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Mercury is the golden middle principle that can compromise the high and the low, the left and the right, the male and the female, the positive and the negative, the spirit and the matter, and the Divine and the diabolic. Mercury is impersonal, and the one who is governed by Mercury is impersonal as well. He is the agent of divine alchemy, to synthesise seemingly divergent energies.
Mercury is the friend with whom all agree. He is the centre around which things tend to gather.

Mercury is the light of the soul that soothes, heals, magnetises and thereby enlightens the surroundings very impersonally.

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“Wisdom belongs to none and all belong to Wisdom.”

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Foreword

These teachings on Mercury have come through in Miami at the request of a dynamic group of esoteric students. Mercury lays down the golden middle path through which one can enlighten oneself and stay fulfilled in all planes of existence, without negating any. The path of Mercury is the path of inclusivity and not of exclusivity. It enables experiencing the spirit and matter staying in their centre. It enables experiencing the complementary nature of seeming opposites. It also enables experiencing that which is above and that which is below, staying in their centre. It bestows eternal presence into which the past and future merge. The beauty of Mercury cannot be explained in its entirety, but the teachings herein give enough impetus for students to follow the golden middle principle of Mercury to realise, to experience and thereby rejoice. May this book serve its own purpose in the lives of those who are walking on the path to Truth.

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The Purpose of Wisdom

Wisdom, implemented in daily life, enables unfoldment of consciousness, which is otherwise imprisoned in the mental, emotional and physical plane. That is the basic purpose of working with wisdom. As we work with wisdom, the human awareness or consciousness finds its unfoldment into areas that are hidden or unknown to mankind. Our potential is far superior to what we are able to experience today. We are pure consciousness and a storehouse of spirit. We are capable of bringing that spirit into matter and thus conduct the White Magic. It is basically our responsibility to realise the kingdom of God upon Earth. There are kingdoms of beauty, of light, of love and of intuition, which can be manifested through human activity. To enable the manifestation of the will, the love and the light of the soul, we are given the best equipment, called the human body. This equipment consists of the mind, the senses and the physical body.

The true status of man and woman is to be an alchemist. An alchemist is one who transforms the base metals into precious metals. Just like the presence of a magnet transforms an iron piece into a magnet, in the presence of an alchemist the basic nature of the human being is put to transformation to reach higher aspects of human life. It is transformation with the help of the scriptural knowledge and the teacher

who imparts it. As far as scriptural knowledge is well understood and applied to in daily life by the help of the teacher, tangible transformations in the human being happen. That is the purpose of wisdom. Wisdom gives the implements for such transformation.

Astrology – the Foremost Key to Wisdom

Among the many implements of wisdom, astrology is considered as the foremost. Astrology is like the eye of wisdom. Imagine a man without the eyes. Among the limbs of the human body, the eye is most important. As you are able to see, you are able to better comprehend. You are to improve from sight to insight, and from insight to vision. Wisdom helps thus. No doubt, there are other important senses, but the eye stands primary. Likewise, it is said in Sanskrit that just like the eye among the other senses, astrology is the foremost among the implements of pure knowledge. The daily presentation of energies can be better known if we know the planetary configuration of the day. For example, today is New Moon; the Moon is exactly at the same degree as the Sun in Gemini. The Moon is today overshadowed by the Sun. We receive not the Moon energies today. The New Moon day is 'the No Moon day'. The Moon and its phases represent our mind and its moods. When there is the New Moon (No Moon), then the mind and its moods are at low-

key. It is therefore a favourable day to meditate and to experience the light of consciousness or the soul! So, New Moon stands for experiencing the subjective side of consciousness. Full Moon stands for objective manifestation of consciousness. For the one who knows astrology, commencement of group life today has a deeper message than for the one who does not know the configuration of the day. The Full Moon stands for objectivity, enabling the light to manifest in its optimum manner into the worlds. What happens during the Full Moon in the sky? The rays of the Sun are reflected through the Moon completely upon Earth, so that the Earth is illumined. Astrology tells us that Sun stands for consciousness. Moon stands for mind, and the planet Earth stands for the body. Therefore, what happens on a Full Moon day is that the energies of the Sun are transmitted via Moon unto the physical level. The Sun in us is called I AM consciousness. So I AM consciousness reflects totally via the mind upon the body. That is the kingdom of light upon Earth. You realise perceptively the beauty of the light within your system on a Full Moon day. Etheric currents are put to a good design and pattern if you are attuned to the Full Moon. The etheric body is nourished through the Full Moon meditation.

Likewise, the same happens with the New Moon. Let us understand what happens in the sky around us. There is No Moon on the New Moon day. Actually,

the New Moon is meant to be the crescent Moon that you see after the No Moon. So, you have a No Moon and a New Moon. Now we know through astrology that Moon stands for mind; therefore, No Moon stands for no mind. If there is no mind, there is no objectivity. Where there is no objectivity, what remains is subjectivity. Do you see the importance of the New Moon? You are able to experience pure consciousness on a New Moon day because the mind is absorbed into consciousness, which symbolises absence of objectivity and even of the body. The object of meditation is to experience oneself as pure consciousness, which is known as I AM.

Normally in sleep we do not have bodily awareness. We also do not have the objective world, which is around us. They disappear in sleep since mind disappears in sleep. The disappearance is into oneself. It is a state of withdrawal from the mind and the senses into oneself. Even the consciousness or awareness disappears into oneself. But in meditation only the senses and the mind disappear and one stays with full awareness and consciousness. This awareness or consciousness is called I AM consciousness. A student of meditation benefits well through his meditation on a 'No/New Moon day'.

The No Moon today happens in the sun sign of Gemini. Gemini stands for polarity. Objectivity and subjectivity are the two poles. The middle principle

between objectivity and subjectivity enables us to transcend the polarities. That middle principle exists as Mercury, and for that reason Mercury is said to be the Lord of Gemini. If you wish to neutralize the polarities in you, you have to work with Mercury.

Mercury is considered the chief metal for alchemical purposes. There is no alchemy if there is no Mercury. There is no alchemy relating to us unless we work with the principle of Mercury. Elaborate upon it and try to bring it more and more into daily life.

The Basis of Two is One

Wherever there are two aspects of one concept, Gemini is present. The obverse and reverse of the coin are part of the coin. The coin is the basic unity and the obverse and reverse are the two sides of the one coin, the two faces. So, which side of the coin can you choose? We have to choose the coin if we want to choose either of them. If we choose the coin, we are choosing both sides of the coin at the same time. As far as we make an effort to choose any side of the coin, we can never be successful. Even if you cut the coin vertically through the rim, it again has two sides. If we cut it further, it again has two sides. Therefore, you just cannot get the obverse or the reverse because the obverse invariably carries the reverse. The day invariably has the night as its other side. The Full Moon likewise has the other

side as the New Moon. The light has the other side as the darkness. Now imagine how intelligent are we to act and to desire light exclusively of darkness!

Most of the preachers do not see the Truth. What is important is that you know creation as to how it is. You cannot know a part of creation unless the counterpart is also accepted and comprehended.

When there is light, it also carries the shadow. Shadow is unavoidable when you seek light. Likewise, health has its shadow as ill-health. Birth carries in its core the death. Growing carries falling. Peak is followed by a valley. Height has its depth. Learn 'how it is' and 'how it is becoming'! You find alternating currents. Denying one for the other is ignorance. For ages man is working for happiness, but he is stuck neck deep in unhappiness. Every man starts the journey of his life for happiness. But unhappiness follows, too!

That is the reason why Adam has two different sons: one represents darkness, the other represents light. What are their names? Cain and Abel. We say that Abel is the good one and Cain is the bad one. The two sons are no other than the two aspects of Adam. The heavenly man or the cosmic man has his two sides. But the absolute God is not defined as light or as darkness.

The God absolute is said to be unspeakable. This does not mean that we do not speak of him or think of him. It only means that he cannot be explained by

speech. In fact, absolute God is neither he nor she. It is IT or THAT, which is not definable, not explainable. IT is beyond comprehension. As one gets into IT, one is absorbed into IT until one gets out of IT.

From this absolute God emerges the God in creation. He emerges through several processes, happening through time, which is not our subject now. The God in creation is male-female; it is the basis for bipolar rotation and creation. He is androgynous, extolled as Adonai by the Hebrews, *Ardhanari* by the Hindus and male-female God by the Greeks. The male-female God is but one. Then come the male Gods and female Gods from him. It is also from him the light and the darkness come out. It is from him the serpent and the bird come out. It is from him the angels and the devils emerge. This can be observed in nature. That in all manifestations there is the right and the left. The message of Gemini is to observe this and find the basis as the two in one. Mercury helps to find the one in two and also to equate with the two equally. The one who has the knowledge of one in two can unite the two into one with the help of the knowledge of alchemy, which is called Mercury. The cosmic principle of Mercury is known in the East as *Narada* and in the West as Saint Michael, the archangel. The one who realises Mercury in him is a realised man. He can help others also to realise the one in two and the two in one. The Hierarchy of Teachers

in the cosmic, solar and planetary planes try to help humanity in this dimension, to lift them up into a higher state, which is beyond duality.

Mercury – the Golden Middle Principle

From unity duality springs, and from the duality diversity springs in creation. This has to be understood first. Unity is the topmost point. It is the peak of a mount and the mountain grows and it has many sides. One is different from the other, and one opposing the other. Duality and diversity exist in nature. It has to be comprehended and accepted. Until then man cannot attain peace, poise and equilibrium. Mercury teaches this.

In man, too, there is duality. There is the left and the right, connected by the middle. There is spirit and matter united in the consciousness. Some tend to the left and some tend to the right. There is some knowledge and some ignorance. The two are like the two pans of a balance. The pans swing up and down, while at the centre there is hardly any movement. This comprehension needs to be settled in oneself in order to perceive oneself better and furthermore to have a much better perception of the activities around oneself. This perception is possible only when one stands in the middle. The golden middle point is astrologically said to be Mercury.

This golden middle point forms the higher middle point in which there is unity. The great initiate Pythagoras says mystically that, 'the lower numbers agree in the higher'. The duality is a lower state of consciousness. The unity is the higher state of consciousness. He further explains that numbers three and four do not agree with each other. One represents a triangular force and the other represents a rectangular force. The two agree in twelve, which is the force of the dodecahedron. The dodecahedron can be traced to the heart lotus in a human being where love prevails. Love absorbs all, love absorbs diversity, love absorbs duality.

In the solar system, though every planet is of a different energy and they have their different functions, they all find their agreement in the Sun. We always need to take to the higher standpoint to assimilate different viewpoints, otherwise we live in conflict. Every human being intends to be in harmony, but generally lands in conflict; they need Mercury, who gives the neutral point from where every viewpoint can be absorbed and synthesised with the help of Jupiter.

Opposites are but Complementary

Jesus Christ said to his disciples, if three of them come together and work out the teachings, the entire

humanity can be benefited to stand in the energy of harmony and love. But no two disciples agree with each other. Three are required to agree with each other to manifest any plan. The Trinity is in such perfect understanding that the creation happens. And the whole creation is but a product of triangular forces. Mercury gives the key to be in agreement with the other. He even helps to agree while disagreeing. There can be an agreement with a disagreement – by this the cordiality is not affected. Men of cordiality are agreeable to each other while they may disagree about certain viewpoints that they hold. This discrimination only Mercury bestows. Even today in groups, theistic or atheistic, commercial or philanthropic, the work can effectively manifest only if there is a basic triangle, which constitutes the trinity of that organisation. In present day the conflict and the failure of an organisation is mainly due to the absence of such a triangular agreement.

When there is no agreement it is a state of disagreement. Disagreement crystallises into discord. Discord develops aversion. Aversion leads to hatred. Hatred leads to war. The trick of the time today is, friends come together to do some good work. They have different views relating to the work. They tend to disagree with each other. Disagreement leads to unfriendliness to each other. See the paradox. A friendly person becomes unfriendly through work. There are

instances where sons of a father inherit the business of their father and the business separates them. Work is meant to bring people together. But work is also more and more becoming an agent of separation. Man and woman join to lead life in a joyful way. But when they do not find the golden principle between them they tend to disagree and divorce. When they marry, they envision a paradise or a heaven, but inevitably they land in hell. Why do such things happen? It is the absence of wisdom of Mercury in all these situations.

Religions, politics, and ideologies when disagreed to, all lead humanity to great wars in the mundane world. Disagreement is common. Disagreement is seen everywhere. But agreement can also be found where Mercury is at work.

In this world there are materialists, spiritualists, religionists, politicians, businessmen, communists, capitalists, socialists, neo-socialists. Each one has his own viewpoint relating to life. It is but necessary that all groups find their community in promotion of life and living conditions. The groups differ in their methodology to achieve the common purpose, namely promotion of life and living conditions. Religions that preach God differ, disagree. Moreover, there have been wars in the name of God.

By all this, the conclusion is compelling: that the humanity has to ascend from mind to the supra-mind state. The mental state is ruled by Moon. The

supra-mental is ruled by Mercury. The supra-mental consciousness has already descended, and it is for men to rise into the supra-mental state. Master CVV, Sri Aurobindo, Madame Blavatsky have rung the bell of the arrival of supra-mental unto the human plane, and thereby alerted humanity to avail themselves of the heavenly gift. When men rise to the higher state of mind they find their harmony in co-existence. When men stay in the mental plane, they live with crystallised viewpoints, which lead them to condemning each other's viewpoint.

Judgement emerges from crystallized viewpoints. Men were told 2000 years ago by Jesus Christ, not to judge. He said, 'Judge not.' He never said, 'Judge not, lest thou shall be judged.' The latter is an annexation to the former. The spirit of Jesus was not to judge others, even if they judge you. Those who judge others are not knowers. When they are not knowers, they should be forgiven for their judgements. That was the spirit of the teachings of the great initiates. When you say, 'lest thou shall be judged', it becomes commercial. Virtues are practised to refine one's consciousness, not to gain benefits therefrom. Virtues are not to be marketed. Marketing virtues is business. Today, wisdom is commercialized. Commercialized wisdom is no wisdom. Men are more and more commercial. They sell education. They sell health. And there are innumerable buyers of education and health. Health

and education have become the best commercial products. There were times when even selling food was considered to be an inferior activity. Food, health and education are so sacred that they were never sold. They were given free, with a sense of offering. Virtues are of the same cadre. The principle of Mercury tells us, not to judge and not even to be critical.

Look at the two pillars of Gemini. The glyph indicates a portal. One needs to walk through the two pillars to go through the portal. The Lord of Gemini, Mercury, tells us to enter into the temple and not to hit either of the pillars. Men with viewpoints invariably hit the unseen pillars of the temple and break their noses. One can never enter into a temple when he is with one view or the other view. Viewpoints do not lead one to wisdom. Only visions lead one to wisdom. Since the world is filled with duality, the two pillars are present everywhere. The opposing viewpoint is always there. The opposites are but complementary. One needs to comprehend the complementary nature of opposition and turn it into the complementary to move forward. Fighting with opposites leads not to victory. Even when one is victorious, the vanquished would relentlessly plan to fight again. Winning enemies is not by fighting. This is the Martian approach. Mercury gives a way to win the enemy turning him into a friend. That is called today 'a win-win situation'. It is an agreeable

situation. In a win situation where someone loses, it is not a win situation, because the loser is in unrest and he will once again spread the unrest. There is always a backlash of war. The losers do not keep quiet. They find ways and means to reconquer. This is very clear when we see the history of colonisation. The locals strenuously strive for long years to get back their independence. The great colonies are once again reduced and restored to their original kingdoms. The conquerors eventually are losers through time.

But the initiates expand and conquer, and even permeate eternally through their cordiality. Winning through friendliness and love is their system. For example, Jesus Christ conquered the hearts of 80 percent of humanity, though he was crucified. Viewpoints invariably lead to hitting one or the other pillar of Gemini. Wisdom tells us to find the space in between the pillars and move through. It is the middle space in between the two pillars that enables us to pass through. In all that is visible in the world, one has to find the middle principle to pass through. Mercury enables this passage between right and left, high and low; there is the middle principle, wherein a *Yogi* (a wise one) stays. A *Yogi* does not disagree. Therefore, he becomes agreeable to all. Between left and right, high and low, the heart centre is the middle point. The high and low meet in the heart. The left and right meet in the heart. Heart is the agreeable place for all. Because

it is the middle principle it is called the heart. All find their agreement in the heart. Heart holds equanimity. Therefore, everyone feels the related comfort.

Similarly, the equinoxes are the meeting points for the solstices. The summer solstice holds the longest day and the shortest night. The winter solstice holds the longest night and shortest day. On the day of equinox (spring or autumn) the day and night are equal. Therefore, in a year the equinoxes are considered to be presenting the best yogic energies to the planet.

