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# DER VERBORGENE SINN DES SCHICKSALS

Mit Astrosophie die Symbolik des Lebens verstehen lernen

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# The key to the hidden language of destiny

The increasingly urgent questions about the meaning of life have led to people beginning to pay attention to the old traditional systems of knowledge again. For a long time, people's eyes and ears were closed to the symbolic language of life, until now, in the course of the changing material world view, the pole that people had banished from their field of vision for fear of consequences for the way they lead their lives is receding. Hermetic astrology, which is also known as astrosophy in order to emphasize that it is used as an instrument for self-knowledge and awareness, corresponds to an original symbolic system, the remains of which are still known today in various interpretations as conventional astrology.

Astrosophy mainly uses the same terms and symbols, but the idea behind astrosophical applications is very different from that of astrology. Astrosophy is a path of awareness that can help people to achieve greater clarity and honesty in their lives. Astrology, on the other hand, is mostly used to manipulate the course of life in order to shape it better.

The major difference between astrosophy and astrology is that with astrology, people try to manage their lives, whereas astrosophy offers people the opportunity to change themselves through awareness. Astrology attempts to clarify the small questions of everyday life by calculating the most favorable moments for worldly activities, making predictions for future events and developments, giving concrete advice on how to behave, etc., in order to achieve a measurable and visible concrete result, so that the person seeking advice has a sense of achievement that satisfies their needs. However, experiences of success of this kind do not last long This is because, like many human activities, they only manipulate the course of life. This is an attempt to suppress the actual problems, which can only ever be inherent in people, so that they do not have to question themselves and all their ideas, self-images and fixations. Such an approach only leads to pseudo-solutions and remedies, which always have to raise new problems, as the basic evil - a human fossilized consciousness - has not been recognized as such.

Astrosophy, on the other hand, is like an instrument that can be used to find those parts that people are not aware of. It is not primarily aimed at measurable experiences of success, but allows people to see those parts that are missing from their consciousness. It helps them to view their individual life myths as a learning experience, which means that astrosophy does not help them to develop avoidance strategies in an attempt to "successfully" cheat their way through life. Rather, it points to the source of evil, for which the person concerned then takes responsibility. It certainly leads the seeker to the cradle of all human suffering, because every external grievance always points to a deficiency in consciousness. The intention of astrosophical work is therefore the idea of making the torch of selfknowledge burn or keeping it burning.

During the period of the so-called "Enlightenment", the hermetic pillars, to which astrosophy belongs, were badly affected by the new scientific world view that was developing at the time. During this time, people began to focus more and more on the visible world. Very quickly, all areas that could not be measured, counted and weighed were banished from scientific acceptance. This eliminated the spiritual realm, which is the other half of human existence, polar to the functional world, and without which life does not deserve to be called such. Schools and universities began to teach that only the visible world, as it presents itself in its formal substance, is reality itself. In favor of concentrating on the surface of the visible world, the aspect that was once taught in the mystery schools and partly also in the Christian traditions was suppressed, namely that the world and thus every external form, in addition to its life-sustaining function as a carrier instance for

the spirit principle. As a result, humanity lost access to the visual and symbolic language of the world, which had always formed the bridge to the metaphysical, to the divine, for people on an esoteric path. In this way, a precious model of communication, with which it was possible to decode the symbolism of the world in order to draw insights from it, fell into oblivion for a long time. This was because the new, "enlightened" way of thinking also raised new questions that the old sciences were apparently no longer able to answer.

From the perspective of a hermetic world view, for example, one always asks about the meaning and essence of all events, while causal thinking is only interested in cause and effect relationships. Due to the landslide change in values in dealing with life, the world sank into insignificance, as its external forms had been stripped of their mediating symbolic meaning. The external became an end in itself, and through the loss of the question of meaning, life also became meaningless. Human existence was reduced to the process of procreation, birth, life support and death.

Even the spiritual initiatic currents have not yet recovered from this cultural shock, although they could never be completely suppressed and have always been maintained for a small circle of intensely searching people. Just like the world's great exoteric religions, they too have had to wrestle with the ever-growing ignorance of their members, who instead of the sacred teachings have placed the focus on people and their social needs and in this way have unconsciously carried out the destructive work of civilization. This is a completely natural process in the sense of the world, because every flare-up of initiatic content has always led to the world consistently attempting to destroy the carrier instances and central mediating figures of the spirit principle, as these carry the key for the release from the world's womb and are therefore not conducive to an earthbound existence.

In all cultures, it has been a real need for the earthly forces to destroy that spiritually enlightening pole, since spirit is the antagonist to matter that exposes the unreal illusions it presents to all worldly captives. It is therefore in the nature of things that the troublesome antagonist of matter must be removed, so that the world can continue in its task of deception. But every onesidedness over a longer period of time forces a counter-movement. This is why the external life, which has become meaningless and only serves pure self-preservation, requires a polar counter-movement that gives meaning and content, which raises our dealings with the world and fate to a level that once again fulfills the claim to genuine humanity. It makes sense to apply astrosophy again in the same way as earlier cultures did before us, because it provides those who try to fathom the meaning of life and destiny with a key that unlocks the door to a deep understanding of their existence. He learns to understand that behind the entity he calls fate there are unconscious forces of his own that want to give him back the part that is missing in his identification. People should learn to see fate as a friend who makes them understand in an uncomfortable way that there are essential parts of their consciousness that they do not know and therefore need to experience.

# The astrosophical form of observation

Astrosophy is a system for describing the connections between the cosmos, nature and human beings. It understands the cosmos, the world and the human being as one large interconnected living organism. In terms of the astrosophical world view, it is necessary for people to dissolve the separation between themselves and the individuals and the environment around them in their consciousness. This is because every external manifestation belongs to the parts that are in a state of separation and wish to gain access to the consciousness of the observer as long as they are not integrated. With this spiritual attitude, which no longer sees the many individual aspects of existence as separate, but rather connected to form a single large organism, the astrosophical observer also sees himself as a part of the whole. In his search for perfection, man learns, with the support of astrosophy, to recognize the necessary, missing contents of consciousness and to gradually include them in his identification work. He encounters these missing parts in his life in the form of sudden changes in fate, symptoms and encounters. Through these, the human being is constantly involved in a dialog, the language of which he can learn to understand with astrosophy, as it contains the necessary symbolic primordial principle key to the most diverse aspects of existence. It conveys the ability to enter into a dialogue with the primal ideas in order to recognize that the same thing takes place everywhere on all levels of being.

If you are familiar with this claim, it is easy to understand that this is neither about predictions nor about shirking responsibility for one's own destiny. Astrosophy wants to bring people into contact with the primordial ideas. It provides the necessary code without which a dialog with the metaphysical would not be possible. A comparison can be made here with the computer world; there, too, passwords and commands are used that open certain program areas and only then make communication possible. Once you have entered the system, opens up unlimited possibilities and potential. You also need a language key for the outer world of forms that opens up the closed program areas. Because there is far more hidden behind the façade of our concrete world than people who are only fixated on the superficial are able to imagine. Astrosophy provides precisely this key to the mystery of the symbolic language of the world.

The first and most important password of astrosophy is: "As above, so below." This hermetic principle describes the synchronous connection of all levels within the universe. The same laws prevail on every level of existence. Each, even the smallest particle, has its counterpart on all other levels of manifestation. Nothing happens purely by chance or even individually. Internally, this synchronicity is also referred to as "analogous connections" or "analogous levels". The central concern of astrosophy is to track down the interconnected levels and sort the variety of external forms in order to be able to classify them into a manageable grid of ideas. In doing so, one does not proceed according to the usual worldly need to emphasize the diversity of things, but rather tries to discover similarities of ideas behind the forms. Behind the dazzle of diversity, a unified, hidden spiritual idea is sought. For every event, every connection within the material world also has a spiritual equivalent for man. Matter could be described as spirit coagulated into form, which outwardly describes what should also happen in the consciousness of man. This gives the outside world a completely different significance and we begin to rediscover the meaning in the forms. Knowledge of the interrelated levels makes it possible to draw conclusions about another level of reality by observing certain events on one level. This applies to static events in the world, laws of nature, effects and reactions of certain substances to each other, social changes, as well as to current events and changes in the world and their processes. They are always directly related to people, and what happens on the outside also happens on the inside.

First and foremost, efforts should focus on taking a global view of one's own life myth, which accompanies people at all levels throughout their lives and often conceals the unrecognized wholeness of the person in the form of suffering. To do this, it is necessary to free oneself to some extent from the attachment to the formative life situations. The greater the distance to the event, the greater the perspective of insight that opens up to the person.

What you can observe on one level allows you to draw the corresponding mental conclusion. There are a number of clear models that can be used to observe this principle: for example, the planets moving around the sun would have the same structure as an atomic model if they were scaled down. The same arrangement can be found in the cell structure of the human organism. The human being is also at the center of its activity and the world revolves around it. All living models have a center around which everything revolves. It is the reflection of the central myth of creation, which always makes multiplicity revolve around unity - a whole that has split up. Just like a bundled beam of light that falls through a polished prism and fans out into the different spectral colors. There are therefore different dimensions that are identical in terms of their content and are only subjectively experienced and seen differently by human consciousness.

At birth, a person chooses a prevailing quality of time that carries a central theme, which the Native then fills with time in the course of his biography. In this way, he shapes his pattern in the most diverse forms of experience and dimensions, according to the equation:

## *Pattern* + *time* = *destiny*

On a global scale, this can be seen in the different seasons of nature alone. These mood qualities are reflected within and around people in every conceivable facet. This process is described by the zodiac, which divides the year into twelve different sections. These sections are called solar qualities, as they embody twelve partial aspects of a single entity that is reflected in material creation. These twelve primal qualities are symbolically represented in every horoscope. They enter into manifold variations on different levels, from which one can make very differentiated statements about the pattern of each person or a certain time quality. Even a simple understanding of the symbolic meaning of the twelve solar qualities leads to a high degree of insight into concrete life processes and connections.

The course of the year is also a journey through the zodiac. If you project the symbolism of the course of the year onto a person's issues, you begin to understand why they have to deal with very specific situations on different levels time and again.

In terms of an image, one could say that if a person's incarnation theme is to learn something about the mystery of autumn, with its dying quality of outer life, the turning from the outer world to the inner world, he will experience a November mood until he stops longing for midsummer. This means that if a person has other ideas about the course of his life, life will keep pushing him into those themes until he has learned the theme to be internalized. Of course, this also applies in the opposite case. This could be described using the image of spring. If the theme of birth is: learn about spring, the theme of the rebirth of all life, of new beginnings, but the person carries the theme of winter, the desire for retreat and stillness, the resting of energies within him, he will probably find so much lively new beginnings, dynamism and energy around him until the ice inside him begins to melt and the outside has made him soft and flexible. Here is the chance to recognize that life consists of transformation and that ultimately every change in a static fixation leads back to vitality. Thus, the pain that many people experience through transformation can be equated with the pain of birth, which is at the beginning of every life.

The mystery of the course of the year contains the most detailed cycles of life. These can be confidently related to a person's path through life, their birth mission and their stages of growth. At the beginning of a new cycle there are always the birth pangs, followed by the pain of birth, which at the same time indicates, when the cycle begins. This is followed by phases of growth and flourishing, the heyday and the bringing in of the harvest. This is followed by transformation, decay and death. This symbolic death is at the same time, as in nature, a gathering and resting of forces in order to rise again on a new level with the harvested experiences from the past cycle. Wherever you look, whether it is the path of the sun during the course of the day, the phases of the moon, the ebb and flow of the tide, the seasons in nature or the path of life from child to old age, you discover the same pattern and the same course everywhere. Even if human life is only one part of a larger cosmic context, it must be viewed as part of a larger cyclical event, albeit outside of the human conceptual model, which is bound to a continuous flow of space and time.

With the help of the symbolic approach of astrosophy, the world becomes increasingly transparent and you learn to discover the same connections everywhere. You learn to devote yourself to certain themes that life tries to bring to you through events and strokes of fate. In the same way, by observing the cosmic connections, it becomes possible to transfer these to every life pattern and apply them to your own path in particular. You recognize which areas you should confront in a targeted and conscious manner.

The archetypes of the zodiac open our eyes to the realization that all levels of life are interconnected. This way of looking at things makes it possible to draw a multitude of conclusions from one level to other levels. In this reciprocal interplay of all parts of the one large organism, there is no longer any room for fatalism. Each person gives their own individual answer to the questions posed to them by the universe, each one vibrates their own rhythm and plays their own melody in the one great world concert that we call the cosmos and in which we are both the sounding instrument and the performing artist.

Astrosophy teaches people to see the concrete world as alive and belonging to them, so that they learn to comprehend in their consciousness what constantly speaks to them through external events. People have the option of remaining entangled in their lives if they do not rise from their bondage. Or they can enter into a dialog and begin to understand why they are repeatedly confronted with similar situations in their lives. Astrosophy is the teaching that places people at the center of their own patterns. It assumes that people have the opportunity to fully develop all of their talents and to become aware of the wholeness of themselves. If this does not happen in his life, then his own pattern reverses and confronts him, so that from then on he encounters all those parts in the outside world that he is not prepared to realize within himself, making him a victim of his own dispositions.

## The astrosophical theory of correspondence

The following descriptions originate from the ancient knowledge of a universal connection as outlined in the Hermetic world view, they are based on the astrosophical theory of correspondence and are not to be seen from the perspective of an empirical science.

It may be obvious that the macrocosm with the sun as the central body, as the source of all being, with the planets orbiting the center of the sun as manifestations and variations of this central elemental force, is the guiding principle for the microcosmic processes. There is no doubt that the same laws apply to the human soul as can be found in the rest of the world: for the organic as well as the inorganic, for the physical as well as the psyche, for all life processes. In our modern age, we are slowly approaching those old trains of thought again, as pure, in the truest sense of the word "superficial" scientific thinking has reached a dead end. In the newly dawned age of esoteric psychology and a newly awakened science of symbols, people are slowly beginning to realize the extraordinary extent to which old world concepts contain something essentially real in their images. Man is slowly beginning to understand again the enormous extent of the unconscious connections between man and creation, in the workings of which human life takes place. He learns to decipher the symbolic meaning of organ functions, understands the symbolic meaning of things and animals or other entities. Even the scientifically oriented person slowly realizes that trust in the inner knowledge of the coherence of ancient hermetic wisdom does not just spring from an unrealistic, enthusiastic heart. Great minds such as Master Ekkehard or Paracelsus have a tremendous depth and consistency in their statements which, if one detaches oneself from the medieval language with which we are not familiar, must be sought for a long time in the camp of enlightened realists. One senses the insights,

which led one Master Ekkehard to proclaim: "A stone also carries love." Paracelsus also knew about these connections when he wrote that man carries the entire cosmos within him: "There is nothing in heaven or on earth that is not in man." And when he proclaims: "You should know that in man are the sun and the moon and all the planets", it is clear that these are the basic functions that make up the entire cosmos, which are in operation everywhere and whose analogous symbolic donors walk in the heavens as players in the solar system. This means: whether in the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, in the organ assignments of the human body, in color determinations, in sound and sound assignments, in seasons, in the phases of human life, in days of the week, in fairy tales and myths, everywhere one finds the same affiliation and the same basic moods of the elemental forces that prevail in the respective areas listed. Such assumptions, that certain forces determine all events, are by no means more miraculous than, for example, the statement of natural science that all organic bodies on this earth essentially consist of the four chemical elements oxygen, hydrogen, carbon and nitrogen; that creation with its infinite variations is therefore only an eternal permutation of such basic elements; just as carbon, for example, can appear as carbonic acid in our mineral springs, as sooty coal in the seams or as pure, clear diamond. The following descriptions, which are astrosophically coherent in their pure correlations to the corresponding primal principles, should also be viewed from this perspective. The symbolic descriptions are intended to encourage people to learn to recognize life myths and life processes in their harmonious symbolism. The depiction of the respective myths is therefore only of value because of their psychological reality, while it is irrelevant from a real-material point of view: neither the sociologist nor the statistician nor the psychologist is served in any way. However, the hermetically interested person, who is concerned with the depth of things, is able to appreciate the significance of a phenomenon in a psychological sense through knowledge of its cosmic dominance. It is therefore important to make clear the connection between the respective birth patterns and the cosmic primordial principles, which is formed by astrosophical symbolism. On the other hand

In the following descriptions, the aim is to shed light on a world of symbols that was once generally known - and yet basically unknown.

Only in this way does one arrive at a true conception of the human being as the still unknown being, by recognizing that cosmic worlds are also within us. But this means that if all the basic functions of being are present in the human being as a microcosm, the wanderer must learn to understand this as a process of becoming conscious on his path to individuation.

For this reason, in the following chapters we undertake excursions into foreign realms and distant lands of the soul in order to get to know the principles that govern us from as many sides as possible, in as many variations as possible, in order to be able to recognize them in the most diverse disguises and masks of our everyday life; in order to learn to understand the round dance of forces in man.

For this reason, one should not be afraid to recognize that the old conception of Hermetic astrology of man as a microcosm saw more comprehensively than the scientific psycho-logies of our time.

So it would be desirable to realize that in the not too distant future the insight will follow that seeing the world is the same as seeing the soul - since the sun and moon and all the planets are equally effective in man!

## The basic structure of the human being

Every human birth pattern has a very specific basic structure. This makes it possible to grasp the life tension at a glance. The basic structure reveals a possible core problem resulting from the composition of the birth pattern. This is because every birth pattern is made up of many building blocks, all of which together can be compared to a compositional interplay, which, however, tolerates discords without regard to human judgment and allows them to become apparent.

This basic structure can be roughly broken down into the following components.

1. There is a basic potential that is completely inherent in human beings, which corresponds to their entire ego intention, with which they try to allow their innermost aspirations to take shape in the world. It resembles the primal instincts that want to manifest themselves outwardly in every fiber, in every will and in every form of expression, similar to the primal desire of a being to survive. This potential is referred to as the human disposition.

From the point of view of hermetic astrology, the basic potential that people bring with them originates from other existences. Like a high potency of the soul, the disposition corresponds to the reflection of past experiences of incarnation, which take on a new form in the human being. The plant has a static quality that wants to continue with the embodiment what is present in the basic structure of the soul. This can be compared to an old melody that begins to resound and increasingly wants to become an alldrowning sound. However, just like the songs and melodies of past centuries, this spiritual quality does not correspond to the prevailing zeitgeist and thus to the existing musical sensibility, so that a correction is needed to make it receptive to the "ears" of a certain time. The soul quality forcing its way into the manifestation does indeed have a

Inevitable presence and the need to penetrate everything, but the purpose of re-embodiment is that the existing potential undergoes a change. Every change or transformation, regardless of the direction it takes, is always linked to an awakening of consciousness, which resembles a soul inventory in which the person looks at themselves quite openly in the mirror of selfknowledge in all their primal concerns. A wide variety of forces come into play in life that contribute to this transformation. First and foremost, it is the forces of the unconscious that, through their eternal presence, contribute in particular to man experiencing a questioning. These forces are also known as the shadow, as they are born out of the darkness of the unconscious and represent the foundation for transformation, as the unconscious is led to transformation by becoming conscious. A person's existing soul potential is not completely extinguished in the course of their life, but rather undergoes a necessary change, a transformation or expansion that is guided in a certain direction. However, the effects of this are always linked to the individual basic concerns of the respective soul personality.

2. Every disposition requires certain laws that lead to the basic mental disposition of the person being guided in a required direction and undergoing a change.

This is called the "finality", it is astrosophically the "goal idea" and signals the meaningfulness of why the individual concerned is being transformed in a certain direction. This goal idea corresponds to a higher law that is difficult to achieve from a human perspective, as it does not coincide with the subjective needs of the individual. Rather, the goal idea signals an unconditional requirement that must be submitted to in life. People have the opportunity to learn to understand this goal idea. The more consciously he deals with his existing disposition, the more he realizes why certain fateful conditions must manifest themselves again and again in his life.

3. The two basic components of the basic human structure described above are joined by a third, which has a dynamic direction.

describes, it corresponds to an order that has been given to the respective Native.

Every birth assignment always contains a very special meaningfulness, as the assignment always arises from a necessary consequence of the investment potential. It corresponds to a quality of content that the person lacks and which they should acquire in the course of their life. For this reason, people rarely have a conscious connection to the topics that they receive with the assignment. Rather, they present themselves to them as requirements in their daily lives that arise from their mission. Beyond this, however, the fulfillment of his mission helps him to a particular extent to achieve his goal idea.

When dealing with one's own birth pattern, attention should first and foremost be paid to the disposition, as it constitutes the actual essence of the person and will find expression in all actions. The finality is comparable to the consequences that arise from the nature of the disposition. It only acquires meaning in connection with the disposition, so that it must always be seen in relation to it. The order corresponds to the issues that are initially alien to the human being. You could also say that it corresponds to the part that is missing in the person.

If you approach a person's birth pattern in this way and place the various individual components in a meaningful context, the pattern reveals itself to the observer in a completely different light.

To summarize, the basic human structure can be divided into three central factors:

- The plant with the corresponding manifestation of the unconscious, which must be made conscious. (Becoming conscious - shadow/transformation)
- 2. The finality describes the result that should be achieved on the path to change and, above all, its necessity should be recognized. (Goal idea/requirement realization/higher insight)
- 3. The new quality to be learned in the course of life. (order)

## The system

As the starting point for life, the plant is the most dominant part of a person's soul structure. It is an "ascending quality" that manifests itself into the world. It thus forces a polarization, because every ego intention always has a divisive character with its ability to differentiate, regardless of the direction in which it is aimed.

In Latin, to ascend is *ascendere, which is why* a person's disposition is also referred to as *"ascendant"*.

Hermetic astrology uses its mathematical and graphic components to depict the various factors that symbolize spiritual relationships very clearly using the model of the circle. (The arrangement of the various factors can also be found today in every horoscope drawn by hand or by graphic *computer*). The circle is always the symbol for wholeness. It symbolizes the primordial cosmic state, in which all the principles or soul qualities that exist are contained. Hermetic astrology divides this wholeness into twelve primordial images (signs of the zodiac), which are described in detail in the following chapters. On a small scale, the twelve-part circle symbolizes the all-containing macrocosmic wholeness. If you want to determine the individual ascendant of a person, you have to relate space and time, because the ascendant is initially a mathematical quantity that results from the intersection of the eastern horizon and the ecliptic. From this correspondence of space and time, it is possible to describe which zodiacal idea enters the frequency of space at a particular time.

The signs of the zodiac divide the 360 degree circle into twelve equal sections of 30 degrees each. If you relate these to the rotating speed of the earth, you can say that approximately every two hours (*due to the ecliptic movement of the horizon, some signs rise faster and some slower into space*) a different sign of the zodiac and therefore a different idea rises. However, the mathematical component should not be the starting point of the observation,

but the meaning of the ascendant must be in the foreground.

In graphical representations of horoscopes, the ascendant is usually drawn on the left-hand side. Graphically, this represents the east, where the light rises. This does not correspond to the familiar representations in which, for example, the compass is oriented to the north on the left-hand side. The differences arise because one form of directional measurement refers to a worldly measurement, while the other form refers to a cosmic fact that is projected onto the worldly plane.

In this context, it goes without saying that the usual worldly standards cannot be applied. In terms of cosmic conditions, we are therefore guided by the East as the point at which the light rises.

If you want to find out what basic intention is hidden in a person, the first thing to do is to research their disposition, as this provides information about the individual's true intention. The embodiment of the human ego lies dormant on the ascendant. The "ascending quality" is fully embodied internally by the horoscope owner and finds its expression, whether consciously or unconsciously, in all their intentions.

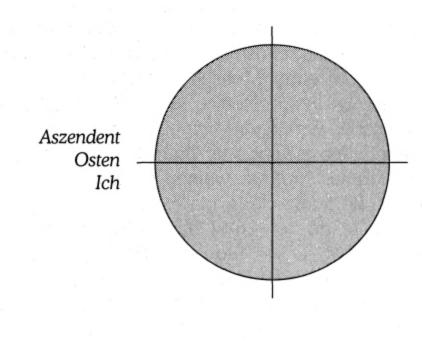


Fig.1

The Ascendant symbolizes the entire inner subjective concern of the person as a basic disposition. If one begins to deal with this basis of the birth pattern and tries to understand the ego intention contained in it, then the necessity to change the rest of the birth pattern also becomes clear in many places. If one sees the constitution as a quality to be changed or as a quality that needs to be completed, such a view leads to a greater understanding of fateful events that seem to thwart the subjective concerns of those affected, because they act as changing instances within life. They carry out the work that fulfills the purpose of leading people from their original order in a different direction. This kind of contemplation allows people to grow beyond their painful experiences, because it enables them to recognize that fate is the "skilful" entity that successively acts as a corrective element in their lives. If one blocks this approach and always tries to dwell on old fixations, the unheard themes will clothe themselves in new forms and create fateful entanglements until the person addressed absorbs the message they contain.

If, on the other hand, a person is prepared to enter into a dialog with fate, they hold the Ariadne's thread in their hand for an awareness-raising process that will lead them out of their entanglement with recurring situations in their life. These want to draw his attention to the aspects of his person that are too much in his will and aspirations. The greater the individual's ego intention, the more strongly the person experiences the solving situations that no longer allow him to bind himself to his familiar fixations.

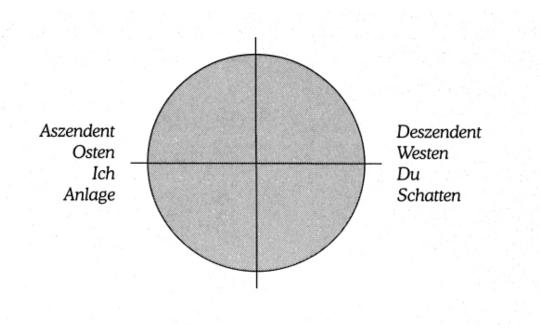


Fig. 2

The ascendant represents the part of the human being to which he says "I". However, every one-sided ego identification in the polar world simultaneously sets in motion an invisible dynamic within the events, which inevitably results from the self-images, as every one-sidedness of the human being needs its opposite pole in order to form a harmony again in the sense of cosmic wholeness. So if you say "I" on one side and perceive yourself as such, the opposite pole is "you". The "I" determines the "you", one forces the existence of the other. The more an individual begins to identify solely with one part of their own personality, the more the part that lacks conscious attention grows on the other side. This part of the Non-identification is called the shadow. The shadow is a kind of counterpart to the ego, because it grows congruently with every ego development. In the sense of a cosmic necessity, it lays the foundation for its transformation if the individual is prepared to deal with it. Every ego always experiences a transformative quality in combination with a you. Every relationship that a person enters into, every encounter in the world and every confrontation with the parts of the

"Not-me" involuntarily leads to a transformation. If the distant parts, which must always be tainted with rejection, are allowed into consciousness, a kind of marriage with the shadow takes place in this way. As in real life, this leads to the dissolution of individuality, which brings about a change and resolution of the subjective ego area.

In the graphic representation of a horoscope, you will find the shadow area described, which in Hermetic astrology is called the

"Descendent", as the polar axis counterpart to the ascendant. In Latin, *descendere* means to descend, which from the name alone succinctly signals that a person must descend, go into the depths of the collective unconscious in order to make contact with their shadow. In other words, all parts that people feel do not belong to them due to their self-images correspond to the realm of the shadow. With every self-image, with every exclusionary definition, with every "I'm not like that!", the part of the unconscious is nourished. On a physical level, this would correspond to the intensity of a light source, which, the stronger it shines, also makes the shadow outlines stronger. If we apply this example to human investment potential, the shadow grows congruently with all the dominant self-images and aspirations that form the basis of every human psyche.

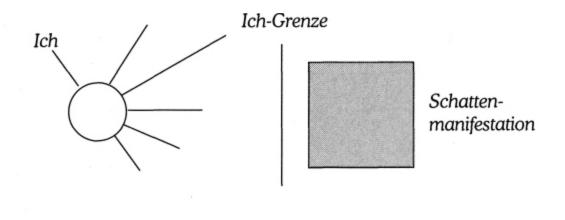


Fig. 3

However, this subliminal growth of the shadow will not remain hidden forever, because its contours will also become increasingly clear as the marginalizing definitions increase, as illustrated by the example of the growing light source. It manifests itself in the form of symptoms, encounters, events or interpersonal connections. All areas of a person's experience over which they have no influence thus become carriers of the shadow. The world of experience gives back to the respective individual the parts that are missing; it becomes the bearer of the unconscious and at the same time the person's remedy. This is why the term "symptom" should also be used for all other areas of experience in the outside world. The entire world is a symptom (Greek: coincidence, coincidence) because it is made up of the sum of human non-identifications. Just as every symptom provides people with what they lack in their consciousness, the world also provides each person with the part "free of charge" that they need for healing (sanctification), i.e. for becoming whole, so that they can free themselves from their one-sidedness.

From a cosmic point of view, shadow themes have a certain spiritual necessity for people to deal with them. This leads to becoming whole in consciousness; becoming whole equals becoming whole. Whether we like it or not, the shadow realm has a tremendous dynamism to manifest itself, because an unconscious basic concern of all beings is the striving for unity, which is expressed through the

The presence of the shadow, because it is missing, is also fulfilled. If you observe past events in your own life or those of other people, you will notice that every person is almost magically attracted to the areas that they particularly dislike and sooner or later find themselves in the very area from which they have consistently distanced themselves. Many people are constantly on the run from their own shadow throughout their lives. However, just as it is not possible to escape the concrete shadow caused by sunlight, it is not possible to escape one's own shadow, which arises from the ego fixation. The only way to deal with the shadow in an adequate way is to get in touch with it, to encounter it. It wants to be confronted and, if a person is prepared to face it, helps them to achieve greater awareness.

Many traditional myths and fairy tales contain clues as to how to deal with shadow themes. Roughly speaking, many have a similar basic pattern in which the main character or hero has to overcome various adventures and difficult situations. In some depictions, the adventurer's journey begins by having to cross a deep dark forest and face a series of dangerous confrontations and trials. The dark forest symbolizes the shadow realm, that dark, frightening part of the unconscious with which the hero must courageously connect. In this forest, he encounters monsters, terrifying creatures that need to be overcome. After passing the tests, he comes to the light. The fairy tale often ends with the hero being given a kingdom, or celebrating a wedding with a princess, or a monster being transformed into a prince or princess. This does not happen to satisfy the human desire for a happy ending, but in the fairy tale the hero gets back the part that is missing and for which he is searching. He therefore marries his shadow because it makes him whole and whole.

The hero is transformed because he was prepared to sacrifice his ego identification, which is indicated in the myth by his willingness to die. In the end, however, the hero does not die, but is rewarded and unexpectedly rises to a new level. Only his old self has died, because after his adventures he is no longer who he once was. Translated If we take the message of the myth, this means that the old fixations that make up every personality represent the part that needs to be transformed the Hero symbolically indicates this with his willingness to die. Inwardly, he has grown with his attitude because he has expanded his ego boundaries; his old ego has undergone a transformation. This is symbolized by the rewards that often follow, as in many depictions he receives a kingdom, lands and treasures as a reward, which equates to an increase in his value. This is intended to convey that an inner growth also arises in people from their willingness to transform - which sets a dynamic in motion that leads them in a new direction.

Transformation is always an inherent part of the human birth pattern, because with every birth comes the need for transformation. Life means transformation; the release of old fixations and the perpetual willingness to become new creates a rhythm that is like the constant in and out of the flow of breath that pulses through every being with life.

## **Transformation through shadow integration**

Astrosophy makes it possible to precisely specify the shadow area using graphic horoscope representations.

In the optical representation of every horoscope, the part symbolizing the shadow area is found on the opposite point of the axis resulting from the ascendant (see Fig. 3). The prominent point at which the themes of the shadow area become apparent is called the Descendant. It can be used to describe the contents that the respective horoscope owner encounters in the world as a transforming part. It is also possible to draw conclusions from the content about the experiences that the person has to make in the formal external world. With the help of the horoscope, statements can be made from the concrete areas of experience of each individual, which precisely define the learning content from certain areas of experience. If a person turns to these areas without judgment and is prepared to open up to the content so that he can understand what he encounters as a missing part in the outside world, he lays the foundation stone in his consciousness for the basis of his transformation. This will allow him to grow inwardly and he will have completely new and different experiences from his changed basic attitude, which will lead him to a constructive transformation. However, such a foundation stone can only be laid in the consciousness, as changes always take place from the inside out. A changed consciousness creates other resonances, which in turn attract completely new areas of experience in life.

Based on their functional thinking, people only ever want to change their world in concrete external terms. He devotes himself to a topic, a symptom, etc. with dynamism and expects the correspondingly targeted results to materialize, as if life worked just like a computer that delivers the desired results at the press of a command button. He tries to regulate his world externally, which leads to the things that he functionally banishes from his life returning to him in a roundabout way. A simple example from the area of partnership illustrates that issues cannot be functionally changed. A person (she or he) separates from their partner because certain irritating issues with the other person make the relationship unbearable. After some time, the person enters into a new relationship in the hope of encountering completely new issues. At first, everything seems to be fine, the sky is full of violins, but gradually similar issues begin to emerge in the other person that led to the break-up in the previous relationship. The new relationship is questioned again and broken off. This is followed by another attempt at a new relationship, which only results in the familiar issues resurfacing over time.

Such a process can of course be extended to any area of experience, such as the workplace, employees, projects, etc., so that any topic can be inserted into this repetition grid. Many people are familiar with similar situations from their own lives and struggle to escape the hamster wheel of fate in which they feel trapped due to recurring situations. However, this is not possible, because as long as people try to escape from the issues that life throws at them, they will not be able to bring about any change in their lives. He remains a spectator of the same drama of life, in which only the actors are changed, but the plot and the theme of the play always remain the same. Real change can only come from the inside out. A person must first change himself, then his life will also change. Therefore, if he intends to make real changes in his life, the first thing to do is not to resist any external influence by tinkering with the symptoms of life. In doing so, you are only directing your fight against the expressions of the unconscious, which clothe themselves in ever new forms until they are successively redeemed through a process of becoming conscious. Above all, one should free oneself from the all too frequently asked question of what there is to do concretely in order to make a difference in life, because through external actions one merely remains at the level of meaningless actionism. You keep postponing your symptoms because they have not been resolved within yourself. Every change is linked to becoming conscious. This requires above all

requires a willingness to confront oneself. So if people want to change, they should learn to be completely open and honest with themselves. In order to do this, it is necessary to let go of all the illusions that we have deluded ourselves into believing over the course of our lives and which also cost us strength and effort to maintain.

With the willingness to look at oneself in the mirror of awareness, a tremendous amount of energy is released. This can first manifest itself in rejection and aggression or in serenity, which leads to an increase in strength. This form of self-reflection is a very intimate process that everyone can initiate on their own, without having to explain themselves to other people. If you get used to this honest way of dealing with and looking at yourself and are prepared to dispense with decorative self-images, the course of life begins to take on a different shape, as it is no longer necessary for people to be pushed into cognitive processes by forces of fate.

This conscious form of observation creates a dynamic that leads people step by step in a direction that, from an astrosophical point of view, can be described as the goal idea of life. However, people are only able to reach the topics associated with the target idea via the path of transformation, as this is the bridge that leads them to a specific result.

This leads to the next step, which shows him the direction in which the change will take him. This corresponds to the final situation, which leads them to a specific result - a goal that needs to be achieved. However, this goal is an unknown quantity for people. It is alien to him because it resembles the result that emerges from his transformation.

He can therefore only learn to understand it by following the clues in his life that want to guide him step by step to this goal. In this way, he resembles the wanderers in all myths and fairy tales, because they too come to stations and crossroads and do not know what the end of their journey might look like. Astrosophy proves to be a valuable instrument at such points on the path, as it makes it possible to track down the corresponding goal idea in order to learn to understand what the end point of the life experience should be. The individual horoscope serves as a map that shows the path through the various stations of the soul. of transformation points to the point that is to be reached as the individual result of every life - finality.

# The finality

The finality is the most impersonal part of a person's birth pattern. In the graphic representation of a horoscope, it is referred to as the MC ("medium coeli") or the center of the sky. It symbolizes the point in the horoscope that is "furthest away" from a person's personal concerns. The term celestial midpoint makes it clear that the subject matter is far above the subjective earth-related concerns of the person. The MC corresponds to the result that becomes visible when a person's subjective issues, which are embodied in their natal disposition, are transformed.

The medium coeli (= MC) is drawn as a vertical line in the circle (Fig. 4). The finality thus occupies the point in the graphic representation of the horoscope that stands above the subjective areas. In the astrosophical view, the finality or the goal idea within a horoscope symbolizes precisely the area that gives people a direction in which they can experience change. Viewed on its own, the finality would not make sense; only in connection with a person's disposition does a meaningfulness emerge that describes what change is necessary in a person.

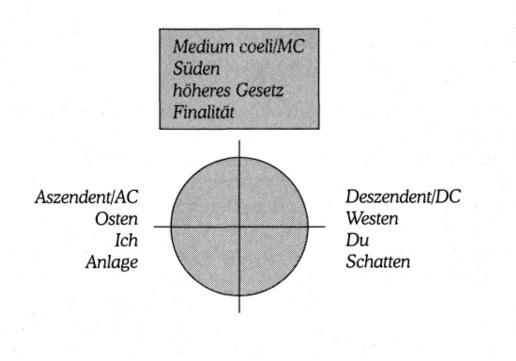


Fig. 4

In conjunction with the finality, one begins to understand which parts of consciousness and characteristics from the basic human constitution are dominant. This is why the finality in a person's horoscope represents a very important area in which certain necessities that a person has to go through in the course of their life become visible. Those subject areas that are outlined by his medium coeli in the horoscope cannot be reached by man out of pure volition, but he experiences them by being led into them by life. He has no direct influence on them, but he has the opportunity to learn to understand why certain experiences are necessary in his life. The subject areas indicated by the respective position of the MC resemble a higher law to which the person will bow in the course of his life.

It remains to be seen whether this part of the lawfulness does not result from the human being himself and resembles a promise that he made to himself before the start of his incarnation. (The making of the *promise should not be judged too concretely, as it is difficult to define such superordinate* processes, which *result from a state of unity, with our language. This representation should*  be considered more as an image that serves a better understanding).

The contents symbolized by the MC only take on a deeper meaning when they are placed in a context with the constellation. One recognizes the necessity of the final themes because one learns to understand the overall problems of the birth pattern through the great discrepancy that exists between constitution and finality. Necessities arise from the individual basic attitude that each person brings with them into their life, and these necessities are interdependent because people are fixed in their foundations.

The world in which we live is made up of polarities that exist everywhere; everything has an opposite pole from which the various manifestations draw their tension, so that everything can be experienced from the existing resistances and becomes visible as a concrete world. At the level of the visible world, there is nothing that can exist outside of this law, which also applies to human beings. If we include the human being in this consideration, i.e. his potential that has come to life at birth, which is the most dominant part of the soul structure with the high ego intention, this means that a polar force must manifest simultaneously with the birth of the subjective force from the polar lawfulness, which represents the objective pole of the birth disposition. Due to this lawfulness, an entity greater than the ego manifests itself polar to the subjective ego energy. This greater instance to the ego is simultaneously a tension or a resistance in front of which the ego first becomes clear and recognizable. For every tension is what makes cognition and insight possible in the first place. A simple physical experiment, which anyone can understand, illustrates the law that applies on every level. From a physical point of view, light is invisible and colorless; it is only reflected when it encounters a resistance. If you were to send a beam of light out into the infinite expanse of space in a physical experiment, it would not be visible. But the moment the light hits a resistance, it becomes perceptible. Even the beam of light emitted from the projector in the darkness of a movie theater only becomes visible as an image on the screen.

It can be deduced from this fact that resistance is needed for the ability to perceive and thus also the possibility of knowledge to arise. If we were to view the human being as an energetic force field or a ray of light, then a projection surface is needed to make it visible. Resistance is also needed at the level of consciousness so that knowledge can arise in people.

Another example uses a more concrete energy to illustrate that resistance is absolutely necessary for force to be generated. Any dynamic energy would dissipate in space and would not be usable if it were not compressed. A petrol engine, for example, derives its power from the compression of energy, which compresses the explosive dynamic energy released in the piston chamber so that it has no possibility of escaping unchanneled. The channeled, released pressure now drives the moving pistons through the small free space, which are attached to a shaft and thus create a continuous force curve.

In a similar way, there are forces on a cosmic level through which the human being experiences restrictions, so that his ego forces are bundled and guided in a certain direction, so that a certain direction, a targeted subject area is achieved. This instance represents a higher law before which the person is brought into a change. An instance that makes it impossible for him to live his ego-intentions in the way he would like due to his original disposition. This instance, comparable to the compression principle of the engine, gives him a direction in which he can move. This gives him structure and limits, which means that it is no longer possible for him to live out his needs arising from his disposition in the old way. The person experiences a correction through this instance, which wants to generate a questioning in the consciousness through the external situations. This emerging questioning is comparable to old allegorical descriptions of the guardian of the threshold, who blocks the seeker's passage to further areas at certain stations and only allows the path wanderer to pass through when he is prepared to sacrifice his personal interests.

In relation to the MC in the personal horoscope, this means that the most important thing is to acquire an understanding of the themes that are represented by the MC.

MC so that you can consciously face them when you are confronted with them. You can prepare yourself inwardly to learn to understand why certain necessities come to you. This means that by limiting their subjectivity, people are given the opportunity to learn to question themselves in order to gain insight into certain necessities.

#### The sun mission = life mission

Each point in time within our polar world is associated with a very specific quality of time in which certain content-related themes are present. This applies to every century, every decade, every year, every month, every day, every hour, minute and second.

These substantive themes are to be understood as spiritual potencies that are present in a very concrete way and find expression in various forms and manifestations throughout the world. This can be compared to the fact that at certain times in the world, collective moods can be perceived in which people behave absent-mindedly, aggressively or insecurely, for example. In the same way, all events that take place around the world are born out of the content of the respective quality of time. On a less abstract level, this is similar to the generally changing behavior of people during a full moon. This fact is still generally accepted, but beyond this concretely comprehensible event there are a multitude of more significant cosmic factors that give rise to much more differentiated processes. What can sometimes be sensitively perceived as a sensation at certain times is only a small reflection of what is actually present in the ether at any one time. There are very complex thematic contents in every period according to which life is shaped.

However, since people focus their attention mainly on the external differences and do not look behind the manifestations; by asking what ideas and forces manifest themselves in certain events, the sameness of all events unfortunately remains hidden from them. If worldly events were always reduced to a common denominator of principles, then the manifold events could be reduced to a relatively small number of different basic themes.

When a person is born at a specific point in time, he or she also becomes a carrier of the prevailing

Thematic content. This means that there are similarities between the human pattern, its essence and the themes present in the world at the time of birth. Because man, world and universe are one. It is not the world that shapes an individual, as is assumed in the sense of a causal world view, but the whole world is reflected in the individual. The soul bound to the human being therefore participates in an existing quality of time with its incorporation, because the contents contained in the moment of birth correspond to the soul pattern. This enables it to have the experiences associated with this period, which then continue throughout its entire life. For what is present at the moment of birth will be repeated again and again at various levels throughout life. If one realizes that time also contains experiences, then the time factor of life takes on a completely different meaning. From such a perspective, it seems obvious that every soul, before it incarnates into a body from the great nothingness, the cosmic primordial waters, chooses the right point in time that enables it to have a series of experiences in earthly life by binding itself to the space and time plane.

This knowledge of embodiment at the right moment in an existing quality of time was taught in all ancient mystery traditions. Even if this view of the origin of human existence does not correspond to today's "rational" world view, anyone can, if they wish, have experiences that confirm this way of looking at life. Even those who engage in serious reincarnation therapy will be able to recognize this tradition as their own truth if they expand their perception of life beyond the realm before and after their existence.

This helps people to be able to see themselves in a larger whole than in the small section of their lives that they usually perceive. Against such a background, the subject of birth and the resulting life circumstances take on a completely different meaning. They can no longer be kept under the guise of coincidences by regarding birth, humanity and fate as arbitrary events to which one is at the mercy of. If one assumes that every soul gives itself the task of incarnating in order to follow a higher will, which is linked to the human will, the causal view of the world, which is predominantly based on blame, can no longer be maintained in its old form. From this point of view, every person is ultimately responsible for the experiences in their life, even if they do not have the consciousness to be causally responsible for them, as their memory is not designed for such connections. The content of a time quality can be used to formulate the specific task that results from the time quality. Even if the soul has, so to speak, given itself this task, it is a binding task that inexorably demands its fulfillment in the course of life.

This obligation arises from the fact that the laws associated with the space and time axis also begin to take effect at the moment of entry. The human being has entered a cycle that brings him to very specific experiences in the course of his life. A correspondence arises from the consciousness of man and the prevailing quality of time. In this he becomes the focus, he is addressed by life and responds through his behavior. From now on, his whole being is reflected in life, just as the rays of the sun shine on the moon and are reflected by it.

This is why the essence of human beings is also referred to as solar in hermetic philosophy. In ancient cultures, the sun symbolized the principle of life. The sun, with its warmth and the radiation it emits, is the great source of energy for all living beings in the universe. It is the central star around which everything revolves and moves. It is omnipresent and constant. It divides the year into different periods, which are reflected in the different manifestations of the seasons. In a similar way, the sun passes through the zodiac with its twelve signs of the zodiac in one year, which divides the sun's path into twelve sections that resemble a huge ring-shaped force field. The sun "shines through" the different signs of the zodiac in the twelve sections of the year, so that the corresponding zodiacal idea is present in the ether in conjunction with the position of the sun. These could be described as models, as they all have a special characteristic and typology. From an astrosophical point of view, there is a correspondence between the essence of a people and the quality of time in space that prevails at a particular position of the sun. In abbreviated form, for example, the Sun in the zodiac sign Taurus is called the Taurus Sun, the Sun in the zodiac sign Virgo is called the Virgo Sun or the Sun in the zodiac sign Scorpio is called the Scorpio Sun, etc.

The sun in the birth chart symbolizes the life mission that is given to man! With the position of the sun and the resulting seasonal events of a particular month, the natural processes also symbolically conceal learning themes that have a meaningful correspondence for human consciousness.

Roughly speaking, the year can be divided into the four seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter, which symbolize the aspects of new beginnings, climax, decline and rest. If a person is born into a specific phase of the solar cycle, the quality of the content of the period is symbolic for them as an upcoming learning experience. This means that the position of the sun in a particular sign of the zodiac can be seen as a mission that is given to the respective native and which they should internalize in the course of their life. A person usually experiences various stages during their life in which the theme of their natal mission is brought to them in a wide variety of facets.

In the early childhood myth, his birth mission reaches him due to his childish unconsciousness and a lack of possibility of realization in the role of victim. Once he has grown up a little, he experiences a continuous response to the many demands of the struggle for life or survival, which define his birth theme. The demands that life places on him, for example through his job, partnership or family, mean that he inevitably has to face very specific learning experiences. The inevitability and intensity of the issues he receives with the birth assignment grows. From midlife onwards, the topic of birth becomes a part of the individual's own existence and is integrated due to constant circling around it.

When people look back on the experiences they have had at the end of their lives, these are always the most important among the wealth of experiences. Consequence resulting from the birth pattern. Many a struggle you have had in the course of your life has resulted from the rejection of certain learning content. This can lead to bitterness, especially if you are unable to discover the meaning in the course of fate. Astrosophy makes it possible to shed light on the course of destiny in order to learn to understand why a recurring dynamic arises in many areas of life. To do this, however, it is first necessary to accept the meaningfulness behind everything we experience. This makes it possible to recognize that life is trying to lead people in a certain direction. In this way, external events become an executive authority that defines each individual in a meaningful direction.

The themes associated with the position of the sun can be seen as conditional or complementary necessities to the "inherent" potential of the system. *This closes the circle of themes, as the sun indicates certain necessities that people have to learn.* 

From this, the question can be derived as to which system potential receives which special solar mission? What is the hidden meaning behind the combination of the Ascendant and the respective solar mission?

Every birth pattern has a conclusive necessity to be learned, which can be determined from the interplay between the ascendant and the sun. It is important to grasp this, as it allows us to recognize the areas of experience into which the respective person is being channelled. If you research the deeper meaning of the human birth pattern, you will understand the basic needs and the issues that people struggle with in their lives. It is also possible to make statements about which

"direction" in which the person concerned should turn their consciousness. If, for example, a person is fixed and immobile in their disposition, so that they want to plan and conceptually fix everything in life, their solar mission could, for example, transport them in the direction of mobility and flexibility. Conversely, the overly mobile native could receive a solar mission that is intended to guide them towards serious concretization or passivity. Experience shows that the person holds on to his familiar themes, so that he has to experience some of the lessons of the assignment in a painful form. The combinations of birth patterns are extremely varied. Therefore, no dogma of compelling connections can be drawn from them. However, one should creatively and try to understand what sense (or non-sense) results from the composition of the different themes. In any case, this form of questioning gives you a picture of the respective natives, with which you can grasp the basic tension of your life. The combinations of the birth pattern result in exciting challenges for every person, as an existing theme is always expanded or changed. The ascendant represents the basis to which the changes apply. However, this does not mean that the themes that arise from the ascendant can be completely ignored.

be "erased". Rather, the ascendant resembles a platform of realization on which a basic tension of life emerges that can be guided in a certain direction in conjunction with the solar theme. If a person follows the assignment he has received with his natal Sun, he enters into a connection that will lead him to all areas of transformation and awareness.

If you follow its content, the theme of the birth sun is like a vehicle that can guide people through the many transformative stages of life. For this reason, everyone should investigate for themselves and look vigilantly into their own lives to find out whether they are rejecting the theme of birth and not accepting it because of their aversion. The symptoms that you can discover in life or within yourself show you the way like an objective master. The expressiveness of their symbolic language takes place with a distinctness and clarity that could hardly be portrayed by an outsider, mainly because the person rarely allows another person to draw their attention to the sensitive areas of their life. In addition, the symptoms take over the redemption of the rejected issues on behalf of the person and lead the affected person via this detour to the rejected issues in the form of suffering.

If you want to follow the assignment, the clues from the living environment should above all be interpreted as an address, so that a dialog can arise from this if the person concerned grants the hidden content access to their consciousness.

Then, like the sun god Helios in the myth, he mounts the chariot of the sun, which drives him bit by bit into the areas covered by the

people want to be sought out so that what is missing contributes to inner wholeness.

In this form, man confronts the part that binds him on the one hand, but is also able to liberate him on the other - the sun's mission.

## The key to the birth pattern

If you want to deal with your own birth pattern or that of other people in order to understand which laws govern them, it is necessary to pay attention to the ascendant first. With the knowledge of the basic energy that pushes into life, one understands the meaning of the birth pattern, which is based on the interplay between disposition and mission. The following explanations are structured in such a way that the descriptions of the ascendants are discussed in the *first part* because they correspond to the most dominant part in the basic pattern of the human being. They illuminate all facets of the basic mood of the soul and the scenario that develops from it. The descriptions of the ascendants create a mood that is affecting, as they touch on shadows and the contents of consciousness. All descriptions contain analogous images that trigger other effects behind the superficial impression of the written word, as they convey messages in the visual language of the soul that touch people on a profound level. This involvement is necessary because it lays the foundation for change, as questioning creates a willingness to take a closer look and engage intensively with oneself. Once you have become sensitized to the content of your individual issues, it is no longer possible to succumb to your personality traits "impartially"; instead, you constantly direct your awareness to the areas of irritation in your everyday behaviour. Life proceeds in the same way, naturally with much greater vehemence in order to make itself heard. This means that people are still free to decide whether they want life to show them the path to awareness or whether they want to confront the necessary content themselves. The descriptions of the shadow topics up to the goal idea are intended for all those who want to consciously face the path of change, as they feel deep down that there is no way around the learning experience through whitewashing and repression. With the willingness to open up to the language of life,

a different way of dealing with fate and life opens up. Resistance is dissolved because experiences in life are no longer categorized as the arbitrariness of fate, but are seen as the necessity of a learning experience.

The *second part of* the explanations is dedicated to the solar assignments, which outline the learning contents of life that lead to the expansion of the ego boundary. This necessity of the learning experience arises from the basic structure, which is based on the Ascendant themes. The Ascendant is joined by the Sun theme as a task that contributes to a process of growth. The solar mission leads into the central content that needs to be learned. All experiences in life can therefore be seen as serving the great work of bringing people closer to the quality of their natal sun that needs to be learned. Myths of nature, comparative levels of symbols, descriptions of symptoms from an analogical point of view help to make the task clear in its different variations. One learns to recognize the same content on the most diverse levels and in the most diverse packaging in order to take it as confirmation of the birth mandate. From the unredeemed forms of the order, a basic mood becomes clear in the symptom descriptions, which roughly relates to possible individual experiences. The point of the symptom descriptions is not to check whether each description corresponds in detail with one's own fate, but rather the basic mood that is made tangible is the decisive factor. This makes it possible to recognize the necessity of the learning task, which needs to be integrated into the consciousness due to the similarities to one's own life theme. Insights that arise in conjunction with destiny "belong" to you; they differ from an adopted dogma in that they have grown from the humus of your own life experiences.

In order to better understand the interplay of forces from the contents of the Ascendant and the Sun theme, one should find out whether, for example, the Ascendant theme is actively masculine and the Sun's order is passively feminine, whether the system is earthy fixed and the order is airy depolarized or whether the system originates from a spiritual world of ideas and is led into the concrete material. The more intensively one immerses oneself in the mood, the more the combinations become

The Ascendant and the Sun are the key directions that lead to a greater understanding of the birth pattern and thus of one's own life. If you think about the interplay between the Ascendant and the Sun's mission, the question arises as to what learning themes arise from a birth pattern when the Ascendant and the Sun are in the same sign of the zodiac (double sign). Such double signs make it clear that there is a particularly great need for the necessary learning content on a spiritual level. For example, people with the basic pattern of double Aries or double Cancer have not sufficiently internalized the subject matter arising from their double sign, which is why there is an urgent need for this intensified learning experience. This creates an energy in life that the natives can no longer escape. Usually the natives are on the opposite pole, i.e. the double Aries is slowed down and full of ideas, as would correspond to the content of the Libra picture, because it should finally be led into liveliness; or the double Cancer is structured and hardened, as corresponds to the Capricorn energy, and should be led into the watery touchability. Of course, natives experience their shadow themes in a similar way to how they are described in the ascendant themes. However, the life task of the natives concerned does not refer to a transformation that leads to new themes or theme expansions, but to an intensification of the already existing content. They enter life in order to internalize the contents of the birth pattern with particular intensity. For all double signs, the Sun's mission is the point of reference, which alone is decisive for the direction, because it is added to the system once again and thus signals that the same content-related theme is to be further deepened.

The basic structure that can be derived from the themes described in this book represents the basic tension in a person's life. It resembles the central theme that continues to crystallize in the course of life. Of course, there are a whole series of other planetary principles, aspects and directional connections in the birth pattern that are active in the interplay of the pattern. However, these should not be the primary focus here, as they are similar to individual themes that can be considered individually or worked out in detail in an individual consultation let. The basic structure outlines the life tenor of every human being, from which the basic questions of destiny and existence arise. These basic questions are the focus of the following explanations.

## The mundane zodiac

The mundane zodiac (Latin mundus = world) is a model in which all signs of the zodiac, all elements and all primal principles are placed in their corresponding order and symbolize the worldly connections. The circle as a symbol of wholeness creates a differentiation in the mundane zodiac, which breaks down the unity into the different areas of experience and thus makes it describable. The mundane zodiac is an ingenious instrument that can be used to depict and, above all, understand many relationships. The basic geometric symbols that are also described in hermetic geometry were used to create the mundane zodiac. Wherever you use the symbolic figures, they help you to gain insights and you learn, for example, how the divisions in the zodiac come about.

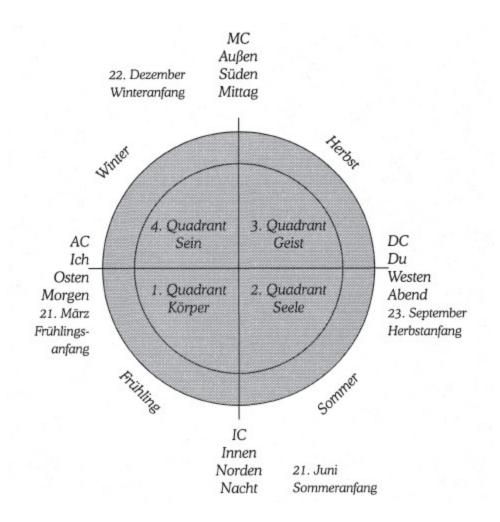
If you place a cross in a circle (360 degrees), which symbolizes matter, it divides the circle into four sections of 90 degrees each. The two axes of the cross symbolize the connection of the worldly order, which is made up of the vertical axis (as above - so below) and the linear axis (space/time). This also means that life is derived from the connection between above and below, cosmos and world and the conditions of matter resulting from the space/time conditions. These resulting sections are referred to as the four quadrants. The quadrants are further subdivided into three sections of 30 degrees each, resulting in a total of twelve sections with the four quadrants. Symbolically, the mundane zodiac for the northern latitudes also represents the graphically sketched course of the year, which begins with the zodiac sign Aries and ends with the zodiac sign Pisces.

The twelve sections contain the twelve months of the year and the four quadrants contain the four central sections, which represent the four seasons of spring, summer, fall and winter. The individual sections of the year contain the spiritual ideas that are symbolized by the corresponding sign of the zodiac at the respective time. In the rough grid, the four quadrants have the same meaning in terms of content, which takes place on a concrete level in these four sections of the year.

This division applies to the northern hemisphere and is one way of looking at it. The year in the northern hemisphere symbolizes particularly clearly the course of a cycle in all its details. It is therefore merely a way of clearly realizing cyclical events. If the "rationalist" wants to intervene at this point to question the descriptive model, he can choose any other form of cyclical event, such as the phases of the moon, the course of the sun during the day, the phases of human life; the same grid can be discovered in all of them, which is also evident in the signs of the zodiac.

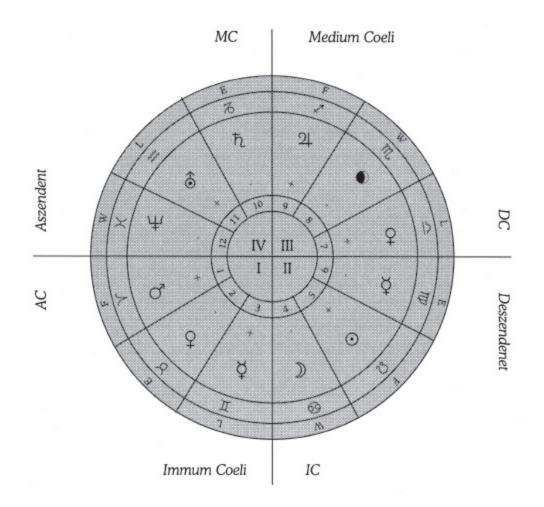
The *first quadrant* corresponds to the area of the visible physical world; it is the time of spring, when everything takes place on a visible, concrete level, as external nature begins to revive. The *second quadrant* symbolizes the realm of the soul, which is represented in the course of the year by the time of summer, as this period is about the subjective themes of feeling and expressing emotions as well as one's own security. The third *quadrant corresponds to* the spirit; it is the time of autumn, when the outside world begins to die and a retreat from the outside to the inside takes place. The fourth *quadrant corresponds to the time of* winter, in which external life has withdrawn and no longer lingers in visibility, which is why this quadrant is assigned to the cosmic primordial ground, in which life is formed within in order to manifest itself anew in form.

## The quadrants of the zodiac



The four quadrants are thus given a very specific meaning, as are the signs of the zodiac present in the quadrants, which are sorted into the same areas with their content-related themes as they are assigned to the respective quadrants.

The first quadrant corresponds to the realm of the body (material world) and contains the zodiac signs Aries, Taurus and *Gemini*. The second quadrant corresponds to the realm of the soul (subjectivity) and contains the zodiac signs Cancer, Leo and *Virgo*. *The* third quadrant is assigned to the realm of the spirit (non-ego, world of ideas) and contains the zodiac signs Libra, *Scorpio* and *Sagittarius*. The fourth quadrant is assigned to the cosmic primal ground (objectivity) and contains the zodiac signs *Capricorn, Aquarius* and *Pisces*.



The first sign in the quadrant opens the corresponding topic area, so to speak, the second sign consolidates the respective topic, and the following third sign takes the consolidated process to the next level.

The signs of the zodiac thus represent a pattern of certain primordial qualities that have the most diverse characteristics and traits. The primordial qualities resemble value-free themes to which certain characteristics are attributed. If you now want to find out how these characteristics and traits manifest themselves in human life, then the Ascendant's constellation material provides information that certain characteristics are present (constellation), and the respective position of the Sun indicates that certain characteristics and traits are to be achieved and thus learned (mission).

The difference between investment and mission is that there is a serious difference between being a human being from a certain

mood milieu comes (installation) or whether you first have to be led into it (assignment).

The following depictions of the Ascendant themes describe the basic potential and the basic mood that a person with an individual Ascendant experiences in life.

These descriptions are not to be understood as dogma or pigeonholing. Rather, they create a basic mood when you read and internalize them, so that you can feel your way into the psyche of a person under the corresponding topic.

Only by opening up beyond the purely intellectual level, reaching the layer of one's own concern, can external knowledge mature into one's own inner realization.

## Part I:

# The twelve ascendant themes as a basic mood in life

Awareness - Childhood and partnership myth - Shadow - Target idea

## The Midder Ascendant

Aries is the first sign in the mundane zodiac. It opens the first quadrant, which is assigned to the visible concrete world. The energy prevailing in the zodiac sign Aries corresponds to the male fire element and the quality of the planetary principle Mars, with which every unit is split into polarity. All birth processes or situations involving new beginnings are assigned to the Mars principle, because Mars is the dynamic impulse generator for all incipient processes that move from unity into polarity. Thus, after the unity, the compelling discord arises, which can also be called world or creation. Every new beginning wants to be achieved by force, so that all situations of struggle and war that destroy old, traditional conditions and give rise to something new are assigned to the zodiac sign Aries. Every dispute and every conflict is of a Martian nature and splits the harmonious peace into a discord from which something good can ultimately emerge again. The Mars principle is a fiery theme, which has heated and burning equivalents on its material level. New beginnings, violence, destruction, fire, pain, aggression, male sexuality etc. carry the same uniform germ: Martian Aries energy.

Awareness: If you look at the content of the Aries image, you will find qualities that are comparable to the new beginnings that occur everywhere in nature in spring. The Aries quality corresponds to the theme of all first expansive impulses and the everlasting need to conquer new territory. The zodiac sign Aries and Mars as a planetary principle are based on a dynamic, aggressive and passionate energy that conquers its territory and asserts itself via the path of ego assertion. This impulse is so dominant that, like the human primal will to live, it overrides all adversity and obstacles in order to assert and assert itself. People with an Aries ascendant are at the mercy of their own passionate and aggressive impulses. Wanting is at the forefront of their minds and is comparable to the intentions of a small child who immediately wants everything he sees and expresses this desire loudly. Driven by inner restlessness and impatience, they want to assert themselves in all their endeavors in the world. Most situations in life happen far too slowly and sluggishly for them. These people impatiently try to clear every obstacle out of the way. Depending on the overall birth pattern, this leads to a constant increase in inner pressure and the need to deal with things. Other people perceive this behavior as oppressively aggressive, which the native with the Aries ascendant is not aware of, as he lives out of the drive of his ego forces.

All impulses and actions spring from just one big "I want", and with this inner dynamic he tries to conquer all levels that are closed to him. Even if he is not always aware of it, his behavior towards others comes across as fiery, dynamic and merely following his own instincts. His nature is Martian-aggressive and only behaves dynamically as long as he senses external resistance. For him, resistance means that he can conquer the territories within life, which spurs him on enormously. The Aries Ascendant is the fighter in life, and as soon as there is nothing more for him to conquer, he turns away from one thing with disinterest and simultaneously turns to new levels of struggle. A person with an Aries ascendant does not allow himself to be taught by other people; his only level of learning is the hard confrontation with the world. He needs the big, boundary-setting experiences that lead to him suddenly realizing - as he suddenly realizes with a "bloodied" skull - that he has obviously penetrated into borderline areas with his issues.

Since his ego impulses are so intense on the one hand, and questioning is very low on the other, he runs ahead, thinking he is the leader. Reflection takes place at the earliest after the deed has been done and never before. Often all the china has already been smashed and remorse sets in too late. The comparison with the behavior of a small child can be made, as the child - just like the Aries Ascendant - wants everything directly. If you fulfill his will If he doesn't get it immediately, he bullies his environment until the annoyed others finally give him what he asked for. The child also quickly loses interest in the things it previously wanted so badly as soon as it receives them. As soon as it sees something new, the dance starts all over again. Wherever Native people come into contact with other people, their personal desires take center stage. It only becomes tragic for Native people when they begin to assert that their actions are of social origin in order to serve a collective. If they believe this, they are no longer in their law of the egoist and must painfully learn to look and recognize that they are actually only doing everything for themselves. It is always about themselves alone, and they should learn to see this honestly in the course of their lives. So if they are frowned upon by other people because it is unseemly in a superficially social world to serve only themselves, it is no use disguising themselves for this reason and pretending that their own will is not the primary driving force. The more a person wants to escape the issues symbolized by his Ascendant, the more he has to experience from the outside what he himself embodies.

A person should be aware of the qualities of his innermost disposition so that he can consciously dispose of them as potential in his birth pattern. If the Aries Ascendant remains unconscious of his ascendant Martian quality of being, it will continue to oppose him until he has learned to be at peace with it. As the warrior in the zodiac, he will therefore suffer wounds and injuries and be maltreated until he learns to say "I do" to his warrior existence.

**Childhood myth:** Within the childhood myth of natives with an Aries ascendant, they already experience the rejection of their mother in the prenatal state. They may find themselves in a situation in which they have to find their own way. Pregnancy usually contributes to the mother having to make increased efforts for her own and the child's existence in order to survive the struggle of life.

The mother silently blames the child for her poor starting position. As a result, her feelings towards the child and motherhood are very ambivalent.

During pregnancy, the mother feels powerless and at the mercy of others, which leads to a build-up of her inner rage. The mother may be suppressed by her partner, to whom she is inferior, or she may become pregnant against her will, symbolizing her unconscious part in which the male principle subjugates the female. Pregnancy can also lead to an increased aggression in the partner, possibly out of anger at the woman's changing sexual behavior towards the man.

Due to a lack of sexual readiness, the male drive energy turns into violence and hatred. The conflict can escalate to such an extent that the woman finds herself at the mercy of increased violent attacks. Even after giving birth, the mother and child may be victims of the violent father until she and her child move away from their tormentor. The climate during childhood will then also be highly influenced by the tension that the mother carries within herself and passes on to the child. Unconsciously, she takes out her anger and aggression on the child because the father is no longer present and she has to stand her ground alone. Even if those affected find themselves in a suffering situation in childhood, it is their own unlived part that makes itself felt for the first time through the conflict at home.

With the myth from childhood and the resulting extreme situation, the natives have come close to their investment theme. This corresponds to the child's own aggressive primal impulse, which it experienced in the mood of its childhood. But now they have to learn to transpose the energies to another level. Even if they encountered their own suchness in the brutal distorting mirror of life in the childhood myth, the suffering situation ultimately wants to channel them into a higher responsibility towards the fate they have experienced. It is therefore important for them to face up to the necessary awareness in order to learn to see their own drive to assert themselves.

**Partnership myth:** In the area of partnership, natives with the Aries ascendant are generally open to relationships, so that interpersonal contacts are usually very intense in the early stages. However, as soon as a relationship that has already begun leaves the initial phase behind, the Native's interest changes. Since only with a relationship that has just begun can the Martian

Once the theme of conquest and new beginnings has been redeemed, the intense initial tension subsides very quickly. The process of subsiding can be described as the burning of a straw fire, because under this system it is not a matter of establishing and consolidating relationships, but rather the process of continual conquest is in the foreground.

All other themes that arise in the course of a relationship, that the relationship lives from openness and devotion to the partner, cannot be reconciled with the theme of the Aries Ascendant, because it only wants to conquer. You could say that in every relationship the lunar part, which is characterized by the fact that you want to build a nest together because you have opened up and given yourself completely to the other, comes to the fore to an increasing extent over time, at the expense of the erotically tense part.

The loss of the Venusian part and the increase of the lunar part always triggers resistance and rejection in the natives. Men live this rejection in such a way that they have the unconscious urge to hurt the feminine. Thus men with the Aries ascendant are the typical machos who often suppress women out of sheer fear of their own weakness and take out their anger at themselves on the female part. They will not give attention when it is needed, but only as long as the woman allows herself to be wooed and makes no further demands. In this case, sexuality is less about merging and more about the libidinal part, which seeks satisfaction and the release of tension rather than the combination of eroticism and closeness. A latent problem of violence plays a role in this area, which, unlike with the Scorpio Ascendant, does not represent the borderline situation - the

"little death" - in the sexual act, but during the act of falling in orgasm, the propensity for violence grows, as the natives enter the realms of unbridled rage with every loss of control.

In women, the theme of the Aries Ascendant is expressed in a rejection of the female role. All her efforts are made to avoid conforming to the typical female role. Her behavior is extremely dynamic and active; she will always try to gain the upper hand in a man/woman relationship. She will also try to get men out of the classic role distribution so that the woman does not have to recognize her inner conflict of having been born with a male disposition. In female sexuality, too, there is a refusal to surrender. The woman wants to remain in the active role and is not prepared to surrender to merging situations. She may also experience the problem of sexual violence on the other side by finding herself the victim. In this case, she transfers the unlived part to the male partner. She also experiences unbridled anger during the sexual act, which may cause her to be torn between lust and rejection.

The affected natives should learn to consciously confront the conflict between the ego forces and the you area by becoming aware of their subjective demands in relationships and partner situations. What manifests itself in inner tensions and tenseness or even in immense anger is one's own dominance, which cannot bear to withdraw in favor of another person or a situation with the ego claim.

Shadow area: Natives with the Aries Ascendant are always in conflict with the outside world, because in contact with other people they constantly experience breaking into the harmony of a community or destroying harmonious situations. Very often, whether they like it or not, they find themselves in the role of the destroyer. Their shadow is the theme of Libra! Wherever they meet other people, they find people who cannot make up their minds, who constantly dither, weigh things up and behave cowardly in the eyes of the Aries ascendant. It hardly ever happens that they meet energetic, determined people who could stand up to them. In their eyes, the whole world is "lukewarm" and boring. This naturally makes them impatient with others. Without wanting to, the Aries Ascendant pushes its fellow human beings beyond their limits with its demands and requirements and repeatedly turns out to be a tyrant. The comparison with a hunter entering his hunting ground is obvious here: no sooner has the game scented the huntsman's approach than it takes flight in panic. The others also like to flee from the Aries Ascendant. In the encounter, the ego forces always clash with the "you", and a

Conflict that revolves around the assertion of ego forces. The grueling dynamic is: either the "I" wins, in which case the "you" area dies, or the "you" area wins, in which case the "I" of the Aries ascendant dies. However, he very rarely experiences boundaries being set by others, as most people are afraid of his aggressiveness.

All levels of spiritual and subtle aesthetics, as found in the archetype of Libra, manifest themselves in the Native as a shadow area. Remember, the sign Aries represents the first manifestation in the visible world, and the sign Libra represents the beginning of the spiritual plane in which the individual is already beginning to dissolve. Style and distinguished charm, as we find them as primal principle representatives of Libra, are qualities that natives only ever encounter from the outside. On the other hand, these Libra qualities exert a tremendous attraction on hotheads, so that they are magnetically drawn to people from the Libra milieu. If you want to express the nature of the clashing forces in a visual way, this can best be described in a comparative drama from everyday life. The more concise and blatant this example is, the better one understands the actual discrepancy, which of course does not always have to be as violent as in the chosen example. As a good symbolic representative of an Aries image, imagine a rudimentary motorcycle clique dressed in leather and rivets, who would also like to do something cultural. They travel enthusiastically on their motorcycles to the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth or to the Burgtheater in Vienna. Everyone can now vividly imagine the bizarre situation that arises:

The "culture-loving clique" - tattooed up to both ears - laughs and laments loudly with beer bottles and peanut flips on their laps amidst the rows of horrified regulars. The

"passionate" champagne and oyster slurpers avoid all contact and are sure to keep to themselves in closed groups, from where they furtively eye up the troublemakers and give them indignant looks as the ultimate form of annoyance, while the intruders pounce on a foul-smelling bag of BigMacs during the breaks.

Since Martian cultural pioneers are not particularly receptive to conformist behavior and lack the antennae to evaluate themselves, only then does real anger arise, if the intruders happen to notice that they are not wanted and that they and their thirst for education are not particularly appreciated. How such situations can escalate is now up to the individual.

Aries Ascendants always get entangled in conflict situations in which they are either shunned because they are verbally hurtful or have made crude, clumsy remarks, or they are made to understand clearly that they are in the wrong company. The disregard with which they are then punished increases their anger to the highest form: they can enthusiastically fight out any open conflict, but a silent, contemptuous look from the diplomats' camp hurts them more than anything else. In most cases, they then become victims of their own aggression, so that the conflict, which is not carried out directly, is soon turned against them. They may suddenly fall in the street and get bleeding wounds. Or they throw a choleric fit at the gas station attendant on the next corner because of a trivial trifle. This tension between attraction and rejection is the life tension of the Aries Ascendant. For natives, it is not so much their own behavior that causes them to come into conflict with themselves, but rather in many situations they are the source of impulses that are more likely to have an effect on other people and are thus tools for processes of change and reevaluation.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** The Aries Ascendant bears *the sign of Capricorn* in *finality*. Capricorn corresponds to a superordinate structure to which all subjective concerns must give way. This means that natives must learn again to accept higher laws than their own ego demands. It is only through the resistance they experience that they are forced into questioning, because they are people who do not have their own capacity for reflection. In terms of their willingness to learn and absorb, Native people are not open to things that are brought to them from outside. In their behavior, they react particularly stubbornly to the approach of their fellow human beings. They give the impression that they always do exactly the opposite of what you want them to do. Even in discussions, they are usually on the opposite side - simply to counter what is being said, as they are unable to accept a sense of community unity. The

dynamic-active force is so strong that they are constantly in a defensive position when they are required to accept something from the outside. As a result, those with an Aries ascendant who are not prepared to draw learning experiences from the world must laboriously approach all learning processes themselves with great effort. They have to acquire and gain every piece of knowledge and every worldview conclusion bit by bit. The ego claim becomes a self-imposed trap, because since they want to assert themselves, they have to struggle for things in life to a particular degree and are forced to serve a higher lawfulness in this way. They register with reluctance that others were right in their statements, as they have come to the same conclusions after much effort. But even then, they are not prepared - at least not in front of others - to admit their negative bias. The ignorance in their own behavior towards the world is not perceived by them. Instead, the prevailing mood is that worldly contact seems to them to be a constant, difficult situation in which they have to fight their way through life alone. In their encounters with other people, they vacillate between the need for contact and a friendly approach and distance, as they do not want to let others get close to them. In many situations, their behavior comes across as solitary, as they cook their own private "soup".

The less aware they are of what they claim for themselves in life, the more the outside world will confront them with conflict. This narrows their personal framework so that they can learn from this conflict to consciously formulate the things that move them deep inside and that they need for their salvation. In terms of the cosmic order, the Aries Ascendant is the one who constantly experiences balancing characteristics in the you-area. He experiences everything that he perceives as unimpressive and not concrete as a brake on his fiery energies. This is the polarity to his suchness. He must learn to endure the fact that his high tension is always relaxed. This is very much in the spirit of the Asian fighting masters, who only step aside when they are attacked. They use the attacker's energy to accelerate their momentum and then use their own momentum to send them crashing to the ground or running into a wall. The The more the person with an Aries ascendant unconsciously pushes forward, the more disarming the world becomes for him.

It is the ascending life impulse that urges to experience polarity. This teaches him by setting boundaries that there are other aspects than his personal will. In this impetuous learning process, he in turn becomes the destroyer of tranquillity in the encounter. As a transmitter of life and new beginnings, he carries the cosmic mission of initiating impulses for change. However, every spark of spirit that manifests itself in the material is slowed down and reflected by the visible world. This is precisely the experience that a person with an Aries ascendant should have. This is not - and this should be emphasized once again - an invitation to withdraw from action in order to become a peaceable, adapted citizen of the earth.

