

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Capricorn

Aries Turns Towards Capricorn (EA 332)

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Capricorn
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Goat, the Unicorn
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let ambition rule and the door stand wide.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The Light of Initiation
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Earth Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Cardinal Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R1, R3 and R7 constellationally
8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Aries transmits R6, R4 and R7 through Mars, Mercury and Uranus—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.		8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively) Capricorn transmits R3 and R5 through Saturn and Venus—its two planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: green
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number V (manifested). Human Personality, the Crocodiles, Makara—the Mystery
11. Associated with the inaugural <i>first</i> , the blinding, surmounting <i>third</i> , the revelatory <i>fifth</i> and the resurrecting <i>seventh</i> initiations, but especially with the <i>third</i> (EA 388-389) and <i>seventh</i> (EA 304) initiations—transfiguration and resurrection. The exalted Sun in Aries can be understood as relating to each of these initiations.		11. Associated with the first <i>five</i> initiations: the soul/Self-revealing, soul-law-imposing, Christ-birthing <i>first</i> ; the emotion-controlling, ‘uncapsized’, ‘water-crossing’ <i>second</i> ; the soul-illuminated, personality-transfiguring, three-aspect-synthesizing <i>third</i> ; the isolation-inducing, world-renouncing <i>fourth</i> ; and the supernally-lighted, mountain-peak-revelatory <i>fifth</i> . Saturn (ruling Capricorn) does not follow a man onto the Cardinal Cross.

<p>12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown center</i> and the <i>ajna center</i>—considered as the center of personality direction. Also influencing the impulsive <i>solar plexus</i> and the propagative center of sexuality—the <i>sacral center</i>, in relation to which, the opposites are brought together. The fertility of the Ram suggests the sacral association. Some connection with the based of the spine center is also possible, as Mars and Mercury (Aries’ first two rulers) rule kundalini “latent” and “in intelligent activity” respectively. Its hierarchical ruler, Uranus, transmits the seventh ray and is, thus, numerically <i>related</i> to this <i>seventh</i> (lowest) center.</p>		<p>12. Capricorn can be reasonably associated with the clear-seeing, forcefully-penetrating, powerfully directing <i>ajna</i> and <i>brow centers</i>, and the ‘<i>dominating</i>’, all-controlling <i>crown center</i>. Capricorn must be connected to the magically materializing <i>throat</i> and <i>sacral centres</i> via the third and seventh rays (resonant to both centers). The humility-inducing <i>centers at the knees</i> are also indicated. Also associated with Capricorn are the central “<i>jewels</i>” in all the chakras.</p>
<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the Monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aries impels the Monad forth upon its aeonial pilgrimage. The sense of <i>pure selfhood</i> which characterizes monadic awareness is enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows the Monad with its inherent <i>omnipotence</i> relative to the human energy system.</p>		<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Capricorn causes the monad (even in immersion) to be guided by Shamballic and Logoic <i>Law</i>. There are lines which the monad may not cross as it ‘<i>super-vises</i>’ its own Self-extension. It <i>must</i> leave its <i>fragment</i> ‘free within limits’; free-will (of a relative kind) must not be violated. The initiatory power, flowing through monad from Capricorn, endows the monad-in-extension with the power to face every obstacle and re-ascend to its source. This re-ascend is <i>initiation</i>.</p>
<p>14. Within the Triad—associated principally with <i>atma</i>, the spiritual will as it reflects divine will and law. Aries is also associated with the birth of ideas in <i>buddhi</i> (or at least their <i>reception</i> from the buddhic realm) and also with their abstract formulation within the sphere of higher <i>manas</i>.</p>		<p>14. Within the spiritual triad—Capricorn is most associated with <i>atma</i> (first triadal aspect) and <i>higher manas</i> (third triadal aspect). Capricorn transmits the first ray which relates it to the will and law emanating from the atmic plane. Capricorn transmits the third ray, as well, which relates it not only to <i>higher manas</i> but, again, to <i>atma</i>, for the atmic plane is the <i>third</i> systemic plane, and is a plane of both law/will and <i>mind</i>—the <i>atmic mind</i>—God’s mind as directly expressive of God’s will/law. Capricorn is less related to <i>buddhi</i>, though it is the sign admitting (via hierarchical Venus) into the buddhic dimension known as Hierarchy.</p>

