

# The Myth



# Labor XI – Cleansing the Augean Stables

⚡ The stables hadn't been cleaned in years

- Fields were fallow, as nothing could grow
- Noxious fumes were making the people ill

⚡ King Augeus eyed Hercules suspiciously

- But he welcomed Hercules to try and fulfill his boast
- Promising Hercules a reward of 1/10<sup>th</sup> the king's cattle if he succeeded
- Or his life and fortune if he failed

⚡ Standing by 2 nearby rivers, an idea inspired Hercules

- He diverted the rivers, letting them clean out the muck
- And in one day, accomplished his task

⚡ King Augeus claimed it was a trick, a plot against the king

- So he gave Hercules no reward and banished him from the realm



# Labor XI – Meaning of the Myth

- ⚡ As an initiate, endowed with a lot of common sense
  - Hercules contemplated the problem at hand
    - ✓ The filth represents accumulated dross man had created
    - ✓ On the mind, emotional, and physical levels
    - ✓ This filth creates separateness
  - He broke down barriers by using 2 rivers to clean the stables
    - ✓ The 2 rivers needed to be released to improve people's lives
    - ✓ They represent the water of life and the river of love
- ⚡ But there is no appreciation for the advanced worker
  - People mistrust or fear things they don't understand
  - Yet the advanced worker perseveres anyway
- ⚡ He can be a Master because he has learned to serve
  - And can serve because he is a Master



Aquarius Labor  
LoH p 180-194

# Labor XI – The Journey

- ⚡ Unselfish Service, Group Work, and Self- Sacrifice
  - The hallmark of the Initiate
  - Ready for universal tests, no longer personal or individual
  - They demonstrate inclusiveness of the consciousness
  - And vastness of the methods employed
- ⚡ By pouring out the cleansing waters
  - He symbolically offered his service to humanity
  - Via a menial labor
  - Showing the importance of the service itself
    - ✓ Not the nature of that service
- ⚡ No reward was forthcoming – it was an act of Service



# What is Service?

- ⚡ TWM p204 tells us right motive leads to right service
  - An expression of love to the family, Master's group, and nature
  - Lead to service to Humanity and consciousness of the Plan
- ⚡ DINA II p24 defines it as a scientific process
  - Calling for full expression of soul powers on the physical plane
  - Drawing of all resources of spiritual strength and wisdom in service
  - Although some of world's greatest servers do so instinctively
    - ✓ Their brain consciousness is unaware of the Hierarchy/Plan
    - ✓ Just as some esoteric students study too much without serving
- ⚡ DINA II p514 suggests it's a matter of attitude -
  - Of personality to the soul (self-control)
  - Of integrated man to Humanity (service)
  - Of the Disciple to the Hierarchy (intuitional sensitivity)



<b>Aquarius:</b>	<b>the Water Carrier</b>
<b>Element:</b>	Air sign
<b>Quality:</b>	Will to serve, first the lower self, then the higher self. World service. Individual consciousness transmuted into group consciousness.
<b>Traits:</b>	<b>Negative traits:</b> unpredictable, inconsistent, detached, stubborn. <b>Positive traits:</b> friendliness, humanitarianism, intelligence, inventiveness, independence.
<b>Esoteric Concepts:</b>	Distributing the energies of life and love (group awareness, group responsibility, universal consciousness, universal relationships); unselfish service.
<b>Polar Opposite:</b>	Leo, a fire sign (individual awareness, urge toward self-knowledge, eventual self-mastery preparatory to selfless service).
<b>Rulers:</b>	Exoteric, Uranus, Esoteric, Jupiter.
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>form angle:</b>	Let desire in form be the rule.
<b>soul angle:</b>	Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men.

# The Myth



# Labor XII – Capture of the Red Cattle of Geryon

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

- He heeds 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

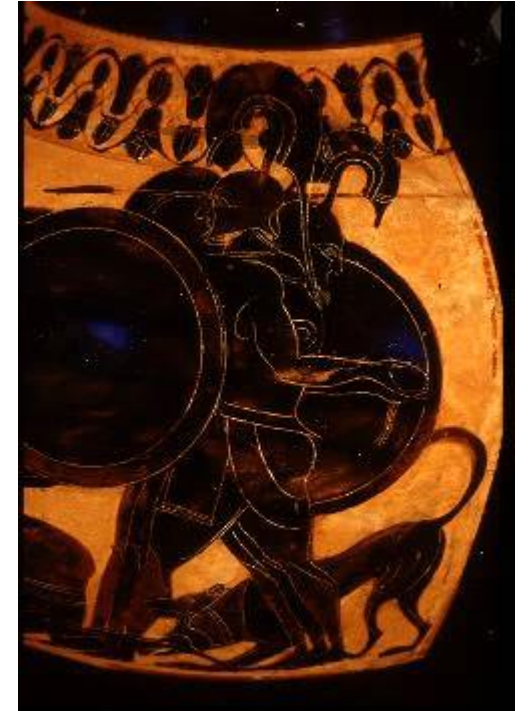
- He's told by facing these 12 labors the "jewel of immortality" is his
- The human labors ended, his cosmic tasks begin





# 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



<b>Pisces:</b>	<b>the Fish</b>
<b>Element:</b>	Water sign
<b>Quality:</b>	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.
<b>Traits:</b>	<b>Negative traits:</b> escapism, idealism, over-sensitivity, pessimism, laziness. <b>Positive traits:</b> imagination, kindness, compassion, intuition, a sensitive nature.
<b>Esoteric Concepts:</b>	Lower psychic powers transmuted into higher spiritual faculties (mediumship into mediatorship, clairvoyance into spiritual perception, clairaudience into mental telepathy); death of all attachments and liberation of the soul for service.
<b>Polar Opposite:</b>	Virgo, an earth sign (matter; Christ in the cave of the heart).
<b>Rulers:</b>	Exoteric, Neptune/Jupiter; Esoteric, Pluto.
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>form angle:</b>	Go forth into matter.
<b>soul angle:</b>	I leave my Father's home and turning back, I save.

