

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Scorpio

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Scorpio
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Scorpion, the Eagle
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: Warrior I am, and from the battle I emerge triumphant.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let Maya flourish and deception rule.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The Light of Day
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Water Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Fixed Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R4 constellationally. Possibly R1 is a subtle constellational transmission.
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) Scorpio transmits R6, R1 and R4 through Mars, Pluto and Mercury—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: crimson, dark red. Black is also important.
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number IX (manifested), the Human Hierarchy, the “Initiates”
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 body-transmuting, appetite-regulating, <i>first</i> initiation; the purifying, emotion-transforming, desire-subduing <i>second</i> initiation; and the mind-transfiguring, personality-conquering <i>third</i> initiation. Scorpio prepares “the disciple for the first, second and third initiations. After the third initiation, its peculiar testing potency is no longer felt.” (EA 199) Even so, the <i>fourth</i> degree is ruled by the <i>fourth</i> ray, and bring buddhi powerfully into the life, as does <i>fourth</i> -ray Scorpio, powerfully resonant to the buddhic plane.

<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. Scorpio is correlated principally to the three sub-diaphragmatic centers, sub-ruled by Mars and Pluto: to the attracting and repelling, desiring, aspiring, <i>solar plexus center</i>; to the instinctually insistent, sexually-unitive <i>sacral center</i>; to the system-empowering, hindrance-destroying, will-impelling center at the <i>base of the spine</i>. Because the <i>ajna center</i> is ruled by fourth ray Mercury (from a point in time near the third initiation and following), and because Mercury is the hierarchical ruler of fourth ray Scorpio, Scorpio can be reasonably associated as an influence upon the drama of contrasting polarities staged in relation to the <i>ajna center</i>.</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 Scorpio is potent indeed, because the entire fourth manifested Creative Hierarchy (the Hierarchy of Human Monads) is ruled by Scorpio. Scorpio guarantees that the monad will not remain <i>trapped</i> in immersion, but will conquer its apparent captor (lower matter), and, thus, achieve its proper function in relation to the buddhic plane as the mediating kingdom between the three higher and three lower manifested Creative Hierarchies.</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. In relation to the spiritual triad—Scorpio (the sign in which that great exemplar of the first ray, Hercules, achieved his triumph) must be understood as having an influence upon the first aspect of the spiritual triad—<i>atma</i>, the spiritual will. Scorpio (<i>esoterically</i> during this world period) may well transmit the <i>first ray</i>. In Scorpio, the threefold Illusion is conquered, and, <i>buddhi</i> (the intuition) is the conqueror. <i>Buddhi</i> rules upon the <i>fourth plane</i>, and Scorpio transmits the <i>fourth ray</i> constellationally. Scorpio seems less related to <i>higher manas</i>, though it is a <i>triple sign</i>.</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—Scorpio can be understood as the <i>will</i> of the Solar Angel to drastically <i>purify</i> its personality, when that personality has, at length, demonstrated its readiness for the process. Under Virgo, the personality has been consistently improved; under Scorpio, the Solar Angel (“a most efficient surgeon”—(DINA I 232)) reveals all obstruction to soul-infusion, and (with the help of its now desperate personality) sees to the removal of such obstruction.</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—Scorpio can be identified with the <i>penetrative</i> and <i>controlling</i> (EA 180) processes of the lower mental nature; with the <i>intensely purgative</i> and <i>emotionally transformational</i> processes of the astral nature; with the general <i>power</i> of the etheric nature (though emotional/mental battles can be <i>devitalizing</i>); and with the <i>fortitude</i>, <i>hardiness</i> and <i>staying-power</i> of the dense physical nature. (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: Illumination. “Scorpio—Illumination—The soul triumphs. Experience in Taurus consummated. Astral glamour dissipated. Soul light pours in. The Path of Discipleship. The Disciple.” (EA 228-229)</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>		<p>18. The Crisis of the Battlefield, characterized by the quality/process of Conflict.</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Scorpio
<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 of the <i>first</i> aspect as it seeks to transmute the <i>third</i> aspect so that the <i>second</i> aspect may emerge —“triumphant”.</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. Cosmically, associated primarily with Sirius. “Scorpio is under the influence or inflowing energy of Sirius. This is the great star of initiation our Hierarchy (an expression of the second aspect of divinity) is under the supervision or spiritual magnetic control of the Hierarchy of Sirius.” (EA 197) Initiation (Sirius) is transformation (Scorpio) “Scorpio is the great constellation which influences the turning point both in the life of humanity and the life of the individual human being. For the first time in the history of both mankind and disciples the energy of Sirius, pouring into the seven groups which form our planetary Hierarchy evokes a response.” (EA 198) “We come now to another triangle, the activity of which produces the manifestation of Hierarchy—the intermediary between Shamballa and Humanity: Scorpio, Sirius and Mars. These, in relation to our Earth, produce the four streams of energy (initiating and transmitting) which lead humanity towards discipleship and initiation.” (EA 483)</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 Scorpio: a) Serpens—the Serpent of Illusion; b) Ophiuchus—the Serpent Handler or Wrestler; c) Hercules—the Sun God/Hero (LOH 153-154)</p>

