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## Lesson 261

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**W**e make the peace greeting, which is the thumb towards the center of the palm of the hand, it represents willpower, self-mastery, the four fingers symbolizing the four elements. With the left hand, the same, over the navel.

*"In the name of the great spiritual guides, of the Great Masters of Humanity, in the name of the aspirations of the New Humanity towards an era of peace, well-being, health, and in the name of all of us, seekers of perennial wisdom, I declare our work open... Pash! In lak'ech (I am you) Al' lak' en (you are me). We bow before the divine will that presides over our actions."*

Now, let's review some astronomy, and I assume everyone has studied. Let's go in order. Over here... What is the Zodiac?... You need to be up to date in your studies to progress. Studying the stars is very important because we are cosmic beings, not just terrestrial. Our body is terrestrial, but our spirit, our being, our soul, whatever you want to call it, is extraterrestrial, so to speak; it comes from other planes. Like sunlight reaching Earth, but it comes from another plane. To understand ourselves, we must understand our connection with the Universe, with the Cosmos.

Everything, even ants and weeds, all live thanks to the energy of the Sky, the energy of the sun, the rain, the moon, the stars. Earth is constantly bombarded by cosmic radiation, there is positive radiation and there is dangerous radiation, but Earth has a stratosphere, a magnetic body that filters cosmic radiation. When there are holes in the ozone layer, as has been happening due to contamination, then there is danger of diseases, epidemics, in short, violence.

So, we need to know the basics of astronomy, which is the study of the universe around us. And astrology, which relates us humans to those beings of light we call stars, planets, etc. Most... Practically everyone knows their birth sign, that means, the position of the Sun. The one born in Aries, because in that month the Sun was in Aries; the one born in Taurus, was born in the month when the Sun is passing through Taurus. Of course, we need to know where the other planets are, like the moon and the seven planets. That's what forms the horoscope, it's like a photograph of the sky of the day, the hour, and the place where we were born.

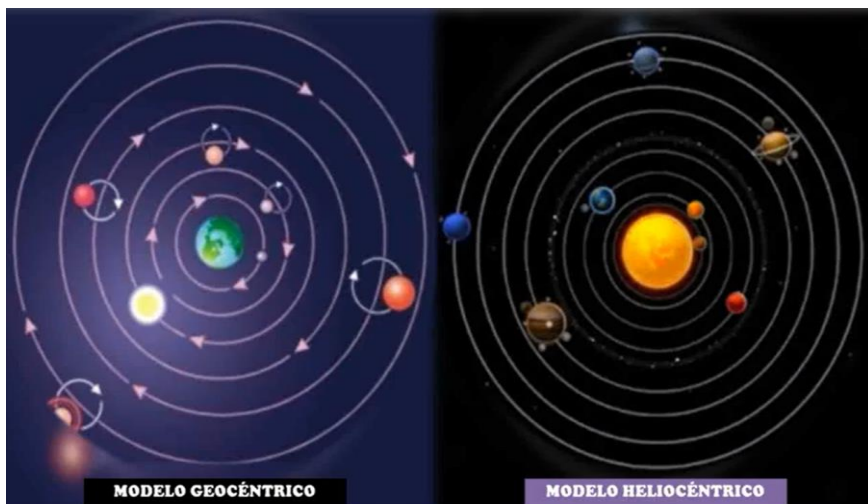
So, you can see in the horoscope where the sun, the moon, etc., were. They don't move together, the Sun moves at a certain speed, the Moon moves faster, in twenty-eight to thirty days, the moon orbits the Earth and therefore the Sun. Mercury, the planet closest to the Sun, takes eighty-eight days to orbit the Sun; that is, Mercury's year lasts eighty-eight Earth days, about three months. Earth's year lasts three hundred sixty-five days, twelve months. And so, each planet has a different speed, so sometimes they meet, they pass each other.



