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The Stars Are Out: Being With Capricorn

We've been enjoying the pumped up enthusiasm of Sagittarius and, now, Capricorn comes along, giving us notice to actually use that energy to produce. Capricorn is an earth sign and a cardinal sign. The earth signs are just that - concerned with things earthy, the material plane. Being cardinal means that the sign begins a season, in this case, winter. With the cardinal signs we have energy to begin, to start, to create. With Capricorn, that manifestation can tend to be confined to the material plane, but the sign is not necessarily limited to that realm.

The symbol of Capricorn is the goat. The goat is sure-footed, determined and able to achieve, to get to the top of the mountain using a patient skillfulness. A more ancient and more interesting symbol to my mind is the sea-goat. This beast may seem strange, but it combines the practicality of the goat with the fish's ability to swim through spiritual waters in order to get beyond materialism.

Now we are able to achieve our ends through our goat-like determination conjoined with the watery compassion of the sea-goat. Now we find we can have not only a good job and a sweet girlfriend, for example, but right livelihood and right relationship. In this time of the sea-goat we are able to integrate heaven and earth. When we blend the desire of the goat to "make it happen" with the consciousness of the sea-goat, we are able to go beyond purely self-ish goals and find a way to be useful to the others.

Anyone who has observed goats knows that they are intrinsically playful. Perseverance need not be grim. Just imagining the sea-goat gets me chuckling. With the head of a goat and the tail of a fish there is no sane choice but to lighten up.

The essence of this sign is conservative, for better or for worse, therefore, we may be tempted at this time to indulge in narrow-mindedness, sticking to our same-old, same-old tired dogmatism. Hopefully, we are able to realize, before rigor mortis sets in, that our stodgy stance leads us only to missed opportunities if we persist in rigidly cling to the status

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quo. Alternatively, we could rather use this same instinct to protect and care for what is truly valuable to us.

Our minds are more creative than we know. We can isolate, risking depression or worse, or we can join in with others to achieve what is needed. This is a time when we have strong support

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in nurturing our own basic goodness and thereby nurturing each other and our own communities.

Those who have been successfully swimming with the sea-goat may notice that they have survived the mad materialism of Christmas/Chanukah season by giving love and energy rather than Stuff. How did you fare?

Capricorn continues until January 19th, which means we still have time to make use of the wonderful creativity and impressive steadfast quality that are the gifts of the Goat. ▼

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