

Every man and Every Woman is a Star

An essay on Esoteric Sociology.

Introduction

The idea has been put forward before that every person in existence is in fact a single spark of God and thus an Illuminated being. This theology has been adequately examined elsewhere and need not be overly examined at this point. Suffice to say that it is believed that within every individual there is this Divine Light, or Inner Flame, which denotes us as Children of God.

Within this framework we can find the idea that we are all in fact stars upon the blackness of existence. We move through "space" and "time" as points of light along interstellar "paths". These paths represent who we were and who we will become by where we end up traveling to. This can be equated to the "Spiritual; Path" of the person who is seeking enlightenment, or the "Personal Path" of each individual in the universe. We are faced with the maxim of "That which is above is as that which is below..." which is exposed in *the Emerald Tablet of Hermes*. We see the astronomical stars as a representation of our inner stars, and we may be able to examine our personal spiritual growth from the point of view of astronomical and physical laws.

Some of these laws may seem a little odd, or may not appear to apply in all cases. When we acknowledge that many of us are at different points in the evolutionary process, then we can see how things can be affected in varying degrees of continuity. Some of these ideas may appear completely foreign, yet they can be applied to both spiritual and interpersonal experience, as well as giving an interesting outlook on the astronomy of Man.

Like the stars in their courses, so is Man upon a path.

The self as center of a star system.

If everyone is a star, then how do we determine the idea that he or she is in fact part of a greater scheme? First we need to examine some basic premises concerning human beings.

The first of these is the idea that the entire universe revolves around the self. This seems like a very selfish and narrow minded point of view, yet it is something that we cannot escape. No matter how hard you try, you will always see things from your own perspective. Even two people looking at a star while standing side by side do not see the same thing. From a physics point of view, there is a (albeit minuscule) difference in angle and trajectory between the two points of view. Also the image of this age old star is

filtered by the different experiences that each person carries with them. One may be an astrologer and one an astronomer. Both study stars, yet neither is looking at the same thing.

This is true of all of the things in our lives. We are constantly seeing with our eyes, and thinking with our brains, and hearing with our ears. Therefore all things exist to us through our selves. This is the personal center of the star system. Our self is the star around which all other bodies move in rotation.

Now applied to the astronomical model (which I shouldn't need to explain overmuch in this enlightened day and age) we see that a star has many planets moving around it. These are the possessions and attributes of the star. We can see that a personality, though defined by the center of the system carries many things with it. Emotional baggage, past experience and treasured possessions. These are things which help define the individual system, human and stellar. We can learn a great deal about the life of a star by examining its satellites. The same is true of the individual though it is often called Psychoanalysis.

Unlike the pure astronomical model in which things happen very slowly, the individual has the ability, through the strength of Will, to determine what will and will not stay as part of his or her personal system. The old baggage of years gone by may be flung into space and removed from directly influencing the self. Though the closer the object is to the gravity well at the center of the system, the harder it is to remove and thus requires more energy on behalf of the self. The Gravity of the star, and the gravity of the other objects in its sphere of existence are very important in determining the nature and behavior of the objects in question. Therefor we must examine gravity to a greater extent.

On Gravity

The individual star system, and the self are centers of gravity within the system that they create. The personality as a whole has gravitational force, and in fact the system as a whole has a cumulative gravity. Each body is a gravitational unit, and thus a system as a whole acts as a greater gravitational unit exerting the gravity of the star as well as the added gravity of all of the bodies in the system.

Thus the personality is itself a gravitational system. It is not uncommon to hear of someone with great charisma as being referred to as having people "gravitate" to him. This is especially true of the great prophets, and leaders throughout history. The individual exerts gravity based on his personality and the objects he carries with him.

This can be both a positive and negative influence upon the self. There is no argument that the gravity of a Priest may be just as compelling as the gravity of a Failure. These two people carry a great number of astronomical bodies within their system. Yet the Failure drags you into his despair, and the Priest pulls you into his ecstasy. This gives us an understanding of why we need to examine the bodies within our system and work on expelling the bad or negative influences and drawing in the good, or positive influences.

This is a great and difficult task, but in the long run it can be very rewarding. The difference in the Priest and the Failure is not just in the gravitational influence on others, but it also shows the different challenges of living within the system so defined. Therefor it is our responsibility to alter our objects in order that we can lead a happier life personally, but also that we can have a better influence on others.

Gravity alters course

If each personality, each star exerts gravitational force which affects the objects within the system, and each system exerts gravitational force over other systems, what then does this gravity do?

We have seen in science and astronomy that two bodies having mass affect each other when they move into close proximity. This can be exhibited by placing two inflatable balls in a pool. A point comes when they are close enough that they drift towards each other until they touch. If one sphere has greater mass, then it will move less and the smaller sphere will move towards the greater one. If we imagine that these balls are personal star systems, then we have an idea of how the gravity of two systems can affect each other.

This works very well on a static model (the pool) but in reality we are hurtling through space and time on our personal paths. Like the stars and planets, our movement through time and space is blindingly fast. Therefore we need to look at another model to understand how our actual courses through life, our paths are affected.

If we were to take a flat plane (a table top for instance) and acquire two magnetized ball bearings, or two disk magnets (commonly found in the back of vanity refrigerator magnets) we could roll the two magnets along the table side by side. We would see that the closer the two came, the more force is exerted upon each other's paths. By dipping the magnets in ink we could map this difference. Attempts to roll the magnets along at different angles would show different patterns in the trajectory of the magnets. Also dependent on the polarity of the magnets as they start you will see that they will either pull together or push apart. And sometimes they will even reverse themselves in order to accommodate the other magnet. The various patterns and results that these few experiments show, well illustrate the idea of personal gravity and the exertion of that force on the paths of others.