<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aries governs the persistent will-to-incarnate “Let form again be sought”, and the first impulses (emanating from the plane of mind) towards descent onto the physical plane. “<i>Aries</i>—is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.) (EA 302)</p>		<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Capricorn can be understood as the will of the Solar Angel to <i>master</i> its personality, through total soul-infusion leading to transfiguration and subsequent crucifixion. Karmic confrontation with residual darkness is enforced from ‘above’, and the power to transcend matter bestowed. The <i>will</i> aspect of the Solar Angel is strongly asserted, leaving the responsive personality no choice but <i>elevation</i>. (cf. EP II 174)</p>
<p>16. Within the Personality—Aries can be identified with the <i>ruling</i> and <i>assertive</i> qualities of the mental nature; with the <i>impulses</i> and <i>passions</i> of the astral nature; with the forceful but <i>irregular vigor</i> of the etheric nature; and, generally, with the <i>muscular strength</i> of the dense physical nature. Aries is especially related to the lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>		<p>16. Within the Personality—Capricorn can be identified with the <i>concretizing, regulatory</i> and <i>disciplining</i> processes of the lower mental nature; with processes which <i>focus, control</i> and <i>deepen</i> the astral nature; with <i>organizational</i> and <i>co-ordinative</i> processes within the etheric vehicle; and the with <i>maintenance</i> and <i>survival</i> of the dense physical vehicle—of which Capricorn represents the <i>density</i>. (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>
<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Conception</p>		<p>17. Stage of Meditative Consciousness: Initiation</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>		<p>18. The Crisis of Initiation characterized by the quality of Expansion.</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Capricorn
<p>1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>first</i> or <i>will</i> aspect of divinity. “Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect.” (EA 194) Some <i>third</i> aspect may enter in relation to activity and, depending upon whether the seventh ray is interpreted in terms of the <i>first</i> or <i>third</i> rays.</p>		<p>1. Expressive primarily of the <i>first</i> and <i>third</i> aspects of divinity. “CAPRICORN. This is the constellation by means of which comes the conquering will which releases from form life and initiates the man into the kingdom wherein the will aspect (not the soul aspect) of divinity expresses itself.” (EA 620) Capricorn is the major transmitter of the seventh ray which is related to the <i>first</i> aspect. “The seventh ray is, in the last analysis, the focussed differentiated energy of Ray One as it expresses the will of the first aspect of divinity on earth...” (EA 138) “...the third and fifth rays work pre-eminently through this sign, embodying the third major aspect of divinity, active intelligence plus that of its subsidiary power, the fifth Ray of Mind.” (EA 164)</p>

<p>2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Great Bear: “Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear, but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers;...” (EA 195) “The Great Bear—Aries—Pluto—Shamballa.” (EA 416) “Aries—Libra—The Sun (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focussing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation.” (EA 466) “Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name ‘Pointer’ in common parlance. This Pointer is a ‘major star of direction’ because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis.” (EA 482)</p>		<p>2. Related cosmically to the Pleiades. “... from these three (The Pleiades, Capricorn, Mercury. A.A.B.) Man takes a nature which is his today. Son of the Mother, born from the tomb and showing after birth the light which he has taken from them all.” (EA 433, also 427-428) Capricorn is necessarily related to the Great Bear because, like Aries, and Leo, it transmits the first ray. (cf. EA 417) Capricorn, the “great sign of initiation” (EA 173) is almost certainly related to Sirius, “the great star of initiation.” (EA 197) Venus completes a triangle.</p>
<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Aries: a) Cassiopeia—the Enthroned Queen; b) Cetus—the Sea Monster; c) Perseus—the One Who Subdues (cf. LOH 35-36)</p>		<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Capricorn: a) Sagitta—the Arrow; b) Aquila—the Eagle; c) Delphinus—the Dolphin (LOH 175-176)</p>

Relationships Between Three Levels of Planetary Rulers and Planets in Exaltation, Fall and Detriment

