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Astrology—The Moon

The Moon, the Earth's only natural satellite, is referred to as a planet in astrology.

The origin of the Moon is uncertain. The most widely-accepted theory is the giant impact hypothesis sometimes referred to as the "big splash", or "big whack." This theory holds that about 4.533 billion years ago, a Mars-sized planet called Theia, collided with the Earth, ejecting material into space which became the Moon. In Greek mythology, Theia was the titan who gave birth to the Moon goddess, Selene.

From Earth both the Sun and Moon appear to be the same size, around one degree of longitude in width. Because of this unique relationship we get eclipses. During a New Moon, when the Moon is in both the same declination and longitude

as the Sun we experience a Solar eclipse. At this time the Moon comes between the Earth and the Sun and casts its shadow on the Earth. A lunar eclipse is when, during a Full Moon the Earth comes between the Sun and the Moon and casts its shadow on the Moon's surface.

The Moon makes a complete orbit around the earth every 27.3 days. The synodic period of the Moon (from New Moon to New Moon) is 29 days, 12 hours and 44 minutes. It is this cycle that gives rise to our term "month" signifying a 30 day period. The Moon spends around 2.33 days in each of the signs of the zodiac.

Anaxagorus, writing in the 5th century BC was the first to promote the theory that the Moon reflected the light of the



The Aztec Moon Goddess
Coyolxauhqui

Sun. Due to the synchronous rotation of the Moon as it revolves around the Earth, we always see the same face of the Moon.

In astrology the Moon is considered feminine and has been personified in different cultures by lunar goddesses. Artemis (Diana), the daughter of Zeus

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Transmuting Silver

We alchemized Gold in the previous edition of the Quarterly. We learned that Gold is the metal of the Sun and represents the spark of divine energy that is eternal and present in all life forms. While the eternal spark or spirit will never die, it does not necessarily follow that immortality is assured. For im-

mortality to occur there must be a soul to transmute experience and absorb consciousness. Otherwise, there is no medium through which the Divine Ego or spirit can manifest itself and develop self conscious awareness. The soul is symbolically represented by Silver, the metal of the Moon.

Unlike the Sun, the Moon requires another metal with which it must be fluxed to arrive at the transmutation. That metal is the Iron of Mars which expresses as INITIATIVE and COURAGE.

The Moon's energy is feminine,

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Editorial

“All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.”

Calvin Coolidge (1972-1933)

Spring is a season of growth. For those of us in the northern hemisphere, especially in regions with cold winters, look forward to spring. The first green of spring is generally heralded by flowering bulbs or the bloom of forsythia in our gardens. The gardeners among us are eager to get outdoors and tend our plants and spend the summer season watching them grow.

The Moon has long been the symbol synonymous with growth. Every month we have the opportunity to watch her expand from the crescent of the New Moon to the roundness of the Full Moon. In the symbolism of the Sacred Tarot, the major Arcanum known as The Sarcophagus is governed by the Moon and represents evolutionary growth. Those persons in whose chart the Moon is the dominant influence have a vested interest in seeing things around them grow and are natural nurturers.

Here at Church of Light headquarters we get to enjoy the second year of growth on the plants placed in our garden a year ago. We have the opportunity to experience growth in other ways as well. We are excited to share that we closed our books for 2007 in the “black.” This means that for the first time in a couple of years our income has exceeded our expenses. The survival of any business—non-profit or for-profit depends upon this trend.

In order to achieve this healthy financial trend we have had to make some difficult decisions affecting our operations. Gone is the period where the Quarterly can be mailed free to anyone on our mailing list. Because of the high costs of production and postage, headquarters staff has decided that hard copies of the Quarterly will be mailed only to those members who donate \$50 or more a year, or if international, \$70 to help defray expenses.

The great news is that noncontributing members will still have the opportunity to download and read the Quarterly for free, by logging onto our website: www.light.org. If you do not have computer access at home, most community libraries offer computer services to the public.

In this issue of the Quarterly we are focusing on the Moon. We will interpret the Moon from the astrological perspective including a sample chart of a notable person who has a dominant Moon in his or her chart. The Alchemy section will look at the Moon from the perspective of alchemical symbolism, incorporating an alchemical meditation to help stimulate the alchemical Silver. We have also included a tarot section featuring The Sarcophagus and a sample tarot spread to help the student develop interpretive skills. In addition to The Membership Room, which lists current activities of key importance to our members, we are also featuring a section on the Mundane Cycle Charts which we include every year in the Spring issue.

Last, but not least, on page 2 we highlight the Stellarian Honor Guard. It is because of this group of generous donors that we are able to keep our doors open to the public and thereby continue to teach, practice, and disseminate The Religion of the Stars.

Christopher Gibson



Lunar Associations

Thought-cell: Domestic
 House influence: Fluctuation
 Metal: Silver
 Gemstone: Moonstone
 Color: Green
 Musical tone: F

Lunar Figures

Animal breeder, attendant, baby-sitter, baker, butler, caretaker, carpet-cleaner, caterer, chef, concierge, cook, custodian, dietician, gardener, governess, grocer, grounds-keeper, house-sitter, housewife, launderer, maid, midwife, mother, musician, nurse, nutritionist, pet-sitter, seamstress, tailor, valet, waiter.

Positive Lunar Traits

Accessible, accommodating, adaptable, approachable, caring, compassionate, considerate, curious, domestic, emotional, fecund, feminine, fertile, flexible, gentle, inquisitive, insightful, instinctive, intuitive, magnetic, maternal, mild, nurturing, open-minded, paternal, perceptive, protective, receptive, sensitive, sheltering, sociable, subliminal, tender.

Negative Lunar Traits

Defenseless, dependant, capricious, changeable, easily-influenced, fickle, fluctuating, gossipy, helpless, hypersensitive, hysterical, impressionable, inconsistent, indecisive, moody, passive, powerless, submissive, susceptible, temperamental, thin-skinned, touchy, unstable, vacillating, vulnerable, wavering, weak, whiny.

The Moon Continued....

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and Leto was twin to the Sun god Apollo. Worshipped throughout the Hellenic world, Artemis eventually replaced Selene as the Moon goddess. Her temple in Ephesus, once one of the Seven Wonders of the World, became a popular Christian shrine to the Virgin. Another lunar deity was Astarte, the Near-Eastern goddess of fertility. The Aztecs had two lunar deities Coyaxauqui and Xochiquetzal. Chandra, the Hindu deity of the Moon is masculine, yet in Hindu astrology the influence of the Moon is considered feminine.

In Hermetic astrology, the Moon and Sun called luminaries are given slightly greater power than the other planets and given wider orbs of aspect than the other planets. The Moon governs the Domestic Urges of the soul which express as the nesting instinct, and the nurturing of offspring. Like the Sun, the Moon is a neutral or convertible planet, having no innate harmony or discord. The Moon receives some of her conditioning in a chart from the sign which she occupies. The Moon is at home in the sign of Cancer where her emotional, intuitive and familial qualities can find full expression. She is at her detriment in Capricorn, the sign opposite Cancer, where she has difficulty expressing emotion. In the fecund sign of Taurus, the Moon is at her exaltation, encouraging all things around her into a state of growth. The Moon is said to be at "fall" in Scorpio, where she is prone to dark moods and jealousy. The Moon finds her harmony in the intuitive sign of Pisces and her inharmony in Virgo where she can be cold and critical.

The nature of the planets making aspects and type of aspects received from other planets all contribute to the harmony and discord of the Moon. The best quality of the Moon is considered to be adaptability. Harmonious expressions of the Moon will correspond to the descriptions given under Positive Lunar Traits in the sidebar. A discordant or afflicted Moon expresses as moodiness and passivity. An afflicted Moon will express the Negative Lunar Traits listed on this page. The beginning student as well as the seasoned professional can expand his or her vocabulary by using a thesaurus with the positive and negative key words on this page.

Just as the Sun rules authority figures and those in power, the Moon is said to rule the common people or the masses. In a chart, the Moon can also represent the mother and women in general. The relative power and harmony or discord of the Moon determines our relationships with the women in our lives.

By Christopher Gibson

Alchemical Silver



“Silver is a bright, white metal that, although readily attacked by certain acids, does not tarnish under ordinary conditions. It is one of the so-called precious metals, and as such is used for currency among civilized nations. In the human body it is represented by the nutritive functions. Both in society and in the life of the individual, gold supplies the vitality and silver furnishes the food for subsistence. Nations rely upon gold as the bulwark of their financial structure; but silver is the medium of exchange with which homes are supplied with food, and which keeps the wheels of industry turning.”

