

What are the signs of the Heavens?

The March Equinox is the 2nd impulse or discontinuity of the planetary cycle. Consciousness is shaped by the powerful radiance of the cardinal axis **Aries-Libra**, which transmits the **1st, 3rd and 7th Ray**. Power, Light and Order flood the planetary and solar space, rectifying its contents and forms.

In every Aries (1-7 R.) period consciousness looks for new forms, starts new undertakings and manifestations, asserting new strongholds and mental syntheses. Governing from the plane of mind (for the 3 lower worlds) is the goal for humans and is the base of the real Man, the Initiate, which "with the Sun in Aries" enhances his function and dignity as a creator and thinker.

It is the fiery Thought (higher or causal manasic plane) which connects Hierarchy and Humanity, and its flowers, *egoic lotuses* oriented to the Sun, bloom to adorn the Earth and inundate it with the scent of distant worlds, towards the Infinite.

They receive celestial rays via the Sun and strength from planetary roots, enshrining the sacred *seed of spirit*, the son of Cosmos. In this *monad* Heaven is fully reflected and pour out its gifts.

In these monads is the power to draw the advancement of all lives, the evolution of consciousness and the renewal of forms.

Similarly, it is the big dipper of the **Great Bear**, in spatial relationship with **Aries-Libra**, that guides in lead position the solar and planetary pace directing its steps according to the septenary canon. The *seven Rishis of Great Bear*, the Lords and guardians of the seven Rays, drive our System of seven solar systems, also directing and informing as cosmic Prototypes our seven sacred Planets. So it is through Its great "directive star" *Merak* (the First Rishi) that this cosmic Stronghold releases energy of pure Will, retransmitted by the Sun directly to the solar Government of the Planet, Shamballa, and from there to the head and base centers (1 - 7) of initiates and disciples: beginning and end, alpha and omega, for synthesis at all levels.

In particular, when consciousness inhales and exhales the values of Aries and Libra in the cycle of terrestrial year (4th and 10th phases, from March and September equinoxes), the Ursa Major constellation dominates the local meridian at noon or midnight (peak and valley of the lower planetary breath, the day), as proof, even at the physical or astronomical level, of the primary power of **1-7 axis**, the vertical line of Life fecundating the womb of Space.

This year, the Aries equinox is exceptional at the solar systemic level for the powerful convergence of its planetary rulers, opposed to Earth in Libra: **Mars** (6th R.) and **Uranus** (7th R.) are both in Aries (conjunct heliocentrically on March 16 and geocentrically on March 23). This is most powerful since they are rulers (conveying lower octaves) of the Sign, the former exoterically (overwhelming impetus and desire translated into action) and the latter hierarchically (cosmic traction: start of manifestation and, conversely, impulse of abstraction). Two contrasting drives, one toward manifestation, the other toward abstraction and synthesis, fused by the indomitable spirit capable of creating forms of pure fire while remaining free: *the human Hierarchy, as guardian of the sacred seed of spirit, takes the field.*

In that "sea of fire" let us make ourselves worthy of this powerful stroke of Heaven.