# 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.*



# 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**

# 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



# Link between the Myth & Sign

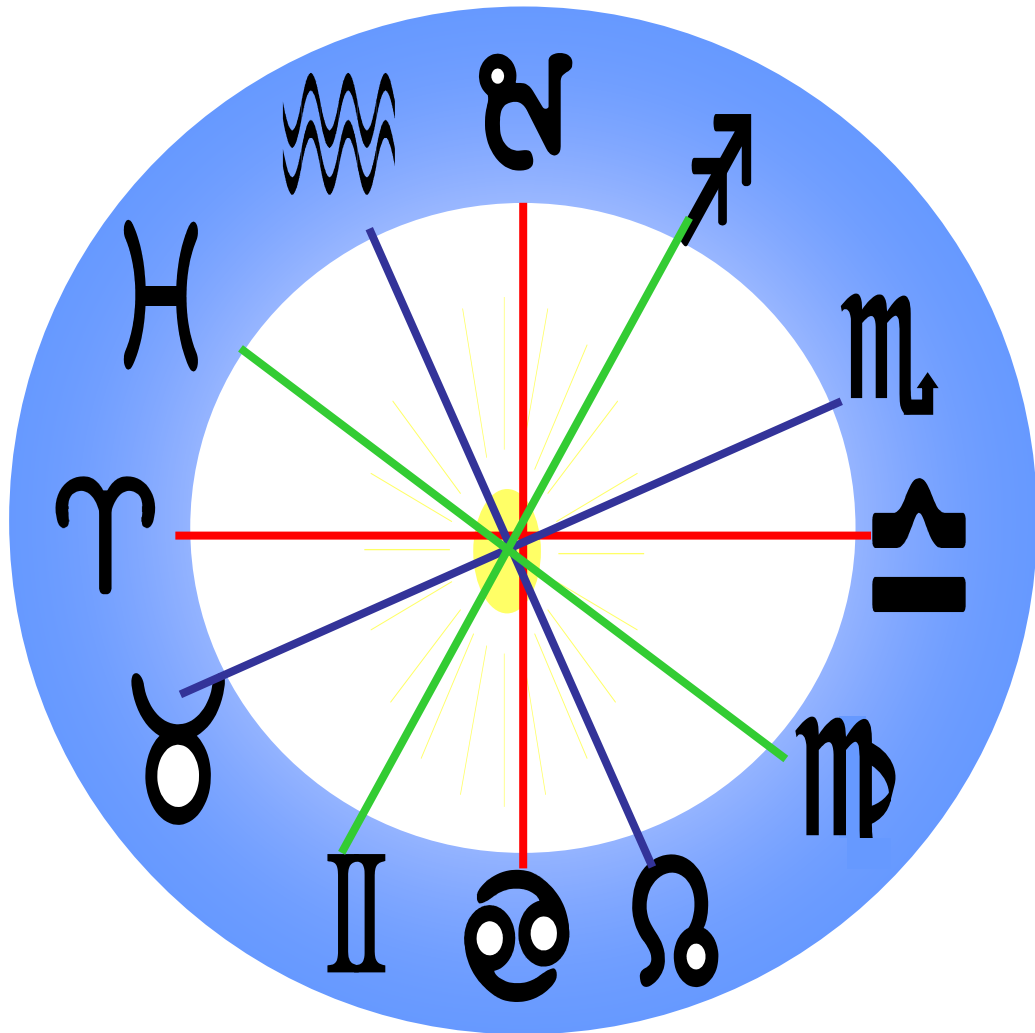
- By combining the astrological and symbolic story
  - ✓ the tests of everyday life of a disciple are shown
  - ✓ via the sign in which the myth takes place
- Each sign subjects the disciple to
  - ✓ influences of certain distinctive forces
  - ✓ and provides him with certain tendencies
- When understood, the meaning of the test emerges
  - ✓ How the Moon sign labor describes the lessons of our past patterns that encompass the prison of our soul
  - ✓ How the Sun sign labor describes the challenges our personality is meant to work on this lifetime
  - ✓ How the Ascendant sign labor points to the soul qualities we are to cultivate
- And its implications for all of us in our journey





# The Crosses

**Mutable**, **Fixed**, **Cardinal**



**Mutable Cross** - average man

**Fixed Cross** - advanced man

**Cardinal Cross** - Masters or those that have achieved and are guiding the race of men

# Manifestation

- Aries initiates the cycle of manifestation.
- Aries is where the first impulse is awakened – the initial idea to institute activity takes form.
- Aries is the birthplace of ideas, and a true idea is in reality a spiritual impulse taking form—subjective and objective.
- In Aries comes the "will to incarnate."
- This idea to incarnate takes plane on the mental plane.

- The individual entity has yet not manifested into physical form.
- Individual entities emerge as mental entities in the sign **Aries**.
- In the sign **Taurus** they are emotional-desire entities.
- In the sign **Gemini** they emerge as vital entities.
- Then they take physical form in **Cancer**.
- All souls, as individual entities, come into human incarnation for the ***first time*** in the sign of Cancer - into the ocean of physical plane existence.
- Creative process – solidification is from top down.

# The Three Crosses

The objective of the evolutionary process and reincarnation is to fully develop

- a. personality consciousness,
- b. expand this to soul consciousness,
- c. then into spiritual awareness.

- 3 aspects

This is achieved by three Cosmic Crosses.

- The esoteric approach to considering the crosses is from the evolutionary angle.
- The early part of the evolutionary phase which takes ***thousands*** of lives (incarnations) is on the Mutable Cross.
- We have opportunities to experience being born in each sign even though we are on the Mutable Cross in our consciousness.
- It is personality development that the Mutable Cross offers – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aspect.
- It moves in a clockwise direction – from Aries to Taurus via Pisces

- This means that whatever sign one is born under whether on the mutable, fixed or cardinal crosses, the individual is still considered moving through the Mutable Cross cycle or phase and then much later on through the Fixed Cross cycle of lives.
- When our consciousness is upon the Fixed Cross, perhaps there are ***hundreds*** of incarnations vs. the thousands on the Mutable Cross.
- When the level of consciousness has been determined for a person, then the astrologer knows which of the first two crosses (either the

- By the time one is considered in consciousness to be upon the Cardinal Cross he is one with the Life that ensouls our Planetary Life. There is no where else to go...
- *People incarnate (that is can have their Sun Sign) in any sign, irrespective of whatever Cross they may be on.*

# The Three Crosses

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reincarnation we develop

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How?