The power of impulse absolutely belongs to the Aries Ascendant, like heat belongs to fire. Rather, the boundary-setting experience should gradually lead the Aries Ascendant to the level of ideas and the mind. Any resistance put up causes the person concerned to start thinking about the possible reasons. The impulsive forces of the native are thus slowed down and guided in a spiritual direction. One could also speak of steering in a constructive direction. This is because redirected impulsive energy dissipates dramatically in space, but its effect remains completely unused in relation to the possibilities. If the withthe person Aries experiences continuous restrictions of his impulses, then he Ascendant should deal with his power much more purposefully and consciously, because only in this way he has the possibility to the seemingly limiting arbitrariness of life.

## The Taurus Ascendant

The theme of the archetype Taurus is - in relation to the natural development myth - the second step that becomes deeply and firmly rooted within matter after the first birth impulse of Aries. The zodiacal sign of Taurus contains an earthen theme that is bound to the material and concrete things within the material form. In the mundane zodiac, it has the mythological task of solidifying the newly conquered state after the phase of Aries, which is about the departure and the first impulse within the polar world, in order to settle down. The seedlings that burst their shells with the Aries impulse in order to push outwards are now rooting themselves deep into the ground in the phase, the small plants extract nutrients and minerals from the soil and begin to nourish themselves in this way in order to root themselves ever deeper.

For this reason, the energy that prevails in the image of Taurus is a harmoniously oriented force that urges us to arrive at peace, to hold on to our achievements and to preserve them. The Taurus quality assigned to the Venus principle contains patience, perseverance, peace and an inner firmness that is absolutely necessary in order to be able to secure what has been newly achieved.

Awareness: The process described is very important for the development of consciousness of a person with a Taurus ascendant, because they bring a myth with identical content into the world as a primordial lie. His innermost urge is to be deeply rooted in matter and to feed on it. This is why his entire concentration is on the concrete world and all aspects of being that can be measured and expressed in values and matter. People with a Taurus ascendant unconsciously have a strong desire to be accepted by the world. In contrast to people with an Aries ascendant, who live with the constant feeling of having to assert themselves in the world and f i g h t against the adversities of external conditions, the Taurus ascendant has a strong desire to be accepted by the world. Ascendant the need to be rooted in a strong community. At the same time as the urge to cling to the world and especially to other people and groups, there is an inability to let go of old conditions and people. Because everything that has once been made permanent will not be let go so quickly. Regardless of whether these are partner relationships, friends and acquaintances or concrete material matter, the Taurus Ascendant binds and holds on to everything. His instinctive striving is fixed on the goal of his own security, which leads him to collect and hoard what he can so that life has a firm basis that gives it the necessary value.

This happens out of an unconscious need to fill a spiritual void. The Taurus Ascendant fills everything that he believes he cannot discover within himself with external things, which he makes his own. In his quest for security, he thinks of himself first and second, when he has taken care of himself, he is ready to turn to other people. Great value is attached to material objects. When people buy certain items, they must have a high brand value in addition to their functionality, which also defines them. Often brands and names of articles are more important than the article itself. The Taurus Ascendant derives its value from all the things it owns. With status symbols, he hopes to gain the necessary acceptance from other people, according to the motto "If you have something, then you are something". Once this need is satisfied, he begins to feel good about himself, which plays a very important role for him.

So he honors all the areas that contribute to increasing this sense of wellbeing. Food and drink, a cozy home decorated with wood can contribute immensely to his sense of well-being. Physical sensuality and sexuality also play a very important role for him, especially as the offspring that arise increase security and the group structure. The Taurus Ascendant encounters life on this basis. In the one case, the interest in matter predominates, in the other the need to enter into group relationships. What unites both variants, however, is the constant effort to achieve practical and perceptible results and to secure the value of the person against any external attack. On a subjective level, this aspiration characterizes them as appropriating, conservative (lat. conservare = to hold on to) beings, whereby an outsider cannot distinguish whether they hold on to everything for selfish reasons or out of a pure need for protection.

They even use themes that are assigned to the realm of world view or the spirit in order to achieve an increase in intrinsic value. It is difficult for people with a Taurus ascendant to create a purely spiritual value of ideas within themselves, as their disposition is based on a concrete material feeling. They do not perceive value in themselves, but need concrete themes and things with which they can relate in order to perceive themselves. This is why world views and aspects of being that are in the realm of the invisible or numinous are unrealistic and unreal for him. They arouse a deep aversion in him, as he unconsciously feels that the security of his intact material world view could be threatened by them. In the end, he would be forced to undergo a transformation in this way, which would be extremely frightening for him.

This is why the aspirations of a person with a Taurus ascendant remain primarily focused on goals that provide them with supposed security within the material world. For this reason, it can be found wherever people join together in groups out of common interest, which together guarantee a real cozy cowshed atmosphere. These are, for example, clubs and interest groups that pursue a common goal and therefore pose no threat to their own security. The superficial self-centeredness of people with a Taurus ascendant does not win them much sympathy from others who are not cut from the same cloth. To prevent those around them from exposing their need to cling on and take possession, they push it far away or suppress the existence of their true quality of being. In this case, they experience an instance in the outside world that purposefully presents them with situations that bring their unseen quality of being to light.

In any work to raise awareness, people should free themselves from all moral considerations, especially when it comes to evaluating the qualities and characteristics of the zodiacal patterns. In astrosophy, the first and most important task is to encounter the contents of one's own pattern in a valuefree way. Any one-sided or hypocritical Repressing certain concerns and birth issues will one day bring people deep consequences that they will have to face at some point in their lives. In such times of confrontation, he painfully experiences what the true concerns and mechanisms of his person are. For people, expanding their consciousness means transcending the boundaries of their own perception and expanding their ego identification. Anyone who is able to do this has already achieved a great deal. It is therefore also important for the Taurus ascendant to look at himself from the perspective of his substance-related concerns so that he learns not to pretend to himself and the world, but to acknowledge his true dispositions.

The person concerned very easily tends to hide selfish motivations behind idealized camouflage motivations. In a progressive world that is becoming more and more open to social ideas and values, who wants to be seen as a dyed-in-the-wool conservative materialist whose first concern is to pursue personal advantage in the world? In the sense of conformity with the birth pattern, such behavior is perfectly correct, but in this context there is usually a lack of awareness of suchness, and the person begins to suppress his true concern. This is where the problem begins! Those who do not have a keen eye for their own disposition and are unable to discover their true motivation become increasingly involved in painful processes of self-knowledge over the course of their lives, so that at some point it becomes obvious what true needs and concerns lie behind all their actions. Life demands that every person identifies with his or her dispositions. It is naturally more difficult to have to live a birth theme that is not "in vogue". The down-to-earth, quiet, cozy, possessive and conservative bull theme does not have it easy in this respect, as it does not correspond to the prevailing zeitgeist. This is why those affected often try to disguise themselves. However, a principle is not bad just because it is not primarily practiced by the masses. If you look back in history, you will quickly realize how fickle and changeable the zeitgeist is. What was popular yesterday is frowned upon tomorrow.

As the earth element in its natural state is passively occluding and only experiences change through external impulses, the earth element also exerts an influence on These traits are also present on the psychic level of the Taurus Ascendant. The heavy, earth-centered concentration makes him persevere in all familiar positions and cling to what is known. People with a Taurus ascendant should realize, in the sense of becoming conscious, that an immovable, closed system rules in the germ of their personality, which is not prepared to open up, to give something away, let alone to change.

Childhood myth: Many natives with a Taurus ascendant experience in their childhood that their parental home is endowed with little ambition. They experience the father in his role as a passive element with a disposition in life that seems to be satisfied with the least, often selfsufficiently following phlegm. The children suffer from their father's behavior, which is a tremendous disgrace for them. At the same time, the shame they experience at their father's failure becomes the driving force that keeps them going and drives them to make up for what they have suffered. Claiming to be better than their father, they want to "prove it to him" in order to heal their old wounds. The mother in the childhood myth represents the contrast to the weak father. She is the strong primordial female who is perceived by the children as a real protection and rock in the surf of life. The mother balances out the family drama with her strong sense of reality due to her connection to the earth. Despite her balancing function, there is thus a shift in values between the male (active) and female (passive) principles. In terms of content, this childhood myth expresses the imbalance between the material material concerns and the all-pervading spiritual principle. The inert connection to the material as the only starting point and perspective for life causes the reconnection to the uplifting spiritual principle to wither away. The father principle symbolically expresses the state of man's capacity for spiritual inspiration and upliftment. The feminine principle, which is embodied in the mother, describes the theme of worldrelatedness. The childhood myth clearly shows the imbalance between the worldly and spiritual poles. Those affected should learn to recognize from this myth that there is an imbalance within themselves.

They should consider this free of any sense of guilt or value. The more they are aware of their attachment to the world, the freer they can become in their lives. Only the full realization of their unconscious, bound and world-bound part creates the basis for true liberation.

However, if the natives believe that they are free from all material needs, a dynamic arises in their lives that draws them deeper and deeper into the quagmire of materiality until they have become one with the subject. This is the trap of our linear world into which humanity has been running since the beginning of time. Recognizing this mechanism is a key to dealing with the world, although this approach may sound paradoxical compared to the usual way of dealing with life. People only have the opportunity to free themselves if they begin to search for their own truth and become what they truly discover in themselves in all honesty - free from all embellishments and, above all, without prostituting themselves before the world and its unspoken demands.

Childhood contact with the diversity of parental figures causes those affected to approach their world in a judgmental way at a very early age by classifying their fellow human beings and external circumstances according to certain criteria. This turns them into a closed system, as other people only gain access to them if they correspond to the native's subjective scale of values. Behind this claim lies the desire for a sense of community, which should develop in association with others. True to the motto "Together we are stronger", this forms the basis for safety and security in the collective. Despite the search for equality, there is a trace of discrimination against other people in their behavior and thinking, which can often be observed in conservative groups who are afraid of the unknown and, above all, the new. Causally, this comparative way of thinking is deeply rooted in the wounds of childhood injury, which stem from the discrepancy between the weak father and the strong mother. Conversely, when natives feel a mutual acceptance of their peers, a sense of security arises in them, as if the collective is carrying them. They need the social acceptance of their

environment as urgently as bread and water. For this reason, they always try to coordinate their behavior with others. For outsiders, their behavior gives the impression that they are constantly trying to justify themselves to them by making pleas for their way of thinking and behaving, as if they were standing before a fictitious accuser. Their counterparts feel under pressure, as if - compelled by the demand for acceptance and agreement - they have to ease their conscience by sending out confirming signals of common solidarity.

The focus of people with a Taurus ascendant is so strongly directed towards the outside world because they are looking for love and sympathy from those around them. In the love of others they find the part of acceptance and benevolence that strengthens them in the acceptance of their own person. The affection of others gives them the legitimacy to discover their self-love, which they do not want to admit to themselves without reason, for purely selfish motives. The more unconscious their attitude to their self-love is and the more it is repressed by the natives, the greater the dependency between them and their fellow human beings becomes. This interdependence creates a symbiotic relationship that binds them very strongly to others and at the same time leaves them helplessly at the mercy of their environment due to their excessive desire for affirmation. In such situations, they suffer from their dependence and helplessness and sporadically try to escape. However, the key to their true freedom does not lie in simply running away, but in acknowledging their self-love. As they become increasingly aware, they intervene in a higher-level mechanism that releases their environment from the obligation to act as a catalyst so that they can love themselves - legitimized by the approval of others.

**Partnership myth:** In partnerships, they need the same affirming acceptance as in contact with their environment. For this reason, they tend to choose partners based on the criterion of mutual agreement. This can lead to them pretending to have a seemingly perfect world in the course of the partnership so that they don't have to admit that they demand more for themselves and their own interests within their relationship than they do for their part.

are prepared to give to their partner. In their relationships, they should realize that it is their unconscious desire to take everything that the partnership can give them and claim it for themselves. If people with the Taurus Ascendant live in the false consciousness of sacrificing themselves completely for their relationship, this leads to the mechanism that there is a lack of devotion on the partner's side until those affected themselves begin to add up and claim bit by bit what they feel they are being denied in the relationship.

Here too, only the path of suffering leads to the truth, because as a result they themselves are the ones who make demands and expect attention from others. In this way, those affected end up, albeit painfully, in their honest pattern. The more they are prepared to consciously live their repressed needs, the more they experience a relaxed response to the needs that are no longer concealed on the part of the other person, because every integrated step of realization that is mastered frees the environment from the obligation to bear the unconscious part of the individual.

Exactly the same pattern that works on the relationship level of the Taurus ascendant also takes place within sexuality. The basic sexual need is a very sensual one, for them physical closeness and affection are like an elixir of life. However, the unconscious motor of sexuality is always the goal of a purely procreative mating, because sexuality should also bear the desired fruit after the act and ensure the survival of the offspring as well as one's own old age. The shadow of this purpose-bound sexual need is the high form of eroticism, which is not concerned with the procreation of offspring, but aims to use sexuality for a death-like borderline experience, as can be found especially in the opposite sign of the Taurus Ascendant, in the sign of Scorpio. Sexuality, which lies in the shadow, is characterized by the drive to merge completely with another individual in order to form a greater whole with them. For this reason, natives will often encounter the draining demand for dissolution in sexuality, which can turn into real moments of fear for them. They do not want to die "little deaths" in sexuality and sacrifice themselves, but rather live and find themselves enriched. This can happen in

This can lead to conflicts in partnerships in which they are accused of constantly taking and not giving. If they find themselves in such conflict situations in their partnerships, this leads to them tending to "cheat" despite their fixed quality of being in order to live out their more sensual needs, which place high demands on attention in the partner situation. If they do not find complete fulfillment in their relationships, they are often not prepared to break away from the relationship, but instead have stable second relationships of lasting duration alongside their partnership. However, they are then in conflict with their conservative feelings and often experience this in the conflict between moral norms and their longing for sensual fulfillment.

For this reason, it is very important for those affected to look their own needs in the eye. They should learn to admit to themselves what they urgently need for their salvation and what demands and conditions they place on life and their fellow human beings in order to feel supported. The more they learn to look at themselves in this consistent way, free from all social zeitgeist events and moral norms, the more relaxed and liberated they will be able to live their lives.

The further they move away from their true nature, the more they nourish the part that is missing in their consciousness. For natives with a Taurus ascendant, the aim is not to conform to a social ideal, but to live their true pattern.

**Shadow area:** If those affected are prepared to this point to become honestly aware of their true motivations, they have created the conditions from which they can turn to the shadow issues. These draw their nourishment from the essence of their own perspective and needs. Every soul quality that is in excess produces that area of shadows and images that must produce perfection in the sense of cosmic wholeness. Thus the Taurus ascendant is balanced by the Scorpio principle in the shadow. In contrast to Taurus, whose power is the expression of life-shaping maximum external energy and aims in the direction of unsocial self-realization, Scorpio is associated with the spirit principle and polar to Taurus is the ascending night power with its life-changing transformation energy. Every Taurus ascendant encounters this energy and questions the life of the natives over and over again.

What happens instinctively and completely unconsciously in Taurus requires absolute awareness and consistency in the sign of Scorpio. Here, all true motivations are dragged into the light of consciousness, the natives feel constantly challenged by harsh external consequences that piercingly question their points of view. In this way, the fervently desired coziness of life is repeatedly exposed to fine hairline cracks, which in the long term endanger the existence of the concept of life. Because at some point, even the strongest building will collapse if it is riddled with cracks, as the brittle statics can no longer withstand any load.

At various stages in life, the Taurus Ascendant is asked to sacrifice his personal possessions to a collective, which causes him to tense up even more and try to hold on to his mite obsessively. The subject of loosening and binding becomes a point of conflict for him, which leads him deeper and deeper into immobility like an evil spook. Just as the Taurus Ascendant uses encounters to feel subjectively secure and at ease, his shadow increasingly calls on him to detach himself from subjectivity and merge with a greater principle.

The Taurus Ascendant meets the Scorpio principle on the Descendant. This makes the outside world an eternal melting pot of change for him. Native people therefore often have to wrestle with whether the fixations of their own world view correspond with the manifold ideas they encounter in life. The outside pressures the Taurus Ascendant with abstract ideas and plans, although he actually only has the concretely tangible in mind. Thus, as a protective and defensive mechanism, he asks everyone he meets with guiding principles the Gretchen question of what his "crazy" ideas would bring him in concrete terms, what practical benefits he could achieve with his "lofty" ideas. The Taurus ascendant is only satisfied when everything stands up to his "price question". What becomes a real frustrating martyrdom for the Plutonian inclined person on the opposite side is very important for the Taurus Ascendant, as he immediately finds himself in a state of uncertainty as soon as something begins to rise out of the secure framework of his materialistic world view begins. His world is supposed to be an intact, well-fed world, and any questioning of his world view feels like a fall from paradise to him. He would rather not become cognizant if he has to sacrifice a paradisiacal state to do so.

The tempting serpent thus becomes his "life companion". She constantly tries to persuade him to taste the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She patiently beckons with the fruit of knowledge, but the natives are not carved from the wood of Eve, who eagerly tastes it and goes all the way into the confrontation with the world. Although the Taurus Ascendant, as a true food natural, would gladly eat any other apple, he throws it far away in a high arc so that he can continue to sit in paradise. This is why he feels uneasy as soon as someone asks him to consciously engage in cognitive processes. Every serious examination of a certain topic is an act in which points of view change. Scorpio likes this, but the fixed Taurus Ascendant has great problems with it.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** With a Taurus Ascendant, there are two possibilities for the finality of the horoscope. One is the *Capricorn finality and the other* is the *Aquarius finality*. Both principles, Capricorn and Aquarius, are very superordinate signs that are far removed from any subjectivity. Both result in completely different themes.

Capricorn-finality means for the affected horoscope-owner that in the course of life they should completely detach themselves from subjective concerns in order to once again turn to a higher goal than the need to nourish themselves. With this finality, the natives repeatedly experience the call to transform themselves in life and therefore also come close to limiting situations, the greatest extreme of which is the transformation through death, which is tantamount to a sacrifice that vehemently demands on a large scale what the person was not prepared to sacrifice or give in many small situations. In death, there is nothing material left to hold, only the spiritual experiences and the grown spiritual potentials are taken along as the only baggage on the journey to the other side. Such experiences of transformation may occur in close proximity to them

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It is therefore of great importance for shadow work and therefore also for gaining a higher insight to know that death is part of true life, because it lurks everywhere and can even occur at any minute. For this reason, death is much more certain than anything else in the world that you think you have to hold on to. It is important to realize that life without the limitation of death is not life, because without it it loses its necessary tension. Real life derives its existence from the perpetual cyclical cycle of birth, death and rebirth; only then can it claim to be called alive. In this sense, any inner immobility is much closer to death than one might think, as it resembles a dull, stagnant state.

*Aquarius finality is* the other variant of the goal idea of the Taurus Ascendant. Aquarius corresponds to a depolarizing principle, which forces everything that is in constancy out of its straightforwardness and transforms it into its exact opposite. For the Taurus Ascendant this means that there is no chance of holding on to old fixations. If one were to compare the two finalities with the Ascendant, then the Taurus Ascendant with the Aquarius finality would be described as the more fixed one, because it is called upon to move out of its immobile state in order to come alive again. For this reason, the Taurus Ascendant with Aquarius finality will experience change and polarity reversal in many situations in life, especially when it believes it is firmly rooted and secure.

He should become aware when he notices that everything he has tried to hold on to and has grown to love is beginning to change and he is forced to give up and let go. If he experiences sudden setbacks and circumstances such as work situations or partnerships that have remained unchanged for a long time begin to loosen, then his stranglehold was too tight. The same also applies when values that the Taurus Ascendant collected and hoarded, suddenly lose their value. When the life-changing element calls out to him, he should realize that he should pay attention to the depolarizing side instead of insisting on the old state. The person addressed should follow the call of the outside in order to experience that there are values beyond the solid form that are much more enduring than his material treasures. And also that true security only comes when you have learned to change. Only when he has experienced the opposite of everything he desires can he enjoy the harmonious wholeness that he hopes for in his innermost being.

## The Gemini Ascendant

In the zodiacal picture of Gemini, an airy, fleeting theme manifests itself to which all functional areas of the outer world are assigned. In the mundane zodiac, as the last sign of the first quadrant, it dissolves the firmly rooted state that arose in the earth sign Taurus. With it, life and action return to the earthy, stagnant state of the previous sign. The energy in Gemini is extremely restless and mobile. It requires a high degree of flexibility and an interest in everything new that presents itself enticingly in the world in order to expand our attention beyond the boundaries of the familiar. This corresponds to the phase of the end of spring, which is about fertilization and the transmission of life. The high dynamism in nature heralds the great mobility that is necessary to bring forth life.

Just as with the breath, which is associated with the Gemini principle, this time is about the value-free function of maintaining movement and thus life through meaning alone. The theme assigned to the airy Mercury principle ensures exchange, communication, movement, interest, diversity and thus heralds the pure quality of Gemini energy, which can be found wherever external life takes place. This means that it is still within the framework of the first quadrant, but at the same time it dissolves the state that previously came to rest in Taurus.

Awareness: The nature of a person with a Gemini ascendant is particularly curious and always full of joy when it comes to discovering the world with all its interesting variations. All new and unknown things bring him great joy, and after he has informed himself about his new discoveries, the information is immediately filed in the collection pool of the intellectual central repository of his brain. People with a Gemini ascendant approach the world and all areas of knowledge neutrally and without judgment. Due to the diversity of external things and the interesting

impulses from the world, there is no need for them to really engage deeply and seriously due to the abundance of new topics. It is precisely the ability to get involved that leads natives into an area of anxiety that is delicate for them. When they find themselves in situations that bring them close to deep feelings, they begin to withdraw in panic with airy-fairy actions. In such situations, a helpless anxiety arises in them, as they fear that feelings could pull them down like a vortex into the vicinity of inexplicable levels. Any form of depth or uncontrolled emotions awaken in them the desire to move away from the unsettling, inexplicable state. They fear being torn from the security of rationality. In order to escape this crisis, they compensate for their inner consternation with an intense compulsion to speak. They also look for explanations for their own feelings - because every inner emotion that cannot be rationalized awakens in them the need to analyse it. This is why they are much more likely to confide their feelings to a diary or another person in letter form than to talk about them directly. The written form creates a more non-binding framework for them, which enables them to record aggression and feelings in order to leave what they have described without further discussion with their environment. In this way, they create a level on which their overemphasized intellectuality continues to secure the upper hand for their rational behaviour in order to escape the indefinable chaos that hides behind their feelings.

People with a Gemini ascendant often suffer from difficulties falling asleep, for example, with their thoughts constantly revolving around external activities and current affairs. If they enter a state between waking consciousness and the deep sleep phase - in which the collective image content is also hidden - they may wake up startled from this state and feel an inexplicable fear, a fear that stems from the irrational images and dreams of this sleep stage. Sleep, also called "death's little brother", does not correspond to the level of the concrete world where the Gemini principle is at home. Wakefulness corresponds to the state in which they feel familiar and safe. The natives usually flee back into their world of thoughts and try to fathom which daytime situations have led to could have contributed to their images and dreams: the rational immediately gains the upper hand again.

For this reason, the person with a Gemini ascendant, like the two preceding signs Aries and Taurus, is also interested in the external aspects of the world. This enables him - comparable to the need of the Taurus Ascendant, who tries to include concrete things in his intrinsic value - to absorb unlimited information that revolves around connections in the world. The resulting information potential then contributes greatly to increasing the intrinsic value. It is the areas of interest themselves that increase its value. For example, this can be information from politics, current affairs, the latest research results, all information about interesting people and their life stories or the latest trends in the world.

be the "in" scene. For him, there is nothing that is not interesting. For him, "being alive" means knowing what people are wearing today, which furniture is currently in fashion, which vacation destinations you travel to as a real trendsetter, who was on Sylt last summer, who is currently in a relationship with whom, in which restaurant you meet the most interesting people, what the stock market has to offer, who gets the leading roles in the latest films or which meditation technique leads to the quickest results etc.

He derives his self-worth from the greatest possible potential of external knowledge. If he is less informed about something than others, he feels deeply insecure and feelings of inferiority arise. The emotional crisis is in sight, and this can only be balanced by updating the "knowledge hard disk". To prevent a crisis from occurring in the first place, he helps to keep up to date, so to speak. It is less important whether it is about the function of solar machines or the date of birth and death of Pope Pius XXIII. Everything is equally interesting, and the knowledge is stored, comparable to the capacity of a computer hard disk, without any significant meaningfulness. After all, it could be useful at some point in the future and contribute to useful communication, in which case it can always be called up quickly.

Gemini ascendants collect enormous amounts of information everywhere, but they do not come to an inner processing, as the knowledge is not collected in a lively way following an urge for knowledge. Instead, they try to fill the inner emptiness that they feel, but to which they are nevertheless at the mercy of, as they are unable to descend into the depths that would alleviate this feeling. The statements they make therefore remain on a theoretical level; with the extensive knowledge they have acquired, they then try to help those close to them. They take an interest in their suffering or their problems, and since they can understand others on an intellectual level, they believe they are empathetic beings. In doing so, they themselves determine what they believe they feel by their defensive behavior and their distance from deep feelings.

They talk themselves into feelings and create a security framework that remains intellectually controllable for them. Esoteric psychology offers them a particularly coveted field in which they can esotericize and theorize on the basis of their opinions without having any real feelings. However, the more people with a Gemini ascendant try to reach that depth with external signals or planned measures, the greater the counter-movement that pulls them out of the depths. This leads them to despair more and more because they want to achieve something that does not correspond to their actual dispositions. They should not descend into the abyss of deep emotions and feelings, but should learn to recognize their fear of the depths! They can use their intellect to bring the unnamable to the surface in order to make it comprehensible without immediately classifying it again. Every effort to fathom feelings or explain them ultimately only stems from the fear of being at the mercy of the feeling, because the evaluation only creates a workaround in the usual manner of cataloging everything without utilizing it and thus maintaining inner distance.

In order to be able to encounter the contents of awareness, people with a Gemini ascendant should also sharpen their clear view of their own being. First of all, they should realize that behind the focus on the surface of the outer world there are far deeper layers of being than they think they can grasp. For in the captivity of his fleeting actionism lives

He is in danger of becoming a judge of the horizons of other people's general knowledge. He quickly believes that his rich world view, which contains something of everything, is the hub of the turning wheel of life. Based on this claim, he tests the knowledge of others by asking them critical questions with the aim of checking their knowledge for any gaps and shortcomings. It almost seems to the tormented victim in such "Serious cases", as if the know-it-all had explored the rich facets of existence himself and was now in a position to form a comprehensive picture of the interrelationships of the universe on the basis of his profound experiences.

Analogous correspondences can be found in the way the sciences work, which are associated with the twin principle. Of course, they define their world view in a very similar way by collecting facts. Most scientists merely build on the experience of their colleagues. Strictly speaking, they have only theoretically adopted the experiences made by other colleagues. Because of this way of dealing with "empirical values", they create a real belief system, which they do not expose as such. Every thesis adopted from another person or a committee - no matter how real and conclusively it has been substantiated - remains at the untested level of belief as long as the person only adopts these results and does not understand them themselves in order to draw their own conclusions from them. The Gemini Ascendant also completely accepts everything it picks up from second and third sources. It integrates the information unchecked into its inventory and thus turns it into its form of reality. This then consists of a wealth of opinions that are tied to current events, but which are completely fickle and interchangeable and do not last in the long term.

**Childhood myth:** People with a Gemini Ascendant often do not receive enough security and warmth in their childhood. The parents are hardly able to show their love to the child. Within the family, functional themes are always preferred, which are associated with the Gemini principle. Everything revolves around coping with everyday life and all its demands. There is a lack of space for the child to give attention. Rather, it should contribute to the family's ambitions and act as a status symbol in the outside world. This status function that the child has to carry is not linked to a specific role, it can be very individual. For example, good manners and etiquette are instilled in them, or they are forced to take part in school activities before the appropriate age. Children, who are actually supposed to develop their instinct for play and security, are taught to read and write. Unconsciously, despite the joy of learning, it feels that it is not loved for its own sake, but that it should represent something for its parents. They learn to cope on their own at a very early age, as both parents work. People with a Gemini ascendant are often the typical "latchkey child".

The mother's work provides a certain luxury for the family, allowing room for extra purchases and vacation trips. Due to the parents' lack of time, the child is left to its own devices. The parents excuse their behavior by saying that all their work is for the benefit of the child. The child compensates for the lack of love and security with reason and is soon of the opinion that it has to do its bit. It adopts the arguments so that it does not feel the pain of the lack of attention and tries to fit into the existing framework without resistance. Its repression mechanisms lead it into an oversized hunger for knowledge. Curiosity, receptiveness and the need for information cover up the feeling of loneliness and lack of security. Within the childhood myth, those affected experience an inability to feel deep emotions due to the emotional deficiency. Even if this is a painful experience for them, they should learn to understand that they themselves are not prepared to allow deep feelings, as their nature is airy by nature, so that it excludes deep emotionality.

**Partnership myth:** A similar conflict arises in the partnership as those affected experienced in childhood. Only now they are on the side of the perpetrator in their own drama and not on the side of the victim. In the partnership, the initial passion and intimate closeness give way to a facade-like

Superficiality. The deep feelings that arise bring the person with the Gemini Ascendant into such deep border areas that the relationship takes on a threatening character for him. In order to regain control, he takes refuge in external activities. He has to give the threatening magic of a transforming relationship a sufficient melting of the everyday. For the partner, this transformation of the relationship is a disappointing cooling-off process. They get the impression that their partner is resting in the relationship because they are not emotionally involved. This leads to arguments and questioning of the relationship, despite the manifold affirmations of love and the idealization of the partnership, there is no dynamic that signals that one is also committed to the ideal. The core problem is now becoming oppressively large. The natives are not prepared to give up their emotional distance for fear of the depths, even if there is a risk of the partnership breaking up. They only feel safe if the relationship takes place within a friendly framework in which there is no room for real passion. If the conflict between closeness and non-commitment becomes too manifest, they end the relationship without explanation or much ado. Or they take refuge in the fragmentation of many activities, which prevents real closeness. The opportunity that lies behind this behavior, which is characterized by flight instincts, would be, on the one hand, the recognition of one's own discontinuity and, on the other, overcoming fear. It would offer the opportunity to get close to emotional depths that transcend rational thinking.

Sexuality usually plays a subordinate role in such a relationship, because here too the feelings are neutral; there is a lack of passion. As the real drives cannot get past the rational mind and are filtered by it, natives with a Gemini ascendant are often inhibited in their sexuality. There is no real connection to physicality, as the body is viewed functionally and not as a sensual potential. Problems usually arise in comparison to other people or through reproaches from the partner. In such phases, those affected can then work through their sexuality functionally with various therapies or by taking stimulants. They deal with sexuality intellectually by reading and discussing it. This is why headaches are also common symptoms, as the unfulfilled urge drives into the head. Due to their emotional neutrality, those affected are unaware of their actual needs. They begin to experiment with their sexuality, which gives them great pleasure. In a partnership, they create stimuli by watching arousing pictures and films together, so that they encounter what they do not feel through the stimulation of the external senses. In this way, they come close to what their real concern is, namely to make the level of sensations describable. This need often leads them to extreme experiences in which abysses open up that were unknown to them. They seek out experiences of same-sex love or feel drawn to sadomasochistic practices, even childlike sexuality, which allows them to enjoy the pleasures of discovery once again. In this way, they then try to fathom their real needs, but this proves difficult as they cannot really be touched deeply on any level.

**Shadow area:** The shadow part of the Gemini ascendant draws its nourishment from the Sagittarius principle. In terms of content, this sign of the zodiac is associated with the great world views and deep insights that are the result of a wealth of experiences. Within the zodiac, the sign of Sagittarius is subordinate to the realm of the spirit. Deep in the psyche, Sagittarius processes those insights that have initiated a profound transformation in Scorpio.

People with a strong representation of the Sagittarius principle in their birth pattern are characterized by a high cognitive ability, which can draw appropriate conclusions from the manifold experiences made at any time. The exact opposite of the Gemini principle lies hidden in the Sagittarius characteristics. In polar opposition to Gemini, Sagittarius only deals with the worlds of knowledge and images. If the Gemini Ascendant fulfills its purpose in naming the outer world, the sign of Sagittarius - contrary to this fulfills it in exploring the deeper inner connections of the psyche. In the archetypal image of Sagittarius, the soul of man rises above matter in its redeemed form, and happiness is no longer causally linked to the success of concrete situations, but is nourished in the inner elevation caused by aiming for loftier goals that lie above the small subjective needs. In contrast to Sagittarius, the Gemini Ascendant only stores the knowledge of others, which they have acquired through a long struggle to become conscious. Thus, the Mercurial type does not utilize the knowledge it has absorbed for itself, but it remains stored in itself in individual drawers and is not put to any further use. He simply stores the knowledge, even if it may seem useless at first glance. A good analogous example of this can be found in the institution of the German Library. It requests deposit copies from all publishers, which are never viewed by anyone, but the works are stored and preserved for posterity. Perhaps one day someone will be able to do something with them. The Gemini ascendant also likes to pass on its hoarded information to others and give hints as to where it once read something specific, and only then does what it has absorbed begin to live on in other people as a fertilizing building block. Sagittarius/Twins is the axis from teacher to student. As a student, Gemini eagerly absorbs what it has learned, whereas Sagittarius is the teacher who likes to pass on his knowledge from the depths of his own experience.

The shadow conflict of the Gemini Ascendant arises from the fact that at its core it struggles for its own meaning, which it only ever encounters in others on the outside. There he encounters important people, philosophies and all kinds of interesting world views. With all the fibers of his need for his own meaning, he struggles - fueled by external circumstances - for his own value and tries to compensate for the deficiency that he feels as a sting in his soul with external representational measures. People with Gemini ascendants often have the impression that others feel superior to them. They constantly experience that people are not prepared to accept their mediating actions because they are not really taken seriously and are not listened to. The others naturally sense in contact with the Air Ascendant that the rebellion of the Gemini Ascendant has more to do with hot air than with a concrete meaningful concern. They realize very quickly that the actions are intended to be seen and noticed, and that the contact manoeuvres are not actually so are meant to be serious. The person with the Gemini ascendant promises a lot when the day is long, but hardly anything is kept, he lives according to the motto "What do I care about my talk from yesterday". So the speech from the shadow manifestations is always accompanied by the understandable advice to go into depth, to devote oneself consistently to a topic and to delve deeply into it. To read a book from beginning to end and not to start in the middle. Or to see a project through to the end without stopping in the middle, in order to then start something new, to dedicate yourself to a meaningful goal orientation for a specific project and to focus your energies on a concrete result without being distracted by a thousand unimportant things over time.

If those affected are frequently confronted with similar requests, then they need to pause and redirect their interest in the external world to more meaningful topics. Those affected often experience this prompt in crisis situations in which they feel full of despair that their life has no depth. They long for other people who can help them achieve the intensity they so painfully miss, or seek the company of people who seem to have the necessary depth. Or they try to compensate for the accusation of superficiality with an outward display of seriousness. They are then particularly socially critical of their environment and try to scrutinize it through and through. But again, this is just a disguise to conceal the outward appearance of the shortcoming. Even the half-glasses perched on the tip of the nose with the silver chain around the neck can't disguise the actual lack of depth.

As is so often the case in life, the opportunity for transformation lies in the crisis, which transports the affected Gemini ascendant into the inner space in an unredeemed way. For when a person feels emotional pain, the unleashing dynamic of the pain draws the affected person into their inner space and they begin to fathom where their suffering may be coming from. In such moments, which are very valuable for the Gemini Ascendant, it would be fundamentally wrong to distract oneself with an external urge for action. People with Gemini Ascendants often report on the grief they feel. rises when they are confronted with themselves. Then they want to "go up the walls". They then quickly come up with the saving idea of "going out with people who are funny". Or "you meet lots of really interesting people in the theater café". Or "there's always something going on at the variety show!". Such distraction maneuvers only increase the depressive pressure, as although the depression is not felt in the moment of distraction, it will reliably return later. In most cases, the depressive phases that follow are only greater and the valleys begin to widen. Because, believe it or not, the low has a purpose!

Goal ideals/higher insight: The Gemini Ascendant has Aquarius as a finality. As a completely superior principle, which is also a possibility of the finality in the Taurus Ascendant, it now takes on a completely different meaning in the Gemini Ascendant. In Taurus, the mission of the Aquarian finality is to free itself from attachments and to lead the fixation on concrete material into dissolution. With the Gemini Ascendant, Aquarius as a finality means to free oneself from the small, bound perspective and interests of worldly contexts. The conflict of the Gemini Ascendant, who searches for other content through personality identification and the struggle for his own meaning, helps him to focus on other areas. First and foremost is the request to grant greater space to the levels that cannot be rationally explained and grasped, in order to become a mediator between the different realms of being. Using a sentence game, one could say that the native should not move unconsciously on the surface, but - conversely - should bring the unconscious to the surface! In the course of his life, the person who is entangled in worldly functions becomes just as miserable as the world is in its current exaggerated external orientation. Here, too, he is threatened by a crisis of meaning and the collapse of his life functions, so that he can begin to attach a different meaning to life again. It is therefore good for him to know that the other part of existence consists of those areas that cannot be directly explained rationally and that it is important for him to face up to them, even if he feels insecure, as he may lack the relevant information for this part. The law

of life is based on the fact that the contents (spirit) express themselves through the forms of the material world. Only when the contents are recognized as such and gain access to human consciousness can one speak of true aliveness. Only in inner harmony with the exchange between the aforementioned areas does a person achieve true healing, which is supposed to be sanctification.

In relation to the path that leads to higher insight, this should be taken by the Gemini ascendant out of a genuine inner need and lie outside any fashion trend. The Gemini/Sagittarius axis is associated with the field of hermetic philosophy. The hermetic world view very precisely illustrates the redeemed form of the Gemini principle. For this to be the case, however, the person with a Gemini ascendant must already have undergone a transformation in the sense of the path, which has brought him into contact with other contents. Due to the high neutrality of its essential nature, the Mercurial type is particularly predestined to be able to wander through border areas of the soul without becoming entangled. In all traditional myths and initiation rites, it was always Mercury (ruling in the sign of Gemini) who was able to descend with the initiates into Hades as a companion. He was described as the neutral guide who accompanied the others into the spiritual border areas, but who himself returned to the surface unscathed from the extreme situation. Mercury is the only one who succeeds in bringing experiences from the deepest layers of the unconscious to the surface of daytime consciousness, and he alone is able to process them with his intellect. The basic idea of hermetic philosophy is based on an analogous view of the world. This is why people begin to discover connections everywhere with the hermetic key.

The hermetic approach creates a connection between all levels, so that the human being begins to enter into a dialog with everything that exists and does not exist. The human being learns to translate the language of forms into their content and to use the corresponding information from these for the path, so that he no longer perceives the areas of life separately, but in a larger context. If they are capable of such an observation, the building blocks of life, including their feeling of inner emptiness, come together again to form an overall picture, which fills them with deep meaning.

## The Cancer Ascendant

The Moon is assigned to the zodiacal constellation of Cancer as the ruling planet. The Moon represents a watery, passive, impressionable and inwardlooking feminine theme. In the mundane zodiac, the sign of Cancer opens the second quadrant, which is assigned to the realm of the soul. The first quadrant, which symbolically represents the visible manifest world of form, concludes with the sign Gemini. After the phase of externalization, internalization begins with the image of Cancer. The energy in the sign of Cancer is subjectively inward-looking. This is the necessary consequence of the externalization that took place in the first three signs. All experiences that a person can have in the sign of Cancer therefore necessarily lead into their inner space. Conversely, all his actions and reactions are controlled by With the existing great impressionability, subjective needs. the development of the emotional takes place in Cancer. From an astrosophical point of view, the zodiac sign of Cancer opens up the area through which all the potentials contained in the primordial chaos of the soul want to manifest themselves on the instinctual level. In humans, this happens at the instinctive drive level. Just as the foetus in the womb (lunar principle) already possesses all the dispositions that become more and more pronounced in the course of its development, the unconscious qualities of the human psyche must also mature in the light of consciousness, analogous to the external growth process. The unconscious is difficult to grasp with daytime consciousness, so that the intangible manifests itself as a shadow part of the repressed lunar in the beings of this world. If you want to lift the shadow back into the light of day consciousness, you need to be willing to filter the repressed parts of your own psyche out of the myth of life in order to give them their rightful place in consciousness.

Awareness: Since the sign of Cancer is found in the spiritual second quadrant of the zodiac, the main interest of the person with a Cancer Ascendant is in the areas that can be attributed to the subjective. The emotional mood of the zodiacal picture of Cancer corresponds analogously to the stage of the child who is completely at the mercy of the big world and adults and tries powerlessly to assert itself in order to survive. People with a Cancer ascendant are particularly emotional and subjective. Comparable to an infant, they value their own needs first and foremost. If, for example, an infant is hungry, thirsty or desires security and skin contact, it complains loudly about its unfulfilled needs. As he does not yet have any trained means of articulation, he can only use his cries to get his environment to find out what his little darling is lacking. As the infant is completely at the mercy of its living situation, it absorbs all stimuli from the outside world. It is only with time that he learns to differentiate the feelings that arise within him and also to perceive them in other people. The child is primarily concerned with its own interests, whereby the urge to fulfill its needs is so great that it often has a hurtful effect on other people without realizing it itself.

The person with a Cancer ascendant also demands attention from others; in order to receive it, he strives for their recognition. This can happen in two ways. He tries to obtain the love he needs either through exaggerated performance or through behavior that signals his neediness. Under no circumstances, however, should his fellow human beings recognize his increased need for attention as such: He fears nothing more than being forced into the role of the weaker person. This would mean losing his protective mechanisms and leaving him defenceless against the outside world. The fear is rooted in the ultimately unstable structure of his soul, which results in a strong emotional manipulability. His feelings change like a flag in the wind. Rapidly changing moods give him the feeling that he is defencelessly exposed to the coldness of this world. He creates a shell against this coldness, symbolically representing a womb to hide his soft core.

The Cancer Ascendant perceives the world around it as harsh and inhospitable. He is constantly being hurt from the outside and has the feeling of being overrun by other people. For this reason, his behavior in interpersonal contact is very careful - like a child - not to arouse the displeasure of those around him. In The first thing he does with every new encounter is to check whether or not he is in danger of being hurt by the others. If he realizes that he is not in danger, he slowly begins to open up. Even if he is integrated into a group, he usually makes an effort to ensure that no harsh confrontations can arise later on. He feeds his moment of fear from the fear of losing his sense of security, which could arise through arguments and confrontations with others. In order to counteract the moments of danger and the resentment of others, he begins to make himself indispensable on the appropriate level by using his help and his instinct to care for other people. In this way, he tries to develop a trusting nature that enables him to slowly but surely gain dominance in a subtle way. He does not show his claim to dominance in an open form like the dynamic fiery Aries Ascendant or the Leo Ascendant, but he entangles his fellow human beings on subtle levels in dependencies and feelings of guilt by making a great effort to become indispensable to those around him. In this way he creates a kind of

"Bite inhibition", as we know it from the animal kingdom, e.g. that dogs do not attack children or attack helpless young animals. People with the Cancer Ascendant build up their willingness to help others, which serves to protect themselves, over longer periods of time, which often results in a paralyzing terror that gives them the desired power potential. After all, who has the strength to defend themselves if they are always "done to" in a wellintentioned or self-sacrificing way. If you disagree with the help offered by the Cancer Ascendant and brusquely reject it, you must at least withstand the broken look of a child who says with a pouting mouth and sad, downcast eyes: "I only wanted to help." Not to mention the mental pressure it exerts, which is ultimately worse than a concrete verbal accusation because it drives the guilty perpetrators of their suffering into the deepest remorse.

In the course of their lives, people with the Cancer Ascendant produce a wealth of situations that are metaphorically similar to the help that a mother and housewife should receive when she comes home in the afternoon and finds her home transformed into a veritable battlefield. The well-meaning offspring wanted to bake their mother a cake

and had spread the ingredients - chocolate, eggs, butter, flour - evenly all over the house on the cushions, the velour floors and the walls instead of mixing them in a bowl. When Mom asks in horror what on earth the chaos is all about, she receives the sweet answer: "We wanted to bake you a cake! Right, now you're happy!" So who can really be annoyed by such a loving request? However, what remained as a tangible result of the children's "great work" was the serious damage that the mother had to painstakingly repair. According to the situation described above, the person with the Cancer Ascendant always directs everything to the best from their point of view. Figuratively speaking, this quickly causes damage to others on the respective levels of help, as his need to fix things means he intervenes arbitrarily in tried and tested organisms and changes them according to his "childish" wishes. As he is denied the appropriate overview of his aid activities because he lacks the organ of calculating foresight, the interventions he makes often have to be ironed out by the people around him. His conscious intention is superficially benevolent, and he firmly believes in it, just like the children baking cakes. However, it is his subjective view of things that makes it impossible for the Cancer Ascendant to recognize whether his intentions are actually helpful for others or rather harmful to them. Unconsciously, his activities primarily serve to protect himself. In all his actions, he is actually asking the world to accept, carry and cradle him. For similar reasons, it is therefore important for him to know how the reactions and actions of other people have "affected him" or what situations have "done to him". Native people encounter their environment completely subjectively and relate everything they encounter in the world to themselves. Just as the moon is illuminated from the outside and reflects the sun's rays, people with a Cancer ascendant also react to their world. However, they always react in the way they believe they receive things from the outside. As the world only finds access to him through a subjective filter of perception, he always interprets conclusions into situations that in reality have nothing in common with what he experiences objectively. As he brings all kinds of expectations to encounters, these can of course hardly be interpreted by others.

people are fulfilled. With every deviation from their needs, people with a Cancer ascendant radiate an emotional pressure to the outside world, which is massively perceived by others. You constantly have the feeling that you have done something wrong, even though nothing has actually happened.

The native is not aware of this terror of feelings and does not believe that others can perceive his inner resentment, although everyone can read his defiant face like an open book. Even insistent questioning does not lead to any disclosure of the cause of the disgruntlement. What remains with others is a constantly guilty conscience towards the person concerned. However, the Cancer Ascendant forgets very quickly. Others may still be pondering the possible cause of the upset on the third day after an encounter, but the Cancer Ascendant's sorrow will be completely forgotten within fifteen minutes. It's just like a child who is sobbing heartbreakingly one minute, but then immediately forgets all their grief the next when they see a surprising gift and can spontaneously rejoice.

The subjective feeling has the effect that the person with the Cancer Ascendant lacks any objectivity and for this reason it is impossible for him to look at external things in a value-free way. He immediately translates every non-binding statement relating to objective facts into his subjective framework. For example, if you were to mention in a conversation in his presence that aggression in the world has increased considerably, he would immediately object that he has not become more aggressive at all. Any form of criticism or correction, e.g. in the workplace, leads to emotional overreactions, which he interprets as a personal affront. If he is asked to include a different point of view in his working methods, his reaction is not based on the facts, but his possible response is, with a huffy undertone, that he already knows himself that he can't do anything. Even these explanations of the shadow topics will certainly not provoke an objective reaction from those addressed, but rather generate the aforementioned overreactions, so that they then constantly reiterate apologetically that they are aware that they are doing everything wrong.

However, if the person with a Cancer ascendant is ready for a process of becoming conscious, it is first and foremost important for him to know that his view of things and his view of the world are not objective, so that there are certainly other dimensions outside his feelings and perceptions to which he has no access due to his imprisonment in his emotional view. It is therefore relatively comfortable for them to take on the role of the poor being who has to compete alone against the whole world. Of course, their high sensitivity makes it difficult to withstand the harsh world. Very often Native people therefore overcompensate and try to face the world with apparent sovereignty and strength, but with such an attitude they overtax themselves and use up a lot of life energy. Overcompensating for their instability forces them into an invisible and relentless battle against life. At some point, they are so weakened that they can no longer maintain their deception. They have to admit to themselves that they are basically just longing for the perfect world of their childhood, in which they felt cared for and free from the burdens of everyday life.

This childlike perception of the world leaves her in a retrospective situation of grief. The unconscious fear of life, of not being up to the real, hard struggle, the feeling of having to survive in a cold, threatening world, condemns them to a restless search for security. Only when they succeed in creating a situation in which they feel completely accepted do they find peace. In these rare cases, they reveal to those around them all the childlike qualities that they otherwise fearfully suppress, then they let themselves be driven by their feelings, and their put-on dynamism is blown away. This extreme difference between the image they project to the outside world and their actual personality core can easily appear two-faced to other people: the domineering macho transforms into a maudlin boy who eats muesli and porridge and leads a secret double life with his angora rabbit on his lap. Or the confident businesswoman, who fights her nerve-wracking life battle in men's clothing during the day, is transformed into the little girl who sucks her thumb in a Mickey Mouse T-shirt and dungarees. Behind the outwardly preserved form lives the neglected child in need of love, just waiting for it like a sponge for water,

to absorb the love and energy of other people. However, the stronger their efforts are not to allow the actual core of their persona to emerge, the greater the grief that arises in them from the lack of attention. As long as they do not acknowledge this needy part, instead of being accepted and supported, they will constantly experience new situations that drive them back into their powerlessness and weakness.

It is better to allow the themes of the birth pattern to express themselves beyond the protective attitude of fear. Those who no longer surround themselves with protective attitudes, but who give expression to their inner correspondence and have the courage to live real strength by accepting softness, are closer to redeeming their themes.

Childhood myth: Your longing for the supposedly carefree days of childhood is linked to a few situations of warmth and security that are held in your memory. However, the majority of childhood takes place in a completely different climate. Pregnancy and birth take place in an uncertain parental situation. One possible scenario: the parents have split up and the child's affiliation is not entirely clear. The mother experiences the pregnancy in loneliness and abandonment, so that she cannot give the child a feeling of security. The newborn becomes a burden for its environment, it is disruptive because it contributes to the severity of the extreme situation or because it exacerbates the level of stress through its birth. The child is passed around the family and there is no clear definition of who should care for it. The child lacks care and is in danger of being emotionally and physically neglected. As it cannot find a permanent caregiver with whom it can form a long-term bond, it does not develop a basic trust in life. The lack of skin contact and emotional warmth also leaves the child powerless and longing for something that is denied to them. More and more, they begin to feel their own weakness and helplessness. As a result, they take refuge in a world of dreams and fantasies in which they try to experience what they are denied in reality. With this protective mechanism, they create a space for themselves in which they do not feel the coldness and harshness of the real situation. The suffered lack of situation,

which the person with a Cancer ascendant experiences, represents an unredeemed variant of the lunar disposition. Deprivation and pain direct people towards their own subjective concerns. What is missing sparks the dynamic that leads those affected to their basic needs. First and foremost, they want full attention for themselves. If they are not aware of their needs which is the case in early childhood - the corresponding situations, which remind the person of their existing unconscious needs through the lack of attention, are brought about by life.

Of course, there are also other experiential variations of this pattern, but the example given is intended to open our eyes to how people are led to their own issues as a result of suffering situations. In another case, the Native with a Cancer ascendant may well be showered with love and warmth without being able to appreciate it because his actual needs remain unrecognized. They may feel the effort of others, but the disappointment at their apparent lack of empathy is greater than the joy at the warmth they receive. He is torn between a reproachful accusation against the "egoists" around him and the question of his own ingratitude, as he cannot accept the attention he receives.

This form of experience is also primarily about satisfying needs, just like the deficiency situation in childhood. The desire for attention from the outside world is also the driving force behind the fact that they are denied what they long for. On an emotional level, natives are in the developmental stage of a child who relentlessly makes demands on their environment. However, the one-sided focus on the eternal "want to have" creates a congestion in the emotional world. The flow of emotions is blocked due to passive expectations, because emotions can only flow if the person is also willing to give something to others. The attitude of only responding with affection if you have previously received affection from those around you leads those affected into a vicious circle of denied feelings that goes on and on.

Only when they break through the inner blockade and learn to turn to their close environment in a non-judgmental way, free of all conditions and expectations, do affection and warmth come into play. Being absorbed starts to move again. Only then does the emotional level slowly begin to regenerate.

Partnership myth: In a partnership, the pattern that a person suffered in childhood is reversed into an active form. The victim becomes a perpetrator. However, people with a Cancer ascendant still believe that they are victims in the partnership, as they relate everything to themselves anyway and often experience situations of being at the mercy of others. They enter into every relationship with very high expectations. The partner is supposed to compensate for their emotional deficit. Ultimately, they want to take more than they give. They degrade their partner to the extended arm of their poor parental home, who is supposed to fill the painfully missing emotional framework. In this way, the natives remain emotionally at the level of a child. They are not prepared to give something to the other person on an adult level, but have all kinds of expectations and demands of the other person that they want them to fulfill. As the sign of Cancer harbors an intrinsic theme, they never express these demands in concrete terms. This results in an overwhelming situation of expectation, so that the partner notices that something is wrong, but is not told about their possible shortcomings. Even if the partner treats the person with a Cancer ascendant with excessive affection, it will spark a conflict in them. This is because they are afraid that the other person's affection will oblige them to reciprocate. Excessive affection makes him aggressive because it shows him his inability to give and thus his weakness.

This results in one-sided acceptance, which often leaves partners feeling that they are filling a bottomless pit with their affection, as they have become attached to an emotional glutton. Again and again, people with a Cancer ascendant tend to break out of partnerships: Only the regained lack of commitment saves him from the realization of weakness. This creates a climate of love-hate relationships. On the one hand, they love the other for the fact that he can give them back some of the security they have long lacked; on the other hand, they hate him for his complicity in their unstable character structure and their inability to respond to the other because of their own weakness. Through their emotional conflict the giver is punished. A policy of carrots and sticks develops in the relationship. Out of revenge on the disagreeable parents, they enjoy torturing and hurting their partner by proxy, also in order to create the feeling of being at the mercy of the other person.

These compulsive actions plunge them into conflict, because the victim must not be angry with them, as they need to be close to them. The tension between the shame of their behavior and the fear of loss soon takes on unbearable proportions. If the relationship finally comes to an end, they tend to cling hysterically to their partner and blackmail them through the chaotic emptiness in which they sink. Or they look for partners who are psychologically dependent on them in order to escape this situation. They slip into the role of the stronger one, although only the weakness of their partner allows them the illusion of their own strength. But here, at least, they are close to fulfilling their birth mission: because this means taking responsibility for other people and giving them attention.

However, in order to really redeem their pattern, they would have to learn to selflessly implement this urge for strength without merely using it to escape their weakness. This means that they should become aware of their fears so that they can see themselves in a different light. Only after realizing that they seek out weaker people in order to gain strength is it possible to turn freely towards others, because awareness of their own motivations enables them to reach a state that allows giving and turning towards others to grow into a strong inner potential.

People with a Cancer ascendant are very sensual; sexuality allows them to experience the closeness for moments that they miss in their outer life. However, their sex drive is subject to their emotions, which means that sensation plays a primary role in their sexuality. If the relationship between well-being and security is not in harmony, this inconsistency stifles their libidinal side. Their sensitivity is so high that difficulties arise in their intimate life simply because of thoughtless comments from their partner. An absolutely harmonious and coherent situation is therefore required within their sex life so that they can open up fully in this area. Their life conflict comes to light again, because as soon as they feel that their partner is making demands on them, they withdraw.

inwardly. At such moments, the excitement can suddenly turn into fear of your partner's expectations.

The strong selfishness that runs like a red thread through the most diverse areas of their life is also evident here. The key to their birth pattern lies precisely in the area in which they develop the willingness to give to others willingly and value-free - without attaching conditions to this.

Shadow themes: The shadow of the Cancer Ascendant is the sign Capricorn. The Capricorn theme embodies precisely that hard, structured, lawful part which the Cancer Ascendant finds a real challenge. Capricorn stands for the overriding cosmic laws and, analogous to the cosmos, naturally assumes that law function in the world which always serves the collective or a cause. All small human needs melt away before it, because Saturn's law is to serve a greater authority than personal desires and drives. Even the question of what benefit the individual himself receives from the cause in return for a service recedes into the background. The Capricorn principle stands for the higher cosmic authorities and - as their earthly reflection - the bearers of law and authority, such as the governments of the countries, the state, the parents and all educational institutions that give the masses or the child in the family the right guidance so that it can become a bearer for others in its own life. The sign Capricorn brings together the supposedly conservative themes of duty, strictness, discipline and loyalty, which have been pushed further and further back from our culture over the course of time - a fact that describes the childishly mundane concerns of the people towards life. Naturally, children are always interested in "disempowering" their parents so that they can do as they please. That is why the collective struggle for liberation will not rest until the last representative of that saturnine pillar has been disempowered.

But the battle is futile, as the Saturnine principle ultimately always remains superior. The person with a Cancer ascendant therefore experiences the questioning of his subjectivity through the outside world. Again and again, they feel called upon to look at things in life objectively and not to dwell on their own feelings. He himself evaluates other people's requests as if his feelings could be which only leads to them feeling further confirmed in their own existence. The key to overcoming his vulnerability lies in discovering the claim to power in his own behavior, which involves others in emotional terror due to his constant concern. The Cancer Ascendant should recognize that what it considers so sensitive, touchy and vulnerable is most sensitive when it comes to its own person. He should also know that he exerts a high degree of emotional pressure on other people with the demands he takes for granted and his subjectively created laws, with which he non-verbally dictates to his environment how he should be respected as a person, how he should be treated and what attention he should be given.

When he learns to see the unrecognized claim to power in his own behaviour, he releases the world from the obligation to force him into the role of being at its mercy. The more he realizes how relentlessly hard and cold he measures other people from the perspective of his moonlike demands, the more he relieves the shadow realm of the task of reflecting something about himself to him through increased demands and regulations. For those who meet the world with high demands will experience even higher demands in the shadow until they have learned to recognize the similarity with their own nature in the distorting mirror. The more a person with a Cancer ascendant expects and wants to receive something from the outside, the more he is on the active pole with his demands, which means that the world has to bring him back into passivity on some level, as the basic element of his ego demands originates from the passive pole of Cancer.

Comparable to this lunar motivation to provide for others, we find corresponding achievements within our culture that offer social networks on a grand scale. All protective functions that provide the individual with the necessary security and support to prevent them from falling into the cruel cold of the harsh world also correspond to the Cancer principle. The social institutions of today's world are certainly very good. Humanity has fought for them for a long time, but they also have the disadvantage that those who allow themselves to be carried by the collective net can no longer step out of the state of being a child. This then leads to the exaggeration that people a r e no longer prepared to take responsibility for their own lives and that of others. to take over fate. Even more excesses arise from the status of the "social child", for example the fact that people are not prepared to have their own experiences that are outside the safety radius they take for granted. His demands for

"Being carried" continues to grow, but nobody pays attention to whether the "parental home" (= state or economy) can withstand the increasing burden. This happens in the childish sense of demanding more and more without being willing to go the extra mile. At some point, the support of the parental home collapses, and then the children finally have to leave the security of their mother's womb. Of course, everyone feels like an adult today. However, one should question one's inner demands on fate and life, because it is these that prove or disprove one's actual detachment status from childhood.

In terms of the spiritual path, a person with a Cancer ascendant is called upon to face the demands of the world with courage. In the mysteries, the Capricorn principle, which lies in the shadow, is regarded as the guardian of the threshold. The Guardian of the Threshold is the station which, as a superior cosmic authority, asks the human being on his path which soul qualities of the human being still need to undergo a transformation on the path. The Guardian of the Threshold asks the question about the ego, which always wants to achieve something for itself. But the Guardian of the Threshold is a completely supra-personal authority before whom the concerns of the small human person shrink to nothing.

The person with a Cancer ascendant often stands - metaphorically speaking - before the guardian of the threshold, who asks him about the excess of subjective demands that the person concerned still brings into his life. Only when the person with a Cancer Ascendant has learned to truly turn towards the conditions outside does he begin to come alive again. The exaggerated demand of only wanting to receive something results in true giving and receiving.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** With a Cancer ascendant, similar to a Taurus ascendant, there are two possibilities that can be achieved as a finality. One possibility corresponds to the Pisces ascendant.

principle, the other to Aries. It is striking that the first task is a very overarching one, the other a very concrete one.

The *finality of Pisces* leads natives into the realms of dissolution. Of course, this dissolution concerns subjectivity, because the person with the Cancer Ascendant is in a certain sense stagnating internally, as he is only concerned with his own interests. The resolving Pisces theme should therefore help them to get back into flow internally, leading them out of their perpetual navel-gazing.

He should learn that he has an obligation to the world that requires him to turn to others and his environment, completely detached from his own concerns, without wanting to gain anything from this turn. This also includes the learning task of renouncing one's own demands and laws in order to attain a greater responsibility towards life. He can only receive the attention and care that he expects from the world and tries to demand on a massive scale if he - like a loving and self-sacrificing mother - turns his full attention to the other people in his life. It is precisely then that he will receive situations from life that are comparable to the expressions of love and the smile that a mother receives from her child, which gives her the strength she needs to meet the high demands and obligations of motherhood.

Before taking, there is always giving! Only when the person with a Cancer ascendant recognizes his hardening in contact with the world and transforms it into a higher responsibility do the things he is constantly struggling to preserve begin to manifest in his world.

The *Aries finality* leads people with a Cancer ascendant into a kind of new beginning. As the first principle in the zodiac, Aries is the beginning of a new cycle. It can therefore be said that the native begins a new cycle with the Aries finality. Since Aries corresponds to a dynamic principle, this cycle is associated with a certain amount of activity, so that it must once again enter into life and into conflict in order to face polar requirements anew.

Here, too, the retreat into the inner worlds is dissolved, as the task means repeatedly entering into conflicts, as these create the necessary awareness and tension - even if it is difficult for the sometimes becomes painful for the person concerned because he experiences injuries. Aries means coming alive again, which is why the Cancer Ascendant with Aries finality is constantly being led into new situations because it does not venture into new territory itself. For him, this means experiencing a loss of security, which he absolutely must experience because he is supposed to become independent and grow up. Every child grows out of the parental home at some point and has to learn to survive the struggle of life on their own in order to support themselves. Just like the child who one day becomes an adult, the Cancer Ascendant, with its neediness, must also move to the level of the adult human being. Only when he is ready to face up to all demands and to give to the same extent as he expects the attention of those close to him will be receive what he longs for to a great extent. They should devote themselves actively and devotedly to the world at the same time and use this insight to initiate the necessary process of detachment from their expectations. If he is able to do this, the powerlessness he has experienced (unredeemed moon principle) will be transformed into a redeemed security and he will emerge on a new level that is unknown to him but which will take him further. Then he has matured to receive a smile from the environment, as it senses that it is carried by the Cancer Ascendant.

## The Leo Ascendant

The archetype of Leo follows the sign of Cancer, which has its first experiences in the spiritual realm. From the impressions of the outer world, Cancer learns about the connections of the soul and is introduced to the entire range of emotions. The sign Leo represents the culmination of the soul quadrant of the zodiac begun by Cancer. Leo is an externalizing quality that brings to the surface everything that was perceived inside the soul in the previous sign. This is the concise expression of the feelings gathered in Cancer. These are given an outward movement (lat. *emovere*), so that at this point in the zodiac the emergence of emotionality can be traced, which is always to be seen in connection with the two signs of the zodiac, Cancer and Leo.

In nature, the Leo period is the phase of high summer. The sun beats down relentlessly on nature, and external life begins to seemingly slow down in the sultry warmth, as creatures revel in the glory of this time of year and are fully present and intensely alive in every moment.

The sign of Leo is a masculine, fiery, active sign that is associated with the primordial principle of the sun and has a creative, formative effect on the environment. Since, like Cancer, it is a subjective sign, it always expresses its inner characteristics authentically in all outward actions.

Awareness: Similar to the sun in the solar system, around which everything, including the earth, revolves as the center, people with a Leo ascendant also experience themselves as the central focus of life. In their consciousness, they perceive themselves as the measure of all things, as the navel of the world around which everything revolves. Just like the sun, which illuminates everything with its radiant power, they try to fully integrate their energies into the environment around them. This need points to the highest potency of egocentricity in people with a Leo ascendant. All the actions he performs, all The goals he strives for, all the encounters he makes, serve only one great goal: to dramatically externalize himself and become the recognized center of attention. Just as the sun does not question itself in its shining, but constantly externalizes its radiation, the person with a Leo ascendant does not question himself either. They look at the world through their own eyes and make the things they can see from their own perspective their own truth. However, it does not occur to them that there could be other ways of looking at the world besides their own. So he rests completely in his high egocentricity and basks in the glow of his own glory.

As he constantly lets an energetic current flow from the inside to the outside with his subjective concern, nothing can reach him from the outside either, as his antennae are never directed towards receiving, but only towards sending. Just as the moon, which is illuminated by the sun, has no ability to send impulses to the sun from its passive position, it is not possible to reach a person with a Leo ascendant in their innermost being.

This makes him a being who is completely enclosed in the constancy of his own ego potency and is hardly reached by the stimuli of the outside world. As a result of this disposition, he does not absorb anything from his environment and is therefore not particularly impressionable or capable of learning. This inability to learn does not refer to teaching content that needs to be studied, but rather to impulses that are not subject to the control of the person with a Leo ascendant, because his dynamism is so great that he cannot be arbitrarily guided by external aspects.

His attitude to life is ambivalent. On the one hand, he has a high degree of self-confidence and rests centered in himself; on the other hand, he is constantly on the run to make sure that no one takes away his claim to authority. He jealously watches over his surroundings and tries to outdo anyone who might threaten his glorious glow.

He feels most comfortable when it is all about him personally. He is only involved in a conversation as long as the topic revolves around him or his areas of interest. If you turn your attention away from him, he often reacts abruptly and inaccessibly. Since it is no longer about him, he begins to b e c o m e inattentive or tired, and the others feel his moodiness very clearly. For example, he can talk for hours on the phone to a patient listener about his relationship problems and his wideranging sexuality, but if his listener tries to include experiences from his own life in the conversation, the Leo Ascendant may soon realize that it is already late and that he has to get on with his day. If something is close to his heart, he is one of the species that, for example, will call his fellow human beings at eight o'clock on a Sunday morning as a matter of course, in order to get back to them after thirty times.

"Letting the doorbell ring" to pour out your heart (= Leo principle) for two hours to the forced early riser without asking whether the person called was already awake or perhaps had not yet had breakfast.

He is far too at peace with himself to ever question his own person. He does take part in social life and also gets involved in events to a certain extent, but always with the intention of being the center of attention and taking power at some point in the gathering. Natives with a Leo ascendant believe that only the strongest and most assertive have the power. All other people who cannot hold a candle to them find no acceptance in their eyes. They see weaker people as disadvantaged by fate and therefore inferior. Despite their feeling of superiority, they do not feel the need to help others. Their dismissive behavior towards people who are disadvantaged by fate resembles instinctive reactions: In the animal world, weak or sick animals are rejected or even destroyed by their conspecifics so that weak or sick genetic material cannot reproduce.

In a collective human association, this attitude of mind has an asocial effect, as it is directed without reason only towards the selfish preservation of one's own kind. Despite a lack of participation in the needs of other people, the desire to be loved by others as he is lives in the Leo ascendant, but he very quickly forgets that love is based on reciprocity, so that the greatest adversary in the desire to be loved by others is, of course, self-love. It bothers him to have to put up with the fact that there are other people next to him who are in the

public interest and are shown respect and sympathy. On the one hand, he feels fascinated and attracted by such people and their possibly special abilities, which is why he tries to approach them in a friendly manner. On the other hand, deep inside him is a predatory hunting instinct that does everything in its power to steal the territory from his rival so that he can prove to himself in this vital act that there is no other greatness beside him anyway. During the encounter, he observes his supposed "rivals" very closely and tries to surpass and outdo them. In his overriding striving for equality, he literally drains the idols he orbits on all levels of energy and knowledge, robbing them of energy and breath until they show weaknesses in his eyes and begin to lose prestige. This is the longed-for moment: like a predator in the arena that uses the tamer's weak second to attack, the Leo Ascendant strikes. Out of this partly unconscious hunting instinct, the person with a Leo Ascendant will wait patiently for the eleventh hour in all encounters. Because of this principle, he will only cultivate deep friendships with people who are clearly inferior to him. Even if he believes he has jovial friendship potential, he will wait for the moment of inferiority in all people who could outstrip him so that he can "pounce with his paw" at the right moment as a matter of course. This is because dominance and resentment will be lurking inside him as long as there are figures who could overshadow his light.

In his self-image, he is capable of mastering and coping with everything and believes that he has the disposition that enables him to master all disciplines in life. He lives in the awareness that all the abilities he discovers in others are also his own and that it is easy for him to carry out the most diverse activities. He makes this clear to those around him with the connoisseur's expression of an expert. If other people one day take his statements literally and begin to make concrete demands of him, he will often provide miserable proof of his high self-esteem, as his genius usually only exists in his consciousness, but very quickly fails in the face of reality. His focus is always on the final stage, the another person has achieved. However, he completely forgets that for many it often meant a hard journey over many years before they reached their goal.

The Leo Ascendant is less concerned with work directed towards a goal than with the laurels to be "reaped", without taking into account that these must always be preceded by a high level of achievement. Thus, Leo ascendants are masters at exposing the inabilities of others, but when asked to do better, the rebellion turns out to be nothing more than a stream of hot air. The more you take them at their word, the more they begin to withdraw for all sorts of "valid" reasons. Unfinished or defective things are quickly delivered or executed. But always in the knowledge that what they have achieved is the absolute ultimate. The more they are put under pressure to perform, the more they tend to withdraw from the binding situation. Of course, they always find good reasons why they had to carry out certain reactions and actions, but they are left with nothing but unfinished symphonies.

This specific characteristic could be jokingly described using the visual appearance of the lion in the animal kingdom, which has a huge mane on the front of its head. If you look at the rest of the contours of its body, only a small, puny tassel is revealed at the end of its tail. People with a Leo ascendant consider their views and insights to be universally valid; it does not occur to them that other experiences could exist alongside their own. They are very ambitious and try to impress their surroundings with all kinds of actions. Whatever they can do to attract attention is close to their hearts. They do not shy away from pomp or bad taste. Similar to the Cancer ascendants, they want to receive recognition from those around them. In contrast to the latter, they do not seek the love of others so much; they need the confirmation and admiration of their person. They want to be at the center of public events. They like to show themselves particularly generous to other people with heartfelt grand gestures, but these are not selfless, but are intended to reflect the light that they supposedly shed benevolently back onto themselves. The outside world is literally a mirror for them, but not in the sense of a classic cognitive function: the stimuli and impulses from outside

let them shine in their own splendor. They like to ask their fellow human beings to outweigh them in gold so that they feel strengthened in their pride and arrogance. If the desired applause or confirmation fails to materialize, they at least adulate themselves by pointing out their deeds.

Because of their hunger for confirmation, they are particularly manipulable by other people who see through this dependency. A few flattering words and the person with the Leo ascendant begins to "purr" and glow with benevolence. Any annoyance can be removed in this way, so that he is quickly in a conciliatory mood again if treated correctly. In contrast to the Cancer ascendant, which perceives every impulse, every feeling, every mood around it and relates it to itself, the person with a Leo ascendant has a dynamic that constantly transports energy from the inside out.

On the one hand, this permanent radiation makes him inaccessible to impulses from his environment and, on the other, his active outwardly striving force prevents him from turning inwards. If we look at the emotional outward movement symbolically, we understand that he has little access to his unconscious. Since he is a fiery type, reflection is not given to him. Like all other active male principles who strive outwards with their dynamism, he is also afraid of turning inwards. In order not to have to face himself, he ignites an over-dynamism that protects him from reflection through constant overstimulation. Behind his activity lies the fear of losing his self-image. Any questioning threatens his center-oriented selfsufficiency. For him, the possible loss of his self-image counts as a loss of strength and therefore a loss of power.

**Childhood myth:** In childhood, a competitive situation develops between natives with a Leo ascendant and their parents. The father is often the symbolic center of the family, he has the status of the Leo principle. As the representative of authority, he is the primary source of rivalry. The friction here is not an open battle as with Aries themes, but finds its subtle expression in ambition and the will to achieve. Behind all the child's willingness to meet the demands The aim is always to match and surpass the father. On the surface, the family does not see this endeavor as rivalry. Rather, the child is supported because this raises the status of the family, and the child should also be given all the opportunities that the parents were denied. Natives with a Leo Ascendant often experience the support of their parents through their apparent integration; even at an early age they receive the goodwill of their relatives. All hopes rest on them and they are spoiled with every conceivable means. Every utterance is rewarded with applause, without any expectation of anything in return. The mere existence and the honor that the family experiences their presence as is sufficient for the general enthusiasm.

Parents often even develop feelings of inferiority, of not being able to offer the child everything it wants, or they feel inferior to the child because of their social status. They focus all their attention on the child's progress, conveying the idea that they are better than the others. From then on, the child takes it for granted that his peers must be just as enthusiastic about him as his parents. But this view is by no means shared by everyone, because what gives them a special position in their family environment makes them an outsider in contact with others.

Their behavior offends other people, as they come across as arrogant, intolerant and know-it-all. In their self-image, they are abundantly blessed with all these qualities, nothing is alien to them and they live in the feeling that they can master everything. The special status they enjoy leads to them being perceived as foreign bodies in groups, as they clearly distinguish themselves from the masses of "common" folk. This makes them lonely and they have to learn to give themselves the attention they are denied by others (which is not difficult for them).

**Partnership myth:** Due to their natural dominance, partnerships with people with a Leo Ascendant are formed in a hierarchical relationship. They look for an inferior partner who admires them and grants them a position of supremacy. At times they let them feel this with undisguised contempt. They act out their superiority. They often arouse feelings of guilt in the other person,

by recognizing their inadequacy and getting the feeling that they can only take the appropriate steps in life because of the help of the partner with the Leo Ascendant. They make the other person feel that they are only graciously maintaining the relationship in order not to let the inferior partner fall. Their perseverance in the relationship is the highest form of honor and the highest proof of love on their part. In doing so, they create an uncertain state of limbo on which they build their power and freedom. They claim every conceivable possibility and freedom for themselves, but the other person has to conform to their laws and regulations. To this end, they demand ever more genuine proof of love over and above their partner's compliance. They know how to create a form of tyranny and humiliation that keeps the other person in constant action. Despite their self-importance, they are very jealous. The slightest attention from their partner to another person is unbearable for them, they see it as an affront, because the lack of attention brings them close to a questioning catastrophe. The slightest disagreement therefore becomes a reason for separation. They make the existence of the entire relationship dependent on even the slightest behavior on the part of their partner. They force their partner to court their favor and "weigh them up in gold". In this way, they structure their relationships according to the principle of domination. By creating clear values, they want to prevent the partnership from becoming a crucible of transformation for them from the outset. The admiration of the other should exclude possible criticism so that they can live constantly in their midst.

Due to this symbiotic relationship, which is bound to compromise, they do not experience any real satisfaction in the partnership. They find themselves in the dilemma of needing the weaker partner as a claqueur on the one hand, but on the other hand they despise their inferior partner and long for a fully-fledged partner to whom they can give their respect and whose elevated status also enhances their own person. Such unequal partnerships are also dangerous for their personality. They find themselves in the same competitive situation that existed in childhood with the stronger parent. Criticism and confrontations with an equal or stronger partner ensure that they quickly withdraw in order to maintain their own status. to save their personality, in extreme cases with theatrical performances. Longer relationships always come about when the other person brings a proper form of idealism to bear the capricious relationship.

Natives with a Leo ascendant claim to respond to every flirtation and every form of external courtship. They leave nothing to chance, so to speak, because their self-esteem naturally increases with every desirable situation and this benefits from every new conquest. As a result, their sexuality is one-sided, just like their other behavior. By nature, they are very passionate lovers, but they hardly respond to the needs of others. For them, the sexual act carries traits that want to conquer and subjugate the other person; it becomes a means of impressing, because with every effect they achieve on the other person, they find themselves confirmed and, above all, selfaffirmed. Due to their great self-love, deep emotional bonds are not possible for them, with the consequence that they are lonely in certain phases of life. They should move away from their asocial behavior again, in the sense that they learn to use their strength as a motor for others. The more they focus only on themselves, the less they will receive the acceptance and attention they long for from the outside world.

