

Energetic Contrasts and Subtle Points of Comparison Between Aries and Pisces

Important Foundational Relationships

Aries	In Comparison With	Pisces
1. The Ram, the Lamb		1. The Fishes
2. Esoteric Mantram: I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule.		2. Esoteric Mantram: I leave the Father's Home and turning back, I save.
3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Let form again be sought.		3. Exoteric/Evolutionary Mantram: And the Word said: Go forth into matter.
4. Quality of Light: The Light of Life Itself		4. Quality of Light: The Light of the World.
5. Element: Fire Sign		5. Element: Water Sign
6. Cardinal Cross		6. Mutable Cross
7. Transmits R1 and R7 constellationally		7. Transmits R2 and R6, with a possible secondary transmission of R3 (matter—the “waters of space”)
8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Aries transmits R6, R4 and R7 through Mars, Mercury and Uranus—its three planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.		8. Secondarily, (assuredly, but not exclusively), Pisces transmits R2, R1 and R6, through Jupiter, Pluto and Neptune—its planetary rulers on three levels—exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical.
9. Color: carmine, scarlet red		9. Color: lavender
10. Creative Hierarchy number II (unmanifested), characterized by “Unity thro’ Effort”		10. Creative Hierarchy number I (unmanifested). The energy of “Intelligent Substance”
11. Associated with the inaugural <i>first</i> , the blinding, surmounting <i>third</i> , the revelatory <i>fifth</i> and the resurrecting <i>seventh</i> initiations, but especially with the <i>third</i> (EA 388-389) and <i>seventh</i> (EA 304) initiations—transfiguration and resurrection. The exalted Sun in Aries can be understood as relating to each of these initiations.		11. Associated with the Fixed-Cross-mounting <i>first</i> initiation (cf. EA 125); the purifying, desire-releasing <i>second</i> initiation; the crucifying, death-dealing <i>fourth</i> initiation, as well as the liberating Path-revealing <i>fifth</i> initiation, which in this case opens to the “world saviour” the door to Shamballa and to great revelation through self-abnegating <i>willingness</i> to serve the Divine Will. (cf. EA 141, 320-321, for the fourth and fifth initiations) Since Pisces brings about the “consummation of divine desire”, the <i>sixth</i> initiation which restores the ‘Savior-Monad’ to complete power may also be indicated.

