Libra: Harmony and Justice

Libra the Scales

Libra the Scales is an air sign in the cardinal mode. The Sun enters the sign of Libra on September 22nd, the Autumn equinox in the northern hemisphere and the turning point of the seasons. As this axis point of change Libra is very attuned to finding balance between opposites. The scales is the only symbol in the zodiac that is a mechanical object, so Libra can be exacting and objective in its search for balance. Almost all the other zodiacal signs are represented by animals or people.

Cardinal

The term cardinal means something that is fundamental, primary, pivotal. All of the cardinal signs occur at pivotal times of the year and these signs introduce their particular element to start something new. Aries brings in the Spring equinox, the beginning of the entire cycle of seasons. Cancer is at the Summer solstice bringing in much-needed emotional connectedness before Spring turns into Summer. Libra is at the Autumn equinox and Capricorn at the Winter solstice.

Dividing the Zodiac

Libra is also the dividing point between the first part of the zodiac cycle and the last. The zodiac represents a process of complete development in accordance with the Law of Twelve, a process the soul goes through individually and all of humanity goes through each yearly cycle. The first six signs are oriented toward the development of self, and the last six signs which are oriented toward the development of society. Starting with the first sign in the zodiac cycle: Aries is concerned with self-determination, Taurus with the body and possessions, Gemini with the immediate environment, Cancer with family, Leo with the kingdom and Virgo with projects. Libra is the turning point, the pause, the mechanical scales that determines what is needed to continue on in a balanced way.
Self and Others

In Libra, the seventh sign, there is the first impulse toward the “other”, whereas the signs before it are mostly concerned with development of self. In fact, the primary orientation of Libra is toward the other, be it the other person in any kind of relationship, the other point of view, the polemics of law or politics. Libra, ruled by harmonizing Venus, is the masterful diplomat, the charming socialite, or the fair-minded mediator. Libra is also the lawyer who uses the ability to see and understand both sides of an argument or a problem to fight for just one side.

Libra Opposite Aries

Libra is opposed by Aries and this forms the fundamental polarity of the zodiac of self and others. Aries, ruled by Mars, is direct, decisive, self-oriented, and an active, fiery force. Aries can learn lessons of consideration of others and consequences for their actions from Libra. Libra, ruled by Venus, is accommodating, often indecisive, cooperative, and a receptive, airy force. Libra can learn from Aries to choose a course of action even if it may be displeasing to other people.

Justice

It is said that justice is blind, there are no favorites and the emotions are not brought into it, it’s just the facts and payment is due to right the wrong. As an air sign Libra can have a certain intellectual detachment, and justice may be served under Libra at times with a mechanical coldness. At other times the harmonizing influence of Venus prevails bringing mercy and understanding.