<p>1. Mars is the exoteric ruler of Aries</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Mars is exalted in Capricorn.</p>
<p>2. Saturn falls in Aries.</p>		<p>2. Saturn is the exoteric and esoteric ruler of Capricorn.</p>
<p>3. Venus is in detriment in Aries.</p>		<p>3. Venus is the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn.</p>

Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

<p>Aries</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>Capricorn</p>
<p>1. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally. Aries is also the <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on both the reversed and clockwise wheels, and on the wheel which numbers the signs by polarity (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) All this reinforces the association of Aries with the <i>first</i> ray.</p>		<p>1. Capricorn transmits the <i>first</i> ray, constellationally. Capricorn is also the <i>tenth</i> sign on the reversed wheel, hence numerologically associated with the number <i>one</i> and, by numerical affinity, with the <i>first</i> ray. Saturn, the exoteric and esoteric ruler, is a strong transmitter of the <i>first</i> ray. (EA 450, 621). Mars, exalted in Capricorn, teaches “those whose work lies along the lines of the destroyer”, hence must transmit the <i>first</i> ray. (TCF 1179)</p>

<p>2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.</p>		<p>2. Capricorn transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally with especial power. Saturn has strong <i>seventh</i> ray associations through that fact that it is the “logoiic physical permanent atom” in relation to the cosmic physical plane (TCF 406), hence strongly involved in the <i>manifestation</i> of the cosmic physical plane. As well, Vulcan is powerful in Capricorn (third decanate) and can be associated with the <i>seventh</i> ray.</p>
<p>3. Counting from Pisces clockwise, Aries becomes the <i>twelfth</i> sign, and is thus, by numerological addition, numerically resonant with the number <i>three</i> and with the <i>third</i> ray. “Let form again be sought.” Aries plunges into the material world at the outset of every new cycle.</p>		<p>3. Capricorn transmits the <i>third</i> ray, constellationally. In addition, Capricorn is the <i>third</i> sign of the zodiac on the clockwise wheel, beginning numbering with Pisces. This numerical fact reinforces the relationship of Capricorn to the <i>third</i> ray. Saturn is the exoteric and hierarchical ruler of Capricorn and transmits the <i>third</i> ray monadically (EPI 421), and, probably, through its soul. Mars, exalted in Capricorn, participates as the astral body in the constitution of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity (EPII 99).</p>
<p>4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>		<p>4. Venus, the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray, probably monadically. (EA 595). Mars (exalted in Capricorn) transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray</p>
<p>5. Mars also transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because its “School” trains “those whose work is along the lines of the destroyer.” (TCF 1179). It is the <i>first</i> ray which is the Ray of the Destroyer.</p>		<p>5. See #1 above.</p>
<p>6. Mars manifests as the astral body of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity and, hence, is aligned with the transmission of the <i>third</i> ray. The physical body of Mars must be more the third than seventh ray. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>6. See #3 above.</p>

