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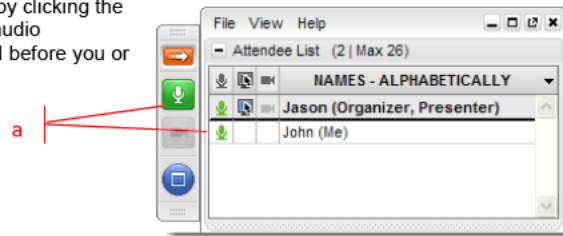
Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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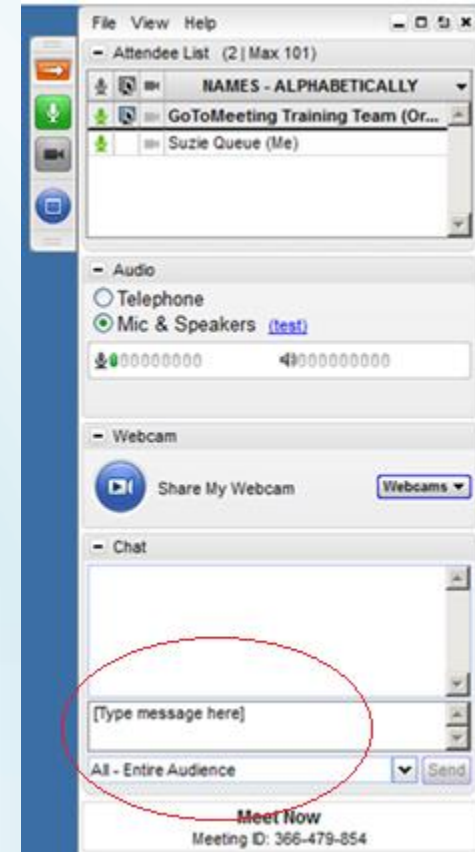


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The Labours of Hercules

An Astrological Interpretation

BASED ON ARTICLES BY ALICE A. BAILEY

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

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Why Study the Hercules Myth?

- The labors are a synthetic picture of a disciple's work
 - ✓ From the mental plane, through the emotional plane
 - ✓ And out into physical plane manifestation
- It is a work that can be arduous, slow
 - ✓ And carried forward under great difficulties
 - ✓ Often done in blind ignorance of forces released, results achieved
- But step by step each aspirant is led along the path
 - ✓ Learning about self-knowledge and development.
 - ✓ His character and nature are tested and tried
 - ✓ Until the qualities which characterize the form can be transmuted into those which reveal the soul.
- So progress isn't limited to just disciples
 - ✓ We all have each sign in our chart so work with all 12 to some degree
 - ✓ So we need to better understand the lessons each sign confers
 - ✓ And Hercules' journey through the signs shows us that



Hercules faces the Presiding One

The great Presiding One pondered the nature of the son of man who is likewise a son of God. He thought on what was needed to make him still more like unto his Father.

"Another labour must be carried out. Balance he needs, and judgment sound, and preparation for a major test and future service to the race of men. For this, let him prepare with care."

And the Teacher, noting on his tablets the purpose of the coming test, went forth and spoke to Hercules.

"Go forth, my son, and capture the wild boar; salvage a ravaged country, yet take the time to eat."

And Hercules went forth.



Labor VII - Capture of the Erymanthian Boar

Ω The test of the 7th gate was dual

- A test of friendship and a test of courage

Ω So Hercules sought the wild boar

- But he was distracted by his friend Pholos
- And spent too much time drinking and carousing
 - ✓ But the cask of wine wasn't theirs alone to open

Ω The noise drew angry centaurs, all owners of the wine

- Battle ensued; Hercules killed his friends Pholos and Cherion
- He resumed his hunt for the boar
- Finally snaring it, taming it, and driving it down the mountain

Ω He finished the test, but his friends were killed

- He had to reflect on why he killed what he should have loved



Labor VII - Meaning of the Myth

- ♁ Libra is one of the most difficult signs to understand
 - It is Justice, a blind woman holding the scales
 - An interlude, a quiet listening & assessment of the past
 - Are the scales tipping wildly up & down; or balanced?
 - The teacher told Hercules to take his time, to eat
 - ✓ Instead he overdid that and had a drunken orgy
- ♁ It caused a battle where Hercules killed his 2 friends
 - Pholos (bodily strength) and Cherion (good thought)
 - He needed to demonstrate control of the desire nature
 - And that can't be done by sheer strength alone
- ♁ Back at his task, he found the boar in the mountains
 - It is on the mountain top that all great revelations occur
 - Where mists of the valley disappear and illumination comes



Labor VII - The Journey

- ♎ The disciple in Libra envisions ideas and ideals
 - But there ends up being a gap between achievement and ideal
 - So he must stand and work from the midway point
- ♎ As he views all the good & bad, glamor is weakened
 - He wants to help others relate better; a sense of service is born
- ♎ The labor ended with joy and laughter
 - Joyfulness must take the place of criticism for all servers
- ♎ He had to prove that poise & equilibrium are achieved
 - Indicating he's fit for the tremendous battle ahead in Scorpio
 - This demonstrates his fitness to take the 2nd initiation
 - Concerning the emotional body
 - By balancing the pairs of opposites



Libra:	the Balance
Element:	Air sign (as are Gemini and Aquarius)
Quality:	Equilibrium. An interlude where duality is known and the life of the soul and form is balanced (law, sex, money).
Polar Opposite:	Aries, a fire sign (subjective, latent consciousness, will to incarnate).
Rulers:	Exoteric, Venus; Esoteric, Uranus; Hierarchical, Saturn
Keywords:	
form angle:	Let choice be made.
soul angle:	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force.



The Air Signs

- Exoterically, air is intellectual, a good communicator
 - ✓ But may be too detached
- Esoterically, keys are the mind & duality
 - ✓ In Gemini the mind causes duality to be sensed
 - ✓ In Libra the super-mind, duality overcome by equilibrium
 - ✓ In Aquarius the universal mind, duality resolved by synthesis
- They are masculine, like the air signs
 - ✓ Yang energy; outgoing, expressive, and giving
 - ✓ They represent the day; related to the 1-3-5-7 ray line
- They are compatible with Fire signs
 - ✓ Work our the issues of their axes relationships
 - ✓ Through Trine & Sextile, favorable aspects



The Cardinal Signs

- Exoterically, they are forceful, initiating, important
 - ✓ But may lack follow-through
 - ✓ Work out their issues via oppositions and squares (hard aspects)
- Esoterically, develops directed, soul controlled activity
 - ✓ Aries is the will to do/create, establishing mental control
 - ✓ Cancer is developing intuition and soul sensitivity
 - ✓ Libra is developing balance through mental control
 - ✓ Capricorn is developing spiritual awareness, leading to initiation
- The synthesized axes eventually work out as
 - ✓ Aries-Libra: establishing balance, mental control, and then soul control over the personality
 - ✓ Cancer-Capricorn: honing and nurturing the sensitivity and intuition of the soul in preparation for initiation; where the head and heart meet and the soul controls



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 Oct 26th