

The Fixed Signs—Part 1

WHILE THE NATURE of the Cardinal signs is such that their rays stir our latent forces into *action*, and promote change, the most prominent quality of the Fixed signs is *stability*. But the student must beware of confounding stability and inertia. The action impelled by the rays of Cardinal signs may be changed into other channels with considerable facility; all they want is expression. The direction in which they express themselves is a secondary

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On the other hand, such people are conservative to the last degree. They may see and desire improvements in various lines, but are exceedingly slow to adopt measures to accomplish the desired end; they never do so until thoroughly satisfied that a certain method will meet the requirements.

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consideration. Not so with the Fixed signs. When their rays impel to action in a certain direction it is next to impossible to stay the force or change it. On the other hand, if they deny expression in certain lines, the obstruction is almost insurmountable.

When Fixed signs are on the angles (the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth houses), they exert a well-nigh irresistible force, impelling the individual along a certain line. He may be slow and plodding but is sure to be persistent in whatever he undertakes, and whatever talent he may possess in a certain direction will be exploited to its fullest extent. Setbacks which would take the courage from a person with Cardinal signs, do not daunt the

In other words, people with Fixed signs on the angles “look before they leap,” they look a long time and very, very carefully. On the other hand, when they have once been won over to a certain cause they are faithful unto death, and no more ardent advocates can be found. Their zeal can be almost fanatical. On the whole, people with Fixed signs may be said to be the most reliable people in the world, either for good or bad. When the rays from the Fixed signs come through so-called “good” planets and at favorable angles, called “good” aspects, we have a man whose integrity is as impregnable as the Rock of Gibraltar, who could not be bribed with all the gold or power in

the world to wander one single inch from what, according to his light, is the path of strictest rectitude. He considers life, or even love, as nothing compared to this rectitude.

But the man whose destiny, self-made in former lives, has attracted the fixed ray through so-called "evil" planets and at angles called "evil" aspects, has walled himself in with limitations of such a nature that his entire view of life is askew. Therefore he is out of harmony with his fellow beings. Shunned by them, he becomes a recluse or an outcast; hatred and revenge burn in his breast. He may become what we call a criminal, because we do not understand how heavy his load is, that he is a young soul unable to bear the burden of life with fortitude equal to our own. If we could only have compassion to see and understand his limitations as revealed by the horoscope, perhaps we should be able to feel pity instead of repugnance.

If every judge were an astrologer, and every court clerk were required to cast the horoscope of each prisoner arraigned so that the judge might see into the soul before judging, we should have more loving kindness shown those unfortunates and love would soon conquer where harshness fails. Such a reform will come in a not too far-away future, and though people of the "fixed" kind we have described will be the most difficult to win over, they will never backslide once the task of conversion has been accomplished.

The last expression brings to mind the narrow, sectarian fanatic who thinks everybody is going to hell who does not share his belief, who is as zealous in his efforts to convert all with whom he comes in contact as in denouncing those who do not respond to his well-meant efforts. He is another variety of these fixed people.

The student has now the description of the general salient characteristic imparted by the rays from the Fixed signs, and may easily detect their action in any horoscope, when focused through the various planets.

The Fixed signs are Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. In addition to the common characteristic, *stability*, each sign has its own keyword which describes its particular effect, and as the general quality, stability, is intensified when Fixed signs

are on the angles, so also the individual nature and effect of each sign is more prominently observable when thus placed.

In the Cardinal sign, Aries, the exaltation of the Sun fosters individual *life*, and the *dynamic energy* of the ruler, Mars, engenders egoism, so that the dominant forces of this sign create the individual *self*, the separate *personality*, which is prepared by the Aries forces to fight its way in life alone and unaided. The forces of the sign Taurus tend to produce the *family*, that is to say, an aggregation of individuals bound by ties of blood and of love. Therefore the Moon is exalted in Taurus; her key word is *fecundation*. Through her the generative forces accomplish multiplication of the individual, and Venus, the ruler of Taurus, is the vehicle of *coalition*, the force which binds parents and offspring into the integral whole which we call the family.

