

Gnostic Astrology – Capricorn

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Capricorn, the Knees, the Synovial Fluid and Saturn

The Knee (as a joint of the Leg) is a truly complicated mechanism, especially its bones, ligaments, etc., which are arranged in a strange and curious way. As for its structure, it should be one of the weakest joints, but it is enough to observe certain feats performed by athletes to know of the enormous strength and resilience that this part of our organism has. Ancient and modern drawings, describing the magnetic forces, place rays in front of the knee as strong as those which are depicted simulating the energy which is briskly leaving the hands and the eyes of Magnetizers, as if to express with such symbolism that the knee is none other than an excellent Magnetic source.

We have already described, when speaking of Venus, the Liquids in their fluidic and semi-fluidic states, now we must take note of that rare substance that is found in our Knees and that is given the name of Synovial Fluid. That is to say “Syn” (meaning ‘with’) and “OVIAL” (or “OVUM”, meaning ‘egg’). Vulgarly we could say that it is “a Substance with Egg”. The egg is a generating vehicle for a given species. This secretion (from the wall of the joint capsule) not only has as its objective to make the bone surfaces slippery, but it also has the mission of providing some strength to our extremities. Otherwise, if it only has the mission of making the corresponding bones slide, then it would not be possible to tolerate such great ordeals of athletes, but, on the contrary, it is a kind of brake so that the bones do not move more than they should in the appropriate direction.

The Synovial membrane of the Knee has a special composition that Science has not yet discovered, but it is known to those who (like us) are engaged in certain esoteric studies. Among the Zodiacal Signs, Capricorn is precisely the one that has its action on the Knees, and united with it in this action is the Planet Saturn. However, Saturn also corresponds to all the Bones, which is to say that it corresponds to the whole Skeleton, the Ear, and secondarily to the Stomach and Breasts. If we consider the presence of Marrow in the Bones and the action of the Stomach as the main factor of Metabolism, then it can give us some light in order to comprehend this connection.

As for trees, Cyresses and Pines correspond to Saturn. In the Nordic countries, when the cold of Winter hits, all the leaves fall from the trees and there is a peculiar gray tone to the naked woods, but there are exceptions... Cyresses and Pines are green and full of freshness, even with the most intense cold, and it is Saturn who (like a great preserver) covers and sustains them in this state.

Saturn in Capricorn is the Great Planet of Redemption, and if it is also the Genie of Death, then Death is always the one who gives life as a mysterious resurrection. All that comes from Saturn is permanent and all that does not come from Saturn ends, remaining intact in this state of life where death (with its constant unraveling) does not arrive. So we must pass through these forces of Saturn, since, only he makes it so that the benefits acquired are durable and long-lasting.

If our terrestrial currents do not pass through these synovial accumulators, then their effects will not last, since Saturn governs time (duration) and his wife is Rhea (Cybele), Goddess of the Earth, the source from whom everything flows. It is worthwhile to study Greek Mythology in terms of the meaning of Rhea as the mother of Ceres, Juno, Neptune, Pluto and Vesta, and their different denominations like Bona, Dea, Ceres, Dindimena, Ops, Tellus, and especially, as the mother of Jupiter and his savior, and as the daughter of Uranus. We must consider here that the Forces of Nature are hidden in all these denominations of the Greek Deities, if we want to give an account of the importance of the Knee with its Synovial Fluid that the magnetic currents of the Earth pass through. These currents then pass through all the bones, that is to say, through the marrow of them all, inundating us with magnetic energy.

If these same forces and currents pass as though they are from the Earth (those which are agitated under the influence of Neptune & Jupiter and found in the feet with Pisces), then their effects would be very distinct. We need to have previously saturated ourselves in the Knees, where the lead or weight of Saturn is received. Lead is the metal of Saturn, it is very heavy, and its colloidal state does not penetrate into our organism without being under the impulse of Saturn and without passing through the Knee exclusively. Just as Cancer operates during the Summer Solstice, now the Sun which is in Capricorn also has a special magnetic influence during the Winter Solstice.

The Symbol of this Capricorn is a Male Goat, which reminds us of the Male Goat of Mendez, always presented as an emblem of Black Magic, not being more than the same symbol with its same esoteric meaning. On the 25th of December the Savior of the World is born in a manger and his ascension to life (like a Male Goat) happens in order to also offer a new life to Humanity.

Jamblicus tried to prove (in his time) that all the Myths of Apollo, Mars, Mercury, Adonis, Attis and Osiris were only solar representations, and Aurelian established the same festival of the 25th of December as the feast of NATALIS INVICTI or of the SOL INVICTI, which was later appropriated by the Christians who then took that time to celebrate the birth of the Nazarene (this occurred around AD 354). **All these are, ultimately, the same Myths and every one of them refers itself to the Solar Force that has different modes of expression and of action according to which influence and which constellation the King Star passed through, that (as we have proven throughout this present Course) is related to the different parts and organs of our body.**

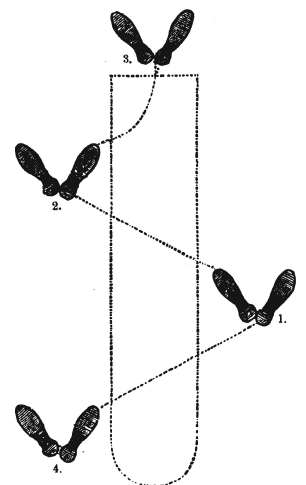
We are confident that never has any Book made known such explanations so clearly as has been done in this course, unless our Disciples have read Krumm-Heller's other Works, especially the *Gnostic Church*, where this Intimate Solar Force is spoken of under the name of Christonic Force, that we are trying to acquire and which has its doors of entry in those 12 Zodiacal points of our material Self.

Krumm-Heller's Practice to Gather the Energy of Capricorn

The exercises of Capricorn are done by moving the knees, especially the right knee, while concentrating the mind on this region. Those who know Masonry can do the movements made by the Master Mason when entering into a workshop, because this stepping is really Initiatic.

Many times the Master Masons laugh when entering the Temple in their degree, because of the stunts that they are forced to do over the head of an imaginary coffin, going to the right and another on the left, bending their knees to step over the obstacle. However, these movements are nothing more than a reminiscence of the Initiatic Gymnastics of the Ancient Mysteries into which the Jewish Kabbalists introduced some of their mistakes, and Masonry still has not been able to rid itself of these mistakes.

The Rosicrucians, who keep these secrets intact, now return to once again give the Ancient Path, given that the Masonic Master falls under the Constellation of Capricorn, whereas the steps he takes to enter into the Temple are just a means of facilitating the entry of the potentialities of the Cosmic Forces into his organism.



*Steps of the Master Mason from *Manual de la Masoneria* (1861) by Andres Cassard: "Three high steps, obliquely like as if one is going to pass over some object placed on the floor. The first step to the right (starting with the right foot), the second to the left (starting with the left foot), and the third to the right (starting with the right foot). At the end of each step, feet together."