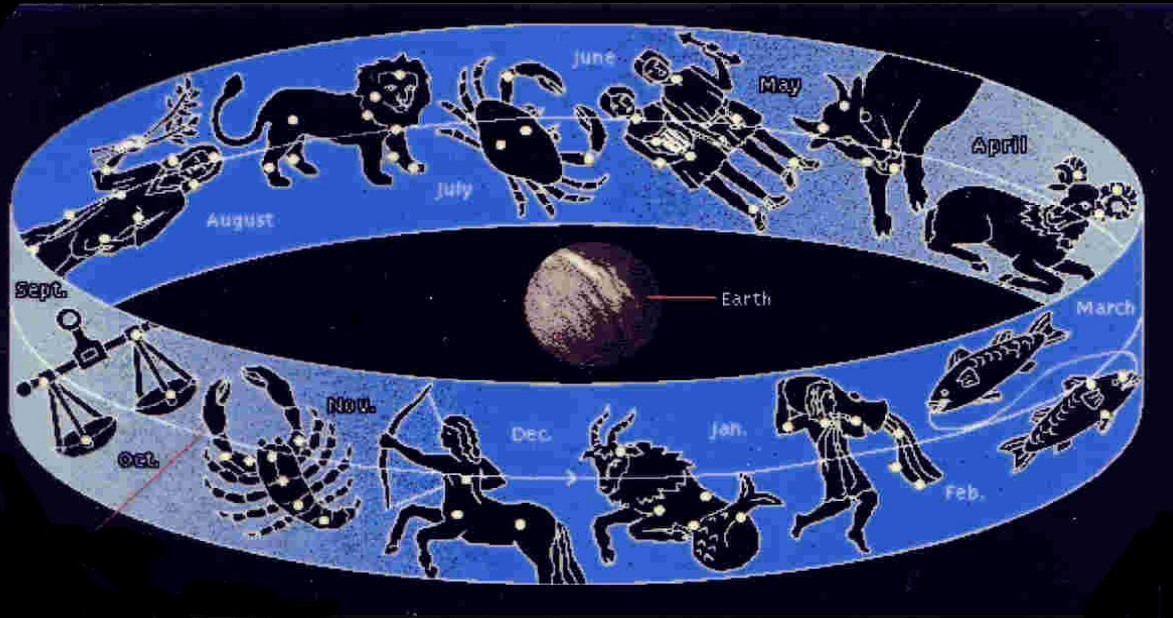


A cosmic scene featuring a large blue planet, a smaller moon-like body, and a bright star with a lens flare.

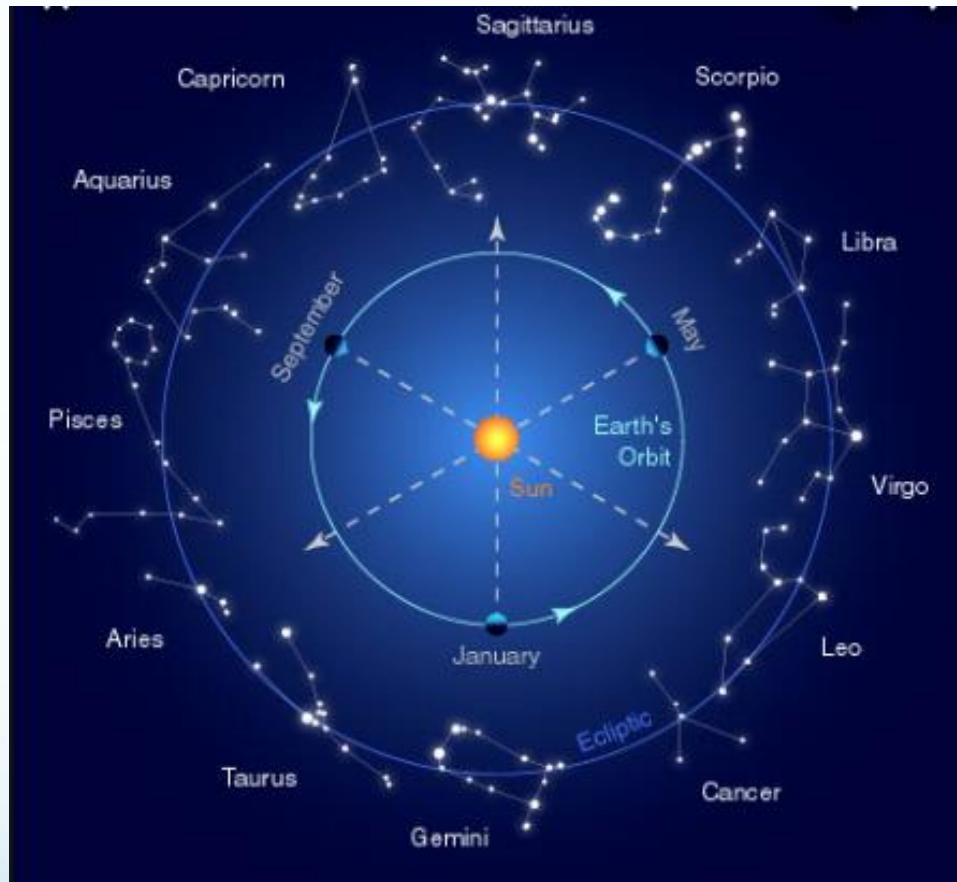
# Astrology for the Soul



The sun moves along a path through the heavens (ecliptic) and has the constellations as a back drop. Zodiac: a circle of animals in Greek – the ecliptic is a narrow band in the sky where the planets are charted against the background of the ecliptic or zodiac.

