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Introduction

On July 4, 1776, during the second year of the American Revolutionary War (1775-83), 13 North American states declared themselves united, free and independent from Great Britain.

And when this momentous, historic event occurred, on the Fourth of July, the Sun was in Cancer – the sign of the zodiac that rules the home and homeland.

Today the world's economic and military powerhouse celebrates the occasion by firing cannons, exploding firecrackers and holding parades, concerts and baseball games.

The influence of Mars is obvious. And on July 4 the Sun has moved into the Mars decanate of Cancer.

Hydra – the sea serpent

July 4 is also called Independence Day. And to understand the inner significance of independence you need to recall the legend woven about the great sea serpent Hydra, which pictures among the constellations the decanate of the zodiac occupied by the Sun on the Fourth of July.

This menacing monster according to the Greek story, had a hundred heads, and when one was cut off two others immediately grew to take its place.

As Hydra is a water serpent, and water is the symbol of the emotions, it is evident that the menace it depicts is an emotional one.

And as Hydra pictures a decanate of the home sign Cancer, this emotional menace is associated in some way with the home, or the homeland.

Mental and emotional development during childhood

In childhood the mind is more plastic and impressionable than at any other time and suggestions offered to children by their parents and others in the home at this time are of far greater importance in the development of chronic states of feeling than suggestions offered at later dates.

When early home-life experiences cause a child to develop chronic feelings of inferiority, the individuality thought-cells in their unconscious mind, mapped by the Sun in their birth charts, refuse to accept the significance abuse and devise various subtle ways by which they can save face.

The chronically apologetic person, because they've been made to feel that they should be more perfect than the common individual, not only expresses this emotional complex in apologies, but shrinks from responsibilities because a poor showing or mediocrity would be too great a shock to bear.

Others are conditioned in early life to compensate for their unwarranted feeling of inferiority through boasting. Such individuals present themselves as they would like to be. But while this may fool the thought-cells of their unconscious minds, it seldom fools the public.

Those with a superiority complex, after leaving the parental home, still feel superior, but because they fail to mold circumstances as they believe they should, their unconscious minds find new alibis for their lack of success. To save face they blame their failure to accomplish more than others on hard luck.

A hundred other easily recognized emotional menaces might be mentioned but there is one that more than any other poses the greatest menace to human progress and the welfare of humanity.

It is the conditioning given a child or adult that they should refrain from investigating the facts of a matter.

Rather than forming a judgment based on a careful and thorough assessment of the available facts they're taught or conditioned to blindly believe what they've been told by someone who's assumed to be an authority.

This is the greatest of all menaces in the world today; a menace greater than guns, bombs and chemical weapons.

Emotionally implanted doctrines

There are innumerable religious creeds which hold that only those who accept their particular beliefs are to be saved, and that all others – the vast majority of the world's people – will simmer for eternity in hell.

In the home the accepted authority is usually the parents; and emotionally impressionable children believe what their parents tell them.

So, pagan parents emotionally impress their children with the idea that they are sinners unless they believe their pagan doctrines.

And Catholic parents impress their children not to reason about religion, or seek out the facts, and that no Protestant will ever reach heaven.

And Protestant parents impress their children to accept whatever beliefs they hold and not to seek out facts, or reason about religion. And they could be impressed with the idea that no Catholic will ever reach heaven.

These doctrines are implanted in children's minds with such strong emotional associations that most go through life in fear (Saturn) of making inquiry as to the actual facts regarding religion.

They are told that if they question the religious doctrines that were impressed on them as children, and that are impressed upon them as adults by their spiritual authorities – no matter how absurd and contrary to the demonstrated scientific facts they are – that they will suffer untold and everlasting tortures in the afterlife.

But don't think that the hydra-headed monster of unreasonable emotional complexes is confined to religious attitudes.

Academic scientists have had it drummed into their unconscious minds that there are no nonphysical forces, no inner-plane, and that astrology is a pseudoscience based on fallacious assumptions. And by blindly accepting these claims, made by peer authorities, they have the same complex as children who have been religiously conditioned not to question the tenants of their parent's religion.

They have a complex that refuses to investigate inner-plane astrological forces which the eminent practicing psychoanalyst and Associate in Psychiatry at the Columbus College of Physicians and Surgeons calls an irrational 'phobic' (passing as critical) attitude towards such matters.

