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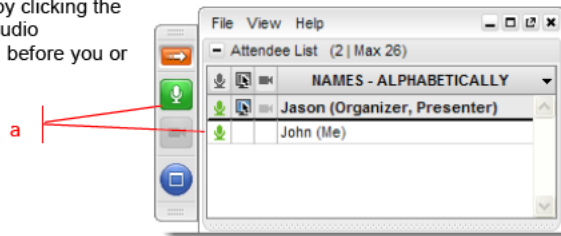
Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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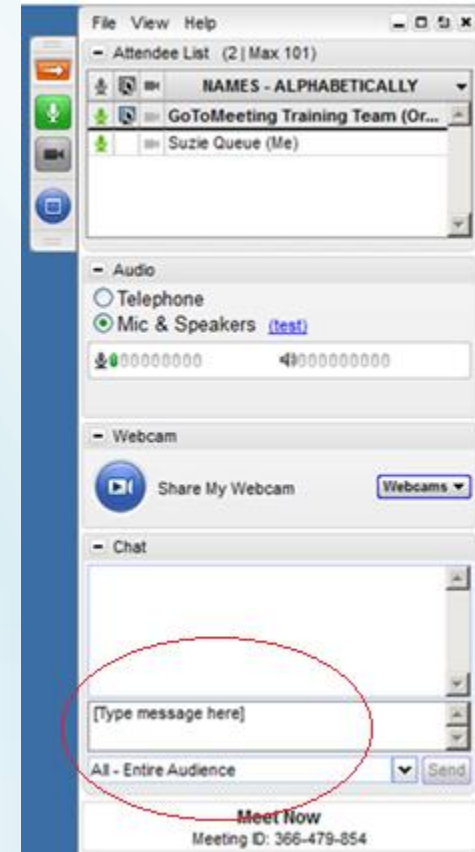


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The Labours of Hercules

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 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 light now shines on Gate the eighth," the Teacher said. "Beside the River Amymone, the festering swamp of Lerna stands. Within this noisome bog the monstrous hydra lies, a plague upon the countryside. Nine heads this creature has, and one of them is immortal. Prepare to battle with this loathsome beast. Think not that common means will serve; destroy one head, two grow apace."

Expectantly Hercules waited.

"One word of counsel only I may give," the Teacher said. "We rise by kneeling; we conquer by surrendering; we gain by giving up. Go forth, O son of God and son of man, and conquer."

Through Gate the eighth, then, Hercules passed.



Labor VIII - Destroying the Lernaean Hydra

♃ The stagnant swamp was polluting the air of Lerna

- Hercules had to face oozing quicksands to find the Hydra
- The lair was a dark cavern and the monster remained hidden
- Hercules resorted to strategy of flaming arrows; the beast emerged

♃ Battle between the two began

- Hercules cut off one head, but immediately two more replaced it
- He attacked over and over, but the Hydra only grew stronger
 - ✓ Each time a low desire/thought was overcome, another emerged

♃ Then Hercules remembers what his Teacher told him

- He knelt, grasped the monster and held it high above him
- Suspended in mid-air, the Hydra's strength was diminished
 - ✓ The struggles grew faint and the nine heads withered and died
 - ✓ Finally the inner beast, the true mystic head could be seen
 - ✓ Hercules severed this last head and buried it beneath a rock



Labor VIII - Meaning of the Myth

- ♏ Scorpio is a triple sign, and Hercules does 3 things
 - He recognizes the existence of the Hydra, searches for it, destroys it
- ♏ The lair represents the subconscious shadows of our nature
 - Patience is needed to discover the hidden caverns of the mind
 - ✓ All the accumulated evil, mistakes, failures of our past lives
 - Discrimination is needed to bring the slimy fragments to the surface
 - ✓ And expose them to the light of wisdom - the soul.
 - ✓ Only soul light will destroy the hydra. One by one, the Scorpio warrior has to destroy each head.
- ♏ The 9 heads represented the 9 tests of the disciple
 - Establishing right relations with the soul and the environment
 - ✓ 3 physical tests (sex, physical comfort, money)
 - ✓ 3 astral tests (fear, hate, ambition)
 - ✓ 3 mental tests (pride, separativeness, cruelty)



Labor VIII - The Journey

- ♏ This is his supreme test (as it is for all humanity)
- ♏ He's controlled desire and balanced his point of view
 - and he's ready for the battlefield of Scorpio
 - to tackle the mists and miasmas that veil reality
 - ✓ The 9 heads of the monster veiling the one real one
- ♏ He has to demonstrate he has overcome illusion
 - to no longer be taken in by that which appears to be
 - so he can walk one-pointedly in the Light
 - and become a world worker



Scorpio:	the Scorpion
Element:	Water sign (as are Cancer and Pisces)
Quality:	Conflict. Test. Trial. Triumph. Points of crisis. Moments of reorientation. Turning point in the life of humanity and of the individual. Hercules became the triumph disciple in Scorpio.
Polar Opposite:	Taurus, an earth sign (desire, and growth of the soul light).
Rulers:	Exoteric, Pluto/Mars; Esoteric, Mars
Keywords:	
form angle:	Let Maya flourish and let deception rule.
soul angle:	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant.



The Water Signs

- Exoterically, water is emotional, nurturing, conforming
 - ✓ But may be too sensitive
- Esoterically, keys are purification & identification
 - ✓ Cancer is purified waters of experience, identifying with masses.
 - ✓ Scorpio is purified waters of test, identifying with Hierarchy
 - ✓ Pisces is purified daily life, identification with Spirit
- They are feminine, like the Earth signs
 - ✓ Yin energy; passive, receptive, containing
 - ✓ They represent the night; related to the 2-4-6 ray line
- They are compatible with Earth signs
 - ✓ Work out the issues of their axes relationships
 - ✓ Through Trine & Sextile, favorable aspects



The Fixed Signs

- Exoterically, they are steadfast, stubborn, determined
 - ✓ But may be too inflexible
 - ✓ Work out their issues via oppositions and squares (hard aspects)
- Esoterically, activity involves soul development/control
 - ✓ Taurus is developing the soul light
 - ✓ Leo is developing self mastery
 - ✓ Scorpio is resolving conflict/duality, overcoming desire/illusion
 - ✓ Aquarius is developing group awareness and world service
- The synthesized axes eventually work out as
 - ✓ Taurus-Scorpio: using the wisdom of the light of the soul to overcome desire through right thought/action
 - ✓ Leo-Aquarius: self-mastery leading to group awareness and selfless world service



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 Dec 7th