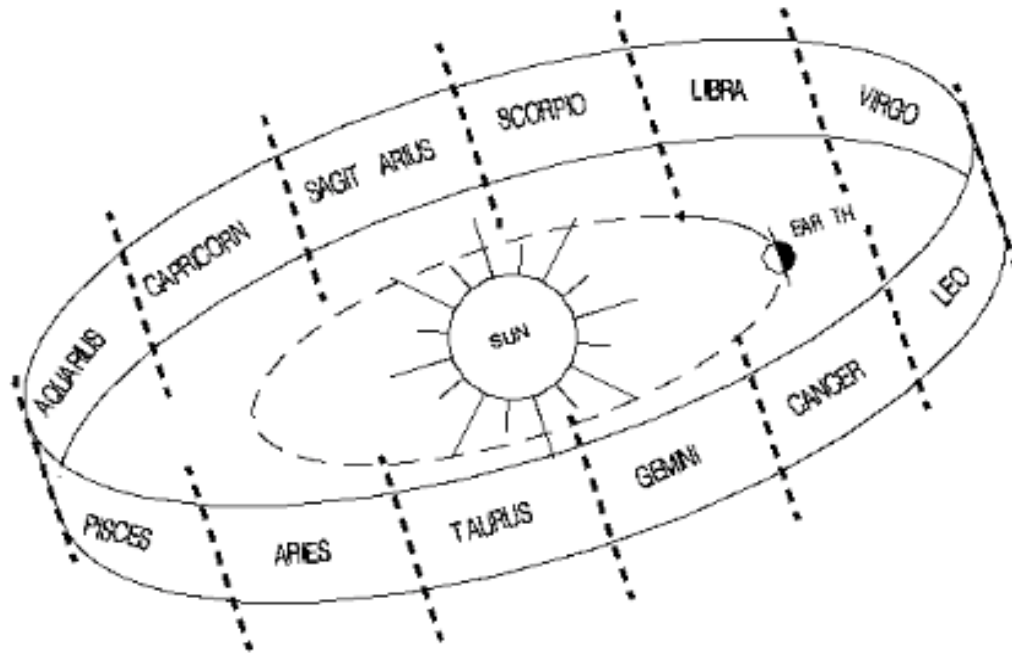
## The Zodiac





Constellations are the configurations of suns (groups of stars) in the sky that names have been attributed to. These are constant and heavenly bodies that are alive.

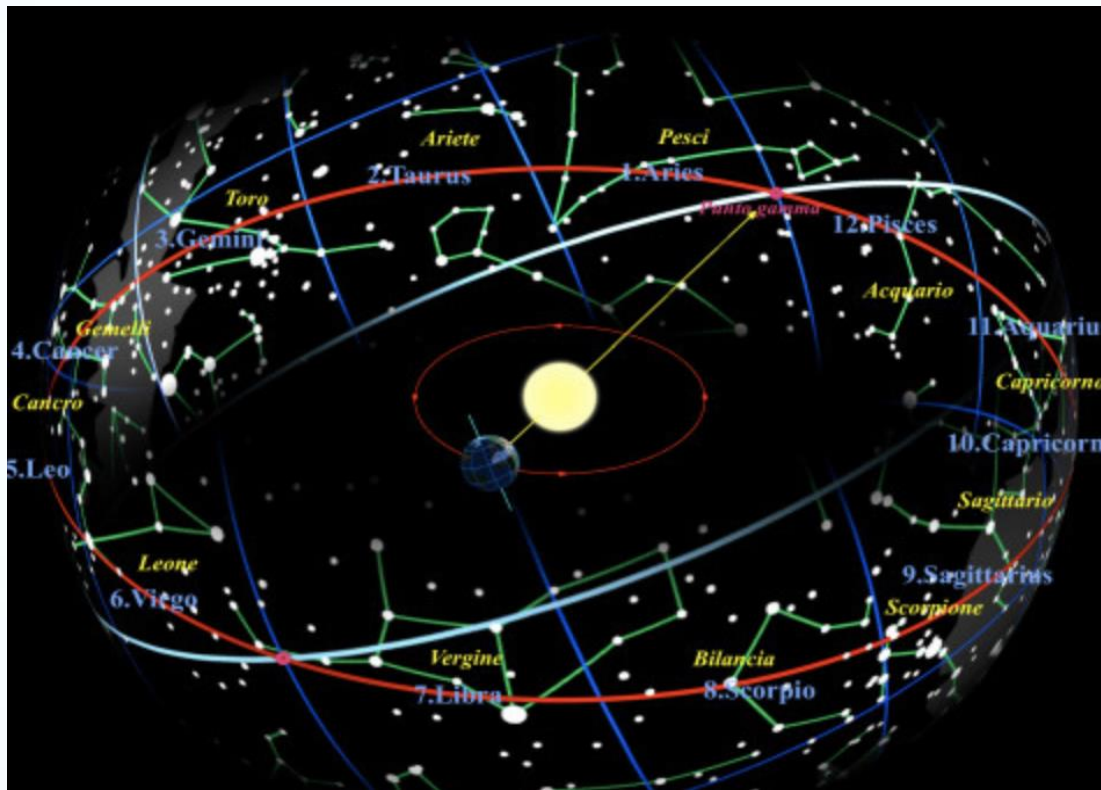
Signs are the **confluence** of **concentrated** influence - collective thoughts, ideas and influences that man has about these named constellations. Much of this knowledge has been passed down through the ages.



Astronomy and astrology agree on calling the Zodiac (the figures of the heavenly animals) a band in the sphere of the fixed stars, parallel to the ecliptic, within which all the planets of the Solar System move.

Today it is divided into twelve parts of equal width in correspondence with many well-known constellations, but it is known that it was not and probably will not always be the case; at the time of ancient Egypt, for example, it counted only ten partitions: at that time human sensitivity to Space did not allow a more refined reaction. E.g. Sphinx – combo of Leo and Virgo





The sun moves along a path through the heavens (ecliptic) and has the constellations as a back drop.

The signs or seasons are found along the ecliptic or the path that the planets track through the sky.

The Sun lies at the center of the solar system, and the Earth moves around it against the background of the zodiac.

The Zodiac is a living Entity:

- a) Its center is everywhere.
- b) Its periphery is nowhere.
- c) Between one and the other an infinite field of reciprocal exchanges pulsates.

