

## Some of the Inner Meanings of Astronomical Relationships.

### I. Astronomy one of the earliest sciences.

Naturally so as man's practical affairs are so dependent upon relative movements of the sun, moon and earth.

### II. Astrology ~~based upon the principles~~ an ancient art whereby astronomical relationships were used as a means of interpreting and prognosticating events in lives of individuals, races, etc.

#### A. Logical principle on which this is based is the Hermetic formula "As above, so below".

1. This relationship illustrated in the parallel between a solar system and an atom.

#### B. Practical inductive use of this formula involves its reversal which involves difficulty of securing full reflection.

1. Hence reliable art of astrology cannot be built up on external empirical method alone.
2. Astrology as a true science a secret of initiation in this age.
3. Exception to this is intuition of old initiates.
  - a. Such not however, an exoteric science.

### III. Apart from handed down lore of astrology <sup>we</sup> may investigate inner meanings of known astronomy.

### IV. Ptolemaic system and significance of Copernican revolution.

#### A. Geocentric system corresponds to making the personality the center around which the universe rotates.

1. This corresponds to materialism so current to-day.
2. Reflected in view that I am other than Higher Self and may even possess It.
3. Speaking of the Sun rising and setting reveals the persistence of geocentric habit.

#### B. Heliocentric corresponds to SELF-centered.

1. Corresponds to "I am the Sun or SELF, and the personality is objective and my possession".
2. So considered the life of man is viewed from the level of a wholly different scale of values.
  - a. Growth or failure viewed from level of soul.

#### C. The copernican revolution reflected in thought in Emanuel Kant.

1. Here we see the subject as the active factor in determining the form of experience.
2. Opened the door to idealism in which the base of all reality is found in the conscious SELF.
3. At this point western thought begins to accord with the ancient Aryan thought.
4. The rationale of all Yoga training based upon this philosophical point of view.
  - a. Liberation involves the realization that only only true or independent reality lies in the SELF, and that all objectivity is unreal save in a derivative sense.