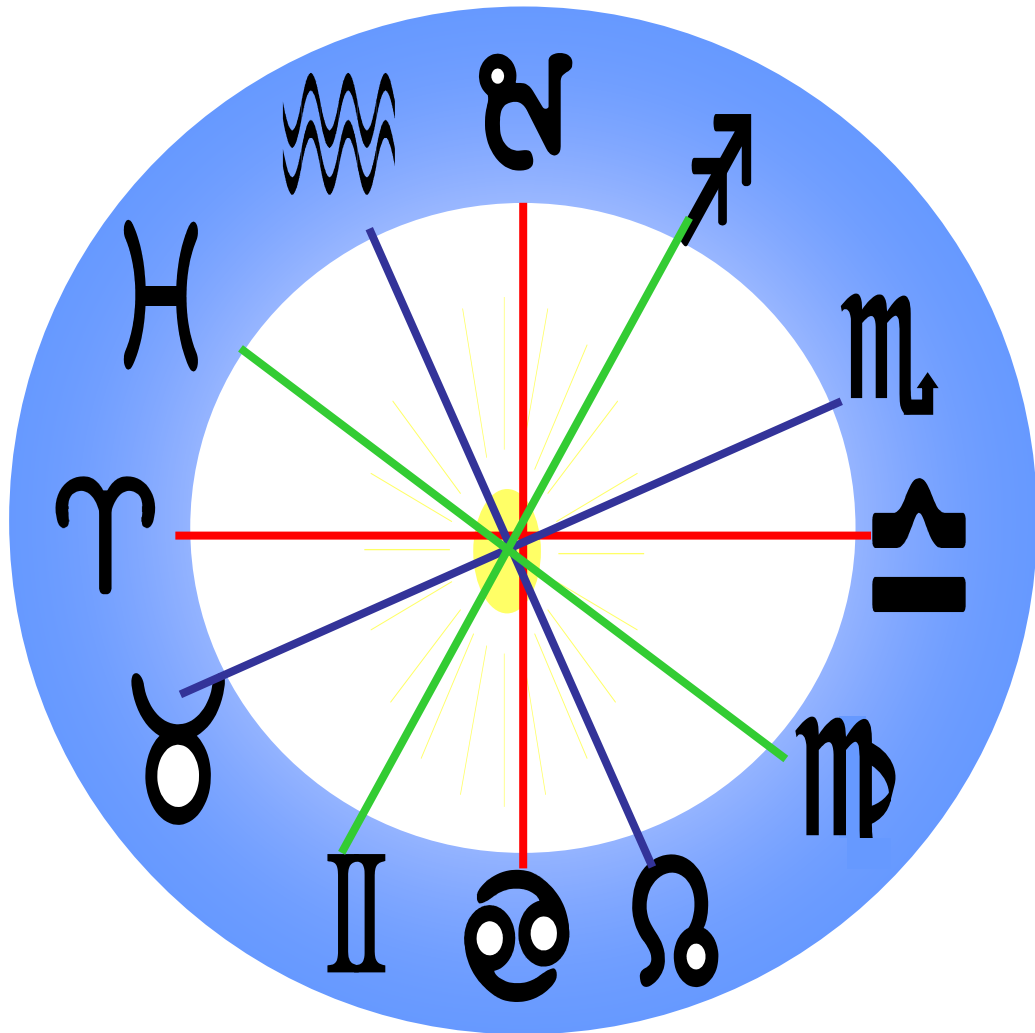
Via the three Cosmic Crosses.

They determine the level of  
consciousness for a person.



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**Esoterically, crosses are  
evolutionary.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Mutable Cross**

*thousands* of lives

(incarnations) – 3<sup>rd</sup> aspect

**2<sup>nd</sup> – the Fixed Cross**

*hundreds* of

incarnations. – 2<sup>nd</sup> aspect

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Cardinal Cross**

one with the Life that

ensouls our Planet. – 1<sup>st</sup>

aspect

- *Sun sign in any of 12 signs*
- *Still considered Mutable phase*
- The direction on the Mutable Cross follows the natural direction based on the precession of the equinox.
- From Aries to Taurus via Pisces - clockwise

# The Mutable Cross

- It is also called the Common Cross or the "Cross of the Hidden Christ".
- The masses or **average humanity** are on this Cross.
- Cross of “**repeated incarnations**” to experience life via various signs and orthodox/exoteric rulers.

# The Mutable Cross

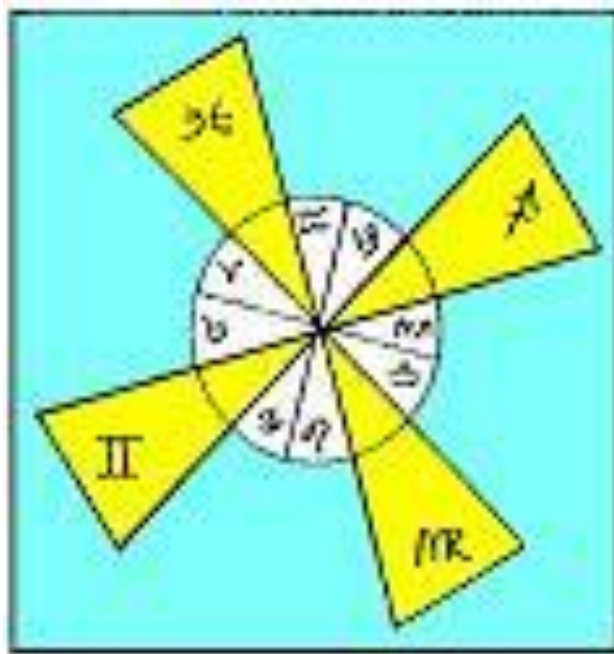
- Blind to the larger picture, swamped by the emotions, interested only in "I, Me and Mine", the focus is on material things, the physical body, and sex.
- The life for long ages is selfish and self-centred. One's efforts are for oneself and for one's own satisfaction and personality enterprises, and this becomes steadily stronger and stronger.
- This is the present situation for the masses.

- Leads to successive and continuous expansions of consciousness.
- Instinctual or mass consciousness merges into intellectual consciousness.
- Duality consciousness where a conscience is developed.
- He metaphorically mounts the Mutable Cross and his long term of imprisonment in form begins and the lessons of servitude must be learned. He goes on learning until he has transformed servitude into service.