## THE ETHERIC WEB, PRANA, AND THE UNIVERSE

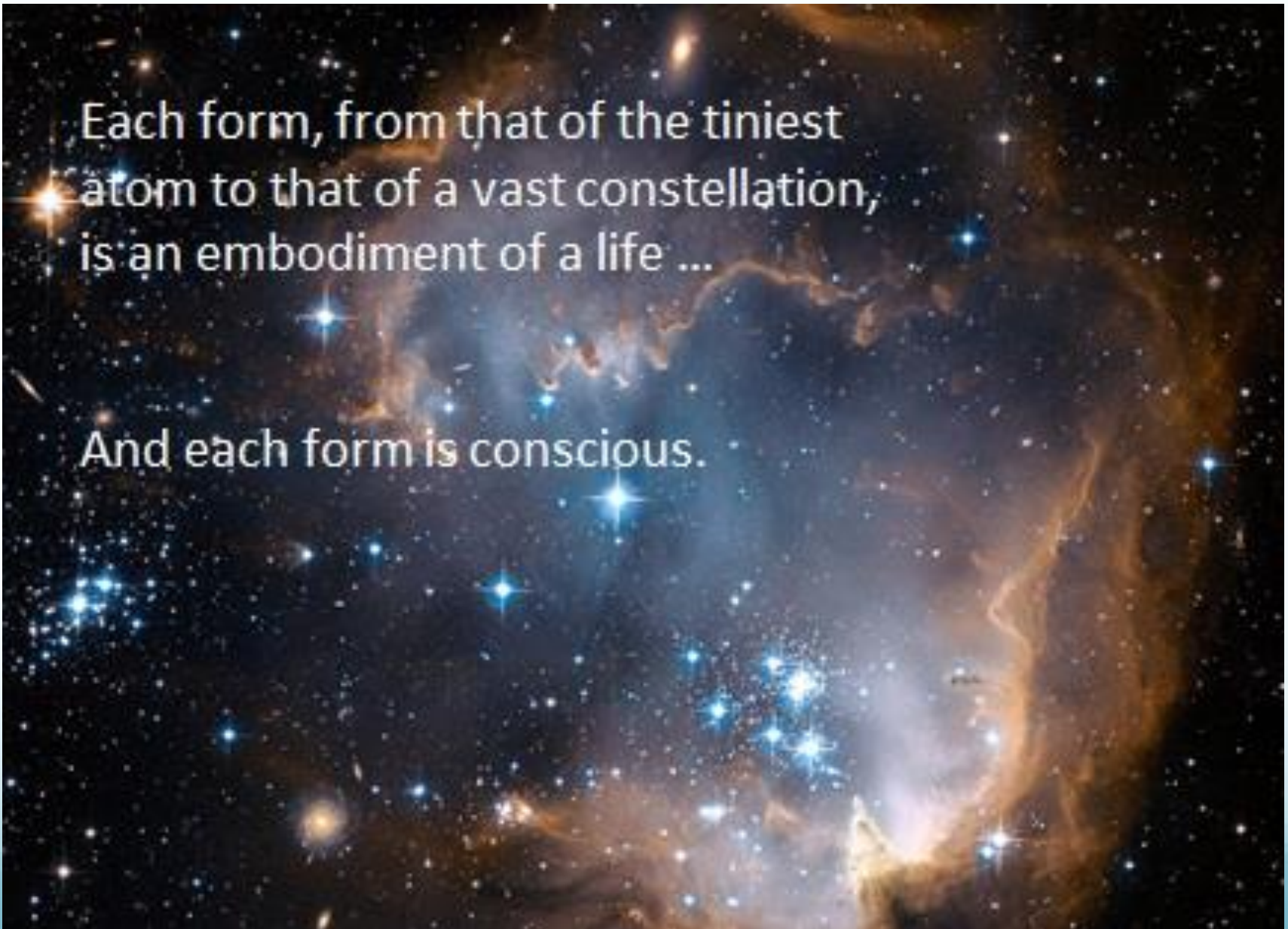
**Prana** is the Sanskrit word for absolute energy. It is the active principle of life and is all pervading, found everywhere, in everything.



**The Etheric Web** is the field of space, the composite of all bodies (from a small atom to an expanse we call a universe) and it is a subtle matter that is a constant stream of circulating energies and forces

*“Just as the forces of the planet and of the inner spiritual man (to mention only one factor among many) pour through the etheric body of the individual man upon the physical plane, and condition his outer expression, activities, and qualities, so do the varying forces of the universe pour through every part of the etheric body of that entity we call space and condition and determine the outer expression, the activities and qualities of every form found within the cosmic periphery.”*



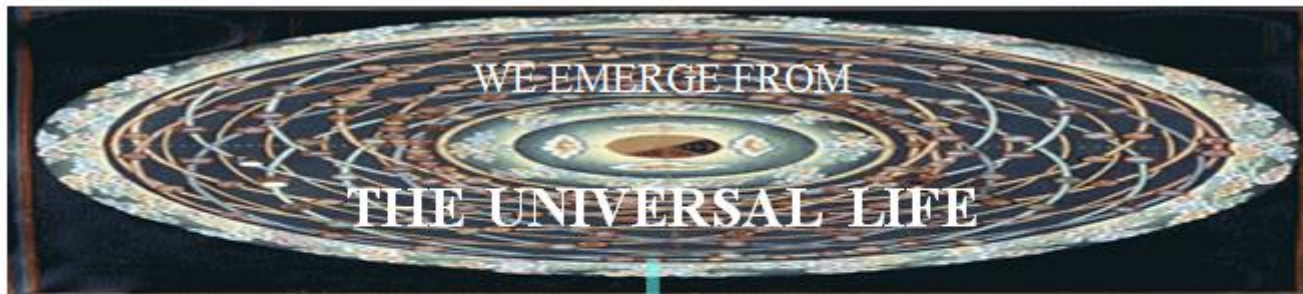


Each form, from that of the tiniest  
atom to that of a vast constellation,  
is an embodiment of a life ...

And each form is conscious.



## SPIRITUAL ORIGINS AND OUR SPIRITUAL GOAL



As fiery Spiritual God-Sparks or Monads, flowing out  
through great Beings who ensoul  
galaxies and constellations