<p>12. Correlated to the synthesizing <i>crown center</i> and the <i>ajna</i> center—considered as the center of personality direction. Also influencing the impulsive <i>solar plexus</i> and the propagative center of sexuality—the <i>sacral</i> center, in relation to which, the opposites are brought together. The fertility of the Ram suggests the sacral association. Some connection with the based of the spine center is also possible, as Mars and Mercury (Aries’ first two rulers) rule kundalini “latent” and “in intelligent activity” respectively. Its hierarchical ruler, Uranus, transmits the seventh ray and is, thus, numerically <i>related</i> to this <i>seventh</i> (lowest) center.</p>		<p>12. Pisces can be reasonably associated with the centers in the <i>soles of the feet</i>, giving humility, ‘under-standing’, and the power to tread the Path. Pisces is also strongly related to the <i>solar plexus</i> center (in relation to which purification of desire and detachment must prevail) and to the compassionate, all-embracing, all-forgiving <i>heart</i> center—these centers being ruled, in part, by Neptune, special ruler of Pisces. Pisces can, at a high point of evolution, condition the <i>ajna</i> center (when Alpha {Aries—crown center} and Omega {Pisces—ajna}) meet. The buddhically-resonant <i>heart within the head</i>, of which the Buddha, Himself, is a symbol (EXH 87), is another significant association.</p>
<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the Monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Aries impels the Monad forth upon its aeonial pilgrimage. The sense of <i>pure selfhood</i> which characterizes monadic awareness is enhanced by Aries. Further, Aries endows the Monad with its inherent <i>omnipotence</i> relative to the human energy system.</p>		<p>13. The zodiacal signs influence the monad of every human being (EA 411, 637, TCF 1191); the influence from Pisces provides the foundational motivation for the entire monadic pilgrimage, for every monad is a “Lord of ceaseless, persevering devotion” (EA 117) and, under the influence of Pisces—a <i>savior</i>. The monadic pilgrimage is entirely <i>sacrificial</i>, and is undertaken for purposes of redemption. Pisces both symbolizes and impulses the humanly unfathomable Self-abnegation which send the monad forth. “Go forth into matter”, is one mantram of Pisces.</p>
<p>14. Within the Triad—associated principally with <i>atma</i>, the spiritual will as it reflects divine will and law. Aries is also associated with the birth of ideas in <i>buddhi</i> (or at least their <i>reception</i> from the buddhic realm) and also with their abstract formulation within the sphere of higher <i>manas</i>.</p>		<p>14. Within the spiritual triad—Pisces (which transmits the <i>second</i> ray) is principally related to the second principle <i>buddhi</i>, as it expresses the divine love, wisdom and understanding which redeem. Pisces is also one of the intuitive signs connecting it to <i>buddhi</i>. Pisces eventually induces a “pervasiveness of wisdom” (EA 136), and wisdom is the influence of the first aspect upon the second (as in the case of the Buddha). (cf. DINA II 518) In Pisces there is a powerful sensitivity to the <i>will of God</i>, (“Father, not my will by Thine by done”) and thus to the <i>atmic</i> aspect of the spiritual triad—and to the <i>monad</i>. Pisces, transcending Mercury, is less related to <i>higher manas</i>.</p>

<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Aries governs the persistent will-to-incarnate “Let form again be sought”, and the first impulses (emanating from the plane of mind) towards descent onto the physical plane. “<i>Aries</i>—is connected with soul intention, the vibratory activity of which (under impulse from the Monad) initiates the successive involutory periods which produce appearance upon the physical plane.) (EA 302)</p>		<p>15. In relation to the Solar Angel, and the soul-consciousness (and causal body) through which it expresses—Pisces is the energy of the will-to-save which animates those “Hearts of Fiery Love” known as Agnishvattas, or Solar Angels. Pisces (in which Solar-Angelic Venus is exalted) provides the originating incentive for the sacrifice which the Solar Angels made aeons ago, on behalf of the human monads, and in service of the Planetary Logos. Pisces governs the Solar Angel as <i>Savior</i>.</p>
<p>16. Within the Personality—Aries can be identified with the <i>ruling</i> and <i>assertive</i> qualities of the mental nature; with the <i>impulses</i> and <i>passions</i> of the astral nature; with the forceful but <i>irregular vigor</i> of the etheric nature; and, generally, with the <i>muscular strength</i> of the dense physical nature. Aries is especially related to the lower mental vehicle. (EA 92) (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>		<p>16. Within the Personality—Pisces can be identified with the <i>impressionability</i> and eventual <i>intuitive sensitivity</i> of the lower mental nature; with the <i>sentient permeability</i>, and <i>imaginative, tranquilizing</i> processes within the astral nature; with the induction of <i>quietude</i> within the etheric nature; and with the general <i>sensitivity</i> of the dense physical vehicle. (The vehicular focus and its degree of prominence, depends upon the stage of evolutionary development.)</p>
<p>17. Stage within a Preliminary Fourfold Meditative Process: Conception</p>		<p>17. Stage of Meditative Consciousness: Identification</p>
<p>18. The Crisis of Orientation characterized by the quality of Reversal. (EA 472)</p>		<p>18. The Choice of Method of Salvation (such as that which confronted the Christ in the Garden of Gethsemene)</p>