<p>7. Mars is closely associated with the <i>fifth</i> ray, because it governs the five senses and rules science. (EA 215)</p>		<p>7. Capricorn may, in some subtle matter, transmit the <i>fifth</i> ray (independently of its hierarchical ruler Venus). Ray 5.—Concrete Knowledge or Science, under the influence of Capricorn, focussed through Venus, which will enable the man to take initiation.” (EA 357) Also, “Capricorn is an earth sign and because the third and fifth rays work pre-eminently through this sign, embodying the third major aspect of divinity, active intelligence plus that of its subsidiary power, the <i>fifth</i> Ray of Mind. These pour through Capricorn to Saturn and to Venus and so reach our planet, the Earth.” (EA 164) Note the word, “through.” Venus, of course, is the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn, and transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray. Saturn is associated with the concrete mind (concretion pertains to the <i>fifth</i> ray). Mars, exalted in Capricorn, rules “science” and the “five senses) (EA 215) and, therefore, is related to the fifth ray, transmitting it, conceivably, through its monad.</p>
<p>8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.</p>		<p>8. Capricorn is the <i>fourth</i> sign of the zodiac on the clock-wise wheel (beginning numbering with Aries)—hence, resonant with the <i>fourth</i> ray (especially through its rulership over ‘for-<i>m</i>’ and establishment). Venus, the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn, may have some higher <i>fourth</i> ray associations—harmony and beauty. Mars (exalted in Capricorn) is a major planet of conflict, so it is difficult not to think that Mars has some strong fourth ray association—perhaps <i>within</i> its personality vehicles. “The theme of that ray is ‘Harmony through Conflict’ and it is the lower aspect of the ray energy, producing conflict which has hitherto controlled, and is climaxing now through the impetus of the new incoming Shamballa force.” (EA 328)</p>
<p>9. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, has a strong affinity with <i>third</i> ray, just as has the Moon. (cf. EA 280). Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity</p>		<p>9. See #3 above.</p>
<p>10. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, possibly transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray monadically (as Lord of Manas). Further, Mercury rules the <i>fifth</i> race and is connected with the <i>fifth</i> scheme and the <i>fifth</i> round. “The fifth race is born under Mercury. (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (SD II. 32., EA 663)</p>		<p>10. See #7 above.</p>
<p>11. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray, probably as its soul ray.</p>		<p>11. See #2 above.</p>
<p>12. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, the <i>first</i> sign, transmits the <i>first</i> ray “esoterically”, i.e., monadically. (EPI 421)</p>		<p>12. See #1 above.</p>

13. . Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, is closely connected to the <i>third</i> ray which it probably transmits as the personality ray. (cf. EA 200, 238)		13. See#3 above.
14. Uranus stands for “exoteric science” which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)		14. See#7 above.
15. Uranus stands in a line of transmission along the second ray from Sirius and Pisces. Further, Uranus participates, probably as the mental body, in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity. (EPII 99)		15. Venus, the hierarchial ruler of Capricorn, is “pure love-wisdom”, and hence, transmits the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 281)
16. The Sun, exalted in Aries, is the veiling transmitter of the <i>second</i> ray, and, as a star, transmits the <i>second</i> ray in its own right (through its personality and its soul). Its <i>primary</i> or <i>major</i> monadic ray may also be the second.		16. See #15 above.
17. Vulcan often substitutes for the Sun, and the Sun is exalted in Aries. Vulcan is related to the “heart of the sun”, and hence, in some mysterious way, to the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 393)		17. See #15 above.

General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

Aries	In Comparison With	Capricorn
1. Sanat Kumara as the “Eternal Youth”		1. Sanat Kumara as the “Ancient of Days”
2. Life		2. Death
3. “God” (FOP)		3. The “Devil” (FOP)
4. Spirit		4. Matter
5. The Lord of Shamballa		5. The “One Initiator”
6. The Scapegoat		6. The Unicorn
7. The Mountain Sheep		7. The Mountain Goat
8. Thus, the separation of “the sheep”		8. ...from “the goats”
9. Shamballa: “Aries opens the door into Shamballa, when the experience of Taurus and Capricorn has been undergone.” (EA 157)		9. Hierarchy: “Capricorn opens the door into the Hierarchy in a higher aspect when the last three initiations can be undergone and the significance of Scorpio and of Virgo is understood.” (EA 157)
10. Shamballa (EA 156)		10. Humanity (EA 156)
11. “Aries: Beginning—Creation—Evolution” (EA 247)		11. “Capricorn: Synthesis—Initiation—Attainment” (EA 247)
12. Birth in Aries: “ <i>Aries</i> , the ‘birthplace of divine Ideas,’ whether these ideas are souls brought into incarnation and controlled by Mars until they reach the point of reorientation and become sensitive to the influence of Mercury, or whether they are the birth of the ideas of God in the form of the hierarchical plans to which the initiate becomes sensitive.” (EA 102)		12. Birth in Capricorn: “ <i>Capricorn</i> , the ‘birthplace of the Christ,’ the place of the ‘second birth’ and the scene for the emergence of the fifth kingdom in nature when the right time comes. In this sign, the initiate comes into a spiritual awareness which demonstrates later in Aquarius and in Pisces as man, the world worker, and man, the world saviour—both of them with a universal mission.” (EA 102)

