

The Fall Scales of Annual Balance

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As the new moon of the Scales is born, so too are we born anew.

Some are reborn to life, others are reborn to death, and still many more will hang in the balance.

Three places there are along the scales, tipped to the right, tipped to the left and that small and difficult balanced place in the center.

One must be cautious as one approaches the Scale, for who knows what act will tip it in an unfavorable direction?

The Scale of stars brings with it mighty cosmic forces. Our entire planet passes through them and is profoundly influenced by this passage.

Like walking through waterfalls, everyone gets wet, to what degree depends upon just how well one prepared beforehand.

Those who pass under the water when dirty can become clean. Those who pass under the water clean but hot, are refreshingly cooled.

Yet, those who are dirty and despise the water, cover up and go through the water, not getting wet, not getting cooled and remaining as dirty as they were before they passed through. Where is the wisdom in this?

The great Scales imbues all who pass under them with a sense to desire balance. Where we stand in life decides for us what is a balanced life. What is balance for one is imbalance for another.

One can never stand in the place of another. One who tries to stand in another's place creates imbalance for oneself and for the other

whose place is usurped. "Thou shall not steal" also means not to steal another's place.

It is easy to create imbalance. We do it all the time.

It is hard to create balance. When we cannot create it for ourselves Heaven intervenes and shows us the way.

Sometimes Heaven does more than just point; sometimes Heaven also pushes. Who can resist the push of Heaven?

A Heavenly push is not a pleasant thing. When one is not in the proper place a Heavenly push can be rather intrusive and unpleasant.

Surrender to Heaven is what balances the Scales. Acceptance of truth and living with honor balances the Scales. Doing the right things, here, now, always and forevermore is what balances the Scales.

Seeking too much good can result in receiving too much bad if one does not live up to the good solicited.

The Scales require balance. Therefore, do not seek to imbalance them to either right or left.

Do not be overly righteous or overly evil. Be balanced. Being balanced is being just. Being just is being righteous.

Righteousness is the balance of the Scales; for righteousness is doing what's right. Balancing the Scales is doing what's right.

Walk the center path; carry your burdens upon your shoulders. Balance the center and the Scales will weigh you and find you centered. This is the Great Passage.