Wider Relationships: Cosmic and Systemic

Aries	In Comparison With	Pisces
<p>1. Expressive, principally, of the <i>first</i> or <i>will</i> aspect of divinity. “Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect.” (EA 194) Some <i>third</i> aspect may enter in relation to activity and, depending upon whether the seventh ray is interpreted in terms of the <i>first</i> or <i>third</i> rays.</p>		<p>1. Expressive principally of the <i>second</i> divine aspect, with a lengthy history connected to the material substance (“water”) of the <i>third</i>. There is some emphasis upon the liberating will of the <i>first</i> aspect. “In Pisces, you have the consummation of the work of that which the matter aspect has made possible, and the Christ emerges as the world saviour. All this has taken place through the will aspect of the second ray, focussed in Shamballa, expressing itself through humanity and consummated in the Hierarchy. (EA 627-628)</p>

<p>2. Cosmically, preeminently associated with the Great Bear: “Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear, but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers;...” (EA 195) “The Great Bear—Aries—Pluto—Shamballa.” (EA 416) “<i>Aries—Libra—The Sun</i> (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focussing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation.” (EA 466) “Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name ‘Pointer’ in common parlance. This Pointer is a ‘major star of direction’ because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis.” (EA 482)</p>		<p>2. Cosmically related to Sirius. “The triangle of Pisces-Uranus-Hierarchy is becoming magnetically attractive to the triangle of Humanity.” (EA 438) “And then the heavens within the ring-pass-not responded to the light from Sirius which, passing through the sea of Pisces, lifted the fishes into the heavenly sphere (Uranus) and thus a lesser triple light appeared, the radiant sun of suns, the watery light of Pisces, the heavenly light of Uranus.” (EA 432, also 427-428) A connection between the Dragon, the Pleiades and Pisces may well exist, in relation to the <i>saving, self-abnegating</i> Path of Earth Service. (cf. TCF 904, 1162), over which the “Great Sacrifice” (Sanat Kumara) in His Piscean mode, presides.</p>
<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Aries: a) Cassiopeia—the Enthroned Queen; b) Cetus—the Sea Monster; c) Perseus—the One Who Subdues (cf. LOH 35-36)</p>		<p>3. Three Constellations Connected with Pisces: a) The Band—(connecting the two Fishes; b) Andromeda—the Chained Woman; c) Cepheus—the King (LOH 200)</p>

Relationships Between Three Levels of Planetary Rulers and Planets in Exaltation, Fall and Detriment

<p>1. Mercury is the esoteric ruler of Aries.</p>	<p>In Comparison With</p>	<p>1. Mercury falls in Pisces.</p>
<p>2. Venus is in detriment in Aries.</p>		<p>2. Venus is exalted in Pisces.</p>

Subtle Relationships Between Ray, Zodiacal and Planetary Energies

Aries	In Comparison With	Pisces
<p>1. Aries transmits the <i>first</i> ray constellationally. Aries is also the <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on both the reversed and clockwise wheels, and on the wheel which numbers the signs by polarity (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.) All this reinforces the association of Aries with the <i>first</i> ray.</p>		<p>1. Pluto is the esoteric and hierarchical ruler of Pisces, and transmits the <i>first</i> ray.</p>
<p>2. Aries transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray constellationally.</p>		<p>2. Jupiter, the exoteric ruler of Pisces, rules “ritualistic worship” and, thus, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray. (cf. EA 648, 660)</p>

