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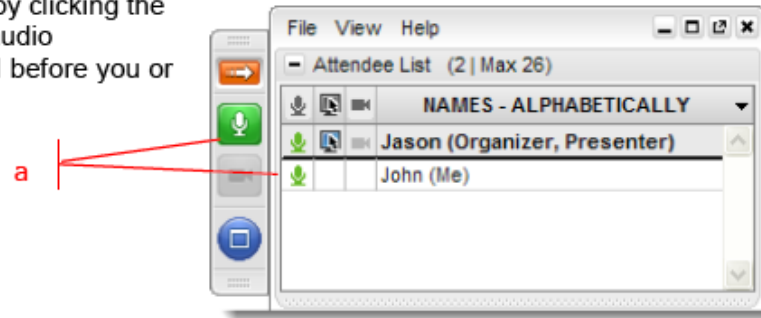
Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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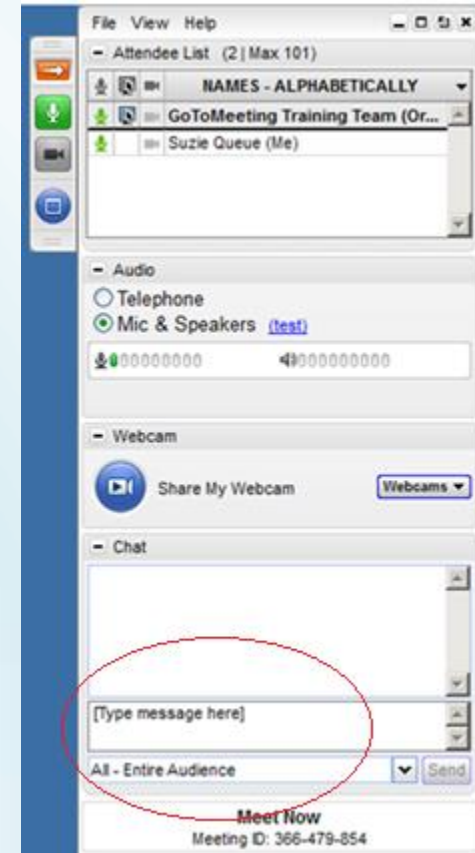


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The Labours of Hercules

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



The Final 4 Signs

- The first 4 signs were preparatory signs
- The middle 4 are signs of physical plane struggle
- Then come the 4 signs of achievement
- The aspirant has worked out of the world of glamor and form, and in his consciousness is now free from their limitations
 - ✓ He can be the archer in Sagittarius, going straight for the goal
 - ✓ He can be the goat in Capricorn, scaling the mount of initiation
 - ✓ He can be the world worker in Aquarius
 - ✓ And the world savior in Pisces
- Thus he can sum up in himself all the gains of the preparatory period and of the fiercely fought battles in the four signs of strenuous activity;
- And in these four final signs demonstrate the gains achieved and the powers developed



Hercules faces the Teacher

"O son of God who art also a son of man," the Teacher said, "the time has come to tread another way. At Gate the ninth you stand. Pass through and find the marsh of Stymphalus where dwell the birds that havoc wreak. Discover, then, the way to flush them from their long secure abode."

He paused a moment. "The flame that gleams beyond the mind reveals direction sure." he added. "The task awaits. Through Gate the ninth you now must go."

Forward, then, went Hercules, the son of man who was also the son of God.



Labor IX - Killing the Stymphalian Birds

- ✚ At Stymphalus the marsh was fetid and the birds cawing
 - They were huge, fierce, hideous, with iron beaks and sharp talons
 - Three birds swooped down on Hercules, but he warded them off
- ✚ He failed several times to remove the birds
 - Until he recalled the teacher's words
 - "The flame that gleams beyond the mind reveals direction sure."
 - And a method came to his mind
- ✚ At twilight he clashed cymbals to disturb the huge flock
 - The dissonance was awful, but it confused and scared the birds
 - They rose in a vast cloud and fled in frantic haste, never to return
 - Silence spread across the marsh
- ✚ The labor was successful



Labor IX - Meaning of the Myth

- ✚ Marshes are a symbol of the mind, amplified by emotion
- ✚ Hercules discovers that he still has an emotional nature
 - Even though he triumphed in Scorpio, he still must control emotions
 - The birds that did the most damage were cruel gossip, selfish talk
 - Even talking about occult troubles when listeners aren't ready
- ✚ The more spirituality you achieve, the more potent you are
 - Thus the more harm you can do
 - The cymbals in the myth represent the mind & power of the Soul
 - The “monkey-mind” thoughts die down when focus is on the Soul
- ✚ Sagittarius is dual, half human/animal or human/Divine
 - Gemini on the same axis is duality; Sagittarius becomes unity
 - Becoming one-pointed, unified, a soul-infused personality



Labor IX - The Journey

- ✚ One-pointedness is demonstrated
 - This is the consummation of the mental task begun in Aries
 - He demonstrates right use and control of thought and speech
- ✚ By slaying the man-eating birds of Stymphalos
 - He puts an end to all tendency to use thought destructively
 - No more gossip, criticism, or thoughts/words that harm
- ✚ Aspirants must weigh their thoughts carefully
 - Learn to speak kindly to minimize hurting others with words
 - Right use of thought, speech & harmlessness result in liberation
- ✚ We must also learn what not to say
 - Sagittarius is the spirit of Truth
 - Also the spirit of Right



Sagittarius:	the Archer
Element:	Fire sign (as are Aries and Leo)
Quality:	Focused direction. One-pointed activity. In the early stages, satisfaction of desire; in later stages aspiration for the goal of initiation.
Polar Opposite:	Gemini, an air sign (eventual control of fluidity and pairs of opposites; fusion, synthesis, at-one-ment).
Rulers:	Exoteric, Jupiter; Esoteric, Earth.
Keywords:	
form angle:	Let food be sought.
soul angle:	I reach that goal and then I see another.



The Fire Signs

- Exoterically, fire is animated, enthusiastic energy
 - ✓ But may be too forceful
- Esoterically, keys are burning by fire & reorientation
 - ✓ Aries clears the way for the Spirit & universality
 - ✓ Leo clears the way for the Soul & self-consciousness
 - ✓ Sagittarius clears the way for the body one-pointedness
- 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 Air signs
 - ✓ Work out the issues of their axes relationships
 - ✓ Through Trine & Sextile, favorable aspects



The Mutable Signs

- Exoterically, they are adaptable, versatile, serving
 - ✓ But may be too inconsistent
 - ✓ Work out their issues via oppositions and squares (hard aspects)
- Esoterically, the form life is developed thru incarnation
 - ✓ Gemini is developing control of the opposites
 - ✓ Virgo is nurturing the soul in the heart
 - ✓ Sagittarius is developing one-pointed aspiration
 - ✓ Pisces is developing soul consciousness
- The synthesized axes eventually work out as
 - ✓ Gemini-Sagittarius: establishing control of the opposites and resolving duality into at-one-ment for spiritual use
 - ✓ Virgo-Pisces: nurturing the soul within the heart and bringing it into conscious manifestation



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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