Via the 7 Rays to our Solar System

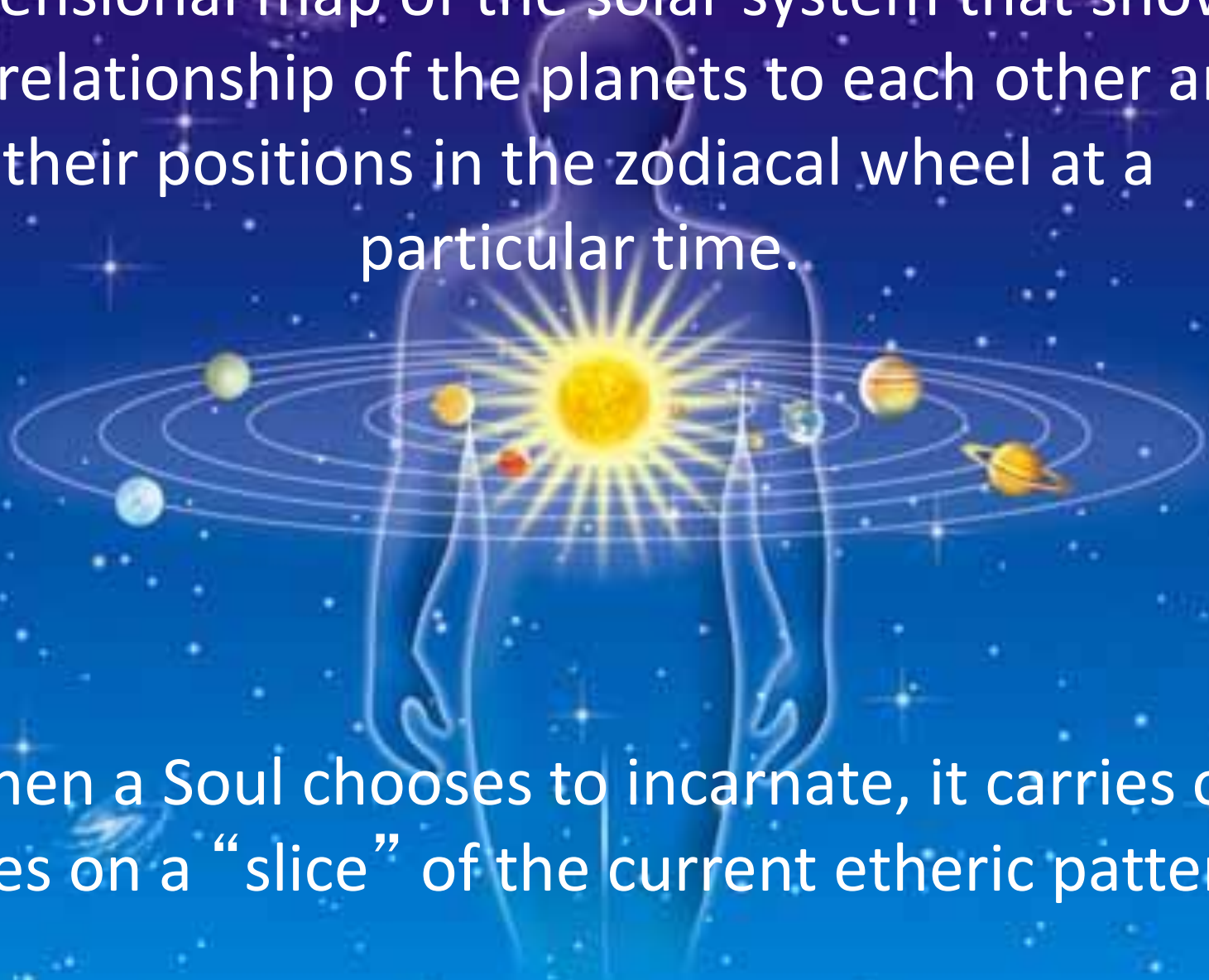


OUR GOAL IS "UNION"

TO IDENTIFY CONSCIOUSLY WITH SPIRIT

The natal chart or horoscope is a two-dimensional map of the solar system that shows the relationship of the planets to each other and their positions in the zodiacal wheel at a particular time.

When a Soul chooses to incarnate, it carries or takes on a “slice” of the current etheric pattern.



- Astrology is essentially the science of energies, and man is an entity composed of a variety of different energies and forces, and is subject to energies which impact upon him from all quarters.
- The energy which originates from the Supreme Life, stimulates the spiritual nature, and evolves consciousness. It is with these that the esoteric astrologer is concerned.

# ***Astrology of the Soul***

*“..humanity is enough evolved so that the **astrology of the soul** will become possible before long; it constitutes—from many points of view—a reversal of normal procedure. This is both wise and necessary, and also inevitable. Astrologers will eventually be divided into two classes: the **exoteric** astrologers who will be occupied with the horoscope of the personality, and the **esoteric** astrologers who will be occupied with the purposes of the soul.”*



# Exoteric vs. Esoteric Astrology

Exoteric Astrology is concerned with

- the personality and its outer life
- “one’s fortune”, to get inside information which can be used to make for a more prosperous and happy physical plane life.
- events, happenings, and circumstances of the conditioning environment and every day life.
- the astrology of the material life
- It is the correct astrology method to use for the average person who is not yet consciously in touch with his or her Soul.

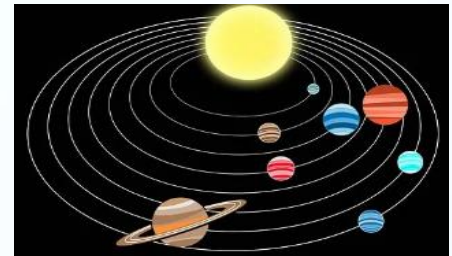




**Exoteric** Astrology focuses upon the life of the personality, which is represented by the **Sun Sign**.

- The Sun is the heart of the exoteric chart, just as the personality stands all dominant and powerful on the early stages of the Path.
- Personality force is distributed through the lower bodies, represented by the Moon, Mercury, Venus, and Mars, and their combined forces are distributed into the environment, represented by the houses.
- The exoteric planets grouped around the Sun, represent the consciousness of the personality nature.
- For the average person houses play a big role, not so, for aspirants/disciples.

- Reading a chart which focuses only these planets (and also including Jupiter and Saturn) would accurately indicate the outer life circumstances, destiny and fate for a person who has not yet stepped onto the Path of Spiritual Development.
- These individuals are still integrating the bodies into a forceful whole (the personality), and lack a strong and developed will.
- As a consequence, they are unable to make a powerful impact upon life.
- Instead, they are shaped by the circumstances into which they are born, by the environment in which they live (hence the houses).
- Things start to change when the personality is developed.
- But as long as the focus is the outer life, the exoteric chart is the most accurate guide for the life.



- **Esoteric** Astrology reveals the purpose of the Soul in this incarnation.
- It focuses upon the expansion of consciousness.
- It reveals the limitations in consciousness which bind the Soul in time and space.
- It reveals the Soul force potential (the esoteric planets in the signs) which will offset the forces of the ego (exoteric planets), and enable the Soul to get a better grip over the lower nature.
- It shows the particular tests and trials ahead in life, which will throw the man back upon himself, and force him to decide whether he will respond as a Soul or as an ego.
- The esoteric chart also indicates what the Soul would like to contribute for the greater good, where fellowship, service, and Soul fulfilment is to be found.







**Esoteric Astrology Reveals that which is Hidden**



# Esoteric (Soul-based) Astrology teaches:

1. **The sun sign indicates the present problem;** it sets the pace or the established tempo of the personality life and outer life; it is related to quality, temperament and the life tendencies which are seeking expression during a particular incarnation. Fundamentally, the forces here found are indicative of the *line of least resistance*.



2. **The ascendant or rising sign indicates the *intended life* or immediate soul purpose for this incarnation.** It holds the secret of the future and presents the force which, rightly used, will lead to success. It represents the harmony aspect of life and can produce right relationship between soul and personality in an incarnation. It thus points the way to the recognition of the force of the soul.

3. **The moon.—This type of force indicates that which is past. It, therefore, summarizes limitation and the present handicaps.** It governs the physical body and shows where the **prison of the soul** is to be found. It represents one's **conditioning**.



## **The story of man, the aspirant, is the story of his response to energies.**

- ❖ The interplay between these different types of energy results in the formation of a congregation of energy we call bodies or vehicles that are specifically developed to develop a conscious response to the life of God.
- ❖ Small units of energy, relatively speaking, are swept into contact with great fields of force, which we call planes.
- ❖ They constitute a temporary form that has externalized and is relatively tangible, and which can function as a medium so the soul can contact larger forms of divine life and expression.
- ❖ The more organized and integrated the form is, and the more perfect its response mechanisms are (sensorial reactions), the better it is to see the age of the soul and gauge the level of attainment along the path.

# Esoteric Astrology

- **Exoteric Ruler** – ambassador for the house, it duplicates or replicates attributes of the sign
- **Esoteric Ruler** – how the energy of the planet helps us to move with soul qualities.
- It brings the energy into a broader scope with more abstract meaning and it is not so self oriented.
- We cannot be affected by the Esoteric Rulerships until we are on a certain point on the Path.
- The personality is controlled by planetary influences, disciples controlled by signs.



