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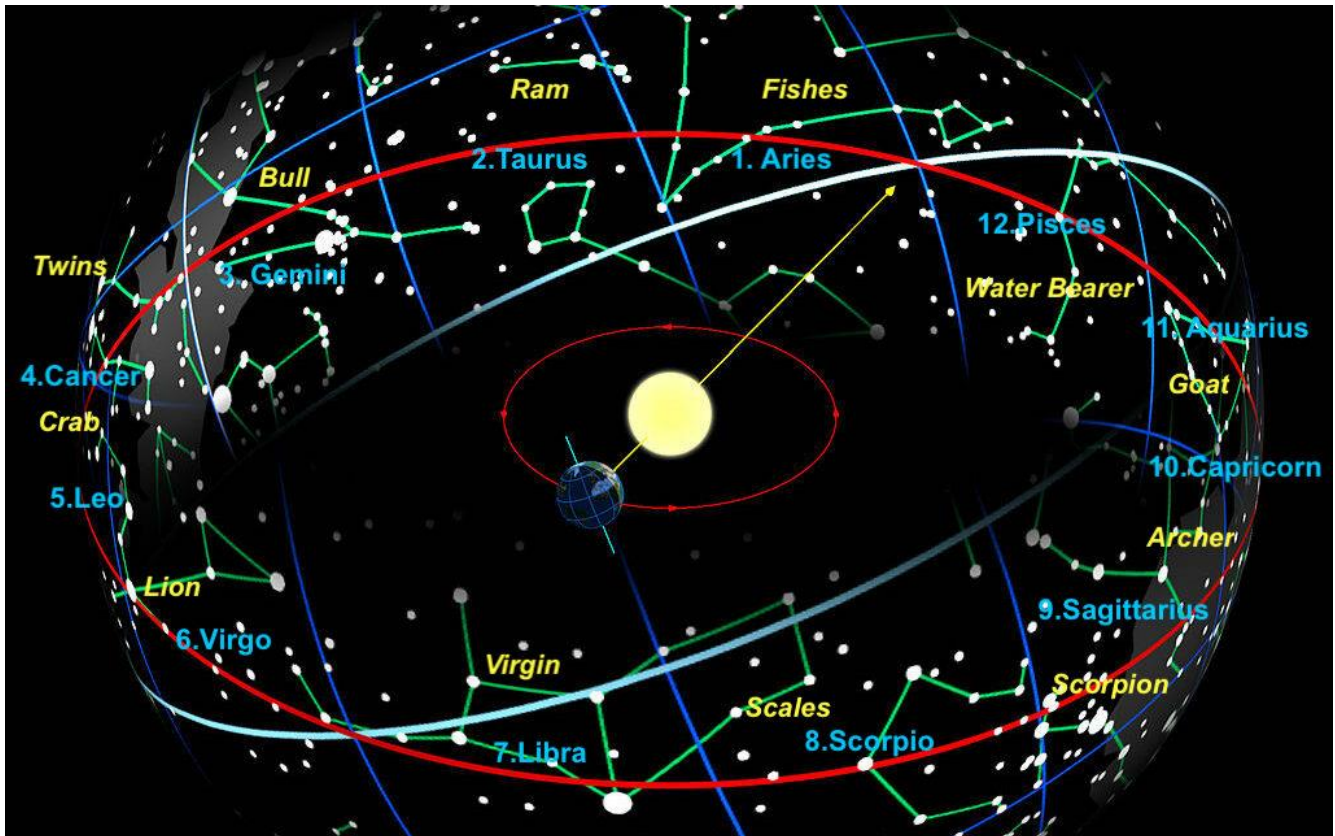
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ZODIACAL RITUALITY IN THE TWO TERRESTRIAL HEMISPHERES

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At the dawn of the New Age, it is necessary to update many concepts, or further clarify what we understand about them, hence, after a seven-year period dedicated to the New Culture (2015-2021), our reflection now (septennium 2022-2028) focuses on the idea of [Religion](#) and, especially in this [year 6.2](#), on the *Bases of the New World Religion*.

