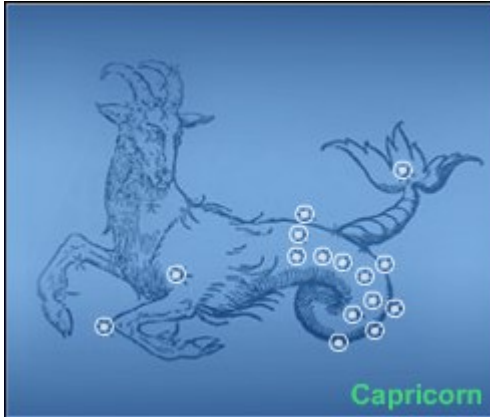


The Festival of Capricorn



Keynote – Capricorn:

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I = Soul

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Capricorn

The Festival in Capricorn provides the theme and focus of our full moon meditation this month. It is said of Capricorn that it is one of the most difficult forces to understand because it is the most mysterious of the twelve signs. This may be because the true Capricornian can function at either of the two extremes of consciousness — the most densely material or the lighted awareness of the initiate. Capricorn gives a rather complete picture of humanity with its feet upon the Earth, yet running free and climbing to the heights of worldly ambition or of spiritual aspiration in search of what is realised to be the major need.

As the Goat, he is the earthly human, the greedy seeker after the satisfaction of desire, or the aspirant, the equally selfish seeker hunting for the satisfaction of aspiration. The most apt definition is that the human being is "an animal plus a living God within the physical form". The energy of Capricorn seems to represent, as it stimulates, both these aspects of the human constitution. Still focused in the material nature is an ambitious animal, fighting for its own selfish interests, prepared to go to any lengths to satisfy its needs and desires. Aspirants to discipleship, under the same influence, are spurred and inspired in their upward climb out of the depths of form-controlled living and towards the light and the glory of the mountain top experience, or initiation.

Depending on where an individual may

stand on the path of evolution, therefore, Capricorn will stimulate all that is material or form-centred or all that is spiritual. In Capricorn we have the triumph of matter; it reaches its densest and most concrete expression; but this triumph is followed by that of spirit. There is full expression of the earthly nature in Capricorn but also immense spiritual possibilities.

Capricorn is a sign of conclusion as it represents the depths of degradation or crystallisation, and the heights of spiritual achievement — the two poles of the whole of human experience. It is also the sign of new beginnings, since every end is the conclusion only of a phase or a cycle, and every achievement is a step towards growth. Capricorn inaugurates a new cycle of effort. Conditions in the world today indicate that humanity is in a state of turmoil prior to taking a decisive step forward in self-conscious unfoldment. The next step forward involves an expression of the sense of responsibility, which is the first flower and fruit of self-conscious awareness, a first indication that the soul is making its presence felt. The present conflict is due to spiritual growth at all levels of human awareness meeting the resistance of the unregenerate forces of the personality and the battle is on between the forces of materialism entrenched in human form, and the forces of Light working through the spiritual Hierarchy of Light and Love. This is similar to the ultimate battle in the individual between the personality, the Dweller on the Threshold, and the soul, the Angel of the Presence. Capricorn guards the secret

of the soul, the secret of the hidden glory, revealed to the disciple at the climax of the third initiation, the transfiguration on the mountain top of the personality by the soul. But this revelation can occur only as the result of effort, of the ability to rise above the limitations of the personality, to persist on the upward way in spite of hindrances and difficulties. There is no easy way for individuals to free themselves from their own limitations of selfishness and separateness; and there are no short cuts. It is a long, painful process in which we learn eventually by personal experience that self-discipline and self-control and self-sacrifice form the foundation stones of discipleship.

On this foundation the superstructure of a loving, responsible way of life, reflecting the values of the soul, may eventually develop. This growth in consciousness becomes the way of initiation, the way to the mountain top, towards that supernal light which reveals the soul as the real Self, the Plan as the responsibility of discipleship, and the spiritual Hierarchy of the planet as the centre of love into which initiation admits the accepted disciple.

Capricorn is the outstanding sign of initiation, therefore. All sun gods are born in this sign according to ancient myth and legend. (A sun god is one whose task it is to reveal some aspect of the soul principle - cosmic love, light and will.) The peak of purely human experience - the third initiation of Transfiguration— is governed by Capricorn. In it the soul reveals its beauty, truth and goodness within the con-

sciousness of the disciple, confirming accomplishment and establishing the way ahead. Martin Luther King spoke of having been to the mountain top and seen the "promised land". He referred to the promise the soul extends into every human life. The overcoming of personal limitations and the barriers imposed by circumstances is possible only in the light of a higher and more inclusive state of consciousness. The way for all disciples up to and including the third initiation is the way of service among the "sons of men" still suffering on the planes and in the valleys of human experience. Initiates leave the mountain top experience behind, turn their faces towards the field of service and focus their whole attention and all their energies on meeting need in the human kingdom.

The keynote of the disciple in Capricorn is eloquent of this whole experience: "Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back." Or, in the words of the keynote of our full moon meditation work, the disciple "revolves upon the pedestal of light and turns the other way. He faces towards the dark and then the seven points of light within himself transmit the outward streaming light. And lo, the face of those upon the darkened way receives that Light. For them the way is not so dark. Behind the warriors, twixt the light and dark, blazes the light of Hierarchy."

Full Moon Meeting - Capricorn -

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The purpose of this meeting is group meditation as an act of co-operation with the Plan of Hierarchy for humanity. At the time of each full moon Festival, energy qualified by the constellation influencing the period flows into the range of human awareness, establishing the divine attributes in human consciousness. This spiritual inflow can be channelled in meditation into the minds and hearts of men and women everywhere. The technique of meditation governs all expansions of consciousness, all registration of Plan and Purpose and the entire process of evolutionary unfoldment.

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