Similarly, in a month there is the full bloom of moonlight and there is also the total absence of it. The former is called the Full Moon, the latter is called No Moon or New Moon. They are the two extremities. The middle principle is the eighth phase of the Moon, ascending or descending. On that day there is Half Moon, indicating equality of light and darkness. The Half Moon is again a day filled with yogic energies. Likewise, in a day midnight and noon are the two extremities; at the dawn and at the dusk there is meeting of light and darkness. Therefore, they too constitute nodal points that present *Yogic* energies. Meditation done during dawn and dusk enable one to gain equanimity. Similarly, meditations are also done with greater intent on the eighth Moon phase during dawn and dusk hours. There is the double impact of the yogic energy of dawn and dusk and the yogic energy of Half Moon. And when it is equinox

there is the triple impact of yogic energy. Thus, these days can be recognized to fill oneself with the energy of Mercury so that there is adjustment of psychic energy to stay in equanimity. Personal choice of time of meditation should gradually be replaced by timely meditations where much support comes from the subtle world that surrounds us.

Look at the cross, which is so popular in the West. The original and classical cross has four equal arms and it is circumscribed. It is a symbol of heart with the centre and the circumference. The centre represents the consciousness of a being, and the circumference represents the consciousness of the universal being. The centre is equally distant to above and below, and to the left and the right arms of the cross. Though the cross is meditated upon, seldom is the message of the cross understood. Men generally pray for their daily bread, looking at the cross, and recollecting the crucifixion of Jesus. The purpose of the cross as a symbol is much more noble than what one prays for Four-Foldness.

Four-Foldness

The four-armed cross can be seen in daily life as dawn, noon, dusk, and midnight. It can also be seen in a lunar month as the No Moon day, eighth ascending Moon phase, Full Moon day, and eighth descending

Moon phase. In a solar year it can be seen as the winter solstice, the spring equinox, and then summer solstice and autumn equinox. In a bigger cycle of time it can be seen as *Krita Yuga*, *Dvâpara*, *Treta* and *Kali Yuga*. These four *Yugas* represent the four measures of light. The four-armed *Vishnu* in the East and the four-armed cross in the West are but one and the same. Their message is to see the four-fold world and to be in its centre. By being in the centre of the four-fold world one can relate to the cosmic person, who is called *Vishnu* in the East and Cosmic Christ in the West. The wisdom is four-fold. The *Vedas* are four-fold. The world is four-fold. Time is four-fold and creation is of four dimensions. All this can be comprehended when one learns to be in the middle of two opposing forces. Only through this middle point one can enter in the true temple of universal wisdom. For that purpose we need to learn the dimensions of Mercury and practice them.

Pythagoras presents a four-fold key to wisdom. That is, the number key, the sound key, the colour key and the key of symbols. When we learn to unlock these keys, the entire wisdom unfolds. The student is the lock, and the key has to be applied upon him. The keyhole is the heart. Cordiality and conscious application enable one to unlock the wisdom. Cordiality in this context means study and intense aspiration to know. Thereafter, whatever is known has to be applied

to life, without fail. Knowledge does not reveal, unless what is already known is applied in life. Knowledge is not just for knowing. What little is known has to be applied to get further knowledge. Application enables revelation; successive revelation of knowledge happens when there is corresponding application of knowledge. Application causes transformation, which enables the student to stand eligible for further knowledge. This is how Pythagoras imparted wisdom and prepared an effective group of Pythagoreans, who served well for a cycle of time.

Patterns Form Shapes

The symbols are but the eternal patterns or the classical designs that exist in the subtle nature. Things are shaped according to those patterns. Application of these classical designs / patterns upon mind would help us to regularise our system. Among the shapes and symbols, the sphere and the cube are considered to be perfect. They are perfect in the sense that they do not suffer inversion. A sphere remains a sphere, whichever way it is placed. Likewise, a cube looks the same on whichever side you rest it. They don't look different when they are upside down or when the left is to the right, or right is to left. They have equated in them the high and low, and the left and right. They have no upside down situation. A person who is not

upset in any situation is said to be a perfect man. He does not easily get disturbed or irritated or agitated, angered, frightened and so on. He is a perfect symbol of man, a true image of God. There are other heavenly patterns and symbols, such as triangles, pentagrams, hexagons, ovoids, and so on. These are all symbols that carry regularised energies. They have symmetry and the energies stand composed. These are all generally given for meditation to regularize one's own psyche. When the energy is regularized and systematized it tends to be magnetic and radiant.

The whole universe is but energy. And that energy forms the cosmos, the solar systems, the planetary systems and the innumerable beings according to a pattern, and according to these patterns the shapes occur. Distortions to these shapes happen when there is ignorance and the consequent misbehaviour. The distortion is with respect to the pattern. When the pattern is disturbed the related shape is disturbed.

For example, people fight for life to shape them better through a variety of practices such as fasting, nutritional food, *Asanas*, etc. But once they are out of practice their old shape comes back. The pattern of psychic energy is not changed. When the pattern of energy is not changed, if shape is put to change, it does not work.

For example, one may bring a dog whose tail is curled. One may plaster it for years to make it

straight. Within a few days after the removal of plaster the tail takes to the original curve. This is because the curvature is in the pattern of the dog. Similarly, persons who want to better their shape generally fail to get the results for the simple reason that they have disturbed the original pattern over long years or even lives. Instead of tinkering with the shape, wisdom tells us to repair the psyche by application of mind to a regular form. For example if one meditates upon the symmetrical form of Jesus Christ or Lord Krishna, and such other forms of symmetry and beauty, the related change in psyche happens. When the psychic pattern is changed the shape follows the patterns. Adjustment in the subtle brings down the needed adjustment in the gross. Adjustment in the gross is not wisdom.

Another example, if you wish to change the shape of an ice cube into a sphere you cannot chisel the ice cube. During the effort the cube breaks or breaks irregularly. Instead, heat the ice cube, collect the water, and place it in a round vessel and cool it. It becomes a ball. The changes in the subtle are easier than changes in the gross. Similarly, when you are planning to build a house it is easy to effect changes in the plan according to which the builder builds. But once a building is done and you think of making changes for reasons of *Vastu* or Feng Shui, sometimes it demands demolishing of the whole building. Today, humanity thinks of changing so many patterns on the

physical plane, which is a never-ending effort. It is important that the change is attempted at the subtle, psychic level.

If a person has uncontrollable anger, even if he tries to resist, it does not work. Even if we teach him that anger is not good, it doesn't help him. Similarly with hunger and food. Likewise jealousy, hatred, pride, prejudice, avariciousness, and such other emotions cannot be changed just by indoctrination. There is need for a wise application of wisdom. That is where the need of wisdom sets in.

Shapes happen according to the patterns. Same patterns bring same shapes. There is a consciousness working it out. To a human only a human form is born. To a lion a lion form is born. A mango tree gives only mango fruits and not coconuts. Solar systems, planetary systems, cosmic systems, all emerge according to a form, according to a pattern. All this happens as if guided by intelligence. A specific flower unfolds in the same specific manner at all times. It brings the same number of petals, with the same shape of petals and with the same colour.

Likewise, the human form also has the same shape more or less, with two eyes, two ears, one nose, two nostrils, a mouth, a tongue, and so on. The shape is also recognisable as human. This repetition of shapes and perpetuation of species happens according to a cosmic intelligence. This intelligence is called in the

West as the great architect of the universe, and is called in the *Veda* as *Vishwakarma*. This intelligence brings out forms 'in due and ancient form'. He is the guardian of the patterns. Due to his functioning, shapes come out in a regular pattern, whereby mango remains mango, banana remains banana, a pumpkin remains a pumpkin. Only among humans, though the general contour is maintained, there are many, many odd shapes. This is not because of *Vishwakarma* but because of misused free will by the humans. Wherever free will is misused due to ignorance or pride, the psychic energy gets distorted. Thereby the shapes get distorted. The distorted shapes give birth to distorted shapes only. The awkward obesity continues in human shapes until one readjusts the psychic energies with the help of wisdom tools.

I may add here that numbers decide the patterns. The patterns take to shape through sound and gain their colour. In wisdom to say zero, the circular shape is used. To say three, a triangular is used, a square for four, a star for five, a hexagon for six, a triangular over a square for seven, a square over a square for eight. A triple triangle placed one over the other for nine. A zero with a vertical line within is ten. Numbers are given these shapes, which are called the patterns. Application of sound upon patterns brings out the shapes.

It opens vistas of wisdom. Similarly, there is voluminous knowledge relating to number, sound, and

colour, which is not presented in the present context of Mercury.

Suffice it to say that wisdom orients the mind to these subtle aspects of creation, and engagement with it enables the mind to enter into the realms of subtle minds, which have finer perceptions than the gross mind, which only perceives gross visible things. That is the purpose of wisdom. Men cannot say that they have gained wisdom or that they are studying wisdom unless they are gaining subtle perceptions. Mercury indicates such subtleties and such mercurial ways of perceiving.

Mercury – the Lord of Speech

The principle of Mercury connects the subtle and the gross. It is the messenger from one plane to the other – either in the ascending or descending order. It enables involution and evolution. In the grosser planes it functions as speech. When speech is conducted without wisdom it brings conflicts. Wise speeches harmonise. Unwise speeches give birth to conflict. The degree of conflict that we suffer individually and globally measures the degree of the knowledge that humanity carries at present. There is never ending conflict and therefore people prefer to stay silent. The faculty of speech is given to man to use, to develop himself and the surroundings. It is not to be stored

in safety lockers. The Lord of speech again is Mercury and, unless one gains wisdom, Mercury gives forth to unending conflicts through speeches. Silence cannot be an answer when one does not know how to speak. Wisdom tells us to speak truth pleasantly. Just because it is truth one cannot be unpleasant. Likewise, to be pleasant one should not speak untruth. Much of the social expressions are pleasant but do not carry truth. Speaking truth pleasantly comes from practice of virtues. The virtues purify the intelligence; the purified intelligence is relieved of manipulation. Where there is no manipulation in the intelligence, speeches would not be manipulative. A manipulating intelligence brings out only manipulating speeches. It cannot speak non-manipulative speech. It cannot speak truth. It can only speak untruth pleasantly. However much one tries to speak pleasantly while truth is missing in it, it does not appeal to the conscience of the other. Speaking truth pleasantly, therefore, is possible by purifying the intelligence with the help of virtues. 'May virtue be the strength of my intelligence' is a wisdom statement coming from the temples of wisdom. Wisdom gives subtle solutions to grosser problems.

If one has Mercury well placed in the horoscope and well aspected to other planets, the speeches are generally true and pleasant. When Mercury is ill aspected, for example with Mars or with Saturn,

the speeches are pungent. Astrology gives this clue. When Mercury is exalted one can lift up people through speech. This speech carries the radiation and magnetism of wisdom. Likewise, when Mercury is afflicted he can spread conflict wherever he is. As one opens the mouth, the energy of conflict spreads like wild fire. In astrology it is mystically said that Mercury in lower planes gives birth to conflict. Mercury in higher planes gives birth to harmony. For this simple reason the evolution of a man is judged by the quality of his speech. Mercury well aspected with Jupiter brings forth impersonal teachings from higher circles. Mercury well aspected with Venus brings forth artistic presentation. Mercury well aspected with Sun brings forth enlightenment through teachings. Mercury by itself is a neutral energy. Whatever is in its association the energy of the latter prevails. By itself Mercury is like the *Yogi*. Neutrality is its quality.

Mercurians are the best diplomats since they carry the excellent faculty of communication. Their communication does not give rise to further conflict in a situation of conflict, but brings forth dissolution of conflict. Diplomats serve the world substantially through their diplomacy by which potential wars are neutralised.

Count St. Germain neutralized many wars until the French Revolution. He was the best diplomat during the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. A Mercurian

is a good-will ambassador and neutralises conflicts, keeping the welfare of the life at large.

Thoughts are presided over by Jupiter, and speeches are presided over by Mercury. There are many well-meaning people, good-will people, who cannot speak well. They cannot communicate through appropriate speech the sublime thought that they hold. There are again people who are artistic in their speech but do not carry the Jupiterian thoughts. Normally such people settle down as orators. Orators lift up people temporarily through the magnetism of their speech. It is a temporary lift-up. People get mesmerized due to the effect of Mercury. But a few hours later, in retrospect, it looks like a dream. Many orators shower flowery speeches and enthrall the audience. The audience says 'wow', but they carry home nothing. But the teachers who have the association of Jupiter with good Mercury, not only lift up through speech, but also leave a seed in the listener, which eventually grows, enabling the listener to be a practitioner of wisdom.

For those who wish to speak truth and speak pleasantly, Mercury gives the steps. The first step is to retreat from the present way of speech to silence. The initiate Pythagoras insisted that the entering apprentices be silent for three years. This is to enable a retreat from the existing ways of speaking. It is like erasing what already exists, to make it clean, to bring it into a state of virginity. The second step is to speak

a few words constructively and pleasantly. Choice of words is included in the first step. One should make sure to vent out the correct words and enable a pleasant and meaningful speech. The second step is to relate to wisdom and to speak. The addition of wisdom to the constructive and pleasant speech brings the ability to magnetise the surrounding. The third step is to contemplate, to receive wisdom, and speak wisdom through speech. The fourth step is not to speak for nothing. It is better to enjoy silence than to speak for the sake of speaking. The fifth step is to be more a listener than a speaker and to speak not more than the essential.

Thus, there are steps of speech by which one can transform oneself. One is required to be miserly in speech. It means one should be extra careful to speak the right words, few words, and bring out the essence of thought without expending too many words. By this discipline one can turn one's tongue to utter in a magnetic manner.

Thereafter, such a tongue is disciplined further with utterances of certain *Mantrams* and mystical sounds. By this process an acidic and pungent tongue transforms into a blissful, benedictional and blessing tongue. Such a tongue, whatever it utters forth, shall come true. Prophecies are uttered forth by initiates and their utterances eventually come true. This is a special gift to man, which is not given to any other

species in creation. Training with speech is training the Mercury relating to oneself. It is an essential part of a preliminary education, which is now missing. A Greek philosopher and healer, namely Asclepius, once told his students, “My dear! Beware of the double tongued man! He is a serpent in human form.” Let each one of us become a winged serpent, a divine serpent that helps magnetising the surroundings instead of poisoning the surroundings.

The Throat Centre

The throat centre is considered the centre of Gemini and its ruler is said to be Mercury. Gemini stands for duality in creation and the principle of Mercury can help us either to dive into duality and thereby die or to rise above duality. Disciplining the speech enables one to rise above duality. When I say disciplining it is training of the tongue through the esoteric techniques. It is not disciplining for social manners and etiquette. It is much beyond social manners and etiquette. The throat is the fulcrum in the human system. It connects the lower three centres and the higher three centres in man. The subjective, the divine and the immortal man are linked to the objective, mundane and mortal man through the throat centre. The three higher centres in man are *Sahasrara*, *Ajna* and the *Anahata* (heart centre). The lower three centres are

Manipuraka (solar plexus) *Swadhisthana* (sacral) and *Muladhara* (base centre). The three above and the three below are connected by the throat. Functioning of the throat enables the higher to manifest via the throat in the lower. The divine man can be connected to the mundane man through appropriate usage of the throat centre. The throat centre mediates between the higher and the lower aspects of man. Mercury, being the messenger, can bring messages from higher centres to lower centres, and also from lower centres to higher centres. He can also arbitrate between the two aspects. He can build agreements between the two aspects of man. He enables the divine man, the Son of God, to express through the mundane man, the son of man, thereby fulfilling the man and also fulfilling the plan in the surroundings. For this reason *Narada*, the cosmic Mercury, is said to be 'The Teacher', and that he has a hierarchy of teachers who can help transcendence of humanity, and who can also help manifestation of the divine plan upon Earth, with man as the fulcrum.

Among the seven kingdoms of nature man stands in the middle. Below him are the animal, plant, and mineral kingdom. And above him are the three *Deva* kingdoms, which are the planetary, solar and the cosmic *Deva* kingdoms. Man can help to bring down the energies of the higher to the lower and thereby cause transcendence of the lower to the higher. It thus stands as a ladder between the mundane and

the super-mundane worlds. When humanity is in its ignorance, it thus blocks the free flow of the higher to the lower, and thereby blocks the transformation of the lower to the higher. Man is the bottleneck or the throat of the whole system of the universe. The throat centre in man stands as such a channel between the higher and the lower in him.

It is known that man is made in the image and likeness of God and that he is the micro-cosmos. In him all the seven planes exist, united by the throat. When the throat is not appropriately used, there is cessation of the interflow from supra-mundane to mundane and mundane to supra-mundane. To reinsure this interflow, men need to work with the throat. Humanity represents the throat centre and when the throat centre is initiated, humanity is initiated. Individually a man gets initiated when he purifies his throat centre.

Throat centre is called *Visuddhi*. *Shuddhi* means purity. *Visuddhi* means purity of extraordinary order. When the speech is pure and is of extraordinary order, man gets initiated. Today man's speech is manipulative, judgemental and critical. Therefore, one is blocked. When the knowledge of the principle of Mercury is known, a student of occult wisdom finds the need to immediately work for the betterment of his own speeches and utterances. It is for this profound reason that Pythagoras insisted upon silence for three years

when a student was admitted into his school of education.