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

1. Mars is exoteric ruler of Aries.	In Comparison With	1. Mars is exoteric and esoteric ruler of Scorpio.
2. Mercury is esoteric ruler of Aries.		2. Mercury is the hierarchical ruler of Scorpio.
3. Uranus is the hierarchical ruler of Aries.		3. Uranus is exalted in Scorpio.
4. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally		4. Pluto, the special ruler of Scorpio, transmits the <i>first</i> ray, as Scorpio itself may well do—constellationally.

Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

Aries	In Comparison With	Scorpio
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<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. Scorpio (as its close connection with Hercules implies) is strongly related to the <i>first</i> ray as a constellation as a cosmic decanate. (cf. EA 204, 486-487). This <i>first</i> ray association may emerge more definitely in a future world period. Mars, the exoteric and esoteric ruler of Scorpio, transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because the “School” on Mars 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. Pluto, a special ruler in Scorpio, is the “Lord of Death” and transmits the <i>first</i> ray. Uranus, exalted in Scorpio, is the “home of fire electric” and transmits the <i>first</i> ray, almost certainly monadically. (TCF 1154)</p>
<p>2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.</p>		<p>2. Uranus, exalted in Scorpio, transmits 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. Scorpio (like Virgo) is a <i>triple</i> sign, hence related to the third aspect (which it conquers) and to the <i>third</i> ray. Mars participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity (EPII 99); Pluto is related to the <i>third</i> ray through stealth and stratagem; Mercury is strongly related to the <i>third</i> ray and may well transmit it via the personality. (EA 280) Uranus, exalted in Scorpio, expresses the <i>third</i> ray. (EA 138, 200)</p>
<p>4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>		<p>4. Scorpio is the <i>sixth</i> sign of the zodiac on the ordinary (clock-wise) wheel (counting from Aries), and hence has numerical affinity with the <i>sixth</i> ray. Mars, the exoteric and esoteric ruler, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray. Pluto, special ruler, has solar plexus associations (EA 78), hence, <i>sixth</i> ray associations.</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. Scorpio is the <i>fifth</i> sign of the zodiac on the clockwise wheel—numbering from Pisces. This gives Scorpio numerical affinity with the fifth ray. Mars expresses the <i>fifth</i> ray in its relation to science and the five senses. (EA 215) Uranus has strong fifth ray associations through “exoteric science.” (EA 149)</p>

<p>8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.</p>		<p>8. Scorpio transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray, constellationally. Counting by polarities (Aries-Libra-Scorpio-Taurus-etc.), Scorpio is the <i>fourth</i> sign, hence resonant with the <i>fourth</i> ray. Mercury, the hierarchical ruler of Scorpio, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray. Mars also seems to be associated with the lower part of the <i>fourth</i> ray—the conflict side. (Note the frequent Mars/Mercury associations, as, for instance, related to kundalini.)</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>
<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)</p>		<p>13. See #3 above.</p>
<p>14. Uranus stands for “exoteric science” which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)</p>		<p>14. See #7 above.</p>
<p>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)</p>		<p>15. Uranus, the planet exalted in Scorpio, answers to Pisces and is in line with a great <i>second</i> ray transmission of force from Sirius, and is also one of three planets (Uranus, Jupiter and Venus) which are said to participate in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity (EPII 99)</p>
<p>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.</p>		<p>16. See #15 immediately above.</p>

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 immediately above.
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General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