Well, then, let's see. I was telling you there are two zodiacs: the Natural Zodiac and the astronomical zodiac of stars; there are no animals there. The stars scattered through the sky, and the Intellectual Zodiac which is this one: a human concept of the ancient sages. Like when we draw an atom, we put a point in the center and circles around it, that's an idea of the human mind, but if you could see atoms, they're not like that. It's just for study.

So, the Intellectual Zodiac, this one, is to see the relationship we humans have with those stars of the zodiac and with the planets, the Moon, and the Sun. In astrology, the Sun and the Moon are considered as if they were planets because they have influence just like the other planets, but in astronomy, well, we know that the Sun is not a planet. The Sun is a star, and the Moon is a satellite of Earth, not independent like the planets. Mars has two

satellites, two "moons", Jupiter has ten moons or more, same as Saturn. So, this is the intellectual zodiac, and we divide it into three zones. This is the zodiac itself, the signs, the twelve signs; here we place the planets and the houses, and Earth is considered in the center.




"It was already explained in the lesson, I don't want to repeat it, that Astrology is geocentric; geo meaning Earth. We put Earth in the center to study the influences on Earth. In contrast, astronomy is heliocentric; Helio the Sun, puts the Sun at the center, as it actually is. Earth and the other planets orbit the Sun, but Astrology is geocentric. So, we study the Sun traveling around the belt of stars, the planets orbiting, and Earth in the center as if it didn't move.

"Alright, have a clear idea of what

the zodiac is and don't confuse the Intellectual Zodiac with the Natural, astronomical Zodiac. This is a zodiac of twelve signs, signs! Twelve symbols, and the Natural astronomical Zodiac is a zodiac of stars, and this one is of signs. So, the first one, Aries, the ram. It's called the first because it marks the beginning of the natural year. March 21 starts a year of nature with spring. Here in South America, it's not felt much, except in Argentina, Chile, which is very close to the pole, there it's felt more. If one observes nature well, and observes oneself, one does experience those changes of the seasons. January first marks the start of the commercial, civil year, but it doesn't have any scientific significance, that's a custom. I think it was a pope who said, let it begin on January first, but it has no basis.

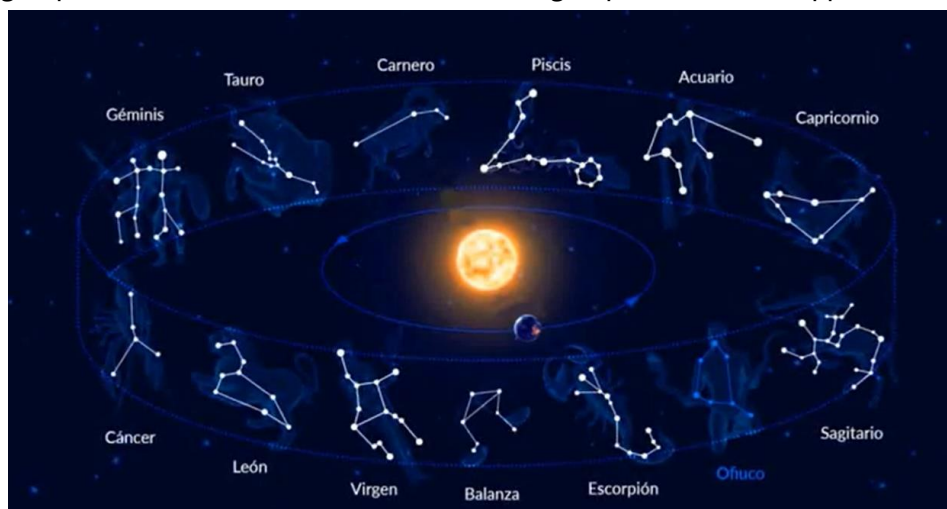
"So, in the astrological year, the year begins on March 21 of the Gregorian calendar, the one we use, but it starts on the first day, first degree of the month of Aries, the ram. Then comes Taurus, the bull; Gemini, the twins; that stylized little figure represents, a boy and a girl who are hugging, who are twins. Cancer, the crab, has the crab's claws. Leo, the lion, the head is a circle and the tail, the body and the tail. Virgo, the virgin. It's not seen well here, it's like an uppercase M because it's touching a lyre, so, it looks like that, the string and a little bar crossing it. That's Virgo, the virgin, the virgin of the zodiac, it's half fish, from the waist up it's a woman, and from the waist down it's a fish. It's a symbol we have to learn to interpret.