In India, until the recent past, the students were initially put to speech discipline by the occult teachers. It is one of the keys for self-realisation. Science of utterance is one of the six keys of *Veda*, which the student is required to apply upon himself, he himself being the seventh key. The other five keys are: the key of astrology, etymology, of time cycles, of metrical/ musical/ rhythmical manifestations and of grammar (chemistry of sounds). One key leads to the other when sincerely applied by the student upon himself. Among the keys, the key of utterance is found to be the easiest to start with. Therefore, the students are put to silence by the teacher and thereafter put to *Vedic* utterances for three hours a day. The leonine teachers start with this key so that the student is benefited in manifold ways. The students are recommended to wake up early in the morning, to cleanse their body, have an agreeable, healthy drink and utter forth *Vedic* hymns for three hours, facing the East. The *Vedic* hymns carry the vibration of sound in a metrical form that would cause reverberations in the human body, the consequence of which is elimination of impurities, which in turn would enable impregnation of pure energies. Thus, there is a double impact of purification and magnetisation of the energy system in a student. Sound cleanses and rhythmic, potent

sound cleanses effectively. Even today in India one finds enormous chanting in the *Ashrams* of every teacher. These chantings are considered more effective than the fashionable silence.

The true silence follows effective cleansing. Silence without cleansing oneself is no silence. Vocal silence generally leads to mental noise. When mind is full of irregular and impure thoughts, silence is of no help. True silence is a happening, when the thoughts are cleansed with the help of sound. Silence after ritualistic, rhythmic utterances of sound is far superior to the silence before the needed cleansing. It is common experience in the East for the students that they enjoy silence much better after cleansing. The key of *Siksha* enables such silence.

The creation is made with metrical sounds, uttered forth by the seers. The metrical sounds are of different order in relation to different planes. Accordingly there are meters with the potency of number one, three, five, seven, eight, eleven, twelve, sixteen, and twenty-four. The creation is but a different combination of these numbers, a different combination of the related metrical sounds. It is also known through books to the students that every etheric centre in the body is ruled by a number. For example, the base or *Muladhara* has a four-petalled lotus. Four is the number over there. Likewise six petals in sacral, ten in solar plexus, twelve in the heart, sixteen in throat, and so on. All these

numbers have significance in relation to their centres. Usage of the related sounds enables their purification more easily.

For example, for the base centre a four-syllabled sound is applied. It is called Ga-na-pa-ti. There are Mantrams of *Ganapati*. Likewise, for the sacral there is the six-syllabled *Mantram*. Sa-ra-va-na-bha-va. It is a Mantram relating to *Kumara*. Similarly, for the heart there is a *Mantram* of twelve syllables. OM-Na-mo-Bha-ga-va-the-Va-su-de-va-ya. For the throat centre also there is a sixteen-syllabled *Mantram*. (Please refer to the book of *Mantrams* for further details.) Thus, application of sound with the related number upon the related centres enables their cleansing, which needs to be carried out as per the directions of the teacher, who knows the conditions of the student. Such working is scientific to bring about true silence.

Mentally proposing silence is just a proposal with no keys to work with. When a restless mind proposes silence, silence does not set in. The restlessness comes back within a minute or two. The mind has to be applied upon certain numbers, sounds, colours, symbols, and the related technique. Only then it gains silence. No one can propose to be good and to become good instantly. There is a process. There is a chemistry through which one has to go through. Weak-minded people need to adapt to certain techniques to become strong-minded. From weakness to strength, from

fear to fearlessness, from mundane to divine one can transform, adapting to the relating chemistry, and that occult chemistry is what is taught in occultism. The initial step in occultism is transforming the energies of one's own throat centre. Each student has to focus upon his / her own throat centre and initiate to work for its betterment.

Humanity being the throat centre, humans work mostly with the throat centre. Men gain or lose, become successful or unsuccessful, according to their ability to use the throat. There are certain scriptures by the knowers among men for those who wish to follow the knowledge. The scriptures communicate to each one differently. This is so because each one has a different comprehension of scripture. Even to read the scriptures and comprehend it, certain minimal transformations are needed. Therefore, please do not attempt to read the scriptures unless you gain a certain degree of purity. A true teacher never lets his students to read scriptures until after certain training.

Discrimination

Another important aspect of Mercury is its ability to discriminate. Discriminating will is the special faculty of Mercury. Working with Mercury means sharpening the ability to discriminate. What are we to discriminate? We are to discriminate the difference

in the quality of the energies presented in and around ourselves. The whole creation is made with different gradations of one energy. Vapour, water and ice are but one energy in different gradations. Electricity, light, flame and heat are different gradations of fire. Likewise there are seven gradations of energy, broadly speaking. As one tends to be sharper one finds even minutest gradations. One may find seven gradations; another may find seven times seven gradations. Yet another may find seven times seven times seven, times seven and so on. It is the sharpness of discrimination that enables perception of different grades of energies. In wisdom science, discrimination is meant for comprehension, not for choosing one against the other. It is all done to see how it is and how it is becoming. It is beautiful to see how it is and how it is becoming. The vapours of summer become waters of rainy season and further become snow and ice in winter and autumn. It once again takes to waters and vapours. Cyclically there is movement of energies from subtle to gross and from gross to subtle; from super-mundane to mundane and again from mundane to super-mundane. Discrimination helps better observation. It is not meant to discriminate people and things as ours' and others'. This is inappropriate application of discrimination. It is ignorance to feel ours' and others'. All belong to the ONE and to no other. Inappropriate discrimination leads to

differences, disputes, conflicts and wars. Appropriate utilisation leads one to see the poetry of creation and to fall in love with such poetry.

It is a tender plant that grows into a tree, with the branches, stalks, leaves, flowers, and fruits. It is beautiful to see how it is becoming. Millions of transformations do happen for a simple tender plant to be a tree that bears flowers and fruits. And the whole plan of the tree is once again contained in the seed of the tree, which can once again manifest the tree. All in creation is thus seen as a cyclical manifestation from seed to tree and tree to seed. The whole creation is thus seen by the seers as the play of 'being and becoming'. 'The organic becomes inorganic, the inorganic becomes organic cyclically', says the *Veda*.

This observation leads one to better understanding. The poor turn to rich through time, and the rich turn to poor again through time. It is all cyclical. Civilisations come and go, only to come back in a different way. India was considered a golden land at one time and is today poor. But through cycles it returns back to its Golden Age. The great Atlantis, which submerged, has again come back in a different splendour in the two great continents of America. The cycles of being and becoming, how it is and how it is becoming, give a different dimension of comprehension, which Mercury can bestow through right application of discrimination. Discrimination enables us to realise what is temporary,

what is semi-permanent and what is permanent. Certain things are purely temporary. Deep association with them would lead us to sorrow due to the inevitable separation. Certain things are semi-permanent, which also eventually lead us to sorrow through their disappearance through time. There is a thing, which is permanent. Association with it is eternal and therefore there can be no disassociation and related sorrow. In so far as man learns to appropriately apply the discrimination he consciously interacts with all, be it temporary or semi-permanent or permanent with equanimity. He clearly knows that certain things come to pass. His deeper association with such things would cause the related sorrow through eventual separation. Philosophers tell us not to associate with the short-lived moments. But the true teachers tell us that one can associate with, in a loving way, even with short-lived moments. In so far as one holds the discrimination that he is living a moment of joy, which he knows, it is short-lived. Discrimination, as said earlier, is not just to reject what is temporary and accept only what is permanent. True discrimination enables one to know the time span of things and associate with them cordially, holding at the back of mind the nature of things, whether permanent or impermanent. This is the approach of synthesis. A flower blooms for a day. Yet isn't it beautiful to relate to it, knowing full well that it lives for a day? Do not

philosophise that it lives only for a day and therefore, you do not relate to it. In this way a philosopher denies even the creation, saying that the creation lasts only for a time cycle and therefore, they should associate with that which is beyond the creation. Philosophy and religion always suggested to men to choose the path of denial, but the divine created the universe to enable the beings to fulfil themselves, to experience the beauty and the splendour of creation, but not to deny it for the sake of the absolute, abstract existence.

Discrimination helps us to relate to every aspect of creation with clear knowledge of the time cycles relating to each association. There are shorter cycles of time, there are long, longer and longest cycles of time. From a second to a *Yuga*, to a *Manvantara*, to a creation, cycles exist. Living every moment and experiencing the bliss through relating to the surroundings is what *Yoga* teaches. For that Mercury is needed.

The pure existence is eternal, upon the background of which there is the spring of consciousness, which is the playground of creation. Even this consciousness, which is universal, has its time limit. Periodically it springs up from existence and conducts a universe for a time cycle. In relation to Existence the universal consciousness is seen as limited by time. The pure existence is called in scripture as Absolute God. In that state there is no other, even to experience existence.

It is existence as existence. It cannot be experienced because there is no second to experience the first. It is therefore called the unspeakable One, the indefinable One. It cannot be ideated, for the one who ideates gets absorbed into it and experiences apparent non-existence. It cannot be discussed, it cannot be known, it is beyond. It is not called 'he' or 'she', it is the source of the two. The *Veda* therefore refers to term it as It or THAT. It is also called *Parabrahman*, meaning that which is beyond the Creator. This eternal existence is the Absolute TRUTH.

From that truth springs the universal consciousness, which is called the God in creation. It is called the light. It is called the basis for activity. It can be experienced, but even that is not as permanent as existence. But it is sufficiently permanent to be experienced as bliss, although it is already the secondary state of existence. Being in it, it is absolute bliss, which can be experienced. It is that light, which is called *Aditi* or *Gayatri* or *Savitri* or the Divine Mother or the God in existence. Even that light is neither male nor female, it is both. That is why all theologies call that God in creation as male-female. The *Vedic* system calls it *Ardhanari*, meaning the potential source of male-female or half male and half female. The Jews call it Adonai or Jehovah. This God is the basis for creation, but is not as permanent as the absolute God. From this God emerges the Trinity, the Three Logoi who are not

as permanent as the preceding one, namely, the male-female one. From the Trinity emerged the cosmos, and from the cosmos emerges the solar systems, and from the solar systems emerge the planets, and among the planets, Earth is one, and upon Earth we exist as beings.

In comparison to the cosmos and beyond we are almost insignificant beings, in terms of our span of life, but that does not mean that we treat our existence on the planet as purely temporary. The relativity needs to be comprehended and the discrimination needs to be retained. And as we relate accordingly, discrimination helps us thus to relate to the things around according to the longevity.

We as beings are eternal, too. We function with the help of the awareness bestowed in us. With the help of awareness we experience the three-fold activity, namely movement, rest and poise. Movement is dynamism, rest is inertia and poise is an equation between movement and rest. While in movement, we experience certain things; while in rest, we experience not (that should be understood as sleep here). And in poise we experience the bliss. A poised approach to life can be worked out with the help of discrimination between activity and rest. One is like the daylight; the other is like the night. The equation between the two is poise, which is expressed as dawn and dusk. Experiencing dawn and dusk, one is experiencing

the light and night in equal measure. Discrimination helps us when we are conscious about the subtle changes happening within and outside.

In us the activity of senses is purely temporary, and therefore it is a temporary experience. The activity of thought is relatively more permanent than the activity of senses. Thought is also experienced in its three-fold manner according to the triple quality; namely, movement, rest and poise. In that three-fold activity, poise experienced gives continuity of experience and therefore has its longevity. Beyond the three-fold thought there is experiencing of consciousness, which has its continuity through movement, rest and poise. Consciousness is at work at all times, when we are awake and even while we are asleep. This consciousness enables us even to experience the departure from the body, which is called death. Living as units of consciousness enables us to experience continuity of consciousness, even through such events as birth and death. Such is the beauty of the discerning ability of the discrimination faculty. The school of Mercury teaches it. Lord *Buddha* instructs, “Hold on to discriminating will. It leads you to the knowledge of the cell and of the universe.”

A few approaches to comprehend the discriminating will are given in the preceding paragraph and it is for the student to hold on to it, to discriminate the different strata of one energy within and around oneself, and

thereby move up and down, left and right, being in the centre. The principle of Mercury thus enables us to live through the movements and experience their continuity. The golden middle principle enables one to realise this.

Number 5 – the Complementary Energy

Even among numbers the middle number is seen represented by Mercury. Among the nine numbers, number 5 stands as the middle principle and it has the capacity to reorganize the numbers in such a manner that they find their equanimity. Number 5 can rearrange the numbers into four pairs of numbers, and each pair can find its optimum state. This is as under:

$$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 4+6=10 \\ 3+7=10 \\ 2+8=10 \\ 1+9=10 \end{array}$$

See the above arrangement of numbers. There are four numbers preceding number 5. There are four numbers succeeding number 5. None of these four preceding and succeeding numbers are numbers of fulfilment. They have different purposes and therefore different states of fulfilment. When they are rearranged with the help of number 5, they find their fulfilment. Number 10 stands for fulfilment.

In the rearrangement depicted above, 4 and 6 are fulfilled, 3 and 7 are fulfilled, 2 and 8 are fulfilled, 1 and 9 are fulfilled. No other way of pairing can cause such fulfilment. Number 10 stands for God and number 5 stands for Son of God. In the presence of the Son of God, all is fulfilled. When there is no such rearrangement,

1 carries its power.

2 carries wisdom.

3 carries intelligence.

4 carries conflict / harmony.

5 carries crystallized intellect.

6 carries devotion.

7 carries rhythm.

8 carries energies of consolidation.

9 carries the reflected power of 1.

While it is so, they are not fulfilled. They serve a purpose in creation. They find their synthesis through their rearrangement of pairing. Number 5 thus enables rearranging divergent energies into complementary energies. It is for this reason Mercury is said to be the synthesiser of the seeming opposites. He tells them to be complementary and by such complementary arrangements either of the seeming opposites is fulfilled.

In this context Mercury is considered as the bestower of win-win situations. In the presence of a

Mercurial one there is no winner with a loser around. When one wins, and if that victory has the consequence of the other losing, it is not a harmonious victory. If both find victory, it gives rise to harmony. An average intellect cannot see a victory without the other losing. The general law is, one wins while the other loses. But with Mercury there is win without loss. It seems unusual but it is so when one ascends to *buddhic* plane, which is represented by Mercury. The science of physics tells us, 'heat lost, is heat gained elsewhere'. But with Mercury there is no loss and there is no gain through an equal distribution of heat. In a state of balance, which Mercury bestows, there is neither loss, nor is there gain. This requires to be pondered upon.

In terms of astrology the fifth house is seen as the house of the sons, and the tenth house is seen as the house of the father. The fifth house belongs to Mercury, and the tenth house belongs to Jupiter. This again needs to be pondered upon. The one who knows the perfect zodiac, knows this.

The hierarchy that belongs to the perfect zodiac enables its energies to reach the humanity through the *buddhic* plane. There is a perfect zodiac of ten sun signs. In that zodiac Virgo and Scorpio constitute one sun sign with Libra disappearing. This happens when man can withdraw with ease from objectivity and enter into subjectivity. Libra enables relating to objectivity and thereby getting conditioned by

objectivity. Humanity expressed through Libra and reached objectivity. Consequently, they lost their way to subjectivity. Passion for objectivity bound them to objectivity. Relating to the objectivity need not necessarily result in getting stuck with objectivity. When humanity lost its discretion and excessively indulged in objectivity through desire and passion, it was locked outside its subjective nature.

Man – a Subjective and Objective Being

Man is essentially subjective and objective. He is inside and outside. He is essentially an inner man that expresses into outside. But when he is excessively passionate and desirous, he loses the way back home. Humanity is generally comparable to irresponsible children and is like the vagabonds. The vagabonds now move day and night in the streets and pleasure places, and do not come home timely. They are more in the reflected world of mind. They walked away from the principle of Mercury, namely discrimination. As a consequence they cannot come back to their real home, which is in them, namely the heart centre. Unless Mercury is put to work, man cannot learn discrimination. Through discrimination one should discreetly relate to the world and experience its splendour. Hierarchy basically teaches this discrimination to enable the humans to come home, coming to their heart centre.

The true teachings happen in the heart centre, which would enable self-realisation.

There is an objective man and there is a subjective man. The objective man is mutable and suffers mortality. The subjective man is immutable and is therefore immortal. The immortal man relates to the perfect zodiac. The mortal man relates to the zodiac of twelve sun signs, which is imperfect. The immortal man can eventually relate to the cosmic man and attain self-realisation. The mortal man cannot do it. The first step to self-realisation is to shift one's awareness from mortal state to immortal, and thereafter from immortal to the truth of self (*Atma*). The mortal man is in the state of *Manas*. The immortal man is in the state of *Buddhi*. The self-realised man is in the state of *Atma*. Thus the whole gamut of truth is *Atma*, *Buddhi*, and *Manas*. *Atma* descends into *Buddhi* and relates to objectivity through *Manas*. These three stairs of man need to be realised. Today man is in the third state of *Manas* only. He is unrelated to *Buddhi*. Moon relates to mind, Mercury relates to *Buddhi*, Sun relates to self, and Jupiter relates to super-self. Super-self is the father, self is the son. *Buddhi* is the related wisdom. *Manas* is the facility to experience. Super-self reflects as self. The self is the image of the super-self. Man is the image of God; the super-self is endowed with *Buddhi* and *Manas*. One should therefore know one's original constitution and function with the help

of *Buddhi*. Mercury helps it, when the self functions with *Buddhi*, man remains a man of God. But if the self directly relates to the mind, setting aside *Buddhi*, he becomes a mundane man and suffers mortality.

Jupiter is ruled by Pisces, which becomes the tenth sign of the perfect zodiac. It represents the super-self. Leo is the fifth house, which is ruled by Sun, where the super-self expresses as the self. The self, working with the *Buddhi* of Virgo-Scorpio can relate and experience. Hierarchy works for this equation to happen to humanity.

