbolised by the culmination and the exaltation of Mars in Capricorn.

The normal expression of the red ray of Mars, as we have seen is from the signs Aries to Scorpio, from the physical brain to the organs of generation, or from the bright clear rose-pink colour of Aries to the deeper and denser shades of passionate red in the sign Scorpio. The red ray of Mars undergoes many changes as it progresses through the first eight signs of the zodiac, but it is finally absorbed into the green ray of Saturn in the sign Capricorn. Red and green are complementary colours, therefore it should surprise no one to know that MARS as representative of the *red ray* is exalted

in Capricorn, the house of SATURN, which represents the *green ray*.¹

We have been tracing the planet Mars from its rising influence in the material world, through the material sciences, to that of moral science, the *Many Lives* ultimate goal for the martial ray, showing the curve of that ray through generation to regeneration.

But we must not imagine that this force can be transmuted in one single earth life, nor that the influence of Mars can work wonders in us without being subject to many aspects that will tempt us to use its powerful force for selfish purposes. We have said that the red ray of Mars may be expressed in the three deadly sins, anger, lust and greed; anger through an uncontrolled Aries; lust through an uncontrolled Scorpio; and greed through an uncontrolled Capricorn influence. Our great financiers and multi-millionaires are fairly representative Mars-in-Capricorn men, for Capricorn is the apex sign of the earthy triplicity of signs, governing avocation, wealth, and labour,—tenth,

¹ By the words "finally absorbed," in the above paragraph, it is not intended to convey the idea that the red ray is annihilated, for none of the colours are destroyed or *wholly* absorbed, but blended with or refined or 'tempered' by combination with others; in this case the red ray of the animal soul is rationalised by the mind. Perhaps something of the idea may be gathered by considering the way in which an artist will, as it were, harmonise a patch of bright red in a landscape by balancing it with a suitable background of green: the red has lost nothing, the whole has greatly gained.

second, and sixth houses. The keen business enterprise, mechanical ingenuity, and combative $\♂$ - $\♁$ Men nature of Mars working through the selfish man stimulates the vice of greed. Mars as a culminating influence gives much power and fosters self-assertiveness and combativeness, and a shrewd business man under the influence of Mars (especially if in Capricorn) is much keener and more alert in competition than those under any other influence, and can be more ambitious than the Mars man taken alone. Mars is exalted in an earthy sign and so gives lordship over the earth, the physical body, and over the cross of matter. Through combat, struggle, and competition strength is gained for the individuality. When unregenerate and still bound by conventions and personal restrictions, the influence of Mars in the sign Sagittarius can produce a great amount of self-righteousness, and this is the danger that all who make attainments and fail to reach the true goal have to face. The self-righteous man is the one who has individualised himself too soon, or before he has recognised that there are others seeking salvation beside himself.

We must now turn to that other motion which, as we have seen, carries the planets from the ascendant to the midheaven; but before we deal with Mars Crucifixion alone it must be noted that the Sun's ray in relation to the cross of the earth has always been a symbol of the great Crucifixion, the great Sacrifice, as portrayed in the story of the birth, life, and

death of the Saviour, the true Son of God. We do but trace in our smaller rays the history of that one great spirit, of whom we are but a minor ray. We were made in the image of God, and we are destined through our little sacrifices to become like unto Him, our Divine Prototype.

Beyond the sign Capricorn there are two mysterious signs of the zodiac, Aquarius and Pisces, believed by

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the deeper students of Astrology to be governed by Uranus and Neptune. Now these signs correspond to the eleventh and twelfth houses of the horoscope, and when the Sun rises it is carried by the revolution of the earth through the twelfth and eleventh houses to the cusp of the tenth, or midheaven, traversing three houses from sunrise to noon. These two houses, the twelfth and the eleventh, are what may be termed unknown quantities, and figuratively speaking we may consider this space between the ascendant and the midheaven as representing our freedom of choice, or what is commonly termed free will, while the signs of the zodiac from Aries to Capricorn represent our fate or destiny; (which, let us remember, is ultimately to realise perfection). We must carefully note what may be termed the speculative or theoretical nature of these houses in order to grasp any real idea of their importance, so far as our freedom of choice is concerned; for the purpose of association of ideas only, we will consider the signs Pisces and Aquarius as representative of the twelfth and eleventh houses.