Aries	In Comparison With	Scorpio
1. Shamballa: “...Aries releases man into another centre to which we give the name Shamballa.” (EA 98)		1. Hierarchy: “...Scorpio releases man into the planetary centre which we call the Hierarchy.” (EA 98)
2. The Forces of Life		2. The Forces of Death
3. Spirit engages Matter		3. “The Word made Flesh” (EA 272)
4. Sanat Kumara as the “Eternal Youth”		4. Sanat Kumara as He Who Brings Good out of Evil
5. The Resurrection of Christ		5. The ‘Death’ of Christ
6. Christ Rises from the Dead		6. Christ Journeys into Hell
7. The Resurrected Christ		7. Hercules Triumphant
8. Shamballa—against Evil: “The handling of this type of evil and its dissipation, and therefore the release of our planet from its danger, is the destined task of Those Who work and live in ‘the centre where the Will of God is known,’ at Shamballa; it is not the task of the Hierarchy or of humanity.” (R&I 755)		8. The destructive attitude of the Black Lodge. The Forces of Opposition, Obstruction, Evil—the Hosts of “Mara”
9. The Will-to-Be		9. The Will-to-Victory
10. St. George		10. The Dragon
11. The Head of Medusa		11. The Nine-headed Hydra
12. The Soldier		12. The Secret Service, the Commando, the Assassin
13. The Sword		13. Poison
14. The Intrepid Explorer		14. The Researcher
15. Aries “sees the beginning or initiation of the relationship between spirit and matter.” (EA 272)		15. Scorpio “is the sign wherein the Christ demonstrates His control over matter in the guise of the triumphant disciple.” (EA 272)
16. In Aries: “Initiating impulse. Life.” (EA 221)		16. In Scorpio: “Reversing impulse. Return.” (EA 221)
17. Alpha—exoterically (EA 278)		17. Omega—exoterically (EA 278), consummating “in the rounded out and equipped personality.”
18. A Revelation: “In Aries, it is the final revelation of the nature of knowledge and the purpose of incarnation;.. (EA 211)		18. A Revelation: “...in Scorpio, it is the revelation of the vision of liberation and service;...” (EA 211)
19. The Sixth and Fourth Rays are Dominant upon the Path of Evolution: Aries is active in relation to the sixth ray through Mars. (EA 166)		19. The Sixth and Fourth Rays are Dominant upon the Path of Evolution: Scorpio is active in relation to the sixth ray through Mars. (EA 166)
20. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: “Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction.” (EA 332)		20. Scorpio—for the Undeveloped Man: “Unity of selfishness. The Monster.” (EA 333)
21. Aries—for the Advanced Man: “Directed personality effort. Desire.” (EA 332)		21. Scorpio—for the Advanced Man: “Conflict with duality. The Fighter.” (EA 333)

22. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: “Recognition and work with the Plan. Will.” (EA 332)		22. Scorpio—for the Disciple/Initiate: “Higher Unity. The Disciple.” (EA 333)
23. 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.		23. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Scorpio: When the Sun is in Scorpio, an individual may cultivate the power to overcome some aspect of his lower nature—through humility, and the use of the analytical mind and intuition.
24. 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)		24. The Life of the Christ from a Scorpionic Perspective: “The significance of this sign in the life of Christ has been deleted from The New Testament, but has been preserved for us in the ancient Christian legend that—in the cradle itself—Christ killed or strangled two serpents, thus referring to the pairs of opposites which could no longer control Him.” (EA 566)
25. The conception of or registration of the Archetype		25. The Archetype must prevail over its distortions in the lower worlds. The war is on with ‘unfaithful reflections’ of that Archetype.
26. Generation		26. Regeneration
27. Identification with the One Life ends the Great Illusion		27. The Serpent of Illusion; the Great Illusion “Let Maya flourish and deception rule”
28. Liberation (LFC, CC)		28. Vice (MC, LMC)
29. Blind ensnarement (MC)		29. Triumph (FC)
30. Disturbing the equilibrium between spirit and matter		30. Disturbing the equilibrium between soul and personality (cf. EA 314)
31. A sign of birth—emergence into the new		31. A sign of death—which may also be a birth (through abstraction) into the new
32. Death by fire		32. The Phoenix rises from its own ashes; the “Fire Bird”
33. <i>Seeking</i> the form: “Let form again be sought”		33. <i>Death</i> to the form
34. Open confrontation		34. Subterfuge
35. The exoteric Alpha—the beginning (EA 278)		35. The exoteric Omega—the end (EA278)
36. The death of the spirit’s “fall” into matter		36. The rebirth as the soul frees itself from form through struggle and, eventually, intuitive realization
37. Associated with the full glorification and resurrection of the spirit		37. Associated with the death and burial of the spirit—its “suffocation”
38. Yet, “death by fire or burning” (EA 98)		38. “Death by suffocation” (EA 98)
39. Purification by fire		39. Purification by water—but with Mars’ rulership, there <i>is</i> fire and the water is <i>hot!</i>
40. The kundalini power liberated to the crown chakra; resurrection		40. The kundalini power coiled (like a serpent) at the base of the spine.
41. Initial confrontation between the pairs of opposites		41. Decisive battle between the pairs of opposites
42. The synthesis of the pairs of opposites		42. Battle between the pairs of opposites