<p>3. Counting from Pisces clockwise, Aries becomes the <i>twelfth</i> sign, and is thus, by numerological addition, numerically resonant with the number <i>three</i> and with the <i>third</i> ray. “Let form again be sought.” Aries plunges into the material world at the outset of every new cycle.</p>		<p>3. Pisces, associated with “water” and with the “ocean” has an indirect connection with the material <i>third</i> ray through “matter.” Pisces is the “fish swimming in the waters of matter and finding there its sustenance.” (EA 287) ‘As we well know, water stands for matter,...’ (TCF 1005) “Neptune is as you know, the God of the waters, and the term ‘water’ covers many angles of the esoteric wisdom, such as: The whole concept of matter—universal and itemised.”.. (EA 275) The Piscean is to become “the fish who swims free in the ocean of matter.” (EA 62) Pisces is also the twelfth sign on the reversed wheel, numbering normally and <i>also</i> by polarities (Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, etc.), and hence, resonant to the <i>third</i> ray. (through numerological addition). Neptune rules Pisces in a special way (EA 171), and the Neptunian <i>trident</i> connects it to the <i>third</i> ray. “Water” and “matter” are equivalent and matter is ruled by the <i>third</i> ray. Pluto, (esoteric and hierarchical ruler of Pisces), through its lunar, material, sub-conscious associations, and its associations with the “past”, shows its relation to the <i>third</i> ray.</p>
<p>4. Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray.</p>		<p>4. Pisces transmits the <i>sixth</i> ray constellationally. Enthusiastic Jupiter has <i>sixth</i> ray associations. Neptune (a special ruler of Pisces) transmits the sixth ray. Pluto (esoteric and hierarchical ruler) has <i>sixth</i> ray associations through its relation to the solar plexus. (EA 78)</p>
<p>5. Mars also transmits the <i>first</i> ray, because its “School” trains “those whose work is along the lines of the destroyer.” (TCF 1179). It is the <i>first</i> ray which is the Ray of the Destroyer.</p>		<p>5. See #1 above.</p>
<p>6. Mars manifests as the astral body of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity and, hence, is aligned with the transmission of the <i>third</i> ray. The physical body of Mars must be more the third than seventh ray. (EPII 99)</p>		<p>6. See #3 above.</p>
<p>7. Mars is closely associated with the <i>fifth</i> ray, because it governs the five senses and rules science. (EA 215)</p>		<p>7. Venus (exalted) transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray. Pluto, for whom Mars is the “Alter Ego” (EA 507) is connected with scientific research, and Mars rules science—on the <i>fifth</i> ray.</p>
<p>8. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>fourth</i> ray.</p>		<p>8. Only indirect <i>fourth</i> ray connections relate Pisces to the <i>fourth</i> ray. Venus, the planet exalted in Pisces, can be understood as associated with the harmony and beauty aspects of the <i>fourth</i> ray (but not with the factors within this ray which lead to conflict). Neptune, the special spiritual ruler of Pisces (for “humanity <i>as a whole</i>”) has strong relations to buddhi/intuition, and to the <i>fourth</i> plane, the buddhic plane</p>

9. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, has a strong affinity with <i>third</i> ray, just as has the Moon. (cf. EA 280). Mars, the exoteric ruler of Aries, participates in the expression of a great <i>third</i> ray Entity		9. See #8 immediately above.
10. Mercury, the esoteric ruler of Aries, possibly transmits the <i>fifth</i> ray monadically (as Lord of Manas). Further, Mercury rules the <i>fifth</i> race and is connected with the <i>fifth</i> scheme and the <i>fifth</i> round. “The fifth race is born under Mercury. (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (SD II. 32., EA 663)		10. See #3 above.
11. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, transmits the <i>seventh</i> ray, probably as its soul ray.		11. See #7 above.
12. Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, the <i>first</i> sign, transmits the <i>first</i> ray “esoterically”, i.e., monadically. (EPI 421)		12. See #2 above.
13. . Uranus, the hierarchical ruler of Aries, is closely connected to the <i>third</i> ray which it probably transmits as the personality ray. (cf. EA 200, 238)		13. See #1 above.
14. Uranus stands for “exoteric science” which is on the <i>fifth</i> ray (EA 149)		14. See #3 above.
15. Uranus stands in a line of transmission along the second ray from Sirius and Pisces. Further, Uranus participates, probably as the mental body, in the expression of a great <i>second</i> ray Entity. (EPII 99)		15. See #7 above.
16. The Sun, exalted in Aries, is the veiling transmitter of the <i>second</i> ray, and, as a star, transmits the <i>second</i> ray in its own right (through its personality and its soul). Its <i>primary</i> or <i>major</i> monadic ray may also be the second.		16. Pisces transmits the <i>second</i> ray, constellationally. Jupiter, the exoteric ruler of Pisces, transmits the <i>second</i> ray. Neptune, as special, spiritual ruler of Pisces for “humanity as a whole” (EA 129), transmits the <i>second</i> ray monadically. Venus, “pure love-wisdom” (exalted in Pisces), transmits the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 281)
17. Vulcan often substitutes for the Sun, and the Sun is exalted in Aries. Vulcan is related to the “heart of the sun”, and hence, in some mysterious way, to the <i>second</i> ray. (EA 393)		17. See #16 immediately above.
18.		18. See #16 above.