One of these necessary updates involves the resetting of the *planetary human rituality* according to the *unitary but polar Rhythm* of Heaven:

“The forms assumed by the religious practices and rituals, though having unified roots, will be varied and freely used according to places and peoples. Yet the liturgy will be a single one, though lived in an opposite and symmetrical way in the two hemispheres (north and south), according to the alternate passage of the seasons.” (from [The Distant Goals](#) - Goal 6.2, fifth aspect)

It will then be necessary to learn to choose the *symbols* and to orchestrate the *liturgies* most consistent with the two terrestrial hemispheres, symmetrically with one another, when celebrating the same *rhythmic Impulse* or *Date*, for example a Solstice or Christmas, or any other *celestial Direction* established by the cyclic Rhythm and Breath of our Planet in motion within the solar System. The New world Religion will see humanity, in [imitation of the Hierarchy](#) and the [new Group of world servers](#), follow and celebrate not so much the *Dates* and *Festivals* of its ordinary calendars, but rather those sanctioned by the heavenly Rhythms and Cycles in the Zodiac Wheel (alignments, conjunctions, annual

cornerstones, full moons...), for we will have understood their *evolutionary value* in *founding a new solar Culture* on Earth.

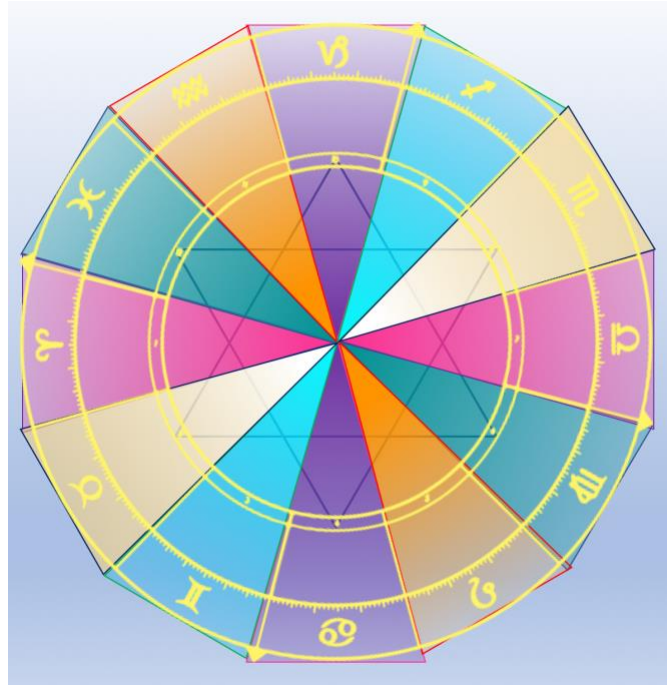
In fact, according to the wisdom Tradition, we have learnt to recognise that all celestial causal Impulses are *qualified* by the **12 Principles** of the Zodiac (the **12 Signs** and their corresponding creative Hierarchies), those **12 Archetypes** of the *Evolution of Consciousness and Form* which, as **12 Keys**, help us understand the *elusive Decrees of the Heavens*. On these 12 '[mysteries](#)' of *Esoteric Astrology*, the "Science of spatial Relations", is based the *conscious Evolution* of Humanity and of the Planet towards a *new world Culture and Religion*.¹



The *Rhythm* of the planetary *Rituality* will therefore be guided and ordered, ever more wisely, by this Field of evolutionary Qualities.

Well, in this regard, Esoteric Astrology teaches that each *Sign of the zodiac* of our celestial Horizon (Ecliptic) – recognised as a *causative Principle* – also holds within itself the *Quality* of the opposite Sign, in a Synthesis with an alternating pulse, established by the motion of the **Sun-Earth Direction**: each Sign therefore imbues one of the 12 astrological phases of the annual cycle but, seen as a **zodiacal Axis** or **Polarity**, it pulses twice a year, in a *unitary but polar* way. Moreover, this *unitary but polar* pulsation colours the manifestation in the two earthly Hemispheres still in a dual manner, i.e., *with reversed seasons* (see the video "[The journey of the Sun in the two terrestrial Hemispheres](#)" with the position of the apparent Sun at the 4 cornerstones of the annual cycle, and in the two Hemispheres – in Italian with English subtitles).