"Libra is the only sign that doesn't have an animal figure, it's a scale. Then comes Scorpio, the scorpion, you can see the scorpion's tail wanting to sting. Sagittarius is also half human, from the waist up, and from the waist down is a horse. So, [Sagittarius] is a centaur aiming with a bow and arrow towards the center of the galaxy, towards a star, the symbol of Humanity, Sagittarius. In the ordinary runaway humanity, the horse part dominates, loses control, doesn't have an ideal, doesn't improve itself; and the humanity that improves itself, is the same Sagittarius, the centaur, but it has already controlled the beast, the animal part, and then dedicates itself to achieving what is called happiness. Everyone seeks happiness. I ask what does happiness mean? And almost no one knows; they seek without knowing what they are seeking.

"Well, then comes Capricorn, the male goat. This is the figure: it represents the horns of the male goat, 

"Aquarius, the water-bearer, is the only complete human figure, because Gemini is two little children, Virgo is a mermaid, and Sagittarius is a centaur, whereas Aquarius is the man with the water ewer, pouring water from the sky, but not drinking water, but the water of Wisdom: the water that quenches thirst forever. So, Aquarius represents the human being developed in all its fullness. Sometimes it's represented as a young man or a young woman. And the last one is Pisces, the fish; they're two little fish swimming, one fish goes here and the other goes there and they're joined... That little bar means that there's a... like a ribbon that joins the two mouths of the little fish."

"Well, then, they are the twelve signs of the intellectual zodiac. The twelve constellations that form the natural zodiac—constellation means a group of stars—seen from Earth. We see a group of stars that appear to be together, in view; in reality, they are very distant from each other, but we see them grouped like this. So, a constellation is a group of stars that from Earth seems to be together. Then, the natural zodiac is formed by twelve constellations that receive the same names, the constellation of Aries in the natural zodiac and the sign of Aries in the intellectual zodiac, is something we will study and see what the difference is, later on.



Well, the important thing now is that these signs are classified into groups of three and groups of four. We divide the twelve signs by three and we get three little groups of four; then, we divide the twelve by four and we get four little groups of three. So, you see, it's called a triangle; the first fire classification: Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius; those painted in red are fire signs, they form an equilateral triangle. Then comes the green [signs], earth: Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, form an equilateral triangle. Then come the air [signs], yellow: Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius; and finally, the water signs, the blue [signs]: Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces.

So, the important thing is to know what characterizes each triangle: the fire triangle, the three fire signs, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Their keyword is Impulsiveness, they can't stay still, they have a lot of initiative. Generally, they take the lead in a group, in the family, at work, in delinquency, in whatever it may be. They are always the ones in command. So, the key to fire is Impulsiveness and the fire sign is represented by an upward-pointing triangle, that means fire in the language of astrology and alchemy.

Now comes the earth triangle. Earth, the keyword for earth is Practicality. They are practical, they get to the point: "Enough with ideas, enough with thinking, let's just get things done. That's earth; of course, each one has their difference, but it's the general key of earth, the keyword Practicality. Then come the yellows, the air signs, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, of air. They spend their time up there, on the terrace; it means, the keyword is Intellectualism. They are the ones who study, who think, who have that capability. And finally, the water signs, the ones I painted in blue here, the keyword for water is Emotionality, they are emotional. An astrologer said, "They are the crybabies of the zodiac." The sentimental ones, the ones who write poetry, compose songs, etc.