# Ruling Planets in Signs



Exoteric ruler in sign = dignified

Exoteric ruler in opposite sign = detriment

- not comfortable in that sign and tends to operate with the least strength. (esoterically until the axis can be balanced)

# Ruling Planets in Signs

- Esoteric ruler – applies to disciples
- Hierarchical ruler – applies to initiates
- **Exaltations** - The power of the planet is as high as it can go. It points to a special affinity between a planet and a sign.
- The exaltation of a planet can be very high – depending on point of the path OR ordinary.
- Exalted planets in opposite signs = **fall**
  - There, the planet loses its strength and influence.
  - When something falls, something needs to rise. Generally an aspect of the personality falls so higher energies may rise.

# Exoteric vs Esoteric Keynotes

Exoteric Keynote (from the angle of form)	Sign	Esoteric Keynote (from the angle of the soul)
Let form again be sought	♈ Aries	I come forth, and from the plane of mind I rule
Let struggle be undismayed	♉ Taurus	I see, and when the Eye is opened all is illumined
Let instability do its work	♊ Gemini	I recognize my other self and in the waning of that self I grow and glow
Let isolation be the rule, and yet the crowd exists	♋ Cancer	I build a lighted house and therein dwell
Let other forms exist; I rule because I am	♌ Leo	I am That and That I am.
Let matter reign	♍ Virgo	I am the Mother and the Child, I, God, I Matter am

# Exoteric vs Esoteric Keynotes

Exoteric Keynote (from the angle of form)	Sign	Esoteric Keynote (from the angle of the soul)
Let choice be made	♎ Libra	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force
Let maya flourish and let deception rule	♏ Scorpio	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant
Let food be sought	♐ Sagittarius	I see the goal; I reach that goal and then I see another
Let ambition rule and let the door stand wide	♑ Capricorn	Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back
Let desire in form be the ruler	♒ Aquarius	Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men
Go forth into matter	♓ Pisces	I leave the Father's house and turning back, I save.



# Rulers, Exaltations, Fall

Zodiac Sign	Modern Ruler	Old Ruler	Esoteric Ruler	Hierarchical Ruler	Exalted Planet	Planet in Fall
Aries	Mars	Mars	Mercury	Uranus	Sun	Saturn
Taurus	Venus	Venus	Vulcan	Vulcan	Moon	Uranus
Gemini	Mercury	Mercury	Venus	Earth	-	-
Cancer	Moon	Moon	Neptune	Neptune	Jupiter	Mars
Leo	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun	-	-
Virgo	Mercury	Mercury	Moon	Jupiter	Mercury	Venus
Libra	Venus	Venus	Uranus	Saturn	Saturn	Sun
Scorpio	Pluto	Mars	Mars	Mercury	Uranus	Moon
Sagittarius	Jupiter	Jupiter	Earth	Mars	-	-
Capricorn	Saturn	Saturn	Saturn	Venus	Mars	Jupiter
Aquarius	Uranus	Saturn	Jupiter	Moon	-	-
Pisces	Neptune	Jupiter	Pluto	Pluto	Venus	Mercury

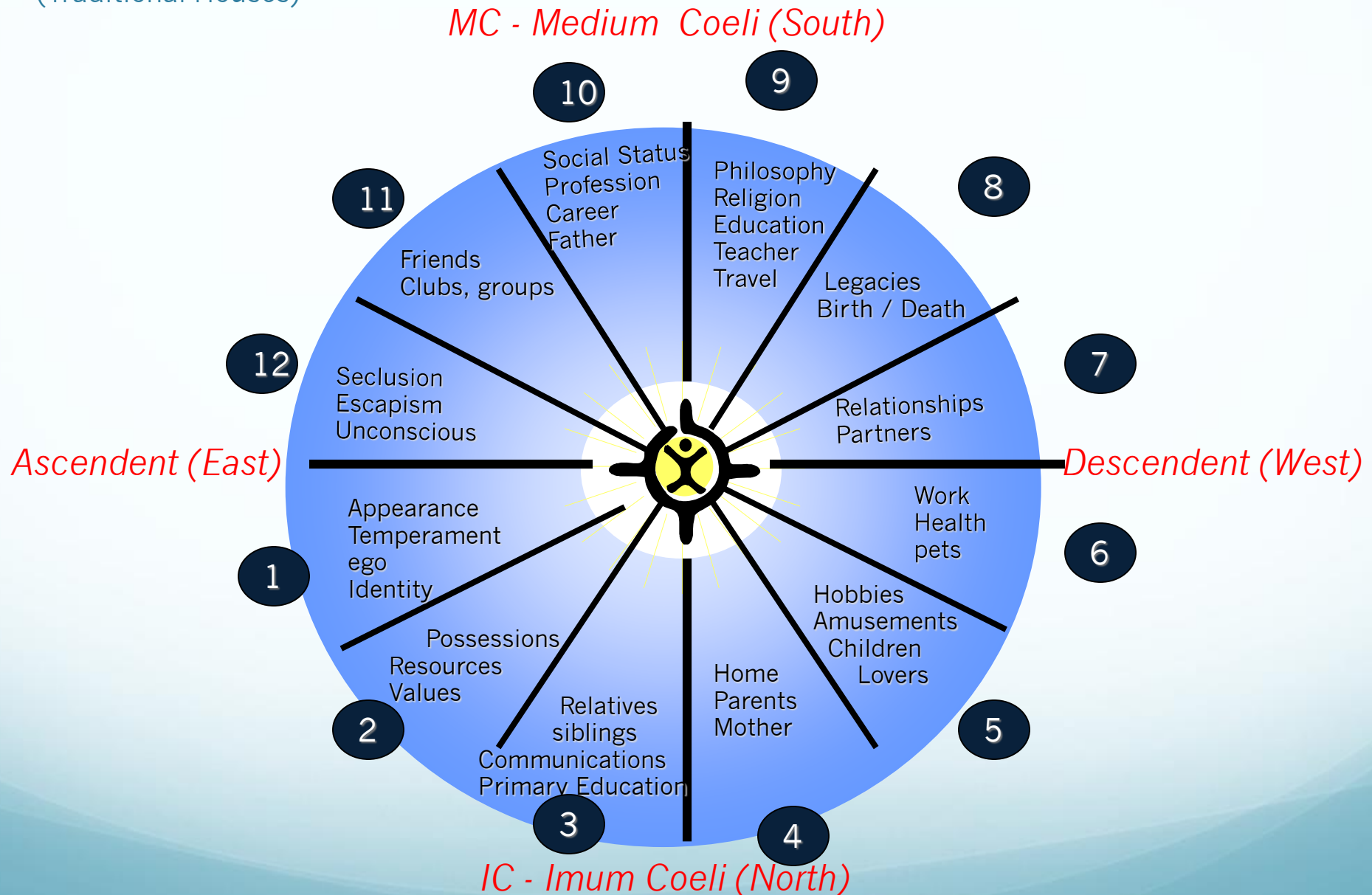
Planets are in detriment when they are in the sign opposite to their rulership. For example, Uranus is in detriment in Leo traditionally, Aries esoterically, and Libra hierarchically. Neptune may also be considered to be exalted in Cancer or Pisces, and in fall in Capricorn. Vulcan may also be considered to be in fall in Pisces.

