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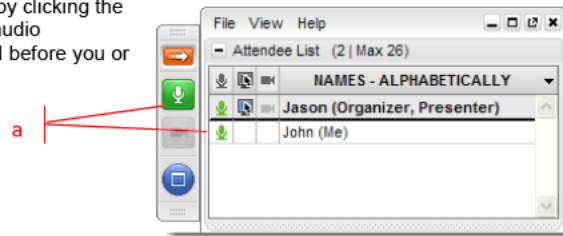
# Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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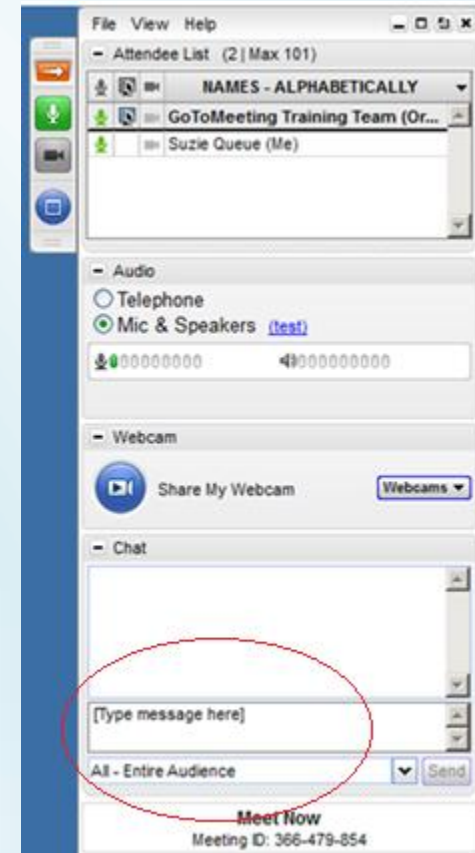


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# Why Study the Hercules Myth?

*“The progress of a world disciple is illustrated in the heavens by the Labours of Hercules through the zodiacal signs. It is as though God had pictured in space his Plan for the working out of the evolution of the human spirit back to its source.”*



# The Labours of Hercules

An Astrological Interpretation

BASED ON ARTICLES BY ALICE A. BAILEY

FIRST PRINTED IN *THE BEACON* 1957-1958

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# The First Great Gate Stood Open Wide.



A voice came through that portal:

“Hercules, my son, go forth. Pass through the Gate and enter on the *Way*. Perform thy labor and return to me, reporting on the deed.”



And thus the Labor started



And the first great act of service was begun



# Labor I - The Capture of the Man-Eating Mares

♈ The mares of war were ravaging the land

- Hercules' task was to rescue the people from these wild mares
- He brought his beloved friend Abderis with him
- They carefully planned & executed the capture of the mares

♈ Cocky & arrogant, Hercules had Abderis drive them in

- Abderis lost control, was killed, & the mares were freed
- Humbled, grief stricken & discouraged, Hercules redid the task
- He was successful this time, and proclaimed a hero
- But Abderis was dead because of Hercules' arrogance
- The task was badly done
- But the gifts of failure guarantee success, if rightly understood



# Labor I - Meaning of the Myth

- ♈ The 1<sup>st</sup> labor marks the 1<sup>st</sup> step upon the path
  - The life of inner unfoldment of the Soul & life of service begin
  - Brings about reorganization, reorientation, regeneration
- ♈ It is a sign of learning mental control
  - Right direction, right orientation, right thought
  - The horse stands for intellectual activity
    - ✓ White horses symbolize the illumined mind
    - ✓ Black horses represent the lower mind, false ideas, wrong concepts
- ♈ The task was to destroy wrong mental attitudes & ideas
  - Capture the female aspect of mind so no more mares are bred
  - Stifle selfishness, unkindness, gossip, criticism





# Labor I - Journey

## ♈ Through the capture of the Man-Eating Mares

- We see Hercules make his start and react to thought impulse
  - ✓ But he's dealing with it from the angle of his personality
- Until he begins to learn something of mind control
  - ✓ How to corral evil thought forms
  - ✓ And use the mind positively under Soul influence

## ♈ As the intelligent disciple, he started his journey

- Beginning with an undefined spiritual urge to righteousness
- And eventually he'll end as the world savior



<b>Aries:</b>	<b>the Ram</b>
<b>Element:</b>	Fire sign (as are Leo and Sagittarius)
<b>Quality:</b>	Initiating. Beginnings. Will or Power expresses itself through the great creative processes. In the early stages, activities are directed toward the material side of life; later toward the spiritual.
<b>Polar Opposite:</b>	Libra, an Air sign (balance).
<b>Rulers:</b>	Exoteric, Mars; Esoteric, Mercury.
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>form angle:</b>	Let form again be sought.
<b>soul angle:</b>	I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.



# Progress through the Signs

- **The 4 preparatory signs:**
  - he is equipped with the faculty of mind in Aries
  - with desire in Taurus
  - arrives at his essential duality in Gemini
  - enters the Human Kingdom in Cancer
- **The 4 signs of physical plane struggle:**
  - self-consciousness & individualism emerge in Leo
  - nurturing of the Christ within in Virgo
  - trying to balance the pairs of opposites in Libra
  - overcoming illusion in Scorpio
- **The 4 signs of achievement:**
  - going straight for the goal in Sagittarius
  - scaling the mount of initiation in Capricorn
  - becoming the world server in Aquarius
  - and the world savior in Pisces



# From the Faculty

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- Thank you for participating, we hope you enjoyed the webinar
- This is a marvelous opportunity to establish group cohesion and foster discussion among your fellow students
- We appreciate your patience and persistence, and welcome any feedback you might have
- The next Labors of Hercules webinar will be on 4 May