<p>13. Horn Symbolism in Aries: Aries, the downturned horns of the ram, signifying the coming into manifestation, the involuntary cycle and the experience of the Cardinal Cross as it expresses the Will-to-manifest of God.” (EA 154) “...the horns of strife” (EA 154)</p>		<p>13. Horn Symbolism in Capricorn: “... Capricorn, the Goat, related particularly and closely to Aries, but hiding (as an esoteric blind) the symbolism of the Unicorn in which the two horns and the single eye are blended and depicted by the long straight horn of the unicorn in the centre of the forehead.” (EA 154) “...the horn of life” (EA 154)</p>
<p>14. Aries—<i>Creation</i>: “Cosmically...the activity of Deity when spirit and matter are brought into a definite relationship and, under divine purpose, produce that fusion of living energies which will be adequately potent in time and space to bring that purpose to its desired consummation. This is Creation, or Aries in activity.” (EA 239)</p>		<p>14. Capricorn—<i>Initiation</i>: “the processes of initiation wherein, step by step and stage by stage, under law and through the method of gained experience whilst in manifestation, the creative plan is realised in consciousness. The unfoldment of the plan is thus carried forward through a progressed series of beginnings, of manifestations, and of consummations—all relative in nature but leading to an absolute consummation. This is Initiation, or activity in Capricorn.” (EA 240)</p>
<p>15. The Evolutionary Process in Relation to Creation in Aries upon the Cardinal Cross: “Then he becomes a cooperator in the great creative process and purpose. He begins to create his own body of expression upon the Cardinal Cross and the impulse of Aries begins to appear to him. As yet he understands it not.” (EA 240)</p>		<p>15. The Evolutionary Process in Relation to Initiation in Capricorn upon the Cardinal Cross: “When he has done all this, he discovers himself ready to enter into new and deeper experiments (should I call them experiences?) and as a participator in the divine plan and as a cooperator in the divine purpose, he then becomes his own <i>initiator</i> and is thus ready to take initiation.” (EA 240-241)</p>
<p>16. Where the Ram Leads: “The Ram leads us into the creative life of Earth and into the darkness of matter. This is the blue of midnight.” (EA 157)</p>		<p>16. Where the Goat Leads: “The Goat leads us into arid ways in search of food and water. This is the ‘need for green,’ but the Goat is equal also to climbing to the mountain top.” (EA 157)</p>
<p>17. What the Ram Becomes: “Eventually the Ram becomes the Scapegoat and the will of God in love and salvage is demonstrated.” (EA 157)</p>		<p>17. What the Goat Becomes: “The Goat becomes the Unicorn, and leads to victory. The Crocodile, the Goat and the Unicorn depict three stages of man’s unfoldment.” (EA 157)</p>
<p>18. Aries—within the First Ray Triangle Aries-Leo-Capricorn as related to the Great Life Who employs it: “Aries, the Initiator.” (EA 621)</p>		<p>18. Capricorn--within the First Ray Triangle Aries-Leo-Capricorn as related to the Great Life Who employs it: “Capricorn, the transfiguring Agent.” (EA 621)</p>
<p>19. Aries—within the First Ray Triangle, Aries-Leo-Capricorn, from the angle of human relations: “Aries, the incentive towards a new beginning.” (EA 621)</p>		<p>19. Capricorn—within the First Ray Triangle, Aries-Leo-Capricorn, from the angle of human relations: “Capricorn, the sign wherein initiation can be taken.” (EA 621)</p>
<p>20. The Door Opened by Aries: “<i>Aries</i> opens the door into Shamballa, when the experience of <i>Taurus</i> and <i>Capricorn</i> has been undergone.” (EA 157)</p>		<p>20. The Door Opened by Capricorn: “<i>Capricorn</i> opens the door into the Hierarchy in a higher aspect when the last three initiations can be undergone and the significance of <i>Scorpio</i> and of <i>Virgo</i> is understood.” (EA 157)</p>
<p>21. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: “Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction.” (EA 332)</p>		<p>21. Capricorn—for the Undeveloped Man: “The earthbound soul.” (EA 333)</p>
<p>22. Aries—for the Advanced Man: “Directed personality effort. Desire.” (EA 332)</p>		<p>22. Capricorn—for the Advanced Man: “The one who crosses the water. Fluid.” (EA 333)</p>
<p>23. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: “Recognition and work with the Plan. Will.” (EA 332)</p>		<p>23. Capricorn—for the Disciple/Initiate: “The Conqueror of death. Initiated.” (EA 333)</p>

24. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aries: When the Sun is in Aries, an individual may cultivate response to the will of the soul and, even, to the influence of the monad. He should undertake initiatives under the direction of the spiritual factors within his nature.		24. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Capricorn: When the Sun is in Capricorn, an individual may cultivate achievement and mastery over all that opposes that achievement with respect to a selected task.
25. The Life of the Christ from an Aretian Perspective: "Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the 'age of Love' which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically) the present world cleavage." (EA 567)		25. The Life of the Christ from a Capricornian Perspective: "This sign marks the point of concretion and of crystallisation which results eventually in the death of the form. This we see happening today. In His triumph over death and in His resurrection into life, Christ indicated the deep mystery of Capricorn." (EA 567)
26. Rules the primacy of <i>self</i> on all levels		26. Governs the restrictions to that <i>self</i> on all levels
27. Rules the 'Law of the Self'		27. Governs the enforcement of the Law by the social power structure which seeks to contain and discipline the expression of the self.
28. <i>Birth</i> into <i>spirit</i> (Shamballa)		28. <i>Birth</i> into <i>soul</i> (Hierarchy)
29. The sign of initiation at the end of the age. Aries will "fuse the beginning and the end, blend the opposites and dispel both time and space." (EA 306)		29. The sign of initiation during our present age
30. "The Initiator" (EA 621)		30. "...the transfiguring Agent" (EA 621)
31. Inception		31. The "high point"
32. Emergence		32. "...fulfillment of the visioned goal" (EA 94)
33. The "most ancient initiation." (EA 94)		33. Initiation as release from manifestation
34. The Original Breath: "in Aries the essential substance of manifestation awoke to renewed activity under the impact of divine desire, impelled by the divine Breath, by divine Life or Spirit." (EA 313)		34. Return to the Breath of Spirit: " <i>In Capricorn</i> , the sign of initiation, this basic triplicity begins to return to the earlier state of the 'breath of spirit' but, this time, with full awareness and properly fulfilled organisation, so that form is a perfect expression of the soul and the soul is sensitive and responsive to the pulsations of the One Life, as that Life reveals, through its activity, the perfect will of the Logos.
35. "mental beginnings" (EA 230)		35. Initiation
36. "God's idea" (EA 99)		36. A "concrete plan" (EA 99)
37. The "Word of God" (EA 100)		37. "...the birth of the individual Christ" (EA 100)
38. " <i>Creation</i> " (EA 240)		38. " <i>Initiation</i> " (EA 240)
39. "...vague beginnings",..." the faint emergence of the latent embodied ideas" (EA 102)		39. "Release" (EA 102)
40. "Beginning—Creation—Evolution" (EA 247)		40. "Synthesis—Initiation—Attainment" (EA 247)
41. Resurrection (ASE)		41. Crucifixion on the cross of matter
42. The arrogation of authority		42. Authority bestowed by function or social position

43. Direct spiritual experience		43. The “Bible” (or any bible or religious text) as an authority
44. The limited experience of “the profane”		44. Profundity of revelation in the Light
45. The individual		45. The full social and organizational power structure
46. The new		46. The old; the power of tradition
47. Immaturity		47. Maturity
48. The triumph of the Self—the Spirit		48. The subjugation of the Self, the Spirit
49. Initiative		49. Control, suppression
50. Spontaneity		50. Inhibition
51. Inauguration		51. Arrest
52. Go		52. Stop
53. ‘Leap before you look’		53. “Look before you leap”
54. The Beginning (FOP)		54. The End (FOP). Capricorn is a sign of “periodic arresting” (EA 158)
55. Innocence		55. Calculation
56. Impulse		56. Restraint
57. The “irresistible force”		57. The rigid wall with which that force collides
58. Proceeding by whim—capricious (ESE, MSE)		58. Proceeding by laws, rules and regulations
59. Free		59. “Hide-bound”
60. Infancy		60. Agedness
61. Idealism and ‘ <i>idea-ism</i> ’		61. Practicality
62. The Archetype		62. The <i>condition</i> of the Archetype once immersed in matter
63. Frequent disrespect for matter		63. Profound respect for matter
64. The inventor of history		64. The custodian of history
65. A “law unto itself”—the rebel		65. Constant respect for a higher law
66. Authenticity		66. Functionalism—the playing of a role

