

Lesson Three

Considerations: Purpose

So what is the purpose of identifying these three things: the Star to Guide Us, the Star to Befriend Us and the Constellation to Hold Us?

Essentially, it is to give us focal points in the stellar world in order to benefit from the clarity and energy that this contact can give us, and *over time* to build up a working relationship with these stars, as representatives of higher worlds and the Angelic and Devic intelligences working through them.

We know from the Master KH that making contact with the intelligences that rule the constellation is a feature of the spirituality of the future. The ruling star acts as a focal point for contact.

At a purely practical level, we benefit as our lives will become more focused and orderly because we will use time better, more its master than its slave.

In Lesson Four we commence the task of calculating each of these focal points.

Although attempts have been made to identify the effect that specific stars have on personality life through the alignments that they make with planets in the natal chart, rarely do these delineations add anything that is of significant practical value to the astrologer because stellar energies are not simply picked up by ordinary people in everyday life. As a practicing astrologer of many years standing, I would say that the only noticeable effect of having a number of high magnitude stars aligned with natal planetary placements is that person is likely to be more than usually energetic and may have enhanced mental clarity. It is therefore a general effect, like being plugged into a generator, rather than anything that can be traced back to the influence of specific stars working through specific planets.

What the stars give us is not for our personality life; it is for the soul that knows it is part of conscious life on this planet, and we have to put ourselves into a state of receptivity.

We are better to leave the planets out of it and appeal directly to the stars. The effects talked about in books written about horoscopy and the fixed stars are theoretical deductions rather than the fruits of observation.

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Enhancing receptivity will be the subject of the second part of this course.

We have to organise ourselves to access stellar energies, and to create conscious relationships with a small number of stars is an effective way of going about this. This

cannot be a purely intellectual exercise. Knowing the name of our stars is the first step, but it is only a first step.

The preparation is part of the process: making time, physically travelling to places where we are able to see the stars clearly, and then locating our 'own' stars in order to establish a direct relationship with them. As light pollution worsens, it is becoming more and more difficult to see the stars and constellations in built-up areas.

Clearly this is not going to appeal to anyone who does not intend moving from a computer screen, and that is as it is. Spirituality is not available to us on terms that suit the comfort-loving personality, and never has been. It would not be spirituality if it were.

Shamballa has said that only when we free ourselves from the pre-occupations of everyday life and rise up on the winds of inspiration, do we become visible to them. Until then we are indistinct like so many fish beneath the surface of the water.

A first step is to physically look upwards. If the intellectually polarised want to dismiss this as irrelevant, then no one is going to stop them. But they should at least ask themselves honestly just how effective they are at bringing their ideas through to make them realities. The potential of a whole generation (those born after 1971) is being impaired by an inability to make things happen on the material plane, because they are not prepared, organised or positive about the challenge of this.

A Star to Befriend Us

This star is our Benefactor, and through its interaction with the Sun, represents the human Soul on the Buddhic plane.

The Path of the Sun

During the course of a day the Earth makes one complete revolution about its axis. We experience this, of course, as the Sun moving round the Earth. At noon time (defined by the Sun holding the local meridian) the Sun will be at its highest position in the sky for that day.

For those of us in the northern hemisphere, the Sun rises higher in the sky each day between the winter solstice to the summer solstice. At the Spring Equinox, it passes from the southern hemisphere into that of the north, and gives us our summer. Then from the Summer Solstice to the Winter Solstice the Sun sinks lower in the sky, and leaves the northern hemisphere at the Autumn Equinox to bring in winter.

For those in the southern hemisphere the situation is reversed: between the Winter Solstice to the Summer Solstice, the Sun sinks lower in the sky each day and at the Spring Equinox leaves the southern hemisphere for the north to bring in winter. Then from the Summer Solstice to the Winter Solstice the Sun climbs higher and passes into the southern hemisphere at the Autumn Equinox.

This is very basic information, but there is no harm in reminding ourselves of it. This situation is captured in tabular form in Table 3.

The Sun's noonday altitude therefore is determined by the time of year, and in the northern hemisphere in the winter months it will be very low in the sky (in the summer months in the southern hemisphere), but regardless of how low or high it might be, **the noontime degree is its culmination point for that day and it will be aligned to an area of the Milky Way and one of the twelve Zodiacal constellations to which it is both recipient and donor.**

On the day of birth, using the longitude and declination of the Sun, we can identify the star with which, from our vantage point on Earth, the Sun is most closely aligned as it culminates.