The Twelfth House is said to be the house of self-undoing, which in its highest interpretation means sacrifice, or the yielding of the personal self to the higher self; and in this sense we understand the exaltation of the planet Venus in the sign Pisces. In the world's horoscope Pisces represents the Universal Solvent, and as such is associated with a peculiar phase of the life of Jesus Christ, Whose disciples were fishermen; (compare also the story of His walking on the water, etc.). In its lowest expression it is the most unfortunate and sorrowful house, signifying derelicts, wastrels, work-houses, hospitals, prisons, etc., etc., and has been termed the "dust-bin" of humanity. It is thus the house of self-undoing in two extremes, the highest and the lowest, the occult and the material. Without applying the words too literally it may be said to be the house of preparation, preparatory to initiation, salvation or liberation; and mark well, it is the house of silent and profound emotions, the most paradoxical and dual of all the houses. It is indeed the house of mystery, for although like Pandora's box, hope remains, over its threshold is written, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." It contains a riddle which the true philosopher alone can solve—the riddle of the sphinx. What is true of the Twelfth House is true also, mutatis mutandis, of the Twelfth Sign, Pisces.

The Eleventh House is the house of unity, the quality

of which is the realisation of the life in others. It is the house of friends. We cannot go very deeply into this house at present, so must pass on to the tenth house, which is the house of Duty.

The Tenth House denotes avocation, merit, honour, and responsibility, summed up in the word Dharma or Duty. The three houses xii xi x may be considered as open fields for the display of initiative, or the exercise of whatever freedom of choice the personal ego may possess.

Collectively these three houses are the field of enormous possibilities, as they represent the quarter of the heavens (so far as the house-space of a horoscope is concerned) where the greatest expansion may be obtained, or the opportunity for the fullest exercise of free will. For the planet Mars, and the emotional soul, which this planet symbolises, it is the path of the green ray through space as against that of the red ray through the signs of the zodiac. Time, and eternity.

This should not require much further elaboration, especially when we remember that they are the electric and most positive of the twelve houses; but for those who can appreciate the value of symbolism the movement of the earth against the signs is typical of the struggle of the human soul against matter. In that very

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instructive little book, "The Pathway of the Soul," we find an excellent explanation of the sign Capricorn through the Nidâna Bhava, meaning the Southern Gate through which the souls ascend to the Gods. It also signifies the "becoming" or "giving birth."

Mars in Capricorn literally means the organisation of the senses, and their definition with regard to the inner powers in man. Now the struggles await-

The Struggle ing every man under the influence of Mars begin when there is a conflict of duties, when sense attractions are giving way to reflection and reason. In the pursuit of pleasure there is likely to be less thought of the moral effects, because a man is ruled by the senses. The first real difficulty begins when we commence to reason on our sensations; from that time onward the moral sense is more and more defined; it is the beginning of the period when man seeks to rule his stars and not merely to obey them. Putting two and two together, and noting the influence of Mars through the signs in terms of time and space, we can catch a glimpse of the meaning of the Self and its relation to Karma or Fate. To the emotional soul, under the influence of Mars, Saturn is always fate or Karma, or what the Arabian astrologer terms Kismet. "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther," is equivalent to saying that Saturn defines everything by becoming the boundary or the limit, and to no other planet's influence is Saturn more painful than to that of Mars and the emotional

soul. It is the fuel of desire that carries everyone to the top of the Capricorn mountain, but it is Saturn who defines all that may be seen from that height.

As in the case of individuals, so is it with nations. Nations rise and reach their age of maturity, and in dealing with national consciousness we are only extending our study of the maturing individual. Nations are ambitious as well as individuals, for they are composed of individuals. These individuals are at various grades of evolution, from the lowest to the highest; but the majority, forming as it were the body of the nation, will on the whole be the less advanced. For each nation, therefore, it may be said that there is a "normal type" representing this body.

