

ASTROLOGY FOR ALL
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CHAPTER III THE SUN AND THE ZODIAC

THE SUN is the centre of all life, force or energy, and represents the Positive and primal fount of all existence. In the Sun are contained all the colours of the solar spectrum. Every form of existence manifesting in the solar system is bathed in these rays, from which is drawn the life that is at the centre of its existence, all of which may be summed up in the term 'Positive Life'.

The MOON represents the Negative influence, her light being that which is borrowed from the Sun, she having no light of her own except that which she collects as a reflector.

These two great principles of positive and negative are symbols of the spirit and the soul; father and mother. The former is the constructive, energising, and creative principle, the latter the preserving, moulding, and formative condition. The Sun is the root of all things in manifestation, for without the Sun there would be no life, light, heat nor motion in the physical world. In occultism the Sun is known as the vehicle or body of the Logos of the solar system, and is therefore the highest physical and mental influence that we can know, while using our brain consciousness as a means of cognition.

There is but one life, and that is the life of the Logos. We, as units, are bathed in that ONE life. The planetary spirits and the planetary bodies have their own specialised forms of this ONE life, and humanity in its turn holds this life in a separate form while moving in the great whole. The holding of this life or consciousness constitutes the individual, who individualises the special ray of the great All-consciousness, and thus knows himself as I, the Ego. It is this specialisation of the rays of consciousness, or solar life, that makes the Individuality. This work of building up the Individuality, as it is called, has taken vast cycles of time to accomplish, requiring many earth lives and physical embodiments to produce the wonderful results that we are familiar with to-day. Potentially we are all sons of God, sparks from the great flame, sent forth from the bosom of the Father to become like unto Him; each to acquire a definite self-consciousness and to maintain a separate centre from which the individual creative powers may become manifest. When this great truth is realised, we shall understand the true meaning of the word sacrifice, and turn our thoughts in adoration and devotion to those Great Ones who have guided us in this grand scheme of evolution to the point of self-consciousness.

The SUN may stand to us as a symbol of spirit, and the MOON as matter, the two acting in unison as spirit-matter, or life and form. If we can think of these two factors as positive and negative, we shall find it easier to understand all that follows with regard to planetary influence, as it is called.

The one great power and central principle is the Sun, and all other symbols are but representatives of the modifications of this universal principle. Each planetary system will be, so to speak, a modification of the consciousness of the Logos. Each is a centre of life and force in the solar system.

The zodiac, as explained in the last chapter, is divided into twelve equal parts called signs, each subdivided into thirty degrees. It is in reality an imaginary circle passing round the earth in the plane of the ecliptic, the first point being called Aries 0 degrees. The twelve signs are in their nature alternately positive and negative, and each contains a certain specialised influence of its own, having a lord or ruler from which the nature of its influence is obtained.

We now come to a very important part of our study, in which we shall consider the Sun's apparent passage through the twelve signs of the zodiac, caused by the earth's movement round the Sun. From the Sun's position each month we may judge of the character of each individual, and we shall learn that, more or less, every person born during the period in which the Sun passes through a particular sign of the zodiac will exhibit its characteristics as delineated in the following chapters. This will indicate the character of the Individual then born, and by the same rule when the Moon is found in these signs at birth the PERSONALITY will be described. Later on we shall explain the planetary influence in each sign, and also extend the main features of this chapter.

IMPORTANT NOTE. SUNRISE HOROSCOPES AND RECTIFICATION

THE following delineations, based upon the Sun's position in the twelve signs of the zodiac, are the result of the author's first-hand experience during twenty years of an extensive practice, in the course of which some thousands of horoscopes have been delineated.

These delineations of the twelve types of character may, however, be either modified or expanded in individual cases; though in the main they will be found sufficiently accurate to serve all practical purposes. If further elaboration should be necessary the reader is referred to the second edition of 'How to Judge a Nativity Part I'.

If found desirable to discover the other modifying factors operating at birth, and the true time of birth be unknown, a skeleton horoscope may be erected for Sunrise at the birth-place. The sign in which the Sun appeared at birth should then be counted as the Rising Sign, or substituted ascendant, the remainder of the signs following in their respective order being considered as houses. For instance, in Chapter XXI will be found the horoscope of the Czar of Russia. The Sun is in the sign Taurus: count this as the first sign or ascendant; Gemini will then be the second house, with mercury in it; Cancer the third house, with Uranus and Venus therein; and so on with the other signs and houses. The planets in the signs, with the delineations, will be found at the end of the book.

In this way a 'sunrise', or approximate horoscope may be erected for anyone whose birthtime is unknown. It will, of course, be only a substitute for the real horoscope.

Persons not knowing their time of birth, and anxious to obtain a correct horoscope, will find the 'Delineations based on the Rising Sign', in Chapter XX, very useful, and may, after reading them carefully, come to a conclusion as to the sign of the zodiac rising at birth. Many correct horoscopes have been discovered in this manner, and it is therefore a method to be recommended before going to the expense of 'Rectification'.