And in the world today there are political, economic and racial doctrines advocated that are accepted by many through the emotional appeals made to hatred, envy, superiority and frustration by their propagandists.

The reasoned facts reveal that a country's economic and social prosperity depends upon those possessing economic and social intelligence.

It is natural for people to want to occupy positions of great importance, but to elect a nit-wit as the head of a country or to place a fool to a position of importance, instead of someone who is specially trained and skilled, is to lower the standard of living. And that is what is inclined to happen if the appeal to envy or superiority overrides the appeal to reason.

Slaying the hydra-headed monster

The menace to the world today is the hydra-headed emotional response that's conditioned by those who pose as authorities. And the Greek legend that portrays its terrible threat reveals how it can be slain.

Hercules – the symbol of labor – accomplished its demise, so you can be sure that slaying unreasonable emotional responses, either personally or where the public is concerned, is no easy job. But in both cases it can be done.

When a complex within you, or an unreasonable emotional reaction from the public, is violently slain by repression it crops out in other types of expression– in just the same way as the cutting off of the serpent's head saw two other heads immediately grow to take its place.

Hercules solved the problem of these abnormal growths by securing the aid of a companion, Iolaus, who when a head was clubbed off by Hercules, seared it over with a hot iron to prevent another head from growing.

However, the final head was immortal so instead of attempting its annihilation, Hercules buried it under a rock, symbolic of the 'Rock of Ages' – the Pole Star, Truth.

And this is the only way you can save yourself, or the world can be saved, from the terrible menace of unreasoning emotional conditioning.

Relative to personal or social problems there is a final head associated with truth.

Hercules pictures one of the decanates of Virgo, the sign of analysis, so before making a judgment or taking action in regard to any matter of consequence, all the various facts should be analyzed, and those that derive from unreasoning emotion clubbed off and seared over.

But every effort should be made to find the one indestructible head – the facts that are immortal because they are associated with truth.

Remember that the ninety-nine heads which should be slain cannot be discerned from the sound one which should be retained, unless as many facts as possible are acquired and given careful analysis. And to attain these facts, and give them analysis, is a task requiring the effort of Hercules.

In religion, politics, free economics and social issues, or in reconditioning personal complexes, this is the only means by which independence can be attained.

People are enslaved by complexes that are derived from emotionally charged experiences. These conditioned emotions cause them to think, feel and behave in a manner that is detrimental to themselves and contrary to behavior guided by carefully reasoned facts.

And the only way you can free yourself from the tyranny of your emotionally charged complexes is to learn the facts of each complex by careful analysis; and then, by applying discrimination and wise appraisal, direct their energies into activities that are personally and socially worthwhile.

This is the only way personal independence can be gained.

Humanity has an unfortunate emotional history

History reveals that it has been the practice of those who sought unjust advantages over others to play upon their emotions.

Greed, hatred, sympathy, jealousy, and especially fear have been used by the unscrupulous to enslave the masses. The desire to get something for nothing has been successfully played upon by smart politicians and by those who sought to gain special privilege through religion.

Vicarious atonement appeals to this powerful and unreasoning emotion.

Fear has been used successfully by those who desired to retain unjust political or economic power; and religious leaders in both the East and West have used it to retain power.

In the East people are made to believe they will suffer punishment in a future life – here on Earth – if they don't do as their priests command; while in the West they are made to believe they will suffer horrible and everlasting punishment in the afterlife if they even question the doctrines taught them by priests or clergy.

The Fourth of July is American Independence Day. And real independence from the tyranny and bondage of unwisely conditioned emotions can only be attained by acquiring all the relevant facts, including the outer-plane and inner-plane facts, and using discrimination to determine, in regard to each important issue, the best course of action.

The true significance of the Fourth of July pertains to the liberty and freedom of people to acquire both inner-plane and outer-plane facts; to disseminate as widely as possible the facts relevant to politics, religion, economics and other important social issues; to publicly discuss these facts fully; and to make unbiased decisions free from irrational emotions.

And now in the age of fake news, misinformation, disinformation, deepfake, gaslighting and lies you need facts so that you can determine the veracity of the claims being made by the politicians, scientists and religious authorities for yourself.