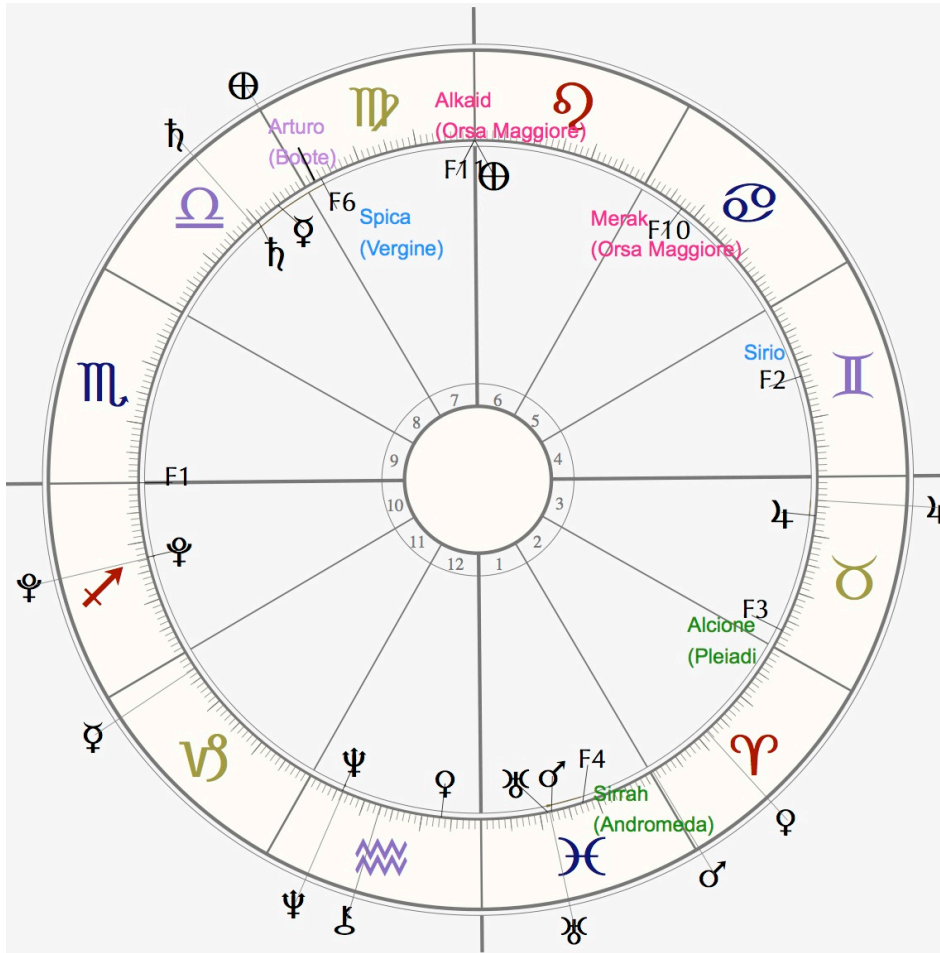
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Here are the four heavens of the 4th phase/petal of solar, planetary and human Heart:

Heliocentric sidereal chart

Earth in the stellar field of the **Virgin** - the Sun is seen by Earth entering in the stellar field of the **Fishes** (Mar 17 - Apr 16, 2013)

Alignments on the Ecliptic between Stars and Planets



Inner wheel of the Luminaries: positions at Mar 17, 2013 - External wheel: positions at Apr 16, 2013

1) **1st heliocentric sidereal heaven** is assumed as the perspective of the Life aspect which, anchored in the Heart of each Planet, identifies itself with the **Sun** at the center, the manifestation of cosmic Christ. The Sun and His Heart (Vulcan) are actually the head of the flock or the "solar ram" of the whole system and, as a central Magnet, keep it moving in Space, guiding its ascent through the sea of cosmic fire, oriented to and by the **Galactic Center** (direction between the stars of the **Scorpion** and the **Archer**: the *cosmic ascendant* of Monads).

Listening to and attempting to read ecliptic conjunctions between Luminaries and Stars, between solar and cosmic Centers, tend to transcend the evident yet apparent limit of distance. It is thus possible to understand these stellar weavings as *vital engines* of any seed of the spirit 'deposed on the ecliptic'. The Monad, or the *Third Triad*¹, nourished by cosmic Heaven, sets up the fiery, magnetic and electrical tension needed to create and manifest love and lightning, contents and forms, events and facts.

¹ The threefold Entities composed of the three higher planes energies of the 7th cosmic physical plane: the logic, monadic and atmic systemic planes.

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In this respect, intercepting the deepest channels between Luminaries and Stars orientates to the vital energies available to the solar Governments of each Planet, which give *life, impulse and direction* to all lower purposes, down to the atomic ones. For the Earth it is the Head center Shamballa which acts as a "solar power station", a spiritual central Sun, and it is presumably this stronghold that transforms the charges of stellar Fire into vital impulses and directives to guide the Return to the Fiery World - the planetary advancement according to the systemic and cosmic Purpose.