General Qualitative Comparisons, Contrasts and Pragmatic Descriptors

Aries	In Comparison With	Pisces
1. The Ram or the Lamb		1. The Fishes

2. The Scapegoat		2. The Savior
3. An aspect of the Divine Father		3. An aspect of the Divine Mother
4. Shamballa: "The death by fire or burning in Aries releases man into another centre to which we give the name Shamballa." (EA 98) "...it is the will of the Father aspect, manifesting through Aries, that governs Shamballa;..." (EA 156) "...Aries opens the door into Shamballa;..." (EA 156)		4. Hierarchy: "The triangle of Pisces-Uranus-Hierarchy is becoming magnetically attractive to the triangle of Humanity." (EA 438) "...energy from Shamballa (embodying the will-to-good) is fused and blended with the organising energy of the seventh ray and then carried to humanity along the stream of love which emanates from the Hierarchy itself. Pisces governs this effort of the Hierarchy because the highest aspect of Pisces which humanity can at this time in any way comprehend is that of Mediatorship" (EA 445).
5. Sanat Kumara in relation to Aries —"The Eternal Youth"		5. Sanat Kumara in relation to Pisces —"The Saviour". "Sanat Kumara is the prototype of all world saviours." (DINA II 286)
6. The Conquistador		6. The Monk
7. The Pioneer		7. The Priest
8. The Sword		8. The Rosy Cross (Venus is exalted in Pisces)
9. Pure Being		9. The Anima Mundi—the "Soul of the World")
10. Synthesis		10. Unity
11. Absolute Selfhood		11. Absolute Selflessness
12. The assertion of the Ahamkaric Principle		12. The dissolution of the Ahamkaric Principle
13. The "Lamb slain from the foundation of the World" (EA 98, EXH 304)		13. The "Fish Goddesses"
14. The Life of the Christ from an Aretian Perspective: "Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the 'age of Love' which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically) the present world cleavage." (EA 567)		14. The Life of the Christ from a Piscean Perspective: "The Piscean aspect in its highest expression is demonstrated by His sensitivity to immediate and unbroken contact with His "Father in Heaven"; He was in constant communication with the Monad, thereby proving to the world that He was initiated into states of consciousness of which the third initiation is but the beginning." (EA 565)
15. Aries upon the Ordinary Wheel: "Movement outward into incarnation. The Will to manifest." (EA 151) (ESE) First Aspect latent.		15. Pisces upon the Ordinary Wheel: "Desire for form existence. The Love or desire for material things. Constant mutation." (EA 151) (ESE) First Aspect latent.
16. Aries upon the Reversed Wheel: "Appearance of the will to cooperate with the Plan. The death of Self-will." (EA 151) (ASE) First Aspect expressed.		16. Pisces upon the Reversed Wheel: "Emergence of a world saviour. Death of all separative desire and love, even spiritual longing and aspiration." (EA 151) (ASE) Second Aspect expressed.
17. The "sign of institution" (EA 399)		17. The culminating sign of <i>restitution</i>
18. Death by Fire (EA 97-98)		18. Death by Drowning (EA 97-98)
19. Disintegration by Fire		19. Dissolution by Water
20. "Cosmic Fire" (EA 293)		20. The "waters of purification" (EA 287)
21. The Beginning		21. The End
22. In the beginning, rebellion against the Will of God (ESE, MSE)		22. In the end, complete acquiescence to the Will of God (ASE)
23. Alpha (zodiacally); the first sign of the zodiac		23. Omega (zodiacally); the last sign of the zodiac
24. The <i>last</i> sign of the zodiac on the clockwise wheel, when one begins counting with Pisces		24. The <i>first</i> sign of the zodiac on the clockwise wheel, when one begins counting with Pisces
25. Initiating the Manvantara		25. The onset of Pralaya