Well, that's the classification in three. Four groups of three, four triangles: fire, air, earth, and water. Now comes the classification in a square, four signs. Thus, Aries with its opposite Libra, and Cancer with its opposite Capricorn, form like a cross or a square if we join them. Those are called cardinal signs; cardinal because it's where each season begins. In Aries, spring begins, in Cancer, summer, in Libra, autumn, and in Capricorn, winter. We are currently in the month of Aries; we are in spring. Holy Week is always chosen to be after March 21st when it's spring, from a symbolism. It's something that ancient Christianity kept, which is not taught today.

Thus, those cardinal signs, their keyword is Activity. Those four signs are the most active, outward. We have Aries fire... what is the key for fire? Impulsivity and as a cardinal sign? Activity. It's impulsive-active. Then you'll see the difference with the other fire signs. Fine, those are the cardinal signs.

Now we have fixed signs. The one that follows, Taurus with its opposite Scorpio, and those that make a cross, Leo with Aquarius, [they are] fixed signs. Notice that in this classification of four, there is a sign of each element. Cardinal signs: Aries/fire, Libra/air, Cancer/water, Capricorn/earth. Here too, the same with the fixed signs: Taurus/earth, Scorpio/water, Leo/fire, Aquarius/air. The fixed signs, their keyword is Stability. They tend to ensure a stable life, they want to have their own house, their job secured, everything, their bank account, etc. Well, it depends on how the planets are placed, but more or less, that's the idea.

And, the last one is formed by Gemini, its opposite Sagittarius, and those that make a cross, Virgo, with its opposite Pisces, or a square. They are called mutable or common signs, and they are the adaptable ones. Those who adapt to the situation, to the cold, to the heat, to poverty, to wealth, to whatever; they are not as impulsive as the fire signs. Well, then, each sign has two keys, you have to learn to make the combination: Aries, fire, cardinal, impulsive-active, the other fire sign Leo, is impulsive because of fire and stable because it's a fixed sign and impulsive to reach a goal. Whereas Aries doesn't stay still but keeps going like that.

And the other fire sign, Sagittarius, that one is impulsive by fire, but it's a mutable sign, it's adaptable. It's impulsive-adaptable, it adapts to a situation and has the energy to sustain itself. And so, each sign has two keys. It's the starting point for studying astrology, the basic keys, to avoid confusion, because you see in magazines, on television, they talk about each sign and confuse. They don't explain this. From this key, one draws conclusions.

SIGNOS ZODIACALES					
SIGNO	GLIFOS DE SIGNOS	FRASE CLAVE	PALABRA CLAVE	ELEMENTO	CUALIDAD
ARIES		YO SOY	ACTIVIDAD	FUEGO	CARDINAL
TAURO		Yo deseo, Yo quiero, Yo tengo	ESTABILIDAD	TIERRA	FIJO
GEMINIS		YO PIENSO	VERSATILIDAD	AIRE	MUTABLE
CANCER		YO SIENTO	EMOTIVIDAD	AGUA	CARDINAL
LEO		Yo oso, Yo integro, Yo dramatizo	MAGNETISMO	FUEGO	FIJO
VIRGO		YO ANALIZO	VIABILIDAD	TIERRA	MUTABLE
LIBRA		Yo equilibrio, Yo complemento	ARMONIA	AIRE	CARDINAL
ESCORPION		Yo deseo, Yo callo, Yo transformo	INTENSIDAD	AGUA	FIJO
SAGITARIO		Yo veo, Yo comprendo, Yo aspiro	VISUALIZACION	FUEGO	MUTABLE
CAPRICORNIO		Yo uso, Yo controlo	AMBICION	TIERRA	CARDINAL
ACUARIO		Yo se	INVOCACION	AIRE	FIJO
PISCIS		Yo creo	COMPRESION	AGUA	MUTABLE

Now, each sign has its word, a keyword specific to the sign. There are twelve keywords written here [in the chart] but they are very small. The keyword for Aries, what is it? I Am, they are the ones who say, "I am like this, and nobody changes me"... period. That's Aries.