This star is truly the friend of our hearts because as well as receiving from the stellar worlds, the Sun will send back up on our behalf any energy that we generate through our heart chakra.

The man or woman with the heart chakra open is no longer caught up in survival issues and has broken free from the grip of the Moon and the biological imperative. They are able to communicate through their higher principles, but they may never know this if they spend all day using only their intellect.

There is nothing subversive about observing the stars; and there could be something revealed to you as you do it.

A Star to Guide Us

This star is the teacher, and represents the human Monad on the Atmic plane.

If we follow the local meridian occupied by the Sun at midday up through the heavens, we will arrive at a point over our heads. This point will correspond to a degree of the Zodiac, but not the same as that occupied by the Sun at noon (because the lines of the world are bent), but if we know the latitude of the place and the longitude of the Sun on that day, we can work out the rest and identify the Star that Guides Us. We will not be able to see it at that time, but when we know which star it is and name it, then we can identify it in the heavens at night time.

The Star that Guides Us will be the most elevated of the three stars and, in many cases, it will be directly overhead, which is a position of great influence. It has the ability to pull us upwards and onwards in pursuit of our goals.

A Constellation to Hold Us

Each of the constellations has a ruling star. In most cases this is the alpha star of the constellation.

The star that rules the constellation with which our Sun is aligned connects us to others who are born with that constellation behind the Sun.

In some instances, this star will be the same as the personal star, in which case the individual with this arrangement will have a special connection to the group and is likely to benefit from connecting with them.

Aries - Hamal
Taurus - Alderbaran*
Gemini - Castor
Cancer - Acubens
Leo - Regulus*
Virgo - Spica
Libra - South Scale
Scorpio - Antares*
Sagittarius - Pelagus
Capricorn - Giedi
Aquarius - Sadalmelik
Pisces - Fomalhaut*

Four of these stars (marked *) are Archangel stars. To the Persian astrologers, they were the Watchers of the four quarters of the sky. For all they take their place in the constellations, the Archangel stars belong to a higher world than those stars which constitute the Zodiacal constellations.

Alderbaran, The Watcher in the East – Archangel Michael
Regulus, The Watcher in the North - Archangel Raphael
Antares, The Watcher in the West - Archangel Auriel
Fomalhaut The Watcher in the South – Archangel Gabriel

Alderbaran & Regulus are in the northern hemisphere whilst Antares and Fomalhaut are in the southern hemisphere.

In this course, we are giving only the Angelic intelligence connected with each sign. The names of the Devic intelligences are for a later stage and a later time. The Devas of this level have not the same tolerance of the human kingdom as the Angels and do not want any involvement with us as yet. We must assume that any future contact will depend upon the way in which the human kingdom shapes up in the service of our Planet.

Aries & Scorpio - Samael
Taurus & Libra - Uriel

Gemini & Virgo -Raphael
Cancer -Gabriel
Leo -Michael
Sagittarius- Sacheriel
Capricorn – Orifel
Aquarius – Sakmakrel
Pisces – Uacabiel

It is inevitable that there will be some confusion about the fact that the Archangel stars through their connection with certain constellations would seem to suggest a different arrangement of angelic rulerships. It is explicable in terms of levels: in World 3, the world of the Zodiacal constellations, the Angels express a part of themselves; in World 2, they express a higher aspect of themselves, as is the case for example, of the human personality on the Mental plane and the Ego (Soul) on the Buddhic plane.

Remember that your Sun sign may not be the constellation that holds you. Check by adding 5 degrees to the placement of your Sun and going back 30 degrees.

Exercises:

Answers to questions set in Lesson 2.

The sidereal placements of:

Alderbaran is Taurus 14 degrees; Regulus is Leo 4 degrees; Antares is Scorpio 13 degrees

The tropical Zodiac (Zod. trop) placements are:

Sirius at Cancer 14 degrees; Acubens at Cancer 26 degrees; and Pelagus at Capricorn 12 degrees.

If a person's Sun is at Virgo 25 degrees (Zod. trop), the constellation behind it is Virgo.

The constellation behind the Sun at Leo 5 degrees is Cancer.

1. The sidereal placements of the Sun in Table 2 have to be calculated. There is no time like the present!

Make these tables your own by making the comments and marks that will help you. This way you will use them more confidently.