43. The Paths of Aspiration, and the Path of Initiation		43. The Path of Discipleship (and of the lower initiations, up to and including the third)
44. The use of will <i>over</i> all opposing forces		44. The willingness to probe psychologically <i>into</i> the nature of the opposing forces
45. Inaugurative		45. Transformative
46. Initial engagement		46. Fight to the death
47. Superficial combat		47. Combat engaging the entirety of the lower man
48. Open warfare; frontal assault		48. Hidden, covert, or silent warfare; sneak attack
49. Outward combat; the conquest of external forces; the <i>exteriorization</i> of war		49. Inner combat; the conquest of internal forces; the <i>interiorization</i> of war
50. Extroversion		50. Introversion
51. Judging by appearances		51. Detecting the inner motives
52. Straight-forwardness		52. Concealment
53. Brash and open		53. Secretive
54. Waste, prodigality		54. Retention, conservation
55. Crude and unskilled (MC)		55. Subtle and skilled (LFC, FC)
56. Sacrifice through immersion <i>into</i> a lower state		56. Sacrifice through detachment and abstraction from the lower state.

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

- A. There are many similarities between the signs Aries and Scorpio: both are keenly associated with Mars the planet of war and Mercury the planet of mentality.
- B. Both are signs of power, warfare, strife and victory. Aries conducts the battle in a manner more external and Scorpio in a manner more subjective. Aries wages the battle between “Spirit and Matter”, Scorpio especially between soul and personality.
- C. Both signs, via Mars, are associated with the blood stream.
- D. Both have a strong relationship to Pluto and hence are signs of death but they are signs essentially of “death unto life”. Both signs are intimately related with the concept of the resurrection, the triumph over death. Aries represents the fully liberated Christ life absolutely free in every respect. Scorpio represents the triumphant Christ life emerging from its dark and earnest battle with the lunar forces.
- E. Because of the shared rulership of Mars, both are signs of mortal combat and the shared rulership of Mercury suggests that these are signs of illumination, for Mercury rules Aries esoterically and Scorpio hierarchically. Although Scorpio has a strongly emotional bias, both of these signs are capable of sharply focussed intellect.
- F. Both signs promote extraordinary tenacity in those they condition.
- G. Aries represents the intellect as a fully creative agent, as architect of manifestation and Scorpio represents the intellect as that which liberates from the thralldom of lunar life thus bringing about de-glamorization.
- H. Both are signs of ending and beginning: Aries ends the cycle of twelve-fold development initiating it anew, and Scorpio ends the cycle of lunar personality domination and initiates the transformed consciousness into the cycle of soul unfoldment.
- I. Both signs are also associated with the planet of transformation, Uranus. Aries has Uranus as its hierarchical ruler, and in Scorpio, Uranus is exalted. Uranus is always associated with the new and the better, thus adding further confirmation to the concept that these are signs of commencement. Aries rules the renewed “turning of the wheel”, whether into matter or in opposition to matter, and Scorpio, through its rulership by Uranus, rules the reversal of the wheel wherein soul values are accepted and lived.
- J. Both signs are signs of power and domination achieved after *battle*. Therefore both signs are united by the *fourth* ray via Mercury, of Harmony through Conflict.
- K. Both signs can be considered associated with the *first* ray as Aries is the natural distributor of the *first* ray and Scorpio rules that greater zodiacal decanate which is associated with Hercules and hence with the *first* ray. All signs of death and re-birth are associated with the *first* ray.