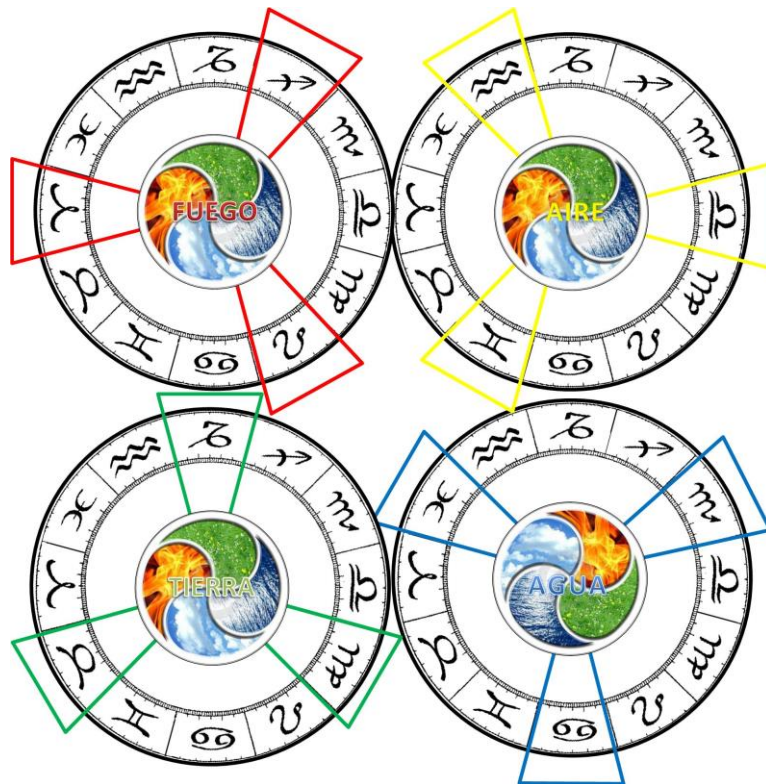
So, we have [for Aries]: it's fire, impulsive, cardinal-active, and by its keyword, they are very self-assured. Three keys, and from there one can sharpen those three pencils a lot: those three keys. How do we do it? We observe a person daily, how they handle the three keys, the three words. Well then, next we see Taurus. What is Taurus' word? I Want and I Have. Taurus has two keys: from earth, they are more practical, have a lot of willpower. It's like the ox, it's Taurus the bull. They can be

working all day because they maintain themselves... They have willpower. And, I Have, because being an earth sign and having a lot of willpower, it wants to have its life in order, everything they need, nothing is missing; they ensure their little world.

Now comes Gemini, of air, intellectual, its keyword is I Think. A very restless mind, it's a sign of lecturers, journalists, interviewers, travel agents; they dominate communication, writing, research, etc. Then comes Cancer, of water, sentimental, its keyword is I Feel. Just as Gemini says, "I think it's going to rain," Cancer would say "I feel it's not going to rain." Why? "Well, I feel it, but I don't know why." In contrast, when Gemini says it's going to rain, Gemini gives reasons, "I think because I see the clouds that are... and there's a moist wind." but Cancer is intuitive, sensitive. Well, then Leo, what is Leo's word? I Dare, they are daring, the verb to dare, to be bold, it's fire, impulsive, it's a fixed sign, stable, and they are very bold and daring.