In order to clarify and formulate the foundations of a *planetary rhythmic Rituality*, the first step that seemed necessary to us was therefore to establish the **6 Pairs of Principles/Ideas** that imbue the **6 zodiacal Axes** identified by the **Sun-Earth Axis** (symbol of the *Soul-Personality Relationship*), that 6-pointed and 7-centres *Star of Life* that causes and leads the expansion of the *solar* or *Christ Consciousness* (the Soul or Group Consciousness: the *subject* at the Centre) for both Hemispheres, and thus, with regard to this investigation, also their *solar rituals*.

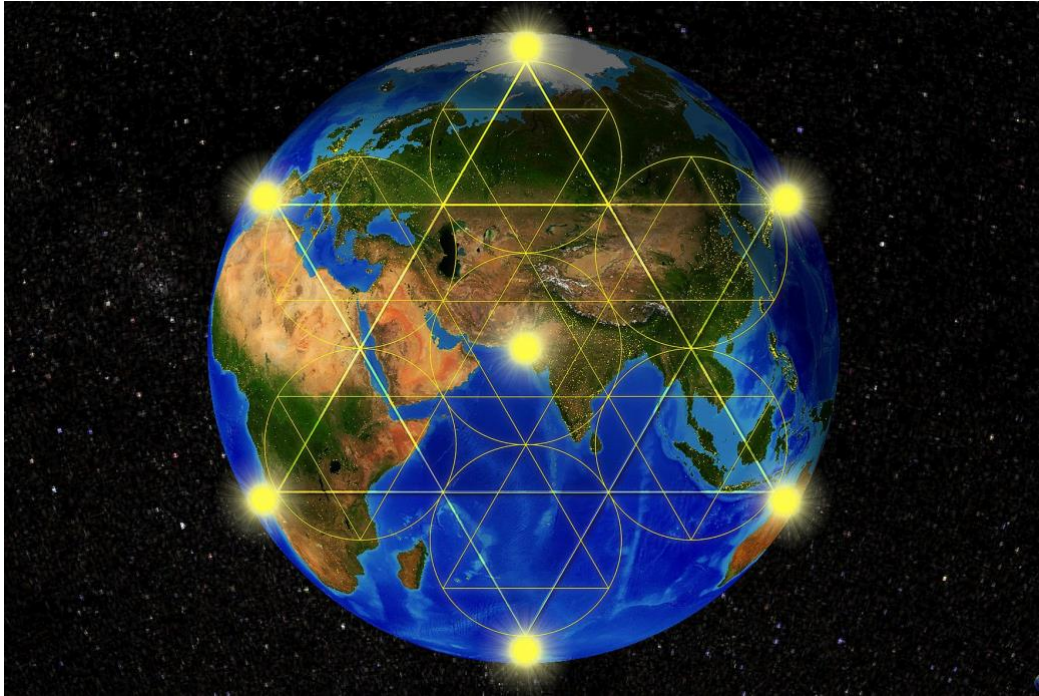


In the motion of the Wheel of the so-called *minor Zodiac* (the annual cycle), we can then think that at each transition into a Sign, its causal Principle, as a *polar* current of energy (including, as mentioned, the opposite Sign), urges the two terrestrial Hemispheres to express that inherent polarity/duality in the Becoming, of which the *seasonal symmetry* of Nature is precisely a primary expression.

And yet, on closer inspection, this flow of causal energy, while manifesting itself in a dual manner in the two Hemispheres, just as they jointly and symmetrically **celebrate** their *natural liturgy* recomposes dualism at the Centre, making its essential Polarity or *harmonic Interval* resonate. It is only the human vision that has yet to become *aware* of this polar stream of causes, and to learn to go along with it with consonant, planetary thought-forms, not diverted by unbalanced (north-centric) habits.