Thus, Mercury is seen as the doorway to the inner man, and until the principle of Mercury is consciously worked out by man, he remains outside the temple of creation, dabbling in mundanity. Self-restraint is the hallmark of the one who functions with Mercury. A man that employs the principle of Mercury in his own life exercises self-restraint when relating to objectivity, with regard to his speeches and his interactions with people. Self-restraint is the reins that hold the five senses and the speech, so as not to move in any way that one likes. When *Buddhi* prevails over the five senses and the speech, man develops a right relation with the objectivity and therefore experiences the beauty of objectivity. When he lets the six of them act without self-restraint, his life runs unrestrained. The flow of energy moves unrestrained through six channels, and as said above, his life breaks into six pieces.

The inner man is helped to move out into objectivity with the help of the five senses and speech. These are the six channels to reach objectivity. There is also the seventh channel, namely the channel of sex. All these seven channels shall have to be presided over by Mercury so that discrimination and self-restraint prevail. When they prevail the objective life does not condition. It gives optimum experience. This fundamental step to enable man to experience is through Mercury and therefore Mercury is seen as the grand teacher.

Mercury enables crossing over from subjectivity to objectivity and from objectivity to subjectivity with ease. He enables pass-over. In fact Mercury enables passing over from plane to plane until one reaches the Absolute TRUTH. And the one, who enables one to reach the most high, would also enable one to descend. Ascent and descent can be done with ease with the help of Mercury. The archangel Michael is considered as the messenger of God. He is not only a messenger but he is also a teacher. In the *Vedic* system *Narada* is said to be cosmic Mercury that presides over the hierarchy of teachers. The hierarchy is not only for the planet; there is also a hierarchy for the solar system, groups of solar systems, and for the cosmic system. *Narada* presides over the cosmic, solar and the planetary hierarchy. He is the highest teacher. He moves with equal agility in all the seven planes.

He moves with equal ease, not only in the divine kingdoms, but also in the diabolic kingdoms. He is a friend of all. Diabolics are no enemies to him. He helps all to evolve, be it human, be it diabolic, or be it divine. Such is the beauty of the cosmic Mercurian principle. He is the fifth cosmic *Kumara*.

Five – the Key to Many Secrets

Remember, 5 is the number of Mercury, which can rearrange every energy by complementing with the seemingly opposite energy. Until opposition dies inside and outside, one cannot be said to have reached the truth. *Narada* is therefore considered in the *Vedic* system as the dearest Son of God. He is the true representation of number 5. All hierarchies work with number 5 to find right equation with the surroundings. The cosmic energy permeates as potential space of globe with twelve qualities of energies, which are called the twelve cosmic *Devas* of radiation. They are called the *Adityas*. The cosmic energy descends vertically into seven planes. Thus, there is the cosmic egg of a space globe with a vertical line causing seven differentiations and seven planes of existence. The whole creation is the result of the space globe, which holds the twelve qualities, and which is permeated by the seven planes of existence. The key to understand the vertical descent of Divinity and

its permeating principle into a globe is held by the number key, which is 5. 12 minus 7 is 5. 5 is the magic number that can unlock the secrets of the twelve sun signs and the seven planes of existence. This key is supplied to man only when he settles in the *buddhic* plane. With the help of this number key he unlocks the secrets of creation in order to help the grand plan.

Many are the secrets of number 5. The great initiate Pythagoras says:

$$“3 \times 4 = 12 \quad 3 + 4 = 7 \quad 12 - 7 = 5.”$$

The one who realises number 5 in him, can unveil the mysteries of creation in him. The mysteries are revealed only to initiates who will act responsibly in fulfilling the creational plan.

The five-pointed star, which is so very popular, is related to Jesus Christ in the West. In the East the five-pointed star is given as a fundamental key for entry into the temple of wisdom, and men are initiated with a five-syllabled *Mantram*. Realization of the five-pointed star is a practice that was present in the East and in the West from ancient-most times. It was done with particular emphasis in the month of Capricorn. Capricorn is represented by the symbol of the dragon. The dragon with its head and four hands constitutes the five-pointed star. The white dragon is a symbol of wisdom. The orange dragon is the symbol of aspiration. The orange star is displayed generally to indicate that the men who display it are consecrated

to aspiration for wisdom; it is for the students. The white dragon or white star relates to the initiate. It is generally believed that when Jesus was being born, a white star descended into Bethlehem, which was seen by the three wise men. They came to the place where the star descended and blessed Jesus.

Similarly, in India whenever a great being is born, the wise men visualize the descent of a five-pointed star. When *Swami Vivekananda* was being born, the great Master *Ramakrishna Paramahansa* visualized that a great star emerged from the holy place *Varanasi* (Benares). He further observed that it rose into the sky, travelled up to *Kolkata* and descended therein. He rejoiced that a great initiate had been born, who would eventually meet him to globalize the wisdom of synthesis, which he was holding for him.

Please note that five-pointed star symbolizes the potency of number 5 and that it is the key that reveals many subtle dimensions. The children in India are initiated in their fifth year into the symbol of a five-pointed star and with the *Mantram* 'OM Nama Shiva'.

Mercury – a Truly Androgynous Being

Mercury is seen as the friend of all, which should be evident by now. He is equally friendly with the opposite genders. The males and the females move with equal ease around pure Mercurians. He is

truly androgynous. Therefore, the groups of males and females find their complete agreement with a Mercurian. A true Mercurian is harmless to the males and to the females as well. He supplies to the male the female, and to the female the male. By this he fulfils them to find their neutral positions.

In every human there is male and female energy. These energies are generally imbalanced. There are some with more masculinity and there are some others with more femininity. I am not speaking of males and females, as we understand. I am speaking only of energies. There are males with excessive female energies. These are the shy males; they are timid; they are soft. They do not really function as males. They are also not interested in females. Likewise there are females with more masculine energies. They are aggressive, argumentative, interrogative and even move like males. Pardon me as I say that these females grow much hair and even a moustache, due to their masculine energy. Observing males and females by outer appearances is superficial. Observing them by their energy gives better comprehension. Don't we see dominant wives and hen-pecked husbands? These are all imbalances relating to male and female energies. But in a teacher who is a true Mercurian, the two opposing energies are well balanced. Therefore, the males and the females are equally attracted to them. They feel friendly and comfortable due to the neutrality they

find in him. A teacher is loved, liked and admired by the males and females equally well. He is unaffected while surrounded by them. He is equally comfortable when alone and when surrounded. A true teacher is a well-rounded being. Relating to him enables the beings to fulfil the unfulfilled energies in them. The teacher skilfully supplies energies and rounds out the psyche. He notices the insufficiencies and causes the needed rectifications, so that the male and the female are balanced. Indeed, the work of a teacher is really skilful and is totally Mercurial. He builds the psyche in the student without judging him or hurting. He does it so subtly that the student many times cannot recognise it until after many years.

Lord Krishna was considered by the seers as the best male-female form that ever happened on Earth. He was equally attractive to the male and to the female. In his presence males and females were mesmerized by his stunning beauty. The male finds his balance by relating to the female in Krishna. And the female finds her balance by seeing the male in him. In this they get balanced and stand in a yogic trance, which was but temporary with them. For this reason people craved to be in his presence.

In the Greek legends you find Aphrodite, who is a male-female initiate. Apollo was also as attractive. Jesus the Christ also had this dimension. This dimension happens to all disciples on their way, when the male-

female energies get balanced, due to certain subtle initiations that happen on the path to the Truth.

Mercury, being the middle principle, is considered to be the son. A male and female together give birth to a child. In the child there is the mother and also the father. This is the simple truth, which needs to be understood. The child belongs to the father and the mother as well. No one can have exclusive right over the child, for in the child both exist together. It is for this simple and natural reason that the ignorant parents fight for the child. They are ignorant of the truth that the child belongs to both of them and both of them also equally belong to the child. The child suffers, if any one of the two parents is absent in his life. It is a responsibility for a couple to ensure that they stay together for the sake of the child and provide harmonious ambiance until the child grows. Since this knowledge is missing there are irresponsible divorces happening among couples. The rate of divorces is growing, indicating the rate of growth of ignorance. As humans tend to civilize more and more it is but necessary that such civility carries along the basic responsibility. If not, it is no civility. In recent centuries civilization is not concurrent with the simple, natural and very fundamental responsibilities, which distinguish a civilized man.

The son, being a product of father and mother, is the equation of the two as well. Spirit is the father,

matter is the mother, soul is the son. The soul is what we are. We therefore represent the nature and the spirit. We need to be equally respectful of the spirit and the matter. Walking away from materialism in the name of spiritualism is impractical. Likewise, walking away from spirit and drowning in matter is impractical as well. A true disciple or *Yogi* is one who develops an excellent equation between the material and the spiritual life. The classical *Yoga* teaches this, but not the many *Yogas* that are commercially promoted in the world today. There are not many *Yogas*. There is but one *Yoga*. That *Yoga* enables one to synthesize matter and spirit in oneself, and to stand out as a resplendent soul. All other *Yogas* are but spiritual business. It is found to be a refined way of making money. Balancing energies of spirit and matter is what all *Yoga* is about. Following the golden principle of Mercury it can be carried out in life. A teacher who condemns material is ignorant, he is just a preacher. Likewise, a teacher whose life is not a demonstration of such balanced approach in life is not to be followed. The Masters of wisdom are all householders, who shoulder the responsibilities vis-à-vis the family and the society. 'Stand free while surrounded', is the state of a true *Yogi*. People who run away from situations and glorify themselves as renunciates are but poor examples of *Yoga* and of wisdom. Renunciation is but an attitude and is not a physical act. Attitudinally one can be

dispassionate and stand unconditioned. Abstaining from certain things physically does not make one a true renunciate. If a drunkard is imprisoned for a year, we cannot say that he stopped drinking. When he comes out of the prison his first act is to run up to a wine shop. Likewise, a man cannot be considered staying clean when he is not around a woman. The present day priests who were denied by certain commandments and had to abstain from the other gender, are found faltering in greater number. Therefore, renunciation is a discipline attained through changes effected in the mental plane, but not the crude way of abstaining from things of seeming pleasure. All religions, without fail, fail in this regard, when they heavily depend on physical abstinence. Mercury teaches the right way by relating to spirit and matter concurrently, thereby balancing them.

The true Son of God is thus a balanced energy as between the material and the spirit. He upholds the matter and the spirit, with due importance to both of them.

Celibacy

Celibacy is not truly understood. Celibacy is a state where a person genuinely does not feel the need for the other gender. It is so because the female and male are balanced in oneself. There is no dearth of

either the male or the female energy. A male craves for female because he lacks in it. There is insufficient female energy in him. Therefore, the male energy seeks to balance itself by relating to the female. Likewise, a female craves for a male, since the female lacks in the needed male energy. When the male and the female relate to each other, the imbalances are rectified and the balance happens. When the balance happens the craving does not exist. Even a man and a woman indulging in sex, do not keep it as a whole time activity. For a while they feel balanced. When there is need they engage in it. When there is no need they do not engage in it. It is the imbalance that looks for balance. In a true celibate it is balanced forever. Therefore, there is no urge for sex. Humans, and for that matter, even animals engage in sex acts only for self-balancing of energies. But the difference between humans and animals is that the humans have to procure healthy bodies for the incarnating human souls. Therefore, they have a responsibility ; they need to be healthy, harmonious and of high moral obligation so that they provide the right kind of bodies for the incarnating souls. The humans, therefore, have a different code of conduct and a sense of responsibility vis-à-vis their interrelations.

Unlike the animals, they have to consciously conceive in togetherness a healthy child and also nourish it and nurture it until the child grows into

teenager, to find its own expression. For humans it is a project of twelve to thirteen years with each child. It is not so for the animals. Therefore, human interrelations are distinct from that of animals. The interrelating of the male and female fulfils two responsibilities vis-à-vis the humans. Firstly, they gain through marital life the male-female balance. Secondly, they fulfil their responsibility towards a fellow being by providing a good basis for him to move forward in life. Marriage is thus seen from the wisdom viewpoint as a means of self-balancing of the male-female energies, which would enable the human to set a basic platform from which to move into higher dimensions of life. Mercury helps to this dimension, when properly comprehended.

The true Mercurians are all genuine celibates. The most ideal of these are the *Kumaras*. They are said to be the cosmic celibates.

Mercury – the Impersonal One

Mercury is impersonal. A true Mercurian is impersonal in the sense that his personality is like a crystal. People reflect themselves in him. He shows to those who look to him what they are. Mercury, being neutral, has no particular concept, 'ism' or a viewpoint. It is just the reflection of the soul as light. In that light people find themselves. This is true with initiates. When people

look at an initiate they get reflected. If a seeker of beauty looks at him, he finds beauty in the initiate. If the seeker seeks wisdom, he finds wisdom. Likewise, people find devotion, rhythm, will, love, purity, clarity, stability, and so on. When a malicious one looks at an initiate the former's malice reflects back. Thereby he dislikes the initiate. When a proud one looks at an initiate, he receives back his own energy as prejudice. A sinful one receives back fear of his own sins. A simple one finds simplicity. Thus, in a true Master the disciples find their own reflection and accordingly they speak of their Master. It is but their understanding, but it is not the Master. The Master's personality is like a crystal and is not limited by any concept. It is also not limited by concepts of wisdom. It is light that is free of fetters.

Mercury – the Metal

Mercury, as a metal, when contained by different vessels, gains those shapes, but it has no shape. Mercury cannot be held. It is quick. It remains mercury and does not suffer changes. After any number of experiments with mercury it remains intact and can be regathered and recollected. Likewise, a Master cannot be held by anyone or by any concept or even by wisdom. He relates to all, helps them to transform, and yet remains himself. Mercury also remains so after all experiments

done with it. Mercury is mercury. It can transform iron into gold and yet remain mercury. For all chemical purposes the transformations are done with the help of a catalyst, and all those catalysts belong to the principle of Mercury. They help transformations to happen; yet they remain what they are.

The Symbol of Mercury

Look at the sign of Mercury. There is a cross, representing the four-fold existence. It is mounted by a circle. It indicates unity of the four-fold seeming diversity. From unity the four-fold existence comes. In unity there is beauty of diversity. Therefore, the circle and the cross are together. In fact the cross is a descendent of the circle. The circle is the higher aspect. The cross is the lower aspect. Together they constitute unity and diversity. Over the circle there is a semi-circle, which represents the soli-lunar energies. The crescent moon is but the two arcs descending from seeming nothingness as soli-lunar rays. The two emerge from the unknown and constitute the circle, which represents the creation in its nebulous state, and the four-fold existence is its expression.

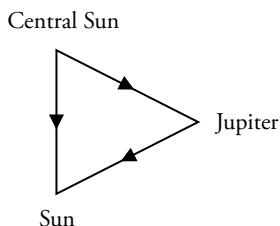
Mercury as a symbol is by far the most complete symbol among all the symbols given to the planets. It has three levels in it: the semi-circle representing the cosmic, the circle representing the solar and the

cross representing the planetary plane. All the three emerge from the fourth one, which is unseen. The symbol of Mercury can thus be seen representing the one invisible and the three visible (perceptible) planes of existence.

Mercury in Relation to Other Planets

Mercury, as said earlier, is a neutral planet. It is the most proximate to the Sun. It is said to carry six times more illumination than our planet Earth. Sun is seven times more illumined than our planet. The fact that in the solar system Mercury moves proximate to the Sun, has a message. Sun is the being, the self, the I AM consciousness. Mercury is the light of the Sun, that is, the *Buddhi*. The self, the I AM, relates to the surroundings through *Buddhi*, that is through Mercury. To stand in the light of Mercury is to relate to Sun consciousness or I AM consciousness. Sun himself transmits the plan from higher circles for evolution of the solar system. The higher centre to Sun, in the solar system, is the central Sun system. The central Sun, called *Savitru*, transmits the plan to the Sun, either directly or through Jupiter. The central Sun is like the father to our Sun and Jupiter is the teacher to our Sun. The plan can be transmitted to our Sun, either directly from the central Sun, or from Jupiter of our solar system. In other words, the central Sun and

Jupiter, along with our Sun, constitute a triangle for transmission of the plan into the solar system.



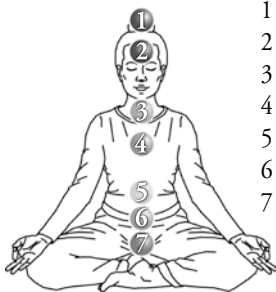
It is common that one gets enlightened from the father or from the teacher or from both. Similarly, the Sun of our solar system receives the plan and the needed energy from central Sun and from Jupiter. The Sun transmits the energies as for the plan into the solar system, and for such transmission Mercury stands as his lieutenant for communications and transmissions. In us the Sun centre is *Ajna*, the centre of Jupiter is *Sahasrara*. The centre of Mercury is the throat. When the throat is aligned with *Ajna* and *Sahasrara* it is capable of expressing the plan through speech. Teachers of wisdom thus transmit wisdom afresh with the help of this alignment of the three centres and the three planets.