# The Mutable Cross

**Goal:**

**To develop and fuse the personality so that a coordinated and integrated personality will emerge.**

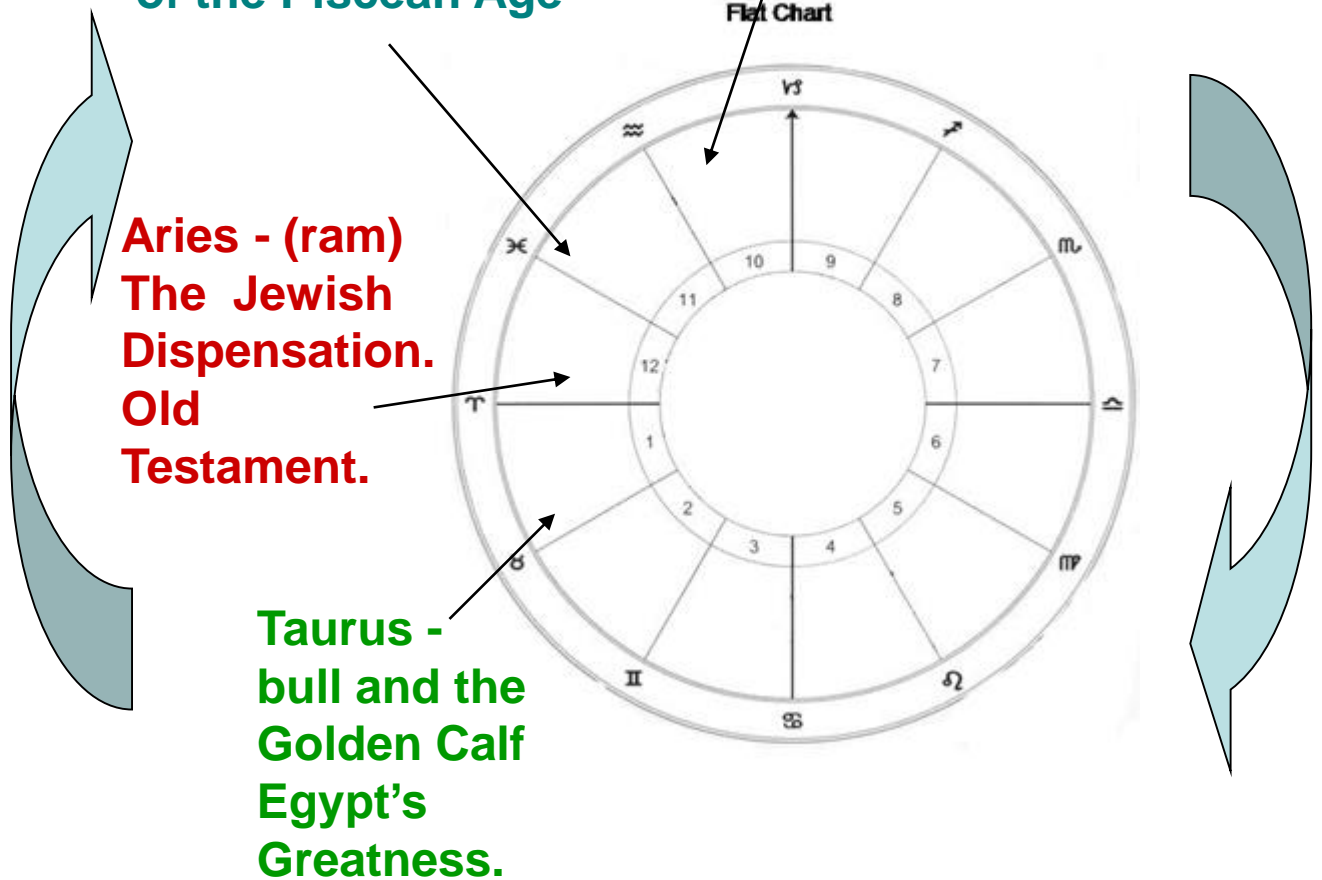


- governed by desire
- *knowledge of earthly experiences*
- **intelligence** is being developed.

# The Precession of the Equinox moves clockwise from Aries to Taurus via Pisces

Pisces-The Birth of the Piscean Age

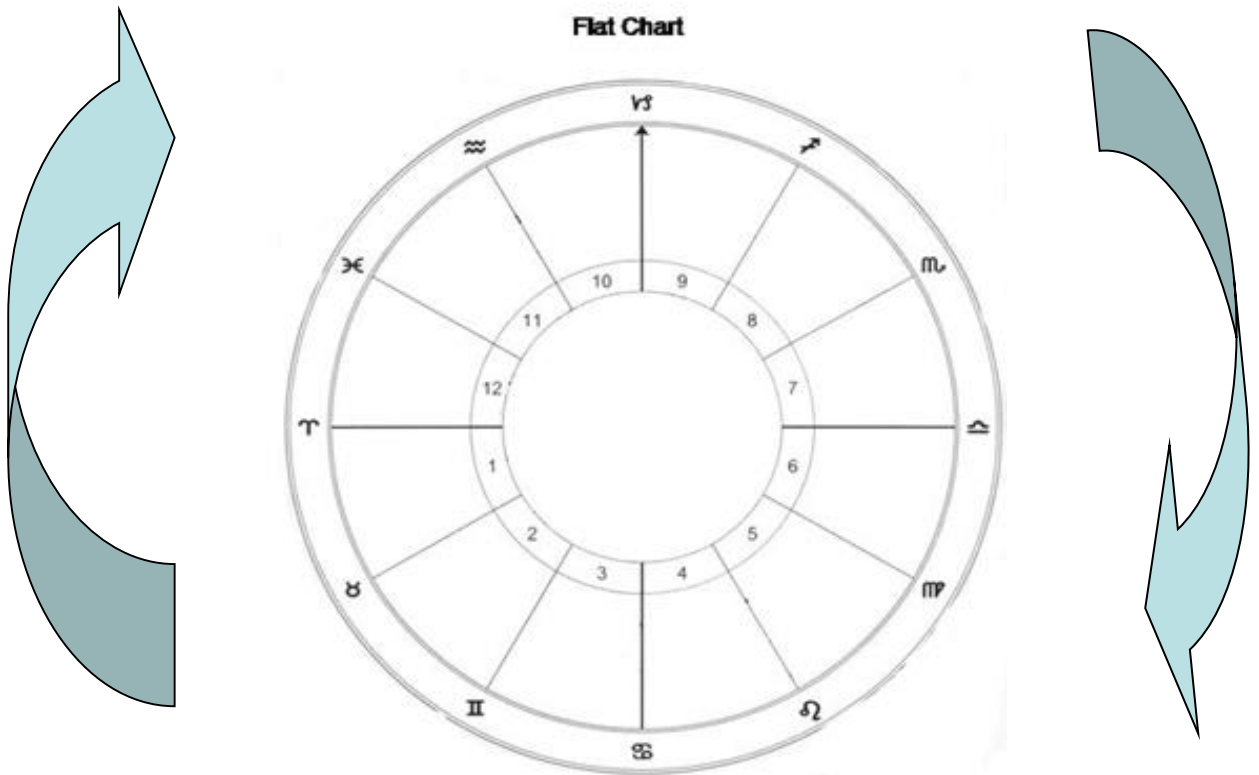
The Aquarian Age.