Therefore when we enter, for example, into the Sign of Aries (apparent Sun in Aries – Earth in Libra), it is the Principle of Aries – fused with its polar opposite Libra – that ignites for both hemispheres, albeit ‘duplicating’ itself in the field of consciousness and terrestrial forms according to two specular modes, which will then find their natural fulfilment six months later in the opposite scenario Libra–Aries (apparent Sun in Libra, Earth in Aries), also branching out in two modes in the two hemispheres; in other words, the two Signs of each Axis operate together in the two symmetrical halves of the Earth’s Sphere and alternately in the annual cycle: the Symmetry between their dualisms ‘does its work’ and reveals the central *One*, the synthetic Principle.²

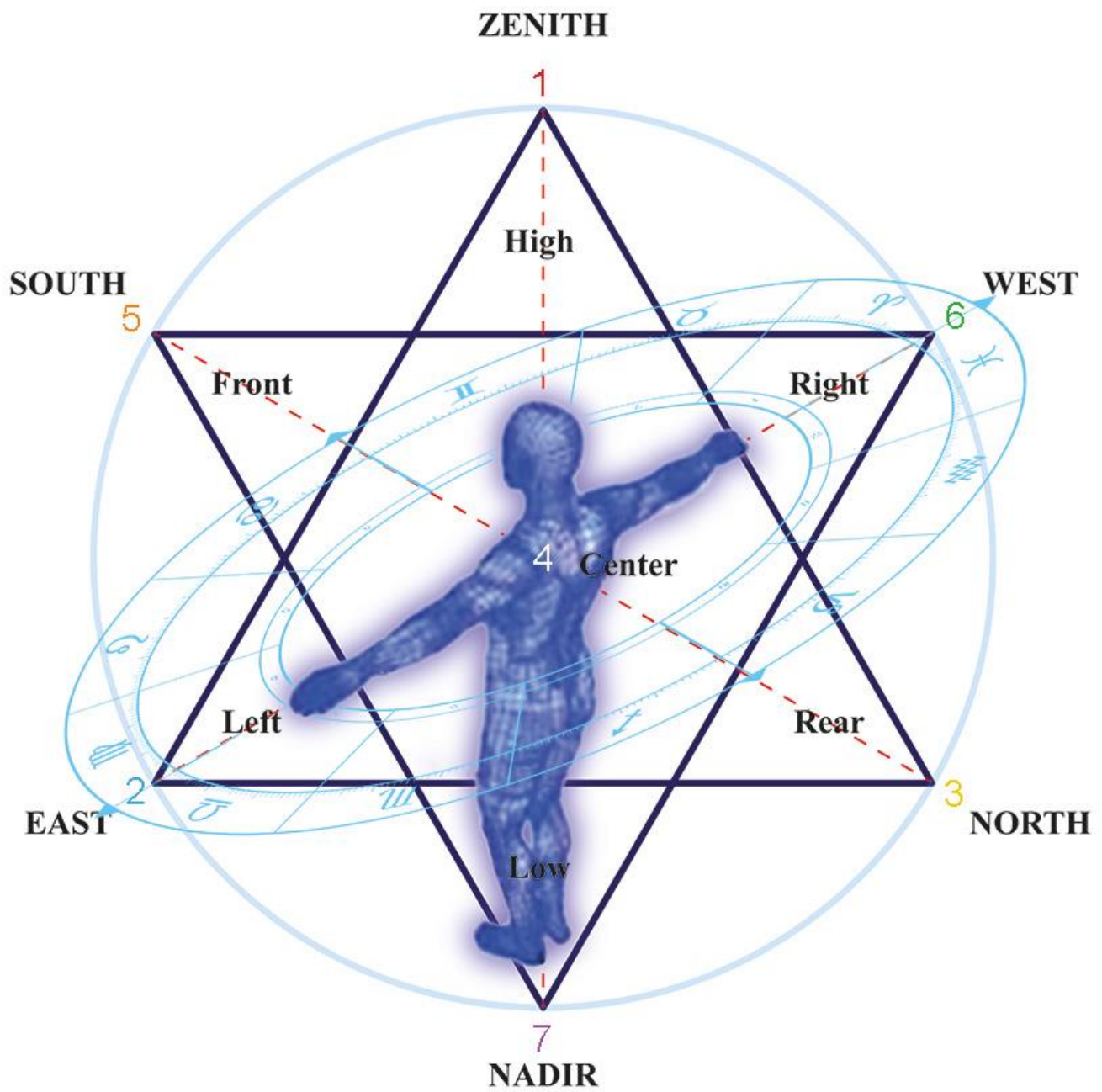
The difficulty, as mentioned, lies in being able to disengage ourselves from the *seasonal* attribution that has been given to a Sign of the zodiac for centuries (by a north-centric astrology), with the related qualities connected to the appearance of nature and to the psyche that is consequently influenced by it. Our endeavour will therefore be to succeed in eliminating the strange feeling we get when we think, for example, that Christmas in Capricorn, ‘wintry’ for the northern hemisphere, initiates summer instead in the southern hemisphere (Santa Claus with the reindeer is therefore not a planetary Symbol, but only a boreal one!), or that the *centre of spring*, which for the northern hemisphere coincides with the Sun at the *luminous* centre of the Sign of Taurus (beginning of May), occurs instead in the austral hemisphere at the beginning of November with the Sun at the centre of a *luminous* Sign of Scorpio!