Mercury, Sun, Jupiter alignment is by far the best alignment that can happen to a human being to relate to the plan. Such ones can express the plan and the related wisdom. It is for this reason that the speech

and the throat centre are considered to be of utmost importance. When the regulations of speech are well followed and the rhythm of discipleship becomes part of one's life, one stands a good change to find this alignment. Remember, the triangle of Jupiter - Sun - Mercury is a triangle that leads to higher states of the being.

Likewise, when Jupiter, Sun and Venus constitute a triangle, it enables expression of the plan through acts of love. Therefore, the two triangles together constitute the activity of wisdom and love. The centre of Venus in oneself is the heart. Alignment between Jupiter in *Sahasrara*, Sun in *Ajna*, Mercury in throat, and Venus in the heart is seen as the most sublime alignment. This alignment enables love and wisdom to express into the surroundings. When this is well associated with the lower alignment of Moon, Mars and Saturn, it is said to be fulfilment of alignment. Moon is but the lower mind, which is both subjective and objective. Subjectively it can seek from higher circles and objectively it can form a plan for action into objective. Mars in the sacral centre enables execution of the plan. Saturn in *Muladhara* consolidates the plan. The seven centres stand aligned for manifestation of the plan. It is for this reason that spiritual astrology speaks of planetary alignment. This can be presented figuratively as under:

The Seven centres in a human being



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| 1 | Head Centre | <i>Sahasrara</i> | Jupiter |
| 2 | Eyebrow Centre | <i>Ajna</i> | Sun |
| 3 | Throat Centre | <i>Visuddhi</i> | Mercury |
| 4 | Heart Centre | <i>Anahata</i> | Venus |
| 5 | Solar Plexus | <i>Manipuraka</i> | Moon |
| 6 | Sacral Centre | <i>Swadhistana</i> | Mars |
| 7 | Base Centre | <i>Muladhara</i> | Saturn |

Meditating upon this, each centre with the related energy, and aligning all the seven centres in the order given above brings about a magical rearrangement of energies.

When the energies are rearranged one stands in higher understanding. As much as the alignment happens, so much does one get reorganized. This practice is strongly recommended by *Nyaasa Vidya*. *Nyaasa Vidya* means relating the micro to the macro. The solar system has its macro arrangement with the micro, beings relate to the macro arrangement, so that we fall in order and thus tune up to the bigger system. 'As above so below' is the law. The practice stated here corresponds to this law. Relating oneself to a bigger system results in transmission of energies from the bigger system to the smaller one. By this the smaller gains the same energy system as that of the

bigger. What is suggested is a process of orientation. When our orientation to a larger system is complete, the energies are totally rearranged in accordance with the larger system, and we become a mini solar system. Astrology has this facility and is therefore seen as a key for self-transformation and self-realisation. The imperfections are eliminated by this practice. The disorder is brought back to order; thereby, one radiates and remains magnetic. It can be likened to the process of magnetization. The seeming differences and disorders, and the related discomfort are thus neutralized. Consequently, harmony prevails at all levels. Disagreement disappears. Man stands rounded out.

Until man thus orients to the surrounding bigger life, he lives in differences, disputes and disagreements. When once with the help of Mercury, he aligns all the planetary energies in himself, he finds the way to relate to the surrounding life. This is how knowers live unaffected by the surrounding conflicts, disputes, differences, disagreements and discords. They do not perturb the knower. They do not affect him. On the contrary, he affects them and helps them to find their own harmony.

Mercury, when well aspected to other planets in the horoscope, enables the positive effects of those planets to shine forth. When Mercury is ill aspected to other planets in the horoscope it enables expression of the

negative. Mercury being the mirror, when the other planets are well aspected their positive energies shine forth. If not, the contrary happens. For example, when Mars is well aspected to Mercury the speech carries the right force. It carries the power of communication, which enables to direct people well. When Mars is ill aspected the speech becomes negatively powerful, meaning, over-critical, judgemental, and conflictive speeches. When such an ill aspect exists one should prefer generally silence to speech.

Likewise, when Venus is well aspected, love expresses in a very skilful and intelligent way, which appeals to the soul. If not, love expressions will not be very appealing when ill aspects exist. There are many who cannot express their thoughts of love. Mercury, being an energy of skilful expression, it would be missing, when Mercury is not strong in the horoscope. Skilful expression of power and of love enables one to be successful.

Mercury - Venus positive connection has another dimension. The impact of Mercury on Venus enables love to lift up from the inferior aspect of love to that of superior aspect of love. It leads to love of the soul, which is the pure aspect of love. The love for the beauty of the form is lifted up to the love of personality and love of soul. Love evolves in its dimensions from love of form to love of virtues of the form and love of the soul, whose virtues are pure love, pure will

and intelligent action. Beauty for form transforms to beauty of wisdom of the soul. Emotional love transforms into balanced wisdom. Passion for form transforms into passion for wisdom. Mercury gives its touch to love, to find higher dimensions of love.

If Jupiter is well aspected to Mercury wisdom expresses exceedingly well. If it is ill aspected one may carry much wisdom, but there is no way to express it. Similarly, you can infer to all other planets. When Pluto is well aspected to Mercury one can express skilfully the discipline and the self-regulation to enable others to emulate him. Likewise, when Uranus is well aspected one can express powerfully the open-minded approaches to life. Uranus stands for open-mindedness and breaks superstitions, meaningless traditions, and meaningless beliefs. By this one would be able to open a vista of freshness to oneself and even to the surroundings. When Uranus is ill aspected to Mercury the same work is done in a devastating manner, destroying many good things, which already exist in the society.

Thus, it can be seen that Mercury plays a predominant role in human life, since it stands for expression. Intelligent students can work out the rest of the planetary relations in a similar manner. Yet I would like to add, if the Moon is well related, one is really blessed in the sense, there can be communications from higher to lower and lower to higher. Man is

predominantly mind-orientated and Moon is the ruler of the mind. When it can relate well to Mercury, such a mind can build bridges to the higher worlds through *Buddhi*. This is the best blessing that one may have, which has to be appropriately utilized, and not exploited to the best advantage of oneself and of others. He is the best messenger on Earth of God's message.

The middle string of a lyre, *veena* and violin is considered to be Mercury. It brings forth the fourth tone of the seven tones. It is the most used string. In the musical instrument music comes by appropriate admixtures of high and low tones in a rhythm. The normal tone is the fourth one in the music of seven tones.

Man is a musical instrument with the seven centres as the seven strings. The music is at its best when the seven strings are put to appropriate use. Among the seven strings the fourth string is the middle string. It has three strings with higher notes and three strings with lower notes on either side. If the middle string is missing, music cannot be played at all. It is the middle string that relates the higher tones with the lower tones and the lower tones with the higher tones. In fact, in the musical science it is said that the fourth tone is the most important tone and is the vital tone. Without this tone there can be no music. Likewise, Mercury is the middle tone of the seven planetary

tones. Venus, Sun and Jupiter are the higher and subtler tones. Moon, Mars and Saturn are the lower, and the grosser tones. The two sets can be related well with the help of Mercury. Jupiter and Saturn, Sun and Mars, Venus and Moon can be excellently related with the help of Mercury. The seven planets are but three pairs of planets as indicated above. Mercury enables their pairing.

Man himself is the fourth tone of the creation. There are three higher planes of beings and three lower planes of beings to him. The planetary, the solar and the cosmic Devas are higher in evolution than he. The animal, the plant and the mineral are the beings of the lower planes to him. Man being the centre, he has the potential to relate the higher to the lower and thereby experience their synthesis in him. He can transmit the energies of higher circles to the lower and transmute the lower to transcend to the higher. Man is the alchemist of the creation, which he least realises. He is the Mercurial principle in creation. He can bring the kingdom of God to the Earth and transform the Earth into heaven. Indeed, Mercury is the most relevant planetary energy that man needs to relate to. Man thus being the best musical instrument in the hands of God, he should let God play upon him.

Mercury being impersonal, transparent and reflective enables precision. It gives the ability

to be accurate, therefore mathematics relates to Mercury. Mathematics is an exact science. Working with mathematics also enables one to be precise and accurate. Mathematics deals with numbers and numbers again are impersonal. Working with numbers is working with Mercury. It enables gaining the ability to be precise and accurate. It gives the ability for self-accounting and accountability. A good Mercurian is self-accountable. He is a tough examiner of himself. He makes sure that there is zero error in what he does. He doesn't let things slip away, since he is skilful. He may not appear to be stringent but he is very stringent on himself. He does not spare himself but spares others.

Uranus is another planetary energy, which is sharp, accurate, precise and powerful. A good association of Mercury and Uranus enables manifestation of advanced scientific thoughts. Uranus is scientific in his approach and Mercury is skilful. Together they work wonders. They can skilfully eliminate the negatives of the past and scientifically uphold all that is valuable.

While Uranus is scientific, Neptune is mystic and artistic of a higher order. Association of Mercury and Neptune enables one to experience the mystical bliss of existence. Bliss is bliss. It cannot be explained, but can be experienced. The explanations of Uranus culminate when the bliss of Neptune prevails. The combination of Mercury with Uranus enables transmission of

instant presence. The bliss that one experiences finds expression into the surroundings and lifts the being up. When Neptune prevails over Mercury the experience of bliss is such that it causes cessation of time. Lord *Maitreya*, the teacher, known as the Christ in the West (as distinct from Jesus), is a representative of Neptune upon our planet, who transmits the presence twice daily, during the dawn and dusk hours. Relating to him daily during the dawn and dusk hours is helpful for students to develop the link to Neptune through Mercury.

When Jupiter and Mercury are aligned it gives a facility to receive impressions from higher circles. The word is impregnated and the impression is received at the *buddhic* plane, which is expressed appropriately by Mercury. One can listen to the 'voice of silence'. Listening to the silence and envisioning the subtle becomes possible when Mercury is in trine with Jupiter or even in sextile. Seeds of wisdom are received as impulses, which are realised for the benefit of students. All impressional teaching is due to alignment of Jupiter and Mercury. Impressional teachings and writings in their pure sense belong to this combination. A similar situation prevails when Uranus also joins the alignment. The grand initiates, who wrote scriptures relating to cosmogenesis and anthropogenesis, have all done so due to this alignment. *Narada*, the cosmic *Kumara*, finds his

way to reach out to the earthly beings, when initiates are found in whom there is alignment of Neptune, Jupiter and Mercury. The most ancient scripture that was ever written on Earth was the impressional teaching, coming from *Narada* and it is *Ramayana*. It is again *Narada*, the cosmic *Kumara*, who initiated the scripture of Synthesis, which is popularly known as *Bhagavata*. *Ramayana* and *Bhagavata* are by far the most inspiring scriptures that Indians hold over thousands of years. Such is the possibility of relation with Jupiter and Neptune or Uranus.

Madame Blavatsky, Madame Bailey and Master EK are good examples of impressional teachings and writings. Disciples of higher order work through this alignment.

Samyama, the most chosen word and spoken of by the grand Master *Patanjali* in his eight-fold path of *Yoga*, is reality to a student of *Yoga* only when he stabilizes the energy of Mercury in him. *Samyama* enables stable, unwavering mind. It is no other than the *buddhic* mind. The wavering and wandering mind, when stabilized, transforms into the higher mind, called *Buddhi*. The *buddhic* mind has the ability to contemplate. The *buddhic* mind's contemplation is so stable and focused that it realises the object of meditation. Such mind, through contemplation on any object or subject, can realise the essence of that object or subject. Even inanimate objects can be made

animate when *Samyama* is gained. The other name for the mind of *Samyama* is, powerful *buddhic* mind. In recent times Madame Blavatsky demonstrated such powers of *buddhic* mind, only to unveil to the ordinary minds the possibility of other dimensions. When Moon mind ascends to Mercury mind, the result is *Samyama*. In *Bhagavad Gita* Lord Krishna informs *Arjuna* that when *buddhic* mind applies itself upon the self, the self is realised. How to gain *buddhic* mind? The practice is given in the sixth chapter of *Bhagavad Gita*. The very chapter is named as '*Atma Samyama Yoga*'. It means *Yoga* for self-realization. The seekers of Truth utilize Mercury generally in this direction.

Likewise, with the *buddhic* mind when you contemplate upon the symbol, the colour and the sound of Jupiter; Jupiter is realised. *Patanjali* gives how a stable *buddhic* mind can realise different things by sheer application of *buddhic* mind upon those things. The third chapter of *Yoga* is entirely dedicated to this by *Patanjali*. He names it as *Vibhuthi Pada*, meaning the chapter of splendour. Much creational splendour can be experienced when one gains the *buddhic* mind.

In the *Vedic* system a very strange symbol is given in relation to Jupiter and Mercury alignment. Jupiter represents the expansive consciousness, it is huge. Jupiter bestows limitless wisdom. Planet Jupiter is also the biggest one in the solar system. The very thought

of Jupiter gives the idea of big, large, huge and voluminous. It also indicates plenty, fullness, splendour and fulfilment. The cosmic Jupiter is symbolized in the *Veda* by a stout person with an elephant head. He is called *Ganesha*. *Ganesha* is depicted as very high and generally immobile. For him to move the symbology depicts a mouse. He (*Ganesha*) has a Mickey Mouse to move about. *Vedic* symbolism recognizes the mouse as a symbol of skill. Mouse is very skilful. Wisdom is very voluminous. The voluminous wisdom needs skilful expression. Therefore, the elephant-headed deity, along with its mouse is worshiped for realization of wisdom and also for its skilful application in life. Children are easily attracted to this symbol and worship that symbol to realise skilfulness. Skilfulness by itself is dangerous. Skilfulness associated with wisdom is fulfilling. If you are just skilful you know how to pilfer others' wealth. It is intelligent robbery, which the modern, intelligent man knows. But by this he eventually invites his own nemesis. When skill is associated with wisdom, wisdom enables benevolent ways of fulfilling the surroundings. Wisdom without skill cannot really fulfil. Skill without wisdom cannot also fulfil itself. Therefore the equation between wisdom and skill, Jupiter and Mercury.

Mercury in the Sun Signs

For the disciple of Aries and Scorpio nativity, Mercury enables building up of *Anthakarana* through self-restraint and regulated speech. Aries and Scorpio are two powerful sun signs where the tendency of man is expressed through power. Mercury gives the required modulation to both the sun signs to impart the necessary self-restraint and modulation through discrimination. It is considered as hierarchical planet by the Masters of wisdom. When the natives of Aries and Scorpio are reined by Mercury, they rule the world with wisdom. The Martian power of *Arjuna* is modulated by the Mercurial power of Lord Krishna to benefit the human kind. This energy combination is rather difficult, but when accomplished would give rise to benefit humanity at large. The power of fighting is transformed into a power of speech by which wars can be averted and peace can be established.

“Moon in Taurus is the cow. Sun in Taurus is the bull. Mercury in Taurus is the calf”, say the Masters of wisdom. Sun in Taurus is the fertilising bull. It represents the import of the word. Moon in Taurus is called the cow, since it represents the word impregnated. The word is two-fold. It has the concept and also its language. A wise clothing of the word with language is an aspect of wisdom, which Mercury holds. The concept of the word is male. The language

of the word is female. Their appropriate union brings out a wise word, which is Mercury. Therefore, in Taurus Mercury is a wise expression through language of a sublime concept relating to the word, which is impregnated. *Buddha* is said to have had this principle stimulated in him. He was a Taurian by sun sign. He was the bull into whom there was the impregnation of the word, which he expressed through his golden language that instantly inspired people and raised them into *buddhic* consciousness. Such is the impact of Mercury in Taurus.

Gemini, the sun sign is totally ruled by Mercury, and the entire wisdom of synthesis that synthesizes seeming opposites is represented by Mercury in Gemini. It is the golden middle principle of Gemini that resolves any and every seeming disagreement and synthesizes that which is high and that which is low. The importance of Mercury in relation to Gemini is well explained in this book.

The natives of Cancer carry the power of intuition. The light of intuition is the beaming ray of Mercury in Cancer. It is not the Moon that gives intuition in Cancer as generally understood. Moon in Cancer gives out flashes of instinct, which also carry a tinge of fear and suspicion, and therefore cannot be compared to the intuitional functioning. Intuition emerges not from emotions, but from the realms of high wisdom. Mercury in Cancer enables this facility, with

its association to Jupiter. All intuitional functioning is due to the work of Jupiter-Mercury and it is well expressed in Cancer, for it is also the house where Jupiter finds its exaltation. Mercury in Cancer can be well cultivated with the help of the practices of Jupiter to develop the intuitional plane in oneself.

Mercury in Leo enables establishment of self-consciousness (I AM). Mercury was active at the time of individualisation of humanity. The human kingdom is the only kingdom among the four lower kingdoms that carries self-consciousness. Animal, plant and mineral do not carry this consciousness of I AM. There is activity in the lower three kingdoms, but there is no such a thing as self-consciousness. It emerges in the humans due to the impact of Mercury and enhances the importance of Mercury for the humans. Mercury opens doors to higher states of consciousness through self-consciousness. This self-consciousness, I AM, further evolves as I AM THAT, THAT, THAT I AM. These are the three steps of self-realisation, which were inaugurated in Leo. For this reason the leonine natives are highly self-conscious beings. When they are modulated as THAT I AM, they become planetary disciples. Mercury in Leo gives the message that the native has to modulate his self-conscious state of I AM to I AM THAT.