Spiritual Alchemy—C. C. Zain

Alchemical Meditation

I, (your name here), am a loving, compassionate, and nurturing being. I allow the healing green rays of the Divine to move in and through me filling my environment. I am sensitively attuned to the subtle life force that permeates all things. Be they plants, animals, or people, all living things grow and thrive in my presence. I am intuitively drawn to those foods that nourish and sustain my physical form. I am encouraging and protective of all whom I come in contact with. Every day I discover new and ways to take care of myself so that I can better take care of others.

I (your name here), am vigilant to the moods, feelings and thoughts that pass through my being and I am quick to replace any feelings of despondency, despair, or helplessness with the energetic thoughts and feelings that I can meet and overcome any obstacles that might present themselves. At times when passivity or timidity might threaten to engulf me I resolve to take constructive action for my protection or that of others. When others try to ensnare me with gossip it is easy for me to redirect the conversation by saying only positive things about other people.

I acknowledge that just as I have reached this stage in my development through the guidance, nurturance, and protection of others, that it is my privilege to guide, protect, and nurture others who have been placed by the Creator in my care.

So shall it be!

Dominant Moon Personality

Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama

The United States is in the middle of an historic presidential election. Both of the remaining Democratic candidates are firsts. If nominated Hillary Clinton will be the first woman while Barack Obama will be the first person of color to move to the general election. The candidates are running neck and neck and excitement and emotions are high.

For astrologers, a couple of interesting questions arise, “What do these two people have in common that makes the race so close; and, what will make the winning difference?”

What they have in common

Both candidates have a dominant Moon.

This seems manifest in their appeal to the “common” person. At best the Moon is *adaptable* and at worst, *changeable*. Obama’s Moon energy is harmonious and appears to flow smoothly while Clinton’s Moon is discordant and appears somewhat “inconstant.” Her discordant Moon is in the 10th house and her reputation suffers. In contrast, Obama’s harmonious Moon is in the 7th house of partnership. So far his wife Michelle is a strong asset, even being compared in a recent *Wall Street Journal* to Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

Both have Uranus prominent.

In Hillary’s case her Uranus conjuncts the ASC from the 12th house. She is a revolutionary and with Uranus in the 12th she is likely to attract secret enemies and disappointment as a result of this energy. Obama’s Uranus is in the 10th house con-

junction the MC lending to the reputation that he is an agent for change.

Scorpio is prominent in both charts.

Hillary’s Sun is in Scorpio while Obama’s personality is polarized in Scorpio. Both are *resourceful* when at their best and *troublesome* at their worst. Both have long memories and keep scorecards. Each has strong and deep reserves of energy supporting their steadfast work toward achieving their goals.

Both have prominent 3rd houses.

The 3rd house rules communication. The 3rd house is Clinton’s most powerful house (-3.43) and Obama’s second most powerful (+7.73). Her planets are in fiery Leo (the sign of Mercury’s Fall) lending the quality of enthusiasm and assurance to her speeches and communication. It’s likely that early in her speech making career, she tended toward being domineering. She’s had ample opportunity to adopt a more sympathetic and idealistic approach to communication. Obama’s approach to communication is almost the opposite with planets in cool, systematic Capricorn and Aquarius.

	☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	♊	♋	MC	ASC
☉	☉	♄			♁	♁		♁		♁		♁	♁
☽		☽	♁	♁	♁	♁		♁	♁	♁			♁
♃			♁	♁			♁						
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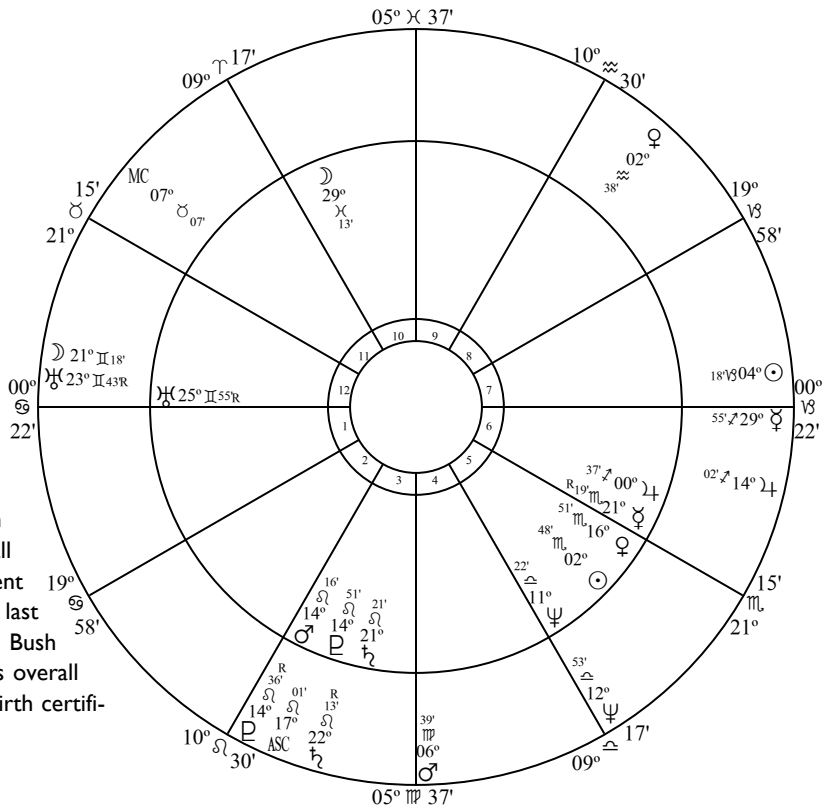
Clinton’s birth time was acquired from Lynne Palmer who obtained the time of 8:02 PM October 26, 1947 from a friend who works in Clinton’s New York office. Palmer’s friend queried both Clinton and her mother Dorothy Rodham. Both gave the same time of birth.

The most consistently listed time of birth for Obama is 1:06 PM on August 4, 1961 (In fact it’s the only time found by this writer).

Inability to validate both times of birth with a birth certificate obliges the astrologer and reader to draw conclusions with caution. The best approach is to use this interpretation as an observational and rectification tool.



Hillary Clinton
 October 26, 1947; 8:02 PM; Edgewater Hospital, Illinois; 87W40'13, 41N59'07
 Progressed to August 25, 2008



Both charts indicate overall discord.

Hillary's chart indicates 32.17 discordynes and Obama's 3.98. Relatively speaking, it's likely that she's had more to overcome but his life hasn't been an easy path either. That both charts show overall discord does not necessarily tell the type of president they will become. It is interesting to look at the last two presidents, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, Bush has overall harmony of 69.43 while Bill Clinton has overall discord of 18.80 (both these charts are based on birth certificate timing).

Differences

Her planets are predominantly below the horizon while his are above. Companionship is of great importance in her life where public endeavors are of greater importance for his life path.

She is mostly water giving her an emotional quality while he is fairly well balanced.

The Moon

The *Domestic Urges*, which embrace home and family, figure prominently in each candidate's life. Interestingly, the domestic partners (and in Clinton's case, her daughter) are active spokes-
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	Natal	Major
☉	12S27	23S23
☽	04S13	25N37
♃	20S48	24S41
♄	16S38	21S16
♅	17N59	12N00
♆	19S40	21S57
♁	15N15	15N10
♂	23N31	23N27
♆	03S08	03S41
♁	23N06	23N26
MC	09S27	13N54
ASC	23N27	15N45

PLANETS	Power			% Harmony		
	Power	%	Harmony	Power	%	Harmony
ASC	79.33	17.4	-9.17			
☽	65.76	14.4	-16.70			
♁	47.70	10.5	-6.44			
♂	44.55	9.8	-2.09			
♀	35.38	7.8	-19.82			
♅	34.62	7.6	-11.94			
MC	32.23	7.1	9.73			
☉	26.29	5.8	29.07			
♆	26.03	5.7	17.98			
♃	25.62	5.6	-5.22			
♁	22.13	4.9	-19.59			
♆	15.93	3.5	2.00			
	455.56	100.0	-32.17			

HOUSES	Power			% Harmony		
	Power	%	Harmony	Power	%	Harmony
3	117.59	17.2	-23.43			
1	112.21	16.4	-17.51			
10	108.47	15.9	-1.97			
5	95.29	14.0	1.34			
6	78.73	11.5	12.66			
12	68.65	10.1	-13.30			
2	32.88	4.8	-8.35			
11	17.31	2.5	-5.97			
9	16.67	2.4	-5.42			
4	12.81	1.9	-2.61			
7	11.06	1.6	-9.79			
8	11.06	1.6	-9.79			

SIGNS	Power			% Harmony		
	Power	%	Harmony	Power	%	Harmony
♁	145.09	21.3	-25.86			
♁	117.59	17.2	-23.43			
♂	108.47	15.9	-1.97			
♈	107.86	15.8	-0.57			
♈	50.96	7.5	-3.39			
♈	33.62	4.9	-7.91			
♈	32.53	4.8	22.48			
♈	22.13	3.2	-19.59			
♈	17.69	2.6	-9.91			
♈	17.31	2.5	-5.97			
♈	16.67	2.4	-5.42			
♈	12.81	1.9	-2.61			

persons/participants in their campaigns. There is a sense that each candidate places strong reliance on family for their core physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. Perhaps as an extension of this high regard for the importance of family, each candidate professes concern for the welfare of the American family. When addressing issues of health, prosperity, economy and international relations it is usually in the context of the impact that political decisions have on the well-being of the American family and the “common person” (also ruled by the Moon).