# Astrological Relationships become an Astrological Alphabet

Signs	Houses	Signs	Houses
♈ Aries	First	♎ Libra	Seventh
♉ Taurus	Second	♏ Scorpio	Eighth
♊ Gemini	Third	♐ Sagittarius	Ninth
♋ Cancer	Fourth	♑ Capricorn	Tenth
♌ Leo	Fifth	♒ Aquarius	Eleventh
♍ Virgo	Sixth	♓ Pisces	Twelfth

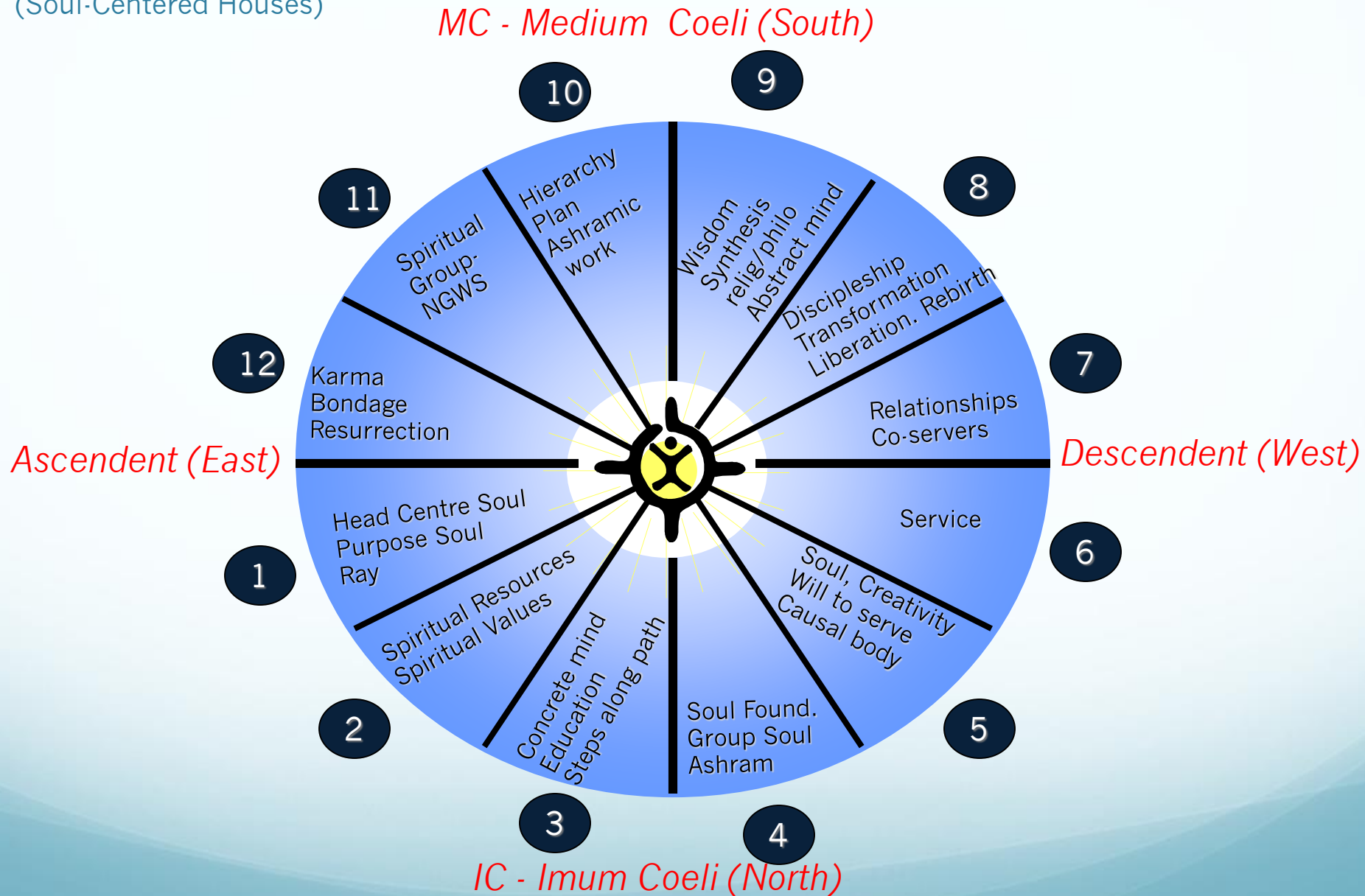
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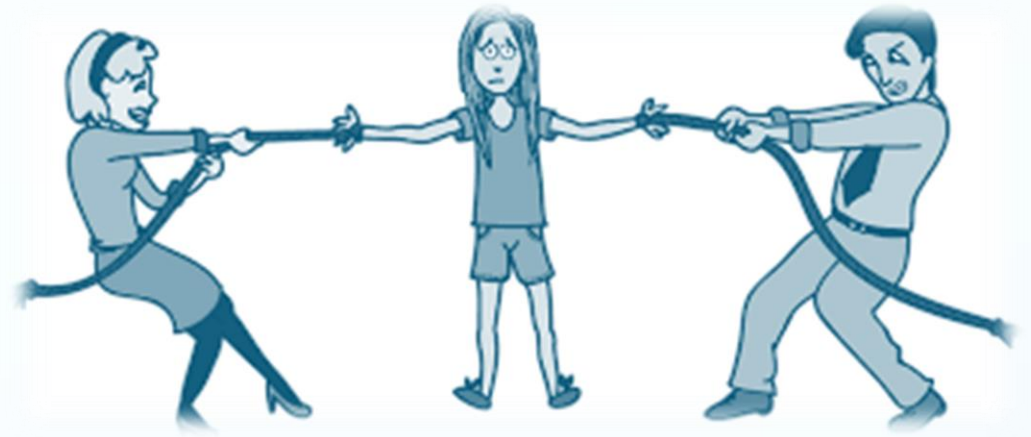
(Soul-Centered Houses)





The ***twelve opposites*** must  
become the ***blended six***,  
and this is brought about by  
the ***fusion in consciousness***  
of the ***polar opposites***.

# The Balancing Act



# How Opposites are Experienced in One's Development

# Progress of Average Man



- Urge to experience, to exist; to satisfy the instinctual nature.
  - Experience, grasping, existing, followed by renewed demand for more satisfying experiences.
  - Cycle after cycle of demand for satisfaction, a period of satisfaction of a temporary nature, and then more demands.
  - Steady experience on the 3 planes of human evolution.