Mercury in Virgo is son of Mind, who can turn out to be a Son of God. Mercury in Virgo is capable

of a clean mediation between male-female energies, since he is a good union of the two. Mercury in Virgo can mediate between the father and the mother. He can also mediate between the father in heaven and the mother Earth. He can relate to either, and fulfil the purposes of both. The role of Mercury in Virgo is that of a higher mind, which does not suffer instincts, and is eligible for intuitional functioning. His intuitional functioning depends upon the relation to Sun and Jupiter in the horoscope.

Mercury in Libra enables excellent discrimination of high and low. He would not let the passion to degenerate into excessive emotions, nor does he eliminate the positive aspects of passion. He transforms the passion for beauty into passion for wisdom. He enables the higher balance to take place by lifting one's own understanding of beauty from a form to a thought form. A beautiful thought form enables balancing of energies much better than just a beautiful form. Wisdom thoughts are all thought forms of beauty, which do not suffer from emotional impact. Passion for beauty can thus be transformed by Mercury in Libra to passion for wisdom. By this, one gains a higher balance. It is a new balance, which does not suffer from the impact of objectivity. Such is the sublime work of Mercury in Libra.

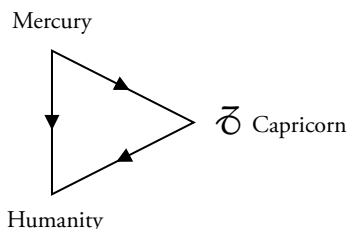
In sun sign Scorpio, Mercury bestows the light in darkness, when the native turns towards discipleship.

A disciple of Scorpio turns away from the world and enters into the depth of his own life. He sinks deep into himself, into the darkness, in search of light. He is no longer seen on the objective screen. He dives deep into himself and rebuilds himself, causing death to his old passions. Death in Scorpio is an initiation enacted in the cave temples, wherein a new one is reborn to serve the world. Death to objective light for birth in subjective light is the great drama relating to Mercury, which can be gained fully by sincere disciples with the help of Mercury. Scorpions are generally driven by the power of Mars. So are the Arians. But they can turn around, turn within, reach their depth, clear the corners of darkness, and come back with light which is beyond darkness and which can dispel darkness. The work of Mercury succeeds the work of Mars in two sun signs. For this reason Mercury is called the initiator in Scorpio and Aries. The ruler of Aries and Scorpio is Mars. The native will do well to get out of the influence of their ruler and gather near a teacher who carries the light of the soul. He is the true representative of Mercury.

In Sagittarius the power of Mercury is greatly lessened. This is because Sagittarius is essentially a sign of balance and of no extremes. He is the shooter, who is always on the target, which he sets and reaches. He does not look hither and thither. His nature is essentially Mercurial in the sense, he is a

focused worker. The ruler of Sagittarius being Jupiter, a Sagittarian is guided by Jupiter. It is the teacher that leads him and the student is the surrendered one. He has little to discriminate, for he has offered himself to the teacher. It is a state of *Arjuna* being led by Krishna; the student being led by the teacher.

In the present day world affairs Mercury constitutes a triangle with humanity via Capricorn. Humanity is represented by Capricorn, which denotes concretised mind of humanity, with very firm foundations.



It also connotes the destiny of humanity with a mountain of *Karma*. The soul of humanity is struggling, trying to move up to the mount of initiation, loaded by its concrete minds of concepts. Mercury is the light that shows the way on the mount. As much as human kind abandons its concepts of belief, superstition, and even science and religion, so much they gain the strength by the light of Mercury. Open-mindedness enables reception of a great force of liberation coming through Mercury, to lift up the present humanity. Mercury constitutes

a major stream of force to this humanity, to lift up themselves.

Quick and intuitive minds are needed for such lifting up. Mercury brings about the needed changes with the help of Uranus to break open the Moon of Capricorn. Capricorn Moon is no other than Saturn. Saturn is the ruler of Capricorn that binds humanity to its past. Mercury, with the help of Uranus, will bring about the needed changes. Natives of Capricorn either by Sun, Moon or ascendant, need to learn open-mindedness to resolve themselves from out of their own self-imposed riddles.

Mercury in Aquarius is the star of the blue sky, which opens vistas of the open sky. It leads one to be electrical, spontaneous, intuitional, expansive, and all-inclusive. Aquarius is represented by the boundlessness of the sky. Mercury offers boundless light and boundless possibilities of expansion. Mercury in Aquarius can be gainfully utilised to liberate oneself to be one with the super-soul.

The two fishes of Pisces, running in opposite directions, are linked up by a horizontal line. This bridge is the bridge of Mercury in its highest sense. The bridge relates one to the other. One fish is head to tail; another fish is tail to head, yet they are connected heart to heart by the bridge.



Look at the above glyph of Pisces. The connecting horizontal line is by far the most important principle. One fish with the head above, the other fish with the head below, they stand connected. They are the male-female principles. One is in ascending order, another is in descending order. Together they constitute a cyclical moment. In a circle there is an ascending arc and a descending arc. Together they constitute the whole. Togetherness is the message of Mercury in Pisces. Divided they fall. United they stand. Togetherness in friendliness is the Alpha and Omega of the wisdom. Natives of Pisces need to learn togetherness and not to fall into duality. Seeming divergences, seeming oppositions, shall have to be overcome through the wisdom of Mercury.

Such are the teachings of Mercury in relation to every sun sign.

Working with Air is Working with Mercury

Mercury is the Lord of Gemini. Gemini is an airy sign. Working with air is working with Mercury. Air is around the Earth. Air is in between the Earth and the blue sky. Air is the mediator between Earth and heaven. Mercury is also a mediator. Mercury is the middle planet as between the seven planetary states, which are described in the preceding paragraphs. Amidst the seven Mercury is number 4. When one

counts from above downwards or below upwards, the state of Mercury is the fourth state in the planetary hierarchy of seven planets. Air is also the fourth element. Air succeeds matter, water and fire, as the fourth element. Man belongs to the fourth kingdom, which is also explained in previous chapters. Mercury, man and air represent the middle principles. When man realises Mercury, man realises air. Likewise, when man realises air, man realises Mercury. Air is perceptible, but not visible. Air gives a message to man that there are invisible things, which are perceptible. Air also gives the message that man can tend to be invisible and perceptible. Air bridges Earth and heaven (sky). Man, too, can stand between *Akasha* and Earth. He can expand like air. He can permeate like air. This is possible when he ascends into the *buddhic* plane. Man is with mind, water and Earth. He is yet to be with the air. His very functioning is with the air. But he does not realise it. He is breathing in and out every moment. Air enables him to live, and yet attention is not paid to air. The centre of air again is the fourth centre. Imagine the importance of this fourth centre, the heart centre, where the pulsation is conducted as a centripetal and centrifugal principle. This analogy is not only beautiful, but also holds the mystery of man. Number 4 rules man, Mercury, air and the heart centre. When man enters the heart centre, he realises the other three. Likewise when man realises air, he

realises the other three. Working in the heart with the air helps one to enter into the *buddhic* plane or the plane of Mercury. This is the true ascent, which is the need of the hour. This is the essential, which every true teacher or teaching suggests. When once man enters into this centre he is equally distant to the invisible and visible. He is well placed in between the subtle and the gross. He can enter into spiritual realms and return to mundane realms as well. He thus opens the door of Gemini. The two pillars of Gemini indicate the invisible door in between which one needs to pass through.

Mercury – Soul and Personality

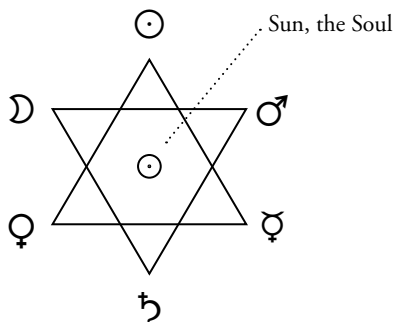
Mercury is the best mediator, as I said above. He is the best mediator as well between the soul and the personality. The purposes of the soul are eternal. The purposes of the personality are terminable with one incarnation. The personality is the good basis for the soul to function. Personality is the means through which the soul relates to the world. In relating to the world, the soul fulfils its obligations. The obligations of the soul are towards the five elements that help to constitute the body; towards the parents who proffer the body; towards the society and towards the animal and plant. Each time a body is received the soul has obligations to fulfil towards these. It is a

kind of thanksgiving. When the soul is functioning with the help of the personality, initially it receives support from the surroundings, which has to be paid back with respect and gratefulness. The soul also has to prepare the personality, inculcating virtues and abilities. Abilities enable to fulfil the purposes; virtues enable peaceful performance. While fulfilling these obligations the soul can concurrently fulfil the purposes of incarnation. Even when an initiate incarnates he necessarily has to do this to ensure that there is no indebtedness. For an ordinary being the indebtedness is even more, because the deeds of the past incarnations also remain with him unfulfilled. With the help of Mercury, the discriminating will, the soul can train the personality, fulfil the obligations, and stand free to proceed further for self-fulfilment. Sun is the soul; Mercury is its light. In that light one can see better what is to be done, how it is to be done, where it is to be done and when it is to be done. The light of the soul is a great facility to function. In the absence of such light mind cannot have the clarity.

The personality is constituted by mind, senses and body. Moon represents the mind. The sense activity is directed by the force of the mind, represented by Mars; and the structural body, which performs as a machine, is represented by Saturn. Thus the three-fold personality is generally governed by Moon, Mars and Saturn. When this triangle of the personality is

associated with Mercury, discrimination prevails, mind gains clarity and finds its abilities to manifest the plan of action in an orderly manner. When the light of Mercury is not available, the planning is affected. The senses draw the mind to sense objects. Sensuousness prevails and utilizes the mind for fulfilling sensuous desires. Mars, who rules the senses, drives man into sensuous pleasures. Mars is but an aspect of Cupid that can lead the personality to stupid levels. The strength of mind is therefore necessary, which comes to mind by its association with Mercury. Mind being Moon, it has no light of itself. It requires the light of the Sun to illumine and that light of Sun is Mercury. When Mars dominates the lower triangle and when forces move irregularly in all the seven directions, the structural body represented by Saturn no more facilitates comfortable living in the body. It develops its own limitations and disables functioning. Thus, when the light of the soul, namely Mercury, is not available, the lower triangle of Moon, Mars and Saturn finds no direction and therefore functions irregularly, ever indulging in sensuous pursuits. Sensuous fulfilment becomes the only program. This lower triangle of Moon, Mars and Saturn is just a beast when not associated with Mercury, which bestows discriminating will. This triangle is a beast in a human form. This is mounted by the man, who is the soul. The soul is a triple aspect of will, love and light. Will

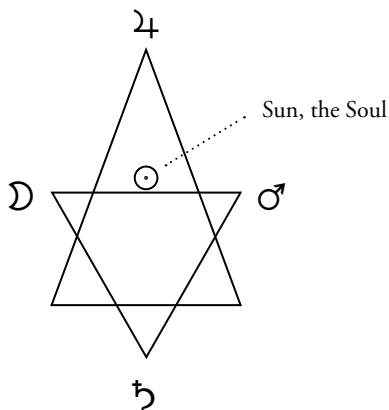
represents the Sun, love represents Venus and the light of the soul represents Mercury. This triangle mounts over the other triangle in the human.



To enable the lower man to function as per the soul's purposes it is but necessary that Moon connects to Mercury. When Mercury presides over Moon, discriminating will prevails. Then the mind, represented by Moon, can find a plan of work. When the plan of work is found and when mind directs the force according to the plan, Mars gets regulated. When Mars functions in tune with the plan of mind, the body gradually gets back to its harmony and functions with lesser limitations. Thus, the lower triangle falls into order as mind orients to Mercury. It is here that wisdom's science becomes relevant; science of *Yoga* becomes relevant. When mind is regularly engaged with the teachings of wisdom and adapts to the related practices, mind gets magnetised with the impact of

the wisdom and falls into an order. As much order is found by mind and mind functions accordingly, so much comfort emerges. The feeling of comfort, poise, peace and harmony are aspects of Venus, which is stimulated. Thus, mind relates to Mercury and Venus and joyfully engages with the plan of work. Mercury, being the messenger of the soul, slowly the purposes of the soul are accomplished. Thus, the higher triangle relates to the lower triangle. The lower triangle being personality and the higher triangle being the soul, it is said in theological terms that the personality is oriented to the soul. When the personality is oriented to the soul, the soul energy flows into personality, fulfils the personality and eventually thereby fulfils its purposes. This whole work is conducted by Mercury, who is the mediator of the soul and the personality. When Mercury and Moon find their orientation, the magical works starts. This is the astrological understanding relating to discipleship, relating to transformation of man into divine man. Therefore, the first step of wisdom is to relate the mind to wisdom practises emerging from the teachings of the knowers. All scriptures are but the teachings coming from the knowers, who are Sons of God.

When soul and personality are aligned the son of man transforms into Son of God. Thereby, the double triangle engages in a transformation, as below:



In the earlier diagram the centre is in the lower triangle, represented by the man of personality, or son of man. In the above diagram the centre moves up, above the lower triangle, and is posited in the higher triangle, which represents the Son of God, or the soul. The soul presides over personality and is guided by Jupiter, representing the divine plan. The soul is no other than the Sun. This is the double triangle relating to the one who is initiated. Thereafter, there would be further initiations as the soul moves up further, beyond the higher triangle. It is not relevant for the present theme. It is enough if man relates to Mercury and transforms himself into a Son of God. In the esoteric books this initiation is called the third initiation.

When the soul presides over the personality, the personality cooperates. The higher triangle is called the male, the lower triangle is called the female. The

female is in cooperation with the male. This lower triangle, or female, is also called the Holy Grail. In ancient theologies the lower triangle is called a dragon. The stories of conquering the dragon are all stories relating to regulating the lower triangle, taming it and making it a cooperative partner or friend. This dragon cannot be killed. If the dragon is killed, the soul cannot fulfil its purposes. The dragon has to be made a cooperative vehicle. When it becomes a cooperative vehicle, it is called a divine dragon, or a white dragon. It was earlier black or brown or grey and is now transforming into a golden or a diamond dragon. All the initiations relate to transformation of the dragon from black to brown, brown to grey, grey to green, green to orange, orange to golden yellow, golden yellow to aquamarine, and from aquamarine to blue / white. It is a different topic of colours, which we shall not touch now.

In the *Vedic* terminology they call the lower triangle the *Makara*, meaning the crocodile. The sound *Makara* is the most appropriate sound for the crocodile. The sound *Ma* stands for Moon, *Ka* stands for Saturn, *Ra* stands for Mars. When we apply the sound key, we find these three letters representing the combination of three planetary energies, namely Moon, Saturn and Mars. That is the lower triangle. That is the vehicle of man. That is the beast. That is the personality. And that is the dragon, or the crocodile, which

needs to be presided over by the soul with its triple qualities. In an ordinary man normally the dragon is dominant. In an initiate the dragon is friendly. Initiates do not believe in dominating, they believe in developing friendliness. They ensure cooperation through friendliness. They fulfil much purposes in such friendliness. Conquering the dragon and killing it is not the right understanding. In the West there are stories of conquering dragons and killing them, and of conquering lions and killing them. In the East the stories speak of taming dragons, lions, tigers, and developing friendliness and cooperation. In the East they even tame cobras and coexist in friendliness. It is a dimension of wisdom, coming from *Ahimsa*, the very fundamental of wisdom.

Mercury and Free Flow of Energies

Mercury teaches that whatever is received is to be given / offered. Receive to give and give to receive is the theme of nature. Unless you give you cannot receive further. Unless you give away or release the air that you breathe in, you cannot receive a further breath of fresh air. Unless you defecate you cannot eat any more. Nature teaches these fundamentals. Mercury enables us to observe and learn. Rivers flow and offer themselves to the fauna and flora of our Earth, and therefore receive again through rains.

In summer the waters become vapour and in rainy season the waters come back. This cyclical understanding was already mentioned before. It is further elaborated here. Can we keep on inhaling without exhaling? Can we keep on drinking without urinating? All that is received is to be returned. We receive the body from five elements. It is to be returned. You cannot hold the body forever. If you have a healthy body, it is not for you; it is to offer in the form of work for others' benefit. If you have a healthy mind, it is not for you. It is to help others with your clarity. If you carry wisdom, it is not for you. It is to be taught to others. If you receive a soul into your womb, you cannot hold it for you. It has to be delivered. Things come to pass. You can experience them. If you hold them you arrest the flow. When you arrest it, it affects you. Whatever is received is to be offered in gratefulness. Nature offered many things to man, in good trust. Man is entrusted with things and intelligences, which other beings are not. He has to discharge this trust. The skills and the capabilities that one has are to be utilized for others.

If you are a good cook, you cannot cook and eat for yourself. Cook well and serve others. It fulfils you immensely. Your psyche is fulfilled when you do so. If you eat only for yourself, you only fill your body but cannot fulfil the psyche. The joy you feel in feeding others is deeper than feeding yourself. Every mother

knows it. When she breastfeeds, she knows the joy of sharing. It is a greater joy when you offer, when you serve, when you distribute.