The Moon is feminine, magnetic, negative (receptive) and its influence is plastic (impressionable) and mediumistic (the agency by which something is accomplished). In this regard both candidates seem to *reflect* the will of the American people rather than acting in a *rulership* capacity which would indicate a stronger solar relationship.

The Moon also rules curiosity and a love of notoriety. Zain says Moon people are at their best when either before the public or coming constantly in touch with masses of people. One can probably say this about any political candidate but the inspiration to make contact is different. A dominant Sun person is motivated by ego. A Mercurial person is motivated by the desire to communicate. The dominant Moon person is motivated by curiosity and genuine interest in the common experience of the human family.

The Moon rules the assimilation of mental food by the astral brain or unconscious mind. Therefore one might expect each candidate to exhibit a mentality that readily absorbs the impact of experience. This ability to digest impressions fosters *adaptability* at its best or *changeableness* at its worst. A sense of timing and tune is also associated with the Moon. A well-aspected Moon enables the individual to hear the voice of the moment which forms the ability to speak to the trend or tempo of the audience. Capturing the attention of the masses in a timely manner is an important quality. Both Clinton and Obama show outstanding quickness and fluidity of mind. They seem able to synthesize the pertinent facts of the moment and return them, imbued with their personal sense of purpose, in a manner that resonates with their listeners. Clinton has been described as communicating with prose while Obama’s oratory has been described as poetic.

Clinton

Her Moon is in the 10th house in Pisces suggesting that Clinton’s Domestic Urges express through business, honor credit, profession, superiors and reputation. The dominance of the Moon situated in a business house (along with Jupiter a business planet and Mercury in the 6th—also a business house) suggests that her nurturing character is affected by economic or “earthy” concerns. Because the Moon is trine to both Jupiter and Mercury in the 6th (also a business house) harmony is attracted as a result of associating with programs designed to benefit the working class (6th house). Evidence of this aspect

may be reflected in her appeal to the people in states that have large working class populations – particularly those populations in economic duress who perceive her as sympathetic to and willing to minister to their concerns.

On the negative side, her reputation has suffered as a result of negative discourse and legal proceedings regarding some of her business dealings while serving as First Lady of Arkansas. With a discordant Moon in the 10th (-16.7) she’s vulnerable to such activity.

The Moon is her only planet in public houses...it’s the only access we have to an otherwise very private person! Of course, Sun in Scorpio also lends a degree of secretiveness to her nature.

Her Moon is in the third decanate of Pisces, Cassiopeia. Its keyword is VICISSITUDES. According to Zain, “it is the sex decanate of the sign of imprisonment, and mythology attributes the imprisonment of her daughter to the pride of this queen in her beauty. However in another story she is the queen who furnished her children with the Ram that bore the golden fleece and carried them to heaven.” The question arises, does she imprison others by her pride or is her intent to minister to those in need and help deliver them to a higher form of life? If her career choices are any indication, it seems she has always worked on behalf of those less fortunate.

This decanate leads to an eventful life and ability to enter into and succeed in a wide variety of careers. Persons with this decanate prominent are unusually adaptable, likeable and require excitement and change. People who know her privately describe her as interesting, dynamic, warm and humorous. Her public persona also seems to mirror this decanate. She’s had many and varied careers ranging from working in a canning factory in Alaska to being the First Lady and a US Senator. Career choices appear to be related to service (Mercury and Jupiter in the 6th house) that pull her into a very public life. She’s lived through many ups and downs. Interestingly, she continues on...her countenance seems to reflect a degree of happiness and joy. Rather than appearing beaten down she seems more radiant than ever. It is notable that she’s always smiling and jovial...is that due to the Moon’s trine to Jupiter?

This is how she describes herself: “Our lives are a mixture of different roles. Most of us are doing the best we can to find whatever the right balance is . . . For me, that balance is family, work, and service.”

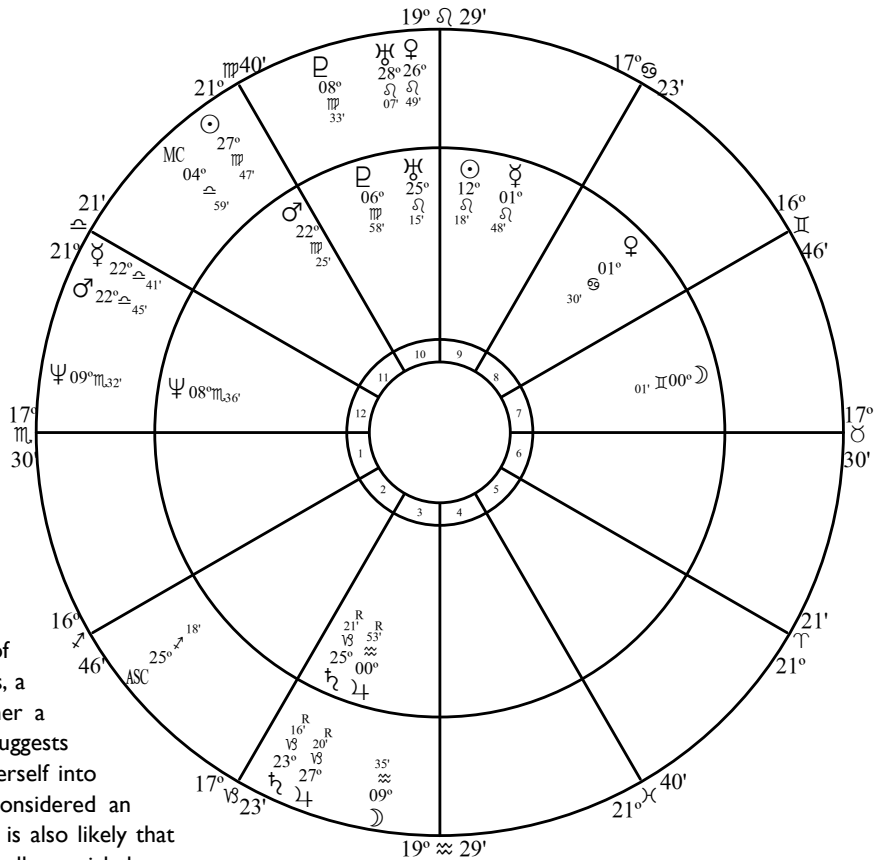
Moon Aspects:

The trines to Jupiter (her second most powerful aspect with 10.59/+15.89*) and Mercury (4.11/+4.11) are the only two har-

* In the text 10.59/+15.89, 10.59 refers to the power of the aspect and + or - refers to the harmony or discord of the aspect.



Barack Obama
 August 4, 1961; 1:06 PM; Honolulu, Hawaii; 157W51'30, 21N18'25
 Progressed to August 25, 2008



monious aspects made by the Moon. Except for a minor inconjunct to the Sun (.40/00) the remaining aspects are discordant.

Square the ASC in Cancer is her most powerful aspect (10.84 astrodynes/-10.84): Let's face it; there is something about her personality that is considered an obstacle to the harmonious acceptance of her public persona. As revealed by pollsters, a large percentage of the public consider her a polarizing public personality. The square suggests she may *tenaciously* (Cancer ASC) inject herself into public issues in a manner that may be considered an obstacle or barrier to business as usual. It is also likely that this aspect is so powerful it serves as a stellar aerial that attracts the energy of the other aspects in her chart. This means she must exercise great care in managing the public perception of who she is.