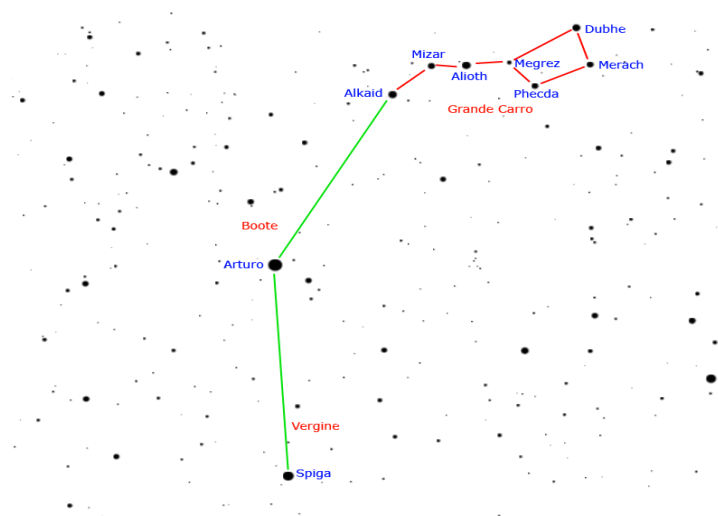
The impulse which moves the Heart to look to Heaven *as if* it could assume the perspective of the real Government is certainly audacious, if not absurd to some extent, yet the *golden proportion*, the power of fiery thinking, teaches us to recognize and attribute in commensurability fields and relationships, correspondences and appliances, from here to infinity.

Shamballa is part of the solar Government, not just planetary, and Its tension to the deepest Heaven can but be the destiny of every spark of life or monad. Beyond time and distance, and the effective capacity to respond given by initiations, we can thus prepare and facilitate this destiny, thanks to the scientific faculty that is proportioning and analogical thinking, combined with the creative imagination of the Heart.

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Thus, with the vision that can 'touch' the cosmic Fire, let us look to the *Heavens of Life* and its directions activated on the Ecliptic, the 'plane of co-measurement', between the axis Sun-Planets and other cosmic Centers.

In this 4th phase of the planetary breath, on April 13 the **Earth**, among the receptive stars of the **Virgin** from the solar perspective, is in conjunction with its bright **Spica**, the source of purity, and shortly after, on April 14, with **Arthur (Boote)**, the King driving the Seven Rays currents of the Big Dipper, poured forth from the last star **Alkaid**², to the round table of the Zodiac, through Spica, the nourishing and fertile "ear of corn":



Also noteworthy is, on March 30, the conjunction between the solar Eye **Mercury** (4th R) and **Antares** (the Heart of the Scorpion and "rival of Ares"), the burning red giant 'similar' to

² *Alkaid* is aligned to the Earth-Sun axis on March 17.

the planet Mars³. The Sun, through the viewfinder Mercury, tunes up with the Source of cosmic Ardor, the guardian of dazzling depths around the galactic *Center of centers* on the one hand, and on the other of the mystery of Harmony through Conflict (the 4th systemic Ray, the 4th Hierarchy of human monads, heart&eye of our planetary Logos).

Mercury, while crossing these celestial areas, focuses on the Goal restraining His pendular motion around the Sun (thus He visits only three constellations in the current month, from the Scales to the Archer, versus a maximum rate of 6 per month).

Venus (5th R), the solar Wisdom, interpolates in the meantime the ecliptic constellations of the Water Bearer and the Ram, intercepting the entire constellation of the Fishes where Uranus and Mars dominate.

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2) In the **2nd heliocentric tropical heaven** (next page) the same positions/incidences of the Luminaries are seen according to what might be considered the perspective of the planetary Consciousness (anchored in the Head of each Planet) oriented to and by the Sun at the center, responding to the 12 **Signs** of the Zodiac with **Aries** as starting point or *solar ascendant*, the primary direction of the Soul.

Aries 2013 is a *Heaven of Causes*, as mentioned above, of extreme energy charge: in the seven year transit of **Uranus** in Aries (2011-2018) this is the only time that **Mars** joins Him across the equinoctial or "battering-ram" time. Mars (6th R. not sacred) is the motive or desire that results in action (self-centered and rebellious for ordinary humanity, ardent and resolute for disciples and initiates) and Uranus (7th) is the accelerator towards abstraction. The conjunction in Their Sign **Aries (1, 7)** can have nothing short of revolutionary and disruptive effects to Consciousness, even more for the confrontation with the Lord of the Underworld **Pluto** (1st R.) in **Capricorn (1, 3, 7)**: the paths of renewal from obsolete and restraining sediments and links are unlocked in an overwhelming and incontrovertible way.