When mankind was in its infancy Jehovah and his angelic host from the Moon together with the Lords of Venus focused the Taurian ray upon our race and welded all into one vast harmonious family obedient to their masters' wills. The Martial Lucifer spirits first started human emancipation from superhuman rule through the side of the Arian ray which is designated "the goat" in the Bible. Later came the "true light," the Sun Spirit, Christ, Who expresses the Arian ray in so gentle a manner that He is called "the Lamb." But also He exalts the individual above the family. Thus, the rulers and exaltation rulers of these two signs have aided human evolution.

The history of man is written in the stars so plainly that the seeing eye may decipher its pages most readily and also the pages of the future, now in the making, for "coming events cast their shadows before." It is marvelous, nevertheless, how *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* dovetails with the esoteric side of Astrology and how a knowledge of this science reveals depths of the Rosicrucian Teachings not otherwise accessible. Taurus rules the tongue; its keyword being *harmony* and that of Venus *coalition*, it is plain that Venus in Taurus would designate the soft-spoken peacemaker. But Mars in Taurus destroys harmony by incessant talk, as an agitator or demagogue. Saturn,

whose keyword is obstruction, may cause halting speech, loss of voice, or make a pessimist. Many musicians have the Sun, Venus or Jupiter in Taurus.

From the symbolic Garden of Eden where Adam dwelt under the Taurian ray in harmony and peace, while obedient to Jehovah, he was driven into the wilderness of the world under the ray of Scorpio which is ruled by the Lucifer spirits of Mars. According to their advice he “knew” his wife. Scorpio has dominion over the sex organs, and as the 8th house is the house of death, so Scorpio, being the 8th sign, has in its ray the deadly sting of the serpent; therefore, death is the lot of

all who are born from sex, and pain and sorrow is their portion in life. Instead of the *harmony* which prevailed under the Taurian regime, *discord* is the keyword under Scorpio. “Man is of few days and full of trouble,” and will thus remain till he finds the way of regeneration foreshadowed under the other signs.

When the dynamic energy of Mars conveys the ray of Scorpio, man becomes indifferent to the discordant cry of pain from his fellow beings. He can calmly cut a person to pieces in a surgical operation or slay him in battle; he can look without remorse into the eloquently pleading eyes of dumb animals which he tortures on the vivisection table. Fearless to the point of folly, indifferent to danger, he makes an excellent soldier, but a poor general. If the ray of Scorpio, which rules generation, is focused through Venus the planet of *coalition*, we may expect *discord* through the opposite sex, due to overindulgence of the passions. Saturn would *obstruct* intercourse and accentuate the discord of Scorpio in that direction.



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Childlike humanity “falls” into physical consciousness through disobedient use of the sex force and begins its earthly pilgrimage through matter under the whiplash of Saturnian necessity, seeking atonement and regeneration through Christ from Scorpio’s deadly sting.

In a similar manner the keyword of other planets will give the solution to their effect in each sign. I trust you will not underestimate what has been said of the cosmic part of Astrology affecting human evolution. You may learn fortune telling without that, but we are studying the science of the soul, which was not created at birth, nor does it suffer death. To understand Astrology you must know God’s plan from eternity and realize that man is ever in a state of becoming. Of the two Fixed signs we have considered, Taurus and the Jehovistic hierarchies were factors in the creation of the human family.

The fallen angels under Lucifer, who rebelled against Jehovah, brought the ray of Scorpio to bear upon mankind to assist in their emancipation. We shall see in the next article that the Sun, being the octave of the Moon and ruler of the second Fixed sign, Leo, and Uranus, ruler of Aquarius, being the octave of Venus, are dignified in signs that radiate *affection* and *altruism*. Through them lies the path of salvation from sin, sorrow, and suffering. □