Square to Uranus in Gemini in the 12th (8.71/-8.71) which is

also conjunct her ASC: She's a true revolutionary, and her reputation suffers as a result of reform efforts. While she personally feels confident (Sun trine Uranus) about her effort to change the status quo, her reputation suffers. Examples of this

	Natal	Major
☉	17N07	00N53
☽	15N00	16S21
☿	20N47	10S38
♀	21N37	13N17
♂	03N41	08S38
♃	20S35	21S21
♅	21S15	21S40
♁	13N46	12N47
♄	12S42	13S02
♁	20N34	20N00
MC	14N59	01S59
ASC	17S03	23S22

PLANETS	Power	%	Harmony
☽	76.08	13.7	16.79
♀	58.62	10.6	0.37
♃	56.24	10.1	23.04
ASC	53.04	9.6	-18.96
♁	53.01	9.6	8.77
MC	52.21	9.4	-10.92
♅	50.47	9.1	-10.21
☉	35.20	6.3	-7.10
♁	34.47	6.2	-11.86
♀	33.16	6.0	4.66
♂	26.47	4.8	2.79
♄	<u>25.31</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>-1.34</u>
	554.27	100.0	-3.98

HOUSES	Power	%	Harmony
10	157.29	19.0	-17.57
3	131.95	15.9	7.73
9	131.86	15.9	1.66
7	92.66	11.2	19.12
1	72.91	8.8	-16.07
8	62.47	7.5	4.85
11	55.78	6.7	2.98
12	41.89	5.0	0.99
2	28.12	3.4	11.52
4	21.24	2.6	-5.52
5	20.39	2.5	5.43
6	13.23	1.6	1.40

SIGNS	Power	%	Harmony
♈	198.09	23.9	-33.07
♏	108.79	13.1	11.74
♏	105.39	12.7	16.97
♏	98.22	11.8	-17.41
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behalf of *Universal Welfare*. However, with the sesquisquare to the 10th house Moon she must be very careful about how she communicates her intense *Universal Welfare Urges* – will she cooperate or coerce?

Sesquisquare to Venus (3.36/-2.52): Venus rules the emotions and though she is a very soft, sensitive and sympathetic person (dominant Pisces Moon, Cancer ASC and Scorpio Sun) she attracts a reputation for being cold and unsympathetic – the opposite of what her character is most likely to be.

Progressions:

On January 20, 2007 Clinton announced her candidacy. “I’m in and I’m in to win.” These words were spoken during a time when she enjoyed Venus sextile Jupiter r; Sun sextile Sun r; and MC sextile MC. Venus is not natively harmonious; Jupiter is harmonious but not powerful. With these aspect one might expect her to be well received by women and the business world (keep in mind she is a Democrat), especially at a time when the general populace is remembering the Clinton presidency with longing. This aspect bodes well for her 5th, 7th and 8th houses. This means that the public is seeing her as a winner and giving money to her campaign. Her Sun is her most harmonious planet and progressed into the 7th (public)...people see her as presidential. Her MC is harmonious which contributes to a positive reception for her announcement. While these aspects are in force she is also enjoying

are her health reform efforts of the nineties that engendered secret enemies (Uranus in 12th) or her feminist activities of the seventies that have been used by her detractors to paint a picture of a radical liberal who is not to be trusted.

Sesquisquare to Mars in Leo in the 3rd (5.94/-7.43): Her *Aggressive Urges* (expressed through communication (Mars in 3rd) meet with *agitation* resulting in *strife* in the area of communication, brethren, private thoughts and studies, neighbors, writing, short journeys and education. The tension generated possibly accounts for the notion that she is an iron maiden impervious to softer emotions. This may also be fueled by the fact that her personality (ASC which is also discordant) is in Cancer which tends to *touchiness* and a tough outer shell.

Sesquisquare to Pluto in Leo in the 3rd (5.36/-5.36): Pluto is in close conjunction to Mars. This is probably the aspect that garners the reputation that she engages in playing hard ball politics. The truth is, with her Sun (her most harmonious planet) in Scorpio, she can play to win with the best of them! This is not necessarily a bad thing when it comes to working on

an MC trine Mars p which peaks in February 2008. She’s seen as feisty and aggressive (which can be a positive for a woman seeking a leadership position).

Though on the waning side, she continues to enjoy the effects of MC trine Mars aspect until April 2009. But, the tide of positive energy is turning (Uranus parallel ASC r, Feb. 2008). She enters a period of nothing but discordant aspects. Mercury square Moon r (March 2008); Mercury sesquisquare Mars r (March 2008); ASC square Venus r (June 2008); Mercury sesquisquare Pluto p (June 2008) and Mercury sesquisquare Pluto r (Aug. 2008) are the aspects leading up to August 2008. Then, to seemingly add insult to injury she has a Venus square Sun r coming perfect in October 2008. The aspects spell communication strife, setbacks to her prestige and coercive behavior. Clinton claims to be vetted and resilient but these are tough aspects and surely disappointment will follow her early success.

Obama

His Moon is in Gemini, in the 7th house and is harmonious with +16.79 harmodynes of power.

In *Horoscope Maker & Reader*, Elbert Benjamine says, "With the Domestic thought cells expressing through partnership, contacting many people is shown. Ability to serve the public well should be cultivated." Combined with six planets in public houses he is driven to be before the masses. That his Moon is harmonious (+16.79) creates a sense of ease and flow to his communication (Moon in Gemini trine Jupiter and Saturn in the 3rd and sextile Mercury in the 9th). It also endows him with a good sense of timing and rhythm in his speech making.

His Moon is in the first decanate of Gemini. About this decanate, in Course X-I, *Delineating the Horoscope*, Zain, says about Ursa Minor:

"the bear was selected by the ancients to depict the mind because of its restless activity and power. The unconscious mind is not as obvious as the conscious mind, therefore the bear is small....Perhaps unconsciously, yet none the less effectively, those born in the Gemini third of Gemini tend to rely upon intuition. Their natural field of endeavor is the mental plane. They see, not merely the details of a problem, but view it completely, perceiving the proper relation of each part to the whole. And if they are not carried away by the restless desire to undertake too many things, they may become intellectual giants; for they assimilate all they contact and their deductions rise spontaneously from the soul."

If this is his decanate, it may be a factor in accounting for his quick mind and his "eloquent" speeches (which are also enhanced by Moon sextile Mercury and trine both Jupiter and Saturn).

An early opponent of the war in Iraq, he is quoted as saying in October 2002, "I know that an invasion of Iraq without a clear rationale and without strong international support will only fan the flames of the Middle East, and encourage the worst, rather than best, impulses of the Arab world, and strengthen the recruitment arm of Al Qaeda. I am not opposed to all wars. I'm opposed to dumb wars." He has made his position on the war a prominent element of his claim to make early and "correct" assessments on matters of great import to the people. If this is true, it also argues for having a harmonious Moon in the first decanate of Gemini.

The aspects:

The most powerful aspect the Moon makes is *trine Jupiter* in 3rd (11.13/+16.69). Interestingly, religion and its role in finding a community of faith to which he could find his own relationship to God, has figured prominently in Obama's campaign. With

Jupiter in Aquarius one would expect him to have an unemotional, intellectual and eclectic view toward religion. That the aspect provides easy and harmonious access to his unconscious mind signifies a level of importance of religion in his life. He encourages democrats to reach out to evangelicals and other religious people. He's quoted as saying, "if we truly hope to speak to people where they're at – to communicate our hopes and values in a way that's relevant to their own – we cannot abandon the field of religious discourse." The Jupiter aspect also gives him a "hail-fellow-well-met" attitude toward the public.

Moon trine to Saturn in Capricorn in the 3rd house (7.33/+3.66). In its home sign one might expect his thinking to be systematic, orderly and practical. Depth is added to the conclusions of his quick mind. Being Saturn, it is still a drag on his physical constitution. In comparison with Clinton, whose Moon does not aspect Saturn, Obama seems a little drained at times.

Square Uranus in Leo in the 10th (7.23/-7.23): One interpretation of this aspect could be that sudden changes in fortune may occur – especially as it relates to the mother, honor and reputation. Let's consider he was a black child reared in a mixed race family. While this may not have been significant within his maternal family (he was raised by his maternal grandparents), he does express angst as a result of the differences he observed between his family and the larger community. His mother and father divorced and she married a man who took him to Indonesia, a country that was vastly different from what he knew in Hawaii. Again his position in the community is unusual. Outside the norm, he was of moderate income in an Ivy League world during his schooling years. Squares, with the correct attitude, become opportunities. It seems his early conditioning experiences prepare him for understanding diversity. His experience with differences may even give him unique insight into unifying them. Highly educated, intelligent and conventional in his educational, domestic and career choices, he seems to express his *Individualistic Urges* as the ability to employ *original* solutions to common problems. His charisma and oratory is probably related to the prominence of this electromagnetic planet which is also conjunct Venus.