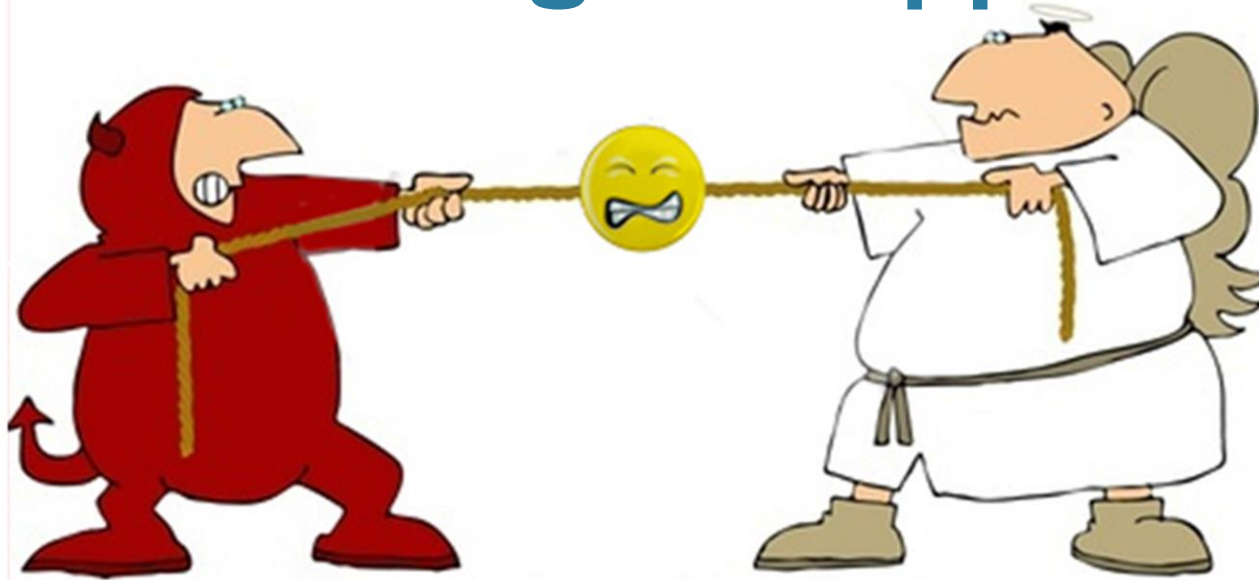


# The Power to Choose Right



- Then the same experience, as an integrated personality.
  - Demand met until satiety is reached, for in time all men do eventually achieve that which they demand.
  - Then comes the demand for inner spiritual journey
- A vague realization that two things are needed at this point
  - Purification and the power to choose right (right discrimination).
  - A vision of the pairs of opposites.

# Confronting the Opposites



- Recognizing and confronting the pairs of opposites
  - Personality views them as opposing choice: either/or
    - Good or evil; pain or pleasure; right or wrong; sense or nonsense
  - As a soul, we learn they are an inseparable pair
    - They have a definite purpose and work in tandem
    - Once we've learned to walk the "middle way" between the opposites

# Three Pairs of Opposites

- The aspirant has three pairs of opposites to deal with as he progresses towards light and liberation.
  - **On the Physical Plane**
    - The dense and the etheric.
    - Fought out upon the Path of Purification.
  - **On the Astral Plane**
    - The well-known dualities.
    - Fought upon the Path of Discipleship.
  - **On the Mental Plane**
    - Fought upon the Path of Initiation.
    - The two great contrasting forces, the Angel of the Presence and the Dweller on the Threshold, brought together face to face and the final conflict takes place

# Inner Orientation – Higher Values

## On the Physical Plane

- The etheric force is brought into conflict with the lowest aspect of man, the dense physical body




- And the battle of the lower pair of opposites takes place with an emphasis on physical disciplines
  - Total abstinence, celibacy, vegetarianism, physical hygiene
  - Preparing the man for the true battle of opposites to come





# Materialism vs. Spirituality



Wars of aggression are popular nowadays with those nations convinced that only victory and conquest could improve their material well-being.

- The war between the pairs of opposites—materialism and spirituality—is raging fiercely.
- At present there is a potent trend towards material living and aggression which is in control.

- A relatively small group is throwing the weight of human aspiration upon the side of the spiritual values.
- Only as men turn away from material aggression and towards spiritual objectives will the world situation change.



# Finding Balance

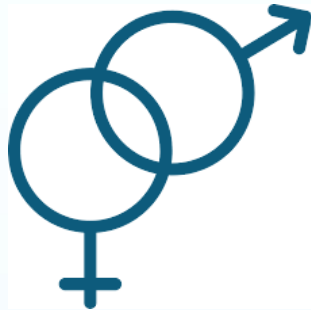
- We begin the necessary work of balancing opposites
  - Finding the happy medium between all our commitments
  - Working from neither extreme



# Fundamentals

# Planetary Opposites

- Sun and Moon
  - Day and night
  - Father and Mother



- Venus and Mars
  - Feminine versus masculine
  - Beauty versus brawn

- Jupiter and Saturn
  - Expansion versus limitation
  - Breathing out, breathing in



# Sex - a Basic Symbol of Duality

- Sex: an outward/visible sign of an inward/spiritual reality.
  - It's relationship existing between the basic pairs of opposites
    - Father-Mother, spirit-matter; between positive and negative
    - Between life and form
    - Between the great dualities, when brought together in the cosmic sense, produce the manifested son of God





# Fundamental Law of Creation

- The Law of Sex is the law of relations bringing life and form together in order that divine purpose may be seen.
- Sex is the word we use to cover the relation which exists between that energy we call life (spirit) and form (matter).
- It covers the activity which takes place when the pairs of opposites are brought together, and by means of which they become at-one and produce a third reality.
- This third reality is the fruition of the relationship of the two (e.g. birth of a child, soul)
  - You always have relation, at-one-ment, and birth.
  - These three words deal with the true significance of sex

# Evolution

# Stages and Initiations

- While the stages appear to be divided, they actually overlap and can happen somewhat simultaneously.
  - At the 1<sup>st</sup> Initiation the disciple demonstrates
    - He has resolved the dualities of the physical plane and can rightly impose etheric energy upon physical energy.
  - At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Initiation the initiate demonstrates
    - He can choose between the pairs of opposites and proceed with decision upon the “middle way” (soul vs. personality)
  - At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Initiation the initiate demonstrates
    - He can employ the intuition for the right perception of truth
  - At the 4<sup>th</sup> Initiation the initiate demonstrates
    - His ability to produce complete at-one-ment between the higher and lower aspect of the Soul in manifestation

# Experience of the Ego

- *First* the stage where energy acts outwardly.
  - The Self identifies with its vehicles.
    - This stage is strictly a personal one



- *Second* the stage where adjustment occurs and the Self is neither identified with its vehicles, nor with Itself.
  - Learning to choose between the opposites.
    - A period of the fiercest strife and turmoil
    - The battlefield where adjustment is made

# Conscious Group Service

- *Third* the stage where the energy of the Ego is centered at the heart of the circle, and not the periphery
  - Being applied through conscious effort of group service.
    - The pull of the lower nature is superseded
    - The attraction of that which is higher even than the Ego is felt.
    - The earlier process then must be repeated on a higher turn of the spiral, and monadic energy begins to work upon the Ego.