As stated, attention must therefore be focused on understanding the *polar energetic unity* expressed by the zodiacal Axis according to the two seasonal modes of Nature and on the fact that the two hemispheres ‘work’ together to express the Synthesis of the World of Ideas or Being. Perhaps if the Signs in the Axis were called by their Numbers (e.g.: Aries-Libra = 1st and 7th Sign) we would have less difficulty in grasping the essential unitary identity of their polar Relationship.

Moreover, fixing these **6 Pairs of Principles/Ideas** that inform the **6 zodiacal Axes** can only favour disidentification from the *Sign of the apparent Sun* (symbol of Personality) and facilitate identification with the **6 primary Functions** of the *Star of Life* for the evolution of *Christ Consciousness* (Soul).

Here then is the fruit of group reflection, in this largely unexplored field, in search of the unitary and polar Principles of the **6 zodiacal Axes**, in search of the *Star of Life of the Christic Evolution* of the Planet and Man, in search of the *Rhythm of the planetary Heart*:



Man at the Centre of the 6 Directions of Space and the 6 Zodiac Axes ³

Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Capricorn Cancer Key concepts: SPIRIT/ SUBSTANCE INITIATION/ REALISATION Cardinal Cross Crisis	<i>December Solstice / beginning of winter</i>	<i>December Solstice / beginning of summer</i>
	<i>June Solstice / beginning of summer</i>	<i>June Solstice – beginning of winter</i>
	<p>On the Capricorn-Cancer Axis, Spirit and Substance, the Summit and the Valley, are One: it is a time of initiation into new cycles or worlds and of maximum realisation (<i>Gate of the Gods</i> and <i>Gate of Men</i>).</p> <p>In December, at the solstitial entry of the apparent Sun in Capricorn (Earth in Cancer), there is a fulfilment, which sees in the Northern Hemisphere the <i>maximum realisation</i> or <i>initiation of spirit</i> in contrast to the maximum spoliation of nature/substance, while in the Southern Hemisphere this <i>maximum realisation of spirit</i> is expressed in the full summer splendour of nature.</p> <p>At the December solstice, the Northern Hemisphere thus sees the withdrawal of forms in order to focus on the inner life of spirit (emphasis on <i>transcendence</i>), while the Southern Hemisphere asserts the triumph of spirit in the world of becoming with the greatest proliferation of nature/substance (emphasis on <i>immanence</i>).</p> <p>Symmetrically, at the June solstice – entry of the Sun in Cancer (Earth in Capricorn), the <i>natural</i> manifestations are reversed in the two hemispheres: summer in the north (<i>realisation of spirit into substance</i> with the maximum growth of nature: <i>immanence</i>) and winter in the south (initiation or withdrawal of forms to focus on the interiority of the spirit: <i>transcendence</i>).</p>	
Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Aquarius Leo Key concepts: FIELD/ CENTRE CONCENTRATION/ EXPANSION OF CONSCIOUSNESS Fixed Cross Tension	<i>Midwinter</i>	<i>Midsummer</i>
	<i>Midsummer</i>	<i>Midwinter</i>