Note: the sign on the cusp of each house rules that house.



# The Mutable Cross



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same as the precession of the  
Equinox.**

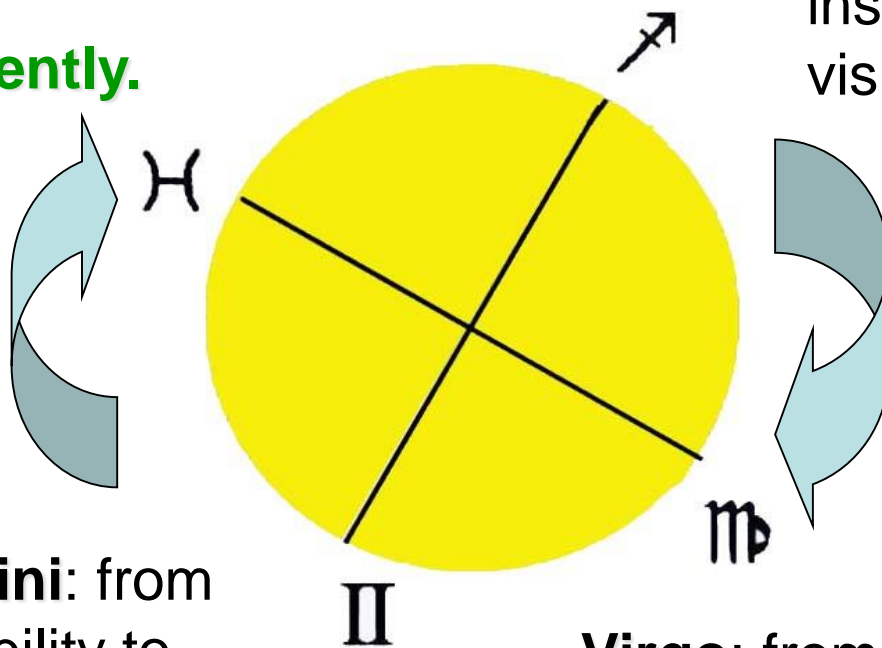
# Mutable or Common Cross

The arms of the Cross lead to the learning of some aspect of *intelligence*

**Pisces:** from negative impressionability to the power to serve **intelligently.**

**Sagittarius:** from gluttony/desire, to **intelligent** and inspired vision.

Clockwise Direction



**Gemini:** from instability to duality and **intelligent** recognition of something higher.

**Virgo:** from domination by the material life, to **intelligent** awareness of the divine within.

# Hypothetical Examples of People on the **Mutable Cross**

The **exoteric planets** rule those on this **Mutable Cross**. The centres below the diaphragm predominate.

1. Those who are **emotional**, have not developed their minds to the extent it is being used effectively, and have **weak wills**.

This may include people who are 'spiritual' such as mystics and church goers.

*Eg. Vincent Van Gogh, Marilyn Monroe, Marlon Brando, Greta Garbo*

2. The more advanced (though not necessarily better) are those intelligent people, strong personalities, driven by desire for money, power, and sex.

*Eg. Hitler, Stalin, Slobodan  
Molosevich, Ariel Sharon,  
Netanyahu, Arafat, Henry  
Kissinger, George Bush Jr.,  
Tony Blair, John Edgar  
Hoover, Hugh Hefner, Donald  
Trump.*

# Rulers of the Mutable Cross

- Since it is personality development on the Mutable Cross only the exoteric/orthodox rulers rule this Cross.

**Pisces** – Jupiter (Neptune for masses)

**Sagittarius** – Jupiter

**Virgo** – Mercury

**Gemini** – Mercury

- Touches of Soul via Jupiter
- Mind development via Mercury
- Parallels the unfurling and opening of the Intelligence

# Moving on...

- Each transition marks a **point of crisis**, both in the individual.
- When the time of transition from the **Mutable Cross** on to the **Fixed Cross** arrives, four things occur:
  1. a vast experience of life in the outer world.
  2. gradually growing **dissatisfaction** awakening in the consciousness

### 3. S/He turns to invocation.

a. aspiration

b. mysticism

- Duality

- Something greater than himself; a conscience.

c. desire turns to love.

4. The **Mutable Cross** rules the Path of Probation for the average man, aspirant and probationary disciple . The path of building character into the personality - purifying the lower vehicles. This is prior to the first initiation.

- The probationary disciple is ready to be tested (Scorpio) as he prepares for the first initiation, transferring from the **Mutable Cross** and Path of Probation onto the **Fixed Cross** and Path of Discipleship.
- He experiences a crisis or burning ground. This transference occurs in the sign of Libra – the interval, the middle – the reversing of the wheel – re-orientation.
- Libra, therefore, controls the "moment of reversal of the wheel" in the life of every aspirant, for there comes a moment in the cycle of lives wherein a point of balance is reached and a relative equilibrium is attained, and over this event Libra presides.