Sextile Mercury in the 9th in Leo (6.21/+6.21): He's a skilled communicator and teacher creating *opportunity* to connect with the masses. Mercury in Leo probably also adds a since of drama to his speeches.

Square Pluto in Virgo in the 10th (5.05/-5.05): With this aspect he is probably no stranger to coercive or cooperative situations. He too knows how to play hardball! Benjamine says, "Cooperation for spiritual welfare should be cultivated" with this Pluto placement. Obama articulates a desire for progress by integration of the poles to find common ground for all concerned. Squares (if consciousness is expanded) frequently indicate the areas of life where the individual can make the greatest contribution to the greater good...they are tough!

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Opposition ASC in Scorpio (2.48/-2.48): This aspect is weakly drained* by Mars in the 11th. During those times when he feels mentally and physically drained he can reach out to his friends (11th house) as a way to regain his mental and constitutional strength. Playing basketball with friends and associates may be an example of how he taps into the Mars (sports or athletic activity) pole of this configuration. Instead of being drained of energy he becomes energized.

Progressions and the nomination:

He announced his candidacy on February 10, 2007. This timing seems to coincide with a Sun parallel MC p which was perfect on March 26, 2007. Natively, the Sun is conjunct MC. While the progressed aspect is neutral and feeds into a natal neutral aspect it is never-the-less a significant stellar aerial that acts as an excellent medium for focusing attention to his desires for leadership with maximum publicity. Very adeptly, he chose to symbolically associate his desires for the presidency with that of Abraham Lincoln by announcing on the steps of the old Illinois state capital. It was a masterful stroke of political savvy because it put him in control of the racial question that might be raised and associates him with someone who presided over and won a "house divided" which in many respects describes America today.

From the time of his announcement until March 2008 his aspects were not been harmonious; but they were numerous keeping the energy of his campaign moving forward. On March 7, 2008, around the same time his campaign began a winning streak he enjoyed a Sun trine Jupiter p aspect. This aspect affects his 3rd, 9th, 10th and 11th houses. There is no natal aspect between these two planets. While not tapping into natal energy, this aspect will lend to the perception of him as "presidential." It may be expected that his "presidential" persona will be affected by communication, religion, philosophy,

* In Hermetic astrology, a planet that aspects both legs of an opposition is considered to "drain" the opposition. That is, the planet is trine one leg and sextile the other. With Directed Thinking, it becomes a pleasant construct allowing the harmonious expression of associated planetary

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plastic and mediumistic. In human anatomy she rules the fluidic system of the body, the foundation of the health and general constitution. Her influence is cool, yielding and formative ruling the constitutional magnetism which markedly influences the health. On a mental level, she governs the Domestic Urges, embracing time, tune, sublimity, and love of offspring. She is changeable, negative, dreamy, inoffensive and lacking in force. Her nature is IMPRESSIONABLE.

and friends. With Jupiter as part of this aspect, unless he becomes arrogant, he will be able to establish himself as the candidate with dignity and control over the essential issues. People will see him as a winner and want to associate themselves with his campaign.

Going into the convention he enjoys an ASC trine Uranus r (natively square). This aspect could mean sudden elevation. It affects his 1st, 10th and 2nd houses. What Uranus brings into the life is usually through another individual (or as Zain says, "human agency." Whatever the event, he will experience it as affecting his person, reputation and personal wealth. While this aspect is harmonious, it is still Uranus which is by nature disruptive. Natively, Uranus is relatively weak so the progression is not tapping into a powerhouse of energy for him. Also Uranus is square the ASC in his natal chart, so his honor and reputation are somewhat vulnerable. If he has learned the lessons of his life he will have ample energy to turn the Democratic National Convention into a personal victory for "CHANGE" and a nomination winning event.

Who will win?

Though a tough decision, based upon the overall harmony of the two natal charts and the harmony of the progressed energy, it seems that Obama has the edge. During the 2001 New York senatorial contest with Rudy Giuliani Clinton's aspects were not that harmonious but they did tap into her harmonious Sun energy (Mercury semisquare Sun r; Mercury parallel Sun p. Also she had MC semisextile Moon r and ASC sextile Neptune r.) This time around her aspects not so fortunate. Though the two candidates are amazingly similar, it seems harmony is on Obama's side this time around.

Vicki Brewer



The reader is encouraged to examine the data provided and offer comments to The Church of Light. As time and space permit they may be included in the Membership Room of the next Quarterly.

The Moon causes the ocean's tides to carry magnetic energy to the shores of dry land while returning the flow of tired rivers and streams back into her nourishing bosom. She maintains the cycle of earthly rehydration and nourishment flowing with regularity and rhythm helping to maintain a healthy distribution of the earth's elements throughout the planet. She is the metaphor of how the human body and spirit maintains its flow of magnetic energy flowing through each human system.

But, what if this system becomes tired and clogged with too much material such as overwhelming emotions that are not

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easily released into wider circulation? When the lunar energy becomes blocked and begins to manifest discordantly as moodiness, lethargy, listlessness, changeability, suggestibility, gullibility, negativity, emotionality, and becoming overly impressionable, then the health begins to suffer.

To take this energy and transform it into a state of purposefulness, which is the state of transmuted gold, there must be applied the Iron of Mars to help lift the lethargy and find the medium through which moodiness and tiredness can once again establish fun, stability and rhythm with purpose and intention. Correcting a Domestic thought element requires that positive, aggressive and almost war-like thoughts be substituted for the negativity of discordant Moon thinking.

According to Zain, "To add these Aggressive thought-elements to the compartment of the astral body containing the Domestic thought-cells, this department of the life should be associated in the mind with activities which are deliberately undertaken for the protection of the weak and helpless and providing for those unable to care for themselves; activities that call for initiative, courage, and combat. Even taking the part of a mistreated dog is a step in the right direction. To add these Aggressive thought-elements specifically to the Domestic Dynamic Structure, whenever thoughts enter the consciousness that relate to difficulties in the home, to difficulties with women, or to difficulties with the common people; these should instantly and completely be displaced by thinking about some episode in the life in which initiative and courage were exercised. Or the thoughts may be turned to some contemplated activity which requires initiative and courage."

If you find yourself manifesting discordant Moon conditions, ask yourself the question, "Am I passively accepting a condition?" If the answer is yes, then know that God does not intend this to be a permanent state. It is a state of being that creates the opportunity for you to become aware of and transmute the tendency. It is not intended to be forever!

The alchemist recognizes this condition as an opportunity to apply the hot iron of Mars. It requires action! The Moon is cool and slow to act...Mars is quick and hot. They are the perfect combination of energy! The action of Mars does not have to be huge...baby steps are just fine. Discordant Moon frequently manifests because of dependency issues, either the dependency

of you on others or vice versa. For example, one may have little ones (or others who are helpless) that are dependent on a daily basis. There exists feelings of being trapped; emotions become bottled in a world of neediness. Take action! CARVE out a time of the day (with the knife of Mars which means aggressively) that belongs to you. It is right and just that you do this. When you are able to courageously and compassionately do this, the elements of your world will step into alignment with this desire if you are willing to command it.



Discordant Moon also manifests as the tendency to gain weight from such behaviors as emotional overeating. When you wake up in the morning instead of dragging yourself out of bed into another day of fluctuating between being on a diet and or giving in to hunger, go to war! Find a uniform and an arsenal of weapons. Why a uniform? It is to remind you of your intention. Put on your favorite workout DVD or fitness channel and begin piping the thought forms into your unconscious or conscious mind. Even if you find you don't actually work out you are planting the seeds and discovering inspiration. One person I know decided that her uniform of the day was composed of an invigorating shower, styling her hair, applying make-up and dressing for the day so as to be prepared for anything the world has to offer. No matter what, she was ready to take it on and look good doing it! Though these examples sound like silly little games, they are the daily elements of creating self conscious awareness about who we are and initiating behaviors to effect positive life changes or transmutations.

With the Moon and Mars, the key to creating transmuted gold is to recognize what you are doing that causes the "fluid of life" to become stagnant and to then take action to release its flow back into the bosom of the universe. God did not intend us to be passive players in life.

There is great need for nurturing the life around us...plants, animals, people, organizations, and the planet. As your nurturing energy flows outward it will reflect back on you as a powerful animating force that invigorates your ability to care for and cherish life. Your self esteem and power will grow and you will be in possession of transmuted gold!