The **Earth** (3rd R) crosses the equinoctial threshold and enters the vortex of **Libra (3)** opposite to **Venus** (5th R) for all of this 4th crucial phase. The octave Earth-Venus, the note of golden and intelligent *Brotherhood* already resounded by the initial solstice Heaven, thus seems the compensation factor and way of escape for the excessive tension of Aries 2013, when all opposing forces take the field to face each other and resolve in the center.

This helps to defuse the explosive charge of Mars-Uranus-Aries and also the quintile to **Jupiter** (2nd), now in the 6th sector (20°-25°) of **Gemini (2)**, to "connect kindred spirits to the Magnet". So the quincunxes⁴ to **Mercury** (4th) and **Saturn** (3rd) in **Scorpio (4)** open channels to dissolve conflicts in the Light and prepare resolving plans.

While Uranus in Aries "propagates the fiery rhythm of Victory", **Neptune** (6th R) in **Pisces (2, 6)** "recalls warriors to the Father's House", ensuring an inexhaustible supply of saving force.

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³ It is the Star of cosmic Desire, one of the 4 *regal Stars* of Persian astrology (with Regulus, Aldebaran and Fomalhaut). For Egyptians It was the symbol of the goddess Isis (Sirius), and in ancient China the region of the sky surrounding Antares was called *Ming Tang*, which means *Hall of light*, with reference to the Emperor's boardroom: Antares symbolized the emperor himself, while the stars surrounding his court, his advisers and sons.

⁴ The *quincunx* is an angle/ratio of 150° or 5/12 of 360°, which is a minor Third in Harmonics, i.e., constructive "downwards", and according to the psychological key, indicates rectification and redemption from the forms of the past.

Even the geocentric Heaven of Aries 2013 shows this Sign as dominant with respect to Planets, due to the presence of **Sun/Vulcan**, veiling **Venus** in its splendor (behind the Sun in relation to Earth), and the impetuous and uncontrollable pair **Mars** and **Uranus**, as for the heliocentric view. These fires and flames lit in Aries, powered by **Jupiter** in **Gemini**, press **Saturn** in **Scorpio** (configuration known as the "finger of God"), requesting an urgent re-evaluation, correction and reconstruction of the depths of consciousness and substance.

This configuration receives an outlet on the crucial day of Equinox, when the **Moon** (4th R. not sacred) *in domus aurea* in **Cancer**, is opposite or restrictive to the Destroyer **Pluto** (1st) in **Capricorn**, and in synthesizing trine to **Neptune-Mercury** in **Pisces** and **Saturn** in **Scorpio**: Waters poured by Heaven are destined to go back and save everything, in due time.

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In **Aries (1, 7)** the human Heart, initiate through the worlds, high at the center of the four arms of the **Cardinal Cross**, learns to accelerate rhythm, open its mind and start the New. The words of the Sign reveal this direction of motion:

- *Let form again be sought*
- *I come forth and from the plane of mind I rule*

Throughout the rising Era of Aquarius, Aries is the prime Sign, among the 3 transmitting it, *through which the first Ray of Will or Power reaches our planetary life*.

" Aries is one of the constellations of the Cardinal Cross of the heavens. This is the cross of God, the Father, and, therefore, of the incarnating monad. It is the expression of will or power as it expresses itself through the great creative process." (*Esoteric Astrology*, 91)

" ...the rays which are related to or expressing themselves through Aries are curiously balanced, Rays 1 and 7 are the highest and the lowest, and therefore demand a point of balance upon the wheel which is provided in Libra. [3rd R.]." (101)

" Aries initiates the cycle of manifestation. All souls, as individual entities, come into human incarnation for the first time in the sign of *Cancer*, emerging as mental entities in the sign Aries, as emotional-desire entities in the sign *Taurus* and as vital entities in the sign Gemini, taking then physical form in *Cancer*. This is an involutory, subjective cycle. Thus they emerge into the ocean of physical plane existence, into the world of matter. Yet the first impulse is awakened in Aries, for Aries is the place where the initial idea to institute activity takes form. It is the birthplace of ideas, and a true idea is in reality a spiritual impulse taking form—subjective and objective. There originates the response of the soul to the highest aspect or quality of deity because *there* appears the "will to incarnate." The first ray aspect of the Monad, responding to the first aspect of deity, evokes response from the first ray aspect of the soul and the first step towards incarnation is taken on that plane in the system which is the mental plane. Aries "awakens the will to reach the lowest and there control, to know the uttermost and thus to face all experience"—thus runs an ancient statement.