**Shadow themes:** The inflated self-assessment of the person with a Leo ascendant naturally leads to a conspicuous shadow manifestation. This is because the more vehemently a theme is lived out one-sidedly, which is the case with the fiery Leo ascendant, the stronger the effect of the shadow as a counter-polar element in the life of the person concerned. Thus he very often experiences the reversal of his ego intention through fate. Whenever he rests in his center, he experiences massive collapses that hurl him mercilessly from the zenith of brilliance. He can experience this on many different levels. Whether it's leaving a steady job or whether it's a livelihood threatened by an unstable economic situation or the unsuccessful hunt for a professional position, he always has to deal with the issue of whether or not he will remain "number one" in the rest of his life. At the opposite pole of the zodiac from the sign Leo is the sign Aquarius. Aquarius is known as the

Interruption of continuity, the reversal of polarity of everything that is in high constancy. In Aquarius, the subjective ego-angels are overthrown from the throne and transformed into a greater objective truth. In relation to the myth of the Leo ascendant, the transformation in his life looks like this: either he is made aware of his self-deception to a high degree or he says goodbye to the goals he has set himself at an early stage, as an unconscious protective reaction, so to speak, so as not to have to witness the downfall of the cherished illusion of greatness. In both cases, he always strives to restore the old status quo, which, however, leads to an increase in the depolarization dynamic and ultimately leads him deeper and deeper into the problem

In the mission to achieve increased awareness, people with a Leo ascendant have the unique opportunity to face their shadow issues throughout their lives. This is because they find it difficult to consciously see their ego or claim to power. If there is a discussion with other people about their claim to power and dominance, most people with a Leo ascendant react with complete astonishment and have no idea what is actually meant. As they always live authentically and genuinely for themselves and direct everything as they see fit, they need the appropriate impulses from outside to give them pause in their unbridled dynamism. Only when situations arise in which they are pushed to their personal limits do they begin to brood.

In the course of their lives, the shadow area leads them to learn to find new, genuine values for themselves and to overcome the drive for recognition based on nothing. Similar to the Cancer Ascendant, the Leo Ascendant is called upon to add a higher objectivity to the theme of subjectivity. For Cancer and Leo are the most subjective signs of the zodiac. As the "rising" Ascendant theme, however, they are called upon to undergo a transformation. For the Leo Ascendant, this means having to recognize itself in its true being beyond any conceit. He is called upon to use his own strength to do something that serves more than just the eternal game of dramatic self-presentation, to make his strength available to a community as potential. For mythologically, the sun (Leo) is regarded as the father principle. In his unredeemed form, the person with Leo ascendant exaggerates the power pool by claiming the right of leadership without giving and preserving. Comparable to the relentless need for power and the high ego claim of the Leo Ascendant are earlier cultures with the perverted status of monarchy. These monarchs rested on the bones of the people; the king preferred to be carried by the weak pole rather than fulfilling his real mission of looking after the welfare of his subjects as the caring center. The people rose up against the "bad" kings and dethroned them. However, only an exchange has taken place, as the revolutionizing egos have taken their place on the now vacant throne in place of the king. Now man rules in his little kingdom and lives out precisely those parts of the hated monarchs that he could only discover in them because of his own resonance.

Native people with a Leo ascendant are also called upon to achieve true fatherhood in life, because the real father cares for those entrusted to him with all his competence and ability. This applies equally to male and female natives, because the principle of fatherhood should be understood in the sense of a strong caring quality rather than in the literal sense. Only when the person with the Leo ascendant has learned to place his entire strength at the disposal of a collective will the depolarizing element not only be made available to him for destruction, but he will learn to achieve a higher objectivity via the outside. On this path, he will of course always have to wrestle with the issue of constantly lurking dominance, and tensions will arise for him around this issue.

In order to learn to see what he cannot see at first, he should orientate himself towards the depolarizing incursions of fate and not judge them as unjust arbitrariness of fate against him, but rather recognize such moments as milestones on his path, from which he can grow to a high degree.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** The Leo Ascendant also has two variants in the finality. One possibility lies in the Aries finality, the other in the Taurus finality.

The *Aries finality* also brings people with a Leo ascendant into the realms of rebirth. The theme here is similar to that of the Cancer ascendant. Leo ascendants should also free themselves from their subjective claim to dominance and superficiality. To a certain extent, they stagnate in their claim to be the center of attention, even if they embody an active principle. They must therefore struggle to become new again, just as every Aries theme has to conquer new terrain with struggle and effort. With this finality, those affected are introduced to the mystery in which they should learn to understand how invigorating the game with the resulting uncertainty is for them when they are challenged to free themselves from claims to status and nimbus. The more they succeed in letting go of their own needs to satisfy their ego instincts and lust for power, the more they will feel a new form of revitalization in their existence. It is important for them to use their strength and great self-confidence to grow into the redeemed form of the true king. The true king needs no confirmation of his power. He is the one who renounces his own interests in favor of others and who cares for the well-being of his people out of a loving heart. Only the image of the perverted monarchy shows the unredeemed form of a state structure that no longer cares for those entrusted to it on a social level. But in the real functioning forms, the king is always the servant of the people. We need only look back to the Inca Empire, where the true sun kings still ruled. They were the strong pillars of their state structure and ensured the well-being of their subjects. The true king and the truly strong person do not need to demonstrate external power, they simply have it.

When natives with the Aries finality have learned to renounce issues of power and assertion in favor of the principle of true fatherhood, they achieve the unchallenged strength they long for. If they are prepared to place their existing potential at the disposal of their weak environment, they receive the coveted acceptance of the true king who, because of his sovereign strength, renounces any demonstration of it. Due to their inner maturity, they receive the significance that they previously tried so hard to achieve, but in vain. With the *Taurus finality*, people with a Leo ascendant are particularly clearly challenged to work on their real value. If they were asked to renounce their subjective claim to power with the finality in Aries, the theme for them under the Taurus finality is to find a concrete value. The natives live with a lot of ingenious self-images that are based on nothing but culminate in the self-image of a universal genius. You often hear them say in a tone of conviction that they can actually do too much and that it is therefore difficult for them to decide on one thing at all. Under this finality, natives are called upon to look reality in the face; they should learn to dedicate themselves very specifically to one thing in order to bring it to a real culmination. If it is possible for them to really get involved, then a real value will grow in them along the way, which can then be called their true existence. Then they need not fear that the outside will involve them in never-ending value problems, because their intention is no longer related to a fiction, but strives for real value.

## The Virgo Ascendant

The image of Virgo is the last and concluding sign of the second quadrant, which is assigned to the realm of the soul. The previously developed and expressed subjectivity of the signs Cancer and Leo receives a conscious reflection with the Virgo principle. Everything that was able to find free and unrestrained expression in the previous sign is now threaded into a process of questioning and reduction. This process is analogous to the ripening of crops: In the time of Cancer they formed, in that of Leo they unfolded their fullness, and in the time of Virgo they are harvested. The Virgo principle corresponds to the harvest on both the concrete and spiritual levels; the fruits of the unconscious are brought in under the sign of Virgo. Free and uninhibited expression falls almost completely victim to an immense reduction, the unhindered flow of emotions becomes a well-controlled trickle.

The ruling planet in the sign of Virgo is Mercury. Although the planet Mercury, which also rules the sign of Gemini, also rules the archetype of Virgo, there are hardly any similarities between the basic concerns of the two images. There are only certain parallels between Gemini and Virgo in their focus of interest on the functions and external things of the world. However, even in these common aspects, the basic mood with which the two approach the world is completely different. People with a Gemini ascendant always have an optimistic, future-oriented, joyful attitude to life, whereas people with a Virgo ascendant approach life in an extremely pessimistic way "in an unadorned everyday gray with a permanent mood of crisis". Cordiality and openness give way to a calculated, observant reduction, a courageous, optimistic attitude to life becomes suspicious, fearridden forebodings.

The sign of Virgo is one of the fear principles of the zodiac. Described in the mundane zodiac, Virgo's fear relates to the opposite principle of Pisces. It is ruled by the primordial chaos that absolute nothingness, a state in which pure reality is contained, which works through form from the numinous. If, with the specific need of the Virgin principle, everything is adapted, preserved and ordered, this happens out of the unconscious knowledge that nothing within the material form is of permanent existence, but that all matter is subject to transience due to its attachment to the conditions of space and time. In the creation myth, matter is the last instance, namely only the material form of the spirit and is therefore subject to the great principle of creation that cannot be grasped by humans.

Awareness: Wherever the need for precaution, security and testing is supported, it is not far to find enough Virgo Ascendants trying to cope with their anxiety through activity in this area. Virgo Ascendants try to be prepared for all eventualities. Everything needs to be thought through and secured down to the smallest detail, every member of the family and every stranger who can be reached in any way are also called upon to discipline themselves and to respect and care for the human habitat with the same care. Especially in comparison to the generous and extravagant soul qualities of the Leo principle, the life expressions of people with a Virgo ascendant are restrained and reduced to the bare essentials. Deep in their unconscious layers lies a high potential for fear, which finds the appropriate projection surfaces in direct contact with life. This fear could also be described globally as a premonition of the great chaos. No matter on which level a person sets their priorities, they will always have fears of mishaps or situations slipping away from them. For example, some people are afraid of infectious diseases, so they never extend their hand in greeting. Or he is always on the go with a small pocket bottle of disinfectant and a paper cover for toilet seats, which he then uses diligently to protect himself from possible infections. The other, on the other hand, is afraid of economic burglary and takes out all sorts of insurance policies to avert any potential disaster. In such cases of careful precaution, you will often find a file folder with neatly sorted insurance policies in the bedroom right next to the bed.

a series of Krugerrand coins that can be grabbed immediately in the event of a fire or disaster to tide them over the first hurdles. Other Virgo Ascendants harvest fruit and dry or boil it to fill their larders, and because it costs nothing, they prefer to forage in the forest for small edible mushrooms, which are then hung up to dry on long rows of string so that in an emergency, should a food shortage arise, they can fill their already rather weakly trained stomach a little.

This quickly gives others the impression that the person with the Virgo Ascendant is driving through life with the handbrake on and - without realizing it - becomes the victim of all their fears and anxieties. He prefers reason to adventure in life, even if his path of small steps becomes deadly boring. He prefers to create little things in his life for his own edification, which give him a little pleasure in his own way, but they should also remain within a manageable framework. Once he has chosen a path, he will not change it; a higher authority has to come up with a stroke of fate to get his life moving. He compensates for his lack of ingenuity and willingness to take risks with consistency and perseverance. Their need for recognition is not directed at themselves, but rather their work should be rewarded by others. At this point, people with a Virgo Ascendant are particularly easy to manipulate, because nothing inspires them more than a small award, a certificate or praise from a higher authority. They often bury themselves in work as they lack the ability to be creative. They prefer to fit into the framework of self-imposed constraints, so that outsiders get the feeling that they are doing bitter penance for something in their lives. They tend to transfer the compulsion to work onto other people by making them feel guilty as soon as they are not also involved in busy activities. Free spaces such as vacations and relaxation are rare in their lives. They are reduced on many levels, nothing seems to flow in their souls, and should they ever go overboard, they punish themselves for their transgressions of their selfimposed morals. Their behavior is comparable to that of medieval nuns who chastise themselves for any transgressions against the existing morals during their time in a convent and who

They are the great admonishers and reducers in the lives of other people who quietly claim to control and evaluate the actions of their fellow human beings. They are the great admonishers and reducers in the lives of other people, quietly claiming to control and evaluate the actions of their fellow human beings. They are at their best when they can reproach others for their transgressions and give the necessary instructions like a strict governess or a home manager with a brittle, cheerless voice. They always know exactly what others should and shouldn't do, and even if they don't publicly reveal their need to reprimand others, they at least leave their fellow human beings with a guilty conscience by making the appropriate facial expressions with a wrinkled nose and pointed mouth.

They almost never make spontaneous decisions and choices. All processes in their lives are well organized and checked. Everything is thought through to the end, and decisions are only finally made once the last possible consequence of actions has been grasped. For this reason, the lives of people with Virgo ascendants are completely manageable and predictable. On their path of small steps and gestures, time moves a little slower than for others. Much is planned, but little is experienced. There is nothing flashy, weird or abysmal about them. Only pale, colourless, natural unadornedness characterizes their lives. In the biographies of Virgo ascendants, you usually search in vain for dark spots, corners and edges. Everything happens in a very well-behaved and normal way, as the world dictates from their point of view - from training, studies, a crisis-proof job, a building society savings contract, household insurance, premium savings to a pension scheme - everything is there to make life boring. People with a Virgo Ascendant are highly dependent on the world and external circumstances, they adjust their lives to external conditions and adapt to them. Furthermore, they proclaim their personal understanding of stability and constancy as an urgently needed generality. The need for security is elevated to a dogma due to their own fear. At the same time, they use this form to create opportunities with which they can legitimately exert power over the people around them.

Every free expression of other people's lives is prevented by this demand and forced into the established (DIN) standards. Protected by apparent necessities, neighbors are denounced because they have not sorted their garbage properly. Someone who has watered their front garden despite water-saving regulations is immediately reported to the police. All the measures are carried out with the greatest indignation, because it is only for the benefit of the offspring. For the preservation of the species, the Virgo Ascendant bravely and conscientiously endures tremendous fears when accusing and suing others. "Someone has to do it!" For airy or fiery signs, encounters with people who have a Virgo Ascendant quickly become constricting. Very rarely does joy and pleasure arise in contact with them, because if it becomes too easy and overconfident, the proverbial

"Warner of the zodiac" to admonish others to be serious, and he puts the brakes on the liberated activity around him with serious criticism. Thus, Virgo Ascendants lack any form of spontaneity and passion, as they are constantly striving to maintain control. If they encounter unmotivated kindness, they become particularly cautious, fearing that the other person might be up to something against them and that they could end up being the victim of a mean injustice.

In order to take the necessary precautions, people with a Virgo ascendant collect everything that is not nailed down, as things that are not needed now can certainly be used again later. This starts with the bags from the supermarket and extends to the fruit jars for the home-made quince jelly, the tiny but artistic pill boxes for the handbag, the C4 envelopes of various letters that can still be recycled, the newspaper cuttings from the last twenty years, the vacation cards from relatives (the stamps could please a collector one day), the vacation photos and the special stamp collection, which are kept in thick albums, the carpet remnants from the 1960 carpet laying campaign, various types of crochet yarn for homemade Christmas potholders and even half a packed restaurant meal for loved ones at home, as the appetite wasn't that big. This is how they fill their small living spaces with musty bric-a-brac, which is often thrown into the clear-out container in disgust, with pointed fingers and without further ado by the astonished bereaved when they pass away. Symbolically, they drag

They take their unprocessed emotional clutter with them on this journey. This is because it is important for them to come to terms with their own emotional dirt again. The need to utilize external material goods indicates that no spiritual processing of one's own unconscious is taking place on an inner level.

Childhood myth: Even in childhood, people with a Virgo ascendant come into contact with fears and the issue of adaptation at a very early age. In most cases, the arrival of the child is not desired because the pregnancy is not sufficiently prepared in the parents' minds. The parents may be too young to be able to take full responsibility for the child, or they may already be too old for the arrival of the child to bring them joy. A financial emergency can also lead to the child being rejected. Perhaps the father is not present and the child born out of wedlock finds itself in a situation of ostracism by its environment. The unborn child senses the mother's rejection even during pregnancy, so that its soul receives the information that it is not wanted by the world, because its birth contributes to making its parents' lives more difficult. Childbirth is also difficult and laborious, symbolically expressing the gravity of the struggle with the world in the birth process. In combination with the dimension of time, the content of the birth myth becomes clear again and again in the course of life in the most diverse areas. The seemingly causal reasons make the child feel that it is unwanted. It develops feelings of guilt for its presence and tries to compensate for this through conformist behavior and an irreproachable, cowering attitude. The mother unconsciously judges the child's conformity as a sign of its inability to perform and live. The child is not accepted by her as an independent person, which manifests itself in the fact that the child is exposed to constant criticism from the mother. All actions performed by the child lead to suspicious reactions, as if the child is not capable of making the right decisions. Outwardly, the mother covers up the child's rejection with an extreme display of care. The child is unable to understand the mother's ambivalent and irreconcilable reactions. It cannot find a clear line in the mother's affection and soon develops a neurotic

Behavior. Plagued by guilt complexes, they learn to keep their feelings under control so that they don't even allow aggression against their parents, which could relieve the pressure they have built up. They adapt more and more so that they don't have to feel the pain of rejection and insecurity. Within the childhood myth, parents represent the male and female parts of each person. Father and mother, with their very existence, symbolically represent, on the one hand, the active male part of the human being, which asserts itself in the world, and, on the other hand, the passive female part, with which one perceives the world.

The figure and ambivalent behavior of the mother reflects the Native people's own divided relationship to the world. The myth that arises in connection with the mother symbolizes the insecurity in connection with the world. This results in an exaggerated search for security. The lack of security ignites a dynamic in those affected that binds them to all kinds of fears. On the one hand, there is a danger that they will remain bound to their fears for the rest of their lives; on the other hand, the psychological pressure creates an individual need to search and find out everything. The search lasts until one day they gain insight into the physical world and recognize the function of cosmic laws. Only then, after the acceptance of a greater lawfulness and the resulting assumption of responsibility for it, does the gradual liberation from fear begin. What those affected consider necessary in this context, however, is only their own need for emotional and concrete security. Unfortunately, however, they lose this connection, so that just when they forget that all their actions serve to secure themselves, life serves them the exact opposite pole so that they can get back in touch with their very own need through uncertainty.

**Partnership myth:** Within the partnership situation, people with a Virgo ascendant have a formal, distant mood. Those affected repeatedly come into contact with their emotional inadequacy in their relationships. They lack the ability - as with the Virgo theme in general - to express their feelings. For this reason, they create a cool distance in the

relationship, so that the partners can never fathom exactly how deeply rooted their feelings actually are. It therefore seems difficult for the respective partner, should they struggle to define the connection, to develop a sense of connection or unity, as the other person is emotionally intangible. Their relationships often give the impression that they don't want to get involved, almost as if they don't have a relationship. Arguments and quarrels are avoided at all costs and they try to go their own way within the partnership, as harmony and stability can only exist from a distance. The greater their distance from the other person, the more connected they feel to their partner.

Those affected are afraid to open up completely and let go. To conceal this, they try to elevate the relationship to a purposeful level, so that their interest is less focused on the relationship and more on coping with everyday life. In this way, the small moments of everyday life become a link in the partnership and at the same time a protective mechanism against really getting involved and merging with the other person. In the context of earthbound purposefulness, the partnership is intended to provide material benefits and, above all, security, so that they can compensate for their lack of security in this way. Even if the price for security is very high, so that they stay in relationships where there is no real love, they are prepared to pay it and at the same time pay penance for their calculation by persevering.

The issue of the guilt complex created by one's own birth also has an unconscious effect on the partnership. Relationships often take place with people who need help. For example, the partner is ill or an alcoholic, tablet addict or drug addict. In this way, they live out their devotion, which is intended to cleanse them of their existence. At the same time, their service also puts them in a position of strength, so that they do not need to open up and thus retain control over their lives, as they are with someone in their environment who has lost control over their lives on their behalf. In this roundabout way, they then move closer to the loss of control, which in this way becomes more familiar to them emotionally.

Within sexuality, which is based on openness as a condition for a harmonious exchange, they find it difficult to give themselves fully. On this level, too, they become victims of their control mechanisms, as they are not prepared to engage with their partner. They try to keep every action, every touch they experience under control so that they don't have to give themselves up. On a deeper level, it is the fear of coming into contact with the dark part of the other person. Because in terms of perfection, the partner is that complementary shadowy part that every single individual lacks. However, if those affected wanted to have a true marriage with this part, they would have to give up their personality. Because of this fear, the drive is sublimated and not fully lived out. Its blockage then manifests itself on the corporal level in the form of allergies, acne or herpes infections. They signal that the person is not ready to let go, so that the unlived darkness of sexuality makes its way out via the skin level. In terms of visibility, the skin problem symbolizes that part of the extreme emotional turmoil that is not accessible to the conscious mind. Unlived passion seeks the path of redemption via the skin (Venus = sexuality) that has remained closed to consciousness until then. The extreme of complete closure has a strong tendency towards sadism at its opposite pole. Restricted lust is forced by strong stimuli and liberated for brief moments. Instead of one's own suppressed feelings, the partner is tortured.

In this way, they create the closeness of borderline sensations that are otherwise hardly possible for them and yet at the same time represent a pleasurable, liberating release for them. Their own punishment and pain also bring out sensations in them in this way, which they feel at the mercy of and which also represent the punishment for the pleasure gained.

**Shadow themes:** The high potential for fear and the need for security of people with a Virgo ascendant naturally lead to the corresponding shadow manifestations in an extremely reliable way. The more a person tries to exclude certain areas from their life, the more the rejected side "pushes". Through all sorts of detours, the very issues that are being

was anxious to banish from life. As a result, situations arise time and again in which the Virgo Ascendant sees his fears confirmed. He takes every little thing as an opportunity to imagine in gloomy visions what could go wrong and what misfortune could befall him if he did not take appropriate preventive measures.

On the opposite ascendant axis of the Virgo principle is the sign of Pisces. Pisces is the exact opposite of the Virgo theme, which is oriented towards this world; it symbolizes the undifferentiated being, the unnameable. If, from an esoteric point of view, the world is spirit made visible, the Pisces principle contains the contents that form out of nothing and take shape in matter. The Pisces principle is the numinous, the primordial chaos from which manifestations are formed and to which the spirit of everything visible returns when the creation clock in the space/time axis has run down. Virgo/Pisces forms the axis from this world to the hereafter. It is here that the eternal struggle of man to assert himself in the material world and to be the only visible and verifiable and therefore acceptable constant as an individual in his world takes place. Unconsciously, people with a Virgo Ascendant feel the constant proximity to the otherworldly and inexplicable realms. This is why they have so many fears, which they then project onto all visible and explainable worldly things. They struggle not to reach the limits of the explainable, because fear spreads through them when the five senses reach the limits and the inexplicable imposes itself. This is precisely where - as for all earth signs the area that leads to uncertainty and thus also to fear begins.

However, this fear cannot be countered by closing one's eyes and trying to counteract it with external preventive measures and protect oneself against all eventualities. The only chance for redemption from fear lies in the possibility of facing it with awareness and asking oneself what the real reason behind the fear is. At the same time, due to their way of thinking, Native people are always on the side of the innocent beings who are at the mercy of external conditions. Thus their hands are always washed clean, and all evil, all

The abyss and all the dirt can only be found in others. Those affected should ask themselves the following questions: "Why do I only discover threatening chaos and abysses around me? Why do I resonate with the dark dirt of this world and why does it follow me everywhere? Why do I keep coming across weak, unstable people? Why is no one but me really sensible? Why am I afraid of the destruction, dissolution and downfall of this world?" The answer could be: "So there must be a resonance in me for this, which is why the topic becomes a constant companion of my life everywhere in visibility. Native people should have the honesty to discover their own inability to face the unknown, incalculable aspects of existence, which after all make up the other half of life, behind all the pretended arguments of security and worry. All analytical needs should be better directed towards one's own inner space and not just to drive others into a corner. Instead of fighting the outer dirt, they should learn to look for and love their own inner dirt. After all, anyone who can only discover the abyss on the outside must have a lot of "dirt on them" themselves.

The sign of Pisces contains all the qualities of being, it carries both perversion and holiness, and it releases people from their judgmental standards, as everything exists in the cosmos and is therefore an expression of the divine. People with the Virgo Ascendant should learn to meet God again, even in the abyss. The best way for them to do this is to consciously face situations in which concrete things or situations begin to enter a process of dissolution. These include, for example, serving the sick, caring for the elderly or sacrificing oneself to a certain supra-personal issue. At these levels, they learn to distance themselves from their own concerns and to look at dissolving processes and integrate them into normality as part of life. By adapting to and exploring the visible world, people with the Virgo Ascendant have already fulfilled an important aspect of this prerequisite, but the other part is now to approach areas that may seem frightening at first glance because they are completely new to them and there are no longer any tried and tested rules and values. The key and the healing of people with Virgo ascendants lies in the loss of control. Only when

If those affected surrender completely to the conditions of the spirit principle (Pisces), they create the conditions to be able to reduce their fear bit by bit, as they have released fate from its duty to dissolve their control function in life.

**Goal idea/higher insight:** The Virgo Ascendant has two possible finality variants. The first variant is the target idea Taurus, and the second variant is the target idea Gemini. In the previous theme of the Leo Ascendant, the task with the Taurus finality was to find a new, very concrete value. The *Taurus finality with the* Virgo Ascendant means moving away from vague fears and sticking to the actual concrete circumstances. Therefore, natives should learn to recognize that their personal fears do not correspond to those of the general public, that their worries are not valid for all people, but arise solely from their personal interpretations born of bias and that they are called upon to get to the bottom of their fears by setting about the work of raising their own awareness. As the final sign of the soul quadrant, to which the unconscious is assigned in the signs Cancer and Leo before Virgo, they are naturally called upon to confront this part by becoming conscious.

For it is the fears born of unconsciousness that drive Native people to project their undefinable fears onto concrete areas. It is always the seemingly dark abyss that they cannot see through that instills such fear in them. As Virgo ascendants are endowed with a high degree of thoughtfulness and care, they naturally only ever find guilty parties in the world and those who have ruthlessly contributed to the world's disasters. For this reason, they are masters at blaming others, and since others are always the ones responsible, they naturally feel that they are the only innocent people on this planet. But it is precisely because of the unconsciousness of non-identification that they are the real perpetrators of the grievances. The outside world is the symbolic carrier of the unconscious - since it is precisely people with a Virgo ascendant who are brought those dark areas by the external authorities, it is only their own unconscious that they encounter - for which they themselves are of course particularly responsible. The natives should therefore learn, to confront their shadow in a very concrete way, whereby the vague fear (regardless of which themes it results from - because these are interchangeable at will) can serve as a motor which, whenever it arises, should motivate them to set off into their own inner spaces in order to gain awareness of their own abysses. The narrowness (= Fear-Virgo) dissolves and transforms itself into expansiveness, arising from insight and knowledge.

The invitation is therefore to focus only on the concrete and to distance oneself from vague eventualities. This is the only way for them to encounter a central theme in life and find the inner peace that results from awareness.

The Gemini finality challenges the person with a Virgo Ascendant to stand above things again. What previously with the Taurus finality meant orienting oneself solely to the concrete real conditions, with the Gemini finality becomes a requirement to face life more neutrally again. As the starting point of the Virgo Ascendant is of course the fears and the need for security, it is important for the natives to learn to become more neutral towards them again. Fears should lead to an inner search that results in a responsible self-analysis. Gemini is the principle of vitality and exchange, it corresponds to the theme of the breath of life, which is involved in polar events and keeps the wheel of life in motion through its inhalation and exhalation movements. The person with the Virgo Ascendant should also become more alive again under this finality, he should direct his interest and curiosity, which is connected with the Gemini finality, towards the realms of the unconscious and discover the new territory of his inner soul. In all ancient mythological representations, it is always the god Hermes/Mercury, who is associated with the Gemini principle, who descends with the initiates into the mysteries of the hidden chambers of initiation. He alone is able to bring the experiences that are made in dark initiation chambers and initiate the myths into the deep mystery of one's own primordial reason to the light of day of consciousness.

So it would also be the topic, under this finality, for example through therapeutic work or through one's own conscious confrontation with dreams or inner images, to engage with the part that one always projects onto others. The basic mood of the Native leads them to believe that they can get rid of everything with functional actions. For them, however, it means learning to understand that the world is the second instance in which the themes of the spirit manifest themselves. On a large and small scale, every creation myth announces the emergence of manifestations in this order, and of course people create in the same way in their own lives as individuals and collectively. Although people with a Virgo Ascendant are tempted to assume that they are not responsible for their fate, they make themselves even more guilty by externalizing their natal theme of being guilty through non-identification: they seek to blame others and cannot identify with them. His apparent innocence and purity allows that dark pole to grow and linger in his life - until he has learned to find the repressed parts again. He must give up his fixed view of the world, relinquish control by becoming more neutral, because only in this way can he learn to rediscover the order of wholeness within himself with a certain airy detachment.

## The Maage Ascendant

The theme of the archetype Libra is airy and masculine active. Libra opens up a completely new area in the zodiac that is associated with the spiritual world of ideas. The sign Virgo forms the end point in the subjective part of the zodiac; with it, the last themes that can benefit the individual on a causal level are concluded. The first half of the zodiac ends with Virgo. The second half begins with the sign of Libra as the polar part of the themes described so far.

The natural course of the year shows that life in the outer world is in full bloom during the period of the signs from Aries to Virgo. All energies are directed towards the outside world, and it is the most beautiful time of the year for man, when he can find manifold diversions in the outer realms. With the period of the Libra sign, nature reaches a turning point, as the outer splendor begins to change and it quickly moves towards autumn and the inhospitable winter time that follows. The focus on the outer spheres of life ends at this time and people turn their attention to life in the home and thus to their inner space. Compared to the myth that can be read in nature, the shadow themes of the signs Libra to Pisces naturally give rise to a completely different set of tasks than those found in the zodiac signs from Aries to Virgo. The first six images of the zodiac are associated with the material world and subjective spiritual concerns. People who have these zodiac signs on the ascendant carry the spring and summer mood of the year in their consciousness and, as a result, find in their shadow area the invitation to look beyond the world of external forms for content other than the small issues linked to personal needs.

Libra opens the section in which the "non-ego" is located. The third quadrant of the zodiac, which begins with Libra, is no longer assigned to personal matters. In this area begins the world of the spirit and collective imagery. People born with an ascendant from the sign Libra to the sign Pisces have to face completely different life content than the signs before them, from Aries to Virgo. The six signs of the second half of the zodiac are much more strongly called upon to face the challenges of the world due to their disposition. They ar e more likely to have difficulties coping with the concerns of the material world than issues outside the rationally explainable. They struggle with the question of why they

are "differently woven" than most other people. They observe them with a portion of envy, as they are securely at home in the hustle and bustle of the world and can play all the keys on the keyboard of life. People with ascendants who belong to the spiritual realm often ask themselves why they are not allowed to enjoy things freely and carefree in certain areas of life. Rarely will people with the signs from Libra to Pisces on their Ascendant feel at home in the world like the Ascendants from Aries to Virgo, who find security and protection in the womb of worldly concerns. Even if those who are turned away from the world possibly believe in their daily consciousness that they are connected to the world, there will be moments and situations for them in which they feel like outsiders or in which they stand by and observe the colorful subjective goings-on of the world from a superior position. In such behaviors, the emotional distance is an expression of their unconscious aversion to life.

The learning task of people with an ascendant from the upper half of the zodiac is that they should learn to turn the big wheel of life again, despite their inner worldly dullness, even if they do not feel as rooted in many situations as people with ascendants from the previous signs.

Awareness: The nature of the person with a Libra ascendant is, as with all air signs, connecting, light and flexible. However, due to the accentuation of Venus, his highest inner concern is rooted in the need to steer the world, which he perceives as disharmonious, back into the channels in which he defines harmony. "Harmony as a permanent state" would be a good description for the most ardent

Life desire of people with Libra ascendant. For this reason, they are quite pleasant contemporaries for other people, as they always strive to do justice to life and all their fellow human beings without many rough edges. They like to act diplomatically as an integrative link between different natures and, similar to Gemini ascendants, they are concerned with linking everything together.

Individuality is dissolved in the zodiacal picture of Libra. Themes emerge that form the exact opposite of the opposite sign of Aries, which opens the first quadrant of materiality. In the sign of Aries the "I" is formed, in that of Libra the "you". If a person with an Aries ascendant can define themselves as an individual, this is not a matter of course for a person with a Libra ascendant. A person's ascendant describes their sense of self and thus their degree of rootedness. From the second half of the zodiac onwards, it is more difficult for people whose natal constellations are located there to derive their personality perception from a pure self-image, so this is defined via other areas.

The person with the Libra ascendant therefore gets his definition from the world. This is the reason why natives are particularly fixated on the world and other people. Only through encounters do they receive the quality of identity that they cannot find within themselves. Inwardly, they are therefore insecure, unstable personalities; due to their lack of intrinsic value, they do not have a stable structure within themselves. Despite this perceived shortcoming, they have a clear idea of how they would like to be. However, they seem to be unable to achieve this. Throughout their lives, they struggle to create a precise definition of their personality. Just when they have come close to achieving this, an external event brings something into their lives that destroys what they have just grasped.

As a result of this dynamic, those affected develop an ever stronger need for perfection. This should at least take place in the beauty and perfection of the outer world to compensate for the unsatisfactory search for personality. But even there they only discover the imperfection and ugliness of the gross material world. While the person with the preceding sign of Virgo on the

As the Native with the Libra Ascendant clings to the useful and necessary, the Native with the Libra Ascendant desires nothing more than liberation from gray necessity. The basic inner mood is a mixture of melancholy and a longing for lightness. They try to satisfy this in the fine arts, for example. There, for brief moments, they find what they are denied in the world. Their preoccupation with art and literature stems from their dreamy romantic streak; it serves as a bridge to prevent them from having to feel their inner turmoil and dampens their dissatisfaction with reality. Again and again, in their efforts to gain a piece of perfection from the outside world, they experience that they reach the limits of what is possible. As a result, they are strongly influenced by ideas that block their path to real life. The experience of not being able to live their ideas in concrete terms points them to their own issue: the impossibility of finding a clear identification. In order not to let other people notice this, they at least try to pretend what seems intangible to them. Through a conspicuous stubbornness in their opinions and views, they try to prove that they are people who are capable of making decisions and expressing their opinions - although their sense of self resembles fallen leaves in the wind and they are constantly searching for the unknown inner balance and definition of their personality.

Only encounters with other people give them a sense of themselves; this is where they find the definition they so desperately need. Because their sense of self-identification is not so strong, they identify with the people around them and in this way build up a superficial sense of self-worth. It is important to them who they know and which contacts they can maintain. If the status of the people they know increases, their own self-esteem grows at the same time. This is why they very often mention the rank and status of their acquaintances in their conversations. (My friend has a doctorate in dentistry, I met him in town last week ... etc.) Regardless of which genre they feel at home in, be it the art, music, fashion or political scene, the more established they are in this scene, the better they feel. They change like chameleons. Their self-esteem rises with integration and simultaneously falls again with exclusion from the public sphere. "See and be seen" is the motto The more enthusiastic others are about people with Libra ascendants, the better they feel. How they feel about themselves always depends on their personal relationships. The outside world is given the power to influence whether the day turns out well or badly with a single remark. Thus, people with the Libra ascendant need the recognition and affirmation of other people like the air they breathe. They need the outside world in order to feel themselves at all. If the external boost is missing, then their own inner appreciation is also missing. Strictly speaking, those affected lack any kind of self-assessment, which is why they willingly allow themselves to be defined by the world.

Libra ascendants are aware of this trait and they suffer from this dependency, which is completely tied to external attention. However, they lack the decisive drive to be able to change something. Basically, they never know what they want and who they actually are. They are in a constant battle with their own definition. They would love to develop a sense of self like their polar counterpart, the Aries Ascendant, has; but once they have finally achieved that definition in their beliefs and hopes, an external situation arises that throws all their newly won solidity overboard again. Often all it takes is a remark from another person or a conflict and the weak ego tower collapses.

Their energy-sapping compliance sometimes leads them to hate themselves. The need to please everyone can escalate into neurosis: In an over-excited hysteria, they respond to other people until they lose control of their role and have to drop the mask. At such moments, they feel their torn state in the form of nervous restlessness, so that they can hardly complete clear thoughts and become victims of their inner vibrations. At such points, their conflict takes on the quality of a genuine stocktaking, because they need to become aware of their own divisions in life. It is important for them to learn to accept that they can only find themselves in others. Every form or every need with which they try to develop their own conciseness or straightforwardness as a person leads to them having to perceive the split in themselves even more intensely. As they are often overrun by other people or others are always quicker and more determined than them, they easily become sad and despondent because it is difficult for them to assert themselves. Nevertheless, they are highly aggressive on the inside, but find no way of expressing their aggression; they clench their fist in their pocket and then try to achieve their goal with kid gloves and a smile. To protect themselves from the attacks of others, they shine in all situations with kindness and understanding. Similar to the Cancer ascendants, they then create a bite inhibition in the environment that is supposed to protect them from the displeasure of others. In this way, they nevertheless live out their subtle claim to power. In doing so, they try to force their fellow human beings into their grid of niceness.

For example, for a dear friend's fortieth birthday, they pack forty tiny little parcels with gold tinsel and well-tied ribbons. Forty sweet treats with a precisely labeled unpacking sequence lie in front of the birthday boy or girl. "You have to unwrap all the others before you can open this big one last," is the merciless instruction. In the presence of the Libra ascendant, the poor birthday boy or girl must now open each package individually, despite the constant ringing of doorbells and waiting buffets, and let out a loud Aaahh -Ooohh with each package. If the birthday boy or girl loses concentration and secretly leaves the surprise lying around, the next comment is sure to follow: "But you haven't opened all the parcels yet". Native people act in a similar way in their relationships according to this paralyzing basic pattern. There is always quite a gap between what is portrayed and the actual situation. By wanting to please everyone, they distance themselves from their actual feelings and become isolated. Inwardly, they are aware of their fears and needs, which is why it doesn't mean much to them when their fellow human beings give them a positive assessment of their exaggerated show-off and "courtship behavior". For them, these reactions are just a means to an end, the result of their everyday survival strategy to lull themselves into a sense of security. For people with Libra ascendants, what is sacred to others in the form of sympathy is necessary daily business in order to be able to live on this level at all.

As a result of their constant tactics, they lose the feeling of being liked for their own sake, their own alienation continues to grow and their inner tensions increase, as they also sense the discrepancy in their behavior due to their clarity and brilliant powers of observation. Sometimes this leads to them suddenly no longer being willing to conform to the external image they once had. Then they rigorously break with their roles and fall into the opposite extreme; a defiant behavior that puts them in opposition to all previous issues so that they can stand up to themselves. So that they can prove to themselves that they also have an opinion of their own that is worth defending. At the same time, the pressure that has built up over months and years is discharged in this way. They often imagine in their dreams and fantasies how they could really prove it to their fellow human beings - how they could really say what they think or feel. There are many things they would do differently if they didn't ...! They play out life issues in their world of thoughts because they often lack the courage to consistently assert themselves or set goals. After all, the level of thoughts is an arena that is free from all impulses that the outside world could oppose. When it comes to the decisive situation that has been played out, there is a lack of implementation, and accompanied by tormenting remorse and feelings of regret, they then act differently than they have already tried out internally. They just nod and eat it all up. "I almost told him off ..., I could hardly control myself ..., I almost slapped him ..., last night I almost stood outside her door and rang the bell ... etc.". They may confide all unlived parts to their diary. Or they resort to the highest expression of their aggression and write a letter to clarify things. Now the paper patiently absorbs what is weighing on the soul. But the letter still has to be sent - and that takes effort, because it could have real consequences. If even this hurdle cannot be overcome, the only last resort is the anonymous letter. Now all the floodgates are open, and finally all the things that have not been said or done so far can safely get out.

If you compare a horoscope with a Libra Ascendant with the natural zodiac, which begins in the sign of Aries, you can understand the constant struggle for clear definitions. Because the

Horoscope is upside down with the division of signs in the houses symbolizing the personal sphere of life. All signs are located in the houses of the horoscope in the exact inversion (see Fig. mundane zodiac page  $\rightarrow$ ). In the first house, which stands for visibility and the ego forces, they are reversed to "you" instead. In the second house, where the concrete material basis is located, you will find ideas, mental images and concepts instead. In the third house, which is concerned with everyday mundane world functions and mobility, you will find a higher philosophy instead of a simple world view. In the fourth house, where security, subjectivity and warmth are at home, there is now distance, loneliness and coldness. These reversals run through the entire horoscope and deprive the Libra Ascendant of any hope of the straightforward "muddling through" in life. Nothing seems to be

"normal" framework. This is why those affected find nothing in the world in its authentic place. This disharmony is noticeable in themselves and in their lives externally, so that out of this gap they try to build bridges everywhere so that the seemingly lost harmony may return. However, the desire to create this harmony, which the person with a Libra ascendant defines with unison, cannot be achieved with the normal demands of the human perspective. From a cosmic point of view, harmony is not the concord between forces of the same kind, but rather the interplay of different energies that are polar to each other. These form a unity like the two sides of a coin.

If man tries to transform the world into a "paradisiacal" state by banishing everything that is unpleasant, ugly, sick, violent, cold, etc., it may seem more harmonious for him in his small world, but from a cosmic perspective, man sinks deeper and deeper into his entanglement, as he has cut reality by the other half of reality. The more a person labels the world, excluding parts and aspects of existence, the more he drives the diabolical work of division and sinks deeper and deeper into despair. Because his awareness of division - whether loaded with good or bad intentions - sparks a dynamic in the cosmos that always allows the opposite pole in life to take shape in order to create the vital balance. From a cosmic perspective The person with a Libra ascendant in harmony is confronted with the opposite of their own beliefs and actions. It is therefore important for him to completely redefine his concept of harmony. He should learn to see harmony precisely in the paradoxical dichotomy, because every one-sidedness is complemented by its opposite pole.

If he is prepared to accept this, he will reap the inner peace that he has always longed for - albeit beyond his imagination.

**Childhood myth:** People with a Libra ascendant have an extremely keen sense of observation when it comes to the emotional reactions of those around them. Like a seismograph, they have the ability to immediately pick up and react to every mood of their counterpart. This sensitivity is a protective mechanism that grows up in their childhood, as they come into contact with their own inner turmoil very early on via the outside world within their childhood myth. Their parents symbolize their inner drama; there is a climate of closeness and division between the two. Symbolically, this could be represented in childhood, for example, by the mother having a great unfulfilled love before her marriage. The issue of ideals and reason thus already confronts the mother as a young woman, whereby she herself tends to follow her feelings. However, the external circumstances, the mother's parents, exert such pressure that she cannot act within the given framework.

behaves "sensibly". At her parents' insistence, she enters into a relationship that guarantees her security in life and painfully renounces her ideal partner, but never forgets him. Instead, she begins to idealize and stylize the irreparable loss based on her softness and calculation. The child may even emerge from the connection with the dream partner. In this way, the child becomes a living monument to the failed, unattainable love - and at the same time a constant reminder of the mother's indecision. It constantly reminds her that she was not prepared to follow her true feelings. The child retains the message of her great life lie and therefore grows up in a tense state of self-consciousness. Naturally, he cannot fathom why his mother is ambivalent towards him. This bias thus becomes a breeding ground for vacillation between unfulfilled longing and gray reality. The parents live in They have come to an arrangement, a kind of partnership of convenience. They may not love each other, but the everyday world provides enough tasks that they can perform together; their pact is not exposed. However, the parental bond has an extremely insecure and unstable effect on the child, because it senses that it is not a genuine inner bond, but only a purely material one. This gives rise to his fear of being abandoned, because the basis of the family is unstable and can be replaced by the parents at any time. In order for the mother to stand up to herself, she unconsciously builds up an ever-increasing alienation and tension between herself and the child; the true source of the conflict remains hidden.

The child develops its intellectual and linguistic abilities at a very early age, on the one hand to be able to cope with feelings of fear and insecurity on a rational level, and on the other to be able to act as a mediator between the parents. At this point, the child develops a particular alertness to the emotions of the environment. The smallest changes trigger alarm and panic in the child. This leads to the child reacting with psychosomatic illnesses in threatening situations. They are designed to draw attention to them. For the child's psyche, this means that it concentrates more on its environment than on its own needs. Through this unrelieved path of suffering, the child is controlled by others, so that the circumstances in the outside world dominate their inner moods.

The Libra Ascendant's efforts to gain emotional recognition are at the expense of their self-development, as their own needs are no longer tangible and take a back seat. Their early rationalization, which began in childhood, means that their way of thinking still corresponds to childhood dreams and wishful thinking in adulthood. They have failed to live out this part in their own time and are therefore torn between the issue of having to respond to others and their own painfully undeveloped needs.

**Partnership myth:** Partnership plays a very special role in the lives of people with Libra ascendant. They experience strong, urgently needed impulses for their personal development through interpersonal relationships. According to their encounter myth, they need their partner in order to define themselves.

can. They are often undecided between several partners, as was already made clear in the childhood myth of the mother. The tension also builds up for them between an ideal partner and a purposeful partner. They are torn between these poles because each represents only a part of their truth, which they cannot grasp in its entirety either alone or with just one partner. The fear that they will sell their soul unnoticed leads them to switch back and forth between partnership worlds. They do not succeed in living their longed-for ideal with one person. Their image of an ideal partner is far too much in the foreground, so that a person in the real world can never meet their inner requirements. Of course, these are not the extreme modeloriented demands found in people with Scorpio ascendants, but they are dreamlike relationship ideals that are intended to elevate partnership to a purely paradisiacal state. Although they cannot find their ideal counterpart, they are at the same time not prepared to give up relationships, they shy away from any commitment in existing relationships that lack the ideal; unconsciously also in order not to lose their inner conflict, which is also part of their core nature.

This tension leads those affected in a deeper layer to the areas of experience that are important to them. Each partner gives them a part of the sense of value that they need for their existence. Degraded to resonance carriers of inner being parts, the partners become interchangeable at the same time. People with a Libra ascendant do not really engage with their partners, but use them to awaken their own personality areas that are important to them in the respective phase of life. They often confuse the urge for perfection and wholeness (which is also the driving force behind the principle of love) with genuine love. They do not know the readiness to merge because they lack the ability to perceive the whole. Their behavior cannot be described as calculating because they are not fully aware of their needs, which at the same time stem from a deep spiritual layer as a survival engine. This is why they prefer casual relationships, which guarantee them the necessary freedom, to fixed partnerships. Nevertheless, they have a desire for the perfect relationship. But here, too, their sense of entitlement fails in the face of reality.

Their behavior in the relationship is erratic and unpredictable. They are always on the go, while their partners strive to maintain the relationship. At the expense of their partner's feelings, they extend their freedom so that the relationship remains non-binding and bearable for them. In this way, they often keep their partners on the edge of their seats in a nerve-wracking tightrope act. They are so unreliable in their relationships because their feelings only extend as far as they receive feedback and confirmation from their partner. But they don't achieve this in any depth because their partner's feelings mean no more to them than the attention they need. The partners sense the actual distance in the apparent closeness, but are unable to convey it to the natives with Libra ascendant because they do not want to deal with the existing problems. They evade clarifying conversations by distracting themselves from the topic, and even if there is an apparent discussion with a result, their behavior shortly afterwards shows the same traits as ever, as if everything had passed them by without a trace. The others court their favor until they finally get tired of being strung along. They may realize that they are already getting what they are denied in their unsatisfactory relationship situation in another partnership. For the abandoned Libra Ascendant, the loss of a partner leaves a huge gaping hole, as they lose their definition with the other person. This creates a similar issue in them as the mother experienced: they feel the inability to give space to their feelings, they are again painfully confronted with their dividedness because feelings fail due to concrete ideas and concepts, as these can never enter into a connection with the rational part.

Native people experience the following discrepancy in their sexuality: on the one hand, being emotionally one with their partner and feeling secure, and on the other, experiencing sexuality with pleasure. Inwardly, this corresponds to the separation between the lustful urge to live out their libidinous sexual needs and the desire for intimate emotional fusion. For them, sexuality and eroticism cannot be united as two different poles. For example, if they only live out their sexual needs, they miss the part that gives them sensual security. Life they lack the part that gives them security and warmth, then they lack the corresponding pleasure. With their desire for perfection, they would love to see both combined in one person. However, they always manage to discover the proverbial fly in the ointment in the reality of their partnerships, so that they deny themselves fulfillment. This happens unconsciously, as they are born with the mandate to always accept two parts in life as part of a whole. The constant back and forth creates that desperate tension in them that leaves them restless and frustrated in the face of life. They must therefore learn to create a connection between the different parts of their personality so that they accept that the perfection they seek cannot exist in the world. Only in consciousness can they find the unity that they are striving to create on the outside. This is where the source of the healing of their brokenness lies hidden. The division enters their lives solely through the external oscillation between the different parts of their being and through their need to define harmony as straightforwardness.

When they learn to accept harmony as the complement of one part with its polar opposite, they create the basis for an experience that they are desperately (dividedly) searching for in their lives.

**Shadow themes:** For a person with a Libra ascendant, the theme of the shadow plays a special role, because the sign of Libra lies in the mundane zodiac exactly where the shadow is located in a person's horoscope. Libra describes the area of the non-self, to which the aspects are assigned that people cannot perceive in themselves and which therefore confront them through encounters, relationships and symptoms. For this reason, the topic of shadow work is particularly important for people with a Libra ascendant, because what they experience are all those parts of themselves that they cannot perceive. Those affected often feel victimized in life and at the mercy of external conditions. They encounter the theme of Aries in the shadow. Here they inevitably become victims of external aggression. They experience that they are suddenly treated harshly or attacked. At this point, they learn something about their own aggression, which they do not allow any space for in their lives and in their consciousness. They belong far too much to the

Talkers and sweet-talkers who, despite thinking differently, meet their fellow human beings under the motto "Smile as smile can". They lack the outlet to express their displeasure to the outside world, yet their powers of observation and thinking are razor-sharp and extremely dissecting. However, the environment is rarely shown these traits. However, their aggression is not eliminated simply by not giving it away. For this reason, they then encounter parts of their unconscious, unperceived thought structures again on the outside. As the spectrum of thinking and repression is naturally very large and broad, people with the Libra ascendant reap a lot of unrealized parts in their encounters. The environment reflects to a particular degree everything they have lost. They should therefore be particularly vigilant and welcome this part as a midwife for the unseen unconscious parts. This is where they receive the clues and impulses they are missing. In this way, the outside world becomes a birth act (Aries) for a different form of confrontation. The condition for this, however, is that those affected stop projecting their guilt and no longer blame everyone else for their fate, but learn to recognize in the extreme which areas of their unconscious have not yet opened up to them. The shadow leads them into this new territory. They then experience this through constantly changing friendships and partnerships, which are repeatedly interrupted or broken off. Each time they experience extreme situations, they learn what they could have done differently or better so that the next time they react in the same way and do not act as before.

In this way, they begin to come to terms with the laws of the soul. From their powerlessness in the world, they learn something about the emotions of others, as they have lost their own. From the tension with the world, they gradually regain the sense of self that they long for so much. Even if they feel the friction of the world to a great extent, every contact with tension becomes a process that leads them into a new birth. In this way, the world, through confrontation, becomes the midwife of those parts that the person with Libra ascendant lacks - namely subjective feelings and honest expressions of emotionality. **Goal ideals/higher insight:** The Libra Ascendant has two possible variations as a finality. One is the Cancer finality, the other is the Leo finality.

With the finality of *cancer*, the soul structure of the respective natives is again required to be more impressive. They are all too inclined to give space to their imaginations and ideas, so that it is difficult for them to surrender to life and its processes. Surrendering to and accepting the external processes of life is the most important task with the finality of cancer. It is not the one-sided definition of personality and the exclusion of certain areas from the collective psyche that is a solution for Native people, but the expansion of their own boundaries in order to find out which areas of their personality remained closed to them at certain stages of life. This is precisely the learning experience they are meant to have in their lives. With the birth mandate to come into contact with what is different through feeling and receiving, they will only achieve the peace they long for when they have created an inner connection between their different traits. If they are not prepared to realize this, an ambivalent personality emerges that is neither understood by the environment nor by the person concerned. This is because the rejection of otherness and the distance to life resemble a wall or a barrier that they have built between themselves and the world. It is important to learn to see this and to learn to break it down, because surrendering (cancer) to the realms of paradox creates a greater understanding that goes far beyond human concepts.

With the *Leo* finality, the Libra ascendant, like the Cancer finality, addresses the central theme of being bound to the imagination. The sign of Leo corresponds to the highest form of authentic life, as symbolized by the time in the month of August in the Leo section. Authentic life means being completely in the here and now and grasping every moment in its intensity as it is in the moment. A person with a Libra ascendant is not alive due to his or her attachment to ideas. Every concept, every idea comes before real life.

It is precisely this lesson of recognizing the distance to actual life that the natives should learn with the Leo finality. That is why they experience

They repeatedly experience the intrusion of reality into their lives. For them, this means that their concepts are disrupted and they are thrown off course. Of course, the intrusion of reality in the lives of people with Libra ascendants is always a disruption, as they experience it in such a way that all concepts and ideas are interrupted by life and reduced to absurdity. As a result, they find themselves in situations in which they constantly have to improvise in order to respond to the circumstances of the moment. Such an experience is very tiring for those affected, as they try to do everything they can to avoid getting into such situations. As long as they resist this form and the more they fight against it, they will lose a lot of strength, as ultimately life is always stronger than they are.

In many cases, the affected natives withdraw inwardly from life, are disappointed or no longer participate in life because they cannot bear to be constantly disappointed. But it is precisely this kind of reversal of polarity and collapse that is the cure for those affected. The more they withdraw inwardly, the more lifeless they become. The life energy drains out of them because there is actually no real life left in them. At the same time, they wish they could perceive themselves intensely on a different level. The key to this experience of aliveness and the feeling of being able to sense yourself lies in allowing life itself. They achieve the definition they so eagerly seek to create with their concepts in exactly the opposite way. To do this, they must learn to encounter life without judgment. Because then life itself takes over that part, it no longer needs to thread the natives into life with the opposite of their ideas, but can now unfold its full vitality.

## The Scorpio Ascendant

The archetypal image of Scorpio corresponds to the climax of the spiritual quadrant, which was opened in the zodiac with the image of Libra. Each cardinal sign, for example Aries in the quadrant of the visible or Cancer in the quadrant of the spiritual, opens the gateway to a very specific thematic area. The fixed signs of the zodiac that follow the cardinal signs condense the previously begun theme. In this sense, Scorpio in the third quadrant consolidates the area of the spiritual.

Scorpio is a watery, passive feminine sign to which the soul aspects from the collective unconscious are assigned. The ruling planet in this archetype is Pluto, symbol of transformation, but also of high regeneration. Scorpio is the polar sign opposite Taurus. Taurus solidifies the first impulse sent into visibility within matter. Essential to this earthy principle is the need to hold on to materially concrete things. Something similar happens in the image of Scorpio, but on a spiritual level. Analogous to the material variant, Scorpio has the need to hold on to ideas, models and fixations. While individuality begins to dissolve in the mundane zodiac in the image of Libra, this process is continued in Scorpio in the form of extreme transformation processes that lead people into the border areas of the soul.

In the mundane zodiac, Libra symbolizes that part of the nonidentifications that could also be defined as the shadow area. In Scorpio, access to the themes that are often still unconsciously experienced in projection in Libra is much more conceptual.

Just as people can observe the external transformation process in nature in the month of November, the archetype of Scorpio is also about change and transformation of the soul. This is initiated by constant processes of dying and becoming. True to the natural conditions in which people are forced in November to The theme of this primal image is to confront the realm of the collective psyche and thus the collective unconscious - the inner space of the soul.

Awareness: People with Scorpio ascendants have a particularly captivating, often charismatic effect in encounters. Many who are confronted with them react to this Plutonian peculiarity with a mixture of unspeakable fascination, smouldering unease and abysmal fear. Unconsciously, fellow human beings sense the occult magic emanating from a soul personality that has worked hard to gain access to the spiritual-magical Scorpio abysses in perpetual efforts outside our linear time model. All Scorpio ascendants possess this charismatic disposition in excess, as they have their home in the smouldering swamps of Hades. Therefore, in the presence of a Scorpio Ascendant, people often feel that their true concerns, which they are trying to conceal, are exposed. Under the penetrating gaze of a bearer of this signature, other people develop latent or even massive inferiority complexes. Like a sensitive sensor, Scorpio ascendants detect those parts in encounters with others that are either unconscious or not being lived honestly. They immediately "see" even the most hidden, repressed parts in others. In this way, they involve their environment in a subtle ongoing therapy, as the work of becoming conscious becomes a never-ending act in their presence. They are also the best therapists in professional life, as they immediately identify the weak point and touch the sore spot of their fellow human beings with intuitive certainty - often during a trivial greeting. They themselves are not always fully aware of this ability and sometimes only learn about it from the panic-like reactions of those deeply affected.

Behind the mostly friendly façade that the owner of a Scorpio Ascendant shows, there is a fanatical extremist who demands above-average mental quality from other people.

"Unconditional consistency and razor-sharp honesty" are the most popular keywords, because there is nothing a person with a Scorpio ascendant is more afraid of than being disappointed by others or having to face the consequences of their actions. to be deceived. He sees every inconsistency in behavior and every deviation from predetermined standards as an affront to his own integrity, which he actually tries to embody. Once he is disappointed, his mistrust begins to grow and he starts to suffer. Comparable to the Virgo Ascendants, who are driven by fears and anxieties in life, the Scorpio Ascendants are also signs of fear in the zodiac. The Virgo Ascendant is afraid of plunging into the uncontrollable chaos of the world and losing control in life. The person with a Scorpio ascendant has an inner connection to all the abysses of the soul, which means they are very close to the collective depths of the human psyche. This is why they rightly fear encountering these parts in other people.

The more unconscious he is and the less access he has to his own lowlands, the more he projects these traits onto other people, because he believes that the abyss and the darkness can only be found outside in the world, but certainly not in himself. And here he is very wrong! The more the unconscious Scorpio Ascendant conceives images and models of peace, love, harmony and a perfect world in his daily consciousness, the more he must of course deeply fear the dark pole, as he is actually - albeit unconsciously for the time being - in the vicinity of these lowlands. Very often, for example, he helps other people as he sees fit and wants to make himself useful, but his form of help quickly ends up in a direction in which others feel that he is taking advantage of them and exploiting them. As people sense complete appropriation behind the ostensibly good intention, the unconscious person with a Scorpio ascendant is then often rejected or even cast out. This person, however, does not even get the idea that they have

want to "pull the wool over their eyes", because their access to their own abyss is blocked. And so he ends up in the projection and feels misunderstood or disregarded, although the others actually only had to protect themselves against his excessive dominance. What remains on both sides of the interpersonal contact is a latent bad aftertaste, hidden behind the image of a lot of warm feelings. This is why the quality of the Scorpio ascendant's encounters always has something lurking about it, because it is always waiting for other people to become dangerous to it, as it is itself - consciously or unconsciously - is not entirely harmless. Out of this fear, he secretly puts his fellow human beings to the test or tries to find signs and oracles in the behavior of those close to him. He very often makes extra statements that do not correspond to his opinion at all in order to sound out the echo of his mental effectiveness or to gauge the loyalty of his followers. He is less interested in setting standards of value and dividing others into "good" and "bad" than in ensuring that the people around him reveal themselves to him completely and are absolutely honest with him as a sign of their loyalty. Such proofs of loyalty then weld him closer together with the others. Once the subjects he has chosen have found his inner acceptance or even affection, he is the partner who will walk with them through thick and thin, death and the devil, for better or for worse. At this point, the famous loud loyalty of a Scorpio ascendant is revealed, which can extend as a subtle bond to so-called "criminal honor".

People with a Scorpio ascendant, like Libra ascendants, have a very distinct inner life. Their world is the realm of ideas and concepts, and they constantly try to make these manifest in the world. Their ability to think is so vivid and creative that they have a transformative effect on their entire environment. This makes them unconsciously the magical creator in their world, because it is a law of magic to create images and ideas that can only be released to manifest themselves after they have been mentally detached from them. Scorpio Ascendants are powerful creators and makers in their world. They are often astonished to find that the thoughts that were running through their minds not so long ago have suddenly manifested. This ability to constantly draw on a wealth of images naturally elevates people with a Scorpio ascendant above the ranks of human potentials. Because of their inherent disposition, they are usually much more powerful than they themselves realize. However, this creative potential is also associated with karmic duties and considerable responsibility. This power is always the result of intensive effort on the esoteric path. Due to his birth in the material, the person with Scorpio ascendant

The person has lost his memory of his former potential, but his abilities are still there. At the same time, however, he is also responsible for these potentials he brought with him; this applies to all his conscious and unconscious actions. The "forgetting" due to his material birth does not release him from the consequences that arise from the unconscious use of his old abilities. This is why people with a Scorpio ascendant must first learn to see that they have extraordinary magical potential, which requires a high degree of self-awareness on their part. This also includes the realization that power and relentlessness play a major role in their lives. People with Scorpio ascendants adopt an implacable attitude towards their demands, because nothing is worse for them than having to face the transforming and regenerating aspects of life, even though they would find their salvation in such situations. But they find it difficult to relinquish the reins and surrender to fate. Although they suspect that this would mean facing up to the transformative processes of existence, they compensate for this with a healthy dose of masochistic self-destruction in order to remain on the side of action at all times. If they sense that their demands are not reaching their intended goal, they provoke situations in an exaggerated form that destroy everything they have previously built up in order to be able to start again from their own point of view. At least in such cases, they are always the triggering factor of such situations until the end, so that they do not have to give up their ability to act.

The more unconsciously they walk through life, the more they repeatedly experience situations of powerlessness in which they lose their selfdetermined ability to act. Power and powerlessness are on the same axis. Those who have the power to mentally create and manifest experience powerlessness and being at the mercy of external conditions as compensation. Those affected do not have these experiences from a human, moral point of view, but rather powerlessness is the necessary counterbalancing pole of power. Because of its efforts on the occult path outside our understanding of space and time, the soul personality with its investment potential has a cosmic This is a state of responsibility that confronts people with the fruits of their actions much more quickly than is the case with other people. He is no longer a spiritual child, but a spiritual adult. This would be comparable to adult status in our world. The adult is fully responsible for all actions in terms of the law and the laws of his country. In contrast, children are not held fully responsible in the sense of a court of law. Although they are reprimanded by their parents, they are not yet subject to the full force of the law. From a cosmic point of view, a person with a Scorpio ascendant has already exceeded the status of a child. For this reason, in addition to their conscious actions, they are fully responsible for all unconscious aspects of their personality. For this reason, he will very quickly reap the corresponding counter-movements in his life if he does not have a precise conscious view of all his potentials. He then encounters situations in the distorted mirror of the world that force him into absolute helplessness in order to experience the opposite pole of his power.

Childhood myth: The childhood myth of people with a Scorpio ascendant very clearly describes a particularly hostile climate. Between the mother and the child there is a strange atmosphere of high demands and intense love. The mothers of people with Scorpio ascendant usually become pregnant at the second or third attempt, possibly because they have previously had abortions or miscarriages, but from a superordinate point of view this is tantamount to an unconscious abortion, as the body carries out the unrecognized aversion to the principle of motherhood by substituting the departure of the foetus. In this sense, the body becomes the executor of the soul's concern. The feelings of guilt that the mother has as a result of her rejection of the growing life are now to be made good by taking excessive care of the child. Due to this initial situation, the child is very strongly dominated by the mother. The result is a situation of suffocation similar to a straitjacket; the child is deprived of any room for development. It becomes unfit for life due to sheer fear and worry, as it is deprived of any independence. Different types develop from the mother situation. If the affected person is internally weak

Although they may be independent personalities, they suffer from their mother's dominance for the rest of their lives. Even later in life, they are hardly able to lead an independent life. If they are stronger personalities, then at some point in their lives they perform an act of assertion that leads to separation from the mother's bonds. These separations are then usually permanent, as the mother can never accept such independence. The Nibelung-like bonds of loyalty and love turn into a deeply felt aversion. Whereby the intensity and expression of feelings of hatred experience the same fierceness as on the love side. The constraints that arise for the natives in their childhood are often of a non-verbal nature and hang over them like a sword of Damocles. They are expected to live a multitude of issues on behalf of the mother, as she wants to compensate for an inner feeling of lack with the child. If the child develops contrary to her ideas, the mother suffers a crisis of values that throws her into deep abysses and makes it impossible for her to accept her child as an independent person. With such experiences, the child is introduced to its own issues, as it becomes clear from an early age from the childhood myth that its life holds a constant struggle for it between ideas and reality. True feelings atrophy in such a climate of ideas. Life, for its part, offers a dynamic that introduces those affected from the world of ideas into concrete reality. This happens through the early experience of hardship situations. Traumatic experiences, drastic strokes of fate and contact with death bring them inexorably close to real life. They cannot escape the associated experiences of transformation.

For them, becoming conscious means becoming new again and again through the transformative form of feeling in order to free themselves from the unreal world of mental concepts. This requires a willingness to endure the pain of a situation that is outside the relentless need to control life. It also requires the knowledge that living also means dying, as the human being moves inexorably towards death from the very first breath. The inner willingness to free oneself from mental fixations and guiding principles is the first step towards realizing that they can always arise anew.

Partnership myth: For people with a Scorpio ascendant, partnership represents the level of highest possible transformation. Like natives with a Libra ascendant, they can learn a great deal about themselves in this field. It leads them in a very direct way into those border areas that they would otherwise have to suffer as very painful transformation processes in other areas of life. Close partner relationships bring them close to their inner gap between reality and imagination because they are not prepared to accept a partner outside of their desired expectations due to a mental deficiency or a feeling of inferiority. Unconsciously, the partner is supposed to compensate for and fill in the gaps for them, and they may see qualities from a wide variety of areas that they themselves lack as particularly desirable: Efficiency, creativity, inspiration, youthfulness or mystical feelings. Suddenly, in an encounter with another person, they discover something that corresponds to their deepest soul desire. Intense love and longing develop, fed by the soul's primal desire for perfection. The longed-for content is usually perceived down to the smallest detail at the moment of the first encounter with the other person. Everything else then takes its course in the developing relationship. Quite subtly and without accusing the natives of planning tactics, they use their energy to shape their partner in their image: The latter develops in a certain direction, initially unnoticed by him - as if stimulated by an act of magic. The person with a Scorpio Ascendant perceives the resulting abilities as spiritual nourishment and eagerly integrates them, as they themselves lack these soul parts and the partner is supposed to embody them on their behalf. For a certain period of time, this act of spiritual incorporation creates a feeling of inner harmony in them, as they finally feel richer and more complete through the other person. More and more, the natives absorb their partners emotionally, using them as an inner refreshment in order to feel more complete with them.

Partners sense that people with a Scorpio Ascendant are quietly but steadily exerting pressure, and this pressure generates in them

ambivalent feelings. On the one hand, they fear that they are not up to the high demands of the other, while on the other hand they develop an aversion to them, as they completely lose their sense of independence over time. They ask themselves whether they are loved at all for their own sake or whether their partner only loves them for their own desires. The attempt to break out of the mental prison of the partnership leads to a hellish inferno. As soon as they free themselves from the

"picture frame", they are no longer accepted by the Scorpio ascendant. They are not recognized by them as an individual personality and have to expose themselves to disproportionate criticism. This is because natives with a Scorpio ascendant come close to their inner shortcomings, as they have deviated from their ideas; fear and emptiness begin to rise within them. They invest a lot of energy in the emotional pressure with which they want to keep the other person within the set framework. But when they realize that their indoctrination remains fruitless, they rigorously destroy the relationship.

In this way, they cover up the pain that arises when something in their lives moves beyond their creative grasp. They suffer from the demystification of their partner, which brings them face to face with their own inadequacy and reopens the original emotional gap. However, as long as the partnership corresponds to their image, they are fully involved in the relationship. More and more they ensnare their partners (the beloved image) with tokens of love until they can hardly take a single step on their own. Every millimeter, every action, every look is "lovingly" monitored - always on guard so as not to be disappointed by the other person. In order to suppress their own unconsciousness in the relationship, they create oversized scenarios that are supposed to document love and connection. New stimuli and exaggerated stagings whisk the partner away into a pseudo-living world of illusory feelings that they are unable to expose as inanimate. For example, they organize birthday parties for their partner that are as big and glamorous as a professional advertising agency event. Or they make an effort to bind their partner with unusual services. In fact, they succeed in mentally captivating and dazzling their dream partner by organizing oversized projects. In extreme cases, for example, they paint

They intuitively create an image that matches their partner's inner images, or they write a book or compose music dedicated to their partner - just to connect with the other person, to give them the illusion of inner value.

This unconscious, compulsive behavior arises from the unlived demand that the birth predisposition requires, namely the undisguised confrontation with oneself. This is necessary in order to change the ideas and fixations of certain self-images. Because a real transformation requires perceiving oneself outside a framework of repression. This includes being able to bear the loss of one's own value in order to liberate oneself and others. The real quality of transformation does not consist of forcing partners and people from the environment into certain roles, but of feeling the transformation in one's own soul through the accepted loss of values. The power aspect is also in the foreground in sexuality. Sexuality leads to the realms of merging and becoming one with the other. This has a lot to do with devotion and transformation. Sexuality requires a willingness to be completely absorbed in the other person and to be able to lose oneself in them. However, as it is precisely this area that is lacking in people with a Scorpio ascendant, they encounter their main area of tension in sexuality, the lack of devotion and the desire to dominate and assert power. As a result, they are unable to let go and become tense, as they want to control every area of their lives. Sexuality leads into the realms of the "little death", which manifests itself in brief moments of individuality-dissolving orgasm. But death is precisely the area of fear that they try to exclude. In order to avoid the topic, they save themselves to a more superficial level of sexuality and develop a consumer behavior that excludes the mystical fusion aspect. Or they seek out extreme areas, for example sadomasochistic practices, to replace the concrete transformation that they are unable to achieve internally. Here they submit themselves quite concretely, albeit still controlled, to a situation that dominates for moments, in order to allow the closeness of that border area, which is to be experienced on an inner level, to enter their outer life. For in life, too, they experience pain, bound to compelling transformational events, that releasing

The tension of becoming new when they have freed themselves from all old fixations.

Shadow themes: People with a Scorpio ascendant encounter the theme of Taurus in the shadow area. Taurus is the material antithesis to the spiritual model-like fixation of the Scorpio ascendant. Taurus is the concrete, material, full life, which is completely real and fixated only on the actual circumstances. The theme of Taurus is about very concrete things. The task resulting from this archetype is to orientate oneself towards the world of form, to take root there and to nourish oneself on the material. Any form of fictitious ideas or idealistic images have no place in his domain. This is why it is the exact opposite of the theme of the Scorpio Ascendant. The Scorpio Ascendant works on its central natal tension via the primal theme of Taurus. He will often have to experience the concrete world differently than he has already experienced it in his images and ideas. A struggle then arises with the resistance of the concrete Taurus theme, as the inner images rub against the visible materiality. This is where the transformation mechanism begins that the bearer of a Scorpio Ascendant so likes to withhold from himself and which he mainly practices by projecting himself onto other people. Whenever he has to "back down", he is asked to change his ideas. Naturally, he feels powerless when his visual powers of all things have no chance of winning the battle against unrelenting reality. As soon as he finds himself in such situations, he is usually not prepared to live through real life, but tends to withdraw or destroy everything that does not correspond to his ideas in one big sweeping blow. This is done out of a need to protect himself, as he does not want to endure the pain of having to live through the "hell" of external reality. He would rather plunge into his own staged destruction so that he doesn't have to endure the suffering he always feels when the world doesn't conform to his ideas.

The theme of power has already found its way into this reaction too, because it shows how much he wants to remain the helmsman of his own destiny. From this basic need, he feeds the next situation, which must drive him further into transformation until he learns to

from his inner fixations and to humbly accept life. The accompanying main theme of his life is the constant struggle between image and reality. But the mystery that lies behind this grueling process wants to smuggle the person concerned into their own metamorphosis. It is very difficult for people with a Scorpio ascendant to let go of their mental fixations, as they are on the Taurus-Scorpio axis. Because what Taurus holds on to in the material, the Scorpio Ascendant holds on to in models. The world of concrete forms therefore grows into an opponent for the Scorpio Ascendant and thus into a vicarious agent for the processes of change that are not carried out voluntarily. In the course of his life he should learn to sacrifice his personal interests in order to face concrete worldly conditions again. This act alone is the only purpose of the desired transformation, which should of course be consciously seen as such by him. The material circumstances of a Scorpio Ascendant also provide him with information about his ability to allow himself to be transformed by life. The less he is mentally prepared to follow the processes of resolution in life, the more this is expressed through financial problems. High debts and constant difficulties in paying bills and meeting obligations accompany people with a Scorpio Ascendant like perfumery salespeople with the scent of fine water. Here again, the theme of Taurus becomes a fulfillment assistant and a yardstick for those affected. Their material debts enable them to recognize the extent to which they have made themselves mentally guilty by not sacrificing enough of their own values and guiding principles to the visible world. Mind you, this kind of guilt has nothing in common with the human concept of moral guilt, but the guilt of the Scorpio Ascendant is that it has not yet arrived at its own theme, as it still intervenes too actively and dynamically in the creation of life. He is called upon to deal responsibly with the potential of the power he has already acquired and to detach himself from it in terms of personal interests by no longer using his power for his own needs.

Wherever the person with a Scorpio Ascendant subjects his life to an examination and discovers areas in which he feels suffering and vulnerability, he is close to those aspects of the theme that are

can provide information about the areas in which he has overshot his target due to his unconsciousness. The Scorpio Ascendant also often experiences the powerlessness situations described above in interpersonal encounters. It is precisely his ability to understand other people at a fundamental level and to reach into the depths of their souls that makes the subject of interpersonal contact a special responsibility. Because he is the one who - due to his visual powers - has an intensive influence on when a person develops affection for him and when they do not. He himself is not always aware of this potential and only wonders from time to time why so many people "cling to him". In his case, it is often only a brief glimpse into the abyss of others that brings about that alignment and opening in the encounter, which leads to a spiritual connection in the other person; and love very easily arises from this.

In therapy situations, we know that clients who have opened up fall in love with their therapist. The therapist is then required to take responsibility for ensuring that their client is freed again. Attachments that arise in life in the same way make the person with a Scorpio ascendant responsible in the cosmic sense. After all, he has the power to "switch other people on and off" - although switching them on is easier. Although it is not difficult for him to switch them off himself, the human "device" sometimes continues to burn. The more immature a person with a Scorpio ascendant is, the more irresponsibly they often deal with this potential. As a result, his path is lined with emotional corpses that burn brightly for him, cling to him and are dependent on him. But the desire of others often does not reach him, he no longer provides new fuel, so that the inflamed ones have to consume themselves. The unconscious Scorpio Ascendant itself often doesn't give a damn about those who were one with it and feel connected to it. This makes him "ripe" to have those experiences of powerlessness and abandonment that he previously only knew from the expressions of the people attached to him. Thus, for example, at the moment when he himself is completely bound by a person, he loses this beloved partner through his sudden death and suffers agony to the point of consumption, as he cannot reverse this concrete loss with all the power in the world.

can make. Or he is caught up in the similar potential of another person and now has to experience in the distorting mirror of his own abandonment of his own soul how painfully his disregarded feelings torment him. The mental limits that he experiences as his shadow condemns him to earthy stagnation and imprisonment in the unchangeable lead on a mental level to the state that allows him to become malleable and definable again in conjunction with his Taurus shadow (= the outside world), as he has to reintegrate himself back into the limited status of being human.

**Goal** Idea/Higher **Insight:** For the Scorpio Ascendant, two themes arise as possible goal ideas. One is the Leo finality, the other is the Virgo finality. The differences between the two finalities are particularly clearly crystallized here. This is because the Leo finality corresponds to an active theme, whereas the Virgo finality corresponds to an earthy-passive theme.

Scorpio ascendants with the *Leo finality find themselves* in a particularly strong struggle between the themes of idea and reality in their lives. Similar to the Libra Ascendant, people with a Scorpio Ascendant are very strongly influenced by ideas, but their form of expression is much more vehement than that of the Libra Ascendant. With them, the struggle against the conditions of life, which of course can never be so perfect and congruent with the ideas of the natives, is particularly intense. This is also a point where people with a Scorpio ascendant lose a lot of strength. They brace themselves against the intruding vitality in life and suffer high energetic losses in their tenacious fight against the "windmills of fate". Native people should learn again to experience the concrete life behind their need, which is only based on ideas. Because, as the word suggests, every imagination comes before the real world. This, however, is the plane that transforms the Scorpio ascendant, since form performs the act of transformation in which the spirit or the idea must surrender to the conditions prevailing there. Thus life demands a high level of awareness, and wherever those affected live in ideal concepts and embellishments regarding their own abysses, life forces them to transcend their own limitations.

to become more aware of experiences of hardship in order to take a closer look at what is happening in real life. It never matters how a situation unfolds or who is involved, but the outcome in which the person concerned ends up is of decisive importance. Bravely walking through the often experienced suffering leads to a high form of awareness. At the same time, the person affected is challenged to do the work of awareness that life has prescribed for them. To live completely in the here and now in order to perceive all the motivations that want to express themselves in their behavior, far from all the ideas lurking in the depths of the unconscious that want to express themselves through the native. They should learn to find themselves in the abysses of the mental collective in order to recognize that their intentions arise from these abysses. To do this, he must sacrifice all personal concepts and models of exclusion to life, so that he becomes free for this experience of reality, which enables him to find himself authentically in everything.

