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*Dear city of men without master or lord
Fair fortress and fortress of sons born free
Who stand in her sight and in thine, O sun.
Slaves of no man, subjects of non.*

Swinburne, Erectheus

Athena is the type of woman that is easy to recognize in our world. We see her in female entrepreneur, journalists, filmmakers, researchers, female politicians, business women or leaders of demonstrations. She is extrovert, intelligent, practical and is a master in verbalizing her opinions and that of the collective. According to the profecies, Athena is the motherless Godess, born fully armed and matured our of the head of her father Zeus. This relationship is significant for her lives' journey. She is the protector of the ancient city (Metropol/ Mater Polis) Athene.

The two sister goddesses Artemis and Athena are eachothers' shadow in the realm of independence and freedom. The city dweller Athena has the extroverted personality of the independent carrier woman while Artemis is the introverted einzelgänger with her small cabine in the woods. Both have athletic and fit body types however, Artemis being slightly boyish, does not care for clothes and. As long as it is practical.

Dharmic Path

Athena is the hero of civilization. Her power lies in the world of the intellect, the bright and clear mind. She feels at home in technology, science and practical expressions, but also written en spoken word and education. Ze is driven from high ideals and from an early age she is very aware of her needs and direction in life. She thrives best in an environment where she van create and manifest her ideals. She is mastering the art of argumentation and sees the spoken and written word as her armory to manifest her high ideals.

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Karmic imprint

Athena is the pride and joy of her father Zeus, while her mother is absent or not of great meaning in her life. If the father is weak or absent, she looks for fatherly inspiration elsewhere to fulfill her needs. It is known that many successful women in business and science are inspired and stimulated by their fathers. He will teach Athena that whatever a man can do, she can do. By this education on equality, she can come across as highly competitive and mentally driven. She is challenged to get in touch with her feminine side; she is slightly androgynous and experiences her sexuality rather mentally.

Athena women are not easy to live with. She always wants to have the final say and in a discussion can act aggressive and without any humor. In a partner, she is looking for an intellectual counterpart. To find her inner balance as a female leader and relate better with her body, she will have to invite the sensual love of Aphrodite or a more motherly love as Demeter.

Challenges

Athena's challenge lies in building trust and confidence in her personal, autonomous capacity of thinking. Athena's strength is her clear mind and to verbalize what is truth to her. To balance and eventually amplify this capacity, she can use some vulnerability. Or at least see vulnerability as a strength, and asset. The world of matter, the 'mater', her physical reality is hugely ignored. The myth tells Athena's fight with Medusa, the monster with snake hair. Jung translated this story as the fear for the 'Vagina Dentata' the dark, bleeding vulva. Athena can experience issues with her hormones, fertility, menstruation and menopause.