The keynotes of the sign Aries are four in number, all conveying the same idea. They can be expressed in the following four injunctions which are given, symbolically, to the incarnating soul:

1. Express the will to be and do.
2. Unfold the power to manifest.

3. Enter into battle for the Lord.
4. Arrive at unity through effort.

Creation—Being—Activity—Strife—Synthesis, these are the nature of the Lord of the first constellation and enable Him to influence our planet to these results." (92-3)

Aries is "the purveyor to our solar system of Fire (Electric Fire) and of the dynamic nature of God which has in it the qualities of fostering and nourishing heat and also of the fire which burns and destroys.... at different points along the Path of Life forces the soul on to the burning ground and subjects it to a purifying process during incarnation. Through the lesser fire of mind, the "jungles of experience are set on fire and dissolve in flames and then the Path stands clear and unobstructed vision is achieved." — *Old Commentary*

Through the fiery processes of war and strife, brought to the individual through the influence of the planetary ruler, Mars, the God of War, a needed purification takes place. The same purification, but this time through vision, comes to the developed man through the activity of the subjective ruler of the planet, Mercury, who is the illuminating principle which releases the mind, directs the way of man through life and enables him to become aware of the divine Plan which underlies all his fiery experience." (95-96)

" *Uranus* [hierarchical ruler] embodies the energy of the seventh ray and its work is analogous to that of Mercury, for the seventh ray is the ray which relates spirit and matter and brings together electric fire and fire by friction, thus producing manifestation. Uranus leads the soul to the burning ground during the final stages of the Path, when the fire of Aries and the fires engendered through the potency of Uranus produce the flaming heat of the final burning ground. Through this burning ground, the initiate has finally to pass. Uranus rules the occult Way and is, in an esoteric sense, connected with the Hierophant of the Mysteries of Initiation." (100)

" ... *Aries*, the "birthplace of divine Ideas," whether these ideas are souls brought into incarnation and controlled by Mars until they reach the point of reorientation and become sensitive to the influence of Mercury, or whether they are the birth of the ideas of God in the form of the hierarchical plans to which the initiate becomes sensitive." (102)

"Aries is the sign of beginnings—the beginning of the creative process, the first step of the soul (the microcosm of the already initiated Macrocosm) towards incarnation, the beginning of recurring and constant cycles of experience, the beginning of the period wherein the soul changes its direction, its purpose and its method, and finally enters upon that definitely defined process which we call spiritual regeneration and initiation." (106)

"Experience leads to rulership and in this sign the man who is embodied first ray force develops the power of organisation, of control over forces, particularly over the energy of death, over the power of destruction applied with love, of dominance over multitudes, of cooperation with the plan and the practice of the Will in rightly and correctly guiding and directing planetary affairs."(108)