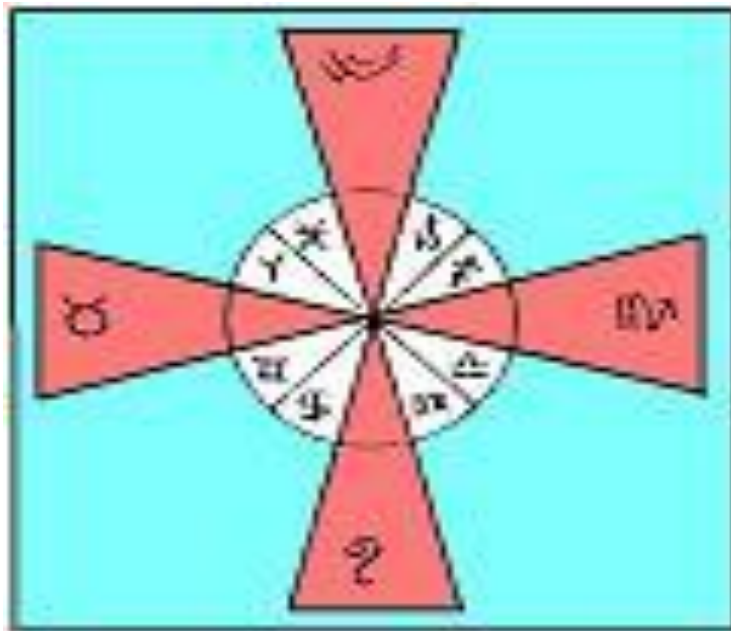
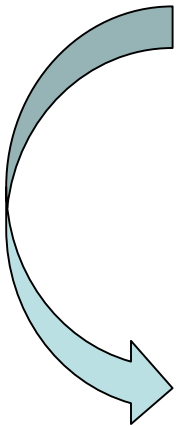


- This doesn't mean that the individual has totally reversed the direction of the wheel.
- It will take many lives for that to happen.
- One can be moving in both directions simultaneously.
- One is considered a probationary disciple.

# The Fixed Cross

**Goal: Develop soul consciousness, and control of the life by the soul.**

**Anti-clock  
wise  
direction.**



**Desire is spiraled up to aspiration.  
Pull of the Soul spurs the individual on.**

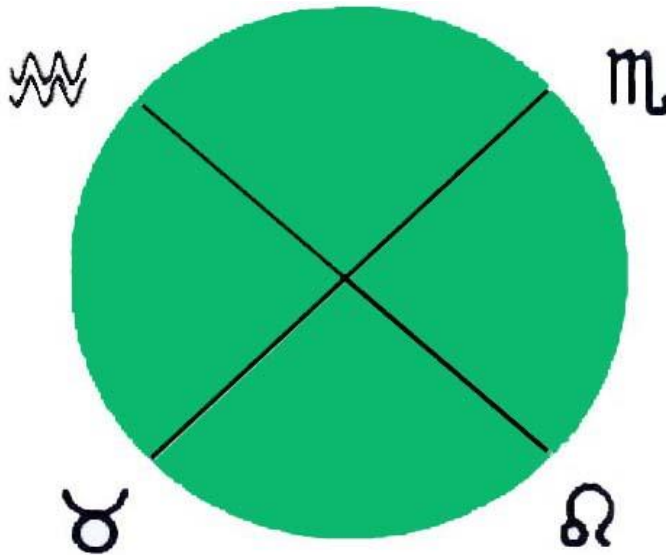
# Fixed Cross

## Cross of Discipleship and the Cross of the Crucified Christ

The arms of the Cross lead to learning some  
aspect of love

**Aquarius:** from personal  
desire to world **service**  
motivated by **love**.

**Scorpio:** Brings **triumph**  
over glamour (illusion) and  
a growing **love** of humanity.



**Taurus:**  
from desire  
to aspiration.  
Leads to the  
unfolding of **Love**,  
via **professions**,  
**business**, and the  
**arts**.

**Leo:** Identification from the  
lower self to the **soul**.  
Stimulation of **creative ideas**  
and **projects**.

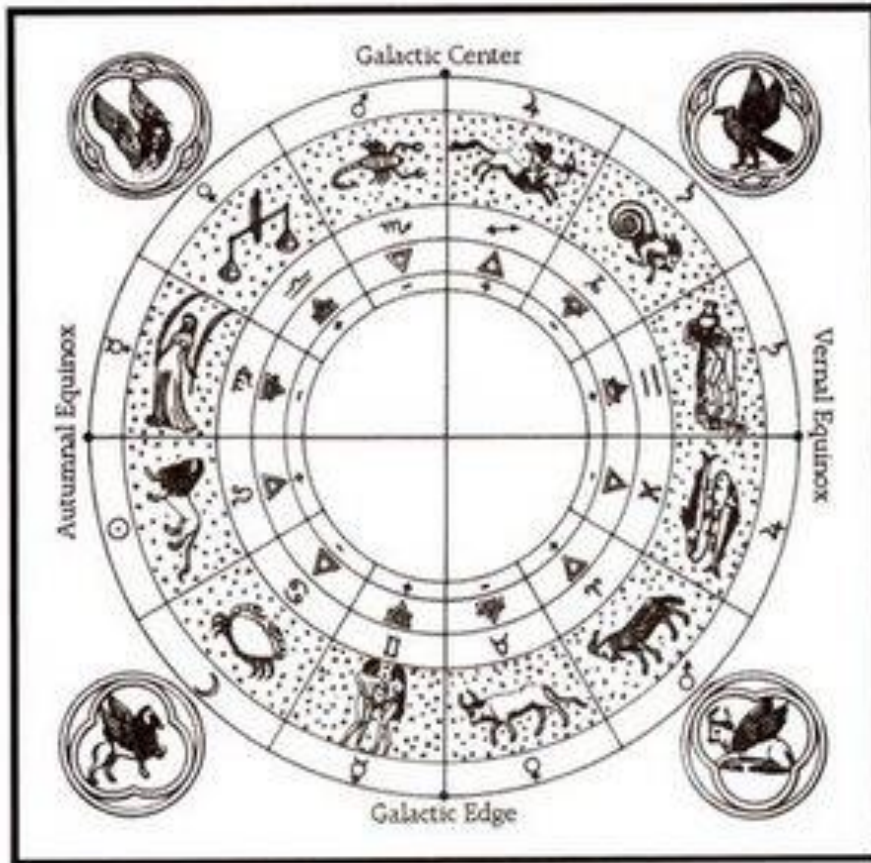


Figure 5.7. Galactic alignment and equinox cross  
(from *A Monument to the End of Time*)

The fixed signs are very closely aligned to the ***establishment of right values.***