The Virgo finality particularly addresses the old magical potential of people with a Scorpio ascendant. The experiences that natives have with this finality are certainly particularly consistent, because for them the theme of Virgo means learning to be humble again. Virgo corresponds to reduction and adaptation to the conditions of the world. This adaptation applies above all to the deep power of the Scorpio Ascendant, because his creative abilities lift him a little above the "normal" human condition. However, under this finality he is called upon to adapt to the conditions again, to play the normal world game again and to keep in mind that his pattern is not about interfering with the building blocks of creation and life, but to humble himself to his limited humanity. However, this requires the ability to consciously learn to see how he manipulates the lives and souls of other people. Above all, he should learn to be open and honest with himself. Conscious seeing alone can free him from his perpetual creations, which he feeds from his rich world of images. It is therefore enough for him to recognize himself in all his motivations. It is not about wanting to undo anything in his life or having a guilty conscience. Guilt in this sense does not exist for him, especially not moral guilt, because it is

solely a worldly construct. If the aspect of guilt can be included at all, which has been greatly overused by a misinterpreted Christianity, then for people with a Scorpio ascendant it is the sole guilt they have towards themselves by remaining unaware of themselves and their behavior. This is why all ideas and images of themselves are not conducive to higher insight, and they should also let go of these. He must learn to let go of the potentials of the past. This would be like the great work of the alchemist who, having gained all his abilities, renounces them. This distinguishes him in particular, because he renounces something great that could free him from all limitations.

For the person with Scorpio ascendant it is important to experience the present, to which he sacrifices all his ideas and fixations, in which he is reborn when he has learned to step over the threshold of fear into reality: Then the work of the world can carry out those transformations on him which he has endeavored to keep away in relentless struggles throughout his life - so that he learns to become new from the ashes of his guiding principles and ideas.

## The Sagittarius Ascendant

The zodiacal picture of Sagittarius completes the third quadrant of the mundane zodiac. It is a masculine/fiery archetype to which the qualities of Jupiter are assigned. The sign of Sagittarius brings the climax reached in Scorpio to its conclusion and adds the next transformative quality. With the sign of Scorpio, its spiritual internalizing quality reaches its peak - Scorpio contains the images of the collective psyche, which simultaneously describe the abyss and the lowlands of existence, so that it initiates the consistent confrontation with the contents that lead people into honesty. In the archetypal image of Scorpio one encounters the sum of non-identifications that cause the small ego to undergo a transformation. Through the connection with the collective primordial ground, it cannot remain as it once defined itself subjectively. The image of Sagittarius is no longer about the pure preservation of the images of the collective psyche and access to them, but about the utilization of the spiritual content associated with them. Sagittarius as the resolving sign in the third quadrant has already had all the experiences in the collective subconscious on a deeper, spiritual level. It is therefore already connected with the collective, archetypal image contents that were absorbed in Libra and solidified in Scorpio. Sagittarius stands above things in order to be able to process the aspects of the All-Spirit in processes of cognition and expansion in a completely value-free way. All the qualities of the Sagittarius image are thus oriented towards elevation and inspiration in order to rise above the gravity of the world and connect to other dimensions.

Awareness: Similar to the Scorpio Ascendant, the Sagittarius Ascendant lives in the world of ideas and imagination. He is also more at home in the inner world than in the outer world. The person with the Sagittarius ascendant has a high degree of understanding for everything he encounters in the world, as he is already familiar on a deeper spiritual level with all the heights, abysses and lowlands of the world. cosmic wholeness. That is why he has no difficulty in recognizing and understanding this on a spiritual level. For this reason, he is also in agreement with all the qualities he can discover in others. He is so tolerant of the traits and lifestyles of his fellow human beings that evil tongues like to accuse him of not being interested in the world and the people around him at all. To a certain extent, this is true, because he doesn't find anything so special or new as to amaze or excite him. Everything seems familiar and stale to him. For this reason, he has the feeling that there is nothing more he can learn in the "dull" world. This often means that he does not develop an ambitious drive to pursue worldly careers. He lives with the feeling that there are more important things than the mundane life.

Because he can't see any sense in it, he rejects consistent hard work. He starts many things with great enthusiasm, but rarely sees them through to the end. His wealth of ideas is very rich and colorful, but he lacks the necessary strength to implement them. As soon as something gets in his way and he notices resistance, he capitulates before the fight is over. He then has the feeling that this resistance binds him to seemingly hopeless situations, reminding him of the wound of being tied to the earth. The worst thing in his life is the feeling of being tied down and unfree. Inwardly, he feels an indefinable restlessness and a desire to wander into the distance.

This shows his lack of concentration on the actual demands that the world places on him. He likes to try and escape the little things of everyday life. He would rather settle for finished products than take the laborious path to perfecting them himself. In doing so, he forgets that it is precisely the many necessities of life that determine overall success. But he is reluctant to endure toil that only promises reward at some point in the future. He wants to see results immediately. For example, in his youth he wished to become a famous pianist. He also receives his coveted piano, but unfortunately after a short time he lacks the desire to practice his finger exercises - and so he prefers to sit dreaming in front of the piano, not practicing, but anticipating imaginary storms of enthusiasm from an imaginary

Audience. This image is symptomatic of the life of a person with Sagittarius ascendant. He often occupies subordinate positions, not because he lacks intelligence or creative ideas, but because he doesn't want to get his hands dirty with mundane things.

He naturally suffers from the discrepancy between his sense of grandeur and the actual circumstances. It is incomprehensible to him that, despite his claim to power, he is the servant of people he considers unworthy. The greater this discrepancy becomes for him, the more he suffers from his humiliation. Other people can hardly understand this psychological aspect, because they consider the world around them to be particularly important, play all the games that are necessary to exist in it and like to be captivated by the apparent magic of the visible world. Naturally, the person involved in the material very quickly develops aggression towards the overriding attitude of the Sagittarius Ascendant, who does not really want to share their "little joy of the world" with them. His mental attitude has a hurtful and terribly arrogant effect on them, as he gives them the impression that he has long since left their interests behind and that everything they are interested in and concerned with is just unimportant water under the bridge anyway. What's more, he reinforces this impression by leaving no doubt with intense ideological sermons that he knows everything better anyway and that his world view alone is the right one. This image is comparable to the know-it-all attitude behind all religious wars and proselytizing. These well-known

"Holy" missions are a symbolic manifestation of the claim to protection with the aim of bringing salvation to others, if necessary with a weapon.

People with a Sagittarius ascendant give the impression of being inwardly withdrawn and uninvolved in encounters, similar to Scorpio ascendants, but their encounter quality is not as lurking and suspicious as that of their Plutonian predecessors. Rather, they rest completely uninvolved within themselves, and a lot has to happen on the encounter side for them to be lured out of their reserve. They absolutely cannot stand being lectured by others or having to follow what others say. For deep within them lies the consciousness of a teacher and priest, the do not allow themselves to be taught by their students and their community in real life either. As long as the person with a Sagittarius Ascendant is forced to listen, you will not be able to arouse his interest and will not get many reactions. He will be friendly, but not for very long - usually with folded hands and a pastoral patronizing look down on his little sheep.

- The person with a Sagittarius ascendant will either listen to the other person and then either withdraw from the conversation, or he will launch into a grand sweeping attack, lecturing the other person so thoroughly and at such length that no further questions remain unanswered. The person with a Sagittarius ascendant is by no means interested in a dialog, but solely in the opportunity to lift the other person a little out of their small world imprisonment. He wants to elevate, purify and initiate people. He considers anything that does not serve to broaden the horizon to be a waste of time. This has its own special form of expression on every level.

Showing off with material pretensions to greatness and elitist, worldly posturing is the material variant of the contactor theme. The spiritual variant is found in the process of detachment from worldly ties and in an almost unsatisfiable longing for religious expansiveness. The Sagittarius Ascendant often succeeds in allowing fellow human beings to share in his inner consecrated state and to give them a little of his inner elevation. Those who like to focus on such

"After a conversation with him, you may well see new perspectives or at least believe that you have heard something impressive, even if you have not understood everything. The Sagittarius Ascendant is not concerned with intellectual understanding or even intellectual hair-splitting; it passes on spirit, wholeness and insight, which always creates a synthetic combination of humanly inane hair-splitting. Any form of limitation in spiritual or concrete form is despised by natives. For in the archetypal image of the zodiacal picture of Sagittarius lies the conscious affiliation to the spiritual expanse and the serious longing for upliftment from the cross of matter. For this reason, every Sagittarius ascendant yearns for other, much wider worlds of existence, which he hopes to find far away from the petty dirt of earthly life. He has the feeling of being transported from a paradise into the to be born into the abysses of the world. He is particularly unhappy about this bitter circumstance, as he sees himself condemned to languish in a profane world. So he closes his eyes and surrenders to his inner temple images or exuberant visions of life. Then he finds within himself the jovian vastness that is expressed, for example, in the architectural styles of old castles and churches. Gigantic colonnades, high towers and battlements, monumental halls and "Neuschwanstein Castle" pomp are always material attempts by Schütze to give birth to the images and longings of the heart in visible forms.

The feeling of rising above the mundane dominates the ability to act in people with Sagittarius ascendant. This is expressed in particular by the fact that worldly things can only be accomplished in the course of enthusiastic inspiration. If this is missing, everything in their lives stagnates. If there is enough euphoria, they are open and remarkably generous towards other people. If they are one of the less satisfied and successful natures, they disguise themselves under a mask of arrogance and conceit to hide their insecurity. In this unredeemed version of their pattern, their grief over their own failures grows until they have developed into unbearable natures who only criticize other people's achievements but are unable to achieve anything comparable themselves. In their omniscient self-image, they do not take into account that before any criticism, as a kind of legitimization, there should be the distinction of their own work. Their idiosyncrasy could be compared to that of an art or literary critic who, without being able to create art himself, endeavors to evaluate artistic achievements and provides pompous expert opinions. This way of elevating oneself above the achievements of others requires a considerable reappraisal of one's own repression in order to get to the bottom of one's own misjudgement.

Deep in the heart of the Sagittarius ascendant glows the desire to rise above the concerns of matter, for in it he is torn from his beautiful spiritual dimensions. Similar to the tension of the person with a Scorpio ascendant, who is stretched between his imagination and the concrete world and suffers from it, the Sagittarius ascendant also feels the tension between the real world and his inner world. He is just not as fanatically and relentlessly fixated on his ideas as the Scorpio Ascendant, but he is already detached from this fixation, which in the case of the Scorpio Ascendant almost borders on madness. The Sagittarius Ascendant suffers inwardly in silence from the wound of materialization. He tries to withdraw from the world's vale of tears into his spiritual realms in order to escape the pain of being born. He buries himself in exquisite books in which he seeks his upliftment, although there are not very many that can do justice to his high spiritual standards. Because "he already knows everything". Or he uses music as a vehicle, because he is overcome by longing shivers when he listens to it, with which he can soar up to Olympus.

Native people often feel out of place, regardless of their position in life. They live in a state of consciousness that could also be described as a transitory state. They are never satisfied with the circumstances they have achieved, but firmly believe that their life situation will soon change in order to move on to "better times" again. This attitude naturally prevents them from enjoying their current life situation, but it is an expression of the search for something bigger and better and at the same time a reflection of the motor skills of the esoteric path, which always arise when people find themselves in situations that make them struggle for meaningfulness. Any other person would probably be perfectly content with what the Sagittarius Ascendant has achieved and would want to rest on his laurels, but he himself longs to get out of his "earthly poorhouse" - which can be a luxurious and gigantic empire - like a prisoner out of his cell. Again and again he creates new goals in his mind that seem worth achieving.

He draws the euphoria he needs to exist from these goals. Full of optimism, with the hope of better times, he then sets off on his ideas, only to - once he has arrived - set his sights on the next hurdle, which surpasses everything that came before. The Zeusian need of the Sagittarius Ascendant to want to fertilize the world and to spread its own ideas and concepts to the outside world contains the dynamic inherent in the fire principle. The peculiarity of all people with fiery ascendants (including Aries and Leo) is based on the need to always emit energy from themselves to the outside world. This dynamic means that such a person is hardly reached by external impulses, as he is completely preoccupied with exuding himself and his ideas. At the level of the Sagittarius Ascendant, this is expressed in the fact that he wants to impose his own world views everywhere. This is a similar fixation to that found in people with Scorpio ascendants. However, the Scorpio Ascendant is much more fanatically focused on the manifestation of his guiding principles and despises all those who work against him because he feels hurt at the bottom of his soul because of this disregard. The person with a Sagittarius ascendant, however, is simply not interested in those people who are not prepared to be fertilized by him. He therefore does not necessarily impose himself, registers that there are "poor souls" who will never be able to enjoy uplifting moments, tries to apply all possible measures of conversion, but is not in the least interested in whether or not another person accepts his ideas or impulses. He who does not want to

"is not there yet", he remains the poor underdeveloped one. Zeus looks down from the Olympic cloud with tolerance and love, thunders and flashes to his heart's content and really doesn't feel the least bit arrogant! And the rest of the world looks up and shakes its head speechlessly in the face of such unreflective behavior.

**Childhood myth:** People with Sagittarius ascendant perceive life as an experience that does not match their inner ideas. From childhood onwards they have the feeling that they have fallen from "paradise" into a profane state, which becomes more and more of a problem for them the older they get and the more responsibility they have to take on. At the bottom of their hearts, they feel elevated above life, a feeling that has a certain similarity to the longing that is reflected in the dignified aura of old temples, old churches or ancient theaters. Their spiritual generosity and connection with a state that longingly reaches far beyond the profane life makes them feel this way. Full of idealism and illusions, they approach other people and believe in their honest motives without wasting a thought on calculation, overreaching or rational calculation. But life teaches them to be cautious in their dealings with others, which feeds their longing for more ideal connections. It is difficult for them to understand that the majority of

interpersonal contacts is based on envy, turf wars and the need to ostracize anyone who thinks differently. For this reason, they desire a level of coexistence that is free of all disturbing petty human squabbles. This longing stems primarily from the desire not to have to exchange unity and oneness for a worldly discord. Birth and the subsequent course of life with all its challenges and problems threatens to destroy this harmonious state of unity. During her pregnancy, the mother of a person with Sagittarius ascendant experiences psychological fluctuations that cause her to lose her balance for a certain time during pregnancy. A lack of affection from a partner or a shock situation such as a partner cheating or contact with experiences of death can trigger this.

However, the problems during pregnancy do not lead to the mother rejecting the child. The shock situations that the mother experiences during pregnancy are transferred to the child and trigger a rejection of the life that awaits it during the prenatal state. Unconsciously, the child grows up with this negative attitude towards life. For the child, the world is not grand and magical enough, and it is filled with a sadness bordering on homesickness or world-weariness. Up until puberty, the child repeatedly falls into daydreams that are intended to protect them from the world and the confrontation associated with it. They build up inner fantasy worlds and may address the people around them with fantasy names. To adults, this may seem cheerful and beautiful, but behind it lies the non-acceptance of reality. Alternatively, the child may build a sanctuary in the concrete outside world where it is spared from the world. This may be a self-built hut in the garden, an old cupboard or a chest in the attic, into which the child crawls and in which it finds temporary security. Puberty usually brings children into situations that force them out of their inner isolation. This can happen through recurring nightmares, which lead to the child distracting itself from its inner worlds with external activities. Or the refuge created in the outside world loses its appeal due to some event or is even taken away from the child by other people.

Even in the childhood myth, this conceals the symbolic invitation of life to face the world as it truly is, which also recurs later on. For only through worldly contact and the recognition of the respective actual situation do the natives achieve the full quality that results from participating in necessary life processes.

Partnership myth: On the level of relationships with other people and in partnerships, people with the Sagittarius Ascendant are often alone. It is difficult for him to find the right partner because he will have to search for a long time before he can discover a genuine interest in another person. Relationships are often based on the teacher/student axis and the person with the Sagittarius Ascendant takes over the part of the partnership that turns to the weak, ignorant other person in order to fill them with hopeful perspectives and goals. In most cases, such relationships do not last very long, as the other person does not feel the desire to be schooled for a lifetime. This then leads to the classic disempowerment of the teacher, in which the gap between theory and practice becomes apparent and the original respect is lost. Now the partner, who has become independent, turns into the authority who increasingly challenges and questions the Sagittarius ascendant concerned, so that he is once again torn from his elevation and has to search further. Although the ideas of the Sagittarius Ascendant are usually very good, the implementation leaves much to be desired, as this always leads to small details that fill him with frustration, which ultimately crushes his enthusiasm.

Or the reverse is the case, where a person with a Sagittarius Ascendant chooses a strong partner whom he appreciates, as this can give him the necessary stimulus. However, the noticeable inferiority then creates a tendency to flee, as in this case it is difficult for him to remain euphorically free and unbound mentally. However, the more difficult relationship would be better for him, as inner growth is guaranteed here.

The need to overcome differences very often comes to the fore in their partnerships. Their high degree of idealism often leads them to enter into relationships in which major social differences exist. Their partner may be much older, come from a different nationality or have a different skin color, so that the imbalance is visible. Inspired by the idea that every individual has equal rights, they pursue their path undeterred. In doing so, they often cause offense in their social environment, whereby they feel the conflicts arising from their behaviour through the outside world. As long as the relationship survives the idealistic framework unharmed and they are not disappointed or demotivated by their partners, everything is fine for them. However, if disappointments occur, their idealism turns into a hard-core sense of purpose, simply because of the violation of their disregarded ideals. But before this happens, they engage in a perfect work of repression, avoiding any conflict in order to preserve the ideal of the relationship. Some people manage to maintain their virtually sterile, problem-free relationships for a certain period of time, but after a while the repressed elements usually strike back mercilessly and those affected have to go through the very areas that they tried to exclude in the long term. They then painfully experience the aspects they thought they could cover up.

In the area of sexuality, the separation between emotion and sex is particularly striking. They usually idealize their partners and almost elevate them to saints. However, categorizing saints in the area of sexuality poses certain problems. There is usually a separation here, because Native people preserve the ideal image of the true, beautiful and good in their partner, excluding sexuality. They live this outside of their relationships, but this does not detract from the feeling of love for their sacred partners. They just don't want to taint them with what they see as "lower drives", so they don't find it difficult to differentiate. Despite their heightened interest in sexuality, they are always willing to sacrifice it for their lofty ideas and goals, so you could say that the world of ideals is more important to them than pure drives. For this reason, they also subordinate their instinctive life to all kinds of moral or religious convictions. Increased stress in the life of Sagittarius Ascendants can lead to sexuality being completely excluded. Then the outside world demands so much of their attention that they are no longer able to live out their urges freely and unencumbered. With

For men, this usually leads to erection problems and for women to orgasm difficulties. Such temporary or prolonged difficulties clearly show that they are not able to let themselves go freely and in a relaxed manner in connection with life and its concrete demands. Since the natives are at home in the spiritually inspired realms, they encounter their own inadequacy in sexuality, which, viewed on a symbolic level, contributes to the continuity and preservation of the concrete world, since neither the word nor the intellectual world reign on this level. Physicality is what counts here, and they have just as much trouble with this as they do in dealing with concrete worldly issues. But it is precisely the areas in which they are not so sure that need to be given attention, because as soon as helplessness begins to grow, the Sagittarius ascendant's spiritual development process takes place, which is linked to always giving them what is missing in their consciousness.

**Shadow themes:** In the shadow of the Sagittarius Ascendant lies the image of Gemini on the Descendant. Gemini represents the outer world, in which everything consists of causal connections. Gemini symbolizes the countless everyday small functions, starting with communicative exchange, the joy of the interesting world, the desire for external mediation and movement, the curiosity for everything new and the high flexibility to meet life in the form of an interesting adventure. The shadow area of the Sagittarius Ascendant, which manifests in Gemini, contains nothing of deep meaning, but always moves on the surface as part of the pure function of life, so that the world keeps moving and moving. This happens just as value-free as the breath of every living being flows in and out.

This is why the shadow consequence leads the person with a Sagittarius Ascendant into a constant encounter with the mundane world. All the little everyday things become an unbearable torment for the Sagittarius Ascendant concerned, so that he is constantly on the run from these unimportant matters that keep him from his great plans. Every encounter, every speech, makes him feel the great gulf between him and the world. No one else can quite understand why he cannot find any real joy in external things. can. For the person concerned, contact with the world becomes downright torture, because he has to give up his inner elevation piece by piece and has to serve the Moloch of the world with all the necessary concerns. As he is repeatedly torn out of his inner state, his introverted jovial calm, he must increasingly ask himself whether his ideas and goals are really that important, as they are not of lasting value anyway. The outside becomes the corrective element in which he begins to feel that he cannot maintain his consciousness of greatness. There he experiences the vitality that he no longer possesses in his inner realms, which ultimately leads to his fall from the inner paradise.

The Sagittarius Ascendant's need to read old books, go to the theater, visit churches or sacred spaces is understandable in relation to the birth pattern, but these one-sided desires only manifest the urge to reincarnate old things that have already been lived through. These old images only have that familiar aspect of security for the Sagittarius Ascendant because he is already very familiar with these areas. For him, all reading and studying is merely a reappraisal and recollection of occult knowledge from other existences, which he has already pored over thousands of times. It is therefore important for him to realize that he will never find the inner growth that he deeply needs in the areas in which he believes he has to dwell or manifest them again. His studies will not get him anywhere, but participating in life will help him to develop.

The Sagittarius Ascendant should learn to recognize that part of the troublemaker of the outside world that invites him to rediscover curiosity for the world. After all, what use is all his dormant knowledge and high cognitive ability as long as they remain unused within him and are not awakened to life in connection with the outside world? It is painful for him to realize that it does not make sense to withdraw, but rather to face the outside world to a greater extent, as is the knowledge that transformation can only occur when the last subjectivity within him has died. This requires him to reconnect with those parts that he can only find in the world. They are the key that opens up those areas again that he believes he can only find in his ideals.

This is where the process of dying begins, but also the process of becoming of the Sagittarius theme, because Scorpio and Sagittarius in the zodiac describe the act of dying and becoming. In the outside world, people with a Sagittarius ascendant very often experience questioning that they themselves do not carry out, as they are in an inner euphoric state that feeds on their own elevation. However, he often experiences control over the functions of the world that he himself is not given, as his dynamism arises in enthusiasm, which loses its dynamism in intensity with every skepticism or pessimism. Every questioning naturally slows down the person concerned. However, even if the person concerned believes that he only encounters obstacles, a mental fine-tuning takes place within him that he could never produce on his own. For this reason, the path to a higher insight directs him to reconnect to the conditions of the world and to pay attention to that part that is constantly trying so loudly to intrude into his life.

Goal ideals/higher insight: There are three possible themes of finality for the Sagittarius Ascendant: Virgo, Libra and Scorpio. The Virgo finality brings the person with the Sagittarius ascendant into intensive reflection and self-questioning, since the Virgo principle is far removed from all ideals and is bound to the rationally concrete themes of the world. As a result, hardly any idea or euphoric exaltation can stand up to the Virgo test. This questioning, which the natives experience about the world or other people, leads to a perpetual reduction and thus to a connection to reality. This causes the person to be confronted with ordinary worldly concerns, whereby all their inspirations and grand plans, rooted in a need for upliftment, are brought down to earth. This may be a disillusioning process for the person concerned, but it leads the enthusiasm to a necessary questioning that calls into question the person's sense of reality and fitness for the world. The Sagittarius Ascendant with Virgo finality should learn to come to terms with the everyday. In the polar world of conflict with its small necessary details, he learns to question himself and his subjective concerns. This crystallizes experiences for him in which

which he can recognize that the ideas are only meant to counteract the grief of the incarnation by repressing it. However, this means that the owners of the Sagittarius Ascendant avoid confrontation with actual life, which inevitably leads to ultimately having to face what has been repressed. For they were born to live, not to fantasize. It is important for Native people to completely redefine themselves in life outside the arrogant distance. They must learn to become new again in the world, step by step. They are helped by the realization that the world, which they perceive as so profane and unimportant, is precisely the part that they are missing and that can enrich them. Only when they have internalized that they are enriched by the part they are afraid of in life do they begin to make their way back to the state they dream of in their longings. They, those who have been cast out of paradise, must learn to understand that the whole of creation comes into being, as in the mythological Fall of Man, in order to make the individual spiritually cognizable in the polar visualization. The world wants to be passed through and mastered in terms of content so that the fallen can return to unity, which in plain language under this finality means that inner harmony with existence is achieved via the path of mastering the world.

With the *Libra finality, the* target idea of the Sagittarius Ascendant takes on a completely different meaning. With this finality, it becomes clear that those affected have distanced themselves from genuine human encounters. They are inwardly distanced from other people and do not engage with them in exchange. They lack the ability to be touched and the interest in empathizing with the views of others, as this could possibly lead them to question their own world view. Unconsciously, Native people are afraid of such questioning because it could cause them to lose their euphoric center and threaten their inner state of unity. In order to avoid falling out with themselves, they live by the motto "live and let live", which is not an expression of their tolerance, but egoistic self-protection. Every world view is inevitably set in motion through contact and exchange with other people, even if the environment does not have a deliberate desire to change. Every interpersonal in Entering into a relationship carries this transformative mystery in its seeds, just as it does in relationships between partners. Through the union of two people, both are completely changed and no longer correspond to their original state. For this reason, those affected are particularly wary of outside contact, or they save themselves by adopting a distanced, protective stance that does not allow other people to penetrate them. Those affected should expose their supposed inner superiority over many things in life as a fearful protective mechanism designed to keep them away from experiences that could jeopardize their self-image. Their inner attitude resembles a local anaesthetic, which is intended to eliminate the painful experience that a "surgical intervention" from the outside (contact with other people). It is useful for Native people to realize that their worldviews or philosophies only experience real vitality through contact with other people. For the water of their stagnant pond of knowledge, which rests silently within them, has long since become putrid and urgently needs to be stirred up through an exchange with others. So every contact and every encounter helps to ensure that they do not lose, but that something new can emerge within them on the basis of their knowledge. However, this is linked to the condition of encounter and exchange.

The third variant of the possible target ideas of a Sagittarius Ascendant is the Scorpio finality. The theme of Scorpio makes the need for inner transformation particularly clear. Scorpio is the principle of transformation, but also of regeneration. Every living process is always bound to cyclical progressions, so that a cycle with a phase of growth and decline creates the conditions for perpetual growth.

The Sagittarius Ascendant with the Scorpio finality lacks this movement and the genuine vitality associated with it. There is no willingness to change in relation to his goals and plans. Under this finality, the effort to hold on to the old and to work further and further in the familiar, self-determined direction is particularly great.

The convincingly constructed arguments conceal only the unwillingness and inability to indulge in a galactic world view in order to not to come into contact with the small details that would complement the vastness. Figuratively speaking, those affected save up their small "detailed debts" in a debit account that has been dormant for a long time. However, the payment of the debts then falls due in one big hit - in line with the Jovian principle of Sagittarius. They will then have to allow themselves to be transformed by the relentless demands that the world places on them. Scorpio, as the sign of consistency and consequence, will logically channel the natives into the implementation of details - after they have only dealt with ideas for a long time. Now they have to prove whether their ideas can stand up to reality or whether they are just illusions.

The learning experience under this finality is therefore that true greatness and perfection always exist in the balance of principles, that nothing can exist without its necessary complement. This also applies to their own intention in life, because it is they who always determine and judge what they consider to be meaningful and sensible in their lives. The balance of this mindset is the reverse discovery of meaningfulness in external events. Above all, this means giving up the external search and finding meaning in life. They should learn to understand that they are obstructing their access to any deeper knowledge precisely because they are always tensely trying to stamp their predetermined standards on life. In doing so, they are denied the experience that the greatest happiness lies in agreeing with what is and opening up to what the moment holds. Everything is already there: Everyone is in everyone, and everything is in everything, the meaning is already contained in life, and it does not need to be additionally interpreted into it. It is necessary for those affected to learn to see the over-dynamic delusion of meaning in their behavior, which excludes them from any experience of life, as everything seems profane and meaningless in their eyes. This requires the insight that peace and redemption can only be found in the moment of absolute pause and that, cynically, the restless search prevents the Sagittarius ascendant with the Scorpio finality from recognizing its own fundamental truth. For every moment, every situation and every being contains its deepest meaning within itself. The only way to miss it and not recognize it is to want to find a more meaningful meaning in it.

## **The Capricorn Ascendant**

The archetype Capricorn symbolizes an earthy-feminine-passive theme to which the qualities of the Saturn principle are assigned. It is the first sign in the fourth and last quadrant of the zodiac. The fourth quadrant is governed by all those cosmic laws before which people are sometimes stunned and which often mercilessly force them to question their actions. In the mystery traditions, the archetype Capricorn is referred to as the "Guardian of the Threshold", who guards the gateway to the numinous. At this gate, the seeker experiences on the path that he has to leave behind his own ideas, which he assumed were particularly important and indispensable for him. Before the guardian of the threshold, the person is confronted with the distorted grimace of the parts of his personality that he has not yet mastered. In fact, the last subjective parts of the human being dissolve within the fourth quadrant; the cosmic laws primarily come to bear in this area. For the human being, contact with these laws can always be equated with resolution processes. This is also the question that arises for the individual on the path and especially in connection with the image of Capricorn: How many subjective concerns are still present in you? Which parts of your personality still possess too much subjectivity to be able to pass through the gateway of the depolarized cosmic laws?

With the archetype of Capricorn, the manifestation of a highly desubjectivized state begins, which is far removed from the worldly concerns that are depicted particularly in the images from Aries to Leo. While in the image of Sagittarius an oversized expansion takes place with the longing for infinite expanse and freedom, this process is brought to an end by Capricorn. Everything that aims simultaneously into the vastness and the distance is withdrawn and condensed. In comparison to the previous sign, this results in a restriction and limitation of the subjective to the objective. Capricorn represents the higher law before which the small individual has no existence. With Capricorn, all remaining subjective human needs are reduced to the germ of the least necessity.

Awareness: Analogous to the description of the macrocosmic content, the person with a Capricorn Ascendant also embodies a state that contains very little that is personal. He is above small emotional human matters and for this reason has very little understanding for those who consider their own needs to be particularly important. Even during childhood, people with a Capricorn ascendant feel very old. They perceive being born as a heavy burden, as if they were too tired from the long journey to incarnate in this world again. They see the boisterous screams and laughter of raving playmates as nothing more than silly twitches, as they cannot understand their inner emotionality. While the others play and let themselves go, they stand alone next to them and keep an overview. The prohibition sign from the parks department is only noticed by the child with a Capricorn ascendant, and to his indignation the others trample the grass without restraint. As the Saturnine child clearly stands out due to its maturity, it is often shunned by its peers. In their eyes, their unimaginative, pragmatic nature makes them the dry killjoy with whom nothing is really fun. This condition, which becomes apparent so early in childhood, will not change much and may become more pronounced later in life as self-confidence increases. This is reflected in the fact that, from an early age, those affected try to evaluate the behaviour of other people and generalize the collective laws they have learned and with which they identify. This behavior does not make them particularly popular with other people, as they perceive them as legislators or dogmatists. This demarcation makes them lonely, as their behavior closes off access to genuine contact. They are highly reduced to overriding concerns and feel particularly drawn to all areas that are free of small personal concerns. Their attitude to life is highly anxiety-ridden, as they unconsciously suspect that part of their life's mission is to be free from their personal concerns.

to distance themselves from the concerns of the world. It is incomprehensible to them how life can be met with joyful anticipation. For them, life means waiting for the next disaster in a pessimistic mood.

The distance that arises from this different attitude to life makes them feel lonely and misunderstood. That's why they prefer to make decisions alone, as there aren't many friends to talk to anyway. Even if there are friendships in their lives, it is still questionable whether they are willing to open up to others. This is because for natives with Capricorn ascendants, fellow human beings must fulfill prerequisites in order for them to be shown the necessary respect. It is difficult for them to combine their longing for acceptance and sympathy from those around them with their inner dogmatic demands, because they fear being shunned due to their melancholy attitude to life. They often suffer from severe depression, which they experience as a black cloud that suddenly settles over their psyche, unconnected to causal situations. This always happens when they try to escape the responsible tasks that life has in store for them, so that the burden they are not carrying shifts to the psychological level.

The feelings of people with a Capricorn ascendant are blocked in many areas. You could also say that the inner source of feelings has dried up. For natives, feelings are synonymous with loss of control, because they take them into areas of the indefinable, the uncontoured, which are alien to them and therefore uncontrollable. In order to avoid feelings or emotionally charged situations, they adopt protective behavior that makes them appear polite but distant to others, which can also lead to the impression that they are unapproachable, arrogant and overbearing. This enables them to create a barrier to other people, which protects them from the dreaded feelings of consternation. Too close contact could break through their role behavior and reveal their true core. Feelings would take them into subjective areas that do not fit their pattern. On the one hand, they are afraid of too much of their own subjectivity, on the other hand, they long for the subjective attention of others, as this is often denied to them. This leaves them in They live in an ambivalent state, but they come to terms with it because they have learned to do without the things they would have been deprived of. Their rationality helps them to come to terms with many situations in life. Having learned this at a young age, this characteristic has become a strong part of their nature. Native people often build up ritualized areas in their lives in order to exclude any new impulses through their systematized way of acting. This systematization arises from the need to create a survival grid that offers them security against the contingencies of life. For the same reason, they stick to decisions once they have made them, which they take slowly and deliberately. Spontaneity is neglected in their pattern.

The orderly and reliable behavior valued by others also stems from the same source of insecurity. Deep down, they are unstable, insecure people who need a minimum of guidelines and regularities in order to get by in life. The other component of their nature can also emerge in the opposite form, but this requires fiery parts in the birth pattern. If this is the case, then they elevate themselves to the status of lawmakers and confront life with over-dynamism in order to avoid having to face fear in this way.

Analogous to the cosmic aspect, the guardian function of the macrocosmic law, people with a Capricorn ascendant feel attracted to all rules and norms. They are very happy to integrate these as guidelines into their own life principle, which also opens up an opportunity for them to have a legitimate level for their personal claim to power. As with the other earthy ascendants Taurus and Virgo, guidelines, laws and habits provide them with the necessary security framework in which their lives can take place in a safe, controlled and manageable way according to proper procedures. Their philosophy of life is underpinned by the statement "man", which always determines exactly how to behave, what to consider, how to work, what knowledge is needed, etc...

The subjective views never come into play or even one's own demands in the dialog with others, because Capricorn Ascendants hardly have access to their own needs, but usually tie them to public issues. Due to their function as law bearers, they increasingly become the mouthpiece for law and order, which naturally reinforces their role as untouchable human beings. Deep down, they long for order and structure, because in their souls they sense the coherence of the great cosmic law.

For this reason, they always create living situations that are manageable and planned. Once they have found a vacation home, for example, they will stay there for at least the next twenty years. They then proudly report, for example, that even their great-grandparents used to vacation on the island of Fehmarn. They know the hoteliers and the ambience. The familiar setting provides a reassuring sacred order that is maintained even during periods of change. Once these people have become accustomed to certain foods, they eat the same jam, the same sausage or bread rolls from a particular baker for ten years. They are also tied to a particular job for a long time. They are the suitable leaders or pillars of companies or institutions that are needed so that the company chronicle can read: "100 years of quality from our master craftsman's workshop" or "We invented the automobile. Our 100 years of experience serve your safety" or "50 years of food Hans Dorn - always there for you!"

In the life of a person with a Capricorn Ascendant, it is usually external circumstances that prompt them to change, as they themselves lack a sense of the need for change. Just like a stone that does not change its nature on its own for centuries, they are not capable of changing on their own. An external influence is required for a renewal to take place in their lives, which is then usually so consistent that in retrospect nothing remains the same as it was originally - but then again for decades. Due to the need to fix and control everything, they do not like anything unforeseen or spontaneous. All actions and steps are fully planned or calculated in order to eliminate every eventuality. Everything in their lives should be thought of. They react with great suspicion to any approach that could throw them off the beaten track. The highest expression of spontaneity is a quick and clear "no" to all new challenges, so that they do not have to deal with unknown

have to deal with things. The natives suffer from their own quality of being, as in retrospect they are annoyed by their consistently dismissive behavior towards the world around them, because over time they become increasingly lonely and immobile. They would like to change and jump over their own shadow, but when the first opportunity to change presents itself, they fall back into their old pattern unnoticed. Even criticism from well-meaning contemporaries is hardly heard because they don't really take their fellow human beings seriously. Just as they were unable to accept all other comrades in their childhood, the impression that the whole world consists only of children and frivolous characters becomes more and more deeply ingrained in them. Who likes to be advised by children who prove their inadequacies on a daily basis anyway? Their fellow human beings are all perceived as unreliable, inaccurate and superficial. For this reason, no one can "hold a candle" to them, as they hold the key to the world in their hands with their prudence alone. The demands they place on other people are very high, so that they are always in danger of standing alone and becoming lonely as soon as others realize how cold it really is in the inner life of the Capricorn Ascendant. This is because the person with the Capricorn Ascendant has very clear guidelines on how to meet them, how to behave towards them, what boundaries the other person should respect. In order to cover up this relentlessly strict demand, those affected like to give other signals to the outside world by feigning an ease that they do not possess. In such cases, they appear flexible, tolerant and non-committal to their fellow human beings, but this puts a great deal of strain and stress on them, as it does not correspond to their true nature. Because inwardly, the dogmatic despot continues to reign, who has to endure real torment every time they violate the rules.

Since Capricorn corresponds to the principle of highest awareness and clarity, they cannot maintain the life lie of ease in the long run. For the more space they give other people in their actions, the more they will unconsciously want to take over territory, so that the Capricorn Ascendants, lured by false signals, are driven further and further into a corner until they begin to assert themselves again and reveal their true inner motivations. This then leads to other people being deeply are affected because in their impartiality they had "bought into" the person with a Capricorn Ascendant in a completely different way than the person suddenly turns out to be. The frightened fellow human beings turn away and the Capricorn Ascendant ends up with the dreaded separation and the resulting loneliness. This pressure situation is necessary in order for the natives to recognize what concerns they actually carry in their inner space.

As bearers of an ascendant from the fourth quadrant, they are called upon to face their lives with full awareness. Just like Scorpio and Sagittarius Ascendants, Capricorn Ascendants must take the awareness and consistency that they always demand from others as a benchmark for their own lives. On closer inspection, those with a Capricorn Ascendant will realize that they always reap the part in their lives that they strive to keep out anyway so there is no further reason for them to waste time and energy in overcompensation. All symptomatic life crises that result from unconsciousness about their own claim to power lead those affected to their inner fixation, so that they become aware of their petrified state in order to gain access to their mental hardening in this way.

**Childhood myth:** People with Capricorn ascendants feel similarly unprotected in the world as people with Sagittarius ascendants. Very early on, namely in the prenatal state, they experience that they are not wanted in the world. During pregnancy, the mother harbors an aversion to impending motherhood because she fears that she will not be able to cope with the demands of the role of mother. She projected this psychological stress into the future. Only pregnancy makes her realize that the seriousness of life begins for her with this responsibility. Perhaps the mother is still far too young and wants to savor certain aspects of life, which is thwarted by the approaching birth of the new arrival.

The child feels the mother's aversion, and with its inevitable birth, it develops a guilty conscience for its own existence. The experience of not being welcome in the world connects it with life itself and with other people, so that it withdraws more and more due to this experience of coldness and keeps its distance as a precaution. remains so as not to be hurt. This seemingly causal situation results in behavior that leaves those affected with little contact, as there is neither a connecting community nor exchange. However, this corresponds to the actual nature of natives with a Capricorn ascendant, but they spend their whole lives searching for the missing security and also react extremely mimosely to any rejection. They strive to make connections with other people that are a kind of

"extended womb" to compensate for the lack. In many cases, they experience that they have to take on responsibility in the family at a very early age, for example because the mother is a single parent or has a job. They then quickly grow into the role of the little adult and take care of their siblings or functional family routines. Such responsibilities deny them the experience of being a child. While their peers play, they take their little sister out in the baby carriage or go shopping. They learn to do without at a very early age, but develop into straightforward and resilient personalities. The atmosphere at home is not particularly warm, but they learn to function without any problems despite the lack of affection and the constant demands placed on them to perform. The need for affection grows in them the more they are rejected by their mother or parents. They try to earn the affection they are missing. The motto "feelings versus performance" aptly describes the climate in the family. Whatever the demands made on the child by the parents, they are never value-free, but always linked to conditions. The child is prepared to perform as required, but loses the valuefree nature of feelings due to the pressure to perform. Later on, they also experience them as conditional. For the natives, feelings become a calculable variable that they always keep at the lowest possible level and thus do not make them insecure. Alienated from their feelings in this way, those affected much prefer to identify with superordinate norms, whereby access to their own emotionality remains closed to them. A fear of individuality grows in them, so that their adoption of collective role behavior can be seen as pure self-protection.

Native people may f i n d this regrettable in moments of quiet reflection, as they are not aware of certain emotional levels that are

other people are rather open and unencumbered. They should internalize this fact so that they can learn about their own distance and their own inability to express feelings openly and freely on the path via the unredeemed form. Only when they learn to understand that they are not victims of external circumstances, but that the outside merely brings forth the hidden unconscious areas of their psyche, will normality return for them in the affected areas. Only when they recognize and allow the core of their being and the outside world is no longer forced to impart this part to them through fate will new potential grow within them.

Partnership myth: In the area of partnership, people with Capricorn ascendants develop a special permanence. This is where the Saturnine element comes into play, which is associated with time (Kronos). It takes a long time for natives to open up. But once this has happened, they hold on to the partnership so as not to lose the security they have gained. The opening up that takes place in the relationship is often so great that it takes on almost threatening proportions for them. Paradoxically, they then maintain the partnership in order to be able to close themselves off again. With routine or uniformity, they bring it back down to a non-threatening level. This is exactly the opposite process that many other couples strive for. For most of them, the element of openness is paramount in long-term relationships. Even if the core of the relationship no longer exists, Capricorn Ascendants continue it out of habit and a need for security. The economic element often plays a major role here. If they have been in the relationship for so long and have invested a lot of energy and dynamism in it, then they also want, as the natives argue to themselves, to make use of the results and the benefits that only become apparent over time (community of gain or inheritance). People with a Capricorn ascendant do not like to give, as is often the case with earthy natures. In relationships, every penny given to the other person is noted and recorded. Stinginess reflects the inability to give the other person affection (Venus = money), to share one's own energies with other people.

so that they are supported on a spiritual level.

In partnership situations, it is the close ones who come into contact with the relentless metering calculation. As a balancing pole, natives very often encounter watery weak or very subjective people who are affected by the hardness and coldness and whose tears try to melt the ice of the Capricorn Ascendant. For him, the partnership then becomes a borderline area, far removed from his rational consciousness, because he is deprived of all attempts at control and rationalization, as he will only ever provoke new torrents of tears in the other person with reasonable words and attempts at a cool debate. Both in partnerships and in comparable situations in life, the person with a Capricorn Ascendant should learn to bear the fact that in his superior role as an adult figure he is not always required to condemn the soft emotional part in his environment out of loftiness. Rather, he should recognize the necessity that contact with beings who need him as a support is at the same time very healing for him, as the feelings they generate create something in him that can make him softer again.

This softening process is necessary because nothing is flowing on many other levels in his life. In their relationships, both women and men are unable to give themselves because of this hardening. In women, this leads to them not accepting the role of the woman; they try to live the male regulating part in the relationship. Women with a Capricorn Ascendant often tend towards same-sex relationships in which they then take on the active male part, as they could never subordinate themselves due to their sovereign inner potential, so that a classic distribution of roles is hardly an option. Nevertheless, any departure from the norm is particularly difficult for them, as their inner nature is conservative and relegates more original solutions to the background. Men are uptight and inhibited in their relationships, they can't let go, so they turn out to be relentless sticklers for principle. For them, showing feelings means that they have to get over their shadow. and at the same time get into the anxiety zone due to the loss of control.

Often the inability to let go or the fear of giving up on oneself in sexuality manifests itself in potency problems. It is precisely through sexuality that those affected come into contact with the fear of living their individuality. The inner compulsions and control mechanisms are so strong that they become increasingly tense. As a result, pleasure is not particularly pronounced, as sexuality corresponds to the inner need for life and selfabandonment. In order not to consciously confront this area, you elevate your own inability to experience or allow feelings to become a law that everyone has to conform to. Therein lies the danger that, in their tendency to generalize, they want to force other people into the framework they have set. They should be aware that in many cases they elevate their own inability to a law, which is why they unconsciously orientate themselves towards areas that have certain norms and forms as standard. All guidelines serve as a "safety corset" that they like to put on so that they are spared access to their own emotionality and the needs and fears that arise from it.

**Shadow themes:** In the shadow area, people with a Capricorn ascendant encounter the archetype of Cancer. As the polar opposite of the objective theme of Capricorn, it embodies the highest form of subjectivity. In the great cosmic contexts, Cancer symbolizes the lunar reflection produced by the visible world in its various manifestations, which represents the unreal reflection of the spirit. Cancer is that undisciplined, soft, passive and childlike part that constantly claims everything for itself, just as children simply demand everything they can think of from their parents. It doesn't matter whether they are ill or otherwise unwell - the parents have to stand at attention day and night if the child demands something of them. All issues that can be derived from the cancer area revolve first and foremost around personal needs. How the person is feeling at the moment, whether something impresses and affects them, plays a major role here. There are also no walls, boundaries or facades in the shadow of Cancer that could conceal the feelings that are truly fermenting within a person and seething, as is the case with the closed Capricorn ascendant. In the opposite sign of Cancer, everything always comes to the surface immediately and has a major impact on people's - mostly unsovereign - actions.

The Capricorn Ascendant has the theme of Cancer on the Descendant and this explains his, symbolically speaking, encounter drama. His environment appears to him like a defiant child who whines when he doesn't get his way. This gives him the impression that he only meets playful, selfish people who value their pompous needs more than anything else. In his eyes, other people give the impression that they are completely resilient and cannot be compared with him in terms of performance. So he prefers to do everything himself and overload himself to the point of exhaustion. The person with a Capricorn Ascendant constantly experiences that promises are not kept by others or that performance deviates from agreements in details. Little by little, the world teaches him that there are other ways of approaching life outside of his fixations. His opinion of the world with its superficial, fickle people is not particularly high, but over time he has to realize that his dogmas do not get him through everywhere. The world often tempts him to approach his existence with more joy and to see life less grimly. But he rarely accepts the offers because they cannot pass his critical threshold. He is a prisoner in the self-constructed dungeon of fixations.

The more he comes into contact with spontaneous, living, lunar elements in the outside world, the more his soul learns about the mystery of flow. What he experiences in other people and what he despises in them is precisely that high degree of spontaneity and enthusiasm for everything living and new that he himself lacks. He is the gray-cheeked old man in the zodiac who secretly envies the juicy rosy cheeks of children, but would never voluntarily admit this to himself. The theme of his Sun then shows him where the hole in his wall needs to be cut so that fresh air, life, light and love can flow through to him again. He must learn to recognize that his entire fixation and adherence to old structures only resulted from the fear of having to change himself. What man with a Capricorn ascendant so confidently as an objective and general law is only the pretextual argumentation of his great fear, which arises when he believes he is losing the ground beneath his feet. His scepticism also disguises that part of him that is difficult for him to recognize, which is to a large extent subjective in himself. This is because his need to identify with laws and overarching issues stems from his subjective, fear-based need for control. However, this is his very personal issue, which is why he experiences so much subjectivity in the shadow in the encounter, which almost drives him to white heat, as he cannot recognize in his behaviour that it is he who defines the laws in his life. However, he should open himself up to the world again in order to see the necessities in its approach. He must learn to recognize that the only constant law is change and that every fixation and every standstill, in the sense of a cosmic view, is tantamount to a stagnant, death-like state. His inner state could be compared to people who want children because they need the vitality and inspiration of youth from outside to make their lives exciting and varied. If a person with a Capricorn ascendant does not follow a path that demands a constant willingness to change, he needs situations in his life through which he can re-experience this principle that he is so lacking. He should therefore learn to enter the eternal cycle of change, as symbolized by the course of the year, so that he can overcome the rigidity arising from his subjectivity and discover the eternally existing law of regenerative transformation.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** The Capricorn Ascendant has *Scorpio as its finality* in the birth chart and with this receives the conclusive mandate to become capable of transformation again. Scorpio as the principle of transformation also signals to the Capricorn Ascendant that it is important for him to transform himself inwardly. Like all earth signs on the ascendant, it resembles a closed system in which no movement can occur of its own accord. External situations always help natives to learn to step out of their fixations in order to become capable of change again. The difference between the Sagittarius Ascendant and the Capricorn Ascendant with the Scorpio finality is that the Sagittarius Ascendant in its

worldviews so as not to come into contact with the world, as this could tear him from his euphoric center. With the Capricorn Ascendant, the fixation is much more existential, because with every unforeseen intrusion he has the feeling of losing the ground beneath his feet. The natives enter areas of fear when they have to give up control. With every eventuality that breaks in, they are confronted with an enormous insecurity that confronts them with themselves and with their own demands, which are so split off that they cannot see them in themselves because they are buried under so many objective laws and demands.

Every time they give them up, it brings them a little closer to themselves, so that for them it means seeing the mask behind the objective pretense that is supposed to protect them from their own frightening subjectivity. This is also the reason why natives fall into loneliness, because in it they should learn to recognize that the missing emotionality and the lack of security in life help them to become aware of their own boundaries. Scorpio, as the principle of awareness and consistency, channels those affected into a process of realization that confronts them again with who they really are.

You are repeatedly asked to look at yourself in the mirror of consciousness with burning glass-like clarity. In no other combination of ascendant and finality does the theme of supra-personal truth emerge as clearly as in this one. For natives, this means that they cannot fool themselves about their personal leitmotifs and actions in the long run. If they nevertheless embellish their lives with illusions, they will be forced with vehemence to reflect on their true motivations with all awareness.

Every impure definition crystallizes through fate until the real intentions become clear in the distorted mirror of life in the results. For those affected, these are very specific painful experiences, but the process of cognition does not require them to hold on to the painful experience, but rather serves as a yardstick for those affected to examine the areas of their lives to see whether there is another truth lurking in the unconscious that is perhaps more uncomfortable than the personally accepted one. In life The full truthfulness of their buried unconscious intentions always manifests itself in the Native's experience, but they must seriously explore it. This means that Native people should search at a deeper level, for example in therapy, for the part that is trying to force its way into their consciousness through the experience. Native people should learn to recognize that the darkness they have experienced is the motor and the invitation to face up to the demands that life brings to them via this path. For those who have been channeled by fate on the path of truth through "die and become" processes into areas of experience of the extraordinary should see these as an opportunity for real growth and spiritual regeneration.

## The Massermann Ascendant

The archetype Aquarius, to which the quality of the planet Uranus is assigned, symbolizes a masculine airy-neutral theme. It is the second sign in the fourth quadrant and at the same time the culmination of the transcendence that prevails in the fourth quadrant. The theme of the suprapersonal that opened with the sign Capricorn is continued and ennobled by the sign Aquarius. With the fourth quadrant, the last quarter closes the mundane zodiac into a whole. The process that has begun, which intensifies in the course of this quadrant, dissolves the remaining subjective human concerns with the last signs of the zodiac (Aquarius and Pisces). From a cosmic perspective, this event is a necessary process in order to free the respective individuals from material bondage.

For humans, however, such contact with higher laws poses an existential threat, as they usually do not understand the overarching cosmic message. Cosmic laws always bear the sign of paradox because they dissolve worldly linearity. While in Capricorn the question is about too much human subjectivity, Aquarius poses the Uranian question about the one-sidedness of human consciousness. All actions carried out from one-sided consciousness are confronted with their opposite pole. Every one-sided identification and everything else is immediately depolarized ad absurdum in this way.

This makes it difficult to live the Aquarian principle in concrete terms; it requires detachment from all subjective demands that people place on life and which are often reflected in human consciousness in evaluations, onesided concepts and ideas.

Awareness: Similar to people with a Capricorn Ascendant, people with an Aquarius Ascendant also feel misunderstood and shunned by those around them, because their soul quality corresponds to that overriding mood far removed from the world. Because of the inner

Alienation, people with an Aquarius ascendant live with the feeling of being alone despite many external encounters. They feel separated from others. In order not to feel the pain of this separation to the full extent, they cultivate the state of separation and derive an elitist sense of values from it, but without revealing to their fellow human beings what this is based on. In the quietly sublime knowledge of being better and different, they live in association with other people, but are emotionally separated from them; on the one hand, they seek their recognition and yet do not accept it, as they do not trust them to judge them. The alienation from others can go so far that they have the feeling that they come from another planet and have a special mission to fulfill here on this earth. This then leads them away from the normal needs and concerns of other people. They find themselves in the omnipresent dilemma of seeking the closeness of their fellow human beings and yet feeling overwhelmed by the sense of security at the moment of being accepted. If the demands of the environment become too dominant, they keep their distance. Behind their tendency to flee and withdraw is an unconscious fear of attachment. This seemingly causally justifiable fear results from the rejection of being human in itself, whose personal needs lead to becoming ever more deeply entangled in the material.

For this reason, their ideas and views are always a little ahead of life and do not conform to the flow of general development. The course of fate in her life is also not straightforward. This becomes apparent very early on. Whenever they think they have found their identification and cling to fixed positions, an impulse occurs that pushes them out of the resting position they have taken. On a deep psychological level, the natives sense the constant proximity of incisive events. Inwardly, they are therefore in a constant state of alert, which gives them different antennas for perception and reaction than those of a person in a relaxed state.

It has generally been observed that in dangerous situations, such as war, people intuitively act correctly at lightning speed and are able to pick up and utilize the signals of life much faster than they would in a dangerous situation.

a "normal" state. People with an Aquarius ascendant also have a comparable form of intuitive perception, as they are in a constant state of mental emergency. This makes them appear restless and nervous to other people, as every fiber of their being vibrates. Their powers of observation are extremely keen and they often possess unusual intelligence. Their special ability to perceive naturally distinguishes them from other people. They know the differences between themselves and their fellow human beings, which is why they hardly rely on their feedback, as they have learned to distrust the sensory abilities of others. They live in the awareness that they can bring a little more light and upliftment to dull people in their dull earthly existence by pointing out unconscious things. The urge to stimulate awareness processes in others makes them rebel against conventions that have been adopted and not questioned. However, this also has the disadvantage that they are extremely arrogant towards others and not in the least prepared to accept anything from them or to be criticized by them. Like natives with a Capricorn ascendant, they also feel the distance to their fellow human beings and want to bridge it. But the more they try to get closer, the more they experience how other people distance themselves from them and avoid them because they sense their otherness.

People with an Aquarius ascendant appear distant to others; the suspiciously observant way in which they treat their fellow human beings is seen by them as arrogance and arrogance. Because they perceive life from a completely different perspective to the masses, they cannot enjoy the self-centered hustle and bustle of the world, but quickly see through the bizarre game of human vanity. As they want to distance themselves from this, they document their otherness with clear signals. This does not win them any particular sympathy, because the human masses cannot stand it when someone stands out from them. They either strive to assimilate the outsider so that the previously visible differences disappear, or they avoid him as if he were a carrier of pestilence. People with an Aquarius ascendant remind others of their stagnant, earthbound position, which hardly allows them to see life from anything other than a "mouse's eye view".

consider. Native people very often initiate processes of change in other people by triggering discord through their behavior or their presence. Unconsciously, the people around the natives sense the simultaneous presence of polarity reversal situations, which is why they have a "disturbing", shrill and bizarre effect on them. They are the - rarely popular - emissaries of the universal wholeness that lies behind the earthly disunity. They have to point out the division and heal the problems of one-sidedness with the opposite pole. Of course, the others don't like this, because the Uranian person brings great unrest into the seemingly peaceful gliding along of life. However, the Aquarius Ascendant itself does not feel particularly comfortable with the traces it leaves behind, as it experiences its distance from people very clearly. Deep in his heart he carries the feeling that he is not at home on the ball of the earth. He is aware of his exceptionality and understandably wants to express it. In doing so, he finds himself in the conflict of having to abide by the laws devised by humans, but he would prefer to break them. This pattern is also expressed in the small interpersonal rules of the game. No matter what statements you make, the Aquarius Ascendant is quick to say "... I don't think so..." and argues with the opposite pole with great commitment and in a long flow of words. He already knows everything, can do everything and already has everything, which is why he is difficult to counter. His arguments are always the better ones because they are "approved from above", so to speak; the person with an Aquarius ascendant is convinced of this. This fact is probably even true, because it is difficult for anyone to contradict him. The intellectual genius and the verbal tightrope walk of his unusual points of view often simply erase the thoughts of others. If someone complains about this, the "Uranian messenger of the gods" reacts with astonishment, because for him it is a completely normal expression of life to point out the opposite poles everywhere, and he is actually only surprised that others do not handle it in the same way or even suffer from his manner. Deep in the primal depths of his psyche he senses the closeness of the cosmic consciousness with which he feels deeply connected. Like the Capricorn Ascendant, he therefore lives in a higher wisdom that expresses itself as a desubjectivized distance from all the small concerns of life. Yes, he feels downright challenged to look for ways in which he can - literally: for heaven's sake - help his fellow human beings.

from their earthly heaviness and the unbearable dull unconsciousness of their everyday life.

This is why, like the Capricorn Ascendant, it is always a little offside in encounters with other people. He does not feel as old and crushed by his burden as the Capricorn Ascendant, but his view comes from even higher up, as he can observe life situations from a bird's eye view. In a sense, he is always above the situation, above things, and this feeds his secret assumption that he is something very special. He believes he has been chosen as a savior to such an extent that he no longer wants to take part in the emotion-driven tussle of earthly entanglements. Instead, he searches incessantly for new ideas that will somehow bring relief to people's animalistic existence. But the "human herd" does not tolerate it when a being begins to detach itself from it. If it notices such behavior, it will try to reintegrate the renegade into the group. As this is hardly possible with the Native, he does not gain much sympathy. His constantly lecturing manner further reduces his popularity.

The Aquarius Ascendant's teaching differs in some nuances from the Sagittarius Ascendant, for he does not appear as a concrete teacher or master, but rather sees himself as an empowered spirit who, in conjunction with his fellow human beings, ensures through his ingenious presence alone that his thoughts, his sayings and his actions contribute to lighting up new lights for other people. He demonstrates to his inclined disciples in a vivid way that he can lift the veil of unconsciousness of his fellow human beings through his spiritual input in thought and life. Then they too can raise their heads to enjoy the universal expanse that he takes for granted.

However, the bearer of an Aquarius ascendant pays a very high price for this presumption of being chosen and having a special position, namely with cool loneliness. For only those who are also at home next to other people under the veil of unconsciousness can live in complete union with them. But since this is not the case for him, he has to endure the fact that, on the one hand, the conditions for other but at the same time being hated by other people for not being there and being rejected by them.

As a result, he suffers from a paradoxical conflict: although he never wants to be like others, he longs for a bond with them when his fellow human beings reject him. This conflict is typical of him. He has to live with such contradictions. In order to gain sympathy from other people, he stands up for marginalized groups, the socially disadvantaged or for the rights of colleagues in his working environment. His efforts are successful, but he rarely receives the thanks and love he would actually like in return. So he suffers from ingratitude and the

"Schofeligkeit" of his lambs and thus distances himself more and more from the warmth of the masses. In the realization that "ingratitude is the world's reward", however, he experiences something very important. For his congenital disposition, which draws its nourishment from the spiritual, de-subjectivized realms, no longer allows him to receive the subjective applause that the signs from the first and second quadrants, for example, are still granted. For people with an Aquarius Ascendant, applause and reward are already contained in the knowledge of their own genius and ability to change conditions. So no more thanks can come from outside, and he waits a lifetime in vain for them.

Similar to the person with a Capricorn ascendant, the owner of an Aquarius ascendant finds it difficult to access their own feelings. However, unlike the Capricorn Ascendant, the source of their feelings is not desolate, but simply very distant. He also has considerable fears of coming into contact with his own feelings and those of others, as they drag him down to a human level that is actually alien to him. For this reason, he rejects every emotion. If he nevertheless experiences their closeness, he has enough concepts to remedy the situation so that he does not have to expose himself. For him, contact with feeling is the same as attachment to the material world. The more "emotional" it becomes in his environment, the more he feels overwhelmed by the heaviness of the earth. Despite the polar difference, his inner dynamic is similar to that of the Leo Ascendant, who exudes his subjectivity in the outside world so that he does not absorb any stimuli from there. The Aquarius Ascendant lives in the awareness that everything that reaches him from the world

can't hold a candle to it anyway and is therefore not worthy of much dynamic understands understandable, attention. From this the untouchable Uranian natives with that the world particularly hard This is so that they become receptive to the messages of life. Out of an unconscious need to distance themselves from others, Native people often choose unusual professions that stand out from the crowd. These can be activities from the field of science and technology or from the broad spectrum of the healing sector. With the knowledge gained from their activity resulting from their special theprinciple of otherness, which is status release they otherwise difficult to realize on other levels. The distance to others that arises from their special worldly status legitimizes them; their inner distance is quasi officially confirmed. The to them professional The respect shown to them professionally provides them with a clearly defined framework of distance so t h a t others cannot get too close to them. Even their actions are immune to criticism .as their fields of activity are so specialized that others cannot do them any harm due to their lack of specialist knowledge. However, if someone dares to criticize them within their area of expertise, they react with extreme concern to this violation of their "sacred terrain", because the criticism brings them back down to earth and at the same time brings them face to face with their own fears of being human. After all, they had created

their own framework conditions so that they could no longer be seen as individual to be scrutinized for possible mistakes.

The healing arts are a playground for Aquarius Ascendants. It offers an ideal level on which they can live out their functional need for help and improvement unhindered. This is why the profession of doctor or alternative practitioner is a frequently chosen activity that enables them to live out their inner paradox. On the one hand, they humbly turn to people in need of help - whereby they sincerely strive to provide relief and improve conditions - but on the other hand, the priestly aura of the medical profession from earlier eras (although this is no longer legitimized in today's world) guarantees them the distance they need from their patients. For all their openness and familiarity, they would never allow an equal encounter with their patients, but would always insist on the necessary distance.

Nothing would be worse for them than having to give up the special position they have achieved (in a white coat).

Exceptions to the rule pervade their lives in all areas. It is almost impossible for them to accept agreements in their predetermined form. If they book a seminar with meals and accommodation, for example, they are sure to make complicated special arrangements. Then they give a thousand reasons why they would prefer to stay in a different house, why they can only eat a macrobiotic diet or why they can no longer stand the smell of chips and pork knuckles. Their reasons are always valid and downright compelling, but they are at the mercy of their own quirkiness and inability to surrender to concrete actual situations. You can recognize them in groups by the fact that they never sit in the center of the crowd, but always on the periphery or near a window or door so that they can be the first to leave the room when the big break comes. Standing in line and even being pushed there is a nightmare for them. This specialness is also reflected in their tardiness; as they cannot adhere to formal rules, they arrive at least twenty minutes after the official start of an event. While all participants experience their arrival as disruptive, they feel quite relaxed in their special role. If they do not find the direct form for deviations from the norm, which are the be-all and endall of their lives, and if they make an effort to fit socially into the calm harmony of life, then they experience situations from the outside that constantly interrupt any straightforwardness they have laboriously created. They often shape their lives in a certain direction on the basis of their training and studies, which suddenly takes a turn and takes them in a completely different direction.

This results in the typical up-and-comers who have completed a lengthy course of study, and when it comes to putting what they have learned into practice, the high-flyers jump off to use their newly acquired chemistry degree or doctorate in law to pursue a flash career in a soap company, an investment fund or a water filter company with opportunities for advancement in the Ponzi scheme. Or the newly acquired alternative practitioner's examination leads in a roundabout way (due to the nonfunctioning practice) to a well-paid work as a pharmaceutical sales representative. But they always derive a "selling themselves short" from their activities. This actually gives them the legitimacy to hover secretly and pensively above things in their current position. In the sense of their birth pattern, their norm-deviating behaviour is perfectly correct, but they should recognize it as an individual form of expression and as a longing for the redemption of their quirky life claim, which only has its individual validity in their Uranian life pattern. When Native people report on their lives, they give the impression that they have sold themselves short throughout their lives for the benefit of their environment and for the sake of requirements that have arisen.

On the surface, this may appear to be true, but those affected should free themselves from their role as sufferers of Christ and instead learn to recognize that it is only about their unconscious claim to a special role, for which they seemingly heroically take the suffering of the world on their shoulders. If those affected realize this, extremely liberating dimensions will open up to them, enabling them to live out their special status to their heart's content in direct forms (without detours!).

Childhood myth: People with Aquarius Ascendant come into contact with the theme of insecurity at an early age. Birth often already bears the sign of the loss of the protective unity with the womb. Natives may experience this in the form of a premature or premature birth. Their birth can also be initiated in unusual places, in a cab in which the mother is on the way to hospital, or in a telephone booth from which the doctor who is to help is to be called. These are always situations that carry the myth of the sudden and unforeseen. Another Uranian variant would be that the mother does not notice her pregnancy in the first few months. Or she is actually already too old to conceive, so that she becomes more careless with contraceptive measures after her period has stopped. The birth of the child with the Aquarius Ascendant can also serve to (re)establish the missing connection between the parents. The gap between them can be caused by foreign nationalities, social differences, a lower level of education or serious differences in character with the resulting tendencies that are difficult to reconcile.

With such enormous differences, a state of turmoil arises in the child's psyche, representing the tension between the soul potentials of the father and those of the mother.

In the course of their lives, those affected are torn back and forth between the different qualities without being able to control the different parts of their personality themselves. They often feel like victims of the split parts of their psyche. As a child, people with an Aquarius ascendant are showered by their mother with a lot of love, but at the same time with various demands. The mother transfers her unfulfilled longings and desires onto the child, which leads to the child losing access to its own needs and feelings. The child is supposed to fulfill a certain mission for the mother that she has been denied in life. She urges it to complete a course of study or forces it to be successful. Whatever this maternal task may be, the child is so overpowered that it no longer feels its own needs, which are taken over by the mother. This results in a defensive attitude and a flight into the saving distance, with which the child seeks safety from the parental assault. The mother's sense of entitlement causes a traumatic state in the child that remains for the rest of its life and always becomes particularly apparent when others approach the child with demands.

During adolescence, the child is alienated from its own demands and develops compulsive behavioral structures as a result. On the one hand, the child is in great need of security and panics if this is denied. On the other hand, if it receives the attention it is missing, it turns away and withdraws. The child's behavior makes it impossible for the family and other people to assess it, because no matter how you respond to it, it is not right for the child. The family members react to this contradictory behavior with rejection, as the relevant experiences force them to put down their weapons at some point and give up trying to please him. The affected natives with an Aquarius ascendant are themselves puzzled by their own behavior. The inability to define themselves is intended to detach natives to a greater degree from their attachment to subjectivity. Only when they stop looking for new identifications again and again, they receive a conceptualization of themselves that lies beyond all worldly concepts.

**Partnership myth:** The level of partnership particularly brings to light the Uranian conflict of the Aquarius Ascendant. Relationships under this signature do not have the permanence that the natives might desire. This is because the conflict between distance and closeness brings the Uranian paradox into the relationship, which is very difficult to realize under the given conditions. They long for closeness, but when this actually happens, they also need the appropriate distance to be able to tolerate the closeness. Partners can experience such relationships as a nerve-wracking touchstone. It is difficult for partners to comprehend that they are loved by the other person, even though they are trying to keep their distance at the same time. The constant urge to act, to which the natives are unconsciously subjected, is usually causally justified, but they abandon themselves to it so that real security and closeness cannot throw their psyche off track.

For Uranian people, other laws apply than those experienced by the majority. For them, the highest affection consists of being spiritually close to the other person, but for them this means that they can largely do without physical closeness and the associated signals of affection. The more a partner meets the Aquarius Ascendant with expectations and demands, the more the partner goes in the opposite direction, so that exactly the opposite of what the other expects from them always occurs. The natives punish their mother or father on behalf of their male or female partners who have blocked their access to their own emotional needs. They unconsciously torment their partners, who did not originally cause their inner drama, by letting their emotionally intrusive love run aground on their own coldness. These mechanisms do not necessarily take place on a concrete level, but are carried out intuitively, as they use their sensitive antennae to sense the expectations of others like a seismograph and behave in exactly the opposite way according to their pattern. On another level, their tendency to deviate from the norm can be expressed by entering into relationships with partners who come from completely different backgrounds.

come about. A scientist marries his cleaner, for example, or the daughter from an upper-class family gets involved with a breadwinning artist, much to the horror of the family clan.

In such cases, the considerable difference, which corresponds to the Uranian principle, can bring peace to Native life. The aforementioned paradoxical tensions are played out on a different level and the principle of contradiction is thus redeemed.

In their relationships, they often meet people who are completely in touch with their feelings and who are only interested in what really exists. Idealistic topics are of little importance to their partners, but they bring very mundane topics into the home. For those with an Aquarius ascendant, this results in considerable restrictions that lead to conflicts. The resulting emotional outbursts in the partnership then lead to the natives being reminded to pay more attention to their heart, not just their mind. Very often they withdraw in order to avoid the conflict. For other people, it makes a difference whether the partner actually participates in family life and is actually present or not. However, the closer and more binding their family obligations become, the more people with the Aquarius ascendant feel crushed by the situation and flee in order to be free again. However, this mystery cannot be comprehended by other people who are more stable in their nature. If the natives concerned are reproached in the situations described, this means that they have to learn to understand that it is necessary to respond to the needs and feelings of their partner, to at least listen to them, because emotions cannot be intellectualized away. Vehemently breaking off all communication and completely withdrawing from the loving person's environment out of frustration at the apparent lack of understanding is not the solution to existing conflicts, because they should also develop an understanding of human concerns in the sense of turning towards the world.

Sexuality is a difficult chapter for people with Aquarius Ascendant, as the sexual act is the highest form of attachment to the corporeal world. The lack of energetic charge in their extremities makes sexuality difficult for them. This symbolizes that Native people do not actually want to get involved with the world. This area is particularly difficult to realize with the people they love. A gap arises in their consciousness as they become too close to their partner through physical contact, which then leads to later rejection. This is why they enter into relationships outside of their love relationships with people they despise on a deeper level. With such partners, they live their physicality in a completely uninhibited way, as they would never really commit to them due to their unconsciously rejecting attitude. In the actual relationship, the physicality is pushed into the background so that they don't have to get involved in the concrete, which would then result in an imminent separation because their desire for commitment fades every time they get involved. As their traumatic childhood experiences mean that they cannot perceive someone close to them in their true identity, but only with their subjectively shaped everyday perspective, their partner only ever reflects their own narrow perspective. The urge to escape represents the unconscious rejection of possibly having to recognize that they have arrived in normal life. For the person with Aquarius Ascendant, however, this means that life only begins at such a point.

**Shadow themes:** People with an Aquarius ascendant encounter the archetype of Leo in the shadow area. In nature, Leo corresponds to the time of high summer and the blossoming, authentic, full life. In humans, Leo is the highest potency of subjectivity, which is released to the outside world at every moment. People with a Leo ascendant - as the polar opposite of the Aquarius ascendant - exude themselves into life and only evaluate everything in the world from their own perspective. It doesn't even occur to him that there could be other points of view and world views parallel to his own. In its constant need to dramatically externalize its personality, a Leo Ascendant remains completely unaffected in its unquestioned potency. It is precisely this part that people with an Aquarius ascendant encounter in the shadow area, because they have split it off from themselves. He always sees the subjective, unquestioning aspect in others, which only

revolves around his own ego needs and succumbs completely to the magic of the earthly world. At the same time, this part reminds him of how far he himself is from real life. The Aquarius Ascendant also remains untouched by every learning impulse that the outside world brings him, so that he is "blind" to many things that could teach him something essential. His shadow, which he perceives in other people as egocentric, introverted and unquestioning, signals to him that he is just as caught up in his objective genius as his opposite pole is in subjective worldly wrangling. He no longer receives any impulses from the world either, as he has no respect or appreciation for the common people. In his greatness, he has lost the ability to learn about real experiences that affect his person. But since genius sometimes only springs from his own conjecture, he is hopelessly trapped in his arrogance - even though his greatest need is to stand free and unbound above things. He sits in his ivory tower and the most important learning topics, which could have helped him grow, fizzle out unheard in the room. Nevertheless, he nods knowingly, and while he snorts contemptuously and raises his nose, his eyes wandering upwards, he mutes his ears. This basic attitude is also the driving force behind the bursting impulses and upheavals in his life, as only a greater authority outside the human lowlands can awaken him from his hubris. For if, for example, an angry Plutonian relentlessly investigates the topics that the know-it-all pretends to know, you will be astonished to discover that part of his knowledge is based on self-delusion and that he is actually quite clueless. Of course, people with an Aquarius ascendant are careful to put this into perspective. However, as he only sees life as an outsider, his shadow involved in life symbolizes how alien everything human and everyday is to him. It is only mentally possible for him to comprehend what the people in his shadow realm experience and feel with every fiber of their being. In situations in which he can perceive his inability, fear and rejection rise up in him at the same time. He encounters emotions in the world, for example, and only reacts to them with mental work and functional concepts of how to get rid of them again in order to restore that cool, contemplative state in the psyche. For every

He has a suitable means, a vivid explanation, a recipe at the ready to prevent him from falling into the danger of human consternation. But it is precisely in consternation that he would find his desired salvation, because at the threshold of emotion he finds that part where he can experience how much he strives with his concepts to escape the fear of feelings and sensations. He, the being far from the earth, is afraid of falling into the maelstrom of the devouring earthly swamp because of worldly contacts. Fearful, he rescues himself to the heights of his spiritual worlds and thus far away from a real chance of liberation.

Goal idea/higher insight: The Aquarius Ascendant has the *finality* Sagittarius in its birth pattern as a goal idea. The theme of Sagittarius as an image of insight and expansiveness leads the Aquarius Ascendant back into those areas that allow him to recognize and reconnect. Although natives often live with the awareness that they themselves embody the ability to recognize perfectly, this is a tragic deception with serious consequences for them. For in their claim to greatness and their sublime consciousness, they have blocked an essential access for themselves - namely that to the capacity for knowledge. In order to put a stop to their defensive attitude, which borders on autism, they should know that new knowledge can only find its way into people after an intensive emotional experience. In terms of the target idea, the task is to become insightful again and to listen to the warm voice of life. This mission is linked to the need to return to a certain point in life that they were no longer prepared to accept and with which they had already inwardly concluded. The mystery that arises is to free themselves from negative attitudes towards the human plane of existence; for their theme is to be at home both in the cosmos and on earth.

The learning task under the finality of Sagittarius is to recognize their own distance from life and their lack of relationships with other people. It is particularly important for them not to delude themselves in this area, because the more they are aware of their emotional need for detachment from subjective security, the sooner a relative calm can return to their lives in those processes that constantly throw them off track. tear themselves away. They should try to recognize that although they perceive the world as a polar element as profane and binding, this world also represents the only area that can clear the path to the goal of their inner longings. - To achieve this, they should try in their consciousness to discover the meaningfulness that they constantly want to impose on life in life itself in order to be able to encounter it again in a value-free way. Native people should learn to understand that it is important for their projections to collapse, even if these are painful experiences for them. The breakdowns are equivalent to a waking up in their lives so that they can recognize and accept the actual environment again. Such manifestations disempower the projections and a new quality of life emerges. Only confrontation can heal the old wounds that keep painfully reappearing in hidden form in so many areas of their lives.

The willingness to face up to the parts that scare them the most is something they should work on more and more in life. This is because by approaching the problems directly, they will take on a new significance. This requirement is akin to a therapeutic process, as the part that is assumed to be harmful also becomes a remedy. It is precisely the area of fear in which you believe you are losing yourself and your ego that becomes the part in which you find life again. Behind this painful experience, which the natives have to work their way through again and again, a new quality grows that deepens the intensity of their perception of life. Step by step, they have to expose themselves to the repressed pain of birth and the profane materiality again and again in order to gradually re-establish the reconnection. The target idea of Sagittarius very clearly describes the meaning that should result from the experience of the world. The constant relativization of all values experienced as a crisis is comparable to the symbolic content of the winter solstice, which lies at the end of the Sagittarius section of the year on 21 December. Here, too, the light returns in the darkest winter. For the Aquarius Ascendant, the experience of the world is similar to the darkest winter. He should know that all light is always born in darkness, which for him means facing the darkest winter. "world winter" so that the light can rise again within him.