The modern mind generally denies this joy by holding everything to itself. The rich do not share. They are rich only materially. They are not rich psychically. Richness of psyche comes from offering, but not from holding. The more one holds on to material, the more he is constricted. Material is but matter. Matter conditions. Spirit releases. Spirit is free. Even spirit is conditioned by matter. When one gathers busily and crazily more and more and more matter, he is walking towards self-constriction, self-conditioning. Self is essentially the spirit, and it gets conditioned more and more when it accumulates material.

Sun is the giver in the solar system. By giving he shines forth. The planet Earth does not give as much as the Sun, therefore its shine is one seventh of the Sun. But the planet thus gives much to the beings of the planet. Therefore, it has the shine. It shines violet, when seen from space. But the beings on the planet, who receive from the Sun, from the other planets in the solar system, and from the Earth, carry not even that shine of violet, unless they learn the art of offering. The shine relates to the spirit. Depending upon one's offering, one shines forth. Depending upon one's holding, one's shine gets hidden; one remains a mass of matter.

Scripture speaks of receiving from higher circles and distributing to lower circles. By this, one remains in balance. Balance is but Mercury. Mercury receives and gives equally. Receiving is a kinetic or a negative activity. Offering is the positive activity. Mercury teaches to balance the positive and the negative, and thereby stay above or beyond the duality. Mercury suggests staying in the middle of the whole universe, which is but made of matter and spirit. By that you shine forth exceedingly well. This knowledge of balancing is necessary for one to neutralize every plane of existence and move through the middle path. The middle path is a vertical path, which enables one to move up and down through balancing. This is described in the Old Testament as Jacob's ladder.

The energy of money is the energy of Mercury. Money is a medium of exchange. Mercury is a medium of energies. Money, too, is energy. The one who knows appropriate utilization of money enables its abundant flow. The ones, who hold, hoard and store it, do not experience the very purpose of money. Money needs to be circulated, say the economists. Circulation enables health. Circulation of life energies is health. When energies are in their free circulation, harmony prevails. When energies are arrested with selfish motives, harmony is disturbed. So is the understanding with money. It is a means for intelligent utilization of the sources for the benefit of

the surroundings. A Mercurian knows how to handle money. Others do not.

Mercury and Baptism through Air

We hear of baptism by water, we also hear baptism through fire. But in this Aquarian age there is baptism through air. Aquarius stands for air. And in the zodiac there is an airy triplicity. Aquarius is spiritual air. Gemini is the mid-air. Libra is the mundane air. Mercury, being the Lord of Gemini, lifts beings from mundanity to super-mundane states of the mid-air. The Lord of Gemini has the ability to balance the five airs of the body, and lift up beings from the passions of the world to the beauty of the subtle world. This is an aspect of *Yoga*, which is now in progress. The fourth step of *Pranayama* relates to working with the airs of life to regulate them. *Pranayama* means ‘*Prana* regulated’. *Prana* can be regulated through balancing inhalation and exhalation. When inhalation and exhalation are regulated, the awareness stands stable in the pulsation. The pulsation is like the bird that functions with centripetal and centrifugal activity.

Baptism by water indicates purification of emotions. Thereby, pure devotion remains. Baptism by fire indicates a clear, clean, vibrant mind. When these two are fulfilled, the awareness that exists in the mind can be associated with inhalation and exhalation.

Baptism by water indicates that the awareness, which was emotional, is now purified to be devotional. The awareness that is devotional shall be put to training to plan and to execute work in an orderly manner. Thereby, awareness ascends into the mental state from the vital state. Baptism through fire means gaining a clear and vibrant mind through clear thinking, appropriate planning and rhythmic execution of work. Such an awareness working at the mental plane, gains the needed peace and poise. A person, who is at peace and poise while at work, gains mental stability. He is not confused; he is not affected by emotions. Such a stable mind is said to be baptised through fire. Only such a stable mind is eligible for baptism through air. A stable and comfortable mind can be applied upon inhalation and exhalation, which is a happening in the being. As long as awareness is in the mind it only believes in doing. The doing awareness needs to gain a higher understanding. 'Things are not only done, things also happen.' There is a dimension of happening as well. Respiration is a happening in us and is not our doing, in the sense that we are not consciously respiring. Respiration is being done by a higher awareness. It is the background awareness that conducts respiration, upon which there is the secondary awareness that keeps doing. The awareness that exists in mind is a secondary awareness. The awareness that conducts respiration, pulsation,

heartbeat, circulation of blood etc., is the primary awareness. It is this primary awareness, which enables life activity and mental activity. Mental activity can also be referred as intelligent activity. Intelligent activity is one stream of awareness. Life activity is another stream of awareness. Life activity is conducted with the help of air. Intelligent activity is conducted with the help of fire. Air and fire are complementary to each other. In their synthesis they reach the fifth element *Akasha*, which is the place of prime awareness. The two streams function in the body. The intelligent activity is periodically withdrawn from the senses; in sleep hours it is withdrawn. In the awakened hours it is released into activity. But the life activity continues to be in sleep hours, in dream hours and in wakeful hours. It is more incessant in comparison to the intelligent activity. Man is a composition of the two, and is neither one nor the other.

Baptism through air enables union of intelligent activity with the life activity in the heart. Thereby, the element of fire and the element of air find their union into *Akasha*. Reaching the fifth element would enable one to experience the prime energy or prime awareness. Association with air helps this. Therefore, the fourth step of *Pranayama*. Therefore, the need of contemplation of mind upon respiration.

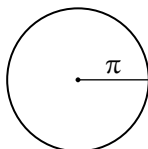
Application of mind upon respiration enables the process of *Pranayama*. By this process the intelligent

activity and life activity get united. They get regulated. When the union is complete the fifth step of *Yoga* is accomplished. The fifth step of *Yoga* is said to be absorption. What is absorbed? The intelligent activity and the life activity through their union are absorbed into the higher state of prime awareness or prime energy. This leads man from objectivity to subjectivity, from mundanity to super-mundanity, from mutability to immutability. Air has movement, fire has movement. *Akasha* has no movement. It *is*. This is the BE-NESS of the prime energy that can be realised and that is what is taught by the Lord of Gemini, namely Mercury. He gives the technique of reaching the prime energy; thus, it is said that Gemini is the doorway into the higher consciousness, the background consciousness or the prime consciousness and the prime state to be.

To be is our eternal state. To do is our temporary state. BE-NESS is permanent. Upon the background of BE-NESS, there is activity. BE-NESS is like the silver screen upon which there is the movie of life activity and intelligent activity. This is to be known and is to be practised in accordance with the steps given under this caption.

Pi (π)

Pi is the relation between God and man, between the macro cosmos and the micro cosmos, between the circle and the centre



This Pi is Mercury; it is the relation between the circle and the centre. When there is a point of light, the light has its field of illumination. The field is circular. From the circle to the centre there are the rays of light. They permeate from centre to circumference. There is continuity in it. The wisdom enables appropriate relating. God can relate to man. Man can relate to God. When wisdom prevails this is possible. Wisdom is the ray of light. The ray is but the light itself in its permeation. When there is light, there is the ray. When there is no light, there is no ray. The light and the ray are inseparable. Likewise, the divinity and its wisdom are inseparable. When there is the presence of the divinity, there is the field of light. The ray of wisdom permeates when there is presence. Therefore, by relating to wisdom it is possible for man to realise the source of his own being. Without

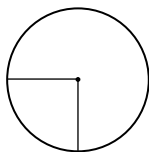
wisdom there can be no appropriate relating. And this wisdom is represented by Mercury. The teacher and the student relate through wisdom. Wisdom reaches the student when the student orients to the teacher. Student requires orientation. Teacher radiates wisdom. Unless the student orients to the teacher, he cannot relate. Therefore, with the help of orientation the student reaches the teacher through wisdom. Wisdom is the connectivity between the student and the teacher. Teaching is the connectivity from the teacher to the student. When there is the orientation of the student to the teachings while the teacher is teaching, there is the interconnection by which the student is magnetized by the rays of wisdom that radiate from the teacher. By this process the student gets transformed. Eventually, he becomes a teacher. Just like the student transforms to be a teacher, a son of man gets transformed to be a Son of God. The needed catalyst is the wisdom. Mercury is the other name of such wisdom. He relates the higher to the lower, the lower to the higher. The mundane to the super-mundane, the super-mundane to the mundane, is the connection. It is connection through the ray of wisdom. The whole creation is a network of light, where the lines of light interconnect the network. These lines of light are called the rays of wisdom. The creation is thus understood as a web of wisdom, ever weaving itself from centre to circumference, and from

circumference to centre. The universal web of wisdom can be comprehended when one associates with the *buddhic* plane, where one can associate with the rays of wisdom. Wisdom cannot be gained when man sits in mind; he should rise to be in *Buddhi*. He should cause this ascent from mental plane to *buddhic* plane. The emphasis is therefore towards relating mind to the centre of *Buddhi* in him. This is the immediate need.

The Lord Pymandaris

The Lord Pymandaris is said to be standing in the centre with his two legs stretched at right angle.

The two legs of Pymandaris are the two pillars of Gemini. One leg relates to objectivity and one leg relates to subjectivity. The two meet at the centre. Man works in the objectivity. His work in objectivity needs to be in tune with the subjective plan. The subjective man incarnates into the world to fulfil its purpose in the objective. When it happens he is fulfilled. When he deviates he creates his fate, which he has to neutralize.



The purpose of incarnation is to fulfil the purpose of the soul. When the work in objectivity is carried out in tune with the purpose of the soul, man creates no fate. The purpose of the soul is to work for all, loving all and thereby enlightening itself. Love all, serve all, is the purpose. This fulfils the soul; the soul also gets enlightened and shines forth as a Son of God. But when objective purposes deviate for selfish reasons from the original plan, fate is created. The consequent deviation puts man in countless cycles of birth and death, until he learns to orient to the original plan. Until he reorients to the plan, *Karma* runs his life, fate runs his life. Fate is but the individual plan of life, which is separated from the universal plan. When once reorientation happens, fate is neutralized, *Karma* is neutralized, only universal *Karma* prevails, universal plan of action prevails. The two legs of Pymandaris give this message. One leg speaks of the individual plan; the other leg speaks of the universal plan. When the individual plan is worked out in tune with the universal plan, man fulfils. If not, he falls into fate. The two legs of Pymandaris are well connected in the centre. So should be man's work. His work has to be in tune with the universal plan. If he deviates he builds *Karma*. This is the message of Pymandaris, who is a Greek God. In the *Vedic* system he is called *Vishwakarma*. *Vishwakarma* means universal action. *Vishwa* is universe. *Karma* is action. Wisdom links

individual action to universal action by which man overcomes the riddles and conflicts of this life.

In the Old Testament there is the arch of the emperor Seth, which is supported by two pillars. The two pillars represent individual action and universal action. They are connected by the arch. On the arch, wisdom is inscribed. The wisdom on the arch enables connection of the individual plan to the universal plan. Thereby, the universal plan is fulfilled through the individual and the individual is fulfilled by its attunement to the universal plan.

All theologies speak necessarily of the need of wisdom for man to relate to the universe, and thereby live in eternal harmony and bliss.

Approach to Wisdom

Men of mind think of possessing wisdom. Mind teaches generally how to possess. Wisdom cannot be possessed; on the contrary, wisdom can possess you. The lower cannot hold the higher. The higher can hold the lower. Wisdom does not belong to anyone. Masters belong to wisdom. Wisdom does not belong to them. Wisdom expresses through the Masters. Masters live beyond the instinct to possess. Masters do not say, "It is my wisdom." It is the wisdom, which expresses through different Masters in different ways to fulfil different purposes. It is audacious if anyone says,

he is the author of a wisdom book. Wisdom chooses to flow through him, and he is just a scribe. He can at best be a good composer of wisdom. Wisdom existed long before the beings. It is wisdom that chooses the right instrument to express itself for the benefit of those who look for it.

The sunlight does not belong to the Sun, it flows through the Sun. The light reaches the Sun from higher sources and passes through it. Since he receives it and allows it to pass through, he shines forth. It is not his light. It is the light coming through the central Sun. It is not the light of the central Sun. The light existed long before the formation of the central Sun. It passes through the central Sun. Central Sun receives it from cosmic Sun. It is also not the light from the cosmic Sun. It is the light, which emerges from the background. It is the light that weaves the cosmic system, the solar system and the planetary system, that gives birth to the cosmic Sun, the central Sun and the planetary Sun. They are all products of light through whom the light flows. Wisdom is also such. It prepares its own channels and transmits itself. Therefore, the knowers do not feel themselves to be the authors. The authors do not feel that they are authors. They do lend their name, but not as authors. In fact there is much wisdom, which is given without name.

The true knowers live in the *buddhic* plane and have no instinct to possess. Only those who live in

the mental plane have the attitude to possess. As long as there is possessive attitude in life, wisdom does not reveal itself. Please note this. As much as one relates to wisdom sincerely, so much the possessive attitude disappears. An attitude to offer unfolds and the attitude to possess recedes. Every student of wisdom can measure himself by this measure. Be a soul possessed by wisdom and be not possessive of it.

Wisdom Transforms the Head

Another measure for the student of wisdom is that as much as one associates with wisdom in terms of contemplation, study and practice, so much there would be change in the thought patterns and thoughts. The quality of thoughts undergoes a change and they also find their regular pattern. Thoughts of malice are gradually replaced by thoughts of goodwill. Irregular patterns take to regular patterns. When patterns are regularised, it enables tuning up to natural patterns. When there is such a tuning up, thoughts that are natural, simple and lawful occur. This change is but necessary for mind to attune to *Buddhi*, so that there is the inflow of wisdom of *Buddhi* into the mind for outer expressions.

When there is such metamorphosis in thoughts the speech also becomes qualitative and regular. It can

no more be manipulative, critical and judgemental. It carries the freshness of the expression of truth.

The aforesaid double impact is masonically expressed as ‘the throat cut, the tongue pulled out and the head changed’, which is an initiation. It is not real. Throat cutting or tongue pulling and replacement of head are symbolic. The head thinks differently, the tongue speaks differently, as compared to the past. This ritual is necessarily accomplished on the way to wisdom, when the student is holding to fiery aspiration. How fiery one’s aspiration is, is also measured by the resultant change or transformation. “The proof of the pudding is in its eating.” This is a popular saying. A man of wisdom can be known by the thoughts he expresses through the tongue.

In the New Testament that we have in the West, it speaks of this as the descent of fiery tongues. The disciples get fiery tongues when they adapt to the wisdom instructed by the Master. The descent of fiery tongues again happens in the month of Gemini. Pentecost, as it is popularly called, is the day of descent of fiery tongues. It happens on the eleventh day in the lunar month of Gemini, when Moon is in the ascending order. The disciples, who wish to tune up to the plan for the year to come, adapt to silence from the beginning of the lunar month of Aries. Thirty days of Aries, thirty days of Taurus and eleven days of Gemini, aggregate to seventy-one days. On the

seventy-second day, according to the lunar calendar, the descent happens. The disciples listen to the plan through silence. They prepare their own plan of work in tune with it, and conduct it for the rest of the year. This is the true significance of Pentecost, which is, however, lost in the Christian system. The festival of Pentecost is the festival of Gemini, and is the festival of humanity, which is presided over by Mercury.

Pentecost as a festival is known to the West since the times of Moses. He gave Ten Commandments of wisdom to the Hebrew tribes, whom he liberated from Egypt. It was done in the month of Gemini. Master CVV, the Aquarian Master, also initiates humanity in the month of Gemini, every year on 29th of May. In the *Vedic* system, initiation is given in the month of *Jyestha* (lunar month Gemini); children in the age group from seven to fourteen are put to initiation to realise *Gayatri*. The month *Jyestha* is filled with sacraments and initiations.

To adapt to these disciplines, each student has to carve out a way of life, within the worldly life. He cannot be with the worldly patterns and attain wisdom. He should be able to intelligently carve out a plan to adapt to the life of discipleship, even while he is in the world. The grace of Mercury is required to find out the way in an intelligent manner.

Mind and Mercury

Tender minds, when exposed to the light of the soul, impregnate themselves with the light of the soul, as said repeatedly earlier. The light of the soul is *Buddhi*, the Mercury principle. When mind associates with Mercury while it is tender, it receives the light much more easily. Impregnation of light is easier when the receptive terminal is subtle. Light passes through a glass much better than through a wall. Crystallized mind cannot get impregnated, tender minds get impregnated. Therefore, initiations done when humans are tender in their mind are fulfilled better than when they are done after minds are stuffed with many concepts relating to objectivity and subjectivity. With respect to stuffed concrete minds, teachers need to do much labour to clear the stuff and chisel out the concrete and remove the steel. Associating with wisdom from a tender age is an aspect of wisdom. Wise parents do this to their children. Even with respect to concretized minds it is still possible to initiate wisdom, if and when they are open-minded. In fact, the difference between a tender mind and a concretized mind is the degree of openness and extent of open-mindedness. Wisdom suggests that children are to be initiated to wisdom and to the law of life in the very early ages. The recommended age is seven to twelve. This is the time children pick up a lot from

the objectivity, which is good, bad and indifferent. If their conscience is awakened during this period they also develop a mind of conscience, which restrains them from being indulgent in the world. This is the best service, which can be done by the elders to their children. But when children are excessively pampered due to emotional attachment in the initial years, they turn out to be different. They care not for parents; they care not for the priorities of progress; they care not for the natural rhythms of life relating to food, study, exercise and sleep. This is a major threat today in human society and it is much more so in the society of affluence, where comfort is more than required.