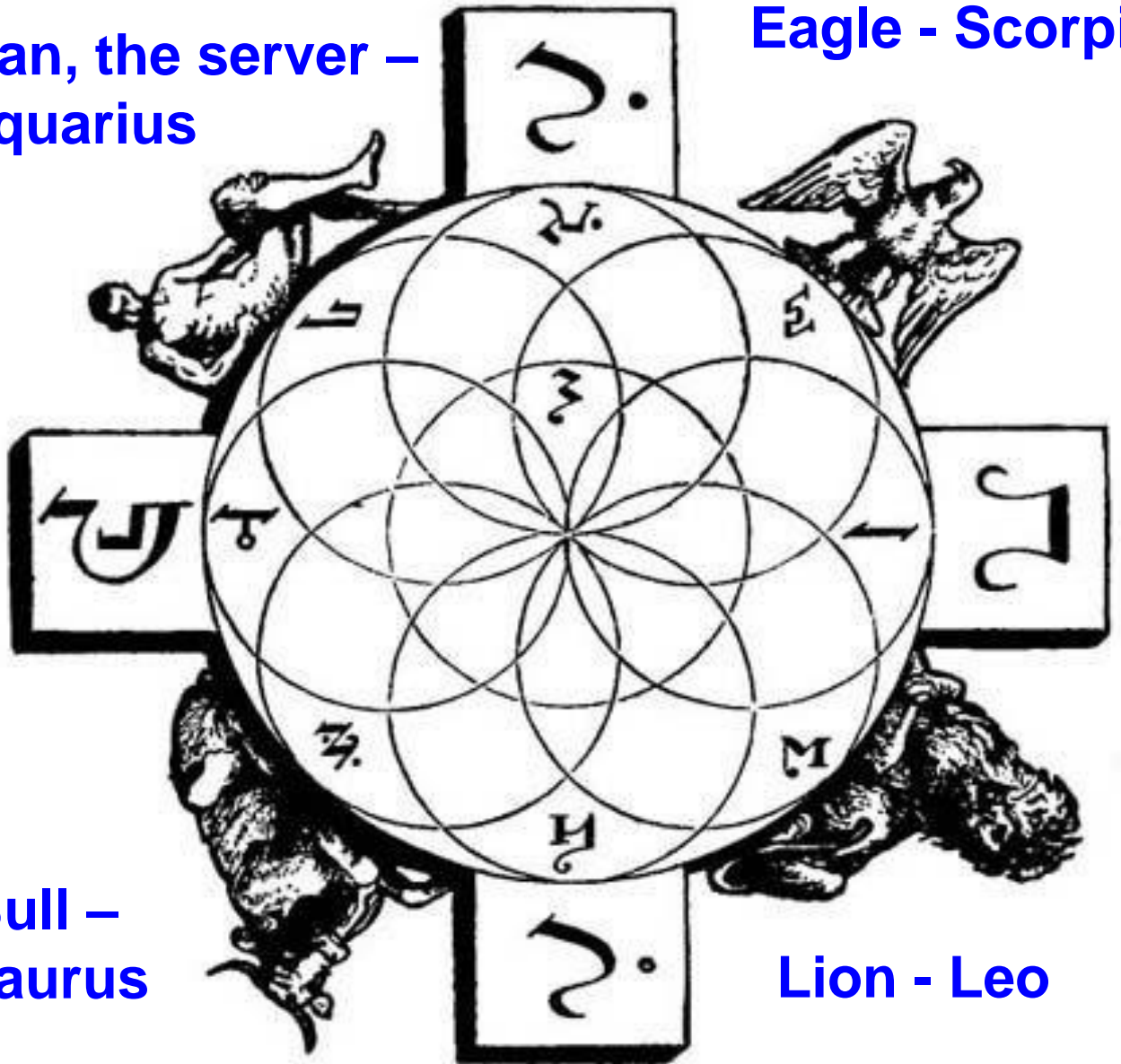
**It is “a Cross of blinding light, of fiery pain, of bitter woe, and yet the Cross of liberation.” (EA 82)**

The **esoteric planets** rule disciples on this Cross.

# The Fixed Cross

Man, the server –  
Aquarius

Eagle - Scorpio



Bull –  
Taurus

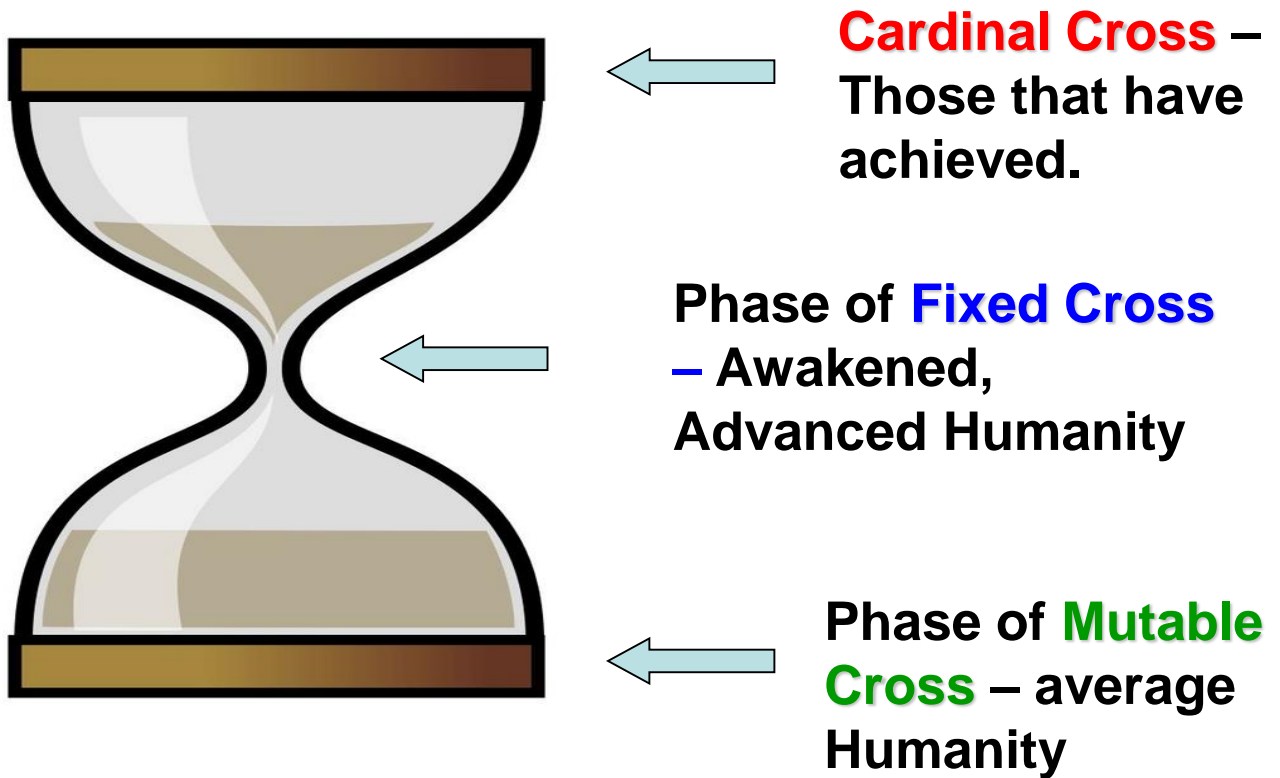
Lion - Leo

This is where most *awakened* humanity is at. The first three initiations take place on this cross.