Vicki Brewer

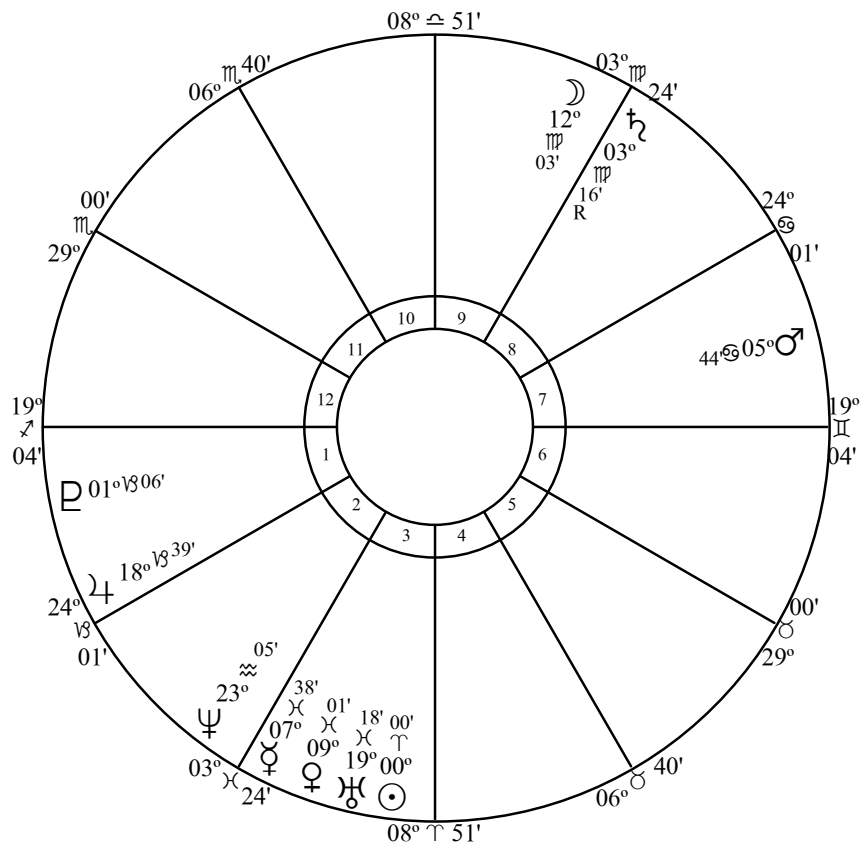


Mundane Cycle Charts: Spring 2008

2008 Sun Cycle

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In Mundane Astrology the third house governs "transportation, railroads, roads, motor busses, automobiles, local air-plane traffic, local traffic in general; telegraph, telephone and mails; printing, newspapers, magazines, other periodicals; literary work, intellectual activity, and thoughts of the people; neighboring countries."
C.C. Zain



The astrological year begins on the first day of spring when the Sun advances across the celestial equator from south declination to north declination. The Vernal Ingress or Sun Cycle Chart can be erected for the capitol of any county for this specific time.

In mundane astrology the Sun governs politics and the ruling authority. In the United States the Sun can specifically refer to the President. The house position of the Sun in the Cycle Chart can represent key areas of national attention during the period that the Sun Cycle is in force. As 2008 is an election year, politics will be in the foreground of everyone's attention. In politics "Lame Duck" is a term that is applied to politicians who don't have to face the consequences of their actions in the next election. As George W. Bush is in his final year of his second term he will be considered a Lame Duck President for his duration in office. Nevertheless, he will continue to remain in the public eye. Much of the focus in the news will be on the presidential candidates for the Tuesday November 4, elections. This will be the first election since 1928 where neither an incumbent president nor incumbent vice president running for office.

In the 2008 Vernal Ingress Chart, the Sun is found in the Third

House, which is both powerful and discordant. Some topics that might be emphasized in the press could be trade relations and immigration policies with neighboring countries. The current president and/or presidential candidates could meet with representatives of bordering nations.

Another subject that could be featured in the news is the closing of newspaper offices in smaller communities as more people chose to get their news through cable and the internet. After many years of publication some established periodicals might also be forced to shut their doors as readership plummets.

There could be an explosion in the use of cellular phones and hand-held messaging devices. There is a good chance that we will also see major telephone companies in the attention of the media due to mergers, rate hikes, or the personal lives of their controlling officers.

The aging infrastructure of highways, roads, bridges, airports, railways etc. will be newsworthy items along with threatened strikes involving transportation workers.

The United States Postal Service might experience more frequent rate hikes, as well as embarking on an advertising campaign encouraging postal customers to process mail "online."

In Cycle charts we progress (by transit) only the planet that rules the chart. Special attention is given to the more powerful conjunction and opposition aspects.

June 8th-10th, the transiting Sun will opposes the Ascendant: Media attention may be placed on the President's health or a near travel disaster.

June 21st-23rd, the transiting Sun opposes Pluto in the First House: This might prompt an impasse in negotiations with a neighboring nation or with travel or transportation workers.

June 25th -28th, the transiting Sun conjuncts Mars in the Seventh House: The president might antagonize or declare open hostilities with a "rogue" nation. A military officer could be promoted to a key position.

July 9th -11th, the Sun opposes Jupiter in the first house: A key political figure might draw the criticism of a religious group. The financial market might temporarily rally. A marketing campaign might aim at improving the image of the United States abroad.

August 14th-16th, the Sun opposes Neptune in the Second House: Both banking institutions and the petroleum industry could be in the public eye as irregularities are revealed. Attention could also be placed on the entertainment industry as the Screen Actors Guild reaches and impasse in their negotiations.

August 25th-27th, the Sun conjuncts Saturn in the Eighth House: National debt could be in the spotlight. Record foreclosures could be announced. Financial pundits might hint at a prolonged recession. A death toll might be announced from record heat waves or other natural disaster.

August 29th-31st, the Sun opposes Mercury in the Third House: The condition of public highways or railways could be in the media. Tougher regulations could be imposed on the trucking industry especially involving foreign drivers.

August 31st – September 2nd, the Sun opposes Venus in the Third House: An artist or media star could be embarrassed by a prank involving the internet or telephone.

September 3rd-5th, the Sun conjuncts the Moon in the Ninth House: All eyes could be on the President or a political candidate as they travel abroad. Foreign labor conditions could be a news item.

September 10th-12th, the Sun opposes Uranus in the Third House: A political cavalcade could be the cause of an accident. Use of a bridge or ferry could be suspended.

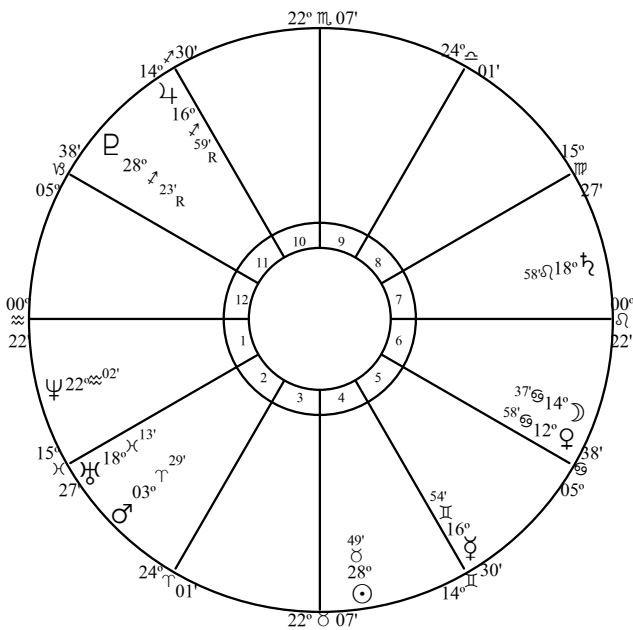
September 30th-October 2nd, the Sun conjuncts the Midheaven: The Commander in Chief could make a public appearance endorsing a candidate. Presidential ratings could improve.

December 9th-11th, the Sun conjuncts the Ascendant: A key politician might make a plea for the public to support charitable organizations.

December 21st-23rd, the Sun conjuncts Pluto in the First House: A strike, rally, protest, or mob action could make the news.