The idea that monarchs are representative men, symbolising the normal stage of evolution at which a nation has arrived, at the time when that particular monarch rules, has recently been questioned, therefore it will be advisable to elaborate the idea a little more fully. In all nations there are what may be termed representative men in all the varied departments of life, such as art, literature, music, science, etc. At one period there is an influx of philosophers, at another of religious thinkers or scientists and so on; showing that there are seasons for the birth of strong men who have usually a strong sub-influence of a particular planetary ray in their horoscopes. We

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have not the time, however, to follow these, as we are now engaged in a study of the planet Mars as the War Lord; and we should expect to find the influence of Mars more pronounced now than at ordinary times. We know from our studies that Mars is now the predominating influence on all sides, and with a view to discovering the inner meaning of all that is going on in the world at the present time, let us examine the predominating influence so far as Great Britain is concerned.

At the time of the Crimean War, the War Lord Mars was in the sign LEO, and ended in a victory for the British Lion. It was also in the sign LEO at the time of the Boer War when the Lion was again victorious. At the time when the National Horoscope¹ coincided with the present War, during the summer quarter, the planet Mars was rising in conjunction with the Martial Fixed Star *Regulus* in the sign LEO; also at the great eclipse of the Sun in LEO the Sun was on the place of the star *Regulus*, which acted as a very exciting influence on the National Horoscope. Is it another 'coincidence' that our British King should have his ruling planet Mars in the sign LEO at birth?—for at the time of the War (4/8/'14) we may note that the Sun had just passed over the place of Mars in the sign LEO in the nativity of King George.

¹ (The term is here applied to a horoscope for the moment of the Sun's entry into a Cardinal Sign: the map referred to is No. 5 at end of book.)

We may learn a great lesson, if we will, from the influence of MARS in the sign LEO so far as it affects our national self-consciousness.

The sign Aries is the first of the Fiery Triplicity, and is closely related to the mental states of consciousness.

Leo rules the second decanate of the sign Aries, and this sign Leo represents mental self-consciousness. Britain is awakening to her mentally self-conscious state; and King George's horoscope, which has Aries on the ascendant and Mars its ruler in the sign Leo, represents that state.

The idea that monarchs are representative men must have been in the mind of Shakespeare when in *Julius Cæsar*, Act I., Scene 2, he makes Cassius say:

Men at some time are masters of their fates :
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves that we are underlings ;

while to the Kaiser's horoscope we may apply the words from *Hamlet*, Act I., Scene 1,

As stars with trains of fire, and dews of blood,
Disasters in the sun ; and the moist star,
Upon whose influence Neptune's empire stands,
Was sick almost to doomsday with eclipse.

The German Empire and the Kaiser's horoscope stand upon the influence of Neptune, and both will be

'sick almost to doomsday' through the great eclipse. That monarchs are representative men we may judge from the sayings of the Kaiser:—

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There is only one Master in this country ; I am he, and I will not tolerate another.

There is only one law—my law ; the law which I myself lay down.

while that the Kaiser has identified himself with his Empire is clear from the following :

We are the salt of the earth, we must show ourselves worthy of our destiny. Our young men must learn to make sacrifices, to give up things that are not good for them, to reject the outside influences of other nations, and to cultivate good manners, discipline, order and respect for religion.

Here we have in a nutshell the idea we have been studying of the free will shown in the space-division

Accidental Dignity between the cusps of the first and tenth houses. In the Kaiser's horoscope Mars is in the sign Pisces, the sign of self-undoing, and in the tenth house ; Mars is here 'accidentally' *but not 'essentially'* dignified.¹ The destiny of the German Empire is foreshadowed in the sign Pisces and the midheaven. Admit that the Kaiser is the oracle or the representative of the German nation, and the future of the Empire is known through Astrology.

Neptune conjunction Mars is the strongest influence in the Kaiser's nativity. It stands for Pan-Germanism and the attempt to found a German World-

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Empire on the avowed principle that
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¹ (See p. 26 for explanation of these terms.)