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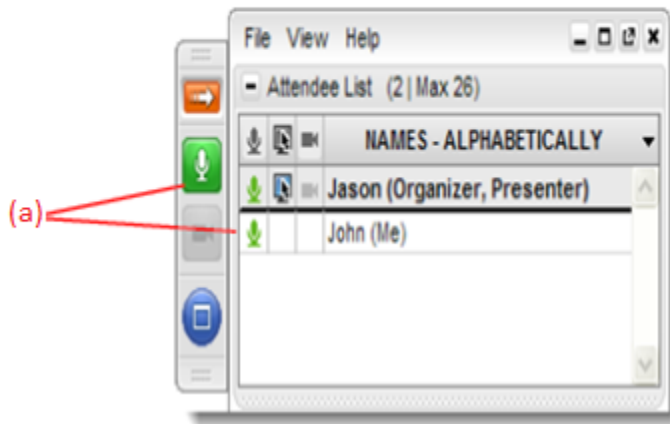
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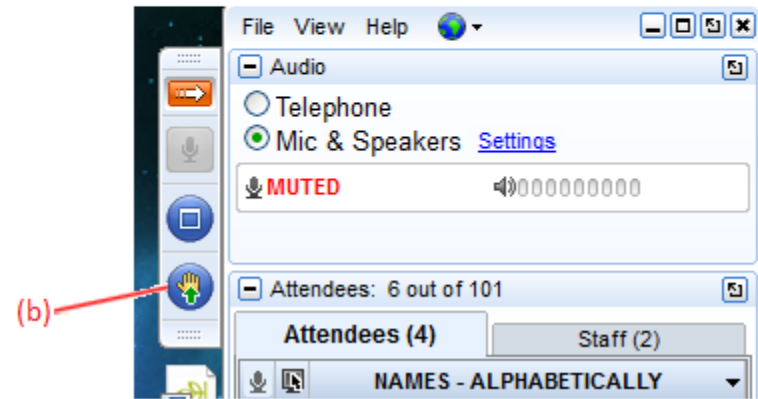
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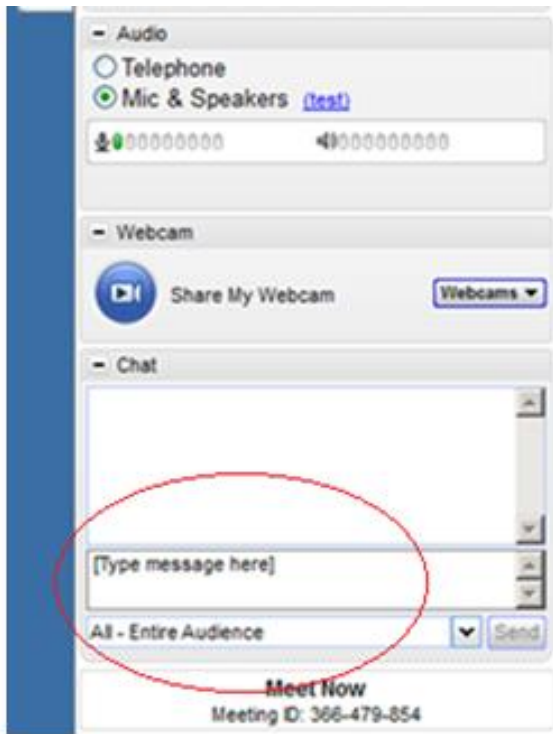
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The Labours of Hercules

An Astrological Interpretation

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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
- Was Hercules a real person, or just a myth?
 - The ancient wisdom leads us to believe myths are based on truth
 - And if not, the archetype is real, as are the truths of the lesson



Hercules faces the Presiding One

Within the sacred Council Chamber, the great Presiding One revealed unto the Teacher the Will of What Must Be.

"Lost he is, and found; dead, yet vibrant with Life. The server becomes the saviour, and homeward turns."

The Teacher pondered; then he called for Hercules.

"Before the last gate now you stand," the Teacher said, "One labor yet remains before the circle is complete, and liberation is attained. Proceed to that dark place called Erytheia where Great Illusion is enthroned where Geryon, the monster of three heads, three bodies and six hands, is lord and king. Unlawfully he holds a herd of dark red cattle. From Erytheia to our Sacred City must you drive this herd. Beware of Eurytion, the shepherd, and his two-headed dog, Orthrus." He paused. "One caution I can give," he added slowly. "Invoke the aid of Helius."

Through Gate the Twelfth the son of man who was also the Son of God departed, in search of Geryon he went.