## **The Ascendant of Pisces**

The sign of Pisces concludes the mundane zodiac as the last image. It is therefore the last station of the different areas of experience of the zodiac, and at the same time it ends the release phase of the subjectivity of the fourth quadrant. It is a watery feminine sign to which the quality of the planet Neptune is assigned. Pisces brings to a close the process of desubjectification that began in Capricorn and reached its climax in Aquarius. In the two previous signs of the zodiac, Capricorn and Aquarius, the individual was released from material bondage and judgmental fixations. Aquarius brings the paradoxical experience of being confronted with the opposite of all fixations or actions in order to become familiar with the relativity of things and human existence. The sign of Pisces also contains an experience that diminishes the attachment to subjectivity. However, in contrast to the Aquarian/Uranian polarity reversals, the process of release with the Piscean themes is gradual. Actions that emphatically strive for a concrete goal miss it and get lost in the background. In this way, every subjective desire is abandoned in favour of a state beyond all polarization. The Pisces image corresponds to the beyond, whose laws also show their effects in the earthly realm if a person has a resonance with this principle. This makes the Neptunian experience just as uncertain as the Uranian experience. The two differ in that the Uranian state, as it prevails in Aquarius, is tense and torn, whereas the Neptunian state, as in Pisces, is nebulous, waxy and vague. In Pisces, polarity and guilt, the basic components of the concrete world, dissolve. Since people have to make decisions in their polar world in order to lead their lives, the Neptunian experience of life is particularly difficult. This is because every decision binds the person more strongly to the polar world, as the one-sidedness that relates to worldly conditions contradicts the cosmic wholeness. The neptunian person is faced with the

The task is to find a way of living both within the laws of the world and in harmony with cosmic laws.

Awareness: People with a Pisces ascendant experience the course of life as creeping and tenacious, almost as if they were moving in slow motion under water. Their own need to act and make an impact on the outside does not find a concise form of expression, and above all it is in an unequal relationship to the harsh intensity of the demands they face on the outside. They experience this as a conflict between the inner subtle world and the harsh demands of the real world. For them, life seems to be a kind of intermediate realm in which it is not quite clear where they should actually be. On the one hand, they live in a world of inner images and dreams, which give them a high degree of security and where they feel most at home. On the other hand, however, life demands that they face up to external conditions, which very often reinforces the escape mechanism. This is also the greatest challenge that people with a Pisces ascendant face, because they have an inner serenity, so that they are not particularly affected by external glitz and glamor. Life seems stale and ghostly to them and they seem to have lost all interest in the things that make the whole world happy. Similar to the Capricorn Ascendants, they are to a high degree "tired of incarnation". Every movement that life demands of them seems as viscous as paste. They hardly develop any drive to follow the flow of life. They simply drift along like a raft without a crew.

The extent of this sliding attitude to life can be seen from the sign in which their Sun is placed. Since the sign of Pisces is the highest principle in the zodiac, natives receive the invitation with every assignment that arises from their natal Sun to turn once again to topics that have long since been left behind in their inner realms of experience. For people with a Pisces Ascendant, the mission in life - regardless of which natal Sun they have - becomes an almost unreasonable challenge to once again face areas that are already familiar to them. And yet they cannot avoid it

because the themes of life have a compelling need to bring them into contact with corresponding experiences.

From the birth and the state of having become polar again, those affected develop an uneasy feeling of having to return to the mundane world once more. Similar to the Aquarius Ascendant, they feel no real connection to the world and other people. People with a Pisces ascendant are always anxious about external events and feel the need to escape again. They feel uncomfortable in the company of others as they usually come across as crude and insensitive. In general, all worldly aspects make a very coarse and harsh impression on them, which is difficult to reconcile with the spherical sounds of their inner world. It is not that they feel superior to the world, like Aquarius ascendants. Rather, they do not feel equal to the world. They look at life with great weariness, and the world has to tempt them for a long time for them to step out of the shell of their mental snail shell. If you look at the symbolism of the birth myths of children with a Pisces ascendant, for example, you will recognize aspects of the birth process that run through their entire life as a disposition. Children with a Pisces ascendant often have to be brought into the world with outside help, i.e. by caesarean section or forceps delivery. Or they are still so weak after delivery that they are placed in an incubator in order to artificially maintain the necessary strength for later life. Sometimes they are separated from their mother and learn very early on that they cannot find the security they long for in the world. Neptunian children are often separated from their mother and from skin contact for a long time, and their first contacts with the world take place with a separating glass pane (Neptune).

The aversion to life later manifests itself in those affected in the form of feelings and moods that cannot be directly explained rationally in connection with events. In their behavior, this manifests itself in the fact that they are the classic deniers who immediately back down whenever you start to challenge them or address them specifically. Due to their high sensitivity, they perceive all kinds of vibrations and impulses in the world that the majority of humanity is unable to grasp due to a lack of subtlety, as they do not belong to the realm of the concrete. However, people with a Pisces ascendant perceive unspoken and mentally transmitted things just as well - or even better - than concrete statements. This is a very large inhibition threshold for him, because he must constantly compete with his perceptions and be able to go about his daily business as normal despite knowing about other people's unspoken dislikes. The psyche of a person with a Pisces ascendant is stretched between the poles of tension of the otherworldly and the worldly. In spirit, those affected are located in the other world, which is expressed in their inner being in chaotic boundlessness. In the material world, they are challenged to face up to the conditions that life throws at them despite their otherness. They are constantly in fear of losing control of their lives. This is because they feel very intensely the proximity of their inner abyss, which they are afraid to give space to as it could otherwise drag them down into the depths, which for them would be tantamount to plunging into a great chaos. So the most important protective mechanism for those affected is to close themselves off and not give the sensitive part a chance. This then unconsciously finds its way back in, as they have a strong response to the consumption of various drugs. Alcohol or other intoxicants are supposed to help let the world pass through a soft focus so that life seems bearable again for brief moments.

Similar to Aquarius ascendants, people with Pisces ascendants also find themselves in an outsider position. The world brings them nothing but an uninterrupted confrontation with an environment of boundless harshness. Born into an uncanny situation, they have nowhere to feel safe and at home. No matter where and no matter how many people surround them, they remain lonely because the others do not speak their language. In addition, they lack the ability to set boundaries. Every little impulse from the outside world reaches them completely unfiltered, thoughts or feelings, positive or negative. Once they are alone again, they often need days to regenerate internally from the "spiritual intruders". This distinguishes them from the Aquarius Ascendant, which is not affected by the outside world. People with a Pisces ascendant, on the other hand, are so strongly affected by it that they **find** it difficult to access their inner self.

to find their own needs and define them. This is because they take on the needs of people they have opened up to in the short term and believe they are their own. As all identification is dissolved in Pisces, those affected have difficulty finding themselves. You could easily say that natives find themselves in everything, but that sounds more grandiose than it feels for those affected. The attitude to life with a Pisces ascendant is characterized by the instinct to flee from the hardships and demands of the world, as those affected are forced out of their inner self with every external contact. They therefore shy away from encounters and in many situations long to escape from the world. They like to stay in the background and try not to cause a stir. To overcompensate for their inner subtlety, they protect themselves from being hurt by distancing themselves from other people. They argue and act with frightening coldness, but at the same time they are capable of the highest degree of emotion, which is the absolute opposite.

As natives feel lonely and abandoned in their basic mood, they face great fears that they may not be loved and accepted by others. They desire loving gestures and the affection of other people, but - as with many Neptunian themes - they have great fears in advance that they will be denied what they desire. They therefore meet others with such tense expectations that they immediately respond to minor signs of a lack of affection with harsh and incomprehensible rejections. To avoid being constantly disappointed, they withdraw more and more into themselves. Phases of loneliness pervade their lives, in which they drift through situations uprooted. Instead of facing up to the real world, they hide away in dream and fantasy worlds with no rough edges. Similar to people with Sagittarius ascendants, the owners of a Pisces ascendant also miss a lost, unnamable paradisiacal state that has nothing in common with the real world.

It is very difficult for them to function in everyday life. Time and again, they are in danger of failing to cope with the demands of the world and falling into disorderly chaos. It is only with great difficulty that they manage to get a grip on life's problems. In In many cases, those affected put considerable effort into protective behavior so that their true nature does not come to light. It is not uncommon for them to drive themselves into energetic bankruptcy. The more conscious natives with a Pisces ascendant face up to the misery of this world by choosing social and helping professions in order to approach their inner misery via the detour of the outside world. In this way, they are freed from their own misery at times, as they look openly into the eyes of the part they would otherwise not confront. In this variant, they look for very concrete fields of activity so as not to lose the ground beneath their feet. However, in this case, the tendency to withdraw and escape from everyday life with drugs or illness increases again. In many cases, they live out the loss of subjectivity in total self-overload at work or in other fields of activity. At times, the detachment from their own concerns is very intense, so that in moments of overwork they experience a state of numbness that prevents them from falling into mental chaos.

The rejection of the world and the feeling of not really knowing why and how they were born makes them take a wait-and-see approach to life. Others rarely succeed in persuading a person with a Pisces ascendant to make a concrete statement, as this would force them into a commitment. Their reactions are very undefined and they do not get to the point or withdraw at the last moment. This is then seen as unreliability or inconsistency in behavior. However, one should learn to understand that those affected are very unstructured in their innermost core and that any fixation and firmness causes them mental pain. The tendency not to express themselves truthfully also has its roots less in the intention to take advantage of other people or to deceive them; rather, people with a Pisces ascendant know exactly how quickly one can hurt others due to their sensitivity. Their sensitivity leads them to behave in ways that are misinterpreted by less sensitive people. As they are in a kind of limbo in life and are also very careful with their active outward impulses, it is often external circumstances that take on dimensions that push them in very specific directions. Because they have no claims to ownership

As they become more committed to life, many things simply fall into their hands without them having made any effort. For example, we hear how they are offered professional positions that carry them up the career ladder without any great momentum or commitment on their part, or they are asked to perform altruistic services, which then incidentally gives them a level of popularity that they don't actually like. Because the spotlight of the world is not their place. They prefer to stay in the background. They don't like to define themselves, preferring to let others classify them and put them in their place. Similar to Aquarius ascendants, they often set the course of their lives in completely different directions than they later actually take. In their lack of intention, they often experience a form of cosmic blessing that other people wish for in vain.

Due to their unlimited sensibility, they identify with the ideas and models of other people to such an extent that they believe them to be their own. To use an image: people with a Pisces ascendant are like a chameleon. The moment they enter a living space, they adapt to their surroundings in terms of color, not out of calculation, but rather because they lack the ability to distinguish themselves sufficiently from the outside world. At the moment of identification, they feel completely at one with the accepted environment, so much so that they are unable to decide whether the accepted habitat meets their own needs. In order to get to the bottom of this issue, they have to deal intensively with themselves, an undertaking that is difficult given their disposition and therefore often omitted. However, this avoidance creates a deep-seated insecurity in them that makes them react very sensitively to other people's behavior. Negative comments leave such a lasting impression on their psyche that they are barely able to conceal their distress and meet those around them with impartiality.

They are just as sensitive to moods emanating from other people; thoughts have the same value for them as the spoken word. For example, when they enter a room with people, they immediately sense whether they are being met with antipathy. If they encounter rejection, they leave as quickly as possible; they cannot stand a tense atmosphere. This also applies to large collective moods; they often feel intensely how the majority of people feel is subject to a wide range of emotional fluctuations. Their dreams are also filled with images and visions of catastrophes happening across the globe, which then give rise to feelings that are as real and intense as if they were affected themselves.

All of these perceptions are a very clear indication of how open and permeable Native people are internally. On a very deep level, they are one with everything, because the universal unity is reflected in them.

Childhood myth: People with a Pisces ascendant experience separation from their mother at a very early age. As newborns, they are often too weak to be viable without a long stay in an incubator. The separation from the mother caused by the hospital stay is a symbol for the theme of insecurity and at the same time their first worldly experience. Glass (Neptune) deprives the newborn of the physical contact, warmth and affection that it so urgently needs in the first days of its young life. Only a distant wave and a smile through the separating glass walls of the quarantine ward reach it. It is usually not a wanted child and is born in a phase in which the mother has to fight for her own safety. She herself does not know how to assert herself in life, she has no existential prospects or is in poor health herself. In many cases, it is only the father who wants a child in order to realize a subjective ambition. The mother becomes the vicarious agent of his desire to have a child and is simply at the mercy of the situation. The unborn child already senses the mother's aversion and develops no relationship with her from the outset. This lack of relationship between mother and child can be seen later, for example, when the offspring sits calmly on the lap of fifteen different people at a family celebration without once asking for the mother. The lack of a relationship with the person who could give them a sense of security continues later in life. The child is often neglected by the mother, who perceives it as a nuisance or a burden, and it receives neither exuberant love nor physical closeness. Many children with a Pisces ascendant grow up as latchkey children, the mother is employed or withdraws through illness, alcoholism or drugs. Since the child

If it is not possible to define itself through its environment, it becomes very sensitive and insecure. They do not expect any support from other people. At the same time, they long for recognition, which could give them the energy they need to master life. If the child grows up in regular circumstances, it develops a special affection for one parent. It then loves either the father or the mother idolatrously. However, as the parental relationship represents a fixed framework, the child feels like an intruder and a fifth wheel on the wagon. It longingly mourns the unrequited love of one parent, as this does not belong to it alone.

Longing plays a prominent role in the life of a person with a Pisces ascendant. They transpose the intensity of feeling that natives can perceive onto people with whom they are denied contact. This longing, which is tied to a specific person, is nourished by the desire to merge with the whole again in order to dissolve the small individuality. Triggers for such ambiguous longings are, for example, separation situations that create homesickness, as in the case of children in institutions, who develop a sense of security in the collective rather than in a small individual family setting. From their childhood experiences of loneliness and loss, natives try to avoid emotions and distress by distancing themselves. They create a safety net to prevent disappointment. They do not even allow other people to approach them and ignore even their most intense feelings. They let reality bounce off their need to experience the supernatural. As a result, their basic mood is often one of detached resignation, often combined with intensive consumption of alcohol or drugs or an escape into religious themes. As they hardly know their own needs, it is extremely difficult for them to find their direction in life. Contact with topics related to the search for meaning often helps them, as they gain a completely different understanding of their difficulties with worldly contexts through intensive engagement with metaphysical topics.

**Partnership myth:** Within their partnerships, people with a Pisces Ascendant find themselves in a similar conflict between presence and non-presence as the Aquarius Ascendant. For the natives

It is difficult for children to tolerate the constant presence of another person. Although they long for closeness and security, if the demands placed on them are very high and intense, they gradually begin to withdraw. The more unconscious they are of this tendency, the stronger the detaching aspects will be. Very often they withdraw through illness, both short-term illness, which they use to avoid acute stress, and longer-term, chronic illness, which they can refer to if necessary and which allows them to fade into the background for a longer period of time. People with a Pisces ascendant have a general sensitivity and therefore also a latent tendency to hypochondria. Their illnesses bind them to their partner, but at the same time give them the legitimacy to keep them at a distance.

Another way of limiting private contacts to a level that is conducive to them is a strong professional tension that leaves them little room for the concerns of a partnership. Native people use the aspect of longing to create enough space for themselves so that they don't have to become concrete: they fall in love with people who are far away from them or who are already committed to another relationship. The adverse circumstances allow them to linger in their longing pining for the loved one. Unconsciously, they create a situation in which hardly any demands are placed on them. This is why they always break away from their dream partner when this becomes binding for them, even if they have struggled for years to finally come together.

Their feelings for the other are for a dream figure, not so much for the real person. Basically, they fall in love with the archetypal image for which the other individual is only the carrier. This means that even the closest relationships in their lives remain impersonal in a certain sense. In long-term relationships between two people, they are physically present but lead a completely different life inside. Like sleepwalkers, they move through the rooms of their

"At home" and yet live in their own world. They often hold on to the relationship due to a lack of self-confidence, even though they would like to break away from their partner. In many cases, they simply subordinate themselves and remain in a kind of love-hate relationship with their partner, as they can neither live with nor without them. The more strongly they are attached, the more they long for

for their ideal love, whom they then pine after, usually out of reach in their environment.

Sexuality is also a topic for the Pisces Ascendant which, comparable to the Aquarius Ascendant, is difficult to realize in concrete terms. For people with a Pisces ascendant, the area of sexuality shifts to a subtle level of fantasy. The more physically demanding the partner of a person with a Pisces ascendant is, the more they feel cornered and all joy and impartiality disappears from this area. The natives therefore try to withdraw from sexuality. Unconsciously, they have the feeling that the more they enter the dimension of sexuality, the more they bind themselves to the world. This then leads to them losing interest in sexuality in existing relationships over time, the drive level drops to a low level and the area seems to have disappeared from their lives, except for the moments when they are reminded of it by their partner or the world. Just as they have hardly any contact with their own body and do not feel it - which is why they overexploit it - they place the subject of physicality and sensuality more in the realm of fantasy so that they can escape the harsh reality.

**Shadow themes:** People with a Pisces ascendant encounter the archetypal image of Virgo in the shadow. In the period of nature, Virgo is the time of harvesting and securing, as in the times when there was no high technology, people had to make sure they had enough supplies to get through the coming winter. In this sign, people as individuals are called upon to adapt to the conditions that the world throws at them. People with a Virgo Ascendant form the polar opposite of the Pisces Ascendant, they are highly interested in real and concrete life issues. They try to gain a great deal of security from the manifest level so that they do not plunge into the chaos of uncertainty. Anything that cannot be defined and explained causes them immense anxiety and they then believe they are losing their footing. The person with a Pisces ascendant encounters the shadow area, symbolized by the

image of Virgo, the theme of securing and adapting to the conditions of the world, since he himself is contourless.

For him, life itself becomes a shadow, as his inner state resembles an otherworldly state. All fields of activity can now be used for this purpose, because natives feel robbed of their inner state of suspension by every worldly subject. The shadow gives back to the person with the Pisces ascendant the part that forces him to adapt. Through the experience with his shadow, he learns to recognize that his sensitivity and subtlety can only fully unfold when he cultivates intensive contact with the gross material world. On a higher level, he serves as a carrier of a Neptunian current that can express itself through him. This mediating function is comparable with certain laws that can also be found in the field of mysticism. Genuine mysticism can only flourish on the ground of reality, because without reality and a concrete connection to the world, the mystic falls into delusion, as he loses the ground of reality necessary for his work. The mystic must learn to embody the strength of his inner space on the basis of the material.

The same applies to people with a Pisces ascendant if they are repeatedly invited by the world to take an active part in living events. Life is signaling to him that he should not withdraw into his inner spaces or into chaos, but that his healing consists of reconnecting with those areas that he believes he cannot bear. It is in service (Virgo) to others that a spectrum begins to open up in him that lies far beyond the notion of the subjective. If he is prepared to carry out charitable activities, he begins to sense a vastness within himself that conveys dimensions that were previously closed to him.

Natives with a Pisces ascendant are mediators and carriers of content between the cosmos and the material world. For this reason, they are usually defined from a higher level in directions whose meaningfulness is hidden from them. If one chooses a comparison from ritualism, then the Neptunian human being is beamed from a higher authority. He is required to be present in the spheres of activity that present themselves, like a priest in office whose The most important function of the priest is to mediate between above and below. However, this mediating function can only really take place if the priest withdraws with his personal concerns and - as symbolized by his gown - disappears completely as a persona under his ritual dress.

A similar request is made to the person with a Pisces ascendant. He should be selflessly present on certain levels, allow himself to be addressed by the world and fulfill his subtle assignments. Sometimes he is not even aware of these assignments, he is just in the right place at the right time, and as incredible as it may seem, sometimes his mere presence is enough for changes to take place in other people. Wherever he is present, themes and qualities begin to express themselves through him on a non-verbal level, which do not necessarily have to be related to the superficial actions. This could be, for example, working as a make-up artist in the theater. As a functional mission of the world, the theme is to change other people in their external appearance. On a more subtle level, however, all experiences and potentials already lived through are transferred to other people on a nonverbal level due to the external rational agreement of the worldly structure during work. Of course, this transfer also takes place in any other activity, for example in communication or in the service sector. The key point of this mechanism, which should not be underestimated, is that the Pisces Ascendant meets others on an "alibi level". Through their willingness to accept a service from the native, other people open up to him and the mechanism described occurs.

In terms of their field of activity, people with a Pisces Ascendant should be prepared to selflessly follow the call of life - no matter in which direction. Then a supernatural mystery opens up to them, where they can experience how it is possible to grow beyond themselves. For those who are in complete agreement with the way their world takes shape and who respond to life on the basis of their actions live fully within Neptunian law and thus create a basis on which vitality can form in its authenticity. This is the turning point for the natives, at which processes of detachment begin to transform into processes of growth. All fears arising from the rejection of new things disappear and agreement returns, as there is already sufficient resolution in the sense of the Neptune theme in the detachment from one's own subjectivity. The person with a Pisces ascendant should learn again to see meaningfulness in the outside world so that their life is given content again. In the sense of his pattern, he lives particularly coherently when he allows himself to be addressed by the world and its demands again without withdrawing. This gives him back the healing power that he struggles for in many situations in his life, as he believes he is not up to the task. If he defies his need to withdraw, he is able to witness unexpected growth. To do this, it is necessary to overcome assumptions and illusory fears so that he can clear the way for flowing forces beyond the material threshold, for which he forms a bridge so that they can enter into correspondence with the world through him.

**Goal ideals/higher insight:** The Pisces Ascendant has the Sagittarius finality in its birth pattern, which also points to the need to reconnect with life. However, unlike the Aquarius Ascendant with Sagittarius *finality, it* is not primarily about the call to regain the ability to recognize, but to see meaning in life again. The Pisces Ascendant is by no means as detached and ignorant about life as the Aquarius Ascendant; rather, natives lack a sense of purpose in life because they are too open to external stimuli and therefore have no contours of their own. They feel at home in their inner worlds, where they can gain access to areas that are much easier and more paradisiacal than they encounter on the concrete level. The knowledge of lighter and more beautiful realms outside the material world therefore allows them to remain in a static inner state of suspension, which they do not like to leave. But it is precisely this lack of drive that they should overcome. Despite the knowledge of the heaviness of the outer world, they incarnate on this level in order to act on it.

Because in terms of the necessity of life, it is not about how Native people experience life and the perceptions and experiences associated with it. feelings, but primarily about the service they render to the collective through their worldly presence.

People with a Pisces ascendant should realize, in the sense of a higher insight, that they are concretely and physically present on this plane, but not to the extent that is necessary for the required experiences. They should learn to see that it is their endeavor to withdraw from the concrete, which has an aggravating effect on their attitude to life and only leads to the experience of the world becoming more and more overwhelming and concrete. The Neptunian mechanism for the Pisces Ascendant works in exactly the opposite direction, because the more inner freedom they want to claim, the more pressure situations arise, and the more they voluntarily confront the concrete with its difficult demands, the more the course of life becomes easier and more fluid on many levels.

As a result, Sagittarius symbolizes the resumption of the search for meaning in life with the task of freeing oneself from one-sided, possibly idealistic fantasies or vague dream images in order to rediscover the aspect of wholeness in the world. The inner fear and the tense excitement that natives feel in the most diverse situations in life are part of their lives and resemble the motor of a very special quality, because forces, energies and experiences are mediated through natives with the ascendant of Pisces.

The anxious tension that arises in interaction with other people is to be seen as a signal from their own ego parts, which always come forward when they are faced with situations in which a spiritual force wants to express itself through them. This mechanism can be compared to speakers or actors who suffer from great stage fright before their performances, which immediately disappears at the moment of the performance and gives way to a state in which those who were previously still anxious rise above themselves. This mechanism also applies to people with the ascendant of Pisces, because they are able to surpass themselves in the same way when they understand that the key to this mystery lies hidden in their presence, namely where they face up to life and its demands. The perceived fear arises only from the call of the soul with its subjective personality parts, which send signals when they are repressed by the super-personal part - that unknown force that only can enter into a connection with the environment via the Neptunian people. One could compare the temporary fear with the noise of a car engine, which is always perceptible when the vehicle is started and thus ready to drive. The noise increases as a side effect with the increasing power development of the engine. In the same way, the inner restlessness and anxious tension of the natives signal the existing power current that wants to continue to unfold.

If you look at this aspect of life in conjunction with the finality of Sagittarius, this means that Pisces ascendants are bridge builders to other levels, but the bridge only becomes usable when they themselves clear the way. Fear or inner restlessness should be interpreted by them as a signal to face up to external demands, especially when they are present. If they give in to the urge to retreat in such situations, the force flowing over them is transformed into a dissolving energy which, as it was unable to have the appropriate effect, is directed against the natives themselves and exposes them to a stream of dissolution that makes them ever more outlined and lethargic.

If Native people are prepared to see the aspect of cosmic wholeness in the world, if they are aware that paradise on earth cannot be created on the outside, but that through their presence a small reflection of what they feel can enter the lives and souls of other people - then they are able to make peace with the world and its manifestations. Then they realize that they themselves can contribute to the outer work of construction, so that what they feel inside can also enter the souls of others.

# Part II

## The twelve natal suns as a mission in life

Nature symbolism - mission - symbolic levels symptoms - integration

### Finding your mission in life

After the phase of becoming conscious, which results from the confrontation with the investment potential of the overall pattern through to the target idea, the path is now clear to turn to the sun's mission. This can be read in the horoscope from the position of the sun in the corresponding sign of the zodiac. The sun is a very important building block in the human pattern; it is the symbolic central figure in the horoscope that can be regarded as the central theme. Its position in the specific signs of the zodiac describes the theme that wants to unfold in a person's life. If the themes associated with the position of the sun are placed in relation to the investment potential, this results in a deep meaningfulness. The sun's mission is the central part of the birth pattern that a person should realize in their life. On the one hand, it wants to be embodied outwardly in all actions and activities; on the other hand, it wants to be integrated into the person's consciousness with its thematic content, as it corresponds to the essential component that the person is missing. The way in which the learning themes resulting from the sun's mission are internalized can be compared to the natural course of the sun. After it rises, it rises further and further into the visibility of the day until it tends towards setting in the evening. It is the same with the learning themes that appear quite manifestly in outer life at a young age until they are internalized by the person at an advanced age.

The Sun in the horoscope is the necessary complement to the Ascendant and makes it clear which theme would like to receive special attention on the path of individuation. On the path, it is the part whose learning content represents the key to the entire birth pattern. Implementing and turning to the corresponding solar themes opens up all other areas of the person's pattern on the path, leading to the realization of finality.

When a person turns to his solar theme, he brings his entire pattern to "life" - because the sun as the central star in the

All is the giver of all life energy. If a person raises the learning themes associated with the position of the sun in their pattern to the center of their conscious approach in life, the course of their life begins to take a constructive shape as they give their consciousness a direction of orientation.

This can also be derived from other levels in the sense of the hermetic world view. All models that can be described as a living organism have a center around which everything revolves. For example, in the concrete world, the sun is the center of the universe, because all the planets, including the moon and the earth, revolve around it. It emits its rays, which contribute to the development of life in the universe. In the same way, the heart is the center and giver of life in the human organism, it regulates the blood circulation and thus keeps the body alive. The cell has a nucleus, which is its center and at the same time the carrier of the genetic material that will develop in the course of growth. The atomic model has a center around which the energy revolves. In earlier cultures, in which not only a functional life was led, but which still had the necessary acceptance for the forces behind physical reality, religion was the central focus of life. It was given absolute priority over everyday life. This was documented by the fact that temples and later churches were always built in the center of every settlement. It was known at the time that every intensive focus on a central theme led to a process of growth that gave life contour, because the focus in consciousness and the resulting resonance meant that the constructive energies of the cosmos took on a specific direction.

On a person's personal path of individuation, the sun theme is precisely the part to which special attention should be paid. Life makes use of various possibilities that extend to the form of suffering in order to compel attention. With astrosophy it is possible to consciously recognize the solar theme and thus be able to redeem it. The following chapters lead us into the themes that present themselves to us as a task under the respective position of the sun. Using the hidden language of destiny, they illuminate the necessity that arises from the respective life mission. results. This is done in order to gain a secure understanding of one's own birth theme, because the descriptions illuminate different analogous levels of life on which it is possible to see the same learning content, which leads to a deeper understanding of one's own pattern and life mission. In addition, recognizing the same themes on other levels provides a sense of security, as the content of one's own mission is confirmed there. The analogous observation of seasonal events, the stages of a person's life, traditional religious myths and worldly laws make it possible to see the themes from the assignments confirmed. The more you discover their similarity to your own mission, the more your understanding of it grows. One's own understanding, which arises from the multitude of analogous levels, allows deep knowledge to penetrate, precisely because it thus becomes one's own, since one has recognized it for oneself. In this way, dogmas are transformed into one's own experience and thus become an indelible part of the human being.

The following descriptions of the sun assignments first lead into the nature myth, which can be used to recognize the learning themes associated with it. Every human being is born into a certain period of time, the external symbolism of which describes a spiritual necessity that becomes apparent on the outside if you look at it from this point of view. The contents of the sun mission are derived from the nature myth as well as the respective meaningfulness behind the twelve missions.

To deepen the meaning of the assignment, the comparative symbol levels create further opportunities to view content from the pattern on a different level. This is followed by the descriptions of the symptom level, on which the themes emerge in the form of suffering, so that the hidden meaning can be recognized in addressing what has been suffered. From the lack of willingness and ignorance to fulfill the life mission, symptom manifestations develop in the course of life, which, from the analogous perspective of the sun theme, put back into the person's life exactly what is missing in his consciousness or what he is not willing to live voluntarily.

The final part of the contemplative integration rounds off the necessity of the sun mission and makes it possible for each

to get in touch with the corresponding contents of the sun assignments on a deeper level beyond the rational mind.

### The Midder sun order

The zodiac begins with the archetype of Aries. Every year, the sun passes through the sign of Aries from March 21 to April 20. Aries is a fiery male archetype whose content corresponds to the Martian energies. It is the beginning of spring, in the northern hemisphere nature awakens from its winter sleep - the new year begins.

**Natural symbolism: At the** point of the equinox in spring, the sun crosses the celestial equator with its ecliptical maximum orbit in the northern latitudes. From this point onwards, the daytime forces increase and the nighttime forces are increasingly displaced. What takes place in this period from March 21 corresponds to the symbolism of the content present in the Aries principle. The act of birth in nature is a process of unprecedented concentration of forces. If the birth processes in nature were given a voice, then a tremendous Martian "I WILL" cry would resound, expressing the effort of the forces of nature to fight their way into form.

The new life must gather all its strength in all areas, be it in the natural kingdom, in the animal kingdom or on the human level, for this one process, namely to enter into visibility, into life. This ruthless battle of "I" assertion into visibility knows only one law: "LIFE"! If necessary, it will walk over dead bodies, so that the old must die so that the new can live. The plant shoots break out of their bud sheaths, nature begins to turn green with increasing speed. If you observe the seedlings in the earth, which are able to pierce the asphalt and lift stones a thousand times the weight of the tiny plants, you can sense the immense forces at work in the sign of Aries. The cosmic life energy returns to nature during this period, which becomes clear through the beginning growth processes. This brings about a special mystery, as energy seemed to be absent during the previous winter. Suddenly

During this period, people are also more energetic and optimistic than in the melancholy, depressive months before the beginning of spring, which correspond to the otherworldly realms. In the zodiac, the sign of Pisces and the sign of Aries are directly consecutive. Pisces completes the zodiac, symbolizing the invisible cosmic principle, which is referred to as reality because it works from the numinous into the real (matter). The invisible and the visible, the end and the beginning or the hereafter and this world are therefore directly related. If one were to attempt to describe the process of creation, the cosmic energy is lost in the concrete at the same moment of the new beginning in which matter absorbs the spirit. The cosmic origin is lost with the incorporation into matter, a process that Plato described as "the death of the divine spirit into matter", as the previously all-encompassing spirit moves into the grave of transient matter. There it now begins to work. Although it is completely freed from its origin, the spirit energy drives manifestations in the material world that are ultimately an imprint of the cosmic whole. If you look at the processes in nature from an otherworldly perspective, they are a complete rebirth, the old state of unity is abolished, polar life begins. What does polarity mean? Polarity exists from a bipolarity, the splitting of a unified theme which, separated by a discord, becomes perceptible and thus distinguishable. On a concrete level, this means that a harmonious state that is in unison or harmony is suspended and is in discord. However, this also means that the process of regeneration resembles a battle-like state that eliminates any previous stagnation. Martian energy is always combative, it sets impulses to transform the stagnant into the living. In astrosophy, Mars represents the aggressive primal principle on a personal level, which symbolizes the assertive and combative instincts of the "I". Mars is the enemy of all blockages and inhibitions. Enterprising, combative, risk-taking and sexual drive are its characteristics. He always takes a direct approach to obstacles. If things don't go fast enough, the obstacles are cleared out of the way with brute force. The thought and reflection processes only switch on after the deed has been done. The principle lives from the impatient

tension of the moment and splits the unity of cosmic harmony into the parts where strife and discord reign. Analogous symbolic representatives of the Aries principle are, for example:

The fighter, the conqueror, war, the man of will, war and nomadic peoples, military and police dictatorships, chivalry, combativeness, irascibility, strength, courage, head; teeth, nails, penis, blood, drive, inflammation, pain, passion, willpower, dynamism, struggle, impulsiveness, stubbornness, enthusiasm, ingenuity, rivalry, aggression, the color red, injuries, etc.

If one detaches oneself from the negative stimulus images of the Mars principle and the Aries theme and looks at the contents associated with it from a value-free perspective, one recognizes from its specific characteristics that on the one hand it is a very lively, but on the other hand also a destructive principle whose aim is to create something new. It is only human values that have led to Mars being seen only as a destructive aspect and not as a creative force. For with the destruction of an old state, a new state begins at the same time.

The mission: The mission of rebirth raises the question of why a person is born in the Martian spring period. It is important for natives to find out what the missing aspects are in their soul grid that make it necessary to connect them with the mission of Aries. The period into which one is born gives the person exactly what is missing in the germ as soul potency; in the case of the Aries-Sun mandate, this is primarily the quality of spontaneous impulsive forces that are located outside any level of imagination. The birth mission is to grow into the dynamics of a new beginning, to face the struggle of life, to set impulses and, above all, to become aware of the spiritual necessity of the birth theme with all consciousness. Aries means, just as the myth of nature describes, to assert oneself and to seize the necessary space at any moment in order to assert oneself with the essential concerns. It is a combative principle that lives from the impulse to mobilize one's own ego forces in order to use them solely for self-assertion. To this end, it is important to face life with the

The courage and a certain amount of aggressive willingness required to assert oneself in potentially competitive situations. This also requires the willingness to experience conflict situations in which you feel rejected by others because you have asserted yourself too much. This is a very important experience that natives absolutely must have! Aries is the first impulse into the material form, which means analogously for the person with the sun order Aries that he must also learn to constantly fight for new spaces. He is challenged to conquer new territory in life, to leave the harmony of secure, traditional conditions in order to conquer unknown terrain like a conqueror. Behind every act of new development there is always the uncertainty and insecurity of what will emerge from the situation that has begun. When entering new territory, there is no experience, as this has yet to be gained. However, this is particularly important with the Aries mission, as this principle is one of the missing building blocks in the pattern of people born in this period. With their mission, natives learn to go beyond their fears again and again with the willingness to make experiences beyond all empirical values. If one investigates which soul potential makes such a mission necessary, then it is often people who are particularly bound by imagination and who lack the willingness to deal spontaneously with topics or areas of experience. Native people lack the corresponding liveliness, which is why their birth mission is:

#### "Become alive again - learn to become new again and again in your life!"

The lack of liveliness also suggests that they are already very far removed from the world in terms of their basic disposition, so that there is a deep aversion to life, as is particularly the case with people with Aquarius or Pisces ascendants, for example. For natives with such an investment potential, the solar mission of Aries is particularly far removed from the original investment, so that the process of re-engaging with the world has a tiring effect on those affected. In such cases, people are given nothing, and they have to put a great deal of effort into every little thing in life. From the point of view of astrosophy, the cognitive steps on the subject of the sun's mission are of the utmost importance, because the learning mission was chosen by the soul itself. This spiritual

"Commitment" is binding and demands fulfillment after embodiment. In relation to the archetype Aries, the fulfillment applies to a highly dynamic potential striving into life, which urges to become concrete. In order to understand the content of the mission, it is helpful to look at illustrative representations of the theme of the solar mission of Aries on other levels.

**Comparative symbol level:** Particularly striking are the expenditures of energy comparable to combat situations, which are necessary in the Aries order for the phases of any new beginning or an assertion process. If we look at other events that correspond to the Mars theme of Aries, this need to fight becomes particularly clear. The pain caused by a Martian situation, whether it is directly felt physically or emotionally, is comparable to the pain of childbirth, which is also a Martian act to the highest degree.

In life, too, phases of new beginnings are often associated with pain, on the one hand because of the loss of the old state, but also because of the conflicts that arise in the struggle to assert oneself. At birth, the newborn baby pierces the amniotic sac to the mother's cries of pain and sees the light of day on this battlefield, screaming and smeared with blood. This myth can be used as a symbolic comparison for all processes associated with the Aries theme. Of course, this procedure is very painful for both the mother and the child, for the mother because she is exposed to a concrete physical ordeal and for the child because it has to leave the security of the womb; but this process gives rise to very concrete life. This fact should always be kept in mind when thinking about the meaning of Aries' solar mission. With the birth, mother and child experience a new beginning: the woman giving birth in her new role as mother and the newborn on the new level of the polar world. The first The situation, which they perceive as painful, quickly changes and a bond develops between them that will last a lifetime.

The birth process is a great feat of strength, with the newborn having to fight its way out through the muscle bands of the womb. The head is the first part that becomes visible at the birth of a child, so the head is also the part of the body that is assigned to the Aries principle. This is why it is also popularly said that "someone wanted to get their head through" or "she had to put her head through the wall again". These sayings describe very clearly what the mood is like inside the person with Aries' solar mission. It is particularly important for him to find adequate forms of expression and not to repress his impulses.

The *developmental stages of a human life*, which are divided into very specific stages, can be compared to the correspondences of the zodiacal themes. If we divide the stages of human growth into twelve cycles (number of zodiac signs), each lasting seven years (seven corresponds to the number of creation - the week has seven days, in ancient times seven classical primal principles were known), the same content can be recognized in these twelve sections of seven years as can be found in the moods of the twelve months of the year. The stage of life from the first to the seventh year corresponds to the Aries principle, from the seventh to the fourteenth to the Taurus principle, from the fourteenth to the stages of life, you will discover very similar characteristics that are also contained in the zodiac pictures.

In the period from the first to the seventh year of life, which corresponds to the theme of Aries, the nature of a child is still quite blunt and honest, analogous to the theme of Aries. It is not yet shaped by neurotic rules of behavior and shows Martian characteristics through its spontaneous openness and directness, which the person with the Aries mandate should discover and develop within themselves. At the same moment of the new beginning with birth, in which the flesh is clothed around the self, the self forgets its cosmic origin in the connection with the body. Through this "dying into matter" described by Plato, the spirit loses both cosmic and earthly knowledge. Since the being is released from all experience, it feels The child sees itself as the center of the whole world, with all its aspirations directed towards itself. At this stage, the child begins the phase of ego development, which is also of great importance in the Aries mission.

The child desires the whole world and expresses this by wanting to take in everything it can get its hands on. If you don't give the child the attention it needs and take no notice of it, it screams and demands that its entire environment serve it. Even if it doesn't get what it wants straight away, it rebels and expresses its entire personality in irrepressible outbursts of rage and terror. In this way, it rules its environment as a ruthless tyrant, without even realizing it. Its only slogan of existence is: ME, ME, ME! IT lives in a completely self-centered state of perception and knows no other laws than self-assertion. This unconditional self-assertion is its right, and this is also the secret law of all life in its first phase, which bears the name Aries.

Aries and Libra form an axis in the zodiac, and so the themes associated with the zodiacal pictures are mutually dependent, such as conflict and love, pain and harmony, repulsion and attraction, division and connection. Love is rooted in this constant paradoxical process of struggle and harmony - and new life arises from it! Those who love must also be able to endure pain at the same time. The symbol of the sexual act shows how close pain and harmony are to each other; human life also emerges from it. People with the Aries Sun lack the concrete dynamism that is particularly found in people with the Aries Ascendant.

People with the Aries ascendant always have the most respect for those who stand up to them and fight with them. The film industry expresses this Aries myth in its action films, which often depict friendships born out of fights. Such depictions are often incomprehensible to people with the solar mission of Aries. For example, in a movie, two heroes have been beating each other's heads in for hours and are lying on the ground covered in blood, when suddenly one of them pulls himself together and helps the other to his feet. Both fall into each other's arms, laughing, and the foundations of a long friendship are laid. The majority of people feel threatened by situations in which the world forces them to make a new start. Every war, for example, destroys conditions of unity and security. But even if you cannot see it at first glance due to the suffering and all the bestial experiences associated with it, war creates new situations by destroying outdated structures and allowing life to regroup. Blood, which is also assigned to the Aries principle, is the carrier of all bodily vital functions and is referred to as the sap of life. Thus, from a superordinate, non-subjective perspective, all Martian processes are those situations that create vitality. Because static states are not alive. In the sense of the Mars principle, they seem like infirmity and cry out for change, i.e. for life.

The human need for harmony and peace is completely normal and understandable, but at the same time it is always an unconscious expression of not wanting to change. The claim to an unmoved life reduces the forces to a minimum of willingness to act, because those who do not act need not fear reactions, they are spared the possible consequences. But it is precisely the natives with the Sun's mission Aries who are supposed to deal with the consequences of their actions. They are far too far removed from the world and unconsciously want to dwell in the innocent state of unity that they bring with them from their constitution.

The exaggerated refusal to perform all actions that

"(the concept of guilt is not to be understood in the human moral sense, but rather as becoming entangled in the world again through actions of any kind and thus binding oneself to it), as consequences - including worldly ties arise from them, can be found in Far Eastern culture, for example, in the "sage" who no longer wants to walk. The Indian sadhus want to avoid karmic responsibility in this way by avoiding killing other beings with their foot, which would further bind them to matter in the sense of balance. A somewhat less extreme form is expressed by the vegetarian, who refuses to kill animals in order to eat them. If you ask a vegetarian more precisely where his or her specific rejection of meat comes from, the frequent answer is that it is mainly the blood that is perceived as disgusting, and if you ever eat a piece of meat outside the habit, then it must be fish or at least completely white meat, as is found in poultry. The blood, which is so strongly rejected, corresponds to the Mars principle and naturally has something directly to do with the deed, i.e. with slaughtering and killing. If you look at the symbolism, the vegetarian's rejection conceals the fear of becoming guilty in life, i.e. the fear of active action, since slaughter has something to do with concrete guilt. He wants to re-establish the state of unity in the world, but this is never possible, because the world itself is a form of existence that draws its tension from polar discord. But it is precisely the deed and the action that are necessary if one wants to consciously and responsibly follow a path of individuation. It is necessary to fully confront the guilt that arises from every action. This refers to the guilt that arises automatically, as a person can only ever decide in favor of one thing.

Every decision always leads to consequences that make new actions necessary. The result is the need for a greater willingness to take responsibility for one's own destiny, because one then readily reaps the fruits one has sown. When you reach this point, you refrain from blaming other people, fate or circumstances. This means that you become an adult, as you begin to take responsibility for the consequences with your ego. The necessity for intensive ego development arises from Aries' solar mission. The natives should develop precisely that quality which makes it possible to grow into life in order to assert themselves there in their humanity.

This humanity requires us to first accept our "I-ness" and to delineate and defend it against the "suchness" of the masses. Only through this confrontation with the outside can one's own development be achieved. For the individual, this naturally means constant struggle. This necessity to fight for something can only be regretted by those who do not understand that the path of individuation is a path that always begins with the individual's detachment from the inert mass of humanity. The masses naturally perceive every individual self-assertion by a person as a violation of their paradisiacal state. This applies to every grouping with its corresponding intention. The

Guilt is therefore always the pledge for freedom, for the path back from the illusory paradise of earth to the unity of the greater whole. This path back is paved with the struggles for one's own lost contents of consciousness, which are not experienced within oneself, but on the outside.

**Symptomatology:** If the affected person does not succeed in implementing or becoming aware of the principles described above, the issues are clothed in their unredeemed forms, which means that they are experienced by the person as being at the mercy of painful situations. By protesting against the conflict between themselves and the world, people turn against themselves. For man and

"Fight" are one. Even in his most peaceful form, man compensates for his outwardly repressed aggressive claim to territory and power by asserting his ego. The "wise man", who no longer wants to walk, even manages to gain the admiration of the common folk for his unique enlightenments, while several porters hustle for him every day and get him what he needs to live. Or the "peaceful" vegetarian keeps the crew of an entire restaurant on their toes with his loud indignation because there is a piece of bacon in his bread dumpling. Anyone who is able to discover the same tenor of open aggression in this subtle ego claim can try to discover the creative power in the honest and open aspects of fighting, which invites you to conquer your own path and reach insight through action, so that you can then say with Heraclitus: "Strife is the father of all things."

So wherever the person with the Aries mandate represses his innermost dispositions, he will be confronted with struggle and conflict in his life. Or he himself will always be the cause of strife and quarrels in his environment. He often does not even realize that his words or actions contribute to discord in many situations, and he is deeply surprised when the destruction he causes in contact with others is pointed out to him. If he has no access to his emotional urge to realize his mission, he symbolically hands over his potential for aggression to his body. The body then wages wars "completely free of value" by reacting with allergies. The body takes over the aggression and now rebels against all substances that no longer suit it.

The less conflicts are accepted, the closer they get to people until they can no longer escape them. Now, whether they like it or not, people have to live with the issue of conflict in close proximity. The course of illness resulting from the repression of elementary needs takes on extreme forms under the Aries mandate. A distinction must be made between symptoms that express themselves on a psychological level and those that express themselves on a physical level.

Inflammatory events are at the forefront of the theme, as the Martian component of the Aries order transforms unlived energy and enforcement into inflammatory processes. These can be kidney, bladder or urethral inflammations in particular, which symbolize the unlived passion or aggression in the encounter or relationship. Acne or bloody scabby rashes indicate a dynamic that finds no expression and moves with the inflammation across the skin into visibility. Herpes infections show a similar process to acne, and with the skin changes of the herpes blisters and the subsequent bloody crusts, the underlying passion usually enters into visibility via the lips (Venus = sensuality). This is because the Aries theme is a strongly passionate, sexually oriented principle that demands redemption.

The deeper the energy is buried, the more it also takes place in the dark on a physical level. The intestine is assigned to the realm of the unconscious, as important physical processes take place in the dark. Intestinal inflammation symbolizes a smouldering conflict in the unconscious. Such inflammatory processes often become chronic or change into an aggressive cancer after many years of manifestation. The dangerous thing in such cases is that the natives do not perceive the energies associated with the assignment and these are directed against themselves so that the issue finds a redemption in some form.

The unrealized incisive transformations or impulses can change in such a direction that the natives feel incisive things in their own bodies, such as completely

concrete injuries or cuts from operations. Aggression on a physical level can also manifest itself in hot flushes, frequent blushing or a permanently elevated temperature. Feverish processes and inflammations signal that the dynamics and impulses of Aries are neither perceived nor released to the outside world, but are directed exclusively against the person themselves. This multitude of unredeemed contents of the Aries mandate always calls for a more conscious approach to the Sun's mandate.

Man is the only being endowed with consciousness; he is therefore the only being who has the chance to change the way he experiences his pattern or his life. He carries within him the possibility of a free decision to grasp his wholeness in all consistency and thus to live out his life honestly or to allow himself to be pushed will-lessly by the forces of fate.

**Contemplative integration:** Native people with Aries in the Sun develop a strong defensive attitude towards impulses from the outside world that are perceived as aggressive, in the sense of the guiding principle

"Attack is the best defense". Your psyche is in a tense state due to the heightened alertness to perceived attacks from your surroundings. This creates an extreme state that other people only know from dangerous situations. This state is not pleasant for those affected, but at the same time it represents the highest form of vitality, which they should experience as a mission. Natives with the Aries mandate should therefore realize that the energies of self-assertion have gained the upper hand over them in an unredeemed form of suffering in their lives and that this has awakened the theme of the mandate, namely the urge to assert themselves.

For this reason, it is not beneficial for them to indulge in illusions about their self-centered demands. This only leads to them being increasingly exposed to situations in life that make them feel constricted and at the mercy of others until they finally begin to conquer their space in a great act of liberation. This is why many people with the Aries mission experience situations of attack again and again during their lives, so that they can learn to stand up to them alone. the entire world. Furthermore, they should learn to recognize that the desire to assert themselves is the seed of their mission, which is just waiting to be lived.

In order to get a feel for which issues are holding them back, the Native should mentally go through all the situations in which they have acted differently than their innermost needs. It can be helpful to consciously outline the situations or insights in writing so that they can remember them when they need to.

Perhaps there are very striking situations in which they have acted against their will or not at all. It is particularly important to find out whether, after experiences in which they did not find an expression for their ego forces, symptoms subsequently appeared on the worldly or physical level. On the worldly level, these could have been situations with aggressive content, a possible accident or injuries. On the physical level, these could be symptoms from the Aries analogy described above, i.e. pain, inflammation, etc. It is particularly beneficial for the process of insight if connections are recognized between the inability to express oneself and the symptoms that arise. Step by step, this process should be followed by a reappraisal of the issue that is not being lived - for example, finally saying things that have been burning in your soul for a long time and want to be said, or freeing yourself from situations that restrict you. After each step taken to assert themselves, the Native will feel how strength is released in them that was previously bound and thus becomes a

This led to an "energy emergency", so that they lacked the necessary momentum for many things in life. The more Native people follow their impulses and act on them immediately, the more they will feel themselves being reborn in their lives.

### The Sun Mission Taurus

The zodiac sign Taurus is a female earth sign whose ruling planet is Venus. It is the second archetype in the mundane zodiac, located in the period from April 21 to May 21 of each year.

Nature symbolism: With the onset of spring, after the great initial impulse in the plant kingdom with the Aries phase, the plants and seedlings begin to take deep root in the earth. As they begin to take root, a growth process takes place that causes all grasses, plants and trees to become more and more abundant; the green of the leaves changes color from light to dark and takes on an astonishing density. Everywhere begins to blossom and sprout, nature transforms into a pre-summer blaze of color. Taurus is the first earth sign in the zodiac and corresponds to the visible manifestation of materiality. In the mythology of creation, Taurus resembles the concrete form that absorbs the first spark of the initial ignition of Aries and holds it within itself. This absorption of the first spark of the new beginning continues in the concrete in the rooting of the plants and the subsequent growth. The process that takes place in nature is of particular importance for understanding the theme of Taurus - because as the roots dig deeper and deeper into the soil and form a firm anchorage there, the plants extract the nutrients they need to grow from the soil. They thus nourish themselves with minerals and at the same time bind themselves to the material bedrock. The seedlings accomplish the most astonishing alchemical transformation processes by developing from the minerals of the nutrient soil in combination with the sun (fire), the air and the element of water that plant life and growth sap loaded with minerals and nutrient salts, which is called blood in humans and animals.

With its abilities on its own level, the plant demonstrates very vividly that it is able, in accordance with the Taurus principle, to give the

Taurus is a logical response to the preceding Aries, which stands for the phase of every new beginning. Taurus is the logical response to the preceding Aries, which stands for the phase of every new beginning. After every impulse of a new beginning, the need arises to consolidate what has been started and to secure what has just been created.

The energy in the sign of Taurus resembles the persistence of the dormant primordial substance, the female form, the symbol of life, which is carried on in the form, as the fertile soil absorbs the germs it receives and develops them further with patience, perseverance and dedication.

On the level of Taurus (earth sign), the urge for perfection dissolves into the concrete. Here we find the being with the desire for integration in the areas of sensuality, sexuality, group consciousness, food intake, the accumulation of material values and the clinging to them. In the archetype of Taurus, the joy of being and self-discovery are rooted in the material, as the soul has not yet developed. The more concrete the connection to the material, the deeper and more persistently security grows as the innermost desire to take root. Venus is associated with the archetype Taurus. Its qualities include integration, combined with the deep primal desire for balance and reconciliation of opposites. On the one hand, the principle of Venus makes the human soul aim to feel valuable through concrete material things such as food intake, the accumulation of possessions, etc. On the other hand, Venus is found in the interpersonal relationship between people. On the other hand, Venus finds its redemption in interpersonal contact in the fact that people come into contact with other people and thus with other people's soul potentials in their search for completion, as they subconsciously sense that others carry something that they lack in their personality. Through interpersonal contact and sexuality, people try to build a bridge to the parts they lack in order to enrich themselves inwardly with what is foreign. The Venus principle thus symbolizes a quality that is redeemed on two different levels. Its material variant can be found in the thematic content of the archetypal image of Taurus and the spiritual variant in the archetypal image of Libra. In both images, Venus contributes to the preservation of life - in Taurus through the growth and prosperity of nature and man as well as the resulting food cycle and in Libra through the

Sexuality, which, as a result of the offspring it produces, carries on life in a concrete way. It is thus subject to all the needs that sustain the world and existence, with the urge to preserve the material ever further and more densely and to anchor to it. Examples of symbolic representatives are

Gastronomy, the peasantry, the materialist, sensuality, the food nature, village communities, group structure, physicality, possessiveness, excess, gluttony, envy, loyalty to obligations, group consciousness, enrichment, satisfaction, pleasure, taste, female sexuality, natural colors, comfort, solidity. Closeness to nature, sociability, materialism, stubbornness, practicality, instinct, loyalty, closeness to nature, attachment, sensuality, throat-neck region, larynx, vocal cords, oesophagus, tonsils, thyroid gland, salivary gland, cervical vertebrae, skin, belly, stocky, subsistence, solid, plump, hearty, hearty, earthy, pleasant, fields, meadows, pastures, loamy earth, etc.

The zodiac sign Taurus contains the first impulse of Aries and has brought it to rest. Matter encloses the spirit, the germ of life, and carries it within itself. All dynamism softens and absorbs the existing force, because in the Taurus phase of the year, events take a calm, leisurely course. The dynamism that was still to be found in the previous month gives way to an all-encompassing phlegm.

**The mission:** If a person receives the solar mission Taurus with his birth in the phase from April 21 to May 21, it can be assumed that he lacks the ability to put down roots, so that it is important for him to arrive in the material, i.e. in the very concrete material worldly matters.

The Taurus mandate is associated with the call to face up to the conditions that matter imposes on people. The earthy mandate is to put down roots and to bind oneself to form, even if conservative attachment to form does not correspond to the progressive spirit of the times. The material connection that exists in this period, borne by the joy of being, which focuses more on what is concrete, must be developed with the Taurus mandate. This should happen just as value-free as in nature, which is unconditionally

to the primordial ground out of the necessity of growth and the preservation of life - so that the continued existence of the world may be assured.

The Sun's mission in Taurus focuses on subjective concerns, because this mission is not about conforming to a current social ideal, but about the need to fulfill the pattern. The process of ego development that began in Aries continues in Taurus. This changes from ego development (Aries) to ego definition (Taurus). Since the soul/spiritual level is not yet developed in the zodiac sign Taurus, this leads to a lack of values that the person with the Taurus Sun feels internally. Due to the inner feeling of emptiness, natives link their sense of values to conditions and themes and make themselves dependent on them. Only in this symbiotic connection are they able to perceive themselves. The lack of the ability to define is a "cosmic trick", because through this the natives are formally forced into rootedness with the Taurus mandate, since in order not to have to feel the emptiness, they increasingly strive for symbiotically value-enhancing connections and thus bind themselves to the material at the same time.

Each incarnation has its own specific, meaningful mission, which consists of confronting people with the topics that are necessary for them during the course of their earthly existence. In other words, every individual is given the necessary impulses for confrontation throughout their life, which they lack on their path to wholeness. The sign of Taurus is primarily concerned with substance-related issues such as security, personal sense of worth, physical sensuality, concrete attachment to substance, food intake, demarcation, group structure and affiliation. Of course, every aspect of life, as long as it only relates to one area, is only ever one facet of truth and wholeness. It only ever represents a part that results in an individual necessity to be learned for those affected in their lives, but not for the general public. This is where the difficulty often lies, especially when there are deviations from the topics of the general zeitgeist, so that the person concerned finds themselves in an outsider role. Despite everything, the individual mission is more important than a collective one. With the difference between individuality and

People must live collective consciousness if they want to follow a path. For it is more difficult to find oneself and to acknowledge one's being than to conform to a social ideal. Therefore, the respective individual forms of redemption that people have created for their pattern and that help them to realize themselves individually should not be judged according to their themes, but rather one should learn to understand that everyone needs their redemption in order to be able to live their pattern.

However, the decisive factor is not which themes a person puts into practice, but the awareness with which the individual themes are lived. It is therefore important to grasp the meaningfulness from which a birth pattern is woven, then the entire pattern with its mood and deep meaning will open up to you. If you only see a single aspect separately from the whole birth pattern, you will not recognize the scope of a theme.

From the perspective that each person struggles to contribute building block by building block on their path to wholeness, a loving understanding for the being of other people develops, because there is nothing more to judge about them, as each person works on their birth themes in their own way.

With the Taurus mandate to anchor concretely in the material again and to take their place in the material world, one gains a completely different understanding of the natives from this perspective. For the more material the Sun's mission is, the further removed the Native's disposition must be. In a similar way to the Aries mandate, the Taurus mandate allows us to recognize in the question of the necessity of the learning theme that the mandate to become very concrete is based on the fact that the natal disposition is far removed from the connection to concrete life. It is also possible that this is due to a strongly idea-driven dispositional material or the need to embark on euphoric flights of fancy that must one day take on a very concrete value and endure in life.

The further the system is removed, the more likely it is that the assignment will be perceived as a heavy experience, as everything else is much more subtly woven internally. For those affected, it often feels as if they are standing next to themselves in life and have to see how one part of them feels something different from how the other part actually lives. As if

two trains running side by side on different tracks, slowly moving apart. For example, a Pisces Ascendant, who has little involvement in real life and often does not know what he is actually supposed to do in the world, would receive an anchor in the form of the Taurus Sun, which would ground him and at the same time point him in the right direction in life. The task for him is then to become sensual again, to learn to enjoy himself, to fit into a group and, because of his integration into it, to have to deal with his sense of value. The combination of the Ascendant and the Sun's mission shows that there is meaningfulness in the connections. Regardless of which aspectual themes a Taurus Sun is connected to, the mission for natives is the same:

#### "Become materially rooted!"

The lack of a concrete sense of the world makes it necessary to arrive again in order to ground oneself once more. If one were to try to trace the meaningfulness of being born, this would lead to endless conjecture, and this would ultimately always remain a mystery, because to this day no philosopher has been able to fully fathom the question of the why of creation. However, to make it easier to understand the solar mission of Taurus, similar laws can be observed on other levels. In the spirit of the Hermetic maxim "the whole is contained in the smallest", similar characteristics can be found in the most diverse realms of being, which, reinterpreted analogously, correspond to the psychological structure of the Taurus mission.

**Comparative symbolic level:** All power and strength on earth are based on the chemical activity of plants and their chlorophyll, the composition of which is almost identical to that of the red blood cells in human or animal blood. The chlorophyll in the leaves of plants and trees absorbs the sun's energy, fixes it and, in line with the Taurus principle, makes it available. Plants and fruit are therefore carriers of cosmic energies, which in turn, with their rich substances, are essential for the health and growth of a living being. With the plants comes at the same time food (bull), which can be eaten by humans and animals depending on its type and composition. This creates the life-sustaining food chain that is characteristic of the bull theme.

The trees condense the moisture in the air and use this work to help the rain fall, which in turn fertilizes the landscape. Rivers and waterfalls are created, which are harnessed for further energy and can also irrigate the land again. A complete cycle is formed that makes the earth fertile and therefore habitable for humans.

Another direct analogy to the Taurus principle is the topsoil or earth as a material. If you examine the properties of the earthy material, beautiful analogies to the Taurus themes emerge. Earth is heavy. Earth is permanent; just like a stone, it never changes its shape by itself. Only through external influence does a change occur, but this is always linked to the intensity of the impulse. Once a change occurs, the old state can no longer be restored to its previous form. Earth is tangible and firmly demarcated. It serves as an external protection and barrier, it provides support and solid ground underfoot. Traces and imprints of time dig into the earth and become visible. If you walk on a freshly ploughed field, you leave visible traces behind. Earth can be measured and is subject to very specific laws that are linked to the concept of space and thus also to the concept of time. This makes the spiritual aspect of the Taurus image, which is linked to the concrete, clear, because everything relates only to the realm of the real. If one examines the specific characteristics of topsoil from a symbolic point of view, the requirements to be found in the order can be easily grasped. For all impressions of the concrete are to be experienced in the same form by man under this order. He should learn to adhere to the concrete conditions, to submit to the laws of the material with all its gravity.

In the phase of life from the seventh to the fourteenth year of life, there are similar characteristics to the bull theme. During this period, people are subject to the growth principle both physically and mentally. Anyone who has children is well aware of the vast amounts of food they devour during these years. The adolescent body needs every ounce of nourishment for its rapid growth.

amount of nutrients. The ability to learn is particularly high at this time, and children eagerly absorb as much spiritual as concrete nourishment. At no other age is the human capacity for memory and absorption as high as at this stage of life. Knowledge is made permanent, is held on to (Taurus), as it also serves to increase the value (Taurus) of the personality in order to find one's way in life later on. The symbolism of this phase of life highlights the Taurus image's inherent ability to integrate.

During the Taurus Age (4000 to 2000 BC), when the vernal equinox was in Taurus, people lived mainly as farmers and animal breeders. The expression of material wealth at that time were large herds of cattle, which served as food and at the same time as a means of payment. People also tried to immortalize the cosmic and spiritual laws in the material. In no other period were spiritual principles and laws preserved and manifested as intensively as in this period. The remnants of Egyptian culture, which have survived to this day, are a magnificent expression of this. They concretized the imprint of the spirit in form in such a lasting way that some of the remains can still be found 6,000 years later. The immutability and spiritual sustainability of the theme of the animal and the need to create something concrete becomes particularly clear through this aspect.

**Symptomatology:** Like all other sun assignments, people with the sun assignment Taurus also experience those themes in the form of suffering that they lack in their consciousness. Life reacts with the most diverse manifestations, which ultimately lead to everyone being led close to their individual pattern. The decisive factor is above all whether the person can consciously go along with it inwardly or whether their inner attitude is directed towards resistance. Ultimately, the human being is always the weaker entity, so that no matter how great the resistance, he must one day submit to the ever-present themes of his birth mission. For example, material scarcity situations in Taurus, the Sun's mission, lead to the person concerned having to worry particularly about their concrete well-being. The lack gives rise to a longing to obtain what is missing. The lack of self-worth also leads to a revolving of value issues.

From the point of view of cosmic laws, there are no moral evaluations, it is the same how a person comes into his pattern, since the ability to differentiate is solely a human characteristic that arises from polar consciousness. The general human self-image is such that we define ourselves through the issues that we believe to be our own truth. This is why, for example, the person who has a Taurus solar mission and is forced to take care of matter in a situation of scarcity is just as much a materialist as the person who voluntarily devotes himself to the subject. The subjective rejection of a person does not characterize the person concerned with the opposite, because it is not evidence of a different content, but only of a human resistance.

The materially needy person is a materialist because he has to deal with his situation of scarcity day in, day out; he is only on the negative pole of an axis called materialism. From the point of view of the primal principles, there is no separation between people who work on the subject on the lack side and those who have arrived at the subject on the abundance side. In the end, both concentrate on the matter. The one is completely in agreement with the task, the other is challenged to a greater extent by the conditions. The differences are only in the form, not in the content.

Physicality and therefore also sensuality are of great importance in Taurus. If a person rejects the theme of sensuality under his Taurus mandate, he will have experiences with his body similar to those that occur when he rejects worldly pleasures. The body draws attention to itself with illnesses.

As the skin is associated with the Taurus principle, corresponding symptoms are very often found in this area. The symbolism of the symptoms is aimed less at the theme of opening, which becomes clear through concrete skin openings, and more at the sensual attention that the skin needs. This can be felt by the fact that the symptoms demand their attention with particular dominance; the skin itches because it is too dry or reddened and slightly swollen. In this way, those affected are forced to make contact with the most sensual organ. Instead of indulging in pleasurable sensual pleasures, they are forced to deal with the disease through the rubbing ointment onto the affected areas of skin to approach the subject of the body: Man lives his rejected sensuality via this track.

The area of nutrition is part of the Taurus theme, as food corresponds to the pure Taurus principle. Food is a symbol of life because it sustains the organism. Native people can also be introduced to their theme via this level of experience, because the less one is concerned with life support, i.e. healthy living, the more one's attention can be directed to the area of nutrition via metabolism or glandular functions. The rejection of pleasures of the palate with the view that eating is an evil necessity leads to disregulation and intolerances under this signature. Those affected are forced to deal with food through a diet prescribed by a doctor due to the disorders that occur. The person with the Taurus order must now be selective, think about their diet and take care of certain foods. He begins to weigh and calculate his food and realizes that his diet has become one-sided and limited due to the prescribed medical framework. He may buy special cookbooks, start to try out new ways of eating and in this way become a true nutritional natural.

In the case of the Taurus theme, an obesity that can hardly be regulated indicates that the body stores material on behalf of the human consciousness and in this way exposes itself to material experience due to the resulting physical heaviness, which naturally leads to conflicts with the ego of those affected. The digestive and metabolic symptoms make it clear that on an inner level the issue of the utilization of vital substances is not exhausted, as there is a lack of implementation in concrete living conditions. A problem with nutrition symbolizes a conflict with life. It is of little use to reduce food, as the body only compensates for the lack of content in the human consciousness, namely to deal with the issue of food. Any conscious attention to the sensual/material areas of life leads to greater success than constantly trying out new diets. Those affected suffer a great deal from their imbalance between indiscipline and reduction, because the need to reduce food leads to unhealthy phases of refusing to eat and, on the other hand, to the compulsion to consume considerable amounts of food. Native people often suffer from binge eating, in which they have to eat chocolate, cookies, but also savory foods in a wild jumble, as they cannot satisfy their inner feeling of emptiness in any other way.

In some cases of repression of the Taurus order, there is a latent tendency towards bulimia. Those affected feel an exaggerated hunger, but after eating they develop a strong aversion to what they have eaten, so that they trigger a vomiting reflex that makes the food immediately again the food The compulsive food intake out again immediately. and the vomiting which repeated can excessive forms forms, then therapeutic help need therapeutic help, as those affected are hardly able to escape this vicious circle on their own. This symptomatology conceals the strong discrepancy between the compulsive need to eat, which results from the Taurus order which results from the the affected person are subject to, and Taurus order, the the inevitable need to avoid giving space to the rejected topic. Such an extreme subject area conceals the conflict between the brought investmentand the assignment . With all symptoms, the opportunity lies in

compelling necessity to become aware.

It is therefore only possible to redeem the necessary subject by confronting it and thus placing oneself under the law of the birth mandate. This frees people from the compulsive forms that relentlessly demand confrontation.

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**Contemplative integration:** For the earthy person, the task is to devote himself to the concrete conditions of the outside world. The more he tries to escape the issue or flee into more flexible areas, the quicker he will feel pushed back into the heaviness of the earth with very similar situations that he was trying to escape.

The level of the material releases people from the necessary situation of suffering when they are immersed down to the last detail in the missing

has penetrated into other subject areas. Thus, any dependence on material conditions must be assessed as meaning that matter has gained the upper hand over people and they have become its plaything, even if they feel free and independent in their identification. This is especially true when he has to deal with a situation of scarcity. In order to get a feel for these connections, the affected natives with the Taurus mandate should review their lives in relation to the symptom areas described. They should examine possible material deficiencies or physical forms of suffering that they have experienced from the point of view of an exaggerated rejection. It is helpful if they try to establish a connection between their consciousness at the time regarding the rejection of certain issues and the simultaneous intensity of their symptoms during the suffering phase. The more they succeed in doing this, the closer they come to recognizing the underlying issue. At the same time, this brings them closer to solving their core problem.

You should visualize your rejection of certain irritating topics that correspond to the area of the Taurus order mentioned and proceed in a different way. It is particularly effective to go through situations in your imagination that you would otherwise never allow, in order to possibly consciously seek them out later in real life and thus increase the intensity of the experience. There is no limit to creativity here; the motor for the confrontation should above all be the rejection of certain topics, which are gradually sought out in order to establish an inner connection again and again.

On this path from observing to releasing the inner blockages to experiencing the repressed areas, the person takes responsibility for their own mission, which they have endeavored to bring into their consciousness.

## The sun order Gemini

The zodiac sign Gemini is a male air sign and symbolizes events in the period from May 22 to June 21 of each year. The ruling planet of the sign of Gemini is Mercury.

**Nature symbolism:** After the impulse for a new beginning was given in Aries and the new beginnings were consolidated and rooted in Taurus in the second phase, there is a further principle in the creation myth that is important for the continuation of external life. This third principle arises in the section following Taurus with the zodiac sign Gemini. With the airy sign of Gemini, the need grows to look beyond the boundaries established by Taurus and to make contact with the world. What has been created so far is in a static state, as everything has come to rest in Taurus, so that after this period of time, if nothing decisive were to happen to ensure movement and exchange, everything would have to decay and stagnate, as the breath of life neither flows in nor out.

The content of the archetypal image of Gemini is closely linked to the order of vitality and movement. In the order of the zodiac, the sign of Gemini connects to the sign of Taurus, which is firmly rooted in the material. In order to ensure continued vitality in what has just been built, it is essential to ensure movement and exchange after each settlement. This is the task of the twin principle. In the natural course of the year, the twin phase lies in the time of spring, when plants, animals and humans begin to mate and fertilize themselves in a spirit of optimism in order to pass on life and give rise to renewed vitality. Exchange, contact and the merging of polarities are taking place everywhere in order to maintain the great organism of nature. Nature is in the last third of spring. Everything is in full bloom and with this outwardly turned state, nature is signaling its sexual maturity. In this

phase, it is attuned to exchange and mating from head to toe. The air and the winds, which are partly caused by the fluctuations (twins) in the temperature, ensure a lively pollen flow, which leads to cross-fertilization of the plants. Insects such as flies, bees and moths make up for what the wind cannot fully provide. Nature is buzzing, buzzing and buzzing everywhere, and everyone can sense that there is a lot going on here.

The ruling planet of the sign Gemini is Mercury, which is also the ruling planet of the sign Virgo. The archetypal structure of the sign Gemini is airy, which corresponds to the pure Mercury principle. Airy Mercury is comparable to the childlike wonder and discovery of the outer world and the joy of everything new, the fascination with movement and technology, the never-ending causal questions that arise when you discover the world as a child and want to give a name to the many different things. Virgo Mercury corresponds to an earthy quality, whereby in contrast to the lightness of the airy principle described above, a certain earthly heaviness sets in. Although Mercury's intention here is directed towards external causal themes, they are inherently more reasonable and have more of an analytical character. The airy joy gives way to a cautiously suspicious principle of fear, which gets to the bottom of things, warns of dangers and makes causal accusations, as it senses danger in all aspects of the world. Gemini is the first air sign in the zodiac, it corresponds to the quality of neutrality. Gemini is the sign that dissolves the solidification state of Taurus. After materialization, the first awareness slowly develops, the world of the ego grows in constant contact with the environment. An urge to conquer and discover arises, with the will to grasp the purpose of all intentions, whereby the mind as intellect becomes a helpful servant of the individual will to live. Under its stimulus, the development of the instrument of thought and sensory perception as well as the ability to and communicate takes place. Examples exchange of symbol representatives are

The intellectual, the mediator, trading companies, networked busy zones, hubs, roads, cities, communication centers, mediation, neutrality, mobility, open-mindedness, respiratory organs, hands, the sensory organs, the Speech center, the lungs, the bronchi, the trachea, the nerves, not too intense fresh fruity colors, etc.

The image of Gemini concludes the first quadrant, which is assigned to the visible world. Each sign in the zodiac that concludes a subject area transfers what was previously created into the next state. Gemini brings movement and life to resurrected nature, because only living contact with the reality of the earth element prevents existence from disintegrating. The stillness of the previous month dissolves with the Gemini phase, and the vital movement arises.

The mission: If a person receives the Gemini solar mission at birth in the period from May 21 to June 21, the task for the natives is to become more flexible, lighter and more neutral. For natives with the Gemini mission, it is important to realize a similar dynamic and activity analogous to nature. Because outside, everything is in action, insects and birds are buzzing through the air, it is pleasantly warm and beautiful, so it is fun to be outside in nature. You can breathe without feeling like you're suffocating from the heat and humidity. People's psyches are brightened up, everything strives outwards with relief, as it is finally possible to be outdoors. During this period, many things are done for the fun of it, people play in nature, ride bikes, go on tours, go on expeditions and make pilgrimages in droves to places of interest. All of these activities illustrate the pure joy of being with a certain light-heartedness, which can be seen as compensation for the dark season, as people are happy to be able to turn their attention to the outside world again. If such cheerfulness and lightness exists at any time of the year, then the need to experience something similar within oneself must be particularly great for a person born at this time.

It is precisely under this birth mandate that the natives lack the corresponding lightness and joy of being. They should learn again to approach life with curiosity and enthusiasm, to make contact with other people and to learn about the diversity of life through communication. The special thing about this principle is the freedom from values that natives want to learn. Because with Gemini

is the task of becoming just as neutral and non-judgemental towards the things of life as breathing, which is assigned to the twin principle. In humans, this has functioned completely unquestioningly and smoothly since the first breath was taken, incessantly in every moment of life. The breath is like a great wheel of life that remains in motion because movement is life. The question of whether there is a deeper meaning behind the movement of life or that which leads to preservation is superfluous for the person with the twin mission. There are things that have to be done because they have to be done. Native people with the Gemini mission struggle in life to a special degree about their meaning and the significance of what they accomplish in life. Everything should have a deeper meaning or be characterized by specialness. They want to leave as lasting and deep a mark on their lives as possible so that posterity will hear about their deeds and actions for a long time to come. Very often, under the twin order, there is a refusal to turn to things that are not considered meaningful. This refusal is directed against the small matters and functions of everyday life: telephone calls that need to be made, appointments that need to be made, bills that need to be written or money that needs to be transferred, bookkeeping that needs to be done, shopping lists that need to be written, etc., all actions that are perceived as a considerable burden by natives with a Gemini Sun because they are tied to the unimportant little things in life, as no one takes care of the necessary tasks for them. For them, it seems that the variety of requirements takes away their strength and the opportunity to concentrate on the really important issues in life. Small matters, which often arise spontaneously and unpredictably, seem like troublemakers that fragment their lives, making it difficult for them to concentrate properly on the things they value. Issues keep popping up that divert their attention, which they want to focus on one thing like a burning glass. They long for a controllable course of life in which everything should take its straight and serious path so that they can complete the tasks or areas of interest that they have started. They live with the need to finally be able to enjoy the peace and quiet they long for.

However, the purpose of the birth theme is precisely to guide natives into the areas of flexibility and movement, as they have too little interest in worldly matters. In many cases, natives with the birth order Gemini are not interested in life and have little willingness to face worldly conditions. This is precisely the shortcoming in their birth pattern, because they are supposed to learn to surrender to the outside in order to discover the joy and enthusiasm in the many things and functions of life. The natives have become too quiet inside, so that their soul resembles a musty cold and damp room that has not been aired for a long time. It is therefore necessary to ventilate their own inner space so that the room is once again filled with light and life-giving oxygen.