	<p>On the Aquarius-Leo Axis, Life expands and concentrates, organises Fields (Space) and identifies Centres (Life) for the evolution of Consciousness; the tension is between collective and individual Consciousness.⁴</p> <p>With the Sun in Aquarius (Earth in Leo), the tension between centres and fields corresponds, in the Northern Hemisphere, to the first courageous harbingers of the future awakening, although still immersed in the maximum formal homologation of nature (middle of winter), while in the Southern Hemisphere the formal richness of nature is undermined by the heat wave (middle of summer) which causes the first signs of decay.</p> <p>With the Sun in Leo (Earth in Aquarius), the tension between centres and fields witnesses the reverse situation in nature: in the Northern Hemisphere the heat wave of nature begins to obliterate formal multiplicity (middle of summer), while in the Southern Hemisphere the uniformity of nature dominates, albeit with some first signs of the future spring awakening (middle of winter).</p>	

Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Pisces Virgo Key concepts: FATHER/ MOTHER DEATH- LIBERATION /BIRTH Mutable Cross Emergence	<i>End of winter</i>	<i>End of summer</i>
	<i>End of summer</i>	<i>End of winter</i>
	<p>Pisces-Virgo are the <i>Two Origins</i> generating or releasing their infinite offspring. Christ Consciousness, in gestation in the long cycles of incarnations within the Form (Matter/Substance/Mother), is reborn to perform the work of salvation and thus return to the Father's Home (Spirit).</p> <p>When the Sun enters Pisces (Earth in Virgo) at the end of February and March, we witness an 'end' or 'liberation' from the dualism of Becoming, from the effects of the evolutionary cycle initiated in Aries (1st Sign of the evolutionary Wheel of the Zodiac). In the Northern Hemisphere, nature's dormant phase (winter) comes to an end and the sprouting seeds announce the spring awakening, while in the Southern Hemisphere, the glory of summer definitively declines in view of the last harvests (in autumn).</p> <p>The Sun entering Virgo (Earth in Pisces) at the end of August then through September, determines the swapping of the parts: in the Northern Hemisphere the fullness of summer fades away carrying the last fruits (to be harvested in autumn), while in the Southern Hemisphere the seeds in winter gestation germinate, heralding their re-birth (in spring).</p>	
Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Aries Libra Key concepts: FORM/ ESSENCE MANIFESTATION/ ABSTRACTION Cardinal Cross Crisis	<i>March Equinox – beginning of spring</i>	<i>March Equinox – beginning of autumn</i>
	<i>September Equinox – beginning of autumn</i>	<i>September Equinox – beginning of spring</i>
	<p>On the Aries-Libra Axis, the energetic charge of Life sets the entire Zodiac Wheel in motion while marking out the steps of planetary evolution according to celestial Law: its <i>dynamic</i> impulse either initiates Manifestation and the journey of Consciousness (Aries) or reabsorbs them extracting their Essence (Libra).</p> <p>In the Northern Hemisphere, at the equinoctial entry in March of the apparent Sun in Aries (Earth in Libra), we witness then the emergence of the <i>impulse</i> of spirit 'on the surface', in matter, that is, through the 'creation' and manifestation of Form (spring), while in the Southern Hemisphere, conversely, the impulse of Life tends to extract or <i>abstract</i> the Essence of forms in order to return it to the reservoir of Spirit (autumn).</p> <p>At the equinoctial entry of the Sun in Libra (Earth in Aries), in September, the earthly hemispheres experience a point of specular equilibrium and, due to the play of polarities, swap roles: the Northern Hemisphere beholds the rise of the spiritual impulse that brings the quintessence of forms back into the interiority (autumn), while in the Southern Hemisphere the spiritual energy fecundates Space with manifest forms (spring).</p>	

Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Taurus Scorpio Key concepts: LIGHT/ DARKNESS GROWTH/ DECLINE OF LIGHT- CONSCIOUSNESS Fixed Cross Tension	<i>Middle of spring</i>	<i>Middle of autumn</i>
	<i>Middle of autumn</i>	<i>Middle of spring</i>
	<p>On the Taurus-Scorpio Axis, the growth process of Light/Consciousness and of forms is consolidated and reaches its fullness: the spiritual essence releases Beauty and Harmony into Space. In Taurus-Scorpio the cycle offers the two hemispheres the opportunity to illuminate the mystery of Life, to understand that “limitless striving of harmony” that causes evolution.</p>	
	<p>With the Sun in Taurus (Earth in Scorpio) we witness, in both hemispheres, the taking root of Life through the force of desire: germination, birth, growth, propagation and taking possession of territory are some of the effects, either sustained by the increase (boreal) or transformed by the decline (austral) of light and heat, essential principles for the life of forms. In Taurus, the force of Light/Consciousness corresponds to the splendour of blossoming (Northern Hemisphere – middle of spring), or to the saturation of nature’s colours (Southern Hemisphere – middle of autumn).</p> <p>With the Sun in Scorpio (Earth in Taurus), Life penetrates and takes root in the spaces of interiority, abandoning the forms to the inexorability of the cycle of existence which after birth foresees death, while, symmetrically, spiritual light and warmth, necessary for germination, birth and growth of the soul principle, are nourished.</p> <p>In Scorpio the force of Light/Consciousness corresponds outwardly to the colourful triumph of nature (Northern Hemisphere – middle of autumn) or to the festive glory of flowering (Southern Hemisphere – middle of spring).</p>	
Axis	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Gemini Sagittarius Key concepts: POLARITY/ DIRECTION INTERACTION/ ONENESS Mutable Cross Emergence	<i>End of spring</i>	<i>End of autumn</i>
	<i>End of autumn</i>	<i>End of spring</i>
	<p>The Gemini-Sagittarius Axis is the magnetic pulsation of Consciousness that synthesises opposites and attracts the Many to the common Goal. The manifold richness of Becoming converges towards the Unity of Being. The pulsating motion of Life exerts all its <i>polar</i> power by building the two sides of the Way (dualism of Becoming) or by demanding, in the end, that process of reunification, in consciousness, which will culminate in the vision of the new annual Goal at the next Solstice.</p>	
	<p>With the Sun entering Gemini (Earth in Sagittarius), the pulsating and diverging motion of Life branches out and multiplies the forms and relationships between consciousnesses: in the Northern Hemisphere it is the end of spring that will culminate in the summer solstice, while in the Southern Hemisphere autumn comes to an end, and formal multiplicity tends towards essentiality, approaching the ‘occult’ beginning of the winter solstice.</p> <p>The arrival of the Sun in Sagittarius (Earth in Gemini) leads towards the ‘direction’ of oneness that leads to the full realisation of the Common Good. This convergent motion further refines and directs consciousness in order to lead it to the summit of its possibilities and grant it ‘transfiguration’ (Capricorn Solstice).</p> <p>In the Northern Hemisphere it is the final month of autumn that recalls, with its progressive essentiality, the solstitial Summit, while in the Southern Hemisphere it is spring that comes to an end, bringing the Festival of Nature (summer Solstice) to a climax.</p>	

Summary of the Ideas/Principles of the 6 Zodiac Axes (starting with 1-Aries):