Labor XII - Capture of the Red Cattle of Geryon

⌘ Hercules sets off to rescue the Red Cattle, held unlawfully

- He heads his Teacher's advice, and first stops at a Temple
- Making offerings to Helios, the god of fire in the sun.
- A golden chalice falls before his feet; he uses it to cross the seas

⌘ He finds the grazing cattle, guarded by the shepherd & dog

- He kills the 2-headed dog Orthrus, but spares the shepherd's life
- And then the monster Geryon appears, breathing fire from his 3 heads
- Hercules attacks with an arrow to the side, piercing all 3 bodies

⌘ Then he finds himself a shepherd, driving the cattle

- They stray over and over again, and he rounds them up
- He defends them against raiders and monsters before he succeeds

⌘ Finally returning home, he faces his Teacher again

- He's told by facing these 12 labors the "jewel of immortality" is his
- The human labors ended, his cosmic tasks begin

Labor XII - Meaning of the Myth

- ⌘ The 2-headed dog represents lower instincts & psychic nature
 - These are the matter aspect that must be slain
 - When deprived of power they no longer influence us
- ⌘ The red cattle represent the lower desires
 - Aspirants rise above them by driving them to the Sacred place
- ⌘ The monster Geryon represents the 3 personality aspects
 - They need to be rendered pure for the soul
 - This purified form is the golden cup or Holy Grail
 - Enables the Initiate to ascend into spiritual realms
- ⌘ The shepherd is the mind
 - The mind is spared and retrained to do right
 - This is what Christ did, shepherding his unruly flock
 - The World Savior, lifting up Humanity



What Does it Mean to be a Savior?

- ⌘ From the angle of the soul, the keywords for Pisces:
 - I leave my Father's home and turning back, I save
- ⌘ Hercules sees humanity owned by a “monster”
 - The personality (mental, emotional, physical bodies united)
 - But not yet under the influence of the soul
- ⌘ Jesus, a human who is en rapport with his soul
 - Like Hercules, becomes that beacon of light to humanity
 - Both men holding their minds “steady in the light”
- ⌘ Even as aspirants, we redeem the lives of Elementals
 - Appropriation of our vehicles from certain elemental matter
 - As we flood our own consciousness with light, it transforms them too



Labor XII - The Journey

- ⌘ Pisces rules the feet, a symbol of the Path
 - Also death or transformation of various aspects
 - ✓ Like the personality and the illusions that veil the soul
- ⌘ Three signs are those of salvation
 - Leo - work out your own salvation
 - Sagittarius - losing self by silently serving
 - Pisces - the World Savior
- ⌘ We find the most exalted symbol in this last labor
 - He placed the cattle in the cup, the Holy Grail, in offering
 - Showing that all of his animal nature had been transcended
- ⌘ The character and nature of the disciple
 - Has been tested and tried until qualities have been redeemed
 - His personality has been transformed to reveal the Soul
 - He becomes a member of the New Group of World Servers



Pisces:	the Fish
Element:	Water sign (as are Cancer and Scorpio)
Quality:	Duality. Fluidity endowed with instinctual consciousness. Mediumistic. Polarized mind unawakened. Intuition dormant. Death of the personality. Release of the soul from captivity. Christ, the World Savior.
Polar Opposite:	Virgo, an earth sign (matter; Christ in the cave of the heart).
Rulers:	Exoteric, Neptune/Jupiter; Esoteric, Pluto.
Keywords:	
form angle:	Go forth into matter.
soul angle:	I leave my Father's home and turning back, I save.



Recap of 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



Recap of 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



Recap of Hercules on the Path

- He sets out confident
 - ✓ little realizing the magnitude of his task
 - ✓ unprepared for failure

- He's not only impulsive, but is not always successful
 - ✓ he fails and has to redo some labors
 - ✓ or in some cases finishes, but badly

- He is still susceptible to glamor and illusion
 - ✓ but he is solidly on the Path of Discipleship
 - ✓ set on performing 12 acts of service for Humanity



Recap of the Link between the Myth & Sign

- By combining the astrological and symbolic story
 - ✓ the tests of everyday life of a disciple are shown
 - ✓ via the sign in which the myth takes place
- Each sign subjects the disciple to
 - ✓ influences of certain distinctive forces
 - ✓ and provides him with certain tendencies
- When understood, the meaning of the test emerges
 - ✓ And it's implications for all of us in our journey



Recap of Progress through all 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
 - culminating in the world savior in Pisces**



Recap of Why we Study the Hercules Myth

The progress of Hercules from the mental plane, through the emotional plane, and out into physical plane manifestation shows us a synthetic picture of the work done by every disciple who is a son of man and a son of God.

It is a work that can be arduous, slow, and carried forward under great difficulties. Often it is done in blind ignorance of the forces released and of the results to be achieved. But step by step the aspirant is led along the path of 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.



From the Faculty

- Thank you for participating in Hercules' journey
- This concludes the Labors of Hercules webinar series
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 - ✓ And will revisit them in future years as a review via the recordings
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