Of course, this requirement of the mission does not coincide with the subjective concerns of the natives, who only want to devote themselves to those aspects of existence that interest them personally, especially as they cannot understand why profane life has any right to exist at all. Their inner immobility and isolation from the world lead to the compelling necessity of the mission to face life again. Whenever a birth assignment from the first quadrant is given to a person, it can be assumed that they have distanced themselves too far from the demands of life and the associated coping mechanisms. His spiritual intention is aimed at completely different areas, so that any contact with the world is perceived as disturbing. However, with their mission, the Native people should learn to recognize the necessity that real life and everything else is based on an exchange taking place. Knowledge, for example, only acquires its significance and meaning when it is passed on and other people are spiritually fertilized in exchange. Any isolation, be it in order not to reveal knowledge, feelings or topics, leads to stagnation and thus to the desolation of life. If the natives are prepared to face the outside world with all its little things and vitality, there is a great chance that this meaningfulness will arise precisely because the issues within them will start to move again. The birth order and therefore the key to the Sun order Gemini is therefore also:

"Take it easy, learn to differentiate and exchange ideas with the world around you!"

The lack of need for exchange and movement makes it necessary for natives to learn to see meaning in the world and in life itself again. They have lost their curiosity and the value-free joy of being.

**Comparative symbolic level:** The properties of air as a concretely existing element illustrate very succinctly what the natives should realize in their consciousness. In its mystical symbolism, the air element corresponds to the male form of the primordial spirit, which connects everything with each other and fills everything with consciousness as it becomes increasingly spiritualized. The appropriate keyword for the air element is life. The nature of the air element is particularly active, neutral and connecting. Air has no direct connection to the poles and, as far as movement is concerned, is dependent on the fire element and the warmth it generates. Air is a "redemption element". It is contained in everything, but due to its vortex it wrestles itself out of everything solid and ensures that every static situation is loosened up. By entering into connection with all conditions and circumstances, immersing itself and penetrating all cells, it takes the best from them, loosens up their inner components and leads them further into a new state. By analogy with the characteristics of air in its outer form of manifestation, the characteristics of the twin order to be learned can be described as follows: Air does not strive towards any direct goal, it remains neutral in the middle. Air is light and mobile, it is not tangible, not touchable and not concrete. Air offers no resistance unless it is put into a compressed state under pressure. However, this can only be achieved to a certain extent, until the opposite pole sets in due to the resulting air buffer, which does not offer any active resistance, but merely makes further forward movement impossible. Air is between things, it is buoyant and light, people breathe it in and breathe it out. Air transmits sound waves, noises, and thus it carries communication and establishes connections with each other.

These analogies to air naturally apply to those people whose birth order is to find their way into Gemini. The airy sign of Gemini is the image in the zodiac that breathes spirit and thus life into the other elements. Hermeticism describes Gemini as the mediator (Hermes = messenger of the gods) between all levels. It establishes contact between above and below, between the gods and humans and the underworld. At birth, the first human experience of polarity is the onset of breath, i.e. entering into contact with the world through the air. Just as human breath is the primordial basis of life function, the world also requires exchange in order for life to flourish in it. Because breath (= exchange) is life! All living beings are connected to each other via the air we breathe and breathe the same air from the huge pool of oxygen. Even if you have aversions to certain people, you are still connected to others via the air. These analogies illustrate very well that all functions that correspond to the twin theme contribute to sustaining life. Only through the common connection is understanding possible, which creates contacts and ensures undifferentiated connection with each other.

The human phase of life between the ages of 14 and 21 corresponds to the symbolism of the sign of Gemini. Young people experience an exciting time in this phase of life, they go through puberty and for the first time consciously experience the differences between the sexes. The confrontation with opposites and the conflict with the still prevailing neutrality are at the forefront of events. During puberty, cutting the cord and coming to terms with the parental home play a central role. Young people develop a special need for independent freedom of action, which enables them to perform the first functions of their own lives. During this period, they flee from the subjectivity of an overarching family association that threatens them with security. This poses a real danger to the salvation of the human soul at this age, and any confrontation with the swamp of degrading feelings sets alarm bells ringing. This stage of life is filled with the most diverse experiences that a person needs for their later life. These are the first sexual contacts, which are often abundant in number (after all, it is about the

distinction). Learning or studying a wide range of knowledge for a later career also corresponds to the twin principle of thirst for knowledge. In line with the theme of "interest", factual knowledge is collected a n d initially stored in the memory without the necessary experience. Nevertheless, many a young

"scientist" is filled with pride and then eagerly pursues self-expression with what he has just acquired, which corresponds to an unredeemed form of the Gemini principle. As a comparative variant of the Gemini order, this period in human life is a phase that is very clearly reminiscent of the state detached from closeness and security that corresponds to the Gemini principle, since the Gemini order is concerned with the development of intellect and noncommitment, i.e. mercurial qualities that do not enter into synthetic connections with subjective family and emotional concerns. The learned and not yet internalized themes also describe the value-free, unprocessed absorption of knowledge, which is passed on "undigested". All these themes bear witness to the light-heartedness that Native people need to experience on a deeper level under this solar mission. For in this phase, as with the Gemini birth assignment, it is necessary to collect a multitude of facts, as the natives, out of the intention of their basic disposition, fixate solely on the areas known to them. Just as pupils and students integrate their learning workload, natives with the Gemini solar mission are also required to connect with the diversity of the world in order to do justice to life's study workload.

In the cultural epochs of various peoples, the period of Gemini from May 21 to June 21 was ushered in with very specific rituals. The primary tenor of these ceremonies was to deal with the theme of polarity, symbolically represented by the differences between the sexes. In northern latitudes, the erection of a May tree is still an old custom, especially in rural areas. This May tree, often a birch, was intended to symbolize an erect phallus. This phallus was erected by the pubescent boys, and the girls hung a wreath decorated with ribbons around its top to represent the female sex surrounding the phallus. If a young boy managed to climb the May tree with his bare hands and touch the wreath, he was allowed to

join the group of young men who were ready to marry and, at will, the girls of the village. This custom was intended to show that the strong man who succeeded in climbing the tree was able and capable of carrying on with life. Through the skill required in the test, the young person was to prove his ability to deal with the functions of the world, i.e. his ability to deal with polarity. This gave him the legitimacy to pass on life through the ability to marry. A fact that corresponds to the twin mission, with which the natives are called upon to continue turning the wheel of life so that the world with all its functions is preserved. With the begetting of life, new bonds and obligations arise again, with which the human being is channeled into the necessity of many functions. These are always necessary and need to be carried out in order to keep life itself alive.

Symptomatology: If the person with the Sun's mission Gemini is not prepared to dedicate himself to the contents of his birth mission, he experiences situations on the most diverse levels of life that lead him to his pattern in the form of suffering. The less willing he is to face up to the Sun's mission in Gemini and its contents, the more he experiences constant polarity reversals, restlessness and hectic dynamics in his life. He often strives to finally arrive in order to create something concrete - to leave a mark on life like other people. He suffers from the fact that he has a thousand ideas and rarely manages to realize them. The Native's fervent wish is to finally bring something to a conclusion, to deal with the things in life in calm continuity beyond the turmoil and hectic pace. But it seems that the more he longs for peace and quiet and believes he has finally arrived, the more the processes and changes in his life accelerate. Nothing goes the way he imagined it would, a polarity reversal is constantly lurking until he has learned to face life's conditions neutrally. As long as he fights against the swirling current of conditions, he will experience restlessness and relativization

The Sun's mission Gemini leads both the man and the woman into a neutral theme. Due to the birth theme they have received, neither is able to develop particularly gender-specific characteristics.

to form. Although they secretly long to appear particularly striking to the outside world with their signals and behavior, they do not succeed because they are perceived as androgynous by those around them. Despite many efforts, men do not correspond to the typical pithy nature under this birth order, and women do not resemble the typical primordial female Eve either, but appear boyish and neutral as a counterpart to the Gemini man. In conversations with others, the natives try to compensate by developing conciseness through criticism, whereby they are less concerned with the matter itself than with being taken seriously as a person with the ability to express themselves. Because of this discrepancy, they experience situations in which they are thrown back and forth like a pawn and are unable to develop a clear line or point of view. In the end, everything is usually talked into pieces and a summary is hardly possible. The inner resistance that arises from the emotional need to develop behaviors that go against the birth order means that it is hardly possible for the natives to control the course of their lives. In such situations, those affected would prefer to withdraw completely in order to avoid having to communicate and function. However, even if they move to the opposite pole of their birth pattern, they experience the content of the birth themes via the opposite form.

An environment with a lack of communication opportunities, for example due to a move abroad, could exaggerate the lack of contact to such an extent that they begin to literally fight for every exchange. This situation creates a longing for connection and communication with other people, which in turn leads to the job issue. Permanent, unintentional changes in work situations or fields of activity result in a greater degree of flexibility for natives. The need to constantly develop new areas of work and fields of activity as a result of the constantly changing situations leads those affected into the learning topics corresponding to the principle, because they do not develop any curiosity for new topics themselves. If this happens in the lives of Native people, then many opportunities to connect with the world and its diversity have been rejected and not seized. Native people should therefore try to find access to their easy and relaxed mentality in order to **bring** it to bear without shyness, because it gives them enables them to go through the constantly changing requirements much more untouched, which increases their ability to learn. The more difficult their environment becomes, the more they tend to soar and float far above things. In this way, the ballast becomes the motor that sets them free. Finally fly away weightlessly!

If airy people are not prepared to face up to the task of relativity and neutrality, or if they are even too attached to concrete things, then symptoms take hold on the physical level that put them in the nervous mood associated with the airy twin principle. All nervous disorders and nervous disturbances indicate that people are unable to find a solution to their underlying airy nature. Thoughts chase incessantly through the brain, which results in inner restlessness and restlessness that drives those affected further and further, as they do not know why they are exposed to their restlessness and how they can master it. They have an urgent need to finally get out of the vicious circle of thoughts. The rejection releases inner forces to which the person is at the mercy of, as they cannot find any voluntary realization in their consciousness.

Nervous twitches or trembling indicate that the person wants to get out of certain situations or dissolve the continuity of certain states. On a physical level, breathing, the sensory organs and the hands in particular correspond to the principle of the twins, which can then show the corresponding symptoms if the birth order is rejected. Respiratory dysfunctions, for example, signal that something is wrong with the quality of the emotional exchange, that the person either does not want to communicate with the environment or does not want to receive the impulses of the environment. In the case of asthma, the symptom of blocked exhalation indicates that the person is inwardly unwilling to enter into contact with their environment. Conversely, anxiety when inhaling indicates a fear of letting in the new, the unknown, which approaches the person with the world.

Being at the mercy of the compulsive fulfillment of the birth order makes the need for awareness clear. The processing of the physical symptoms within a therapeutic confrontation leads in a roundabout way to the person becoming aware of himself. the issue of polarity exchange linked to the Gemini birth order. The limitation of his perceptions due to the fact that various sensory organs regress or fail to function also shows the person with the Gemini order that he lacks the willingness to receive the signals from the outside world in the way that is appropriate under his order. Due to the recurring deficiencies, consciousness is directed to the necessary areas.

In the analogous assignment of physical limbs, the hands correspond to the twin principle; consider, for example, the statement

"you want to grasp something" when it comes to intellectual processing. The impaired function of a hand, whether it is a temporary symptom or a permanent one, requires that one must gradually learn to perform the functions again in order to be able to grasp or comprehend objects and things again. Since the entire area of communication and language correspond to the principle of Gemini, an inhibition or obstruction of the ability to speak also leads to the issue of the Sun's mission being taken into account by the necessary circling of the problem via the deficiency situation created. In life conflicts, people with the Gemini order should learn to recognize that their exaggerated longing to withdraw from the outside world with all its new and exciting impulses only causes stronger and stronger storms, which make the restlessness in life grow more and more compulsive and unpleasant. The stronger the need for retreat and tranquillity, the more violent conflicts have to enter their lives, forcing them to experience new forms of experience so that they can learn to respond to actual needs in a lively way again.

**Contemplative integration:** The spiritual state of the natives with the solar mission Gemini is stale and unmoving, therefore they should recognize and learn to overcome their inner deadness, because their soul lacks the fresh invigorating air of the Gemini principle. With the situations to which the natives feel delivered, the world is merely trying to reopen the windows to life so that they can learn to meet the real requirements of the outside world again: namely the need to be involved in the indispensable functions of the world.

in order to get back into motion and thus into life. The path to the longedfor peace only arises through becoming inwardly neutral about the experienced actual state, which is constantly approaching those affected. The willingness to turn the wheel of life oneself in order to voluntarily control the dynamics of life will allow the restlessness to dissolve and fade into the background, as the natives voluntarily face up to their own principles. The exaggeration of the respective individual task "saturates" the existing need or deficiency of a birth pattern.

Gemini's solar mission can only be accomplished if natives move into polar situations without resistance and thus connect to the wheel of life in a special way. If they learn to swing flexibly with the demands of life comparable to the incessant in and out of the stream of breath - they are able to soar to unimagined heights and can thus throw off all ballast. In order to understand the dynamic that should lead to the content of the mission in the form of suffering, the natives should visualize the various situations in life in which they were not prepared to respond to the demands of the outside world. They should learn to recognize their inner refusal to function and also realize how much they close themselves off to some situations in life that seem too mundane and shirt-sleeved, just to live something that does not really suit them. Of course, this also results in the inner tension that arises from the attitude of wanting to seem more than you actually are. This constant striving for significance causes stress, as you constantly have to do something in order to fulfill this claim to be something special. Native people should try to get out of this tricky vicious circle. Otherwise they will end up in ever greater conflict.

It is precisely because of this self-imposed permanent overload that natives lose a lot of energy and feel unable to cope with life. At the point where they are solely concerned with their significance, they lose precisely the energy they need to cope with life's functions. In order to understand this better, the affected Native people should mentally go through all the situations in which where they were trying to make an impact or where they wanted to leave a special impression on those around them.

In doing so, they should focus their attention on what their attitude aimed at meaningfulness actually prevented them from doing. It is important for them to find out whether new constraints or lack of freedom arose from the situations or whether life became static and unmoving or possibly boring and depressing?

Native people who do not try to live something that does not correspond to the pattern, but who belong to the introverted carriers of a twin order, who do not enter into encounters or play the game of life due to their closed-mindedness, should also recognize that they face life with distance in order not to be thrown off course by the outside world. It is possible that they would get to know another side of themselves in the carefully avoided external contacts, which only becomes visible in association with other people.

If such situations become apparent, the Native should become aware of which levels remain closed to them due to their inner attitude. In order to make the discrepancy clearly perceptible for themselves, it makes sense to consciously seek out situations that they are trying to avoid. It is also important to pay attention to the inner change by observing the feeling that arises when you step over the boundaries you have set yourself and start moving again. They should observe whether consternation or lightness arises when they abandon all pretense and encounter the world in a completely unbiased way. If they feel shocked, it is important for them to find out what the actual reason for the shock is. If a feeling of lightness arises, you can recognize how you can free yourself inwardly if you deal with other areas of life in a similar way. Above all, the knowledge that you can allow yourself to consciously take things a little easier because of the airy mission, to free yourself from the inner constraint of form, leads to an enormous inner feeling of liberation.

## **The Sun Mission Cancer**

The zodiac sign of Cancer is a female water sign and symbolic carrier for the cosmic essence of the period from

June 22 to July 22. The ruling planet in the sign of Cancer is the Moon.

Nature symbolism: The sign of Cancer marks the beginning of a new phase within the mundane zodiac; it opens the second quadrant. This results in a completely new set of themes. The first quadrant contained all the themes of the material world, which includes the world of phenomena with its concrete and functional areas. The first quadrant can therefore be described as the quadrant of the body, whereas the second quadrant is assigned to the realm of the soul. With it, the concentration that was previously directed towards the outside is now directed towards the inside. The second quadrant contains all subjective sensations, feelings, emotions and the areas of subjective protection concerning the soul's primal fears. On the journey through the zodiac, which begins in Aries, the sign of Cancer represents the first station in the course of the year at which a change takes place in the overall cosmic structure. This station of change is reached externally by the summer solstice, which forms a climax in the cyclical course of the year. The days are at their longest and the nights at their shortest. All concentration is directed towards external life. A polar interplay takes place with the solstice, as the day forces have reached their highest point and are now pushed back by the matriarchal power of the night forces. Thus, the highest position of the sun in the sky is at the same time the nesting of the decline, as the day forces (ego) are now diminished by the decline of the solar forces. If one equates the day forces with the ego, then the further course of the year and thus the following birth orders can be seen as a process of de-subjectification, as it is no longer a question of achieving external growth, but of inner growth.

Just as the first impulse of Aries is rooted in the sign of Taurus and can continue to exist through Gemini by establishing a connection to the outside, the outward-looking airy impulse reaches its limit in the sign of Cancer. This reaching of a boundary point is necessary so that in the sign of Cancer the life energies can concentrate inwardly on a center that develops and preserves itself. The limits of outer alignment have been reached and direct the consciousness towards devotion to one's own inner space. The deeper you feel your way into the symbolism of the course of the year, the easier it is to gain access to an understanding of the basic spiritual disposition of the respective sign of the zodiac. The sun's rays are scorching in the period after the summer solstice and the resulting dryness leads to the first dying and yellowing of the leaves on trees and plants. This drying up process is the first sign that the external vitality is giving way to an everincreasing internalization. The increasingly oppressive heat alone causes the speed of life to slow down due to the external condition. Fertilization and the exchange in nature have already taken place in the sign Gemini, and the phase of pregnancy (Cancer) now begins. The active act of bearing offspring takes place on the plant level and also in the animal kingdom.

The mystery of the blossoming of plants consists of the division of unity into duality, which then leads to the ripening of the fruit. At the same time, the microcosmic process of creation on a small scale is always the imprint of the one great macrocosmic event, because in all traditional creation myths we find the same process according to which creation takes place. Symbolically, the number two arises from unity, which can be equated with the number one. This is equivalent to the division of one, because in the act of creation, unity splits off a part of itself. Polarity is created with the number two. Polarity requires a third level, a level of manifestation, on which the polarity becomes recognizable. With the third step, represented by the number three, a trinity is created that is equivalent to a level of revelation. In the symbolic sense of the Cancer principle, this abbreviated depiction of the course of creation expresses the passive devotion to an active pole, which leads to the This leads to the abandonment of individuality in favor of duality, which manifests itself as a new being in the third point, so to speak. The symbolism of the sacrifice of active self-empowerment in favor of another being represents the most significant part of the Cancer myth. Examples of symbolic representatives of the Cancer theme are

Women, mothers, children, the family, the people, the home, damp forests, marshy meadows, reflection, mirroring, reflection, reaction, absorption, soul, feeling, the unconscious, devotion, adaptation, passivity, childishness, receptivity, instinct, imagination, stomach, lymph, brain, fluid, secretions, female reproductive organs, (egg) cell, etc.

The state of passivity that arises during the course of the year leads inwards with the Cancer phase. Something begins to mature there that will become visible later in the year. In nature, it is the fruit that matures; in humans, the embryo that develops during pregnancy corresponds to concrete inner growth, and on a spiritual level, making contact with one's own unconscious is similar to inner growth, resulting in awareness.

**The mission:** The summer solstice becomes clear in the natural world in the steadily decreasing daytime forces, which thus indicate the withdrawal of active enforcement in favor of passivity. In this respect, it symbolizes the main feature of the learning mission of the period from

June 22 to July 22, which is given to a person born on this date. Symbolically, the solstice myth means that Native people need to make their first experiences in the inner space of the soul by detaching themselves from subjective claims. The solstice myth says:

"I" = sun (subject) must turn away from the outer orientation at the zenith of outer life (June 21 = solstice) so that I can experience the mystery of real life in favor of inner life in order to be reborn in it. What is meant by this is that the turning point in the direction of decline is already contained in the middle of the powerful life that is just growing up, as the zenith has been passed and at the same time the root of life is already beginning to stir deep in the womb of total desolation. It can be seen on both sides that the counter-movement is already contained in every peak and in every trough. Symbolically, in the described From the beginning to the end, the course of the cycle clearly shows the subject matter that is important for a person with the solar mission of Cancer. Similarly, natives should learn to put their own concerns in the background in favor of devotion to certain topics or requirements of life. The theme of passivity plays a serious role in their mission. Being passive means allowing oneself to be addressed by the outside world in order to react to circumstances and requirements. This reaction corresponds to a state that moves from the inside out. However, this also means adopting a wait-and-see position, which means accepting life's response and passing on the impulses received. Native people lack this awareness of a wait-and-see attitude towards life.

If you question the necessity of the task, Native people have too much will to act. Their dominant ego quality shows too strong a need to want to manipulate and direct everything in life. The purpose of the assignment is to channel the Native back into an experience of passivity. They are challenged to become dependent on certain circumstances so that they learn to adapt devotedly. There is therefore an absolute necessity in the sign of Cancer to learn something about the subject of passivity. Natives often lack devotion and have an enormous claim to power. This is then gradually softened by being at the mercy of external fate. Primarily, the natal mission of the Cancer Sun is about surrendering to other people or situations and the respective events. It is possible that those affected will have to experience the

"indispensable second" instead of being able to act in the front line. For natives, regardless of gender, it is important to live the theme of feminine passivity, to immerse themselves in the flow of life and to allow themselves to be guided - in line with the realization that the element of water in nature also always needs a predetermined outer form in order to adapt to it. In order to follow the flow of life, natives with the solar mission of Cancer experience repeated impulses from the world that lead to changes of direction until they take on a different contour in their consciousness.

Natives with a Cancer sun perceive the world as hard and harsh, which leads them to withdraw in order to avoid constantly having to face the harsh world.

They are at the mercy of the demands of the outside world and thus also the injuries of the outside world. The realm of fantasy provides them with a corresponding sense of security and refuge, to which they like to retreat so as not to be disturbed by reality. Their protective mechanism leads them inwards, because another important theme of the assignment is that they make their first experiences in their inner emotional spaces. There they should immerse themselves in the world of feelings in order to be moved by them. The development and the first experiences correspond to their inner learning mission. This is why the natives like to stay in a climate of friendly harmony in which they are safe from possible injury. This is also the reason for the pronounced sense of family under such a signature, as the association of the domestic family, just like one's own inner space, represents a relatively high degree of security. In such an environment, they are supported and protected from external imponderables. However, this behavior corresponds more to a need to feel safe, as natives try to avoid exposing themselves to their feelings in unpredictable situations. However, as the climate under the Cancer birth order is equivalent to a passive state that makes it impossible to influence the direction themselves, natives will not be able to avoid the necessary experiences in the world.

The myth of the course of the year describes very clearly and directly the learning mission, which is symbolized by the zodiac sign Cancer and which can be formulated as follows:

## "Surrender to the course of events, learn to passively surrender to life!"

With the task of practicing adaptation and devotion, the natives should learn not to want to play first fiddle, but to adapt to the outside as a good second. It is also not about changing one's own environment with impulses in a fruitful way, but about harbouring the impulses of the outside and allowing them to mature so that they can then be implemented in conjunction with the outside. If a person rejects the watery order in his life, he experiences it through the opposite pole to the Surrender, namely powerlessness. Powerlessness is a state in which a person has lost all ability to act (without power). This always happens when the natives try to actively manage things in life, because in relation to the birth mandate, one would have to ask why someone has received a mandate to be passive. This will happen especially when there is a great claim to dominance and power in the being. People with particularly rigid dispositions, who are not prepared to give in and have no need to empathize with other people or situations, also receive a Cancer sun mandate. Now the life tenor is to become dependent, to adapt, to be patient and to practice devotion.

Under the watery element, the order means for both a man and a woman to become passive, i.e. feminine, which refers to the inner attitude of facing life. Certainly, the order is more difficult for a man to realize, since in the world the male domain requires activity and territorial struggle, so that the experience of powerlessness can be particularly intense for him. It is also difficult for some women to practise devotion with the Sun in Cancer. For if women have a Cancer Sun, it can be assumed that in the innermost seed of the soul there is an active male aspiration with which they approach life. Among them you will find particularly fierce representatives of emancipatory movements, but the true strength of a woman with a Cancer sun mission does not lie in overcompensating for a masculine theme, but in fulfilling the feminine mission.

**Comparative symbolic level:** The water element corresponds to the passive, female, sheltering primal ground, in which the night side of life is hidden. If you want to coin a descriptive keyword for the element of water, then it is - soul. Compared to the passive earth element, its essence is protecting and preserving. Water corresponds to the balancing, semi-dissolved state of the atoms, through which they try to assimilate each other in order to transform into another form of bond. The water element represents the state of communality and equilibrium. If we relate the concrete material aqueous principle to the spiritual and thus to the Cancer theme, then

its properties can be described as follows: Water always flows downwards, because it is passive and finds its pole reference at the bottom. Water adapts to the given conditions. It penetrates other substances and softens them. Water has no momentum of its own, but requires an external impulse to transform.

Water penetrates the earth and makes it soft. It forms a purposeful bond with the earth, because the earth gives the water support. Water possesses the greatest power on the material level, it hollows out rocks (every drop hollows out the stone) and eats its way into the land. It extinguishes fire and can be heated by it and turned into steam so that it rises again. The sun causes water to evaporate, it rises, forms clouds and then rains down again. Water is cold, in nature it is only heated by the sun; the deeper you go into the water, the colder it becomes, and the pressure on the sinking body becomes stronger and stronger, to the point of being unbearable. These analogies make the passivity of water particularly clear, which has its counterparts in the learning content of the sun's cancer mission.

As the Moon rules the zodiac sign of Cancer and can still be perceived concretely by humans due to its proximity to the Earth, its described characteristics can also be interpreted analogously to the Sun's mission in Cancer. The moon symbolizes the receptive principle, in it the equivalent of the feminine side of life is revealed, namely the soft, passive principle in need of affection. The moon reflects the light of the sun that shines on it, as it lacks its own radiance. The full moon exerts a certain fascination on many people. For some, its attraction is based solely on the purely visual pleasure, the admiration for this oversized shining star. In view of its brightness, it is hard to imagine that the moon has no radiance of its own, but is only illuminated by the sun. The full moon is not only a visual event, it also has an intense effect on the psychological level of people, as they find themselves overwhelmed by their feelings and unconscious urges at times of the full moon. This can express itself in an unusual increase in sexual desire on the one hand, or in an irritability that causes unmotivated emotional behavior on the other. Some are confronted with feelings of sadness and depression, which can lead to

triggers constant pondering about the possible reasons. Often, a night-time glance out of the window or at the calendar brings the longed-for causal explanation: "It's the full moon again!" After a patient wait of two to three days, the strange haunting disappears into nothingness. What people who react sensitively to the full moon experience cyclically becomes a constant experience for natives with the solar mission of Cancer.

The main purpose of this assignment is to experience contact with feelings and the resulting involvement in life. Life becomes the instance that brings about a high level of emotionality. This is comparable to how the moon absorbs and reflects the light of the sun's rays. In the same way, people with the order Cancer are touched or affected by their outer world. Everything they experience in the outside world leaves deep traces in their souls, as they no longer have the possibility of isolating themselves from the outside world. They see themselves at the mercy of the power of emotions, as their high degree of touchability and sensitivity very often triggers consternation in them. They react sensitively to all unpleasantness in their environment like a seismograph to the slightest tremor within the earth. They respond immediately to all changes in mood and sympathy in their environment with the corresponding emotional reaction, and their concern is often perceived by others as moodiness.

On an analogous level, the theme of pregnancy corresponds in its symbolism to the core of the cancer theme. During pregnancy, the mother makes her body available to another being. This draws on the mother's life energy during the approximately 40-week period of pregnancy, so that the entire structure of the mother's organism changes due to the constant growth of the child. The mother's personal life also takes a back seat for the time after the birth in favor of the upbringing and needs of the growing child. If one interprets the myth of pregnancy in its symbolism in relation to the theme of the path of individuation, one is led to the area in which the development and conscious bringing to light of subjectivity is at stake. In order to understand this meaning on a more complex level, it is necessary to move away from the usual small perspective of looking at a superordinate level. Every child is the manifestation of the shadow of both the mother and the father. It is the part that makes the synthesis of the relationship visible. So when a child grows in the womb, this metaphorically represents on another level that the shadow or the unconscious begins to grow in the human being in order to be born into the world after a certain time. Through the love that develops between the parents and the child, the shadow can be integrated, because love is the only connecting, bridging element that makes it possible to connect with the opposites in order to overcome them. In relation to the path of individuation, the principle of parenthood represents the material variant of shadow integration, which must be carried out by everyone who follows a path in the sense of an intensive examination and integration of the unconscious. If this work is neglected, if one does not come to terms with the unconscious layers of one's own person, the shadow will bear special fruit that will become a stumbling block at some point along the way. The more conscious a person becomes and takes responsibility for all areas of their person, the more they grow into a state of adulthood.

This process of growing up belongs directly to the theme of the sign Cancer, because it has two manifestations. On the one hand, it is assigned the status of the child (unconscious), and on the other, that of the adult, because the mother embodies the adult side of the moon principle. She gave birth to the shadow (child) and made it visible.

By searching in the unconscious depths of his soul, the adult human being detaches himself from the child state and in this way attains the maturity of soul with which he moves to another level. Whenever a person is prepared to take this step - because it has something to do with humility and passivity to free oneself from the deceptive self-images in order to face the hidden images of the unconscious - he or she achieves a further dynamic on his or her path, so that new and different experiences can be made.

If he is not ready for this, he is forced into that missing part. This is what people with a Cancer sun experience when they are not prepared to face the necessary aspects of being, because they are supposed to learn, to surrender to what is happening in order to learn something about the subject of passivity. Behind the many experiences that those affected have due to their pattern, they encounter the two aspects of their mission, on the one hand the call to surrender and on the other the responsible caring adult status that arises from the fact that the natives are no longer given the chance to be carried by the outside world. The person thus changes from child to adult status.

In the phase of life from 21 to 28 years, there are analogous correspondences to the Cancer mission. In the past, until the age of From the age of 21, young men are called up for military service, which was originally intended to protect the country, one's own people and the family integrated into it. Conveying a sense of protective security is an essential element of the Cancer sign in its outer form. In this phase, life confronts the individual with the challenge of creating a sense of security within the collective and averting potential external harm. He thus assumes a protective function for the collective, provided that he remains on the literal execution of the defense service, which merely reacts to aggressive attacks from outside. In relation to the cancer issue, this excludes any aggressive fighting or conquering action. However, if the conscript refuses to serve with a weapon, he cannot avoid the "cancer issue" demanded of him; the refuser is threatened with another form of "cancer service". Here, as a civilian service member, they are allowed to practise caring for and devoting themselves to the elderly and needy, which is the active part of taking on responsibility for care.

Today, young adults come together during this time, start families and provide for offspring. In this way, life is passed on, which of course always involves giving up one's own aspirations. Everything is focused on the life goal of starting a family, with attention being paid to the apartment, the house and the associated nesting. The entire intention is thus directed towards an intensive connection to the world. Because the willingness to pass on life in concrete terms contributes to the preservation of the work of the world. Man humbly puts his personal interests on the back burner in order to ensure the continuation of the earth plan, following the instinct of nature. From a higher cosmic In the first view, full absorption and involvement in worldly matters is the deepest spiritual winter, because the entire intention lies in the preservation of outer life. If this part is regarded as a station on the path, it is of enormous importance, because the moon work, as is also known from the alchemist's path, always precedes the great sublime solar work with which the seeker strives for higher worlds. Man can only reach a higher goal of the path if he has first achieved the feat of keeping the world work alive. This indicates a willingness to submit to the conditions of the world. On the path, this includes the humble willingness to put one's own development on hold for a certain time in favor of serving others, if life requires it. Once this requirement has been fully met, the person is released and given new individual freedom.

At this point, one must be able to distinguish between the conscious decision to accept a worldly part within the path that is necessary for progress, and the unconscious aspect in which the person remains trapped in the work of the world, as he no longer develops any dynamism to rise out of the world. These two variants are separated by a narrow degree of differentiation, whereby one should bear in mind that there is a serious difference between a conscious decision and an unreflected state.

Three days after June 21, the Christian tradition celebrates the annual festival of St. John, which is dedicated to John the Baptist. With the symbolic words from the Gospel of John, "he must increase, but I must decrease", the Bible repeats the theme of the sun's course, which is now associated with the sign of Cancer. This holiday on June 24 is polar opposite December 24, the date of Christ's birth, in the zodiac, represented in astrology by the Cancer-Capricorn axis. Biblically, John the Baptist is the first herald of Christ, who initiated people into a profound mystery through his ministry. Baptism in water represents immersion in the unconscious, as well as confrontation with the power of transforming feelings. In life, people suffering from cancer often experience this through emotional pain and consternation. Contact with the world repeatedly hurls them into the abyss of deep feelings. Thus he experiences

the preparation for the mystery of initiation, which teaches him to see the inner light in the darkness. This is because the ability to reflect grows with the feelings experienced, which corresponds to the growth of the soul from the Cancer phase onwards. Suffering allows people to grow because the feelings that arise dissolve and wash away any hardening and fixation. Dps leads to space being freed up again in the human soul for new experiences, resulting in a perpetual flow, comparable to the waves that wash around the seashore day in, day out. This perpetual movement becomes clear in the following descriptions of the symptoms of the sun's mission Cancer.

Symptomatology: If the natives live against the laws of their own pattern by strictly resisting any form of adaptation or surrender that is demanded of them in many situations, they receive their initiation in relation to the birth mandate via external areas of experience. The more the inner effort in life is aimed at not giving up any of their independence, because the natives try to retain all power, the more life will present itself with situations of being at the mercy of others, i.e. powerlessness. An excessive need for independence with the desire to take liberties in many situations almost has the effect of pouring gasoline on a fire in the case of the Cancer sun mission. The sudden restrictions and abandonment appear as spontaneously and quickly as the fire reacts to the liquid fuel. Suddenly, the seemingly independent person with the Sun order Cancer finds himself in a whole host of dependencies, for example having to account for every financial transaction to various banks or the family from whom he borrowed money to finance his "freedom". Unfortunately, he had spent half of his finances on private needs without thinking, fueled by the childish joy of having a considerable amount of money at his disposal. In this way, he returns to the role of a child, as he now has to prove to the responsible parents (bank) whether he can handle the "pocket money" he has received with care, which puts him under embarrassing pressure to explain himself.

Many ventures that he tries to bring to life dynamically end in failure, and it is difficult for Native people to understand why other people succeed in similar activities and they do not. The frequent failure in their lives is not because they perform worse than others, but because they are constantly trying to make their own mark on life. They lack the patience to wait for situations to arise in life. Similarly, carelessness in thinking and planning, which is tantamount to a childish trait, leads to involuntary miseries to which those affected find themselves at the mercy of, as they have to reap the rewards of their unreflective behavior. Even if they are not inwardly in harmony with the themes of their natal mission, their behavior shows traits that correspond to the Cancer principle.

The theme of helping others plays a major role in her birth mission. Helping means turning to another with devotion and thereby renouncing one's own concerns by putting them in the background. Service to others is an issue that is strongly rejected under the Cancer sun mandate, as the natives addressed feel limited by the demands. Nevertheless, there is no way around redeeming the theme. They could be challenged by life in such a way that perhaps their mother is denied the urgently needed place in a retirement home and the duty remains with them. For them, it then means: "Dress mom, undress mom, feed mom and put her to bed, etc." It doesn't matter whether you are devotedly caring for a child or an elderly person, so this detour would also mean a redemption of the birth theme.

At the direct symptom level, the signals from the unconscious are always clearly directed towards the areas that are not accepted in the concrete consciousness. If there is a lack of devotion, for example, the watery theme is resolved by the body storing water as a substitute for the deficiency in the person's consciousness. Wateriness and softness are expressed through the body, so that people have to deal with them on this material level. The boyish body, which is often trained through effort and deprivation, would reveal its truly soft tenderness through its appearance, which could then no longer be concealed under any circumstances.

The stomach as the absorbing organ of the body and thus assigned to the zodiacal theme of Cancer is able to signal with latent pain that those affected are not ready to face the necessary external issues when in pain. In addition, the natives perceive their own unwanted sensitivity through the pain, so that the organ assigned to the zodiacal principle of Cancer receives the necessary attention in this way. If the Native's approach to life is too dynamic, in that they are predominantly in action and not in reaction, the body is also able to force them into a higher passivity. Many Native people with the sun mission of cancer therefore suffer from low blood pressure or circulatory problems. The active pole that predominates in the self-image causes the body to counteract by slowing down the pace of life. Those affected will certainly try to compensate for the deficiency with plenty of coffee or tea, but this only leads to a shift in the demand for passivity and, as a result, to an ever-increasing loss of strength. The natives with the sun mission Cancer should learn to recognize that they are not subject to the arbitrariness of fate in situations of helplessness and powerlessness, but that their own counter-movements make the waves of life beat higher and higher. The situations of weakness experienced are only the result of the rejection of the content linked to the birth mission. It is therefore important for them to recognize that their strength does not lie in resistance, but in acceptance and surrender.

**Contemplative integration:** People with the Sun's mission Cancer have been given the learning task of dealing with the issue of passivity. Due to an inner dominance that is clearly expressed in their actions, it is important for them to meet the feminine adaptive principle. Inwardly, they are petrified in their individual subject areas, so that they take up an insistent position with them. This inner persistence is like a lock that they are unwilling to release for fear of having to move away from their fixations in order to possibly adapt to change. If they have to move away from their subjective demands, they perceive this as a weakness, just as they perceive every change as a weakness. Changing the direction of a path once embarked upon is an almost unbearable evil.

Whenever they persist in their subjective points of view, they feed the dynamic that requires them to approach their birth theme through experiences that do not correspond to their superficial ideas.

The themes of their attitude of entitlement play no role here, but only their inner fixation, of which there is a wealth of nuances ranging from lofty ideas and concepts of world change to the small idea of individual life realization. In their own way, these fixations make the natives with the solar mission of cancer unrelenting, as they are stubborn and closed to change. At the same time, however, their stubbornness triggers the mechanism that reconnects them with what they were striving to create out of life. The solution and independence from recurring issues that many people are looking for does not lie in escaping from the requirements, but in consciously confronting what they have avoided. It is important for those affected to consciously surrender to the flow of events and allow themselves to be carried and guided. This requires the confidence to surrender to the course of events without fear of emotional injury. Being affected is the part of the Native's life that helps them grow inwardly, as they approach the basic theme of feeling by constantly being touched. If they anxiously strive to exclude this part, they compulsively experience situations again and again that have to create consternation. This experience is necessary for their birthing mission, because it is in feeling that the ability to reflect and thus self-knowledge develops.

In order to familiarize themselves with the mechanism of their solar mission, Native people should consider the particular situations in life in which they have experienced powerlessness, helplessness and suffering. If they succeed in seeing the inner connection between their own relentless attitude and the results of their suffering experiences, this is particularly important for recognizing and at the same time coming into flow with their own pattern. It is necessary to clearly see the gap between where fate has taken them and their own will. If they succeed in distinguishing between the needs and the opposing events of destiny, they are very close to the key to changing the basic course of their destiny. Parallel to recognizing the connections, it is important for natives with the Cancer solar mission to consciously turn to situations that make it possible for them to experience the watery experience that they otherwise try to avoid. For example, to lovingly care for loved ones who need help. Or doing something for others without comments or outbursts of anger, even if they seem to have carelessly left work behind that needed to be done. This also includes allowing yourself to show weakness to other people. Possibly admitting to them that you are not successful or that you have failed in a certain area and have failed.

They should also allow their tears to flow freely in the presence of others and not wait five hours until they are alone to cry in silence. It is also particularly difficult for Native people to accept help from others. They are the kind of people who prefer to give something before they receive it, so that they don't feel dependent on others. Thus, accepting help is also part of the cancer issue, especially when it becomes clear to the Native people that they would not have reached their goal without the help of others.

The more Native people succeed in seeing the existing blockade on a small scale, the more it becomes possible for them to release it bit by bit in order to surrender themselves to events and other people. They don't need to be afraid, because they can only gain from their efforts. They will gain security by looking back on their life experiences and asking themselves what they have constantly tried to sow in their lives and what their harvest has looked like. They will realize that sowing and reaping have never been the same. They should therefore also have the courage to deal with their lives in exactly the opposite way. If the natives are ready to engage with the sun's mission of cancer, a flow of energy is created between them and the outside world that consists of give and take - the hardening within them can dissolve and they can feel themselves becoming softer and more inwardly balanced. The energy-sapping spasm of the lie of life dissolves, powerlessness turns into its opposite, and

Man is carried by life because he was prepared to surrender himself to it.

## The Leo sun mission

The zodiac sign Leo is a male fire sign and carries the outer symbolism of the period from July 23 to August 22 of each year. The ruler of the zodiac sign Leo is the sun.

**Natural symbolism:** The zodiac sign Leo follows the sign Cancer, whose content is to get in touch with the subjective inner self. First experiences of consternation and inner perceptions, which passively impress and are absorbed due to the watery disposition and remain closed in the soul, are made in Cancer. A development of the soul takes place. Leo leads this development to its climax, which finds a special form of expression in the outside world. In the course of the year, this is expressed by the fact that the sun has infinite power at this time, with which it irradiates the earth and the beings who enter its radiant field with its energy. In nature, the Leo period is the phase of high summer. External life seems to slow down in the sultry warmth, as living beings take it easy in the pleasant heat.

Although the forces of the day have passed their peak at the time of the summer solstice, nature experiences its scorching solar climax during this period due to the accumulated heat. The plants in nature have largely faded during this period and the seeds are formed in the emerging fruit, which contain the entire idea of the plant in order to carry it on later. As the carrier of a plant's genetic material, the seed requires a large part of its entire strength in order to store it with all its information in a compressed space. The inconspicuous seed contains a huge concentration of creative energy, in which the organism that emerges from it is already contained as a plant. The respective mother plants are completely drained of energy by the developing seeds during the developing seeds at an early stage.

Remove seed capsules from the plants so that they are not completely emaciated and die of exhaustion.

The transmission of life plays a special role in the Leo theme. In many cases, the living beings corresponding to the Leo principle - this applies to both humans and plants - need the energy and inspiration of a stronger bearer, which is stolen from them in order to assert themselves with the energy gained in this way or, at best, to pass it on to weaker pupil organisms. The passing on of energy and thus also of life has absolute priority in this sign, the same high significance as pregnancy in the Cancer theme.

Whereas in the sign of Aries the forms of expression were impulsive, impulsive, little reflected and only served to seize space, the energy of the Leo image still flows unconsciously, but the individual is already consolidated. In its lower manifestation, the independent ego potential overflows with self-centered self-importance and the desire to face the risk of life in a playful way. Self-confidence and the will to rule as the dominant Leo intention want to shape the world and the environment according to their own meaning, want to put themselves in the limelight as a shining potency.

The following symbol representatives and qualities are assigned to the zodiac sign Leo:

The father, the masculine, the boss, the superior, in every area the owner of external power or real authority, the king, the monarch, the president, pomp, splendor, monarchy, feudal society, spirit, life, vitality, power of the self, individuality, will, creative power, unfolding, power, charisma, dominance, the creative force, warmth, externalized subjectivity, personal responsibility, generosity, authority, pride, warmth, self-confidence, heart, eyes, cell nucleus, etc.

While in the zodiac sign Cancer a part of one's own unconscious is formed in secret and grows into subjectivity, in Leo the process leads to the subjective being turned outwards and revealed. In this way, a duplication of parts of the being takes place, because the Leo principle exudes itself into the outside world in order to find itself again in its own creation. In a microcosmic sense, it thus corresponds to the great macrocosmic creation myth, which is designed in such a way that the divine manifests itself into creation in order to recognize itself there again. **The mission:** The external temperature causes people to live completely in the here and now and their thoughts are sluggishly reduced to short-lived goals. The pace slows down and the focus is on the moment and life itself. Every fiber of the outside world wants to be savored in all its beauty and all-encompassing fullness. All worries and problems seem to be forgotten as the mood is directed towards the sunny side of life.

The mandate given to a person born in the period from July 23 to August 22 is that they should above all develop the kind of presence that the sun possesses in this period of the year. For people, this means living completely in the here and now, perceiving every moment as it actually is. Natives with the Sun's mission Leo are called upon to develop their dynamic energies, which strive forward and want to seize space. They are challenged to fertilize the world out of themselves and to leave formative impressions on the outside. Above all, the mission leads them not to absorb impressions from the world by allowing themselves to be impressed by it, but conversely to allow their own energy to flow outwards from within, like the sun, which does this day in, day out as a giver of life. In terms of the mission, this means developing creative individuality in order to become unique in their subject area.

Being creative means that people bring their own parts to the outside world, as every procreation always involves passing on their own parts.

However, being able to bear witness also has consequences, which consist of responsibly keeping organisms alive and providing them with strength and vigor. In a worldly sense, the lion theme corresponds to the father principle; in its pure form, it represents the male caring authority that, as with the moon theme, renounces pure ego assertion. In its redeemed way, it takes care of the needs of the beings entrusted to it before its own concerns. Of course, in the realization of Leo's mission, as with the sign Cancer, there is a danger that the implementation will only serve the subjective demands. Under Leo, the existing power is then used for selfassertion and to dominate the environment. This is comparable to the unredeemed status of the king who allows himself to prosper at the expense of his subjects.

The other, closer to the subject and redeemed variant corresponds to the self-renouncing adult father quality. It makes its strength available for the protection of others and thus experiences a supportive dynamic in life. The significance of the natal mission of Leo leads those affected to be the central figure for others. Their presence is required in order to allow their own strength and sovereign calm to become the all-supporting center for others. However, before a person can make their own ego powers available to others, these must of course be developed. It is therefore particularly important for Native people to develop their self-confidence and sense of self. This can take place within formal exercises and training programs or also from the experience that the personality grows with every responsibility and function taken on in life. The more the natives face up to the requirements of their pattern, the more they create a dynamic in life that channels them into intensive individuation processes. As the motor of life, they should ensure that everything in their environment is infused with power and dynamism. To this end, it is of course perfectly legitimate for them to work on feeling good and optimistic in line with their mission. If they have the necessary strength and joy, the tasks in their lives can be mastered. That is why the mission for the natives is:

## "Be fully in the here and now, live your individuality authentically!"

The more the natives with the Leo Sun succeed in implementing the contents of their mission, the more they feel an increase in strength and energy. If you look closely at the content of the natal mandate, it becomes clear that due to the excessive presence required, natives lack a connection to authentic life from their basic disposition. People under this birth order are usually particularly attached to their imagination and lack the ability to face life authentically. Their need is to plan and manipulate everything, which is why life tries to connect them to reality through their mandate. In many life situations, they are not inwardly present and therefore live past the situations as

they are not prepared to perceive them. They may wander off in their thoughts because they had imagined situations, other people and stages of life differently and they don't like the situation they are currently in. They are bored or find life dull and empty because they had imagined everything differently and, above all, better. They have to learn to make peace with what is in order to be completely in harmony with the circumstances. In addition to the lack of authenticity, there is also a lack of joie de vivre and the associated enthusiasm for being. Here, too, what may come naturally to others applies to them, namely turning to the sunny side of life and enjoying it with every fiber and, above all, learning to appreciate and love the things that life has in store. Therefore, under the Leo theme, it is important to encourage the development of joy and enthusiasm, as natives lack this and need to open up to the uplifting things in life almost systematically.

Furthermore, the Sun's mission Leo is aimed at people who have no antenna for the demands of life and the need to be needed by those around them. They lack the necessary presence of personality, so that they avoid any commitment or taking responsibility for all kinds of issues. The Leo mission reminds them to face up to life and develop their father quality. This applies to both the man and the woman with the Leo Sun, both of whom are expected to take on a caring, protective role for their environment. Very often the requirements of the natal mission are not fulfilled by the natives because they have stopped on their path at the stage of self-assertion, out of sheer fascination with their own personality. In such cases, they have forgotten to take the next step, to turn their attention from their own neediness to that of their environment.

**Comparative symbol level:** The fire element corresponds to the masculine, active, dynamic, creative elemental force. If we were to relate it directly to the content of the zodiac sign Leo, the keyword for the fire element would be creativity. Its nature is impulsive and dominant. If we relate the mental dispositions of the fire element to those of the fiery Leo principle, the following characteristics can be derived symbolically:

Fire is dynamically expansive, it blazes and strives upwards, it glows and is visible from afar. It needs fuel that it can consume, otherwise it will not last. Fire is a pure form of energy which, when used correctly, makes it possible to set things in motion. It can heat water, create pressure or have a transformative effect by consuming it and transforming it into another state. These active qualities are analogous to the qualities in the Sun's mission Leo, because for natives it means actively changing the environment with power and dynamism.

The sun in space also has its analogous counterparts, as it is assigned to the zodiac sign Leo. The sun is generally admired for the fantastic spectacle it puts on in nature. Think of the changing colors of the light when the day begins to awaken, or the splendor of the sunsets by the sea or in the mountains. The sun sets glowing red and the light melts into the contours of the landscape. No one would comment on this natural spectacle with horror or burst into tears of sorrow because the sun has just set. Perhaps some people feel a slight melancholy rising within them, as a distant premonition resonates from the depths of their subconscious, evoked by the symbolism of an event that heralds the mystery of the transformation of the ego. The rising and setting of the sun describes the myth of the necessary rising and setting of the ego. Of course, the temporal rhythm is different, but the constant return and the cosmic necessity of the weakening of the ego in a person's life can be described with certainty.

What if there was only the day? The sun (the ego) would mercilessly scorch everything. In the darkness, however, nature regenerates and draws new strength; this is also what happens to people, they grow where the ego goes dark and begin to reflect and question themselves in order to fine-tune themselves in this way.

*The period from the age of 28 to 35 also* corresponds to the analogous symbolism of the Leo principle. It makes the mystery of ascent and decline particularly clear, which is very closely linked to the Leo theme and describes perpetual growth. This

The first phase of life is very important, as every native questions much of what they have achieved in their life up to this point. Life confronts people with issues that shed light on their own authenticity, their honesty in presenting themselves and their questioning of the coherence of their chosen path in life. Now the last remnants of the attitudes and structures inherited from the parental home virtually disappear from the life of the person concerned. It is about living and expressing authentically who you really are. The corrections that become necessary often lead to phases of new beginnings that demand a completely new assertion and definition from the person.

Whatever happens to a person during this period is of immense importance to them. Despite the high demands that life places on people, they are at the height of their creative powers and have more "power" in this period than at any other time in their lives. People assert themselves, build up something and are called upon to take on the leadership role at the level appropriate to them. From a metaphysical point of view, everything that happens now contributes to setting the creative impulse that produces the artwork of individual life expression. It is therefore primarily about the person himself, about the transformation towards his own individuality. Certainly, the experiences in this phase are not only dedicated to individuation out of the joy of pure self-assertion, but the person is also confronted with the question of the extent to which he is prepared to give up his energies to the collective. The reciprocal aspect contained in the symbolism of the natural course of the sun also comes to light here again. In many respects, it resembles the difficult balancing act to which the Native people are exposed in life, between unnoticed assertion of power and unselfish assumption of responsibility for a cause, which are sometimes so unrecognizably intertwined in the daily struggle of life that it is difficult for the Native people themselves to say what motivations their actions stem from.

The transgression of the ego measure always becomes clear with the fall that is part of it for the natives, quasi as an objective corrective element. However, temporary falls should not lead to those affected withdrawing into the sulking corner of life in order to no longer be active. to become. This is because the courses are perfectly correct in terms of processing and growth; rising and setting represent the natural balance that corresponds to the cyclical course of the sun, which is also subject to the human being who has received the natal mission of Leo.

In earlier cultural epochs, there were peoples who had dedicated themselves to a sun cult. They worshipped the sun in its occult meaning as a symbolic representative of the one divine principle, which represented the omnipresent center of the entire universe. The planets and celestial bodies orbiting it were seen as partial aspects of that one central principle, the sun, which had split into multiplicity. For people, the movement of the planets around the central sun symbolized the mystery of life, which is given purpose and meaning because it orbits the origin. In this sense, life was oriented towards a central point. At the same time, the sun was also seen as a giver of life, as it makes life possible through its radiation and light.

The person with the solar mission Leo is also called upon in his life to become the center around which everything revolves. He has been given the task of being the central star in his environment, pulsating through it with his ideas and his power. All living organisms from which something emerges have this central function, because behind every fiery representative there is a carrier of ideas that should be reflected in its diversity in the outside world. If he fails to do this, he is in debt to his own birth mission and must experience, with restrictions, that the environment relentlessly puts ever tighter bandages on him.

The Incan dynasties practiced the highest form of sun worship, in which the theme of the lion's mission once again becomes visible on a different level. The ruler was worshipped as the sun god, because he was the embodiment of the divine principle on earth, and his entire empire symbolically represented the imprint of cosmic events. Thus it was not the task of the king to rule over the people, as is often seen in our Western understanding, but the ruler watched over the welfare of his people. The state was organized in square structures in which one individual was always responsible for a group of four people.

These square structures were staggered higher and higher, so that the next person was responsible for four groups of four people. The next person was responsible for four times four groups and so on. This increased until the next person became the ruler of the entire empire. Everyone had to account to their next superior for the welfare of the group entrusted to them. He was responsible for them and, in the event of an emergency, was liable for those entrusted to him with his own possessions. The Incas demonstrated the principle of rulership in its purest form, so that it can be seen that true kingship, i.e. every central function, is demonstrated in the role of father. Real strength and sovereignty arise from the intention to allow others to benefit from one's own power. Mere posturing and outward demonstrations of power only confirm the unredeemed image of the lion, who "flaunts a huge mane at the front but has only a small tassel at the back". A person with the birth mandate of the lion is called upon to find his way into the theme of the center. He may have neglected the development of the "I" forces on his path through space and time. Perhaps he wanted to give up his ego too early. Now, as a Leo-Native, he is called upon to find himself, to be the center of attention on his own level and to achieve a strength that comes from admiring his own abilities and his own person. As a Leo Sun, he is allowed to do this!

**Symptomatology: If the** person under the Leo solar mission does not find a solution to the themes described, he will be brought into conflict situations by his environment, which will lead him to recognize the lack of a possible central theme. This can happen because he becomes involved in territorial conflicts in which he is repeatedly confronted with other people who hold the center that he is supposed to embody in his life. Under the Leo mandate, unlike the fiery Aries principle, it is not the case that conflicts of struggle and aggression arise as a result of non-fulfilment and the unredeemed energies are directed against the person themselves. Rather, the conflict in the Leo theme grows within the native, as the sign is assigned to the soul quadrant. The brilliance of another becomes a piercing thorn in one's own soul, which the Native must look at again and again in order to suffer from it concretely. Because even if the themes of the birth pattern are not implemented, the wishes are usually secretly there, but they are not realized by the natives.

Native people often want peace and quiet and for the things in life to fall into their laps without them having to do anything or make any great effort. They would like to occupy a central position in which they are admired by others simply for their own sake, without having to make an effort.

The fiery Leo mission is more difficult for a woman to implement, as the birth mission places her in a domain that is foreign to her due to the social division of roles. The Leo mission is a typically male mission; in women this usually leads to loneliness, as they find it difficult to integrate themselves into the classic division of roles in their lives. However, this is to be understood in a value-free sense, outside the worldly wrangling about gender and quota equality. In principle, the essential characteristics that result from the birth pattern are much more important than the external gender characteristics. The external packaging, no matter what role it is subject to, does not conceal the inner concern that manifests itself in all actions and deeds in life. Of course, this applies to both sexes. If you know the birth pattern, you should differentiate again between women with a male mission and men with a female mission. The male mandate in a woman leads to greater conflicts, the pressure in dealing with the environment becomes more noticeable. Constant oppression and the restriction of the Native woman's desire for freedom mean that at some point she feels the need for an act of liberation. This is because the external requirement to submit in humility and to be accountable to other people leads to an increase in internal pressure, so that those affected are forced to free themselves from heteronomy in order to become independent in their own way.

This brings them to the point of finally taking control of their own lives. An inhibition in self-expression or the fear of presenting oneself also leads to similar dynamics, so that those affected begin to work on their personality expression until they have learned to accept and realize themselves and thus liberate themselves.

On the physical level, the organs that are associated with the Leo principle in particular signal disturbances under the Leo solar mission. The most important correspondence here is the heart, which is the life-giving and sustaining motor of the human being. The heart also has a central function on the physical level. The heart keeps the entire organism alive and ensures the appropriate movement of the blood circulation. This is why the blood and blood circulation also correspond to the Leo principle. Symptoms in this area, for example cardiac arrhythmia, circulatory problems or a heart defect, can always occur when the natives do not fulfill their task, namely when they do not have a central function in life and do not supply anyone with life, energy and life-sustaining power. The symptoms draw attention to the areas of the Native's life that are diseased. On a physical level, they point out what the person lacks in their consciousness and therefore also in their implementation. The unrealized mission to take up space in life can also manifest itself through uncontrolled cell growth on the physical level. This does not mean that the Leo mission implies a special disposition to carcinogenic events, but such an illness metaphorically expresses an inner need that finds no other platform for realization than to take up space with cell growth and move to the foreground. On the psychological level, symptoms usually manifest as depression, which results from the fact that natives repeatedly come up against difficulties and limits to their own realization when they do not bring the themes of their Leo mission into the world in the appropriate form. In depression they live in a state that resembles sunset. They are led by the unconscious life instinct to a higher consciousness in order to be able to transcend the boundaries that stem from their disposition. The extremes sharpen their focus on the essentials.

The lack of physical well-being means that working on physical and mental health becomes a priority. Following the need, those affected turn their attention to the topic of relaxation, going on vacation, leisure activities and a carefree, stress-free life and have thus reached an important side of the lion theme. All possibilities of positive life design that lead to reaching the concrete here and now are given to the Leo-Sun, because here in this subject area "life help" has its only justification, because it is precisely this aspect that the natives lack. Whenever symptoms develop both internally and externally in the lives of natives with the Leo Sun mandate, they should look into the question of where they are not using their energies correctly.

They should also learn to recognize a possible gain from the illness in their symptoms. Perhaps they will be able to see that they are unable to live out their claim to dominance and that they are trying to take what they do not dare to take directly through the illness or through emotional pressure that is not formulated. If they learn to see their entitlement, which they may not even want to admit to themselves, then their energy is directed towards the real goal: so that the flame they carry within them burns visibly at the center of their lives.

**Contemplative integration:** People with the Leo solar mission have been given this in order to develop presence and strength in life. They should learn to understand that whenever they find themselves in situations in which they are overshadowed by others in terms of their competence and presence, life will present them with a challenge to overcome themselves. Their wait-and-see attitude towards life, always probing whether reality matches their ideas, does not correspond to their actual mission. For them, it means developing spontaneity in life in order to use this ability to move out of the battle between idea and reality. They lack the ability to face life with openness and enthusiasm. Behind all their efforts not to comply with the requirements, there is only a hidden claim to power, which can also be assigned to the Leo theme, but which prevents them from developing the full energy of their natal Sun on their path.

Natives with the Sun's mission Leo should ask themselves how often they have been asked by life to take care of other people's concerns and needs in their environment as the central focus. Be it at work, in the interpersonal sphere or in a relationship, for the man, for example, by the fact that his partner suddenly became pregnant and was expecting a child. Or, as a woman with the Leo mandate, to realize that you are pregnant but lack a strong solar partner, so that you have to carry the role of both mother and father. The natives with the Leo mandate should explore in their lives whether these challenges were accepted or whether there were other ideas, goals and plans that were more important to them and therefore seemed more attractive as their own defined platform of self-realization. If this is the case, the natives should pay attention to the subsequent course of their lives. It is instructive to find out whether or not they were able to realize the ideas they considered to be more important.

Perhaps the projects they started stagnated shortly after they began or took a completely different course than planned. This may have created a mood of discontent and frustration in their lives, which slowed down all further activities. For the Native people, this may have given the impression that life was conspiring against them. But in this context, they should see that life was offering them opportunities that they did not perceive as valuable enough. They should therefore free themselves from the feeling that life and circumstances have conspired against them. They need to realize that they wanted to realize various concepts that were not in line with their life's mission.

Native people should therefore do everything they can to get fully into the here and now by entering into and developing real necessities. This can be achieved by consciously going against their own ideas. If they succeed in seeing and responding to life's spontaneous response, they will feel themselves enriched with an abundance of vital energy.

## The Sun Mission Virgo

The zodiac sign Virgo is a female earth sign whose contents symbolically correspond to the external events of the period from August 23 to September 22 of each year. The ruling planet in Virgo is Mercury.

Nature symbolism: Virgo is the answer to the emotionally manifesting fire sign Leo. It closes the soul quadrant that is opened by the sign of Cancer and led to a climax by Leo. The subjectivity that develops in the two signs Cancer and Leo is led to a change by Virgo through reflection and analysis.

In nature, this is expressed by the fact that the heat generated during the Leo period recedes and undergoes a steady cooling process. The sultry, highly electrically charged air, which caused excitement in nature with frequent thundery eruptions in the Leo period, begins to cool down further and further in the increasingly clear, cool nights of the Virgo period. Analogous to what is happening in nature, the Virgo phase can also be described on the inner level as a steady, ongoing cooling process. On an emotional level, this is similar to a change from enthusiasm to a cool, restrained disposition. However, the days in September are still warm and dry and this leads to a special mechanism in the plants that stores and retains all water, moisture and their own juices. This happens in order to survive the great drought of late summer. In the realm of plants, the accumulation of juices and necessary minerals is particularly pronounced in September. The growth process comes to an end.

This act is a switching process that leads from externalization to internalization. From this point onwards, the plants are occupied with the function of self-preservation by storing and retaining water. They ripen their fruits and then add them as building blocks to the larger food cycle. At the same time

In nature, water storage is an act of security that is necessary to ensure that plants are prepared for the coming fall. On a human level, this would correspond to a need for material security in order to be prepared for possible emergency situations. This is why the spiritual intention of the Virgo principle is to analyze concrete conditions. Virgo as the second earth sign in the zodiac refers to the measurability of matter.

Virgo energy is interested in evaluating and analyzing real conditions. In comparison to the sign of Taurus, this is expressed through awareness in dealing with form, as Virgo is not subject to the magic of sensual seduction on a spiritual level. The earthiness of the sign Virgo is also reflected in the material, but in a different way. In Virgo there is a need to control and scrutinize everything. This new form of attachment can no longer be described as a dependence on possessions and material matters, it is a dependence on evaluating material relationships. On a spiritual level, the earthy sluggishness of Taurus has been loosened and has become flexible, the fruits have ripened and can be harvested. The variety of forms that have emerged demands utilization, exploitation and organization. The earth as a female, passive pole wants to be controlled and utilized. It is only in the struggle for life that the sense for the many small objects and realities unfolds. The "treachery of the object" makes man the servant of matter; it demands new inventions and technical adaptations to the conditions of the material. If this is not successful, the fear of not being able to cope with the material arises on a psychological level. The symbol representatives make it clear that the zodiac sign Virgo corresponds to a conservative theme. For example, the following symbol representatives can be cited:

The rationalist, the scientist, innocence, caution, the civil service, democracy, common places, such as bowls, cornfields, allotments, farmland, workshops, accuracy, reliability, purposefulness, logic, virtue, hypochondria, pettiness, economy, diligence, pedantry, pettiness, pedagogy, fear, schoolmastery, reason, objectivity, rationality, methodology, systematics, analytics, sobriety, chastity, coolness, abstinence, Calculation, the intestine, the pancreas, utilization of food, etc.

Analogous to what happens in nature, the change from subjective externalization through self-expression in the sign of Leo to conscious questioning takes place in the soul quality of the Virgo principle. The same happens in the Native through the questioning of their own person. For the first time after the dramatic self-expression of Leo, a change towards modesty and general reduction takes place. By accepting and adapting to the given situation, the Virgo signature lays the foundation for selfreflection and de-subjectification and thus the basis for the internalization that continues in the following signs. Through this work, after the asocial behavior of Leo, the social behavior of Virgo begins in order to place itself at the service of the community as a social being.

The task: The reduction process depicted in nature symbolizes the task to be learned, which is contained in the period from August 23 to September 22. The natives with the Sun's mission Virgo should above all learn modesty, withdrawal of the ego, turning to other people or to a cause. Here, spiritual integrity, self-questioning, adaptation and analysis have absolute priority. The grand gesture, as expressed in the previous sign, is dissolved and the need to pay attention to small details is placed in the foreground. From this period onwards, the aim is to relearn to examine oneself, one's goals, thoughts and plans and to think them through more thoroughly. With the theme of Virgo, the small, seemingly unimportant things suddenly become important again. The person is introduced to the concrete conditions and learns to adhere to the guidelines that arise from the space and time level. This leads those with a Virgo assignment to focus all their actions and activities on precision and accuracy. In this way, the Virgo mandate differs clearly from the Leo mandate, because there the natives can in many respects flow out in all directions without reflection, which is expressed in liveliness and an open attitude to life. Under Virgo this open

form of self-indulgence is curbed in every respect. The mission leads the Native people to subject everything in their lives to scrutiny.

The second soul quadrant is completed with the sign Virgo. As a learning content for a person with such a mission, this means that he should replace his unconsciousness with reflection and analysis. This form of becoming conscious naturally takes place on many different levels. Native people usually begin to examine everything in their environment, to analyze and fathom everything. This arises from a feeling of insecurity and fear in the face of uncontrollable eventualities. Their nature is characterized by a high degree of external striving for security, which can manifest itself in the most astonishing forms. A considerable fear of material hardship leads to an extremely reduced approach to matter. Thus, the fears in the Virgo principle give rise to excesses of control such as the Stiftung Warentest or the TÜV The central idea is always to protect oneself against possible losses or negative experiences. The natives also find solutions to their inner need in the area of environmental protection. They carefully watch over the dignified treatment of the environment in order to avert possible harm to themselves and their descendants. In doing so, they project their individual fear of life onto existing situations and possible damage in the future. The Virgo natal tenor is characterized by deep fears and therefore, in contrast to Leo, far removed from any emotional spontaneity. The mission is often directed towards areas other than those for which it is actually intended. Much more important than the external material security of life is the inner provision that the natives can make. The ability to analyze, which corresponds to the Virgo principle, should help the natives to deal with the broad spectrum of soul qualities when coping with their natal mission. Here too, as with the earth sign Taurus, fate uses the perceived lack of intrinsic value as a trick to bind the natives to the subject to be learned.

In Virgo, this is the fear that is directed towards all possible eventualities. The way out of the dilemma of fear projection and the resulting "cleaning mania" on all levels of being is through the inner acceptance of responsibility for what the natives condemn in the world. This can happen when they discover similar traits and characteristics in themselves that they particularly condemn in their environment. They begin to take responsibility to a greater extent when they detach themselves from looking at the details and realize that there is an equality of principles between themselves and the outside world, which may have a different form of expression but springs from a similar intention. The sole projection of guilt onto the "evil world and all those responsible for grievances" corresponds to a childlike trait from a higher perspective.

Analyzing an external abyss or material conditions is not enough. The rejected must one day be accepted as the unrecognized own abyss. Fear always arises as a side effect of ignorance. He who "knows" becomes free of fear! The Virgo/Pisces axis (concrete material conditions - invisible non-material idea) is a metaphysical axis in the circle of primordial ideas, on which the human being has to deal with the tension between

"Being and non-being". The human being with the sun order Virgo corresponds to the material principle, yet deep inside he senses that every external manifestation is always only a product of a creative spiritual process. According to the law of resonance, man is always a small aspect of a great creation that surrounds him. Everything that man can perceive and see outside of himself is therefore an externalized part of himself that can only be experienced by him through resonance. In order to experience and understand this mystery, it is necessary for Native people to face the world from this perspective. On this path, they come into contact with their unconscious. This is why the natal mission for natives with the Virgo Sun is:

"Adapt to the conditions of existence and reduce yourself to what is necessary."

All forms and inner states that people with the Virgo birth order perceive within themselves or experience as a resonance in the outside world serve as a detour to attract their attention in order to create a bond with the world in this way. The more intense the The more attention is focused on certain areas, the stronger the bond will naturally be. In terms of the cosmic conditions, it does not matter whether people are bound to the world through fears or interests. The distinction between good and bad corresponds solely to human judgment.

As the Sun's mission leads Virgo into adaptation, natives lack adaptability, otherwise the mission would not have been given to them. It is possible that the desire to present oneself in the world and to dominate superficially is particularly strong. If this is the case, the Sun's mission leads the person concerned back to modesty. The Virgo mission also seems particularly useful for people who have an abstract, chaotic quality of disposition and do not respect the laws and conditions of worldly processes. Here, too, there is an experience of correction, so that the natives are called upon to take one step at a time without skipping one in between. Even for natives who lack the ability to question their subjectivity, the Virgin mission seems to be a sensible necessity. The mission leads them into mental analysis and self-reflection, which of course also requires adaptation to the world, which as a platform provides natives with the necessary impulses. If we want to specify the Virgo mission, it can be divided into two basic subject areas. One applies to the areas of adaptation to the concrete world, in the sense that the human being withdraws his subjectivity under this mandate and submits to the issues that life throws at him. The other shows the inner necessity of becoming conscious, of turning responsibly to the inner spaces by exploring them. However, this should be done on the fundamental condition that the inner world is related to the outer world, as the outer world is only the expression of the inner world. The merging of spirit and substance is regarded as the culmination of the Virgo task, as the realization that these two levels are inseparable. This necessity of turning to the inner world becomes clear in the analogous symbolic observations of the mission.

**Comparative symbol level:** People who work creatively know the urgent need to take creative breaks after they have been

creation of a work of genius. The creative person is often very exhausted because they have not only exhausted themselves physically, but also mentally. The overexertion creates the feeling that any further action would completely consume the deeper layers of life energy. The feeling that the substance of life energy is being used up causes the person's inner alarm bells to ring, because a more appropriate use of energy is absolutely necessary. The creative person then withdraws, no longer wants to open up to other people for a certain period of time and, by withdrawing, treats his powers with care.

However, this sensible stocktaking usually only follows after the scandal and then leads to a delayed adaptation to the respective situation. In the case of natives under the Virgo mandate, this would also lead to a scandal if they are too subject to the need to scatter their potentials outwards. The creative person's incipient rational attitude is similar to the approach of a person born under the Virgo mandate. This is because natives with the Virgo sun mandate will also experience debilitation if they do not willingly reflect on themselves and turn to their own unconscious with greater intensity. Further analogous comparisons to the theme of the Virgo mandate can be made on a collective level. Those born between 1958 and 1971/72 have the generational planet Pluto in Virgo in their birth chart. In addition to its individual side, Pluto always symbolizes themes that are lived by the collective and are expressed in the zeitgeist phenomena of a generation. Thus this generation stands in stark contrast to the generation from 1945 to 1957 with Pluto in the zodiac sign Leo. The "Pluto in Virgo" generation is committed to the new modesty, lives an extremely reduced life, initiated the eco-movement, is known for a high level of recycling awareness and extreme thriftiness. In contrast to the generation from 1945 to 1957, which liberated itself sexually and ensured that everyone could be happy in their own way, the following generation with Pluto in Virgo put an end to all liberation activities. Now they no longer rebel lionishly for freedom, adventure and self-realization, but in their much more conservative behaviour and concerns, the younger generation resemble a swarm of prudish governesses who are contemptuous and

with their noses wrinkled up, critically observe the goings-on of the ruling class. Even the fashion and outfits of the Virgo generation are reminiscent of the high-necked, small-flowered smock aprons worn by the female representatives, albeit meticulously groomed, naturally without perfume and only with water and curd soap. The male representatives are characterized by a practical survival look and prefer to wear uniforms reminiscent of scout clothing, with rucksacks and knives. Due to their sometimes extremely short hairstyles (hair = symbol of freedom), both women and men clearly signal that they have curtailed their sense of freedom. Even women create their own hairstyles with blunt scissors and shave their necks. The men prefer to wear the hairstyle that was once nicknamed "tête carré" (= square head) by the French about seventy years ago as a nickname for the petty German way of life. The

The "new sensible people" never miss an opportunity to reprimand the permissive lifestyle of the Pluto-in-the-Lion generation. It is as if their existence has become a living reminder to put a stop to the general wastefulness. Driven by fears about the future and life, the Virgo generation no longer produces anything new, creative or lively, but instead rises to true mastery in reducing and saving on all levels. Their main interest is the sensible utilization of waste and raw materials. For the symbolically observant person, it quickly becomes clear that in a Virgo generation, apart from the attempt to preserve and protect the old, nothing new is produced, but just as in the natural kingdom, life is lived from the reserves, as external growth dries up from this point onwards.

In the phases of life divided into seven-year periods, the events in the period *between the* 35th and 42nd year of human life correspond metaphorically to the theme of Virgo.

As soon as a person has gained a foothold in the world game in the previous seven-year period, he is overwhelmed by life with social responsibility. By this time, they have usually built up something more or less solid within their individual framework. If he has already fathered children in the creative phase, they are now at an age at which they are faced with increased demands on their parents. approach. Everything that the Native has built up and set in motion in the powerful euphoria of the previous phase of his life now wants to be preserved in some form. This can easily lead to the exhaustion described above. In the 6th phase of life that has now begun, the person will not experience any further increase in strength on a physical level. They can just about maintain their energy until they experience a steady decline in vital energy from the age of 42. Just as outlined in the courses of nature, people must ensure that they are well equipped to face the autumn and winter of their lives. It is important for them to protect those entrusted to them. As he makes his way through life, he must ask himself how he can avoid physical and nervous exhaustion, emotional tragedies and disillusionment. Above all, it is important for him to organize his life according to methodical guidelines in order to adapt to the conditions of his struggle for survival with the least possible loss of strength through routine functional processes. Otherwise, some of the depletions he makes of his health in the years from 35 to 42 will be counted as red debit figures on his health account in the following years of his autumn of life due to the symptoms that appear. A similar process to protect against the coming winter can also be found in plants. They store and preserve their elixir of life, water, in order to take appropriate precautions. (This is why September fruits are particularly juicy.) Our ancestors, who did not yet have greenhouses and export routes, also had to make provisions for the coming winter by bringing in the harvest in late summer. A bad harvest or a harvest that was too late led to devastating famines for them. This precautionary measure was absolutely necessary to get through the winter. In the autumn of life, people should also take precautions so that they are prepared for the coming winter. Winter creates a living climate in which people must increasingly retreat into their dwellings as it becomes increasingly inhospitable outside.

In line with the Virgo birth order, this means that Native people must turn inwards to a greater extent in order to bring in the inner harvest. This consists of the natives learning to see themselves in a greater relationship to what is happening. Everything they experience about the outside world or what they notice there has a direct Relationship to themselves. However, they can only recognize this by developing the willingness to fathom themselves in the innermost core of their soul.

Symptomatology: People with the Virgo Sun mandate experience the unredeemed version of their life requirements through situations that reduce them to a modest level during their efforts towards self-realization. The less they are prepared to question themselves, the more they experience the regulating character of the outside world. This happens because they are constantly forced by the outside world to question themselves, as their fellow human beings seem to be particularly strict with them. It is possible that the goals they have set themselves cannot be achieved as quickly as they think. Or they are pushed out of the areas they have chosen in life because other requirements have become necessary, comparable to the experiences in the Sun's mission in Gemini, which also calls the natives to fulfill themselves with the exaggeration of everyday functions. The stronger the Native's desire for pathetic self-expression, the more they will encounter situations that make them fade into the background, where they will have to practice modesty and adaptation. The little things in life and the detail work take over them so that they learn to make do with what they have. This means that, due to an overspending and an overdrive of the issue, a mechanism sets in at the same time that reduces them again; until they have learned to adapt to the issues they encounter in life. If this does not happen and they live in a state of inadequate self-questioning, they continue to exhaust the situations, which leads to an energy deficit. As a result of this energy deficit, their inner sovereignty in dealing with everyday things diminishes and their inner exhaustion leads to the need to banish all possible disruptive factors from their lives. Triggered by the energetic deficiency, many natives with a Virgo sun sign lack the necessary distance from life's events. The energetic emergency triggers chain reactions, so that the fears temporarily lead to psychotic states, which cause those affected to circle incessantly around the relevant issues. In unresolved

form, the situations introduce the natives to the topic of reflection and analysis via the detour of fears. Those affected certainly feel their fears very concretely and are also in the unpleasant position of feeling almost compulsively driven by them. The root, however, lies in the unwillingness to make contact with the unconscious.