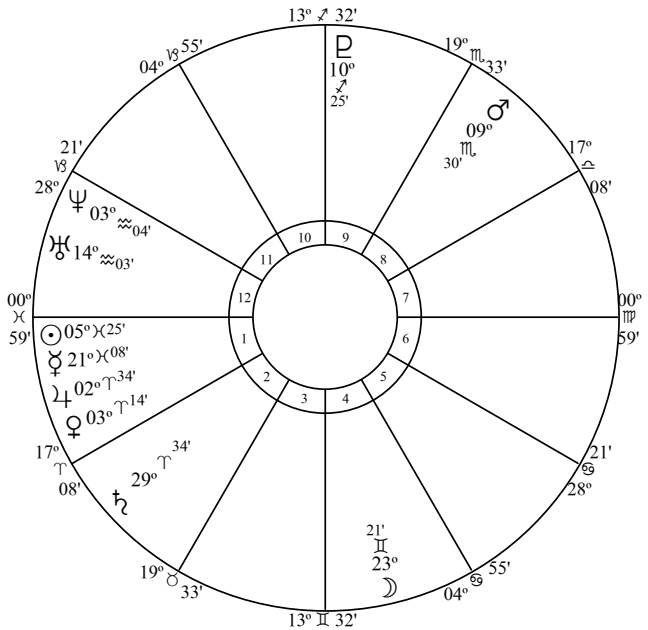
December 26th-28th, the Sun opposes Mars in the Seventh House: Conflict could intensify in war-torn regions.

By Christopher Gibson



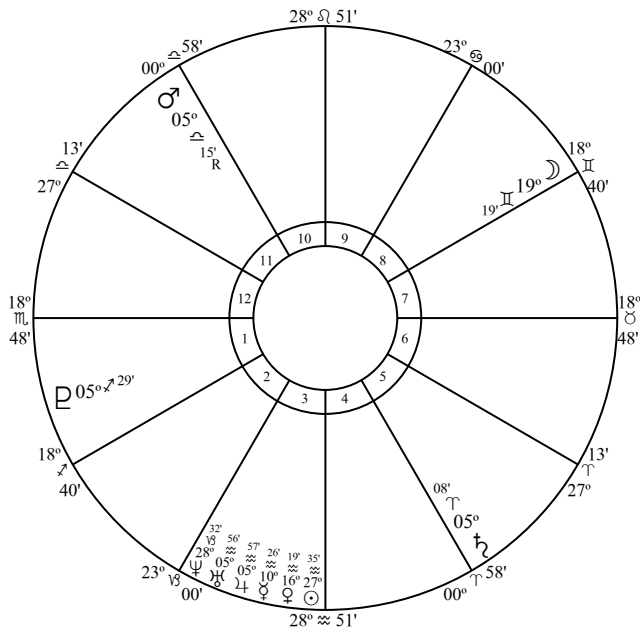
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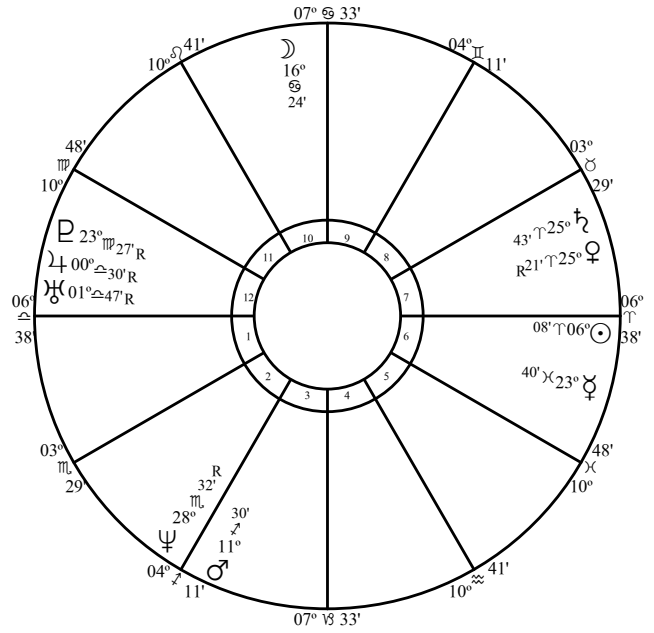
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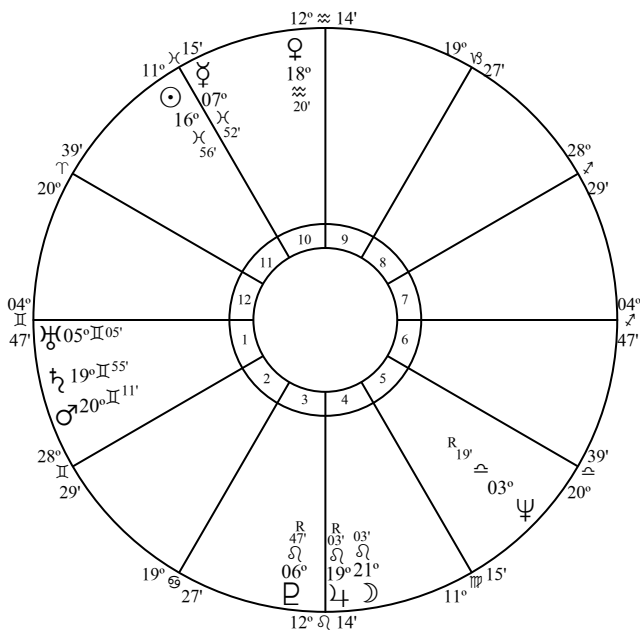
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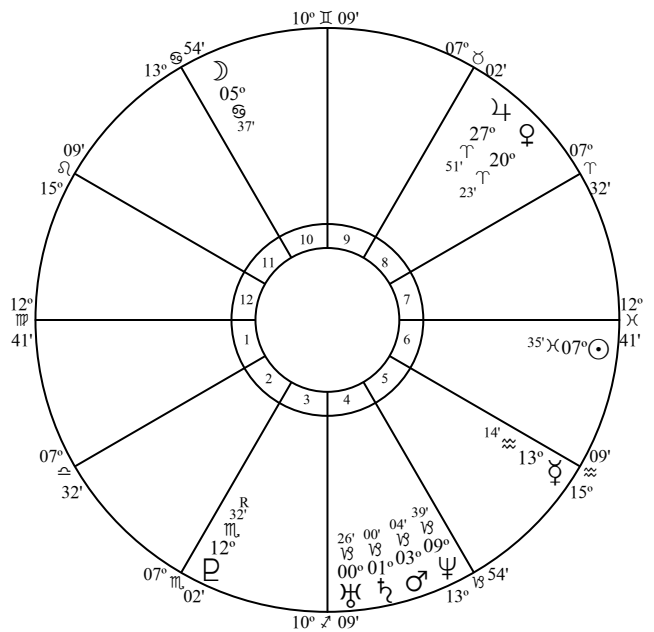
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Pluto Cycle

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Tablets of Aeth from *The Light of Egypt*, Part II

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REFLECTION

TABLE THE TENTH: The Cypher — the unknown

A Shining Nebulae; within it a dot, aimlessly wandering around an unknown center.

The unknown in very truth. It is everything—it also nothing. Inconceivable visions arise within the mental universe, but nothing assumes definite form. It is all that is past. It is likewise everything that the future has in store. Amen.

O child of Adam! Canst thou bring forth Mazaroth in his season? Or loose the bands or Orion?"



Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister

One would possibly say you could hide in the darkness, but the opposite is true. It is there in the darkness and in the silence you confront your true self. Successes and failures, harmonies and discords: the question is can you live with and accept yourself, as you really are, the naked truth? For your life, the universe has chosen the most perfect judge; it is yourself.

It always comes down to the soul's embodiment of truth and love and its incorporation as it presents itself moment-by-moment of every event of your life, your response while in various substance. As this response spirals out through all time it confronts you in all its splendor and grace, or lack thereof. In the darkness it is your spiritual vibratory senses that expand awaken. For every event and response, with all your senses acute, you confront the effects your response moment to moment has on everyone and everything; you live and become one with the other point of view.

Sometimes events of life seem either so important or so trivial at the time, but in retrospect some of the insignificant moments are the most grace filled, life changing and awe inspiring times. A moment of tolerance, compassion or in mercy what was not said shines your soul. A kind word, encouragement or extending a much-needed hand for good is like gold. It is in these warm moments that you tune into and revisit with those you love and hold most dear to your heart. Living life itself is the most profound experience of all.

Let it be said then of you that after you have departed from this Earth that the Earth is a better place than it was prior to your existence. Let it be said that you never really finished all of your personal plans, but that people's lives were changed for the better; what you participated in improved the general conditions for everyone; and let it be know that what was left unfinished, the Universe will provide for its ultimate completion and perfection. The Earth indeed rejoices for your having taken breath. ☺



Convention 2009: A Call for Presenters

The Church of Light Convention Committee is requesting proposals for presentations for the June 2009 Church of Light Convention to be held June 19-21, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presentation proposals must be submitted to the Convention Committee either by mail or e-mail by no later than June 1, 2008. All proposals must relate directly to the Brotherhood of Light lessons but may be augmented by other acceptable material and/or research.