Like the case of Simón Bolívar, for example, who was a Leo, and he was daring. They defeated him and he came back with another army. And it has another word, there are symbols that have two words, they are called privileged signs, the other keyword of Leo is I Do. They don't stay in theory; they try to accomplish their purposes. Then comes Virgo, earth sign, the keyword I Analyze. They always have like a magnifying glass, a microscope, they focus on details. For a Virgo, there is no well-dressed person, they always find some detail. They are critics, sometimes they are nitpickers, but they can be literary critics, political critics. The word analyze also tends to make them laboratory technicians, analyze chemical substances, tissues, etcetera, and they are very meticulous.

Libra, the scales, air. What's Libra's keyword? I Balance. They're good judges, good lawyers, circus tightrope walkers, etcetera, anything to do with balance. It's not that Libra is balanced because it's a scale, sometimes they're like this, and sometimes like this [one side up or the other]. They fluctuate, but their struggle is to achieve balance. They are always seeking that, since they are of air, they have a very active mind. Scorpio. Scorpio, a water sign symbolizes sex and the control of passions. It depends, because near Scorpio is the constellation of the Eagle which does not belong to the zodiac, but it's close. In ancient times there were thirteen signs, and Scorpio was called Scorpio-Eagle, but we still say... Since the eagle is very close to Scorpio, sometimes the eagle prevails and the person overcomes their passions, their animal, their beast, and rises; and others of Scorpio are dragged by passion, they have no control.



Then, Scorpio's word is I Desire, and it has another word, I Silence, silence of keeping quiet, because it's a water sign, they are emotional. But Scorpio keeps silent, doesn't communicate what's happening to them, they have very few friends, they don't dare to trust; well then that's the word, I Silence and I Desire. When the Eagle dominates, the person keeps silent or silences; silences their passions, their anxieties, their fears, doesn't express them, but inside there... they have a very strong internal struggle to overcome themselves. Then, Sagittarius. What's Sagittarius' word? I See, they are aiming with an arrow at the sky; they are archers. Those who have a clear goal in life, the arrow signifies their willingness to reach their goal. If the horse dominates, then their goal is material, if the human part dominates, their goal is human, spiritual.

Fine, then comes Capricorn. What's Capricorn's word? I Use. Capricorn is an earth sign, a practical sign. For Capricorn, there is no trash, everything is recycled, they find a use for everything. A crooked nail, "I'll keep it because it might come in handy one day." A broken shoe, "Please, can we send it for repair?" They are ecologists, thrifty; they are very good administrators.

Next, Aquarius. Aquarius, of air, belongs to the air triangle, it's humanity in all its fullness. Its word is I Know, it's the sign of Wisdom. A young person is depicted in the sky standing as if on a cloud pouring the ewer onto the Earth. The ewer of the water of Wisdom because Aquarius is an air sign, not a water sign. "The water that quenches thirst forever." as Master Jesus said. It's not liquid water, that doesn't quench thirst forever, it's the water of Sacred Wisdom, elevated wisdom. We become aware of our destiny, of our life, we are sure that we all have a goal in life. So that sign, Aquarius, produces scientists, scholars, discoverers, in science, in art, in whatever it may be.

And finally, Pisces, a water sign, what's the word? I Believe. I Believe, it's an emotional but mystical sign. Their feelings are mystical, devotional, spiritual. It doesn't mean that everyone who is Pisces is like that because it's a water sign, there are Pisces who are drunks, or who can be sailors, great navigators, because the sign represents the ocean. Pisces represents the ocean, two fish, not in a fishbowl but in the ocean.

Every sign, every planet has its positive side, its negative side. Those of Leo, for example, can also be tyrants or very good rulers. What determines whether a sign is positive or negative? Well, that partly depends on the placement of the planets, at the time, day, and place the person was born. So, if a person is an Aries, for example, with the sun in Aries, has a square with Mars, a distance of 90°, then that person is an anarchist, violent, doesn't accept laws or orders, loses control; but if it's in good relationship with Mars, then quite the opposite. They are a good guide, a good citizen. So, the distribution of the planet's influences.

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