Since the sign of Virgo has something to do with service and adaptation, natives should ask themselves to what extent they are willing to engage in spiritual service to others. If this willingness does not exist, they will very often come across needy people in their environment and feel particularly called upon to help them. This myth can already very early in their lifeemerge. for example, that a parent was ill or possibly addicted to alcohol or drugs. In relationships, too, they then meet partners who are completely chaotic in nature and often turn to alcohol or other drugs. Such encounters lead the natives into areas where they have to sacrifice themselves through their closeness to people and the associated issues. The external compulsion to sacrifice becomes greater the more Native people reject their mission. As soon as they no longer live with the idea of what they could only cope with once the tiresome issue of service has disappeared from their current life situation, they become truly free for more redeeming forms. Life tries to bind them to the existing conditions via this path to sacrifice. Since the natives with the Sun Virgin due to The fact is that, even though Virgo and the Sun are order far removed from the real on a hidden level, it is precisely the ancient knowledge of the realms of the numinous that becomes the binding element

in life. The primal intuition still keeps them connected to other realms and fears and connected. because all fears anxieties arise from the deep knowledge that things in the world are imponderable and that matter, as the great deceiver, is not in the least as material as it is perceived by the materialist. The fear of eventualities only ever reflects the unconscious suspicion that there is something beyond the materiality of the world that man has not yet perceived. Therefore, on the unconsciously lived level of the Virgo principle, a tremendous dynamic arises in the analysis of the world. This thoroughness has the penetrating claim to scrutinize and ponder everything, nourished by the fear of uncertainty and the humble

Hope that the world may be "genuine and very real" after all. The possible horror that the person with the Virgo mandate is afraid of always reflects a lack of reflective ability. Any external condemnation of a chaotic fact, for example a polluted environment or drug use, is only the unconscious projection of the natives, as they intuitively grasp that they themselves carry quite a lot of inconsistency within them. However, it is then more convenient to project the declared "evil" out into the world in order to feel innocent again. But under the Virgo birth order, this is too easy, because natives will not experience redemption from their fears and anxieties as long as they transfer the guilt onto everyone else. Rather, the fears will only continue to shift to other areas, which are interchangeable at will. This means that the fear itself remains. This is because they are required to get back in touch with their own subjective parts via the external conditions. This can be done primarily by analyzing the unconscious.

Under the Sun's mission of Virgo, psychological symptoms are the most frequent manifestation of illness. The basis of mental disorders arises in particular from the numerous forms of fears already described, which result in compulsive behavior. For example, the fear of infection or uncleanliness expresses the fear of coming into contact with the dark unconscious or foreign parts of the soul, symbolized by dirt. This can lead to Native people washing their fingers every time they shake hands with another person in order to protect themselves from bacteria and thus from the dark parts of other people's souls. The use of toilets, for example, leads to an almost compulsive need to disinfect them immediately. This can escalate to the point where all objects in your own house or apartment that have been touched by strangers are also disinfected. The compulsions can become so dominant that over time they become more and more unthinking. The particular fear of infection, which extends to hypochondria, naturally also leads to a series of minor illnesses, which never reach the level that the natives fear, but they are among the eternally cold people who signal with a red snuffed nose that they will not adapt to the world under any circumstances

and are fed up with the unavoidable pressure to adapt.

Rheumatic complaints, arthrosis or all kinds of stiffness signal an unwillingness to adapt to the conditions; they express a mental reluctance to respond flexibly to the requirements. The intestine, the digestive and utilization tract, symbolizes on the physical level those areas that deal with the unconscious and recycle the absorption of life processes (food).

As Virgo's solar mission is to deal with the unconscious, a lack of awareness often leads to disturbances in this area. Constipation due to intestinal inertia signals that those affected do not want to come into contact with their unconscious. The bowel signals what the person is not aware of. In the opposite variant, the nervous bowel function, it becomes symbolically clear that the natives cannot let go, whereby the bowel with its nervous activity ensures a letting go, namely whenever something new or strange is to be integrated or the natives are required to reorient themselves. The fears signal exactly the same thing via the excretory area as the vernacular describes when it says that someone

is "scared". The only level on which an accelerated confrontation with the unconscious arises is now the intestinal tract. Via the detour of illness, those affected unconsciously take on the role of victim again, so that here too one can speak of a latent gain in illness, because the natives pass the blame on to another instance, namely the body, whereby they themselves are freed from the issue. It is important for Native people to realize that it is essentially about not projecting fear onto substitute entities in life in order to be able to analyze them, but that the way out of the dilemma is to descend into their own depths in order to fathom the depths of their soul. It is there, in the unconscious, that the source of fear lies hidden, because any fear projected outwards is only representative of something that lies hidden deep within the native. They should therefore recognize that the root of all evil lies solely in their unconsciousness.

**Contemplative integration:** The natives with the Virgo sun mandate have been asked to deal with the realms of the unconscious to a greater extent. So if they find themselves at the mercy of a multitude of fears and anxieties, the inner states may seem completely realistic to them, but they should try to see them from a different point of view. The unconscious develops that dominance over fear which should lead to direct processing, as all concentration is directed towards the associated issues. Native people feel the call of the unconscious, but the conclusions that are often drawn from it, as well as the actions that follow, lead in directions that do not touch the existing needs at their root, but miss the point. If Native people learn to see the hidden aspects of the unconscious in contact with their fears, this can lead to an acceptance of responsibility that breaks the vicious circle of fear projections.

When they learn to recognize themselves in all their abysses and depths, they begin to face the part from which the fear arises. In doing so, they should always question which topic or principle their fear relates to. To do this, they are equipped with the appropriate analytical skills. For example, if they are afraid of burglaries, they should try to find out where they have closed themselves off so much that they are afraid that something unforeseen could enter their inner space. In such cases, it is not helpful to turn the house or apartment into a fortress. The real fortress is the natives themselves; this must be recognized so that the fear of break-ins will vanish like a ghost. Or if there is a fear of infectious venereal diseases, then the awareness of a passion that is not lived should apply instead of withdrawing further and further from this area. They may instead fear a loss of control in sexuality, so that they are actually afraid of losing the ground under their feet if they let themselves go. The fear of sexuality and its possible consequences is only a subconscious pretext to rule out the threat of losing control. The fear of death should lead to an increased focus on the numinous, so that interest is directed towards questions about the fate of the soul after physical death

should. Dealing with the entire subject area of metaphysics would counteract the fears of death, because the unconscious wants to draw attention to the hidden metaphysical side of life. In this context, it is also important to recognize that it makes no sense not to leave the house or to avoid any outside activity in order to avoid possible accidents. The list of topics can be extended indefinitely, and it is up to those affected to look at their own irritant topics from this perspective. The more natives attribute real meaning to their fear, the more and more deeply they are misled by it. They should rather understand it as a signal that wants to lead them in a certain direction, namely into the inner realms. If this is not possible through their own awareness work, it can take the form of therapeutic work in which the natives begin a concrete psychoanalysis or confront those parts of the unconscious on a pictorial level with fantasy journeys.

In order to do this inner work, it is urgently necessary to face the outside world with all its demands. It goes without saying that it does not make sense to withdraw in order to lead life in a kind of avoidance strategy, but rather to adapt to the conditions that the world places on you, in accordance with the Sun's mission Virgo. Only in connection with the outside can the necessary impulses arise within, in a constant alignment of the inner world with the outer world, in order to be processed by the natives. The natives thus direct the analysis, which they previously still vividly related to all other areas of existence, solely to themselves. This is also where the analysis belongs. With the soul analysis, the inner harvest is reaped, which is due under the solar mission of Virgo.

## The Maage solar mission

The zodiac sign Libra is a male air sign. This soul image is located in the period from September 23 to October 23. Venus is assigned to the sign Libra as the ruling planet.

**Natural symbolism:** Libra follows the sign of Virgo, which ends the highest subjective cycle in the zodiac and in the events of the outer world. With the image of Libra, a dividing line is drawn through the zodiac, which divides it - and thus also the course of the year - into two halves.

The sign of Libra becomes a halfway point on the path from the beginning of spring to the cyclical winter that follows. As summer draws to a close with Virgo, the time of Libra is a new beginning on a different level. The zodiac sign Libra is the first sign in the third quadrant of the zodiac. The third quadrant is assigned to the principle of the spirit. In terms of content, the sign of Libra corresponds to the quality of the "non-ego", as it is exactly polar to the image of Aries, which is assigned the "ego" in the physical quadrant.

The plants and trees have come to a standstill during this phase of the year and the abundance of blossoms is noticeably reduced. The fruits and berries no longer receive any nourishment from their parent plants - due to the cessation of the sap supply - and therefore remain in a state of silent prematuration. Although the grapes, for example, are still connected to the mother plant, a process begins in them that transforms their taste from sour to sweet, symbolizing in particular the changed state of mind that emerges between the first and second half of the zodiac. The more sour a fruit is, the more aggressive and lively it is. The state of nourishment in which the fruit finds itself in the phase before the Libra section is fully attuned to nourishment and the connection with the mother plant. Here the fruits grow to full maturity, supported by their base, until the time of harvest. This state is comparable to the order to connect with the world, which was given to the zodiacal constellations from Aries to Virgo. With them, a close connection to worldly requirements is to be felt and, above all, established on the psychic level, so that the natives under these orders come fully into harmony with the world. From the sign Libra onwards, a change takes place in the nature of the archetypes which leads all subsequent signs, and thus also those affected by their natal mission, from subjectivity to objectivity. The signs from Aries to Virgo correspond to the concerns of the materially concrete world and establish a connection to it. The signs from Libra to Pisces lead out of the material world and establish a connection to spiritual principles and laws. In relation to the individual life, a cycle of inner human and adult development begins, from which the natives must live in a self-responsible attitude once they have learned to discover other values and laws behind everything material. To this end, they should focus on spiritual values and refrain from superficial worldly profiling.

Just as the plant sap withdraws into the roots, the zodiac sign Libra indicates that the time has come to slowly return to the spiritual essence of life. Symbolically, the plant roots are classified as a connecting element to the primordial ground, as their contact with the soil means that they are rooted in the part that is connected to everything, as all living beings are carried by the ball of the earth. The interior of the earth is the material analog to the spiritual primordial ground of humanity - the deeper one penetrates into the earth, the further one moves away from the surface, which is connected to the day side. If the sap withdraws into the roots, then this process symbolically indicates the need to return to the spiritual roots.

Libra as the second air sign of the zodiac corresponds to permeability. The energy of Libra is interested in contact with the otherness of the soul in the outside world. Subject and object enter into a broad and conscious relationship with each other. The "I" should become one with the "you" in the world, the self-image should dissolve in the image of the other. Through love for the other, the part that is alien to the individual and can only be absorbed in conjunction with the outside world.

This corresponds to a balancing of what is too much in excess. Both sides, subject and object, weigh each other up in a kind of active striving for balance in their fullness. The principle of air in the image of the scales corresponds to the exchange of the ego with the reality of the earthly as well as the possibility of the connection between spirit and matter. The following symbolic representatives and qualities are assigned to the Libra theme:

The compliant, the diplomat, the liaison type, alliances, weak The compliant, the alliance type, weak alliances, multi-party systems, Paris, ornamental gardens, vinevards, cultural parks, peacefulness, understanding. indecision. liberalism. charm. balance. aesthetics. positivism, sweetness, sweetness, consideration, tactics, aesthetics, subtlety, indecision, symmetry, decoration, balance, kidney, bladder, skin, etc.

In the Libra period, the leaves slowly begin to turn into a magnificent play of colors ranging from green to reddish brown to yellow, giving nature a wonderful contrast against the often bright blue sunny sky. Nature "puts on a huge show" once again, giving the impression that it is rearing up to deliver a grand finale before it begins to dissolve and fade away. With the image of Libra, a threshold is reached that creates something similar on the soul level. All forms of ego and the need for self-assertion are dissolved. The person with the solar mission of Libra also often gives the impression of wanting to rebel, almost as if he intuitively senses that he too is on the verge of the threshold beyond which the ego of the outer man slowly begins to transform into the inner man.

**The mission: If** we take the onset of autumn as a symbol for the mission of a person born in the period from September 23 to October 23, this means that in the course of his life he must learn to withdraw in his striving for individuality. If we consider the solar forces and the blossoming splendor of nature as a symbol of the fully present ego, the onset of autumn and the receding solar forces make it clear how the mission This period also leads the people who are born into it into the background with their ego demands. People who are born with the solar mission of Libra should learn again to live with the to get in touch with "you".

The essential aspect of their mission is to experience the greatest possible growth through relationships and encounters with other people. Their task is to turn their gaze away from themselves by turning to the you-area in order to come into contact with those parts of the outside world that they lack as building blocks in their soul structure. Through contact with the part of the non-ego, which is also called the shadow area, they are given the opportunity to perceive themselves in a wider spectrum. Self-surrender and integration are the decisive elements that they have to learn in the course of their lives. Libra natives are called upon to expand their ego boundary on their path, as the sign Libra is assigned to the you area in the zodiac. For people, this means allowing all facets of being that confront them into themselves. It goes without saying that this is not easy work, because what person can say "yes" to everything?

Entering into a genuine relationship with another person or the world means confronting the issue of otherness openly and without prejudice. In every interpersonal contact, personality traits come together that are usually fundamentally different. In order to establish the right connection with others, each individual must first of all learn to take back their own ego. Excessive ego dominance is always a hindrance to the broad spectrum of relationships, as an exchange consists of equal give and take. Another important key to the vital function of interpersonal contact is the tolerance that is granted to the other person. A good

"Wire" between different entities lives from the fact that the contacting partners show each other the appropriate acceptance and appreciation. Everyone should maintain their willingness to be open to the strange and unknown when meeting the "completely different". Any one-sidedness in the form of

"Only giving" or "only taking" is an absolute guarantee for unfruitful relationships.

Although the Libra assignment refers to a concrete exchange, it also refers to a spiritual exchange that allows the most diverse parts to come into contact on a subtle level. With every encounter and every contact, an interplay of soul parts arises that resembles an exchange of energies. This leads to connections between the concrete and the spiritual. As a physical being, the human being becomes a carrier of spiritual contents that intermingle with each other.

With the knowledge of the prerequisites for functioning relationships, one understands why people born under this mandate are unable to develop much conciseness. Despite their strong inner need and frequent attempts to let their persona dominate, natives are unable to assert themselves consistently. They lack the strength to assert themselves, so that they often feel like victims of the circumstances in which they have lost their ability to act.

In this role, they encounter their most important touchstone, which is both tormentor and savior on the path of their lives. At this touchstone, they are called upon to take responsibility for the course of their lives. It is important for them to recognize that they will become increasingly onesided as they develop conciseness of personality. Every conciseness requires one-sidedness, otherwise it could not be built up due to a lack of standpoints and definitions.

On the other hand, the resulting one-sidedness gives rise to parts with which the person does not identify. Every identification inevitably excludes the missing part. Those who consider themselves successful and strive for success exclude failure; those who consider themselves open-minded and democrats exclude the narrow-minded despot in their own definition. The spectrum can be extended at will. It is up to each person to bring their own individual identifications into this confrontation. The missing parts are then inevitably experienced by the natives or at least come close to them, because the birth order Libra connects those affected with the missing parts of the soul.

People with the sun assignment Libra should become completely one with the outside until the small ego fence is torn down and they say "yes" to the whole.

The purpose of the birth assignment is to channel those affected into that part of their soul/spiritual potential that is carried by other people. When they connect with them, they fill themselves with the collective soul images that help them to grow on an inner level because they have allowed their personality spectrum to expand. In Libra, all areas and themes with which the person cannot initially identify are formed. There is a lack of ability to become one with these issues, which is why this assignment occurs. If the visible material world began with Aries, the world of the spirit and the world of thoughts begins in the opposite sign of Libra.

Libra opens up that other side of reality within the zodiac, which now leads step by step into the realms of de-subjectification with each sign. On this path through the spiritual principles and superordinate laws, the small subjective

"I" with all its opinions and views, which arise from its limited perspective, is only a hindrance. Analogous to this, the solar forces, which symbolize the ego forces, fade out in nature. During this period, there is neither excessive heat nor cold, the climate "stays in the middle", just like a balanced scale. The first morning mists begin to rise from the ground and cover nature as an outer veil, signaling that it is time to turn our attention away from formal external things, which are particularly welcome to subjective needs.

This is the birth mandate given to all those who are born during this time:

## "Turn from individuality to duality."

If we look for the reason why a person receives this birth order, the order is based on a superficial dominance and the inability to withdraw in encounters and in coping with life, which inhibits the flow of interpersonal energies. Native people are too egodominant due to their disposition. It is precisely this relentless penetration of the persona that makes it impossible to find oneself in others. That is why they should experience the transformative power and mystery of relationships in association with other people. Something new always emerges from every connection or relationship, because the personality of the people who enter into a shared relationship changes. Individual parts fade into the background, new ones are awakened, dormant aspects emerge more clearly. This creates an inner vitality from which people perceive the different parts of their personality, awakened by the others, in a very real way. This naturally gives rise to the fear of losing contact with oneself in the encounter, but it is precisely in the willingness to give oneself up that the full power of the Libra mission unfolds. Love is the greatest mystery of transformation. "Love overcomes boundaries", as the saying goes. This describes the transforming mystery that overcomes all barriers, as a great willingness to give up oneself arises, which makes everything impossible possible.

The Libra-Sun's mission leads the Native people to reflect on the larger In their in a spectrum spectrum. encounter striving for individuality, everything should be "in the right place", but this is the fallacy and at the same time the motor that leads to their birth mission. They should experience themselves in a wider context, as they have been given the task of freeing themselves from the limitations of their own person. To do this, it is necessary to stop the demarcating presumptions with which they carry out their work of differentiation and are all too inclined to evaluate and label everything in the encounter. Understanding the unifying mystery of harmony as a bridge to the other leads them out of their loneliness. Areas such as art, music and theater, which are able to establish the connection between spirit and material, can help them in this process. These areas can thus become an essential point of contact for them, through which they can increasingly interact with other people. The more they succeed in forgetting themselves in connection with spiritual ideas and exchange, the more they are able to redeem themselves. of the order.

**Comparative symbolic level:** According to the hermetic world view, life only achieves wholeness through the complete connection of the day and night sides of existence. Just as man must rest or sleep,

In order for him to lead his life, it is part of life that he devotes himself to the other side of existence - the non-concrete world. The attention paid to both parts of existence is generally extremely one-sided, as more energy is directed towards dealing with external worldly concerns than with inner psychological ones. Man has perfected the manifold aspects of the outer world. However, he spends little energy on exploring the inner psychic level of existence and the lawful connections between the cosmos, nature and man. The inner world remains closed to him, which consequently leads to a decline in skills and sensory organs for the outside world with increasing age. The changed circumstances of old age need to be mastered to the same extent as the world was conquered in youth. If this does not happen, the result is a sad helplessness. As the old saying goes: "Those who have not learned to die will not be able to live life." There is a great deal of wisdom in this statement, because it is only the other side of existence that creates the necessary tension for people to approach the end of their earthly life awake and free of fear into old age. He invests a lot in the outer life, goes to school, possibly completes a degree, learns a profession, starts a family, becomes rooted in matter, but illogically he does not ask about the state that arises with the receding forces. He has failed to confront his unconscious structures, just as he remains unaware of the state he is in during sleep. He fearfully represses the only part of life that is really certain to him, namely death, so that he does not have to deal with the question of what comes afterwards.

In the sense of perfection, which closes the wheel of life to the wheel, he would have to conquer the individual areas that belong to going out of the world from midlife onwards, just as he conquered his outer world when he entered life. Only then does the true balance take place, which is expressed in the archetype of Libra. This image contains the interplay and harmony of both parts, the material and the spiritual world.

Comparable to the hermetic world view, the natives with the solar mission Libra are also challenged to open up other dimensions beyond the ego boundary. In doing so, they should learn to work with ideas, plans

and concepts to recognize the basis for shaping the formal, because creation begins in the spirit and then manifests itself in the concrete in the second step. This also becomes clear with the zodiac sign Scorpio following Libra. In Libra, the spiritual foundation is laid for further events and the ability to create forms. Just as the concrete world is created in Aries, this happens in Libra as the creation of ideas.

The seventh stage of the life phases, the time between the ages of 42 and 49th year of life, is assigned to the quality of the zodiacal constellation Libra. At the beginning of this period, many people go through a period that behavioral scientists and psychologists call a midlife crisis. Similar to what happens in nature, people also rebel once again before getting on the D train of the accelerating ageing process. They intuitively sense the approaching dwindling of their sexual powers. He is now in a process comparable to the ripening process of fruit, which leads him into the ripening period from "sour" (= active) to "sweet" (= clarified). People often ask themselves how much of their own energy they have actually given to others. Sometimes this leads to polarity reversals in their partnerships, as the old ego structure dies away during this period and at the same time the connections to the people who cannot bear the act of transformation of the native and therefore unconsciously want to slow it down. In many cases, those affected try to bring the active part of their lives, which they feel is fading away, to the fore once again. They seek to be close to young people and try to keep up with their pace of life, as they do not want to make friends with the changed situation. For those affected, the resulting discrepancy between the possibilities of life is always a challenge to free themselves from their attachment to the old idea of life. Only when this willingness grows in them can they take the next step on the path to the ageing process. If people have made provisions for the autumn of their lives in the previous phase of life inwardly by absorbing essential knowledge and outwardly through social measures - they now begin to become calmer. He has crossed the midline of his life curve and experiences a pleasant balance between sex and spirit due to the decrease in sexual powers. The human being makes

Now the experience that the outer turbulence in his life is disappearing in sync with the disappearance of his inner disharmonies. The nature of this phase of life makes the analogy to the Sun's mission Libra very clear. Native people are called upon to create harmony, equanimity and peace between differing poles in the world. Every division, every discord binds the world to a particular degree. With the willingness to agree, the worldly struggle to bind loosens and man begins to become freer step by step.

In the rites of the peoples, the autumnal equinox was always celebrated as a significant festival in the course of the year. The mystery, the content of which was collectively circled, is about balancing the forces of spirit and matter. When people accept the interplay between two worlds, it gives them a completely different understanding of how to deal with life. Through the connection of two halves, man becomes "whole" and thus "healed". Wholeness finds its symbolic expression in the equilibrium of day and night through the balance between darkness and light. Because the center of the sun's orbit is reached between Aries and Libra, the zodiac is divided into two halves of six. Six is the number of the center, which is represented in the Kabbalah as the solar center sephira (also "heart of heaven"). Another symbol for the number six is the six-pointed star, also known as the seal of Solomon. It is formed when two equilateral triangles are pushed harmoniously into one another, with one pointing downwards and the other pointing upwards. The six-pointed star indicates the materialization of the spirit and the spiritualization of matter. It describes the harmony between spirit and nature, God and man, heaven and earth and thus at the same time the desired soul grid of the Libra period.

In Christian tradition, the feast of Michaelmas was celebrated six days after the autumnal equinox, on September 29. Michael is the solar archangel who overthrows the dragon of darkness and restores the laws of harmonious primeval creation. The "dragon of darkness" is a symbol of man's imprisonment in matter. From a cosmic point of view, being bound to matter is synonymous with darkness. In the Libra period, the archangel Michael defeats the dragon of darkness, as the following months move deeper and deeper towards the other side of life. Every turn to the other side of existence is tantamount to lighting an inner light, as the person allows the darkness of the unconscious to fade away with the light of knowledge.

Libra thus becomes a "spring awakening" on the spiritual level of the zodiac, with the sign of Aries on the opposite side ushering in the "spiritual autumn", as it embodies itself in the material. Whenever in connection with the zodiac a

When we talk about the "death of the external", we are primarily describing the death of the human ego forces. The sign of Aries is the beginning of materialization. This is where the "I" begins, it ends with Libra and transforms into the "you".

**Symptoms:** If the natives with the solar mission Libra do not resolve the issues linked to their mission, they are introduced to disharmonious experiences via the outside world, which create the need for harmony in them. The disharmony arises from the need to create a dynamic in them that allows them to become active in their environment with the necessary conciliation work, which brings them back into the vicinity of the Sun's mission. Even if people with a Libra Sun prefer to be alone with themselves and do not necessarily seek encounters, the thread to the outside world can break completely, so that loneliness takes on a threatening character for them. The evenings or weekends become longer and longer, the people at work are no longer enough for them, which makes them long for more intensive encounters and connections.

However, frequent partnership problems or a restless search for the ideal partner could also lead them to face up to the issue of relationships and learn to engage in a truly transformative relationship or encounter by withdrawing subjective dominance. The search for the "right" love relationship leads to a longing for completion and merging with another person in the sense of the birth order, which is created through loss or a state of lack. Such experiences become necessary in order to achieve a focus on a subject that is alien to the natives by nature. The search also leads them to those areas that are absolutely necessary for a relationship. If they lack kindness and concilience, they will realize that others will avoid them. However, they should develop those unifying diplomatic qualities in order to act as a catalyst for harmony through their mere presence. The lack of Libra quality also amounts to an aesthetic deficiency, which can lead to the experience that others consider natives to be unkempt and repulsive due to their overall impression and charisma. Such sensitive issues in particular may cause a high level of concern among Native people, resulting in more intensive personal grooming. The goal of integration and the desired acceptance of other people would be achieved in this way. The analogous associations of the zodiac sign Libra include, above all, aesthetics and a love of beauty, which can help to create the basis for an exchange with other people as an attractive magnet in their respective environment.

Physical symptoms often show disregulations in the exchange functions in the case of unconscious rejection of the encounter theme. The kidney as a paired exchange and filter organ of all absorbed fluids is particularly affected as a representative of the balance theme. With a disorder, it signals that the feelings that arise in connection with the world and encounters are not being integrated. The dysfunction resembles an unconscious refusal to deal with the foreign soul potentials. This leads to a poisoning of the body, which in turn breaks down the toxins through the skin. If a person is not prepared to come into contact with the world and their fellow human beings, a process of self-poisoning also sets in on a spiritual level, as the person only revolves around their own issues and energies due to a lack of exchange. Despite appearing to be alive, the person is in fact dead inside.

On a physical level, the lack of detoxification leads to scaly eczema or purulent boils that create a distance to the outside world. The symptoms caused by the flaking skin indicate the need to open up in order to achieve transformation through encounters and thus unifying situations. The boils signal the aggressive defense of the ego forces, which pull out all the stops on the physical level to avoid having to come into contact with the outside. The stronger the inflammatory processes are, the greater the defense. The skin signals are similar to adolescent acne, which occurs as a side effect of the puberty phase. In the adolescent, it makes the transformation that is taking place clear and signals the conflict that has not yet been overcome internally, namely the fear of entering into transformative relationships with the sexual maturity that has arisen via the instinct. The unconscious therefore creates an aesthetic defense through the skin, which is intended to protect against too close contact. The defensive attitude is thus similar to the refusal of the person with the Sun's mission Libra to step out of their inner seclusion.

The formation of kidney stones also indicates that those affected are inwardly petrified, although they themselves are not aware of it, and that there is no longer any real exchange with their environment. In addition, the considerable pain caused by renal colic, which is a consequence of the formation of stones, represents the theme of aggression resulting from the struggle of the ego forces against the demands of the job. The rejection of everything new and unknown is always latent. People with a Libra Sun have a lack of willingness to integrate and should develop this willingness to integrate foreign elements into their personality structure through their birth order.

The distanced attitude makes those affected lonely; on a psychological level, the loneliness leads to a feeling of inner emptiness and depressive moods, so that the natives go to gatherings of people, for example, but realize there that the distance to others is so great that they feel lonely among many. Once this point is reached, the reversals often set in at this point, where the natives experience that they actually live from connections and that there is an imbalance between their refusal and the requirements of the mission that wants to be fulfilled in the world. This struggle for weighting and priority in the demands of life is realized by the body with frequently occurring symptomatic imbalances. With the symptom-related struggle for equal weighting, the urgency of having to make an increased effort to achieve harmony and balance becomes clear. On an inner level, those affected have become one-sided. Equalization can be a challenge for the Native people with the solar mission Libra can be like a bridge that bridges a gap. The existing gap that needs to be bridged lies solely in the Native people themselves - namely in the dominance of their ego forces.

**Contemplative integration:** The Sun's mission Libra leads natives into the areas in which they experience how the concise or distinctive structures of their person dissolve. The more they dwell in the awareness of having to show and live individuality, the more they will experience situations that have a relativizing effect on all their actions in life. In many cases, the Native's efforts give the impression that they are struggling and making a special effort to be visible, but their signals are hardly received in the outside world. Their behavior is reminiscent of dream experiences in which the dreamer calls and calls and tries to make himself noticed through loudness and gestures, but the figures in his dream move around him and do not perceive him.

If Native people sense a similar dynamic of relativization in their lives, they should not despair and increase their efforts to be concise, but recognize from the behavior of those around them that they are too superficial in their efforts to attract attention in life. Even if there is a gap between others and their concerns, it is important not to dwell on this gap, but to recognize it as an indicator of one's own inability to respond to others. In this way, they can develop a special awareness of the issues that generate resistance in them. The intensity of the rejection makes it possible to gauge how necessary the experience is. This applies in particular to physical or psychological defense symptoms. The time at which certain symptoms appear is also important. It is worth examining the connection to their lives due to circumstances or other people? The more they become aware of the extent of their refusal to let the other part in, the less need there is for existing symptoms.

In order to be able to grasp the inner rejection of the natal order, those addressed with the Sun order Libra should consciously recall encounters or relationships that strongly influenced them.

demanded that they change and represented a challenge for them. It is particularly important for awareness to pay attention to the inner compulsion to react with rejection and the adoption of the opposite pole to everything that is said, all opinions and behaviors of the environment. This need to polarize corresponds to the unredeemed form of the mandate, because if you react to the world with opposing views and ideas, you are rebelling against the conditions of the outside world. However, the birth mandate is exactly the opposite, namely to allow oneself to be addressed by the outside world, because the outside world gives the natives exactly what they lack in their consciousness - on a concrete level as well as on a mental level.

Native people should expose and withdraw their protective resistances, as these only serve to maintain their rigid ego-attachment. Their fixation is particularly high and seeks ways and means to escape that necessary experience. To understand the Sun's mission Libra, it helps to look at the complementary requirements from a different perspective, namely that they are gradually led out of their one-sidedness, which arises solely from their own definition, with the experiences they have had. However, every onesidedness must be led to harmonization through the opposite, especially under the solar order of Libra.

It is the task of the natives to learn to view the value of their person from a wider perspective by no longer measuring their own quality by how onesidedly they define themselves, but by developing the willingness to find themselves in a wider spectrum. This willingness can neither be described as compliant nor as unimpressive, but serves solely to fulfill the solar mission of Libra and leads to the necessary exchange between people and their environment being able to take place.

## The Sun Mission Scorpio

The zodiac sign Scorpio is a female water sign whose period extends from October 24 to November 22. Pluto is the corresponding ruling planet.

**Nature symbolism:** Scorpio is the second sign following Libra and at the same time the high point of the third quadrant. If the theme in Libra is to make contact with other people and their soul potentials through encounters, then the following sign leads to an even deeper level. This is because the collective content of all being potentials can be found in Scorpio. In order to make this experienceable, a further detachment from subjectivity is necessary. In Scorpio, the theme of the retreat of the ego forces that began in Libra continues, which is symbolized by the decrease in external sunlight and the steady dwindling of the day forces. The work begun in Libra is continued to its climax, which in the decline of the ego creates the fertile basis for rootedness in the spirit.

In the spectacle of nature, the sun now begins to steadily make its way back. The first wintry days and nights are setting in. The radiance of the sky from the Libra period gives way to a cloudy, leaden gray. Like a shroud, dense November fog shrouds the view of the outer world and illustrates through the concealed outer form what content is woven into the soul image of Scorpio. The first autumn storms begin to sweep inhospitably over the land with rain, just as the natives born in this period experience again and again in their lives. In late fall, melancholy begins to enter people's minds. With its deep melancholy sadness, the collective mood resembles the external state of nature and reminds us of the mystery of the impermanence of all external forms. The plants retreat into the darkness of their innermost plants. The outer life goes into exile for five months at the onset of winter, as the life of the plants returns to its roots. This cyclical process in nature The same process takes place in the material that people born during this period should realize within themselves. The animals prepare themselves for hibernation. Those who do not prepare themselves in good time, i.e. take the precaution of putting their vital functions on the back burner, will be surprised by the first frosts and will be drawn into the great cycle of hibernation.

"Die and become" threaded. The same change from outside to inside takes place on all levels - from active to passive. The life that strives towards the outside world in summer is transformed into a gliding down towards the inside. The other side of nature experiences greater attention, which in concrete life corresponds to sleep; it is the night side of life. This represents the regenerative part into which every living being dives again and again in a constant rhythm so that it can cope with its life in the coming spring with renewed strength. Sleep is an absolute necessity, it is just as important as food intake. If you deprive a person of sleep, they will go mad and die after a certain time. Nature enacts this drama of inner transformation every year. Animals that fall into hibernation renounce external life and withdraw inwards. Humans, like all other living beings, should turn to their inner space during this phase of the year.

Scorpio as the second water sign in the zodiac corresponds to the collective abyss in whose darkness the All Soul rests. Whereas in the first water sign, Cancer, the growing life emerges from the dark womb of the primordial ground, in Scorpio the subjective dies because it dissolves into the collective. Death is the strongest reality. With sexuality comes death and limitation; with the magical aspect of Eros, man awakens to his own essence, or he sinks into the insubstantial semblance of the common. From the swampy pond of the watery sign of Scorpio, the individual rises to new light. If the ascent is not successful, Scorpio becomes a seething morass of everything repressed and resignation. The soul withers and can no longer bear fruit. The human being remains trapped in the naked struggle for existence, which results in an eerie backwater instead of a liberating reconnection. The symbolic representatives and specific characteristics reveal the drama of the scorpion image:

The fanatic, the extremist, the ascetic, people with influence on the masses, the people in the sense of the powerful masses, the underground, the jungle,

Moor, cave, metamorphosis, transformation, die and become, reincarnation, ideal attachment, idea, model, principle, the hostile to life, magic, obsession, power, demagogy, suggestion, hypnosis, the compulsive, fixed ideas, sadism, masochism, asceticism, renunciation, sacrifice, potion mutation, transformation, idealism, high self-demand, sexual organs, sinuses, etc.

In the natural spectacle, the leaves of the plants and trees, which have long since turned yellow, fall to the ground and, in combination with the moisture, begin a process of decay and rotting that creates the humus base in nature on which everything grows and thrives particularly well next spring. This also applies to the spiritual level, because there the processes of transformation and decay become fertilizer for spiritual growth and maturation. This is where real life and inner humanity are rooted, as it is far removed from the primarily animalistic growth instincts and pure survival instincts that find their expression from Aries to Virgo. The night side of the unconscious is what makes life round; just as day and night are interdependent and form a whole, the dark side gives people precisely that part that is missing from their consciousness and allows them to become whole. In this way, the image of Scorpio follows on from the process begun in Libra and takes it to a deeper level. If the human being's task in Libra is to open up to the "you", this task in Scorpio expands to the need to open up on a soul level. For people, this means that they must be prepared to clear the way for the image content of the collective unconscious so that a connection can be established between them and the collective soul. However, it is first necessary to detach oneself from the ideas and models relating to oneself, as they block access to the greater perception. This means that the individual's needs are constantly being guided towards a transformation

## **The mission:** If a person is born in the period from October 24 to

22 November, the nature myth describes that the natives are led into spiritual worlds of ideas with the birth mandate. Life in nature has become inhospitable, it is the time of retreat, people begin to devote themselves to the inner life, as they can no longer spend time in nature as freely as in the summer months. In the The entire splendor and external brilliance undergoes a change that makes everything appear musty and gray. The Sun's mission Scorpio also leads into the areas of change and transformation. This mainly concerns the subjective need to hold on to everything and to fixate on certain aspects of life. The greater the need to hold on, the stronger the need for transformation. This can lead to extreme experiences in the life of the Native.

Just as nature still makes a magnificent impression in October and is abruptly led to the extreme opposite in the following month, people with the Scorpio Sun are also given the task of confronting the issues of extremes. It is important for them to learn how to let go of an issue in order to make a completely different 180-degree turn in a direction. Plutonic transformations and processes are always extreme, either black or white, is the motto. Just as in seasonal events, the order leads the natives into darkness and from darkness back into light. This part of the mission brings people with a Scorpio Sun into areas of experience in which they learn to build something new on the dross of transformed areas of life.

For such experiences, the natives need a good deal of courage and consistency in order to develop the confidence in the frequent transformations that they will rise again after undergoing transformation. Fear and thus the need to hold on to the old should be overcome in the phases of transformation. In this way, Native people are encouraged to shift their focus from the superficial to the more profound contexts of life. Outer life is transformed into inner life and leads Native people into the realm of ideas, concepts and models. They are challenged to act on these levels. The more they learn to allow themes and ideas to take shape, to become one with them in order to detach themselves from them again, the more they move completely in the sense of their birth mission.

Taurus and Scorpio form a polar axis in the zodiac. Because both signs are polarities, they show similar characteristics on their respective levels. Taurus roots itself in the substance through the collection and condensation of matter. Scorpio, on the other hand, roots itself through the dissolution and condensation of matter.

Sacrifice of the material in the spirit. The spiritual quadrant was opened by the zodiac sign Libra, with Scorpio the mission that has begun expands and leads to a merging process with the spirit of the collective. However, before an individual can merge with the whole, they must lift all the parts that the collective unconscious holds into their own consciousness. The act of sacrifice for the Scorpio Native is to begin the dissolution of their own identification parts, similar to the Libra order. The difference between the two assignments is that people with the Libra assignment should bring themselves into connection with the ideas and spiritual contents - Scorpio, on the other hand, should find these within themselves and bring them to light. For people with the Scorpio Sun, this is a reciprocal act, especially as they are more often on the active side of power and therefore find it difficult to find themselves in something that does not originate from their own control and manipulation. Their greatest strength lies in implanting their own guiding principles into the collective. This variant is easier for them, but it has major consequences for them as a result, because the less they want to transform themselves, the more they are channeled into vehement transformation processes. It is true that people with the Scorpio Sun have a great need to manipulate, which they unconsciously use on others to avoid having to change themselves. However, change is the essential component of Scorpio's learning mission.

With the change, those affected should realize that real opportunities and potentials open up for them if they actively engage in the process of releasing and binding themselves. Nature shows them in the fall that it takes phases of decline to regenerate and resurrect. The humus of the fallen leaves provides the fertilizer and the basis on which new things can thrive. This also applies to the frequent transformations in the lives of people who have received a Scorpio solar mission. The constant change, which is tied to external form and worldly conditions, is intended to bring about an inner state in natives that makes them realize that matter is only a means to an end in order to realize their ideas. As Scorpio is assigned to the quadrant of the spirit in the zodiac, the focus is on the idea and not the material. So has Once an idea has taken shape in the lives of the Native people so that they become attached to it, the form must inevitably change so that the Native people do not become entrenched but produce new ideas. With each shaping of inner images, their suggestive creative and ideational power grows to such an intensity that many people who are in contact with Native people identify with their ideas and models. For other people, this triggers bias, as they are unable to assess people with the Scorpio Sun because of the alienating psychological pressure they exert. They often feel like they're being controlled by them, which makes them question themselves because they feel like they're losing their individuality in the moment of being together. The more permeable the others are, the less they can escape the infiltration. This infiltration is a form of entering the souls of fellow human beings. Although it does not yet correspond to the completed theme of the mission, it comes very close to the requirements. At the very least, boundaries dissolve in consciousness as people with the Scorpio Sun enter the system of others. The acceptance of collective ideas and the resulting acceptance and action according to the requirements would correspond to the ideal fulfillment of the natal mandate. Scorpio is a watery sign whose content is redeemed through passivity. However, as the sign of Scorpio also conceals a great power, this results in changeable behavior; sometimes the natives are on the active side, sometimes on the passive side. This naturally leads to reciprocal experiences of power and powerlessness, which are two interrelated principles. A high degree of awareness is required in order to be able to recognize exactly how the powerful potential creeps in in a roundabout way and blossoms unnoticed in life, which is why the assignment given to people with a Scorpio Sun is as follows:

"Focus your awareness on all parts of the inner human being."

The assignment challenges Native people to recognize that their painful experiences are part of their own unconscious. They are to be led inwards through this so that they can question their own unconscious.

motivations in life. This is necessary because natives like to formulate their concerns in a more ideal and social way than they actually are. If you ask about the necessary meaning that leads to a Scorpio sun mission, it is directed at people who are afraid to go into the depths in order to experience real spiritual border areas due to their congenital disposition. Or the lack of willingness to change leads to the necessity of the Scorpio mission, as does the lack of questioning oneself, as is often the case with people who see no deeper meaning in life than life itself. Even if the orientation is directed more towards external worldly events than towards inner-spiritual connections and if people are not willing to deal with the topics of the metaphysical path, which also include the last things such as dying, due to their original disposition, they are led close to the shunned with the Scorpio sun mandate.

This path is certainly not an easy one, as Native people are in a permanent therapeutic situation in life. Even if it is difficult to understand, real life consists of decay and resurrection. Nature, the course of the day and the course of the year, are the best teachers in this sense.

**Comparative symbol level:** Attentive observers of external contexts can see that the processes in nature and in the social network are subject to strong processes of change compared to earlier times. Many things that used to be unencumbered, starting with the air we breathe, food, clothing, transport, communication media, etc., have changed considerably as a result of intensive human intervention, overexploitation and profit maximization. Man has also lost spontaneous vitality in his own behavior; he has become an easily controllable puppet of politicians, the media, companies and their advertising strategists. Many lifestyle habits and styles are subliminally influenced by central authorities, and the manipulated person follows the predetermined paths and tracks that are suggested to them as if at the push of a button in an experimental laboratory.

With the exception of a few individualists who deliberately do not allow themselves to be involved in the collective game, the majority of humanity lives a life of according to predetermined models. What appears to be part of the current quality of life is dictated by the daily sensory overload. The tragedy of this process, however, is the individual's belief that he or she is living a completely authentic and free life, even though he or she is being manipulated to the highest degree. Due to self-deception, many people fail to realize how unfree and bound they are living the lives of puppets, who can easily be controlled to carry out all the movements outlined by their puppeteers. The sources of their own needs and life content are often not explored, but copied from the models on billboards, radio, film and television. The apparent individual needs are the products of advertising strategists and their trends, which are repeated with great intensity on a daily basis. Images of freedom and adventure with off-road cars and motorcycles advertise the great fulfillment of life. We learn which vacation and beach resorts are the preferred destinations of privileged sections of the population, which fashions, which hobbies and what else is particularly trendy. Sometimes more, sometimes less subtly, desirable images are created that are associated with certain values and characteristics.

Man's primal desire is liberation, but with every desire to achieve this liberation in the world, he becomes unnoticedly entangled deeper and deeper in the jungle of matter. In this hamster wheel, he fails to realize that he has become an absolute artificial product, planned and controlled from A to Z. The life design almost resembles the creatures described by Gustav Meyrink (Kylkoren, described in "Golem"), which were created from clay by alchemists and brought to life by them with spiritual exercises. The creatures had no life of their own, but were fed solely by the spirit of the alchemist. Kylkores are dead masses brought to life that serve as a mirror in which the adept can recognize his abilities and powers. With these descriptions of the alchemists, Meyrink created a very concise metaphor of the scorpion's mission.

Analogously, a similar connection between idea and reality takes place in humans with the Scorpio solar mission. Native people learn to implant their images in the souls of others through indoctrination and thus create creations. However, these creations have nothing to do with being alive, because they are only ideas that are absorbed by others. The more the Native people When people deal with worlds of ideas in this way and only influence the outside world without allowing themselves to be touched, they enter border areas. There they have to transform themselves - the idea and themselves. In such situations, it is crucial that they go through such processes with awareness and do not withdraw with resignation at some point. After all, it is precisely from the events that they should gather the relevant experience for dealing with their pattern.

If you look for the symbolic equivalent of the scorpion theme in the seven-year periods of life, you will find it in the *period between the ages of* 49 and 56. During this time, a person enters the menopause and feels more and more that their vitality is waning as their sexual energy wanes. The first illnesses of a lasting nature make themselves known and remind the natives to think about their declining vitality. Fate uses the body to ensure that people in this stage of life begin to devote themselves to their inner spiritual life. He goes through melancholic mood swings in which the approaching old age and the transience of life are realized. In accordance with the Scorpio theme, the change to a more intense inner life takes place in this way. Very often, the sexual instinct flares up again strongly during this period, whereby the person feels overwhelmed and torn by the discrepancy that, on the one hand, his ability to procreate is extinguished, but on the other hand, he is gripped by the instinct and it demands fulfillment. This often leads to turning to younger partners, whose sexual power is still pulsating with life. However, this often leads to a painful experience, as the desire only comes from a spiritual dimension and in the encounter with authentic life, the idea is shattered by reality. Every human sexual impulse and act carries something profoundly creative within it. With it, life and manifestation are created and carried on as long as the disposition to do so exists. However, being able to witness and receive, which corresponds to the ability to pass on life, also means that one sustains the world by ensuring its external continuity through offspring.

If a person has lost the ability for external creative processes, they are required to transfer their sexual energy to a spiritual level.

because he can no longer release his impulses to the outside world. It only becomes problematic for the person affected if they continue to try to create on the wrong (external) level. He will inevitably be confronted with problems, as his dispositions are at odds with his will. The description of the phase of life also symbolizes the mission of natives with a Scorpio Sun. They too should make greater efforts to grow inwardly and achieve an inner life so as not to mourn after life situations that become stale on the outside.

On October 24, at the beginning of the Scorpio period, Christian tradition celebrates the feast of the archangel Raphael. During the initiations in the mystery traditions, he is regarded as the guardian spirit and companion of the mystics. Raphael is the neutral companion (Mercury = air element) who has the ability to walk through all lowlands and abysses unscathed. Similarly, the Mercury principle is associated with the intellect, which is able to process all experiences in a value-free and unimpressed way without being influenced by feelings. The name Raphael means "God heals"; the characteristic feature of this healing was that the initiates did not avoid the dark abyss during their initiation, but approached it in an attitude as if they were confronting a part of their own inner self. Thus, during their initiations, they allowed the light of consciousness to penetrate the darkness of the unconscious and walked in spirit with Raphael through all the depths and abysses of their own hell. The healing and transformation of the mystics resulted from the fact that the enactments placed them in states in which they were able to discover parts of themselves that were not accessible to them in their day-to-day consciousness. The more they opened up the spectrum of their shadow world, the more this led to a process of healing and becoming whole, as they consciously allowed old parts of their personality to die and a new person to emerge from within. From this process of initiation through their own abyss, the old ego structure, which had disintegrated into humus, and the ego identification formed the basis on which the new person could emerge and grow.

All festivals in the month of November are reminiscent of the central scorpion theme, which repeatedly describes the transformation of life. During this time, people celebrate All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, the Day of Prayer and Repentance and

All Souls' Sunday. All Souls' Day is the memorial festival for the unconscious earthbound souls who, due to their dull existence during their lifetime, were unable to detach themselves from the material after their death. Bound to their instincts, the souls of the deceased no longer have a body and desperately try to find redemption for their insatiable urges by occupying living people. Symbolically, a light is lit for the bound to signal to them that they should turn to the primordial light, as the material plane no longer corresponds to their form of existence. All Saints' Day, on the other hand, is the memorial festival for all those who have died, who have risen in their spirituality and transformed themselves through all the trials and stages in their lives to the highest state of incarnation. The Day of Repentance and Prayer corresponds to the special day that commemorates the insight and conversion from the unconscious dark plutonic part. It symbolizes that all potentials are contained in the image of the scorpion, both the abysmal criminal and the purified saint. Here it becomes clear that the content of the sign of Scorpio means that nothing is alien to the individual, because they find themselves in the entire soul potentials of the collective psyche. If you want to find yourself in everything, the shell of ego identification must first be transformed.

In the festivals of the month of November, the extremes of the Scorpio image of the soul are clearly revealed. On the one hand there is a festival to commemorate the deepest darkest night of the spiritual abyss of bound souls, on the other hand there is the celebration of the absolute spiritual high, the liberation from the material and its conditions. Scorpio always contains both possibilities, the unconscious part which, bound to projections and the abysses and lowlands of the world, cannot recognize its own darkness within itself, and the other part in which there is high consciousness and the person is ready to rediscover himself in all facets of the primordial ground and to take responsibility for it.

**Symptomatology:** If people have received a Scorpio solar mission, but their life intention aims in the opposite direction to the mission, the events of life lead them into border areas that create psychological stress in order to direct their attention inwards. Especially when the need for the finer things in life

life is the first topic on the wish list, fate will turn its attention to other necessary areas of life. This is not to say that people with Scorpio's solar mission will be denied the finer things in life. Rather, those affected should use the signals that life sends through contrary manifestations to recognize which learning content they want to pay attention to. If the structures in life frequently break down for those affected, this indicates that they are not prepared enough to take on new tasks. They have stopped the wheel of life, so to speak, and want to lock it in one place in order to escape the constant ups and downs. The task leads them into transformational experiences so that they can get to know the regenerative powers of upheaval processes. Any persistence in old fixations is associated with a strong aspect of power. Even when they find themselves in situations of transformation, they often develop a considerable dominance because they cannot tolerate the momentum of life processes. They prefer to smash everything so as not to let go of the reins. Nevertheless, they repeatedly find themselves at the mercy of similar dependencies. This "vicious circle" indicates to the natives that they are too strongly on the side of power, but are not aware of their claim to power and the exercise of dominance. Frequent conflictual confrontations, in which they are accused of intentions that they did not ostensibly have, lead to the realization of their unconscious motivations for action.

For Native people, this is an indication that they have not invested enough awareness in defining themselves. The conflict should help them to scrutinize themselves concretely and critically and to measure themselves by the same yardstick that they apply to other people. They should pay particular attention to the accusations of other affected people about how they assess their behavior and not immediately dismiss all arguments.

The Scorpio mission is to transform themselves in union with the world, to give up their subjective desires and goals in order to merge with the spirituality of the collective. Natives have the power and the ability to do both, but whenever they find themselves on the side of the active "infiltrator", powerlessness beckons on the other side of their spiritual power potential. With their They then begin to sacrifice real and tangible help bit by bit - on various levels - until they have learned that the mystery of life means for them to transform themselves again and again. The more the natives follow their need to build up everything in life into an ever-increasing continuum, the more frequently life leads them into the immediate vicinity of the most diverse resolution processes. These can be, for example, direct experiences of death, when people close to them pass away and they have to experience this process of dissolution and transformation in deepest grief. Or relationships that are particularly important to them are ended by the partners, whereby they then feel the deep pain associated with every transformation in long phases of detachment. The pain centers the consciousness on the affected area. The emotional pain centers the consciousness inwards, i.e. on the level to which natives with the Scorpio solar mission should pay more attention.

This pain can also be generated through sexual powerlessness situations that they have to wrestle with when their needs and desires are not met in any real way. In this way, they experience the need to create other outlets. The sexual energy, which is a creative living force, is to be transposed to another level in the sign of Scorpio and serve as a motor for spiritualcreative processes. This leads to high inner tension and gloomy moods, which can, however, find creative solutions on other levels.

In many cases, it is possible to create a creative outlet for the excess energy, which often leads to extraordinary manifestations and achievements. Many creative people are familiar with this phased struggle and the inner torment that serves as a motor, especially for the artistically gifted, to be able to bring the inner to the outside through this transformative power. Such situations and periods of abstinence are intended to remind Native people of the theme of sexual transformation; this does not mean that Native people should fundamentally give their sexual energy a different direction. However, targeted work and management of the inner energies can consciously give rise to those experiences of creative growth that otherwise arise as an unintended result of situations of deprivation or renunciation. On this path they consciously and logically channel themselves into transformation processes that are an absolute necessity for their birth pattern.

Life wants to create a depth of soul in them, with which they learn to scrutinize themselves and their existence to a high degree. However, the more they become entangled in the external world, the more life has to bring them into dying processes, as they do not fulfill their mission. Phases of deep sadness and depression therefore alternate, reminding those affected of the need for inner reflection. Depression directs a person's entire attention inwards. This happens naturally when the subjective need refuses to deal with the psychological areas. Many natives with a Scorpio Sun feel a latent tendency towards suicide. Life does not coincide with their ideas, so that the world becomes an experience of blackness for them. Their ideas about life cannot be maintained and they find it a constant challenge to have to confront issues that do not correspond to their own concepts. A suicidal tendency is also the unredeemed form of a transformation process. Behind suicide and its tragedy lies a strong aspect of power, because those in despair see suicide as the only way to escape a necessary transformation. The lack of perspective in their dramatic situation stems from their own limited point of view and their refusal to confront the situation, which they perceive as unbearable. Unfortunately, those affected often do not find the right level of transformation, as they are more willing to end their lives than to allow a spiritual metamorphosis that would free them from the seemingly hopeless situation. If, in the course of their lives, Native people learn to listen to the recurring calls for change, the experiences they may have previously perceived as destructive are reversed. In such cases, they develop a high degree of regeneration, and those affected become familiar with that aspect of the Plutonian principle that leads them into a high degree of vitality due to their willingness to change.

The symptoms of illness of natives with a Scorpio Sun are equally indicative of the intensity that life demands of them. Allergies are particularly common symptoms under the sun sign. Mission Scorpio. The allergy contains an immense unconscious potential for aggression. As this is not lived, it is directed against the natives themselves, so that the battle that wants to be waged against the most diverse areas of the world takes place on the physical level and the associated substances and intruders are fought by the body. Above all, allergic reactions are directed against everything living and natural. In hay fever there is an indication that those affected are not aware of the issue of their rejection of authentic life. In relation to the actual birth mission, they are still too entangled in the bond with the external world and enjoy its natural concrete aspects instead of opening up to the areas of inner life that they need to explore. The body translates the inner message by reacting with aversion, thus showing the natives the way into their well-sealed, preferably darkened inner spaces. The result of the concrete situation symbolically points the way inwards.

The intestine is also assigned to Scorpio on the physical level, as it carries out its work of utilization and excretion deeply hidden in the invisible. Similarly, on the corporal level it symbolizes the area of the unconscious, which keeps the human organism alive with its utilization and excretion. The intestine symbolically utilizes the impressions of the outside world that are absorbed with food as a carrier of life. The human being is also kept alive on a spiritual level by engaging with the realms of the unconscious. If there is a lack of willingness to confront the unconscious, this can be symbolized by a functional disorder of the intestine. The confrontation with the unconscious and its shadow areas, the abysses of the psyche, is therefore so important for the natives under this order, so that with the discovery of other or alien personality parts the ego identification dies, so that it is no longer possible to condemn topics, things or human characteristics, because they are no longer alien to you, since you have recognized that they lie dormant in the same way in yourself.

All decomposition processes smouldering in the darkness of the body signal that those affected are not prepared to face the repressed parts of their soul in order to avoid having to transform themselves. The

The most serious manifestation of this is expressed in a cancerous process in the intestinal area. In a dramatic way, that great act of transformation takes place in a long path of suffering on the physical level, to which the person may not give space in consciousness. Symbolically, this means that the body carries out the transformation on behalf of the consciousness. All concentration is now focused on the gut (unconscious), the transformation processes have taken over and all work and attention is directed towards the effort of inner regeneration. Before this most extreme manifestation occurs, a whole series of signals and indications must have been ignored. No symptom appears out of the blue, but is preceded over a long period of time by a multitude of clues from life.

It is therefore important to follow the voice of life with its many signals. Death as the great transformer stands behind the many small transformations in life. This is why people with the Sun's mission in Scorpio are called upon to come to terms with themselves. The natives know this too, because their unconsciousness creates inexplicable feelings of guilt in them. To counteract this, it is necessary to ask the basic questions of existence. In this way, it becomes possible for those affected to fulfill their mission in a consistent manner.

**Contemplative integration:** With the solar mission Scorpio, the natives are led on a path that resembles the initiation rituals of ancient mysteries. The Scorpio mission corresponds to the path that leads from matter to inner dimensions and introduces the natives to the effect of spiritual models on the soul. This happens because the world becomes stale in the eyes of the natives. In this way, a different understanding of the world can emerge.

If the need for change is so present in the life of the native that dying processes in various areas of life become clear, then they should overcome their resistance and move towards the possible transformations. This applies in particular to those areas of life in which they have been treading water for some time. They may have been struggling for some time with their "back to the wall" and trying to work on the areas of life that are passing away, be it work, partnerships or other issues that are close to their heart, to hold on to. Areas of life that reveal an imminent decline want to be fully crossed and brought to an end with a resolution process. The longer the natives try to hold on to the circumstances, the longer the processes of change take. This may give those affected the impression that the whole of life is conspiring against them, but it is only their own clinging that creates a climate of perpetual decline.

Any clinging to the old prevents new manifestations in life, so that the phases of change processes are prolonged until the natives finally let go. Only the conscious, complete release allows something new to emerge and new life to enter again. The need for change becomes clear due to the frequent occurrence of inexplicable fears. Especially fears of impending disaster or death, which is the greatest transformation of life, show that there is a need for change, which is not consciously perceived by those affected. However, the soul is aware of this necessity and sends signals to the person's daily consciousness. For people with the Scorpio Sun, the world with its different areas of life is like a vehicle that helps them to reach certain goals. The natives like to stay in their means of transportation, although it would be more important to change trains in between in order to reach a certain destination. In real life, you don't stay seated as a passenger in a train compartment because it was particularly comfortable during the journey. The world is only a means to an end for natives with the Sun's mission of Scorpio. It serves to gain certain necessary experiences in order to get to know the connections between spirit and matter.

People with the Sun in Scorpio should examine their lives from the point of view of whether the symptoms described or similar ones demand their attention. If this is the case, they should not perceive the situations as the arbitrariness of fate, but see a necessity behind them that they are not prepared to allow. They can learn to let go by consciously turning their attention to their inner fixations. It is helpful to write down the fixations once and to wander through the situations that you are not prepared to change in your imagination, to shape them differently than in life in order to lay the foundation for change in your mind. Contact with the inner Images touch them and bring them close to the feelings that motivate them to hold on to everything in life. In this way, the true motivations that lead to the same patterns of behavior can be explored. Therapeutic work that leads them into the realms of their unconscious in order to bring them into contact with their shadow themes is also in line with the content of Scorpio's solar mission. Allowing experiences of death on other levels can help them to contemplate the mystery of inner regeneration. This would be possible, for example, in breathing therapy that leads into borderline areas, in seminars on dying issues or in hospice movements.

If natives with the Scorpio solar mission develop a willingness to confront themselves, they are close to the content that life is trying to offer them in the form of the border areas they have experienced. Just as it was practiced in ancient initiation rituals, people under this mission are called upon to complete that night journey of the soul that leads to the hidden treasures of the soul. If the willingness to do so is present, the dead form is transformed and life begins to arise again, as the natives have found their inner life. In doing so, they free the material world from being a vicarious agent for transformation processes. They have initiated the process known as the path from dying to becoming, which allows them to take root in a spiritual world.

## **The Sun Mission Sagittarius**

The zodiac sign Sagittarius is a male fire sign whose period extends between November 23 and December 20 of the year. Jupiter is the ruling planet of this zodiac sign.

**Nature symbolism:** Sagittarius is the last sign in the third quadrant of the zodiac, which is associated with the spirit principle. Sagittarius completes the cycle begun in Libra and Scorpio, which involves the withdrawal of the ego forces. If you follow the zodiac from Aries to Sagittarius, Sagittarius is the last fire sign among the archetypes, the following signs Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces are assigned to the elements earth, air and water respectively.

Since the spirit quadrant is closed by a fiery sign, it can be concluded that the development impulses on the path from Libra via Scorpio to the conclusion with the Sagittarius theme will gain a new dynamic.

In order to better understand the evolving dynamics of the Sagittarius principle, it is useful to take a closer look at the symbolism of different levels. Within the course of the year, the station is reached in December when the days have become the shortest of the year. There are only eight hours of light during the day and the duration of darkness has extended to 16 hours. Endless rain falls between gloomy banks of fog that refuse to lift. The cold dampness relentlessly penetrates everything that is exposed to it outside. The first snow mingles with the drizzle, and the damp cold brings any joy of world activity to a standstill.

The fields are empty, the gardens are bare and radiate a gloomy, waiting silence. The plants and fruits that have fallen to the ground at the beginning of autumn are exposed to a process of decay and decomposition during the Scorpion season due to the persistent moisture. This dissolves the hard shells of the seeds. They begin to swell and the heavy rainfall washes them deeper into the soil. The allegorical meaning of this natural process is very significant and leads to a deeper understanding of the process that takes place in the zodiac sign Sagittarius. This process describes how, during the process of death, the basis for new growth is simultaneously laid by flushing in the softened seeds. The seeds are the carriers of the contents of life and growth that will develop in the next spring. In the midst of the great passing away, the fundamental basis for the continuation of life now finds its beginning. Dying takes place in Scorpio, and in Sagittarius the foundations for the next becoming are laid. This synchronicity shows why a strong optimism prevails at the soul level of the Sagittarius principle, with a deep trust in change for the best. Under this signature, people intuitively sense the mystery that can be discovered in every cyclical event.

As the last sign of fire, Sagittarius corresponds to the embers covered with ashes, which carry a great inner heat in their germs. The ashes represent the dead ego that has detached itself from earthly attachments. The inner fire has attained a capacity for discernment and is able to separate the essential from the non-essential in order to find a third, redeeming point within, beyond the divisions and worldly goings-on. The energy flows into ideas that are more strongly directed towards the goal of bringing them into the world than in the two previous signs. An optimistic belief in the eternal regenerative capacity of the circle of life is created with this energy of the sign of Sagittarius, whereby the haste in the struggle for life and visibility leads to an inner calm. Embers are to be kindled again and again as fire, but the essence of Sagittarius fire is to keep the heat covered in order to achieve the most effective inner benefit from it. Human will and libido have risen to a spiritual level, the small, self-centered and limited ego has unfolded into a higher self, it has detached itself from the heaviness of earth to such an extent that its will can obey intuitive inspirations and thus meet universal requirements.

The following symbol representatives and characteristics can be assigned to the zodiac sign Sagittarius:

Priests, *philosophers*, *judges*, *large estates*, *tour guides*, *travel agencies*, *wealth, property*, forests, *avenues*, pastures, *sacred places*, *sacred groves*,

Churches, temples, expansion, extension, development, abundance, vastness, dynamics, ideal images, meaning, sense and value, religio, philosophy, faith, consecration, ethos, dignity, love of mankind, help, wisdom, insight, knowledge, right, justice, success, satisfaction, cheerfulness, optimism, affirmation of the world, art of living, culture, wealth, overestimation of oneself, exaggeration, patheticness, pomposity, tolerance, self-confidence, openness, magnanimity, kindness, the liver, the thighs, the body's fat balance, growths, etc.

In the period of the Sagittarius month, people are plagued by the inhospitality of the season and wander the earth feeling shadowy and tired, as they feel restricted in their expression of life. The same stillness has descended on the psyche as it has on nature. Through the gloomy darkness, a longing for greater space and closeness to heaven grows in the mind. In order to get through this depressing time, people long for the joy of life and light and cling to any hope that presents itself. In doing so, people forget that the goal of their longings at this time cannot be found outside, but only in human consciousness itself. New courage, new strength and new goals now lie clearly in the sacred, in the numinous and not in the realization of popular everyday pleasures, as is the case in midsummer, for example. The evenings at this time of year are endless and call for inner reflection and contemplation. It is the time when people should reflect on the meaning of life. Any escape would only be tantamount to repression, which life must always respond to with "tutoring", as there is no escaping the content to be learned in a captivating quality of time.

**The assignment:** Natives born between November 23 and December 20 are given the task of turning their gaze inwards from the outside world. Nature has become increasingly inhospitable and no longer allows people to spend time outside for diversion; instead, they must inevitably retreat into their inner rooms. The process of internalization, already apparent in Scorpio, continues in Sagittarius and, as it is the last sign in the third quadrant, wants to be brought to a conclusion. Libra and Scorpio represent the beginning and the end.

solidification phase of the mental quadrant. In these two images, subjectivity undergoes a transformation, so that the person's egoperceptions and ideas are channeled into a metamorphosis process that ultimately leaves them no longer as ego-bound as they once were. In the third quadrant, Libra is the first sign to come into contact with the spiritual content of the collective and in this way experiences those parts of the projection that initially lie in the unconscious. Shadow work begins at this station of the zodiac. Scorpio is connected to the primordial ground of spiritual content and carries this within itself as a disposition to which an inner connection is to be established. In the Scorpio phase, the individual must develop an awareness of their own abyss. Sagittarius, on the other hand, is called upon to establish a connection between the world and the cosmic primordial ground.

Just as it symbolizes the darkness in nature, Native people with the Sun's mission of Sagittarius are called to search for the light. Light, which also plays a major role in the holidays of this period, symbolizes the illumination of the spirit, which illuminates the darkness with awareness. The mission leads Native people to come to terms with the spiritual essence of life. In the course of their lives, Native people are to give matter a deeper meaning than merely taking care of external things. If they follow a spiritual path, it is important for them to gain insight into the mystery of spiritualized matter and to understand it. For the world is the carrier of spiritual content that wants to be explored in its nucleus so that the material form regains a real meaning - namely that it is like a bridge to the cosmic that wants to be recognized and used as such. From this perspective, the world takes on a completely different significance for them than for people who only attach real meaning to its visible functional aspects. People with the Sun's mission Sagittarius are called upon to say goodbye to the profane view of the outer world and to achieve a similar state of detachment from matter as was evident in the Scorpio mission. Sagittarius corresponds to the principle of spirit and religion, which should become the central motif of life under this mandate. The natives have lost the awareness of the essence of the spirit, it wants to be recaptured and realized in the

The rational (Mercury principle) has become predominant.

Mind is often confused with intellect. This misunderstanding is the source of many problems. Spiritual cognition arises from a superior point of view of understanding of different contexts, whether in the world, in philosophies or in myths. The mind always creates connections, recognizes similarities and analogies, thereby creating unity in consciousness. The intellect corresponds to the rational principle, which does not lead to the unity of things, but to divisive discord. However, every division corresponds to an attachment to worldly events, as the world consists of nothing but divisions (polarities). The intellect thus corresponds to a worldly organ of orientation and the spirit to a metaphysical element of reconnection. The spirit is the principle that animates matter and everything in this universe, the principle behind the physical - i.e. the metaphysical. Getting in touch with the metaphysical is the Sagittarius task. This has always been the most important part of all initiatic schools. If the natives recognize, after they have set out on their search, that the world speaks a language in symbols, they no longer want to possess the material, but to go further into the depths of the dialogue they have begun. People with a Sagittarius mandate should learn to expand their awareness, not to distract themselves from themselves, but to immerse themselves in the depths of their own inner space. However, this also means prioritizing life differently in order to seek moments of upliftment and inspiration, such as those found in solemn rituals, concerts and masses, instead of constantly distracting themselves from their inner core with an abundance of external activities. The mission of natives with a Sagittarius Sun

reads:

## "Direct your need for growth and your longing towards inner goals."

At the end of the Sagittarius phase, the winter solstice occurs in nature. The symbolism of the winter solstice indicates that light (spirit principle = Sagittarius/Jupiter) is born in matter (matter = Saturn). The material world is the highest darkness polar to the spiritual, and the days in the Sagittarius section are comparable to this.

shortest, the darkness predominates. But it is in the darkness that the light can be seen most brightly, and above all it helps with orientation in the dark. If we look into the reason for receiving a Sagittarius birth mandate, it can be concluded that the mandate is particularly directed at natives who are too materially oriented due to their spiritual disposition. People who have only focused their attention on matter and the outside world should use the Sagittarius mission to gain a different meaning from the world. Above all, they should deal with spiritual content and the fundamental questions of existence by asking questions about the meaning of life and trying to find out where people come from and where they are going after their death.

Because of their assignment, they are challenged to discover the difference between body and soul by recognizing that a person is a spiritual being with a body and not the other way around. Especially natives who lack the ability to confront themselves and who therefore flee in panic from any possibility of having to deal with their inner parts receive a Sagittarius sun assignment. If the need for expansion and broadening, which is particularly strong in the zodiac sign Sagittarius, is only directed towards external issues, the Sun's mission leads to a return to and alignment with a spiritual goal. If this goal orientation is missing, the natives experience deep meaninglessness, they lose their purpose in life, their strength and thus their ability to function.

In the solar mission of Sagittarius, individual wholeness is prepared in the human being by overcoming polarity - overcoming soma and psyche, earth and sky. Under such a natal order, the natives are to cross the threshold from which the path from ego to self begins. However, if this spiritual orientation is lacking because the otherwise very beneficial dispositions of the Sagittarius principle are lived out in megalomania, selfoverestimation, debauchery and material expansion without end, as can be the case particularly with people with a Sagittarius Sun, then the Sun's mission leads to the fundamental questions of existence, in that those affected are repeatedly challenged by life to search for the actual meaning of their existence. **Comparative symbol level:** Triggered by the immense advances in technology, society has become increasingly mobile. Information is exchanged in a matter of minutes or seconds. There is hardly a place on earth that is not supplied with the latest news. Most people therefore believe that they know "everything", as they have filled themselves with a wealth of information, and derive an elitist consciousness from this attitude to life. Modern people like to delude themselves into believing that their culture - compared to earlier eras - is the absolute ultimate.

High-performance means of transportation make it possible for people to fly around the globe in 24 hours. Compared to the conditions of the past, for whom sailing around the world was a dangerous and gigantic risk, modern man manages this adventure quite casually, calmly and relaxed in the comfortable seat of a jumbo jet with video films and a glass of champagne in his hand. The new globetrotter fights neither predators nor dragons. The only test of courage on his flight is the anxious question of how he can "kill time". The security arrangements have already been made for him by others; agents from the major travel companies and airlines have clarified the travel conditions. With the swipe of a credit card, everything runs like clockwork. The feeling of living in a world that has already achieved everything leads to a sense of pride and arrogance. However, this high spirits have the disadvantage that in the midst of a state of abundance, people forget to search for the real meaning of life, as they see salvation in their focus on superficial things.

But even if he allows himself to be captivated by the glamour of the world, he realizes that he still experiences moments when sadness and depression bring him to his knees. In these phases, he finally searches for the meaning of life. Of course, he first continues his search in the spaces that are already familiar to him. But even when he has found a substitute satisfaction, the gloomy state of mind quickly returns. For the goal of being human is not to concern oneself exclusively with the pure preservation of life and species and to create relaxation and distraction programs to accompany this, but to turn to the spiritual aspects of existence so that the actual becoming human can take place from this inner orientation.

can. To do this, it is necessary to awaken from the dull state of rest in order to be addressed by the existing occult contents of culture. The described state of the citizen of the world is similar to that of the protector theme when it is lived in its material form and does not experience any connection to spiritual content.

In the phases of life divided into seven-year periods, the events in the period *between the* 56th *and* 63rd year of human life symbolically correspond to the theme of the zodiac sign Sagittarius. The turbulent time of the menopause slowly begins to fade away and, following this agitating phase, the person has the wonderful experience of a rising calm and serenity after the great tension. He feels a tiredness rising in his body that is comparable to the human sensation in the month of December. This is also the time when the natural procreative and sexual power is at its lowest. At the same time, the aging human being's noticeably weakened vitality dissolves his attachment to earthly and material goods. He now loses interest in his profession and the desire to continue participating in the daily struggle for survival on the battlefield of earning a living. A deep spiritual peace matures in him, opening up unknown new territory within him. At the same time, this phase of his life opens up amazing new experiences for him:

The more he is still caught up in his attachment to the material, the more the senseless external orientation turns him into a living dead man. In moments of silence, he begins to question the meaningfulness of his external actions, and many of his earlier attitudes and actions seem ridiculous and downright incomprehensible to him. If he does not find new content during this time, he is gripped by a leaden depression that either drives him forward towards new goals or keeps him spinning in mechanical distraction behavior. The theme of meaninglessness and the state of a living dead person is a very central theme in the lives of people who have received the Sun's mission Sagittarius. The more they direct their goals outwards, the more they literally fall ill from the wound of meaninglessness. Although they are physically overactive, their inner state resembles a dead wasteland from which all life has disappeared. This manifests itself in the fact that they feel that their chosen purpose in life does not correspond to them, so that they are constantly looking for new ones. They plan projects that are always more euphoric and gigantic than the ones they have already left behind. If they have just found their way back into a subject area, they feel the burning pain of meaninglessness and the inner fire drives them on to further goals. This genuine burning pain is the driving force behind their search for meaning.

The month of Sagittarius is a period full of light festivals, which all symbolize that the existing darkness in life wants to be illuminated, i.e. spiritualized. The first Sunday in December is Advent Sunday. Advent means arrival and is derived from the Latin advenire = to arrive. The Advent season is directly related to the theme of contactors. On the 1st Advent, a candle is symbolically lit, symbolizing the rising of the cosmic light. It corresponds to the first impulse of creation, and each further light that is lit on the wreath during Advent describes the phases of creation that follow the first step, of which there are three in total. The second candle is the symbol for division (polarity/mirroring) and the passive reflection of the spirit principle. The third candle symbolizes the Trinity, which is represented in the law of the triangle. The third point, which is taken and rises above the polarity, is at the same time the starting point for balancing the polarity. It is the point of view from which the world wants to be seen, since only by rising above the binding disruption of materiality can the way out of form be found. The fourth candle, which is lit on the 4th Advent, is once again the beginning of a new phase on a different level. The four is the symbol of the cross, the square, i.e. the earth. With its burning four candles, the 4th Advent symbolizes the spiritualization of the material. This then culminates in the Christmas mystery.

Arrival in Advent refers to the Sagittarius stage of a person's individual initiation path, which requires a different approach to the material than the person was used to before. In this sense, it means recognizing that the world is the carrier of the spirit, to which it is necessary to re-establish a connection under the solar mission of Sagittarius.

**Symptomatology:** Many people who start life with a Sagittarius Sun are already born with a blemish, a

born with a disability or the feeling of not belonging to the world. Over the course of their lives, they wrestle with their specific issues and search for the meaning of their flaw. This wounding is given to them so that they can learn to ask, as a substitute for the spiritual search for meaning: "What is the point of me in particular ...?" It is the only chance to at least go on a search for meaning via this engine. Of course, there are also people under the Sun's mission Sagittarius who do not go on a search despite the "motor", so that life has to help out with other situations.

If natives with the Sun's Sagittarius mandate are unwilling to enter into the learning themes described, fate will lead them directly into those areas that they are trying to avoid. The difference between the symptoms of the Scorpio order and those of the Sagittarius order is that Scorpio is led into border areas in order to come into contact with the deepest possible spectrum of the soul. Natives with the Sagittarius order, on the other hand, experience that their spiritual grief cannot be suppressed despite all worldly efforts and activities, but is constantly and painfully present like an unhealing wound. The perpetual dissatisfaction with the life circumstances they have achieved is therefore a signal that there is nothing more for them to find on the outside that could contribute to their inner satisfaction. The failure of long-cherished life goals indicates that the questioning of one's own ideals does not take place intensively enough and that these must first be stimulated by an external situation.

As the ruling planet in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius, the symbol of Jupiter has become engraved in the consciousness of many people over time as the great lucky charm. If luck is measured in terms of material growth processes, this may be true, as Jupiter expands on all levels. The deeper aspect of Jupiter describes a different form that has nothing to do with the common understanding. Luck is known to be relative and in the sense of Jupiter it always refers to a step of knowledge, an insight into one's own life or world view. However, life-changing insights are usually experienced in situations of lack, loss, through inner struggle and searching and not necessarily on vacation on the beach, as the human nature is such that it hardly questions anything in a relaxed situation. This may be the reason why

People with the Sun in Sagittarius usually live with an underlying feeling of lack and sadness. No matter how favorable the external conditions may be, those affected carry the wound of divine dissatisfaction within them for a lifetime, which they can only suppress or overcompensate for in short phases. The goal of the Sagittarius mission is the search for meaning. The less this takes place, the more difficulties the Native must experience in order to set out to get to the bottom of things, as a substitute for the search for God. However, this searching and questioning actually leads to healing. All external tribulations thus arise as a substitute for the search for the meaning of life. They lead to the central theme, which is: "Who am I, where do I come from and where am I going?" This question gives rise to deep religio, the return to the center.

In our society, the core question that leads to the center of being human is no longer asked. A society that sees its task solely in the preservation of life is now allowed to grapple with the essentials step by step via its own threat, until perhaps a few people begin to confront the great issue of being.

The themes that emerge from the zodiac sign Libra to Pisces lead more and more clearly into the areas that resemble the requirements of an initiatory path. Ultimately, the problems faced by the natives concerned will only undergo a change when they actually begin to follow an initiatic path.