26. "Commencement" (EA 58)		26. "Consummation" (EA 58)
27. From Aries, to Taurus via Pisces —" <i>the path of the great illusion</i> " (EA 81)		27. From Aries to Pisces via Taurus —" <i>the path of light</i> " (EA 81)
28. Immersion in matter (FOP)		28. Release from matter (FOP)
29. "Birth" (EA 98)		29. "Death and liberation" (EA 98)
30. "The Will to Manifest" (EA 230)		30. "Final liberation" (EA 230)
31. Aries on the clockwise wheel, fed by Taurus, give the man an "ardent desire for the many material advantages of physical incarnation and of constant worldly undertakings;..." (EA 107)		31. Pisces on the clockwise wheel make of the man, "the fish controlled by the laws of substance or material existence" (EA 108)
32. Final triumph over matter (FOP); Resurrection		32. "Drowning" in matter (FOP); Subjugation
33. Duality in Aries: "In Aries we have the duality which is attached to the bringing together of spirit and matter in the great creative activity of manifestation at the beginning of the evolutionary cycle,..." (EA 115)		33. Duality in Pisces: "...in Pisces we have the fusion or blending of soul and form as far as man is concerned, producing the manifestation of the Incarnated Christ, the perfected individual soul, the completed manifestation of the microcosm." (EA 115)
34. Aries—for the Undeveloped Man: "Blind, undirected experience. Instinctual reaction." (EA 332)		34. Pisces—for the Undeveloped Man: "Responsiveness to environment. The medium." (EA 333)
35. Aries—for the Advanced Man: "Directed personality effort. Desire." (EA 332)		35. Pisces—for the Advanced Man: "Sensitivity to soul. The mediator." (EA 333)
36. Aries—for the Disciple/Initiate: "Recognition and work with the Plan. Will." (EA 332)		36. Pisces—for the Disciple/Initiate Man: "Spiritual responsibility. The Saviour." (EA 333)
37. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Aries: When the Sun is in Aries, an individual may cultivate response to the will of the soul and, even, to the influence of the monad. He should undertake initiatives under the direction of the spiritual factors within his nature.		37. Yearly Opportunity in Relation to Pisces: When the Sun is in Pisces, the disciple will know that "sensitivity to the higher impression is his right and privilege." (EA 564)
38. The Life of the Christ from an Aretian Perspective: "Aries.—This sign, which is the sign of beginnings, provided the impulse and energy which enabled Him to inaugurate the Christian era; it initiated, through Him, the 'age of Love' which is only now beginning to take form, and its potency is now so great that it has brought about (paradoxically) the present world cleavage." (EA 567)		38. The Life of the Christ from an Piscean Perspective: "The Piscean aspect in its highest expression is demonstrated by His sensitivity to immediate and unbroken contact with His 'Father in Heaven'; He was in constant communication with the Monad, thereby proving to the world that He was initiated into states of consciousness of which the third initiation is but the beginning." (EA 565)
39. "Victors, through the clear pure will" (R&I 208)		39. The "World Victor" (EA 21)
40. Victory (FOP)		40. Defeat (FOP)
41. Pyrrhic victories—the battle won, but all men lost.		41. Surrender as a victory
42. The archetype of Activity		42. The archetype of Passivity
43. Imposition		43. Impressionability
44. Assertiveness		44. Acquiescence
45. Strength (FOP)		45. Weakness (FOP)
46. Passion		46. Compassion
47. The weakness of "blind, undirected" activity (EA 332)		47. Spiritual strength

