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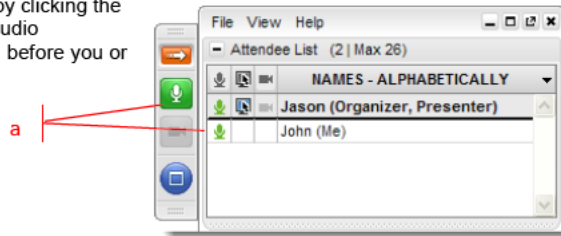
# Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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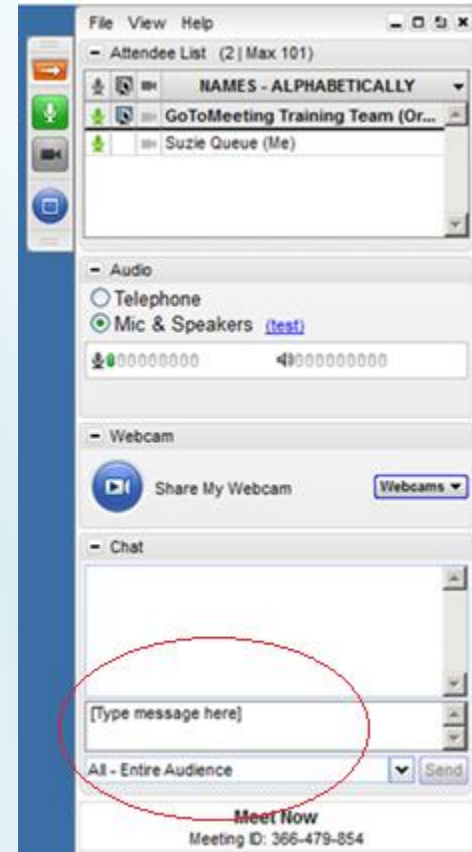


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# The Labours of Hercules

## An Astrological Interpretation

BASED ON ARTICLES BY ALICE A. BAILEY

FIRST PRINTED IN *THE BEACON* 1957-1958

(*THE LABOURS OF HERCULES* BOOK WAS PUBLISHED IN 1974)

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# Why Study the Hercules Myth?

- The progress of a 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
  
- But the progress isn't limited to just disciples
  - We all can better understand the lessons of each sign
  - By reading about Hercules' journey through the signs
  - We all have each sign in our chart
  - Some signs are better represented than others, but all are there
    - We start off learning about the lower expressions of each sign
    - And eventually begin to face the lessons Hercules recapitulates for us in his symbolic journeys



# Hercules faces the Presiding One

The great Presiding One, who sits within the Council Chamber of the Lord, spoke to the Teacher, standing by his side: *"Where is the son of man who is the son of God? How fares he? How is he tested and with what service is he now engaged?"*

The Teacher said, casting his eye upon the son of man who is a son of God: *"Naught at this time, O great Presiding One. The third great test provided much of teaching sustenance to a learner such as he. He ponders and reflects."*

*"Provide a test which will evoke his wisest choice. Send him to labor in a field wherein he must decide which voice, of all the many voices, will arouse the obedience of his heart. Provide likewise a test of great simplicity upon the outer plane, and yet a test which will awaken, on the inner side of life, the fullness of his wisdom and the rightness of his power to choose. Let him proceed with the fourth test."*



# Labor IV - The Capture of the Doe or Hind

- ♋ Hercules starts his journey in deep silence
  - He watched and listened
  - Heard quarreling voices of Artemis & Diana, both claiming the doe
  - He also heard a 3<sup>rd</sup> voice, asking him to rescue & save the doe
- ♋ He chased the doe, hindered by both Artemis & Diana
  - For a year this went on, until he glimpsed the doe sleeping
  - He captured the doe, claiming the sacred doe as his
  - But the Presiding One told him the doe belonged in the shrine
    - ✓ It belonged to no man, even a son of God
    - ✓ It should be shared with all who dwell within the shrine
- ♋ Done, he looked & saw a fawn where the doe once stood
  - Again & again, he was told, the fawn must be brought to the holy place



# Labor IV - Meaning of the Myth

- ♋ Cancer is the last of the 4 preparatory signs
  - Here he enters, through birth in Cancer, the Human Kingdom
  - A mass sign, he gets a more universal sense of mass consciousness
  - This readies him for the work of the next 4 signs
- ♋ Objective is the evolution of the consciousness aspect
  - Cancer is primarily one of instinct that is lifted up by intellect
- ♋ He must now become familiar with intuition
  - That instantaneous recognition of truth and reality





# Labor IV - The Journey

- ♋ The higher faculty of intuition is brought into play
  - Symbolized by the capture of an elusive doe
  - Sensitive and hard to find
- ♋ In his previous cycles of life experience
  - Hercules transmuted intellect into intuition
  - He has to become aware of the world of human ideas
  - And develop its use
    - ✓ as all lower powers have to be developed and used



<b>Cancer:</b>	<b>the Crab</b>
<b>Element:</b>	Water sign (as are Scorpio and Pisces)
<b>Quality:</b>	Mass sensitivity; for the average man, mass identification with form. For the disciple, service for the masses.
<b>Polar Opposite:</b>	Capricorn, an earth sign (spiritual awareness after struggle; birthplace of the Christ).
<b>Rulers:</b>	Exoteric, the Moon; Esoteric, Neptune.
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>form angle:</b>	Let isolation be the rule, and yet the crowd exists.
<b>soul angle:</b>	I build a lighted house and therein dwell.



# 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, & hope you enjoyed it
- We welcome any feedback you might have
- The next Labors of Hercules webinar will be on **3 August**