Every true path of initiation begins with an individual catastrophe, which leads to a search for meaning and the concrete pursuit of a path. This also explains people's fear of a major doomsday disaster. In almost every century, people have expected the great downfall. The intuitive knowledge of the loss of meaning in life produces this fear. It is, of course, our own catastrophe that we fear. Deep down, the self knows about the failings of the ego, which finds ways and means to continue playing in the game of the world. The fear of catastrophe is therefore the ego's fear of the path, as the ego would be restricted or even destroyed by the collapse or upheaval. Every human being can could just as easily be struck by a blow, fall down the stairs or be run over by a car in the next minute. So why wait for the collective demise, which is just another version of death? People have to die alone anyway. Anyone who consciously realizes this will find in this understanding a very dynamic motor for their own search for meaning, because the only thing that remains is the spirit and not the material form. Since the spirit is nothing concrete from a worldly perspective and meaning is therefore seen in the material, we close our eyes to the actual requirements of being human.

Natives with the Sun in Sagittarius suffer from panic fears of having to face themselves. They themselves describe that they would go up the walls as soon as they had to deal with themselves if they lacked a distraction. The problem of being tied to illusory activities is expressed very clearly in the frequently occurring symptom of sleep disorders. The inability to sleep indicates that the affected natives are not ready to go into the depths (night). The constant distraction during the day then causes them to brood, at least during the waking hours of the night. Nocturnal crossword puzzles, computer games, internet surfing and 38 TV programs are not the right tools in such cases! The ability to sleep will only return when the natives turn to the night side of life, which can be found in the realms of the numinous. As long as this does not happen, they will wonder at night why they only manage to fall asleep early in the morning when dawn breaks.

The tendency to obesity, which corresponds to a variant of the Sagittarius principle, signals that the expansion that should go beyond the limits in the mind manifests itself solely on the physical level. The natives suffer from such an enormous abundance that, despite the outward activity and mobility, there is no longer any inner processing. The Native people have not only symbolically overeaten themselves in their material worldliness, but have also devoted too much of their attention to topics that do not correspond to their birth mission. On a physical level, this has the same effect as if they had consumed too much at a good buffet - afterwards they feel fat and

immobile, and you feel quite sick. Mentally, Native people experience this as a feeling of futility. It is an inner emptiness. The fun of the worldly goings-on begins to be put into perspective and the natives start to spin in circles. They cannot allow any insight from this tricky situation, as this would call their entire concept of life into question, which is why they either eat a lot or immediately tend to put on weight, thus visibly expanding their ego boundaries.

The liver is assigned to the Sagittarius principle in the human organism. It is the organ that distinguishes on a material level what is tolerable for the body and what is not. If the liver stops functioning because it is overloaded, it signals to the person that something is wrong with their quality of discernment and that they are living an unhealthy life in terms of their world view. In this subject area too, worldly things are consumed to an unhealthy extent, so that through the enforced path of selection, which is taken by the necessary diet, the natives are only allowed to consume on a substitute level what is tolerable for their liver. Symbolically, the dietary measure leads to a reduction and return to what is necessary, which is to be understood by this order in the spiritual sense. The hip is also associated with the Sagittarius principle; on a physical level, it helps people to straighten up so that they can face life in an upright position. Very often natives with the Sun's mission Sagittarius suffer from their hips, so that those affected have difficulty standing upright and walking. This symptom expresses in a very direct way the deficiency in the consciousness of those affected, as the natives can only stand up with difficulty. The external symptom indicates that the deep-seated inability to rise up internally is made clear to the Native people via the deficiency on the physical level. The daily circling around the problem makes it clearer for them in their lives that it is a matter of rising up in spirit and establishing the connection between the numinous and the material. The lack of reconnection quality, which in its redeemed form can become the true elixir of life for natives, becomes clear in all their symptoms. Many issues that occupy them on the worldly level, as well as their recurring grief, give way to a

inner satisfaction and the feeling of being able to deal with life in a completely different way.

**Contemplative integration:** When natives with the Sun in Sagittarius increasingly experience that everything around them loses its appeal at regular intervals, this is the decisive signal for them to reorient themselves in life. Carrying on as before in the belief that at some point they will be able to achieve the longed-for state of contentment and happiness is a real fallacy.

They should expose the constantly recurring dynamic by looking back in their lives and visualizing the many situations in which they thought they had finally discovered the silver lining. The eternal effort to avoid the very essence of life is akin to the behavior of a ship's crew who have learned that the ship has sprung a leak and will sink in the next few hours. Instead of taking the necessary measures, the passengers are offered an on-board party with a buffet, clay pigeon shooting, singing and dancing - the passengers are not informed of the impending sinking. The party rises, as does the tide in the hull of the ship, and after a while the surface of the sea closes over the colorful goings-on - everything sinks into the depths.

If Native people with the Sun in Sagittarius keep this story in mind from time to time in the midst of their busy lives, they will gain a good sense of the quality of their activities. Instead of running marathons in forests (symbolizing the unconscious), they should deal with their own unconscious and not run away from it on the outside. Or instead of visiting foreign continents as world travelers to broaden their horizons, they should become travelers in the realm of the spirit, which leads to the expansion of consciousness.

In order to sharpen their awareness of the perpetual mechanism in their lives, they should go through all the situations in life in which they have tried to combat their inner grief with external activities. You will discover the eternal course of events: There is usually a brief phase of euphoric enlightenment, which gradually ebbs away into indifference and disinterest and after a while turns into depression changes over. When those affected visualize the mechanism in its clarity and realize that it works as precisely as gears that mesh together, then they have reached exactly the point at which it is possible for them to recognize that they are tilting at windmills in their lives as long as they try to wrest the longed-for brilliance from the external aspects of their being.

Despite considerable resistance, natives should slowly try to turn to topics of finding meaning, to engage with philosophy, mythology, mysticism, religion and therapy, not in order to carry out a dissecting work of division, but to find a key to inner upliftment. If this is not possible in this way, they should at least allow themselves generous time for inspiration in the course of each day - for example, give themselves goose bumps with Handel's Cäcilienmesse - feel the longing for something indescribable in "Nessun dorma" with Luciano Pavarotti - listen to themselves meditating regularly or reflect on themselves by candlelight during a contemplative hour, on their motivations in life, on their feelings, longings and everything that makes up their personal humanity. Once they have found a way to approach the questions of their being in this way, the inner wound closes and transforms into a source from which a wealth of knowledge can gush forth.

## The Sun's mission Capricorn

The zodiac sign Capricorn is a female earth sign whose period lies between December 21 and January 19. Saturn is assigned to the zodiac sign Capricorn as the ruling planet.

**Nature symbolism: The** fourth and last quadrant of the mundane zodiac begins with the archetype Capricorn. This represents the supernatural, i.e. pure being. As a superordinate level, the fourth quadrant contains reality, which acts as a determining primordial ground from cosmic regions on the formal world and expresses itself through it. Capricorn is an important station on the path through the zodiac, because the winter solstice has just taken place at the beginning of the Capricorn phase. From now on, the sun's light increases again and the days become longer and brighter. The previous sign, Sagittarius, marks the end of the spiritual quadrant with its desubjectivizing correspondences, which continue in Capricorn.

In the third quadrant of the zodiac, individuality is sacrificed. In the fourth and last quadrant, the detachment from all worldly ties occurs in order to experience the cosmic laws, which speak a different language than the worldly ones. Capricorn time is winter time - if you look symbolically at what is happening in nature at this time of year, you understand a lot about the nature of the Capricorn principle. The days are frosty cold and white snow covers the once colorful landscape. All freedom is now completely restricted by the external conditions. Even the water of the rain, rivers and streams, which previously flowed in the zodiac sign of Sagittarius, begins to freeze and solidify into ice. The outside world is in absolute stillness and silence. Life in the Capricorn phase withdraws from the flowing water of emotions into the coldness of an emotional impassibility.

As the third and last earth sign, Capricorn corresponds to all laws, both worldly and cosmic. The elevated form of the earth element has manifested itself in Capricorn with doggedness.

The Capricorn energy is dedicated to the earthly with tenacity, aware of the high calling to a difficult and responsible task. Materiality in the sense of Capricorn energy consists in overcoming materiality by recognizing the laws and limitations resulting from materiality.

What was still realized in the first and second earth signs in the use and utilization of matter, leads in the third to an overcoming of matter through renunciation and asceticism, which leads to regeneration and becoming new. In this last earth sign, captivity and liberation are combined. Those who are not prepared to embark on the necessary difficult path, which consists of renouncing all earthly abundance, will sink into negation of life and inhibition in the midst of the concrete world, tired of the struggle.

The following analogous symbol representatives and characteristics can be described for the zodiac sign Capricorn:

The conservative, the order, the norm, the constitution, property, classes with old possessions, the nobility, closed rooms, monastery cells, prison cells, meditation rooms, lack of ornamentation, barrenness, old houses, ruins, mountains, cold deserts, structure, limitation, form, time, age, conscience, hardness, resistance, inhibition, lack, reduction to the essentials, hard work, Crystallization, delay, knowledge, guardian of the threshold, stinginess, hardness, inhibition, slowness, isolation, loneliness, lack of contact, alienation, patience, endurance, concentration, frustration, renunciation, asceticism, skeleton, bones, teeth, knees, skin (the border), hair, deficiency diseases, sclerosis, chronic diseases, thrombosis, mineral balance, hardening, shrinking processes, etc.

After the winter solstice, the gathering of energy takes place on an invisible level in the plant kingdom, which grows into a visible form in spring as the growth process begins. On an analogous level, this process can be compared with the opposite polar sign of Cancer. In the period of Gemini, fertilization takes place in outer nature, which then transforms into the state of pregnancy in Cancer so that life can enter into manifestation. From the period of Sagittarius to Capricorn a kind of fertilization also takes place, as the seed of spiritual reconnection has been laid. However, what takes place in Sagittarius,

resembles a spiritual fertilization that cannot be viewed on a concrete level. In Capricorn, the energy whose fruits are no longer harvested in visible form begins to develop on the spiritual level, analogous to the pregnancy in the Cancer principle. These "children" from the "spiritual pregnancy" are parts of consciousness that no longer pay attention to the small individual, but instead serve the greater whole. The following saying from the initiatic schools describes exactly what is forming in this area, which is difficult for people to comprehend: "What you recognize for yourself, you recognize for the whole world." This refers to the spiritual interconnection of all beings, which are linked to each other on a subtle level. Thus there is no thought that has not already been thought, no feeling that does not also take place in other people. In the ancient mystery traditions, the numinous network of beings was also called Akasha. The Akasha corresponds to a subtle level in which everything is contained, comparable to a database that has stored all the codes contained in the universe.

The insights gained by the initiators thus serve the spiritual enrichment of the whole world. Their inner orientation towards spiritual contexts and their efforts to grow beyond their subjective humanity create a resonance in the collective and thus the basis for developing similar ideals. This inner fertilization has a similar effect on a spiritual level as the external growth impulse due to the recurring sun. It touches and penetrates every living being, and from this moment on, plants, animals or humans begin to fill themselves anew with the breath of life, no matter how strongly winter still holds nature captive at this time. In the month of Capricorn, overriding requirements arise which from then on allow the interests of others to take priority. The individual loses his importance in favor of the laws dictated by the collective context.

**The mission:** People born in the period from December 21 to January 19 are given the mission to deal seriously and responsibly with a wide variety of laws. The Sun's mission Capricorn leads natives into contact with law and order, structures and the

Mystery of the limitation of time and death. The overall mood under this order leads those affected to concentrate on certain areas of life, which develop a dominance that they cannot escape. It may almost seem to people under this mandate that the world is a constant difficult challenge that they would like to make easier for themselves. However, as different laws apply in the last three signs of the zodiac than in the causal world, people who are located there with their natal mandate will have different experiences if they do not want to face up to or achieve something other than what the requirements of the mandate dictate. In relation to the Capricorn mandate, this means that the more lightness is sought, the more heaviness is experienced. This also applies vice versa, the more heaviness is accepted, the less resistance and restriction is experienced. The Saturn principle assigned to the zodiac sign of Capricorn has always been regarded as the epitome of evil, as the evil-doer par excellence, as many people experience this principle as a restriction and reduction and as an oppressive aspect in their lives that takes no account of their personal concerns. They end up suffering because they did not imagine their fate to be "like this". In fact, the Saturnine theme of learning curtails the Jupiterian fullness of life and the enchanted world of Neptunian illusions. In the sense of the Saturn principle, this is a very good thing, because it requires people to be honest, clear and consistent. It is by no means the arbitrariness of creation to which man is exposed under Saturn's mandate, but Saturn challenges man's objectivity.

In the zodiac, Capricorn and Cancer form an axis. Cancer corresponds to the peak of the subjective. It is about the individual inner space, because just like the child, the feelings are in motion and are not subject to disciplined control. Capricorn, as the polar opposite of Cancer, represents the peak of the objective with the highest degree of discipline and order. The more natives with the Sun's mission Capricorn move to the Cancer level and live their subjectivity, the more they are called upon by fate to replace their subjective feelings with an objective view of the world. This naturally leads to a vehement rejection of the superordinate, but they are not confronted with an arbitrary Saturnian experience, but with the result of their own unconsciousness, which means that they themselves have the Taking responsibility for the experience. From this point of view, it can be seen that it is about confronting one's own unconsciousness, i.e. that part of oneself that a person cannot see. Since, due to existing laws, what he does not want to acknowledge in himself is re-formed in the outside world, it corresponds to the messenger who carries back the message of the repressed part, which is stored in the dark chambers of the unconscious. In order not to have to realize that one is receiving a message from oneself, the anger is transferred to the messenger.

In ancient mystery traditions, Saturn was referred to as the guardian of the threshold, the guardian of the gate between the material and the spiritual world. He only allows those to pass through who have sharpened their awareness of the relativity of the world, as this is a construct of the subjective needs of all people. This means that people must understand that their conceptions of the world are nothing more than an attempt to create their own reality, which is knitted from their own wishes, goals and needs. The natives under the Sun-order Capricorn should therefore develop a higher sense of law and order. With a responsible consciousness, they are required to integrate themselves into the big picture. If they do not follow a specific path to consciousness and therefore do not bow to a higher authority, it is important to at least submit to the demands of life in order to allow ego dominance to fade. If the Native is prepared to let his personal interests fade into the background for the sake of a cause, in the spirit of the saying, "I must give way so that It can grow", he will experience an increasing liberation and clarity that he did not know before due to the voluntary connection to his subject.

Finding one's own adult status, which is offered by life at a very early age, is the solution to the recurring hardship situations. From a selfresponsible attitude, it is possible to rediscover one's own soul and experience the hidden reality behind subjectivity. This becomes symbolically recognizable in the winter solstice. With the returning light in the middle of winter, it becomes clear that the light returns in the time of cold isolation and extreme demands. This also applies to the Native consciousness. As long as they develop the willingness to face the call of requirements seriously and detached from all personal motives, they are exactly in the pattern of their mission, which can be formulated as follows:

## "Achieve liberation by willingly submitting to a higher lawfulness."

If one asks about the spiritual necessity of the solar mission Capricorn, it becomes clear from the Saturnine requirements described that the natives lack the structure and the necessary adult potential, so that with the solar mission the missing contents of the Capricorn principle are brought to the natives. The spiritual lack of a sense of responsibility towards the environment also contributes to the necessity of a Sun assignment in Capricorn. Native people are called upon not to ask what other people could do for them, but rather what they themselves have to give to others. It is also not about liberation, even if those affected think they have to respond to external necessities and duties with individualization measures. Nor is it about searching for the "inner child" because they were not allowed to be children. Rather, they should go in search of the adult, because it corresponds to that part of their life that wants to be discovered.

The re-forming and gathering life energy during the Capricorn month can be interpreted as a symbol of the Native's path to liberation. In the deepest confinement and coldness, which symbolically represents the distance from subjective concerns, strength and life return. Real life and inner freedom only arise under the Sun's mission of Capricorn when a person is bound into the fixed structure of an external law. Precisely contrary to the "doctrine of salvation" promoted by the lunar world (Cancer), which states that a social structure lives from detachment from rigid structures and ties to external norms as well as from being free from religious dogmas, real freedom is attained in consciousness by those who have understood that the "little freedom" of the world does not exist at all. The illusion of freedom ends at the latest when a person is at the mercy of subjects. which confront him fully with his limited humanity, giving him impressions that allow him to see unveiled into the otherworldly aspects, so that he realizes crystal clear that he is bound as a human being and that there are still instances above him that he could not perceive before.

At the opposite pole, man's naïve desire for freedom and release from obligations feeds the need for a true experience of being. This experience very often leads to difficult external conditions in which people find themselves in captivity and suffering at the mercy of the material world, as fate has to teach them better with the help of the unredeemed form of the Capricorn principle. If this happens repeatedly in life, the natives should bear in mind that in winter they also adapt to the requirements of the climatic conditions and dress warmly. Their life requirement is similar to the need to go for a walk outside dressed only in a T-shirt and sandals despite the cold in sub-zero temperatures. In the spirit of the birth mandate, those affected should be freed from the illusion of "high summer and youth" so that a new strength can form within them, beyond the childish need to demand the fulfillment of subjective wishes from life.

**Comparative symbolic level: Over the** centuries, the globe on which humanity lives has been increasingly civilized and divided by borders. Over time, state structures and social associations have formed, which together help individuals to integrate meaningfully into created organisms. Every state is a huge entity that is supported by all those who work within it. Many people develop a strong sense of national identity, from which they derive feelings of safety and security. The more predictable and selfcontained such a state structure is, the more secure people feel within it. In every state there are people who fully identify with the structure that has been created, as they are driven by subtle fears and their conservative nature. Conservative elements are not interested in innovations or strange things, they insist to the point of stubbornness on what is familiar to them and thus their good customary right. Whatever that then in detail! An entrenched position is vehemently defended in order to avoid having to make new experiences that could possibly lead to a reorientation. In order to avoid reorientation for as long as possible, conservative forces go to great lengths to secure their strongholds. Every state has a whole range of seriously committed people who sacrificially make themselves available as servants of society in order to ensure the continued existence of the state. Whenever a being offends against the great organism and causes it harm, the overriding endeavor is to bring those troublemakers back to their senses. Any suspicion that an individual is "going it alone" causes a critical frown, behind which lies the fear that the function of the whole could be jeopardized. From the perspective of a collective association, every individuation resembles proliferating cancer cells that begin to weaken the body due to their independent existence until they are stopped by medical means or the organism dies. Within a state, the subjective needs of individuals have no right to exist. The masses are ranked above the small individual, who must bow to the greater whole. The only question that counts is whether the individual bends to the conditions in order to serve the whole.

In material terms, a lawful state structure corresponds to the small reflection of the great cosmic context. Since the connection to cosmic laws has been largely banished from the life of the general public, only the state exists as the last and only sublime manifestation as a representative manifestation of God. For the pseudo-realist, the divine in the religiousmythical sense no longer exists, as he has ceased to communicate with higher instances. After the abolition of religious ties, man imagines himself to be free. But they remain dependent because, as a partial aspect of the greater whole, they are dependent. Instead of leaving ties, we should accept being tied down in order to free ourselves from the confines of a supposed external freedom. In any case, natives with the Sun's mission Capricorn should submit to either a spiritual law or a worldly authority in order to give their mission the appropriate opportunities for fulfillment.

According to the division of life into seven-year periods, the symbolic equivalent of the sign of Capricorn is found in the period from the 63rd to the 70th year of life. The winter of a person's life also begins in this phase of life. If in the previous phase between the ages of 56 and 63 he had already freed himself from the binding duties of external life and moved closer to his inner space, he now begins to free himself from material attachments. As a result of the increasing frailty of his body, man turns inwards and identifies with his silent, brooding nature, for he senses the strange closeness of that spiritual world which he could not perceive in the peak phase of his outer life. The loss of vital energy makes him feel his body as a burden, which is particularly noticeable during great physical activity. He needs more frequent periods of rest and therefore, analogous to the mystery of wintertime, turns to the inner life, which freely opens the gates to the world he will enter in the next cycles. In accordance with the previous correspondence, the person with a Capricorn Sun also feels that the gravity of life's situations creates a mental burden that causes him to question his goals and attitudes. In the phase of life from 63 to 70 years, the aggravation gives the person a clear view that enables him to distinguish which parts of his life have a preponderance and must be put in the background, as they cannot be taken through the gateway to a spiritual world. During this period, inner attachments to the realization of material interests should be removed, as they become an obstacle on the path leading out of life. The more a person clings to them, the greater the pressure that makes his temporal limitations visible.

The festive days in the Capricorn phase describe in a very similar way the same content that the natives with the solar mission of Capricorn experience in their lives. The return of light into the prevailing darkness of winter is the deeper content of the Christmas mystery, which takes place in the change from the sign of Sagittarius to Capricorn. In the Christmas event, Christ (spirit principle) is born in the cold and rigidity (Saturn = matter).

For the esoteric path, this means that due to the increase of external burdens (Saturn) within life, the human being's ability to recognize grows. In view of the increasing heaviness, the human being begins to grow on an inner level. The birth of the Christ, which can also be seen as an allegory for the birth of spiritual cognition, means that light (spiritual awareness) is born in material darkness or in times of hardship. Matter thus contributes to the fact that it is only through matter that the light of knowledge becomes visible, which then begins to shine in people. Just as matter (Saturn) provides the opportunity for spirituality to emerge, the heavy Saturnine burdens, which reduce the human expression of life, also contribute to the fact that people are granted steps in the development of consciousness and insights that would not have been granted to them in the normal course of their lives. Insights that are born out of pressure (Saturn) correspond to the encounter with the guardian of the threshold on the initiatic path. With all his might and inescapable vehemence, man is made aware of aspects of his being that he is not conscious of or that he has repressed. In every examination by the stern hand of Saturn lies the inexorability of the law, which forces man to realize the full clarity of his existential problems. In this way, real insights are born that become deeply and indelibly engraved in his wealth of experience. Just as this can be understood in a physical experiment, in which light (knowledge) only becomes visible when it encounters resistance (Saturn), it is the experience gained in darkness and heaviness that gives rise to the capacity for knowledge in man. For natives with the Sun in Capricorn, this makes it clear that the light (awareness that has arisen) needs the adversary in order to have an illuminating effect in people so that all those processes can be initiated that people need on the path to liberation.

**Symptoms:** People born with a Capricorn Sun often experience life as a heavy, oppressive burden that weighs so heavily on them that they feel hindered in the development of their individual personality. They are usually overburdened with responsibility very early on in childhood, for example because they have to take care of the

younger siblings. A parent may be missing and Capricorn natives are called upon to act as a pillar of the family. Unlike other children, they are not allowed to wander through life dreaming and playing. This requirement does not change in adulthood either, which means that they cannot allow themselves to waste their time with meaningless distractions like the playful majority of the world. With this in mind, it would also be foolish to go in search of your inner child, even if you think you missed out on something in childhood. This is not the issue at hand. Hidden behind all experiences is the call to finally acquire the status of an adult.

If the natives have not yet acquired this quality and play around in their subjective concerns, they experience every time how the pressure from the outside world increases and constricts them violently. The pressures can also manifest themselves on a professional level, restricting their personal freedom and putting them in a constant and disproportionately hard labor struggle. The lack of money forces the natives to cut back, in which they have to be very selective so that their small financial budget is not exhausted.

Loneliness and isolation represent a further variant of the ibex theme. The natives are left to their own devices through loneliness and now have no chance of distracting themselves from the essentials. This often manifests itself in the absence of partner relationships, so that loneliness leads to Saturnine concentration on the essentials. The increase in physical ailments also symbolically indicates that people are called upon to control themselves to a greater degree, as they are unable to give their lives free rein. As long as the natives do not feel any willingness to follow the responsible challenges, they must experience the rejected subject matter in the sense of an outer or inner experience of heaviness. Rejected responsibilities often return to them in the form of depression and oppressive states. These come up suddenly, inevitably like a dark cloud, and are not bound to causally recognizable reasons. They correspond to a balancing of Saturnine requirements that becomes necessary,

as long as no responsibility is borne on the outside. As a result, what is rejected on the outside shifts and turns into an experience of psychological heaviness, which will be resolved as soon as the affected natives are ready to face greater challenges.

Time and again, people with a Capricorn Sun have experiences that remind them of the seriousness of life. Early confrontations with death and the theme of loneliness contribute to Native people becoming quite skeptical and pessimistic about the deceptive beauty of life over time. Some try to escape the gloomy, unpleasant aspects of life and go in search of the silver lining on the horizon, without realizing that it is not so easy for them to find it, except under the fulfilment of very Saturnian conditions. The more the desire to escape the experiences prescribed by life grows, the more the outside begins to affect them, until they are almost crushed by the burden of life. At such stages of their existence, they should learn to recognize that they cannot escape the learning content of their birth mission. Only in the unconditional acceptance of the tasks prescribed by life does the actual redemption from being at the mercy of the harshness of existence begin.

On the physical level, the Capricorn principle is associated with the entire structure of the organism. This corresponds to the skeleton (calcium), the teeth and nails as well as the musculoskeletal system. The greater the dynamic in the consciousness of natives with a Capricorn mandate, the more they aim to be mobile and free in life, the more they experience a restriction of their mobility. The greater the inner rebellion, the greater the restriction on the physical level. Circulatory disorders or calcifications in unrelieved form indicate the restrictive power of Saturn, which brings every flow of life (blood) into stagnation, just as in nature the cold freezes the water into ice. The increasing stiffness of the joints and limbs symbolizes that man, whether he wants to or not, has to face the law of his own body if he lacks a resonance to regularities and rules in his consciousness. Joint arthrosis and calcium deposits, because they painfully restrict a person's mobility, reflect the hardening of the psyche, which is primarily due to the refusal to comply with Saturnine requirements.

to accommodate. The relentlessness that they should actually develop in a superior form in life in order to meet harsh demands is very often directed by the natives into a form of refusal to live.

Chronic courses of illness are also among the analogies of the Capricorn theme. With the necessary distance, the straightforwardness and continuity can be recognized in them, which are not realized by the affected natives in life. Properly realized, Saturn is the principle of time (Kronos) and perseverance, which the natives should apply to upcoming projects. Everything needs to be realized in its own time, in the stages and sequences appropriate to the world. If the natives try to take shortcuts or skip stages, they are confronted with a slowdown on the physical level, which manifests itself as stiffness and immobility. The immobility of the body makes it very clear that people are forced to face reducing slowing-down processes, because everything takes time. When the ancient alchemists struggled to turn lead into gold, this statement can be seen as an allegory for a process on the spiritual level that is used in alchemy. Transforming the heavy, the lead, thus the Saturnine, into gold describes the process of cognition (gold = sun principle) that arises in the conscious confrontation with the world of form, i.e. matter (lead = Saturn principle). This refers to the liberation that a person achieves when he voluntarily takes on the burden of the cross (symbol of matter) and, by accepting the demands of the world, is able to embark on the journey home, which brings him into the pattern in the sense of the birth mandate.

**Contemplative integration:** If natives with the Sun in Capricorn experience continuous pressure in their lives, they should take this as an important indication that they are not yet sufficiently fulfilling their Saturnine requirements. They should therefore examine their inner attitude and above all look for the desire to possibly escape the high demands of life at some point. Even if it may be difficult for the natives concerned to understand, their inner attitude is of crucial importance. The more they succeed in giving up the necessities and fulfillments of duty on the outside, the more

The more they will experience that the issues that otherwise constricted them on the outside or hindered their personal development will set them free.

In order to be able to consciously recognize this mechanism, the natives should look back on situations in their lives in which they have withdrawn from upcoming demands, in the awareness that they should finally allow themselves some freedom. The time following their "act of liberation" is crucial for a process of realization for those affected. They should find out whether pressure situations then increased on other levels or whether depression may have set in on a psychological level. On a physical level, the refusal may have been accompanied by painful hardening, diseases in the dental area or stiffness.

Real liberation only arises under the Sun's mission Capricorn when there is a willingness to follow the laws of life. As soon as they give up their inner resistance, they are able to experience that life gives them more space as compensation for their willingness to perform.

In this way, they attain an inner refinement, comparable to a diamond, whose creation process from the beginning to the final result is a pure Saturn myth. A diamond is made of carbon and is created under thousands of years of pressure, resulting in a stone that has the highest value on a worldly level once it has received its final cut. Symbolically, it stands for the result of the sun's mission Capricorn. On a spiritual level, the Saturnine person also receives the quality that corresponds to the unique value of the diamond under long-lasting life pressure. This is the secret, because as soon as the Saturnine challenge is accepted, the pressure is released. The constriction is followed by a growth that allows the natives to become free from the evaluation of external conditions. They become independent because they have found the law of their mission.

## The Massermann sun mission

The zodiac sign Aquarius is a male air sign that lies in the period between January 20 and February 18. The ruling planet of this zodiac sign is Uranus.

**Natural symbolism:** The fourth quadrant was opened as the superior station of the zodiac with the sign Capricorn. As Capricorn represents the gateway to higher laws with which man comes into contact in the course of his path, the principle of Aquarius represents the highest law in the zodiac. This is where the law of the cosmic paradox prevails, which is constantly and eternally expressed in the rhythm of existence and to which everything seemingly solid and permanent from the transient world bound to the space and time axis must bow.

The symbolism of nature in the period of the sign Aquarius gives the observer further access to understanding the Uranian image of the soul. Winter has reached its peak, and nature is freezing cold everywhere. The vegetative life of the earth has died out during this time in favor of a spiritual side far removed from the senses, for nature is resting in the deepest hibernation. The frost is so severe that moisture is trapped everywhere, and despite the often dense blanket of snow, the air is dry and seems statically charged. The nights are clear and cloudless and offer a view of the starry sky that seems closer and clearer than at any other time of the year. The beautiful natural spectacle of the almost tangible stars reflects the mystery of the Aquarian principle, which makes us feel close and connected to the omnipresence of the cosmos. The spirituality of the Aquarian principle, which is not at home in worldly realms, is just as clear and unwelcoming as the winter nights at this time.

The solstice impulse that began in Capricorn now continues to increase. With the outer light, the life energy slowly returns to the invisible. For the outside world At this time, we still experience the absolute isolation of life, but on the spiritual level, the insights of the "spiritual pregnancy" that matured in Capricorn continue to grow. The task that arose in Capricorn of serving the collective and placing oneself under the one great law is continued through the sign of Aquarius. If Saturn, as the guardian of the threshold, poses the critical question of subjective concerns, Aquarius demands that we free ourselves from any form of egocentricity. Leo and Aquarius form an axis in the zodiac, with Leo symbolizing the highest form of egocentricity, powerfully exuding itself into the world as the ruling king. The same process that takes place in Leo with egocentric self-expression to the outside world now takes on its reverse form in Aquarius, in that any excess in the sense of the ego is abruptly and radically interrupted.

Aquarius is the third and last air sign of the zodiac. It corresponds to the nature of clarity, because here the basic theme of the two previous air signs Gemini and Libra dissolves again to a certain extent. What previously took place in connection with the world through encounters and relationships now leads to a connection with the higher realms. This dissolves all the laws of matter; the experience of the world is relativized. The essence of the airy Aquarian principle is to establish contact with the supernatural, which in concrete terms leads to incomprehensible manifestations that always have a polarizing character in relation to worldly conditions. The shackles of the earth are loosened for the higher vibrations of the universe, paradoxical connections can be understood. A higher feeling arises from the guidance of others, agreement is no longer achieved through confrontation with the outside, but through insight, the clear understanding of cosmic connections and their essence. The following symbolic representatives and characteristics can be assigned to the zodiac sign Aquarius:

Reformers, inventors, outsiders, revolutionaries, clowns, aviators, circus, carnival, science fiction, data processing, data processing centers, computer technology, electronics, space technology, alarm, siren, interruption of continuity, leap out of development, change, the sudden, the unpredictable, surprise, the incalculable, innovation, reform, upheaval, progress, depolarization, levelling, Equality, flying, leap, the flight of a bird, freedom, adventure, caricature, accident, explosions, eccentricity, panic, strangeness, disorientation, distance from life, emotional coldness, originality, genius, new creation, spontaneity, flash of inspiration, nerves, stimulus control system, lower leg, overstimulation, cramps, colic, spasms, epilepsy, nervousness, psychosis, restlessness, etc.

In the period of Aquarius, the soil bacteria and microorganisms resume their activity deep in the darkness of the earth with the first rays of sunlight after the solstice and, in the invisibility of the primordial ground, prepare everything that will rise into visibility with the beginning of Aries. From January 20, the sap in the trees begins to rise again. In this process the symbolist finds the most beautiful analogy that most clearly describes the quality of the archetype Aquarius. The ascending sap of the trees is at the same time their life energy, which begins to rise like the Kundalini energy in the spine of the human being in the crystal-clear time of deepest winter, far from the earth. The trees are symbolic connecting elements between above and below; in the myths of the peoples they represent the connection between heaven and earth. When the sap, which is equivalent to the life energy of the human being, begins to rise in the trees, this symbolically means that a living connection between the cosmos and the earth is being created. This allegorically shows the inner upliftment that takes place when, in the course of his journey, man detaches himself from all ties in accordance with the Aquarian principle and creates in his spirit the uprooted state that all external situations of polarity reversal seek to bring about in him. In this respect, the Uranian principle, even if it seems to man that it has a destructive effect, merely wants to bring natural rhythmic vitality back into consciousness. For the balance to earthly life is the connection with the cosmic.

The less the liability to worldly concerns, the more an understanding arises for higher-level contexts that can only be viewed beyond all worldly evaluations.

**The mission:** People born in the period from January 20 to February 18 have the mission to free themselves from fixation and one-sidedness in order to achieve a state that is elevated above the

things and is free from any kind of judgment. What presents itself as a process of objectification in Capricorn, the sign of the Sun, with which people under this signature are called upon to responsibly face up to the requirements of the collective far removed from personal concerns, continues in Aquarius. Here, too, the task is to free oneself from personal concerns that do not correspond to the overriding concern. In particular, this concerns the need of natives to gain social acceptance.

It is precisely the need for personal definition that is rooted in a high ego claim. Their way of profiling does not correspond to an elbow mentality, but to the silent desire to surround themselves with the nobility of being chosen in order to be accepted by others. However, as social acceptance is linked to conformity to existing worldly laws, the gap between one's own idea and the mission becomes ever deeper, making the natives more onesided at the same time. Especially where ego dominance and one-sidedness exist, the Aquarian principle and its mechanisms intervene. In order to understand the dynamics behind the many polarity reversals of people with an Aquarius Sun, it is necessary to first look at the laws at work in their lives before turning to the other necessities of the mission.

True to the hermetic axiom "as above, so below", the entire creation in which we live is a great imprint of the primordial ideas, which find their reflection in the material reflection in all forces and soul potentials. In combination with all qualities of being, the visible polar world of manifestations is created, which - in relation to the existing primordial principles - embodies the cosmic reflection of perfection in earthly form. However, what constitutes perfection from a cosmic point of view leads to moments of tension in man, in which he feels like a plaything between enormous opposing elemental forces. Time and again, man is faced with the great paradox of the world with a complete lack of understanding, which often drives him to despair. Every individual carries the desire for perfection deep in the depths of their soul. However, since human consciousness can only categorize the course of life in a linear or continuous way, the human world view is one-sided in comparison to cosmic laws. Thus, the human definition is based on the misinterpreted concept of perfection in uniformity and stagnation.

With his limited perspective, man endeavors to shape "his" world to his liking, just as he sees fit.

"his little creation" as a functioning model. He excludes all contradictions and inconsistencies as not belonging to it or perceives any interference with his intentions as an inappropriate intrusion into his ideal world. Any deviation from his idea or conception causes him uncertainty and forces him to reorient himself.

However, as the cosmos itself is perfect, literally containing everything without exception, the cosmic principle must always ensure that order is restored in accordance with the great law. This happens by supplementing every one-sidedness brought about by man with its opposite. So where there was previously too much structure, chaos moves in to balance things out, where there was only peace, violent conflicts suddenly begin to ensure holistic coherence, and where superficiality has reigned for too long, problems force people into profundity. In this sense, every undesirable balance that breaks into human existence is merely an expression of a necessary correction of that higher octave known as "universal harmony". The visible world forms an opposite pole to the cosmic wholeness and is itself characterized by a division into active and passive poles, which find their expression in a worldly either/or. Every earthly thing or every earthly action remains imperfect, as it only constitutes one part of the whole. The age-old human shock is rooted in the lack of understanding of this fact when the dual law ensures that the poles are balanced by unforeseen means. The degree of momentum to the right determines the degree of momentum to the left. In the interest of a balanced wholeness, all human ideas and norms are suddenly overturned and the repressed opposite pole strikes. In human consciousness, the either/or is thus transformed into a both/and.

Even if humans are unable to grasp these processes because they lack the horizon to do so, a higher authority nevertheless provides the

restore perfect order. In such balancing moments, the person concerned experiences in drastic form the vehement intrusion of the great reality (in the sense of "working through the form") into his apparent reality. This is why the birth mandate is given to those who are born under the Sun's Aquarian mandate:

"Free yourself from all fixations and learn to understand that the only straightforwardness is polarization and therefore constant change."

When people have received the Uranian life mission, they are inwardly particularly rigid and fixed, otherwise there would be no need for their mission, which leads them to constant situations of change. Their inner nature is very conservative, because they want to bring everything in their life to its goal in a straight line, which, however, they cannot succeed in doing due to the laws existing in their birth pattern. Inwardly, they are onesided and orient themselves to the existing laws of this world, which is why they are often turned around so that they learn to take other points of view than just their own or those they have adopted. If people have received an Aquarius Sun as a mandate, it can be concluded that their ego quality is high, because the content of their natal theme leads to reversals of polarity of subjective demands. Many people usually don't see where their egotism begins. However, this is what the Uranian Aquarian principle teaches them. Under this mandate, those affected are introduced to the mystery of the relativity of things. Thus, in the sense of the Aquarian principle, it makes no difference whether people are concerned about their personal well-being or whether they are committed to poverty in the third world, to ecology or to the "ideals" of the throwaway society. All values stem from moral judgments and are therefore tied to the prevailing zeitgeist, which is very short-lived due to the constant change in values. If people can find themselves in a topic that corresponds to the zeitgeist, it is merely their personal happiness, as their inner need corresponds to the prevailing trend.

The Uranus principle reveals the relativity of things. Uranus is the precursor to the metaphysical, which means that it breaks down all boundaries and removes everything on the level of matter that obstructs the free path to the spiritual principle. Piece by piece, like an onion, he peels off the individual layers that lead to the essential core of creation. It begins where all conceptuality ends. Its frequency is absolutely superior, and since this is so, the natives can experience the Uranian quality with a change in their consciousness - in other words, in a changed view of the world.

Their mission requires them to detach themselves from their ties to the material world because, just like the other higher principles, they should find a spiritual home in higher laws. On their journey through space and time, it is important for them to learn to let go of the demands placed on their fellow human beings and all kinds of fixations, as they are particularly entrenched in their consciousness and way of life.

The assignment leads the natives into topics that involve breaking away from the masses in order to consciously become outsiders. The conservative normative behavior wants to be broken in favor of original life alternatives. Their pattern is understandably difficult to implement from the perspective of a conservative consciousness, as they have to constantly move against the flow of the masses in order to become a taboo breaker and norm violator. For this reason, Native people often experience the learning content of their solar mission in the form of suffering, in which they are then forced by "external circumstances" to free themselves from their fixations. The most important thing for Native people in this context is the knowledge that any interruption of continuity can only come into effect when there is already an excess of inflexibility in their consciousness.

In this sense, a person with an "electrically charged" Aquarian sun has the task of turning away from his conformist life in order to soar like a bird into the ethereal skies of freedom. Only "above the clouds", free from all attachments, does he find himself.

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We can observe that the human need to rise above the shackles of restrictive living conditions has taken on ever stronger forms of expression. Over the centuries, existing norms and laws have been revolutionized and fought against. It is always the conservative, ruling forces that have been forced to change and have been released from their dominant position. The struggle against the oppression of the ruling class led from serfdom to today's social system and the associated status of human freedom. No matter what level you look at, be it professional, social or technical, you will always find the expression of the same human need to free oneself from earthly heaviness. It is the ego's ancient desire to cast off the shackles of matter in order to become creator-like as the highest documentation of power.

With this desire, man gets into trouble because he tries to establish something supernatural such as peace and unity on the worldly level. Although this urge arises from the unconscious desire to move away from the unpeaceful duality towards paradisiacal unity, as long as a human being acts against the laws of the polar world, it will ultimately return to earthly (= torn) conditions. This means that a grouping within a collective can create humanly facilitating conditions for a certain time, but the organizing principle of polarity intervenes in the imbalance in order to re-establish the earthly balance, so that those ideal states achieved in the short term ultimately fall victim to a polarity reversal.

The cosmic truth is paradoxical from a worldly perspective. This is where all one-sided ideas for improvement fail. However, the paradox, which always manifests itself as a "both-and" in earthly life, is difficult for most people to understand. Ancient schools of initiation - especially the Taoist schools - tried to illustrate this through their sayings, which read, for example: Listen to the noisy silence, or: grasp the warring peace, or: seek the light-filled darkness. In such manifestations, the spiritual attitude clearly emerges which the natives have to implement under the solar mission of Aquarius, so that they learn to see themselves and their lives in a wider spectrum. The metaphorical equivalent of the Aquarius theme according to the division of life into seven-year periods is *between the ages of* 70 *and* 77. From the age of seventy, the journey of being human draws ever closer to its end. For the first time, in the phase from 56 to 63 years of age, a person feels weariness with worldly duties and an emerging tiredness of life. In the phase from 63 to 70 years of age, he realizes that matter is a burden and withdraws more and more into his inner space due to the increasing external sluggishness. This process of turning inwards increases in the following phase of life. By this point, the person has completely freed himself from all responsibilities towards the earthly world and is now completely unbound. He is increasingly preoccupied with questions of death and the afterlife, and more and more often he revisits the past of his life in his imagination. In this way, a process similar to the Aquarian principle takes place in him, which allows the future and the past to merge in his consciousness and the model of time begins to dissolve.

During this phase of life, many people experience a noticeable decline in the ability of their sensory organs to perceive the outside world. The ability to see and hear recedes, and the taste buds no longer perceive everything with the same intensity as before. The weakening of the external sensory organs corresponds to the Uranian balancing of the poles, which, according to the Aquarian principle, ensures a reduction in external perception, as people have previously relied too heavily on the great deceivers, as the five senses are also known. At the same time, the gradual closing of his "windows to the world" brings him into even deeper contact with himself. If a person has lived a dull existence up to this point and has not turned to spiritual content in any form, he experiences only the reduction of the senses and no increase in inner vitality in this phase of life. On the other hand, a person who has worked on his spiritualization in the course of his life can attain the highest metaphysical perceptions in this phase of life. While the non-initiated person experiences the pure loss of perception, the spiritually striving person now gains an opening for a view into other dimensions. In these new worlds, he experiences an immense increase in supersensible abilities, which can be summarized with the words

clairvoyance, clairaudience and clairsentience. Now his mystical task is to continue to cultivate these gifts of old age in order to attain the highest possible level of humanity - in line with the Aquarian principle. In analogy to the solar mission of Aquarius, this means that natives should also focus their attention on other areas of perception. If they are prepared to do this, a relative calm returns to their lives, because they move on two levels with their inner orientation.

The carnival season is a prominent point in the cycle of Aquarius. Carnival means "time without flesh". Even the translation of the word points very clearly to the aspect of detachment from the material world described above. When people fast, they open up areas of their inner life that they previously found difficult to enter, as the body does not allow access to the spirit. During carnival, the old spirits of the year are also driven out in order to initiate a rebirth on the spiritual level. Here too, there are enough analogies on the symbolic level according to the Uranian principle. The carnival season is intended to give people the opportunity to step out of the familiar identification grid for once, in order to awaken for a short time to a completely different perception. Masks and disguises provide the external framework in which the jesters can slip into unusual roles that they would never dare to take on in normal life. The traditional festivals gave people the opportunity to be free and change their roles during a special period of the year.

People born under the signature of an Aquarius Sun have the task of dealing with polarity reversal issues throughout their lives. They must not become rigidly attached to one role, but must change costumes frequently in order to always be different.

**Symptomatology:** However, if natives are not prepared to see the world as a platform of cosmic transformations, they will become acquainted with multiple depolarizations in the sense of the Uranus principle in the course of their lives. Whenever they dynamically direct their energies or their goals in a certain direction, polarity reversals occur that confront them with the exact opposite of their original idea. This

often leads them into paradoxical situations that disrupt their need for straightforwardness. From such experiences, a protective attitude grows in those affected over the course of time, so that they are not particularly emotionally involved in order to be able to cope better with the constantly occurring eventualities. In this way, fate creates a Uranian distance in them that makes it possible to look at life from a different perspective.

The perpetual restlessness can manifest itself in many forms in the lives of Native people, very often through frequent changes of residence. In this way, the event wants to signal to those affected that they should change their worldview more often, rather than just their place of residence. If they experience frequent career changes, these changes of polarity are also an invitation to face new situations, people and the associated demands. The disappointment of being underchallenged in areas of work despite their level of education and high training status is part of the way they experience the content of their job. This puts them in an outsider position due to their lack of a sense of belonging. Even if they come into conflict with the law through no fault of their own, this means that there is too little room in their consciousness for a life outside the norm. The resulting borderline situation means that they have to allow themselves to be labeled as taboo or lawbreakers.

In the area of partnership, the frequent break-up of relationships signals that natives with an Aquarius Sun should detach themselves from subjective attachments in order to live out different goals from the general public within the framework of partnership togetherness. The more conservative their relationship ideas are, the more often they are disappointed by their partners. They may have other relationships on the side, as they are not prepared to live monogamously. Behind these manifestations, there is a clear call to free oneself from conservative values in order to grow into larger dimensions.

On the level of physical symptoms, as in the various myths of life, we find the interruption of straightforwardness. For example, nervous twitches and disturbances occur as uranic discharges that only manifest themselves when nothing is happening inside. moves more. At least the body will then give the corresponding Uranian signals.

Further symptoms under the Sun's Aquarius aspect manifest primarily on the psychological level in the form of fears that are projected at will onto the most diverse areas of life. The natives are afraid of environmental catastrophes or wars, but this can only be seen as a substitute projection surface for the fear of polarity reversal and reorientation in their own lives. A constant inner restlessness and persistent nervous agitation also accompany the Native people. In this constellation, nervous disorders that manifest themselves in nervous disturbances are always an indication of unrecognized tendencies to escape and detachment. In this case, the life circumstances are usually too concrete and deadlocked for the Native to have any room for development. The symptoms signal to the Native that it is time to get out of the deadlocked life circumstances. Whenever the Native people under this assignment are too one-sidedly focused on issues, the energies of the assignment force them to experience the opposite of what they have just fixated on. This should make it clear to Native people where life is forcing them to deviate from their self-centered, earthly plans. They should learn to accept the changes as numinous gifts, as a higher reality wants to move into their lives, freeing them from their own limitations

**Contemplative integration:** Since the solar mission of Aquarius in humans always supplements what is currently missing in consciousness, the learning experience is about adding knowledge of other levels of being to the materialistically oriented world view and integrating it into normality. As long as this does not happen in consciousness, Uranus forcibly turns all external things into their exact opposite.

The mystery schools taught techniques for expanding consciousness, with which one had to adopt the opposite attitude to that which one was currently convinced of or for which one was currently campaigning. The dissolution of polarities in consciousness means that people no longer build a new creation through the knowledge of the opposite pole. Everyone is the spiritual creator of their own world, and the more one becomes fixated on a subjective world view, the more entanglement arises on the unconscious side, which must necessarily be experienced. This is why natives with the Aquarius sun mandate should go in search of their fixations. In practical terms, this can be done by writing down all their ideas and conceptions on one side of a column notebook and the exact opposite of these on the other. The more they move mentally or imaginatively into the other pole, the more the bound energy and inner tension is released. This creates relativity, which expands their life spectrum if the natives are prepared to allow it. The exercise is particularly effective if they are able to fully empathize with the other pole in order to identify with it.

With this exercise, they learn that it is their own refusal alone that creates a highly vibrating, agitated inner state. An old traditional story describes the process of relativization very succinctly, which Native people often experience unintentionally because they are supposed to internalize it in the course of their lives.

Milarepa was known as one of the greatest saints of Tibet. If you read his biography, you come across an incident from the time of his discipleship in which Milarepa went to a teacher to receive spiritual instructions from him. Instead of being taught specifically, Milarepa was instructed by the teacher to build a house. Despite his considerable doubts about the assignment given to him - after all, he was thirsty for philosophical and spiritual nourishment - he began to build the house, which was no easy task in the rough terrain of the Himalayas.

After months of painstaking work, he finally completed his work. He proudly went to his teacher, not without the hope that he had now created the basis for his philosophical teaching. The teacher was also completely satisfied with his work and immediately gave him the next instruction, which was: "Tear the house down again!" Milarepa was struck by the instruction like a blow. However, as he wanted to obey the teacher, he tore the house down again. After completing the task, he went to him again, full of hope that he would finally receive the instructions he had longed for. The teacher immediately gave him the next task. It was: "Rebuild the house!" And Milarepa built a house again. He had to build it again

tear it down and rebuild it, only to tear it down again for the third time.

Milarepa was certainly also completely unprepared for these rather paradoxical teachings. If you try to imagine yourself in a similar situation, you may get an idea of how many hopes, pride, ideas, expectations and claims were destroyed in this situation. This was also the purpose of the exercise that Milarepa was given by his teacher. When you build a house, you also create karma through this act. You have to tear the house down again, so to speak, in order to be in balance.

People with the Sun in Aquarius believe that they can achieve continuity with their goals. The image of an ascending straight line hovers in their mind's eye - this is the problem.

In this way, their own aspirations set a dynamic in motion in their lives that puts an unavoidable kink in their straight lines. Building up and tearing down again; this is as clean a rhythm as inhaling and exhaling. You build your ego house with the Sun's mission Aquarius, with all the care and effort that goes with it, and when it is built, you tear it down again. This is the secret responsibility that the natives should carry out in their consciousness.

Wherever this rhythm is neither consciously nor concretely desired by the person, the person hands over the issue of depolarization and resolution to the outside.

As long as natives with the solar mission Aquarius are "digging in the earth" and striving for all kinds of security, they have not yet arrived at the predetermined pleasure of free flight. Only when the original capers above the trapeze of life proceed playfully and uninhibitedly, only when the natives love to follow the faster pulse of their pattern, is their life mission fulfilled - then it becomes easy! Aquarian light!

## The sun order Pisces

The zodiac sign of Pisces is a female water sign that lies in the period between February 19 and March 20. Neptune is the ruling planet in the zodiac sign of Pisces.

Nature symbolism: The archetype of Pisces is the last sign of the fourth quadrant, which also concludes the desubjectivizing content that began with the sign of Capricorn. In the archetype of Pisces, polarity and guilt dissolve, so that every subjective action or impulse that is still pushing in one direction finds its balance through a process of dissolution. This cosmic principle frees every individual from the one-sidedness of the will so that the depolarized state, which is to be experienced by man in Pisces, can take hold. The results that emerge from the release processes are almost similar to those of the sign of Aquarius, but the form and manner in which they take place are different. With the culmination of the fourth quadrant in the sign of Aquarius, the individual experiences first-hand and vehemently that highly charged depolarizing game which confronts every one-sidedness with its opposite pole. There is something suddenly unpredictable about the Uranian discharges. This suddenness makes the difference to the depolarizing mechanism that prevails in the archetype of Pisces. The sign of Pisces lacks the uranic vehemence, so that the processes of release take place gradually and almost imperceptibly. Life processes are given a high degree of slowness by Neptune and cannot be pushed in certain directions by human attempts to accelerate them.

In the time period of the zodiacal picture of Pisces, the symbolism of nature clearly reveals to the observer what soul content is connected with the sign. The peak of winter has passed, the sun begins to shine longer and longer and slowly regains its strength. It is beginning to thaw everywhere and the harsh snow is becoming softer and softer, returning to its original watery state. The Frozen water begins to flow again and the thawing water causes rivers and streams to rise violently. Many a stream turns into a torrential torrent that overflows the boundaries of its bed and softens the hard-frozen ground. Life moves from the invisible back into form. The frozen earth breaks free from its rigidity, nature sinks into the softened slush of snow and mud. As the third and last water sign, Pisces corresponds to the great vast ocean of the all-encompassing cosmos. Shrouded in mystery, shapeless and yet powerful in form, the soul appears in this watery last principle. Here, all form has dissolved and devours everything that still corresponds to polarity and onesidedness.

In Pisces, reality, the principle that permeates form, reaches a radiant brightness that leads every visible contour to constant dissolution. The zodiac sign of Pisces is all about charity, which springs from pure, higher knowledge, but those who lack it are consumed by the supernatural spiritual light in the watery sign of Pisces and are themselves dissolved. For many, this light of reality is too powerful, so that they reject it out of a pure instinct for self-preservation. The spirit of high forebodings demands genuine responsibility; it acts like bright sunshine that falls on ice and snow and cannot be borne by the human ego because it melts, begins to melt and dissolves. The following symbolic representatives and characteristics can be assigned to the zodiac sign Pisces:

Outsiders, addicts, deceivers, artists, mediums, spiritual, wise, disorder, chaos, asylums, hospitals, meditation rooms, ashrams, watery areas, foggy areas, swamps, coasts, dissolution, nebulization, volatilization, gas, mist, haze, water, liquid, poison, intoxication, addiction, intoxication, background, mystery, illusion, miracle, delusion, chemistry, dream, instability, hallucination, falseness, obscurity, confusion, mysticism, deception, disappointment, sensitivity, fantasy, intuition, premonition, clairvoyance, mediumism, altruism, inspiration, empathy, humanism, feet, psyche, aura, infection, epidemic, narcosis, etc.

In the period of the zodiac sign Pisces, the life energy forms from the invisible and returns to nature. The encapsulated buds that were motionless from summer through fall and winter

The areas that have remained in place begin to swell. Metaphorically, the natural spectacle in this phase shows that it is precisely through the dissolving fixations that life returns. This means that wherever rigidities dissolve, new life can return. The sign of Pisces is the last and highest image in the zodiac, as it stands above the world of forms, the realm of the subjective and that of images. It symbolizes the aspect of the all-encompassing, in which all ideas that are hidden behind the forms of the visible world are contained in their entirety. With the Pisces principle, the facets of a higher reality want to take shape and become visible.

The task: People born between February 19 and March 20 have been given the task of withdrawing their need for superficiality. For them, it means learning to take themselves out of the presence in all actions and deeds in order to respond to the demands of life without wanting to manipulate them in certain directions. Since the solar mission of Pisces is a watery mission, it leads natives into experiences of passivity, just like the sun signs Cancer and Scorpio. However, this does not mean that people with a Pisces Sun are fundamentally led into the background, but that the inner attitude with which they approach life is decisive for how the course of life unfolds. On the one hand, the learning experience under this order leads the natives out of the intentions of the will, in that all things that they try to influence deliberately dissolve. On the other hand, those affected experience that their individual lives are subject to laws that cannot be measured by worldly standards. These laws could be described as numinous or otherworldly, and they become increasingly important for the natives in the course of their lives. In order to be able to allow such experiences, it is above all necessary for them to move beyond subjective opinions. For this reason, the quality of the experiences of the Sun's mission in Pisces also has a de-subjectivizing effect, whereby the difference to the sign of Aquarius, which emphasizes the relativity of being, is that the sign of Pisces removes all restrictions and limitations and thus makes it possible to experience the inexpressible.

De-subjectivization presents itself to natives with the Pisces Sun in the form of devoting themselves to serving others, which is an essential aspect of their natal mission. Dedicating themselves to other people who need their help helps them to take a step back with their own needs, as they have to give themselves to the needy part with understanding and empathy.

Neptune, as the planet ruling Pisces, is the highest frequency in itself and therefore cannot be calculated by humans. The sign of Pisces resembles the interface between this world and the hereafter, the boundary between being and non-being. If you look at the learning content of this mission from a material point of view, you could come to the conclusion that Pisces represents the dissolution of reality. However, if one questions reality, then the assumed reality is reduced to the definition of the subjective inner images and resonances of each person. For the external visible reality is bound to the small, limited functioning of the five human sensory organs, whereby each individual measures his reality by the evaluation of his subjectively received sensory stimuli.

A few examples can illustrate this very quickly: Two people look at a bright red car together. Who can say with certainty that person A perceives the color in the same way as person B? It is possible that person B perceives the color bright red in the same way that person A sees pea green. Just the fact that person B has called the color pea green red since the beginning of their life is no guarantee of a uniform perception. At best, person A, who likes bright red very much, is surprised that person B finds the color of their car ugly. The same applies to the olfactory organs. Mrs. X loves perfume more than anything, she uses plenty of her favorite brand every day. Mrs. Y, however, perceives Mrs. X's perfume in the same way that Mrs. X would perceive the smell of a cesspool. Ms. X is now always surprised by Ms. Y's affected look when she comes into closer contact with her. Because of their five senses, everyone is bound to polarity and believes through their more personal perceives it.

It is also possible to demonstrate with hypnotic experiments that people can have any perceptions that are suggested to their subconscious. Then, with absolute conviction the hypnotized person's deception. It would be possible, for example, to suggest to a person that while he is shopping in town, he sees all the men dressed in dark gray suits and ties instead of their business attire in red miniskirts. The person programmed in this way will have this perception and will most certainly vehemently reject any questioning. There are plenty of examples of similar attempts, and they illustrate how thin and relative the blanket of seemingly certain reality is.

Only a small intervention in our consciousness can immediately break the finality of our secure world view. Only when you realize how unreal reality is do you learn to see that people always focus on their own point of view. Experiences that liberate people from this reality can therefore be described as redemptive. They release people from their delusions, as they find themselves in a kind of dream world due to their ideas, as described by initiatic currents of all cultures. The principle of Pisces is now the instance that brings people into contact with the numinous reality so that the subjective illusion is dissolved. In the sign of Pisces, the individual experiences that the world of form is only an outflow of the spirit principle and that true being is contained in the numinous. In relation to the human experience in the Pisces myth, those affected have the recurring experience that the outer forms and intended goals begin to dissolve as soon as they try to consciously manipulate them. This is a difficult experience to understand, because this mechanism is intended to free those affected from the need to influence creation themselves. In concrete terms, they have experiences of release, but these are intended to help them understand that destiny only inserts them into such experiences when they try to make their own mark on life. Because whatever they try to shape themselves - they deceive themselves about it. The question often arises as to how it is possible to earn a living and secure their existence under such lawful conditions. The mission of Pisces does not mean that Native people have to do without material possessions in life. They may well live materially secure lives and call many things their property, but they should not want to own material things. The word concept

of possession can certainly be creatively formulated further into the areas of occupation or obsession.

When people under the solar order of Pisces are indifferent as to whether they call a million their property or look calmly at a low standard of living, they have arrived at the Neptunian law. This is where the secret of Pisces is hidden, for only with a genuine non-attachment to earthly possessions can a person emerge from the levels of the cosmos.

manifest "everything". However, as soon as the inner fixation on the essence of wanting to possess changes, the natives create a dynamic for the dissolution of what should serve them as a firm basis. Even external signals that indicate the renunciation of mammon do not deceive the regulating authority of fate about the inner attachment to the material. Until they become indifferent to any visible value, Neptunian natives will have to suffer material deprivation. As long as they experience dissolution, this signals that there is something fixed or captivating in their being that they are not yet aware of.

This regularity can be extended to all other areas, be it partnerships, life goals or professional careers. Whenever a consciously goal-directed desire for ego-centered themes finds expression in the lives of people with a Pisces Sun, they will become acquainted with the resolving contents of their natal theme. They should learn that something can only arise within their life when they are no longer bound to prosperity and they have spiritually detached themselves from all needs that relate to matter and their egointention. Thus, the following words could be used to define the life mission given to the Native:

"Learn to achieve mystical detachment from all external things and from volitional needs."

If one tries to fathom the meaning behind the resolving aspects of the natal mission of people with a Pisces Sun, the nature of natives could be described as particularly concrete and structured. With so many resolution requirements arising from the content of the Pisces principle, it is possible to infer a very dominant inner soul quality. Natives who live life with a Pisces Sun

are often endowed with a high degree of dominance and superficiality that is often only perceived by outsiders. They have too much superficial selfcontrol, with a need to relentlessly manipulate everything. Their lives are characterized by constant action and intervention in situations that arise, which inevitably leads to experiences that make them realize that the directly targeted goal cannot be manifested. In the course of their lives, those affected experience the pain of being at the mercy of others. This may lead to the dynamic that they withdraw into their inner space so as not to be constantly disappointed by the world. If you listen carefully to the words, you will discover that the word disappointment also contains deception. However, deception is precisely the aspect that is dissolved by the quality of the Pisces order. The more natives learn to surrender freely to fate without self-control, the more they can realize the actual meaning of their mission within the cosmic plan. When they are ready to carry out all the things that life asks of them without manipulation, they are in the pattern. By accepting assignments, they begin to voluntarily release their ego quality, which is to be released in the course of life. However, if they refuse to do what fate tells them to do, they are not in their own law. It therefore makes sense to meet the assignment by consciously and willingly renouncing their own demands.

**Comparative symbolic level:** During a birth process, the same miracle always takes place: a being changes from invisibility to visibility during its birth. This change of realms of being is simultaneously associated with becoming new on one level and detaching from another. Thus one could also say that when a person is born into this world, he dies in the hereafter. The same process applies in reverse, because when a person dies in this world, they are born into the hereafter. People like to banish these closely related events from their consciousness so that they do not have to recognize that the interface between this world and the hereafter is very thin. During birth, the newborn child experiences the experience of leaving the protective

The "I" of the adolescent is unable to influence the timing of the process that moves it out into the harsh and noisy world of manifestations. The "I" of the adolescent is itself unable to influence the timing of the process that moves it out into the harsh, cold and noisy world of manifestations. Thus the newborn makes its first acquaintance with the law that it cannot decide its earthly career with the ego alone. This becomes clear when you understand that although the soul chooses the right quality of time for incarnation, the born "I" can neither determine the course of its coming nor its going. Only the supposed independence that arises in the course of life later leads people to believe that they are completely in control of their lives. In truth, he nevertheless remains integrated into the cosmic-cyclical events.

The process of birth and death expresses our dependence and integration into the cycles of the course of the world. This dependency will never change, and it applies not only to birth and death, but also to all other areas. Just as with the birth process, people have to spend a lifetime learning to let go of fixations and constraints in order to become new. They must be able to let go of one thing in order to receive another. If he binds himself to the level he is familiar with, this leads to intermediate states that would be comparable to getting stuck in the birth canal. This would make it necessary to forcefully release him from his attachment in order to transport him to the new state. In relation to life, it is the subjective ideas that block the individual's access to reality. Any fixation on certain opinions and world views leads to people remaining trapped in their delusion, as they are unable to perceive what other perspectives there are. As a result, they must first be disappointed in order to loosen their fixations. Only after losing his delusion does he begin to perceive reality again. This corresponds exactly to the experience that the natives should have with the Pisces sun mission. For something new wants to find its way back into their lives, but they themselves prevent this because of their urge to act.

In the phases of human life, which are divided into periods of seven years, the fish theme takes place in the *period between the* 

### 77 and 84 years of age. In a person's life, the

"development process" is clearest from here onwards. In the previous seven-year period, which corresponds to the symbolism of the Aquarian principle, the senses of external perception recede so that the person's gaze continues to focus on their inner world. In the phase from the age of 77 to 84, the spirit slowly withdraws from the body and no longer identifies with it. The material shell of the body becomes less and less functional and the person feels a greater vitality within as they turn away from physicality. This also shows the analogous connection to the life theme of the native with the Pisces sun, who paradoxically experiences the highest vitality whenever he detaches himself from material ties. Older people go into old people's homes during this phase and give up a large part of the material accumulated in their lives by dissolving their households. In most cases, experience during this period shifts entirely to reflections on life situations that have already been lived through, so that new topics from the environment, similar to natives with a Pisces sun, only penetrate through a muted foggy filter to the daytime consciousness. In terms of content, a person should devote themselves consciously and without fear to the realms that lie beyond the material body during this time of their life. The spheres of the astral and otherworldly worlds want to be explored, as they are drawing ever closer. At this advanced age, it is important for people to take the same precautions for the spiritual world and the material redemption process as they did in their younger years.

Dying, like living, needs to be learned. The repression of this topic, as it often takes place in society, seems almost ridiculous, because from a certain point onwards, it is no longer possible to pretend that a person is suddenly and unexpectedly surprised by death. Unconscious and unprepared dying leads to a convulsive attachment to matter, because after the transition the soul hardly realizes that it has already died, as the primary perceptions after direct death are not particularly different from those of life.

The theme of the Pisces image also confronts people with values that lie beyond the physical, so that the natives under this birth mission to become free of all obstructive attachments in life. However, the experiences do not necessarily relate to actual dying, but to the perception of numinous levels within life. The materialistic world view with which they encounter the outer world wants to be dissolved under their mission.

The holidays of the year conclude with a striking analogy to the solution theme. With the end of the carnival season, which lies in the period of the sign of Aquarius, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The central myth of Pisces is also expressed during Lent. In the traditions of various cultural movements, the conscious renunciation of food symbolizes turning away from the world. With the reduction of food during the fasting period, an enormous change takes place in the body. After an initially painful experience of renunciation in the first three to four days after the fast begins, the fasting person breaks through the threshold of Saturn, which he experiences painfully through headaches, sadness, food cravings and lapses. Once they have passed through this phase, they experience an almost sudden transition into another dimension. The body releases the level for an "awakening of the spirit". The inner life begins to become richer. You gain the ability for thoughts to take on an almost plastic form before your inner eye. Intuition awakens to a greater extent and the fasting person feels enormously inspired. The longer the fasting cycle is extended, the more liberation is experienced on a spiritual level. The person gains powers and potentials never known before, from which he or she gains profound experiences. Apart from the intermittent fasting crises, which occur with Saturnian punctuality in cyclical periods of six to seven days and prompt people to cross further Saturnian thresholds, people begin to love this state of lightness.

The metaphorical meaning of fasting, in relation to the life tenor of the Pisces image, makes it clear that mental gains arise due to the external reduction. For the natives under the sun order of Pisces, this also means that, if they are able to fulfill their need for

"world consumption" inwardly, they are granted growth. The periods of fasting in the religious course of the year deliberately represent the great finality of the cycle. Experienced mystics are aware of the laws of the cosmos, and they know that in the sense of the Pisces principle, the level of the spirit only opens up when matter is overcome. This overcoming of matter can also be seen as a metaphor that expresses the fact that people learn to see other contents in the world than just the superficially concrete material ones. It is not the external signals that the natives give off that are decisive for overcoming the material, but only their inner attitude.

During Lent, the fasting person enters another level of being in order to become new in spring in the image of Aries. Thus Easter, which is celebrated as the resurrection of Christ, concludes Lent and symbolizes the awakening on a new level. However, the image of Neptunian ripening does not only refer to the concrete area of matter and substance, but first and foremost to the aspect of the subjective ego concerns of the forced will, because in the zodiac sign of Pisces, which corresponds to the content of Christian mysticism, it says "Thy will be done" and not "My will be done".

**Symptomatology:** If the natives with the Pisces sun mandate are not prepared to follow the theme of the background, their experience of the world will increasingly familiarize them with levels in which they lack the ability to act and assert themselves. However, the stronger the urge to assert themselves and to shape their own lives concretely, the stronger the resolving quality will have an effect on their lives. Native people experience solving aspects in life especially when they are striving,

"To get down to business. People under this mandate, similar to natives with an Aquarius Sun, are in the extraordinary situation of experiencing a connection with the numinous in their very concrete lives during their lifetime. For them, the first contacts with Neptunian solution themes are often painful encounters, but they should know that they learn to live with cosmic laws in the world through this path. They are equipped with such sensitive antennas of perception that things become real to them that are outside the material and are not perceived by most of the world's advocates. For example, they participate in the thoughts and feelings of other people as if they had been expressed in concrete terms. This shift in levels of perception creates an insecure basis for those affected, as they do not really know how to deal with these perceptions that are alien to them. to deal with. As they have no shielding of their own and are unable to draw boundaries, they have the feeling that the whole world is stepping over their boundaries in the most rude way. However, the more they try to close themselves off in order to protect themselves from the world, the more pressing the external experiences become. As a result of their increased efforts to maintain their own space, they lose a large part of their life energy, as they constantly feel as if they have to assert themselves against the whole world. Because of this threatening perception, Native people long for other levels of being that carry more subtle resonances than they can find in their situation. They would prefer to walk through life wearing a cloak of invisibility so as not to be seen, or they overcompensate with the opposite pole, much like natives under the other watery orders of Cancer and Scorpio, and true to the saying "offense is the best defense," go on the offensive. But this leads to further fatigue and resignation, resulting in a longing to escape, as they feel unable to cope with the disruptive and threatening external influences in real life. For this reason, they tend to consume drugs that allow the external harsh reality to flow through a soft focus. In this need to escape, the longing to merge with other realms of being finds its unredeemed expression. A certain resignation can also take hold of the Native psyche, which is accompanied by depression and leads to a refusal to live. "There's no point in anything any more" is a common saying among them. However, behind such statements, natives should recognize their refusal to expose themselves to the processes of detachment that work on their ego. Like natives with the Aquarius Sun, they also have the feeling that an acute catastrophe is imminent. Unconsciously, they wish for the dissolution of the world with all its threats and, in extreme cases, their life structures derail as their strength fails them at some point in life because they are constantly trying to swim against the current of their living conditions. Thus, in their unredeemed form, they end up in a detached state via resignation, which should actually be humility and devotion.

The fear they have of illness and catastrophe can be equated with the unconscious desire to withdraw from the world. This is how the ambivalent desire to penetrate the primal substance of the They have to return to the cosmic with the fear that something catastrophic could actually happen to them. Natives with the Pisces Sun very often experience situations in which they are called upon to help with every fiber of their being. For example, they experience cases of serious illness, alcoholism or drug addiction in the family that take up all their help and strength, leaving no room for self-realization. Everything is concentrated with the utmost intensity on the unavoidable requirements. In this way, life tries to teach them the necessity of service. As long as they are not prepared to turn to others of their own accord, they experience situations that demand so much of them.

The quality of the sun theme Pisces establishes proximity to a higher reality. However, since human intention is not primarily directed towards this realm, because man cannot form any idea of the higher reality, man's limiting personality traits dissolve. This makes him ripe for the experience of what lies behind the visible, because the higher reality is contained in a hidden way in the real. People with the Pisces solar mission often succumb to their indescribable longings, which they project onto people or certain goals. They fall in love with an almost unattainable person or long to return to places with beautiful memories. But when they have won the love of a person they have longed for or reached the place they have longed for, those affected usually realize that what they have won is not enough for them at all. They have an almost unquenchable longing for love and merging that cannot be fulfilled even by the love and closeness of a person, and is even restricted. They actually seek fulfillment in the distance, and at this point they should learn to understand that their longing for concrete love is a substitute for a higher instance that can only find satisfaction in turning to the eternal. All other areas that are filled with their longing are like substitute levels that remain until they direct the longing towards goals of elevation or overcoming the world. These can be religious, mystical aspects of life, but also themes from the field of art or music, which create levels for making contact with dream worlds or other spheres.

In addition to the mental symptoms of the natives, the physical symptoms also indicate the necessary requirements. Circulatory problems, as with the other water signs, signal that those affected are too rooted in the concrete, so that the consciousness only perceives the world in a diffuse and blurred way due to dizzy spells. The weakening of the immune system is equivalent to an opening, as there is no longer any protection against external influences due to the physical conditions. The body is forced to deal with everything unfiltered as a substitute for the deficiency in consciousness. Bacteria and viruses, which symbolize the aggressive parts of the world, enter the body on behalf of the world, as the consciousness is closed.

The dissolution of hard physical substance, such as teeth, bones or nails, signals that structures have hardened too far in the consciousness. Here too, the body takes over the dissolution work on behalf of the Native, as they are hardened in consciousness. The Native people's frequent loss of hair is a symbol that as human beings they do not have nearly as much freedom as they sometimes allow themselves. It was not for nothing that the monks (Pisces principle) cut a tonsure to symbolize that they were prepared to give up their personal freedom and all concerns in the service of the universe. This mystery of the path also applies to the natives with the Pisces sun mission, because the process of dissolution is a central mystery on the path, without it there can be no new beginning.

**Contemplative integration:** If the natives find themselves increasingly in states in which they feel unable to cope with worldly events or if they see themselves at the mercy of constant processes of detachment, they should recognize that they are approaching the world with too much vehemence and too concrete demands. They should take a step back in their dominance, because they try to meet life with their behavior in exactly the opposite way than the principles of their mission allow. Neptune, and therefore the content of the zodiac sign Pisces, releases people from polarity and attachment to the world. Polarity arises when people engage in divisive work by trying to give life their own personal direction.

lend. This can only ever be one-sided, as it arises from a human consciousness. Every one-sided impulse binds to the world and therefore drives fate to depolarizing processes of dissolution under the solar mission of Pisces.

For the natives, this results in a law that could be expressed metaphorically by saying that when you drive a car, unlike usual, it only accelerates when you take your foot off the accelerator. So the more you accelerate in the usual way, the slower the journey becomes until it comes to a complete standstill. Very often, the definition of the Pisces sun mission leads Native people to confuse the need for passivity with resignation and lethargy. This is a mistake, because their life is not about withdrawing from all actions in order to no longer be active, but rather about detaching themselves from the dogged interest in the results of their actions. They must therefore learn to act only when the need arises, but not to pay attention to what remains of their own intentions in the respective situations. In this way, they give events the opportunity to take on the form that is necessary for the situation and the experience of reality.

Native people with the Pisces sun mission are governed by different laws than those that apply to the general public. In order to explore this, they should give themselves space and time to let go. Constant action leads to disproportionate periods of exhaustion for natives. They should create times and spaces in which they are able to have detached experiences. Music can help them to do this, in which they can actively participate or passively let themselves drift in the sounds as listeners. Art also offers them spaces in which they can immerse themselves imaginatively. Meditations or imaginary journeys can offer them the appropriate redemption for their mission in order to experience how constructive getting involved in release processes can be. Dedication to other people in the form of care and social services has an impact on how Native people feel in life. If they have the opportunity to turn to a weak, needy part of themselves, they experience an enormous increase in strength, as they take on the issue of being at the mercy of others and therefore do not have to experience this part of themselves as being at the mercy of others. The form of suffering only arises in their lives when too much rigidity

is present. From this point of view, Native people should pay particular attention to the mechanisms of dissolution in life; they should learn to see the connections between their dogged will and external dissolution. The greater and more dramatic the dissolution processes manifest in their lives, the stronger their fixed will must have been. Once they have recognized this, they possess the key to their birth pattern and thus also reach the threshold of mystical experience. Their visions can become reality if they are able to say: "Thy will be done!" If the natives with the solar mission of Pisces let go of all fixations, they create the basis for manifestations. Those who need nothing will receive everything - but those who need a lot will lose everything. Great things are therefore always born out of nothing!

In a saying from the Dao Dsi, Lao Tzu sums up the subject of the birth order of Pisces in a nutshell:

"There is nothing more yielding in the world than water. Yet it conquers the hardest. It is great in giving up, great in achieving. It is intangible. The invisible overcomes the visible. And rigid overcomes rigid. Everyone knows it, no one proves it.

He who endures is carried. Those who give in stand their ground. He who gives in, wins the victory. Bend down and stand tall. Empty yourself and be full. Exhaust yourself and be new. Possess little and make profit. Possess much and be confused. If this is an empty saying, be truly undivided, and all things will come to you." It has long been **Randolf M. Schäfer's** concern to bring the hermetic knowledge of primal principles back into people's consciousness. He founded the system of astrosophical symbolism and has presented it in various book publications. For over twelve years, he was publisher and editor-in-chief of the magazine "Einblick" - Forum for Metaphysical Art and Culture, based in Frankfurt am Main.

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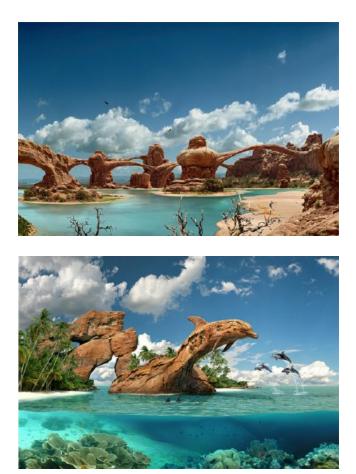
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