



### **10 degree of Sagittarius: 'A stage symbolization of the Goddess of Opportunity'**

To me this evokes the image of a *tableau vivant* (French for *living picture*), a still life scene on a stage or float, often depicting mythological, religious or historical themes.

The 'actors' are not moving or speaking, but the ensemble tells the story instead, in the way paintings and statues do.

Tableaux Vivants were already a popular form of entertainment and stage art during the Renaissance. They have been used as parlour games, in pageants, religious festivities, ceremonial processions, royal weddings and coronations. As vaudeville type entertainments they became very popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They were also means of propaganda amongst members of secret societies.

Here the still scene is a representation of the Goddess of Opportunity or Justice, that form of the Divine Mother who provides opportunities to all her children in just measure, balancing the need for justice with her maternal mercy. Today we are given the opportunity to experience her equanimity working in our lives.

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