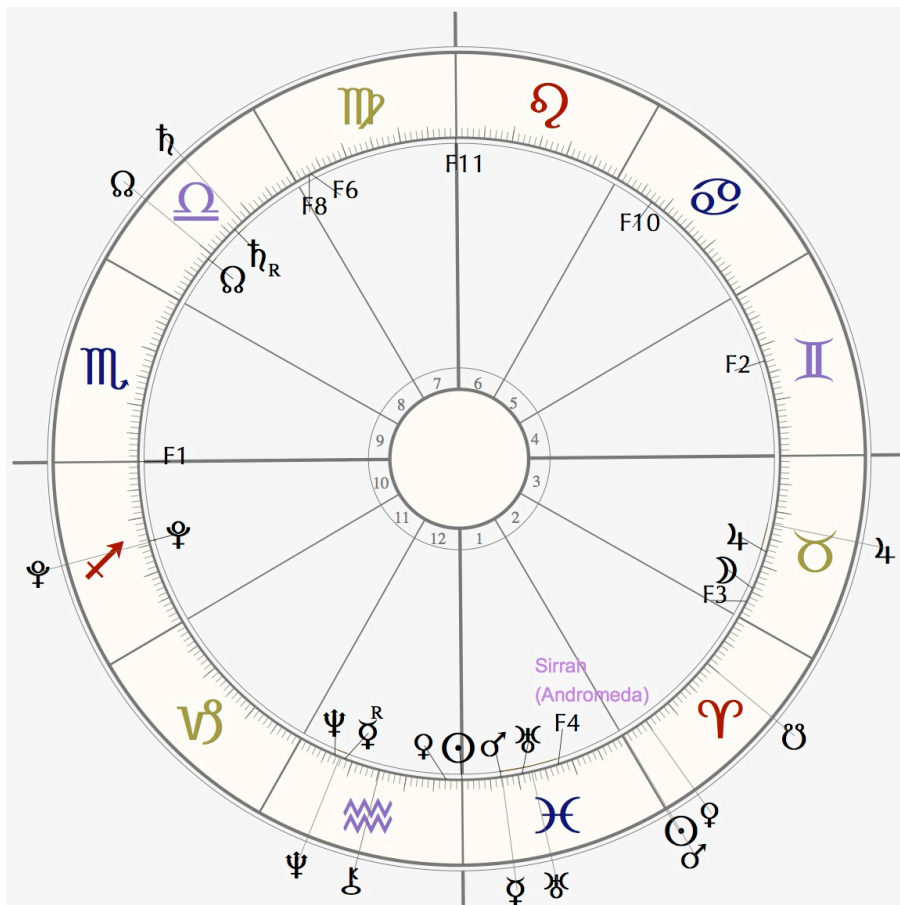


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4) Finally, in quadripartite symmetry, the **4th geocentric sidereal heaven** attests to the value of Appearance as revelation of Reality, where even the physical eye of Man becomes a possible vector of *contact* with celestial energies.

The Heart opened to Cosmos, in the "here and now" on Earth, lifts up its eyes to the Heaven/Sky and sees the source and field, *relative yet real*, of conscious creation. Between Earth and Heaven, in united breath and unified rhythm, It draws and activates vital, magnetic and luminous directions with other spatial Centers/Hearts. It is a human, planetary, solar and cosmic unity.

Geocentric sidereal chart (Earth at the center)
Sun in the stellar Field of the Fishes (Mar 17 - Apr 16, 2013)



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The Sun aligns (April 3) with the star *Sirrah* or *Alpheratz*, *Alpha Andromedae*, star shared with the asterism of the Pegasus Square, from which its meanings of "navel of the horse" or "head of the chained woman." It is also known as one of the "Three Guides" that mark the prime meridian of the heavens (0° Aries), along with *Beta Cassiopeiae* and *Gamma Pegasi*. In this date the Sun, and therefore the Heart of every conscious system, assumes one stellar dose from Sirrah, *starting* star which connects two realities, the subdued matter (Andromeda) and the mind free to fly (Pegasus).

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Furthermore, this *esoteric geocentric sidereal* perspective, combining the Highest with the Lowest, suggests to the Heart to contemplate and assume the mantle of night, dominated by **Jupiter** in last months, and quilted by stars of the "most beautiful part of Heaven" (Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Orion, Sirius ...), as well as the daytime Sky where the splendor of **Sun/Vulcan** among the stars of the **Fishes** (sign of Aries) is now *veiling*, exactly on March 28, both the golden power of **Venus** and that initiatory of **Uranus**, made explosive by the proximity of **Mars**. This exceptional direction between the Lords of the 1st, 5th and 7th Ray is a door and path of synthesis between Purpose, Realization and Order which Man on Earth, as a son of Cosmos, can use to *govern the construction of a new world*.

Throughout the month the power of resurrection comes down copiously (*tropical Sun/Vulcan* in Aries), initiating and drawing forms and consciousness to Salvation (stars of the Fishes), to those *sidereal* fires which float in celestial sea lighting up the impulse to go back to the common cosmic Abode, the *New World*.

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*With the infinite look of the Heart
let us rise to the highest Heaven of Fire,
initiating everything to the breath of Life.*

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