# Hypothetical Examples of People on the Fixed Cross

1. **Intelligent but sensitive people** who aspire to something higher and finer; who have had major emotional crises in the life; who are dedicated to world service.
  - *Princesses Diana/ Anne, Prince Charles, Madonna, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Richard Gere, Whoopi Golberg, Audrey Hepburn, Katherine Hepburn*
2. Very **advanced human beings** who identify with humanity as a whole, who are examples of unconditional love and powerful will, who are highly intelligent, talented, creative, successful; and who are effective in human rights work on a global level. [up to the third initiation]
  - *Albert Schweizer, Albert Einstein, Margaret Mead, Winston Churchill, Mohandas Ghandi, Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa. Oprah (as of late), Gorbachev, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr .*

# The Evolution of Humanity



The **Fixed Cross** is the squeeze, hence the suffering.

# Rulers of Fixed Cross

- Although the esoteric rulers are the rulers for disciples, the exoteric rulers are still very strong and influential.

## Taurus

Exo: Venus    Eso: Vulcan

## Leo

Exo: Sun (veiling Jupiter)

Eso: Sun (veiling Neptune)

## Scorpio

Exo: Mars    Eso: Mars

## Aquarius

Exo: Uranus    Eso: Jupiter

Will and Love are working  
with the Disciple



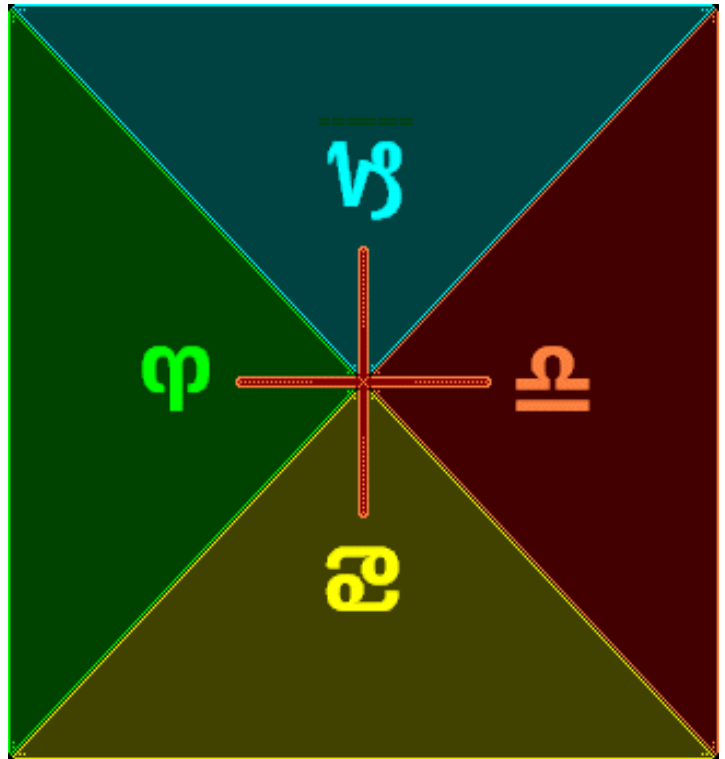
# The Cardinal Cross

- The first 3 initiations – soul infusion, are taken on the **Fixed Cross**.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> initiation is on **no** cross. The initiate is in limbo between the Fixed and Cardinal Crosses.
- Once a person has become fully anchored in his or her Soul's orientation, he is said to mount the **Cardinal Cross**.
- The life urge is now motivated by ***pure Spiritual Attraction and intent.***
- The life's purpose is in line with Planetary purpose.

# Cardinal Cross

"Cross of the Risen Christ."

**Goal:** Develop  
Spiritual/Monadi  
c  
Consciousness,  
and life control  
by the Spirit.



The 1st divine aspect of **Will-Power** is perfected in individuals on this Cross and the spirit, soul/personality are fused into one unit.

# Cardinal Cross

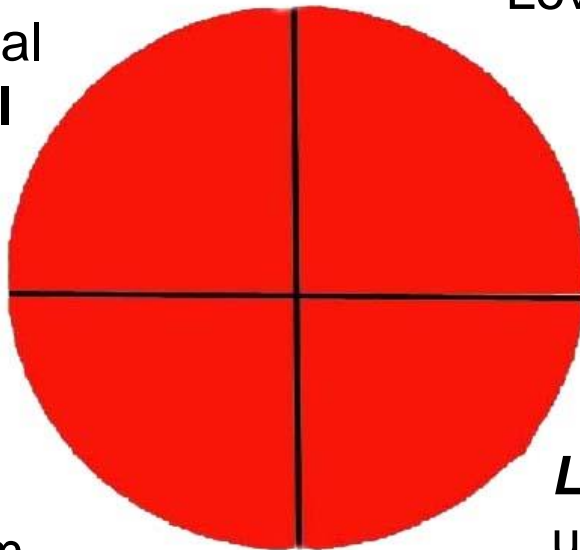
The arms of the Cross lead  
to some aspect of the  
will/power

## **Aries:**

from sublimation  
of the personal  
will to the **will**  
of God.



**Capricorn:** from  
personal ambition  
to working with  
the **Power** of  
Love!



**Cancer:** from  
identification with the  
masses, to the **will** to  
serve the masses.



**Libra:** from  
unbalanced fiery  
passion to the  
**will** to serve the  
Laws of God.

# Hierarchical Rulers for the Cardinal Cross

**Aries** – Uranus – spiritual will

**Cancer** – Neptune – universal  
love

**Libra** – Saturn – spiritual law

**Capricorn** – Venus – full circle –  
brought us spark of mind; also  
rules cosmic astral plane

## Hypothetical Examples of People on the Cardinal Cross

*The Dalai Lama, Masters of the  
Wisdom, Jesus Christ, Christ  
Maitreya, Gautama Buddha.*