The two gravitational units exert gravity on each other according to the direction of the path. If we look at path A as being a straight line with a gravitational body of medium force (Object A) we can examine some of the possibilities this theory puts forth.

Object B (an object of little gravity) can pass object A at a right angle and can have little or no effect on path A. The same body traveling a near parallel course would have some effect on path A, but would experience a great affect to its own path. The various combinations and permutations are endless, but it is important to note, that a very large object with a great deal of force can in fact completely change the path of a body. In fact when dealing with gravitational units of similar force we can see a dance begin to take place within them, a changing and moving of paths.

The idea of two bodies moving towards each other on a narrow angle (less than 45 degrees) would cause both bodies to change course after passing each other. Neither path is the same throughout the rest of the journey. Thus strong personalities can change the way we think about things, or the way we feel. These large bodies of force can change our lives and our paths. Sometimes the gravitational body is simply equal to ours, yet a relationship evolves and we move in a different direction than before. This is especially true of good friends and companions. (Personal relationships such as marriage and love are discussed later.) As long as the courses remain parallel the gravitational influence will be maintained within the group (even if it is only a group of two or three). Another force is required in order to break parallel paths, but with enough energy it can be done.

Leaders and Prophets

When a very large gravitational force comes along it has a habit of drawing lesser gravitational units to itself. Like a galactic center it creates star clusters of personalities. This is indicative of the great leaders throughout history (political and religious) who build around them a movement. The smaller units begin to travel the path of the large unit and in fact may create enough mass that the trajectory remains even when the larger star has burned out. Examples of this kind of individual can be seen in Jesus ben Joseph (of Nazareth), Martin Luther King, Mohammed and even a personality like David Koresh or Charles Manson.

There are many examples of this kind of strong personality drawing lesser gravitational bodies into their trajectory. In some cases the star cluster goes to the next step and the various stars begin to rotate around the central star. In this case the other personalities have not just joined the path, but have joined the central system and become object of the original star. In this case it can be very difficult for them to remove themselves and in fact become part of the property of the central system. This is very much like a galaxy than a simple star system and the stars closer to the center are more in control of the general path of the greater system than, for example, a system on the fringe.

We will not go too far in depth on this point, but it is something that can be examined from both a positive (Jesus, Martin Luther King) and a negative (Koresh, Manson, LeVey) perspective. It reinforces the idea that gravity can act in both a positive and negative fashion on the various systems which come within the gravitational field of each other.

Binary Systems

In some cases, two stars, moving along similar paths fall into each other's gravitational pull. As they grow closer they begin to share objects in their systems until they find themselves revolving around each other as a Binary star system. This is the act of Love. Two individuals who have come together and joined themselves through commitment, or marriage create their own system, with its own gravity. They share almost

everything within the system and thus it is very difficult for them to try and break away from each other once this system has become solidified.

The Binary system is readily recognizable. We often see people together and intuitively "know" they are "together" and not just traveling in the same direction. It seems apparent that they share gravitational objects in their system, and the longer they have been building the binary system around them, the more obvious it is that they are a single unit.

Because of the amount of energy and gravitational force inherent in such a system, it is very difficult to break away from it. Even in cases of abuse and atrocious behavior, the two cannot split except through an extreme force of Will compounded by an external gravitational influence (parent, friend, counselor). This helps to explain why even bad relationships maintain themselves. Gravity is an amazing force to reckon with.

But not all binary systems are bad. There are binary systems that build very good objects around them and as they grow, they draw other people to them. In many cases these are people who want to learn from the Binary couple in order that they may find some happiness through their example. Once again, the objects you carry in the system effect others, both positively and negatively.

Subsystems

But what happens when this binary system grows and wants to add to the population of the universe? They begin to build subsystems. A subsystem is in fact very similar to our own solar system. Within the system proper a subsystem exists surrounding Jupiter. Jupiter has its own planets, not just moons, but planets. And as Arthur C. Clark put forth, Jupiter could be ignited into its own Sun. A star within a star system.

Unlike the leaders and prophets we looked at, this is something born out of the existing system, which is nurtured and protected within the system, until such a time as it reaches maturity and becomes its own star. A star system unto itself. A system which will eventually, through force of Will and external gravity, leave the parent system to find its own path. The binary center must at the same time move the subsystem closer to the external event horizon of the system in order that the child system will find it easier to leave. Again when looking at the amount of force involved, this split is never easy and it requires a great deal of energy to complete.

The exception to this is when an immature star is picked up by the binary system (adoption) in order to help it reach its own ignition. This kind of subsystem does not generally orbit as close to the center as an original child but again, there may need to be a great deal of energy expelled in order to get the subsystem to leave when the time comes.

Conclusion

Spiritually, mankind can be understood from an individual / spiritual basis by examining himself from an astronomical point of view. By understanding that we exert influence on others and they exert influence on us according to our own gravitational fields, we can better make choices for ourselves through exertion of our Will. We can also attempt to make ourselves better people by examining the object in our star systems and removing those which are bad for us and replacing them with good things. By consciously constructing ourselves and our personalities we can become better citizens of the universe, and improve our selves on the path of personal evolution. The bottom line is that we can use this idea to try and make ourselves better people, and to better understand others and our interactions with them.

We find the inner star of Man a very complex and intriguing thing, and it is through examination of ourselves that we come to the threshold of the temple, and pass through the gates to greater enlightenment.

"Love is the Law, Love under Will."