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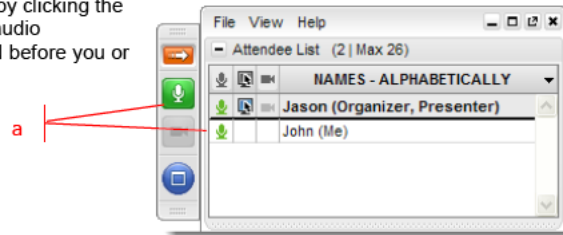
## Student webinar series on The Labours of Hercules

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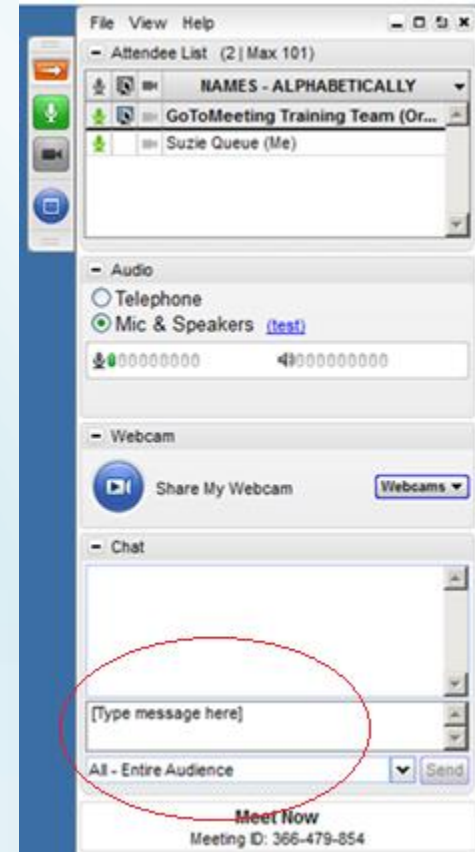


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# The Labours of Hercules

## An Astrological Interpretation

BASED ON ARTICLES BY ALICE A. BAILEY

FIRST PRINTED IN *THE BEACON* 1957-1958

(*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



# The First 5 Labors

- *“We might regard the first five labors (Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and Leo) as covering the entire period of the Path of Probation, and the killing of the Nemean Lion is the climax of that part of the struggle.*
- *Now he is ready to tread the Path of Discipleship, in which the indwelling Christ is gradually revealed, matter is steadily subordinated to the uses of the soul, and the form aspect comes to be regarded simply as the mother of the Christ Child.”*



# Hercules faces the Presiding One

The great Presiding One called unto him the Teacher watching over Hercules. “The time is drawing near,” he said, “how fares the son of man who is a son of God? Is he prepared again to venture forth and try his mettle with a foe of a different sort? Can he now pass the 6<sup>th</sup> great Gate?”

And the Teacher answered: “Yes.” He was assured within himself that when the word went forth the disciple would arise to labours new, and this he told the great Presiding One within the Council Chamber of the Lord.

And then the word went forth. “Arise, O Hercules, and pass the sixth great Gate.”

Another word likewise went forth, though not to Hercules, but unto those who dwelt upon the shores of the great sea. They listened and they heard.



# Labor VI - Seizing the Girdle of Hippolyte

♄ Hippolyte was the queen of women

- She wore a girdle, a gift from Venus
  - ✓ A symbol of unity achieved through struggle
  - ✓ Also of motherhood and the sacred Child within
- All women were her vassals & warriors, worshiping the Moon & Mars
  - ✓ Annually they haunted and used men
- After much consideration, she freely offered the girdle to Hercules

♄ Hercules fought her, failing to see her outstretched hands

- He was aghast at what he'd done
- Admonished by his teacher for killing the mother of the sacred child

♄ Had to redeem himself & save a life for the one taken

- So he rescued Hesione and balanced his previous deed of death
- By doing so, he learned wisdom, balance & how to walk with God





# Labor VI - Meaning of the Myth

♍ This, like Leo, is a cave experience

- The womb of time; a warm, quiet, deep experience
- Realization that latent within us is the Christ child

♍ Involves war between sexes inherent in human duality

- Also involves recognizing the need for unity and love
- Annual sorties of the Amazons involved sex without love
  - ✓ Marrying for money, security, or position are the sins of women
  - ✓ The sin of man was killing or debasing women

♍ Virgo is a synthetic sign

- It concerns the whole goal of the evolutionary process
- To shield and nurture, then finally reveal, the hidden spiritual reality
- To honor the good and revere the spiritual life over material interests



# Labor VI - The Journey

♌ This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the disciple signs

- depicting preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup> initiation
- birth of the Christ in the heart

♌ He initially failed the labor, showing that

- a disciple must never be off guard, errors can be made
- his virtues can become his problems
- even a high initiate, son of God, can drop back on the path

♌ His failure is only temporary

- consequences are delay as he fails to get the spiritual mission
- but fresh opportunities occur



<b>Virgo:</b>	<b>the Virgin</b>
<b>Element:</b>	Earth sign (as are Taurus and Capricorn)
<b>Quality:</b>	The unique service in Virgo is that both the form and the spirit are nurtured, shielding “Christ in you the hope and glory.”
<b>Polar Opposite:</b>	Pisces, a water sign (Christ consciousness revealed as a World Savior).
<b>Rulers:</b>	Exoteric, Mercury; Esoteric, the Moon.
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>form angle:</b>	Let matter reign.
<b>soul angle:</b>	I am the Mother and the Child; I, god, I, matter am.



# The Earth Signs

- Exoterically, earth is practical, stable, dependable
  - ✓ But may be too cautious
- Esoterically, keys are desire & material expression
  - ✓ Taurus is desire for experience, satisfaction, knowledge
  - ✓ Virgo is desire for expression and spiritual desire
  - ✓ Capricorn is desire for liberation and service to others
- They are feminine, like the Water signs
  - ✓ Yin energy; passive, receptive, containing
  - ✓ They represent the night; related to the 2-4-6 ray line
- They are compatible with Water 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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- Thank you for participating, & hope you enjoyed it
- We welcome any feedback you might have
- The next Labors of Hercules webinar will be Sep 28th