48. Arrogance		48. Humility and self-effacement
49. Directness		49. Indirectness, evasiveness
50. The rough stone		50. The completely polished stone—set perfectly into the crown
51. Crudity, obviousness		51. Subtlety and refinement
52. Noise		52. Quietude
53. Bravery		53. Cowardice
54. Bombast		54. Silent bravery

Similarities and Points of Cooperation Between the Influences of the Aries and Pisces

- A. In many ways, Aries and Pisces are polar opposites and yet they can equally be considered one sign which represents the beginning and the end, symbolized by that creature with the head of a ram and the tail of a fish or by the serpent of eternity swallowing its own tail. *Each* can be considered the beginning and *each* the end, depending upon which way the wheel is turning, for the end is the beginning and the beginning is the end.
- B. While Aries is a major sign of creation, it can also be considered a sign of absolute destruction, destruction of all form. These two signs are closely associated with the first ray; Aries because the first ray is transmitted through it directly, and Pisces because it is the first sign counting clockwise on the wheel of the zodiac and because the planet Pluto, distributing the *first* ray, is the esoteric and hierarchical ruler of Pisces. Pisces therefore brings about dissolution and Aries total obliteration of the past hence their destructiveness.
- C. Both are united by the concept of sacrifice. Pisces represents the sacrifice of conclusion and consummation, and Aries the sacrifice of inauguration and immersion of spirit into matter.
- D. Strangely, both are signs of identification in which the wholeness of the whole is appreciated. Pisces knows all parts intimately, for Pisces gathers all into itself and relates all parts in a fluid synthesis of complete understanding; thus does Pisces obliterate all differences. Aries, filled with the sense of the absolute primacy of the One Self, looks in all directions and sees only the same thing, namely the Self. Both signs therefore, in the later days of evolution, are major signs of self-effacement. All egoism is surrendered in Pisces and naught but the greater Self remains. In Aries the lesser self is lost sight of in the blinding light of total identification and so in both Pisces/Aries naught but the *One Self* remains.
- E. Both are signs of salvation; the archetype of the Saviour in Pisces is not that much different from the archetype of the hero in Aries. Both the hero and the saviour have mastered the *ahamkaric* principle and are willing to act with no regard for the little personal self.
- F. Contrarily, in the early days of evolution, both are signs of unique blindness for Aries is characterized by blind undirected activity and the undeveloped Piscean native swims blindly in the ocean of matter. Spirit and matter are indeed one, and in the blending of the signs Aries/Pisces this truth is seen.
- G. Pisces refines the process by which matter is spiritualized and brings it to a consummation just as Aries rules the materialization of spirit; its sacrificial immersion into the sea of matter.
- H. Both signs are intimately related as well to the spirit, the monad. Aries identifies entirely with the “Father in Heaven” and Pisces seeks to align itself through identification with that same “Father in Heaven”.
- I. Both are signs of *law*: Aries knowing itself to be the Father becomes the law, Pisces seeking the will of the Father, seeks to acquiesce to Divine Law through identification.
- J. Aries, the *first* sign, contains in itself ultimately, the idea of unity; Pisces the *twelfth* sign contains both the one and the two hence the idea of unity and duality. The one and the two sum to three. The three of the Trinity are, therefore, contained in Pisces. The secret of Aries/Pisces is the secret of unity and multiplicity of the One and the many. The One is the many and the many are the One.
- K. These both may be considered climactic signs, consummating signs, signs which restore the human consciousness to an experiential awareness of the absolute.
- L. Because they are both in various ways associated with the first aspect of divinity, they are intimately connected with great Law of Sacrifice which is, according to the Tibetan, the “Law of Giving”. So it is in these signs that life is bestowed for the benefit of other units of life. It is in these two signs, as well, that time is obliterated and eternity understood. Together they rule the most crucial point in all cyclic movement, namely the ending of an old cycle and the inaugurating of a new.