Similarities and Points of Cooperation Between the Influences of the Aries and Capricorn

- A. Both Aries and Capricorn are associated with the later stages of evolution. For all their differences there are profound similarities between these two signs.
- B. Both distribute the *first* and *seventh* rays and thus both are signs of power and effectiveness in manifestation. Both are endowed with tremendous initiative and rapidity of action though Aries tends to be more flexible and Capricorn more practical.
- C. Both are keenly involved with the concept of *law*: Aries deriving its sense of law from the primacy of spirit and Capricorn, its sense of law from respect for the Hierarch.
- D. Both are signs of initiation, Capricorn at present rules the initiatory process; Aries, once the Earth has become a truly sacred planet, will rule the initiatory process.
- E. Both signs are definitely connected with Sanat Kumara, Who is at once the “Ancient of Days” (Capricorn) and the “Youth of Endless Summers” (Aries).
- F. Both are among the horned signs. Aries evidences the downward turned horns of the ram and Capricorn the upward turned horns of the goat, and the single horn of the unicorn.
- G. Both signs therefore are associated with the mountain of initiation. Both signs, according to Esoteric Astrology, are especially associated with the *third* initiation, though Capricorn is generically associated with *all* initiations and Aries with some of the highest initiations involving the complete liberation of Spirit from Matter. Because Aries is the sign of *initiative*, it, too, can be associated with *all* initiations.
- H. Both are signs of executive action as can be seen through their distribution of the *third* and *seventh* rays, and both are effective in achieving what they purpose.
- I. Witness also the exoteric rulership of Aries by Mars and the exaltation of the planet Mars in Capricorn. Those born in or under both signs are willing to fight for what they intend, though the natives of Capricorn do so with more discipline and those born in Aries with more abandon. Together they are extremely effective in inaugurating the New Order, the new establishment.
- J. Neither sign is particularly a sign associated with the heart, though Capricorn leads into Hierarchy which is the great heart centre of our planet and Aries, associated as it is with the causal body, strengthens the dominion of that great middle or heart centre over the lunar nature.
- K. In the early days both signs share a powerful selfish ambition and can produce hardening. In the later days, that ambition is turned towards the achievement of spiritual goals and a certain vigorous, Spartan attitude which prevents the softness of the lunar nature from inhibiting the march towards victory.
- L. Both are signs of life and death. Aries is always associated with the life force and Capricorn rules the triumph of the initiate over death, and yet Aries is the sacrificial scapegoat taking the sins of the people upon itself and Capricorn is a sign of periodic arresting wherein in the life forces are confined, crushed, crystallized and therefore mummified.
- M. Yet both are signs of re-birth as well and, therefore, represent the new. Aries gives rebirth into a new cycle and Capricorn re-birth into the kingdom of souls, after which a pure and liberated form of service eventuates.
- N. Both signs are given to regimentation and militarism and share the tendency to enforce the will. Aries is so keen upon its self-will that it forces others to do its bidding. Capricorn is so conditioned by the will of society that it similarly forces others to conform. Both are signs of intense application, rigor and fortitude.
- O. From one perspective both signs govern the entrance into Shamballa and both can be associated with the “Father Aspect” and, hence, are related to the monad. For the monad is the *essential life* governed by Aries and the capstone of the pyramid, the highest Hierarch, governed by Capricorn. Monad as pure

spontaneity comes under the influence

- P. Of both signs it can be said, *the spirit is willing* and little latitude is given to the fact that the flesh may be weak. Therefore the lunar forces have a potent enemy in the energy released through these two initiatory signs of spiritual power. Both are concerned with the distribution of currents of energy. Aries via the blood stream and Aquarius via the circulatory system as well as the system of nadis.