Aries/ Libra	FORM/ ESSENCE	MANIFESTATION/ ABSTRACTION
Taurus/ Scorpio	LIGHT/ DARKNESS	GROWTH/DECLINE OF LIGHT-CONSCIOUSNESS
Gemini/ Sagittarius	POLARITY/ DIRECTION	INTERACTION/ ONENESS
Cancer/ Capricornus	SUBSTANCE/ SPIRIT/	REALISATION/ INITIATION
Leo/ Aquarius	CENTRE/ FIELD	CONCENTRATION/ EXPANSION OF CONSCIOUSNESS
Virgo/ Pisces	MOTHER/ FATHER	BIRTH/ DEATH-LIBERATION

In our search for the *unitary root* and *rhythm* of future human rituals, the **12** beats or basic Ideas of the annual Cycle that qualify the planetary Breath and Thought have been established; the inner harmonic structure with **6** polarities of the Sun-Earth Axis (Soul-Personality) has been identified and its symmetrical and alternate pulsation in the interplay of the **4** seasons in the **2** hemispheres has been compared.

We are only at the dawn of the real understanding of the unitary but polar Rhythm of the planetary Logos, for which an initiatory level of consciousness is required; and yet, to have fixed in our minds its ‘firm composition of elements’ or systemic basis is a good starting point that teaches us to observe and experience each yearly Breath and each Sign of the zodiac with a new – planetary – vision and breadth, and to derive from it, when human thought will be sufficiently responsive or mature, a *worldwide spiritual Ritality*, differentiated according to peoples and to the alternating flow of the seasons in the two hemispheres, but at the unitary and coordinated service of the evolutionary Plan.

Then “the ceremonial ritual of the daily life of Sanat Kumara, implemented by music and sound and carried on the waves of colour which break upon the shores of the three worlds of human evolution”⁵ will be our *united breath and unified rhythm*.



¹ “The sequence of the Mysteries which each of the signs of the Zodiac embodies will be clarified for us by the Christ, because the public consciousness today demands something more definite and spiritually real than modern astrology, or all the pseudo-occultism so widely extant.” (A. A. Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p 127) – see the [*12 Christic Assertions*](#).

² The Signs, for Esoteric Astrology, also have a *dual* Keynote, for ordinary men and for disciples, expressing the polar motion of energy that either propels towards the construction of Form and personality, or helps to reveal the Essence or soul aspect. The two meanings and directions of the energy of the Sign, descending and ascending, intertwine and complement each other, and act on all human consciousnesses in both the terrestrial Hemispheres, according to their degree of responsiveness to the energy.

The “mystery of Polarity” is the *second* Mystery of the present *Second Solar System*, hence its ruling Principle, cause of the *Evolution of the Second Aspect of Consciousness*.

³ In the image, the association between Directions and Signs of the Zodiac is made according to one of the possible perspectives, and presents the typical inconsistencies due to the counter clockwise sequence of the Signs of the Zodiac, opposite to the clockwise direction of the Sun's apparent motion on the horizon; it must also be taken into account that the 6 Directions (Above-Below, Front-Behind, Right-Left) refer to the three-dimensional space while the Ecliptic Plane of the Zodiac is two-dimensional.

⁴ On the Aquarius-Leo Axis, fundamental to the coming Age, the need arises for ‘building’ an appropriate instrument and field so that *conscious Service to the Common Good* can be realised and understood.

Such an instrument could be the individual consciousness that is urged on one hand to assume the capacity of a group consciousness, and on the other hand to achieve the fullness of the Self. Both processes are indispensable to evolution, and only the dialectic established by the two movements makes it possible to attain that consciousness which will imbue and inspire the ‘World Server’.

The process from individual to collective consciousness is achieved on one hand by concentrating energy in order to realise the kingship of the Self, while on the other it works to decentralise this energy from the throne of personality in order to rule from the vibrational plane where the Christ Consciousness, the Soul, the ‘World Server’, dwells.

⁵ From A. A. Bailey, *Rays and the Initiations*, p. 246.