



12 degree of Sagittarius: 'A flag that turns into an eagle that crows'

How can an inert object like a flag come alive through spiritual transmutation of energy, imbuing it with life and meaning?

This mysterious metamorphosis happens in two stages: the flag turning into an eagle, and the eagle crowing.

The flag is an emblem of something else than itself, national identity and pride, for instance. The eagle, like all birds, is symbol of the soul's freedom and outer-worldliness. As king of all birds, flying higher than all of them and knowing no enemy, the noble eagle was the mount of Zeus/Jupiter, king of all Gods. Compare the American Bold Eagle, emblem of the nation; the Native Americans' carrier of prayers, sky spirit eagle, associated with visions. To the Germanic tribes it was symbol of Odin; in India is Garuda, mount of Indra, the Sky God; in ancient Mesopotamia this mighty bird was also revered as kingly; while in ancient China the word for 'hero' was the same as the word for 'eagle'.

The eagle here indicates sovereignty, courage and victory too. The crowing is a call of triumph, a shout of victory, a *Eureka*. This seems to imply an idea coming into full realization as a living experience; a victory over purely material limitations.

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