Among the *Vedic* sacraments, the most sacred one is considered to be the sacrament relating to initiation of *Gayatri*. This sacrament is called *Upanayana*. It literally means 'walking towards the source of light'. The light of the universe is called the World Mother or *Gayatri*. It is the universal awareness, which is the basis of all creation and activity of creation. Since all activity is activity of light, relating to light is considered essential to work in tune with the plan of light. Therefore, the *Vedic* system strongly suggests this sacrament of *Upanayana*. The ones that undertake this sacrament relate to light, turning to East during the dawn hours, and chant *Gayatri*, purifying their body and mind. When this discipline is regularly followed, *Buddhi* shines forth through the mind, and

man stands radiant. Be it East or West, man needs light of wisdom. Therefore, turning to East during the dawn hours, orienting the mind to the light of the East, and visualising its reception into one's forehead is important. The reception of light is better conducted with the help of sound, therefore the *Mantram* of *Gayatri*. This ritual is seen as by far the best way to enlighten oneself.

Prenatal Initiation

The East believes in even prenatal initiation. When the incarnating soul is in the womb of the mother, during the period of pregnancy, much can be done to impart light to the incarnating soul. This demands a discipline of austerity from the parents. There are instances where the child in the womb is initiated with the *Mantram* being chanted by a knower, directing it to the child in the womb through the cooperation of the mother. The teacher imparts the *Mantram* to the mother. The mother and the teacher together impart it to the child, through rhythmic chanting. Whatever is imparted during the pregnancy to the child remains subtly with the child and sprouts later at the appropriate time. The seventh to ninth month period of pregnancy is considered most profitable for this purpose. The mother can also help to provide a healthy body for the child by adapting to the

discipline of food, speech, activity and rest. This is a separate theme of wisdom, which is not touched upon now. Much can be done during the prenatal stage to bring the best out of the child. This is a profound act of goodwill. Children born out of lust would have many impediments to finding/ find their way after they are born. Wisdom thus helps, even from the prenatal stages.

The story of *Prahlada* in *Bhagavata*, and the story of *Abhimanyu* in *Mahabharata* may be read for further understanding in relation to this topic.

Mercury – the Uniting Principle

Mercury is the cementing principle between that which is right and that which is left; that which is above and that which is below. Right and left mean positive and negative, male and female. Above and below mean subtle and gross. In the presence of Mercury the subtle and the gross can agree. The left and right can agree. A tiger and its prey can coexist in the presence of a *Yogi / Master*. An eagle and a snake can coexist. A diabolic one and a divine one can coexist. Coexistence is such a difficult proposition today for humans; they are unable to tolerate each other. They are unable to accept different viewpoints, differing viewpoints, differing attitudes, and differing comprehensions. All this is due to the simple fact that they do not realise

that the world is meant to be different. The universe is unity and diversity. There is something common and something different in the universe. Meeting in areas of difference leads to conflict. Meeting in the area of unity establishes harmony. Mercury helps this. Since a Master of wisdom is a true Mercurian, he unites with all at the soul level. Therefore, he finds agreement of all. He does not meet them at their personality level. Personalities are bound to be different. They are products of different experience, exposures, and experiments. But the souls are all coming from the same source, the super-soul. Just like the sunrays emerge from the super-sun, the soul emerges from the super-soul. Mercury teaches to meet upon the common ground, but not upon the uncommon. A student of Mercury should try to meet the other in that aspect which is common between him and the other. With unity in the common, the uncommon can be correlated, cleared, and set to exist.

The seven rays of Sun are also uncommon in their colour, their velocity and their effect upon matter. They find their fields of activity and work in unity. This is the clue that one needs to take, to work as a group in any organization. People have different strengths, and all strengths are equally important. They can be appropriately used to fulfil a common work. In a group life like this, there are members with different abilities. Some are good with arrangements

of the conference hall, some are good with electronics, and some others are good with translations. Yet others are good with organizing the food, still others are good with the rooms of residence and rest. There are some who are good with flowers and decorations. All strengths, when appropriately used, make a group life a grand success. Likewise, you can find different strengths in a family group, in a business group, in a social group, and in any group for that matter. If the principle of Mercury is present, all work in harmony. If not, the group lands in conflict.

Learn to see what is common between you and the others. Cement the relation there. You remain together due to the bondage in that commonness. This is called the principle of cementing or bonding. There is an airy element relating to this; it is a *Deva*, called *Jara*.

There is a story in *Mahabharata* relating to this *Deva* of air. When this *Deva* is present, the bonding is so strong that it is difficult to separate the bonded ones. In this context, if you are interested you may read the story of *Jarasandha* in *Mahabharata*.

Speech and Discipleship

Control over speech is a fundamental aspect of discipleship. Speaking out good thoughts and keeping silence about unnecessary things is the first

step. Avoiding misinterpretation through speech is the second step. Not judging others in thought and speech is the third step. Not expressing judgement through speech is easier, but not letting the mind into the process of judging others requires stern discipline. The fourth step, the careful choice of words for precise presentation of thought, need to be exercised. Only then does the speech of a disciple have a deeper impact on the listener. Otherwise, the listener later realises that he did not gain any substance by listening to the speaker.

A disciple is one, who always cares to mean what he speaks. An average man does not. When one does not mean what he speaks, his lower centres can never be aligned. Disciples do not know that all their efforts to align the lower to the higher get disarranged when what they say is not what they mean. Etiquette never expects expressions that are unthoughtful, just for the sake of being pleasant.

In a civilised society etiquette is needed, but etiquette does not mean making pleasing speeches, which one does not really mean. This is highly recommended to be avoided. If a student on the spiritual path attains this, it becomes easier for him to raise himself from the lower pole.

Strenuous exercises are not needed for raising oneself, if one can amend one's base of speech in tune with the steps stated above.

The field of Mercury is between the heart and the throat centre. The word expresses in man through the heart and finds its expression through the speech. Thus, from the word to the speech, the entire field is the field of Mercury. It is said many times before that Mercury is the principle of expression. The word itself is an expression. It is an expression from the unknown. As if from nowhere the word expresses. 'Nowhere' means no place, which is pursuable. From an imperceptible plane to a perceptible plane the word expresses. The imperceptible plane is the plane of truth, *Para*. It means 'beyond'. God is another word for beyond. It is for this reason the scriptures say that 'the word was with God'. What was with God, when it expresses it is perceived. When perceived, it is known. When not perceived, it is hidden. When a word expresses through the heart, it is perceived. Perception is already a second level of the word. In the third level it clothed itself into a thought. When the word expresses and is perceived, it is like an idea, which details in you into a thought. Thought is thus the third level. At the fourth level one clothes it further to express. The second clothing is that of language. When it is spoken, seldom the word when expressed, finds its true expression due to successive modification of the word. Perception is the first state after the word's expression. How precise the perception was, depends upon the precision of the perceiving person. If the person is

not precise and accurate, the very perception can be a distorted one. The second stage, where distortion can happen, is when it is detailed into a thought. To detail an idea into a thought requires tremendous clarity of mind. When minds are not open, pure and clear like a blue sky, detailing into thought causes further distortion to the word. Thereafter, in the third stage, one gives language to it. Unless one knows the precise words, the appropriate words, there can be a further distortion. Translation of these further words is yet another distortion. Many scriptures today suffer distortion in the hands of interpreters and translators.

It is generally believed that the word as it expresses is not received well for expression in a language. For this reason many seers prefer not to speak. They believe in communication through silence. There are some other seers who cause transference of thought. There are others who speak, and there are still others who interpret. Ultimately, what comes out is totally different from what was expressed. All this is due to ineffective functioning of Mercury in humans. When a divine horse is spoken of, it ultimately expresses in language as a white donkey. Prophecies of a white donkey were originally meant to be prophecies of the causal body. It is thus found by seers, "The less we express, the better it is." The wise do not speak. The wise speak seldom. It is also common knowledge that, when one speaks more, he only speaks his ignorance.

Abraham Lincoln, an initiate in his own right, said once that one cannot speak sense beyond twenty minutes.

Coming back to the theme, discipleship demands that the student comes out of the grey matter of speeches and the noises, and lives in the pure ethers of speech. The Masters of wisdom say, "Speak well but speak not untruth." Speech helps us to align. Speech also helps us not to destroy ourselves. Remember, every word of our speech has got its origin in the Word.

Speech becomes *Mantrams* when one masters Mercury. Therefore, aspire for precision of perception of thought, and also aspire for fitness of the word when one speaks.

It is the cosmic word that stimulates the *buddhic* plane of man, and unless man aligns and makes precise his instrument, he cannot be a good conductor of the word. The *buddhic* plane is governed by Mercury, and the word comes to the mind from the *buddhic* plane; therefore, ensure that the mind is pure, precise, accurate and that it is well versed with the language. Then it can conduct the word responsibly.

The functioning of Mercury should be seen in three levels. One is objectivity to subjectivity, and subjectivity to objectivity. Where there is mediation in the mind between the speaker and the listener, this function of Mercury is common to all human beings. For a

disciple Mercury conducts communication between the subjective mind and the objective mind. A disciple is one who is ever engaged in dialogue with oneself. It is a dialogue between his conscience and his personality. Disciples are those who develop their conscience regularly, and refer the daily personality activity to the conscience for its judgements. They develop a process of self-searching, self-analysis through self-introspection. Whereby, they daily review if what they have thought, spoken and acted upon was up to the standard of conscience or not. This conscience is not so well developed in the ordinary persons. But to the students of discipleship it takes birth and develops itself through regular study of teachings and contemplations. These are the ones who are developing self-restraint, an ability to hold back the personality, and to give it a regulated action. It is similar to holding the horse by the reins. A part of the disciple holds the reins, while another part of the disciple functions as a horse. This is a double functioning by which one conducts a self-regulated activity. Even here it is Mercury that helps the communications.

Slowly the conscience grows in its strength, and transforms itself into a mantle that guides the personality into that state in which the consciousness is considered as the light of the soul. Thus Mercury leads a disciple to enter into the realm of communication between soul and personality. This is a higher state

of communication, where the personality receives its program from the soul, and conducts itself on a daily basis. When this happens one is a master of his life, and becomes an example for others to follow. Mercury can even conduct yet another higher function of communication, where a dialogue emerges between the spirit and the soul. Whereby, the soul receives the plan from higher circles and conducts itself through its personality. Thus, there are four levels of functioning of Mercury for fulfilment of God's plan on Earth.

Communication has different levels, from abstract state to the mundane state. In all these levels Mercury has its role to play.

Birth of *Budha* (Mercury) in the *Puranas*

In Sanskrit Mercury is called *Budha*. *Budha* is synonymous for *Buddhi*, the light of the soul. Mercury is the light of the soul, the soul being the Sun. In *Puranas* there is a mystical story relating to the birth of *Budha* (Mercury). Jupiter, the principle of wisdom, had a lady, named Tara. Wife and husband lived together in great harmony. There came a disciple to *Brihaspati* (Jupiter), by name *Chandra*, the Moon. Tara, the lady, and *Chandra*, the disciple, fell in love with each other for some time. Thereafter, Tara returned to her husband. After a few years there was a son born to Tara. *Chandra*, the Moon, claimed the son to be his.

Jupiter, the husband, also claimed him to be his. This is a puzzle, which you as a student have to solve.

Moon is your mind. Jupiter is the wisdom that you are taught by the teacher. You are with the teacher; consequently you learn wisdom through your mind. When wisdom is realised in you, it takes birth out of your mind. Therefore, it is mind's product. But such wisdom came to you from Jupiter, the teacher. Therefore, it is Jupiter's product, too. When the student is enlightened, to whom should the student attribute the wisdom? To his mind that went through the processes? Or to the teacher that induced the processes? Who is the rightful father to the child? Both, is the answer. Without either of them there cannot be birth of wisdom. But once wisdom is born, how will you use it? Do you use it for your own purposes, or will you offer it to the teacher? Offering it to the teacher is offering it to the Grand Plan. Therefore, the story goes that the *Deva* (who was born) decided to be the child of Jupiter.

When wisdom takes birth, such wisdom has to be offered to the larger benefit of people. The teacher knows the way to offer better than the student. Therefore, transform yourself from being just a man of mind to being a man of *Buddhi*. May you offer yourself with that *Buddhi*, to the teacher who stands as the representative of the Grand Plan. Such is the understanding of teacher and student.

Mercury, the Reflective Transmitter

Mercury has no message of its own. It is impersonal. Therefore, he stands as a messenger of the Gods. Messengers therefore should be good Mercurians. If one doesn't have good messengers, he invites problems to himself. A messenger has to be beyond motives. Only then he can transmit the message. The true teachers who carry the message to their fellow men are all messengers. When the teachers have motives, they are impure teachers. Manipulations happen through them and cause damage to their fellow beings. Pure teachers live in the intuitional plane. They receive to transmit. They do not carry urges to receive. They do not desire to receive. Desiring to receive is a motive. To stay in the *buddhic* plane, to be in the *buddhic* plane, is what they know. Their BE-NESS is such stillness. It enables impregnation of messages from higher circles. When impregnated, they speak or they teach or they write books. They do not make teaching, writing, or bookmaking as their vocation. They pass the message as impersonally as they receive it. Such messages inspire for long cycles of time.

Many well-meaning teachers, when affected by personal motives, indulge in inferior wisdom teachings. Then they confuse others with jugglery of words. They live in the guise of mature philosophers and thinkers.

Deceptions of educational aristocracy are too many in the world. The gullible are swept away by them. This is the mundane play of Mercury. A good Mercury, when its full expression touches the musical spheres of sound, gives out through his teachings the symphony that touches the heart of all beings. The music of such teachings raises the listeners straight away to the level of the heart, and enables them to experience the bliss of teachings. The listeners listen as if they are listening to the music of the soul. They feel enlightened, and dispersed with light and mind and bodies.

Mercury, in good aspect with any planet, gives full expression of the good traits of that planet.

When Mercury is in good aspect with Neptune, one's thoughts, words and deeds tend to be musical. When it is in good aspect with Uranus one tends to be responding to the high spheres of scientific thought. He can decipher the symbols of nature and the language of Gods. If Mercury is well aspected with Saturn he becomes a good disciplinarian and can see through the deficiencies of others. When Mercury is well aspected with Jupiter he carries the power of the word. Such ones have the abilities to bless, to heal, to magnetise, to encourage and to dispel fears. Such a one has all possibilities to be a good *Guru*. If Mercury is well aspected with Mars there would be thoughtful expression of force. If Mercury is well aspected with

Moon, the process of *Raja Yoga* becomes easier, in the sense that the mind tends to the *buddhic* plane with much facility. Mercury, when well aspected with Pluto, tends to extract the best out of one's self-exertion. When Mercury is well aspected with Sun, one tends to be an excellent leader of man. Mercury magnifies the impact of the related planet with respect to its positive traits. Such is the beauty of Mercury. Trine and sextile are considered as the good aspects. Astrology has many others aspects, which the *Vedic* astrology does not recognise.

Mercury helps to cause death to dualism. The mutable cross of Pisces and Gemini suffers from duality; it tosses between the opposites, between soul and personality, between higher and lower, between left and right, endlessly. Unless Mercury is fixed, the persons can never find salvation. Mercury in the lower planes gives double nature. It leads people to dichotomy, and therefore to death. They suffer from their double nature; they also suffer from their cheap diplomacy. They live in fear due to their own diplomacy. This is so common with Pisces, Gemini and Virgos. Their challenge is to mount upon the fixed cross, and this fixation can come only through Mercury.

It is very interesting to know that there is a Sun sign where the power of Mercury is greatly lessened. Sagittarius is regarded as a sign of balance and of no

extremes. Therefore, Mercury can neither cause fall nor exaltation in Sagittarius. “Sagittarians cannot be disturbed neither by the valleys nor the heights”, says Master Djwhal Khul.

Another interesting feature relating to Mercury is that it links squares. The squares in the horoscope can be brought to friendliness by adaptation, by the discipline of Mercury. Mercury can neutralise squares and oppositions in the horoscope. It indicates the golden middle path through which the seemingly disagreeable become agreeable. Thus, Mercury is seen as the key to neutralize the ill effects of a horoscope, and also reinforce the good aspects of a horoscope. Mercury links up all the three crosses of the zodiac. Masters of wisdom work with it, to bring out massive benefits to humanity.

Lastly, I may say a few things about nations who need the appropriate rule of Mercury, to bring about the world welfare. Countries like the United States of America, Germany and England have the imminent need to take the cardinal rules of Mercury, to lift up the world economics to the heights of chastity. It is long expected that they come out of short-term diplomacy to retain supremacy, and adapt to long-term noble agreements with the nations at large in matters of economics. By this, they benefit themselves much more and effectively benefit the globe. This is awaited in the subtle plane, and will soon happen

compulsively through time, if not voluntarily adopted in immediate times.

May you make best use of Mercury in your day-to-day life vis-à-vis your perceptions, thoughts, speeches and actions. May we delight in the light of *Buddhi*, which is called the light of Mercury.

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