# Astral Plane - Duality



- The astral plane is the plane of duality

It is the interplay of these opposites

Plus the energies released by the individual

That has built up the world glamour.

# Temporary Astral Unity

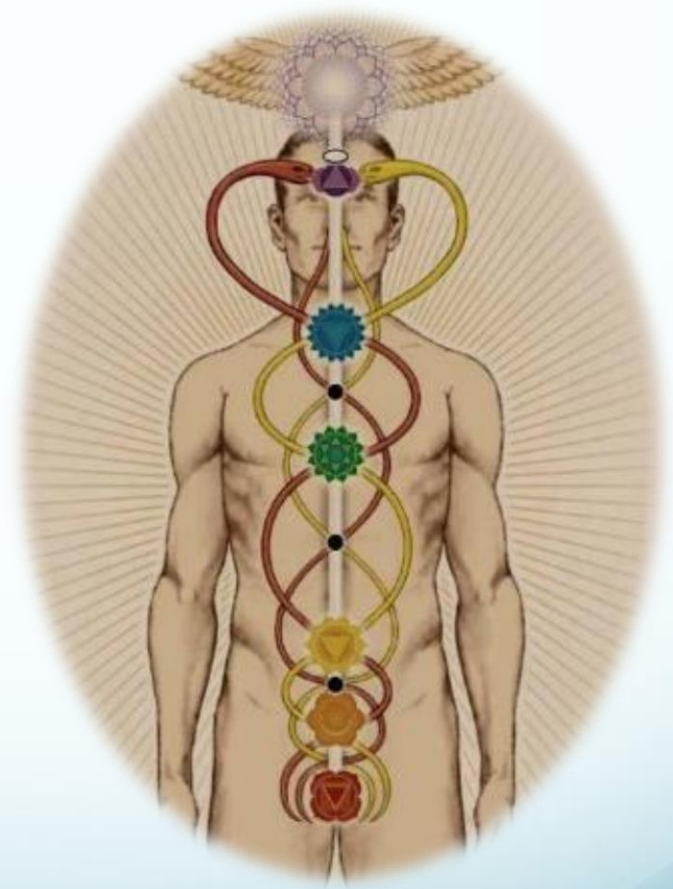
- This works out in the early stages into a temporary astral unity and then the one-pointed devotee emerges.
  - His etheric unity produced re-orientation
    - Resulting in clear vision, a grasp of truth, and a picture of the immediate way to go
    - He is temporarily glamoured with a sense of achievement, of surety, of power and of destiny.
    - He goes ahead blindly, furiously and ruthlessly until suddenly he is brought sharply up against changing conditions and recognizes another and far more difficult situation.
  - The pairs of opposites on the astral plane confront him (personality vs. soul)
    - He becomes Arjuna upon the field of battle
    - All his sense of at-one-ment and direction disappear and he is lost in the fogs and glammers of the astral plane.

# Mystics – Conscious of Duality

- Mystics, conscious of duality are torn between the pairs of opposites.
  - Their sense of awareness on the physical plane is now of such an order that they have passed on to the Probationary Path.
  - Yet they are not yet polarized in the soul.
- These are the sensitive, struggling people, who long for release from failure and from existence in the world today.
  - Their mind natures are alive and active but they cannot yet control them as they should
  - Higher illumination remains as yet a joyous hope and final possibility.

# Facing Three Points of Crisis

- Each of these stages brings with it its own difficulties
  - As he stands midway between the opposites there are 3 stages in the mystical work that mark a point of crisis.
  - By this time the centers/chakras are becoming more awakened.
    - The stage where transference is made of all the lower energies into the solar plexus in preparation to move them to throat and heart
    - Transference to the ajna (personality life is integrated/powerful)
    - Final stage, a complete blending of the bodily forces (focused through the ajna) and soul (focused through the head center); rising of the kundalini



# Desire to Aspiration

- Karmic influence turns its attention to the working out of desire, and its transmutation into the higher aspiration
  - Through experience, opposites are recognized by the man
    - He no longer remains victim of his physical impulses
  - The factor of intelligent choice becomes apparent and he begins to discriminate between the pairs of opposites
    - Early on choosing those that appeal to his lower nature and what he believes will bring him pleasure
    - The center of the attention of the Ego is the astral body, and it becomes so closely coordinated with the physical body
    - Forming one united expression of desire
  - The mental body remains comparatively inactive at this stage as the love nature of the Ego is being developed



# Astral Plane to Mental Plane

- The disciple makes his *appearance* as Arjuna.
  - After Arjuna has faced the decision between personality and soul it becomes possible for him to approach the higher mental plane where the soul resides.
  - He now recognizes himself as a soul and not the form
  - He discovers the group where he belongs
    - Identifying himself with his group on his own ray, learning that he does not travel alone



# Demands of the Soul Emerge

- Initiation is a moment of crisis when the consciousness hovers on the brink of revelation.
  - Demands of the Soul, suggestions of the Master are in conflict with the demands of the personality.
  - There is a tremendous pull between the pairs of opposites
  - The disciple is standing at the midway point
    - Will he respond and react consciously to the higher pull and pass on to new and higher areas of spiritual experience?
    - Or will he fall back into the glamour of time and space and into the thralldom of the personal life?
    - Will he stand in a static quiescent condition in which neither the higher trend nor the lower pull will affect him?

# Soul vs Personality

- The struggle between personality life and soul life grows
  - The Soul increasingly brings out the best the aspiring personality has to offer
  - And this slowly turns the attention towards the personality, making the aspirant aware of lower personality factors that are not in line with true soul expression
- Then the battle of the higher pairs of opposites begins in earnest, a battle between Soul and personality
  - *Consciously waged on both sides.*
    - (That is the point to have in mind).

# Sun Sign vs Rising Sign

- When the energies of the sun sign and planets are perfectly directed and adjusted
  - The pairs of opposites are astrally regulated.
- When the energies of the sun and rising signs are blended,
  - the opposites are mentally regulated
- Then a point of crisis emerges



## Event of Jan 12 2020

### Event Chart

Jan 12 2020, Sun  
10:03:50 am EST +5:00  
New York, NY  
40°N42'51"G 074°W00'23"  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*

Exact conjunction of Saturn with Pluto began 10:03:50 am EST today and lasted exact until 1:26:50pm, so a 3.5-hour window.

Saturn is within 1 degree of the conjunction from 31 Dec 2019 through 24 Jan 2020 and there were several close passes from Apr 2019 through this final pass of Saturn before he separates from the conjunction and moves onward.