All proposed presentations must relate to the 2009 conference theme: A Magical Mystery Tour.

In order to be considered proposals must address the following guidelines. As there are only eight (8) slots available, please be certain you complete all areas designated below.

- Name of presenter and brief bio (including length of time with the Church of Light, grade, and degrees completed)
- Length of presentation (choose 1 hour or 1.5 hours)
- Audio-visual requirements (i.e. microphone, LCD projector, laptop, overhead, screen, etc.)
- A title and brief synopsis of the presentation.
- For the 2009 convention we are requesting that ALL presentations have an interactive component. Please give a detailed explanation of how you will meet this requirement in your presentation.

Please keep in mind that our convention is a completely volunteer event. Each speaker will be responsible for their own travel and convention expenses. Church of Light conventions are truly for camaraderie and for fundraising for the Church of Light.

Send proposals to:

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We are very excited about the '09 convention, and judging by previous conventions we anticipate

receiving great proposals. Please get yours in as soon as possible. Advertising must begin this summer.





Albuquerque Sunday Services

Sunday Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11am.

Our liturgy includes an opening and announcements by Rev. Paul Brewer, a discussion on the relationship of the sign of the zodiac to the current season and holidays by Rev. Christopher Gibson, A homily on a topic derived from Spiritual Astrology by Rev. Meg Dissinger, the Healing Ritual and petitions

with Rev. Vicki Brewer. Musical accompaniment is provided by Meg Dissinger on guitar and occasionally we have vocals by Radine Ramsey.

The following are the dates and topics for the monthly services for the second quarter of 2008:

April 20 -Wisdom of Arthur

May 18 - Faithfulness

June 15 - Just Who Is In Charge?

Sponsorship Program

The Church of Light offers a Sponsorship Program for financially disadvantaged members. Sponsors agree to financially assist a member in their C of L studies by contributing their membership fee, supplying lessons, and donating for the exam processing fee as the student studies the lessons and passes exams.

There are nineteen members currently enrolled in the Sponsorship Program. Fourteen of those members are incarcerated. One member was recently paroled. One member is a quadriplegic. Three members are from Africa, one of which was recently employed and is now a contributing member.

To remain in the sponsorship program, an enrolled member must pass an exam once every six months with a grade of 75% or better. The next course is mailed only upon completion of the previous course.

There are always more members wishing to be sponsored than we have sponsors. Currently there are four persons on the waiting list. If you are interested in anonymously sponsoring a member in need, please contact our Membership Minister, Rev. Patrick Ramsey at drpat@prodigy.net, or call the office during our regular office hours. All contributions to the Sponsorship Program are tax-deductible.

Albuquerque Classes—Spring/Fall 2008

Classes will be offered at Church of Light Headquarters at 2119 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30—8:30 pm.

Spring

Intermediate Tarot

- Christopher Gibson Six Tuesdays, March 25 – April 29

Alchemical Laboratory II

- Christopher Gibson Six Thursdays, March 27 – May 1

Fall

Introduction to Astrology

- Christopher Gibson
5 Thursdays, September 4 – October 2

Beginning Egyptian Tarot

- Allyn McCray
6 Tuesdays, October 7 – November 11

There is a suggested donation of \$8 per class. Call 505-247-1338 for a brochure or calendar of events



Fort Worth Activities



The Fort Worth branch of The Church of Light offers classes on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m.

April 1st - Applied Natal Aspects

April 8th - Delineating the Horoscope
 May 13th - Delineating the Horoscope
 June 3rd - Applied Natal Delineations
 June 10th - Delineating the Horoscope

Sunday services are held on the third-Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. - 1p.m.

April 14th-Taurus
 May 18th - Gemini
 June 15th - Cancer

For more information contact Rev. Gail Carswell or Rev. Michael Foltz at: 817-921-5809.

All classes and services are held at Owl's Clover Bookstore, 3037 James Ave., Fort Worth, TX.

Welcome New Hermeticians

Alain Rousseau
Sheldon Ziff



The Church of Light In Florida



Leslie Marlar & Doug Ketcham

A Church of Light social event is planned for Sunday, May 25th at 3pm in Satellite Beach, Florida. The festivities will be hosted by Leslie Marlar, Emmett Perry, and Diane Pinney. This is an exciting opportunity for Florida members to come together and meet one another. The program will include introductions, an overview of the Church of Light lessons, and a discussion of future plans for other events. Light refreshments will be served.

To participate in this event be sure to R.S.V.P. by May 18th, by

calling or emailing Leslie Marlar at 321-779-0604, vmarlar@aol.com, or leslie.marlar@gmail.com

Satellite Beach is located on the central east coast of Florida, about 45 minutes south of Cape Canaveral, and about 1.5 hours southeast of Orlando. Directions to the event will be provided when you call. To become more familiar with Leslie and her work log on to: www.lesliemarlar.com.



Diane Pinney and Emmett Perry

Weekend Intensives in Albuquerque—Summer 2008

In June and August of this year we will be offering two weekend intensives in Hermetic Astrology.

The workshops will be facilitated by Meg Dissinger and Christopher Gibson. Each instructor is a Hermetician and Minister in The Church of Light with over 40 years of study in the field of astrology.

In addition to lecture, these “hands-on” intensives allow plenty of time interactive exer-

cises.

The programs commence on Friday evenings and end Sunday afternoon. They are held at Church of Light headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For out of state guests who want to participate we are just five minutes drive from the Albuquerque Sunport. There is plenty of lodging, restaurants, and shopping nearby. Please contact us if you need help planning your trip.

The intensives are being offered for the incredible low suggested donation of \$50 and are limited to 20 participants. We suggest you register in advance to secure your space.

For more details email:

christopher@light.org ,or

marymeg@light.org, or

Call:

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Alchemy Intensive 2005

The Dynamics of Natal Astrology - June 13 -15, 2008

Hermetic astrology specifically works with the Four Factors of astrology; the planets, signs, houses, and aspects.

Astrodynes which were developed by The Church of Light are an important key to natal chart interpretation. *Astro* means “star” and *Dyna* means “power.” Astrodynes are a means by which we can mathematically quantify the relative power, harmony, and discord

for the planets, signs, houses, and aspects in any chart. A professional Hermetic astrologer will find this tool invaluable in horoscope delineation.

In this weekend intensive students will garner a complete understanding of the Four Factors of astrology and how their unique combinations work to create a map of the character.

Our educational approach to astrology is non-fatalistic. We teach that “character is destiny.” As the individual works to change his or her character, his or her destiny is also changed.

This is an excellent opportunity to become steeped in the practical application of the Hermetic System of Astrology.

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The Dynamics of Progressions— August 15-17, 2008

From the time of birth forward the planets continue to move through our charts. These planetary movements are called Progressions. Progressed aspects can take place between progressed planets as well as the planets in the chart of birth, stimulating temporary periods of heightened activity in our lives.

Progressions can be likened to “astrological weather condi-

tions” attracting such events as sunshine or storms with our health, windfalls or losses with our finances, or times where we might either make or break off relationships.

The Hermetic System of Progressions as taught by The Church of Light uses a unique combination of Major, Minor, and Transiting Progressions to determine the “triggers” that attract specific types of events

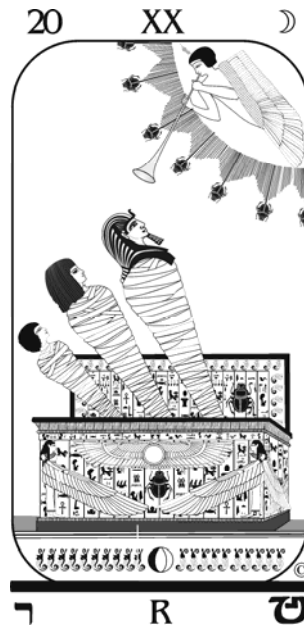
into our lives.

In this intensive we will learn what type of events are attracted by each of the planets, the energetic expression of each of the ten progressed aspects, the nature of major, minor, and transit progressions, and how to read a progression report indicating when aspects enter, become perfect, and leave orb.



Astrology Intensive 2004

Tarot Correspondence—The Sarcophagus



Divination

Expresses in the spiritual world, the immortality of the soul.
 In the intellectual world, the judgment of conscience.
 In the physical world, unexpected elevation.

Admonition

Remember, then, son of earth, that all fortune is changeable, even that which appears most stable. The ascension of the soul is the fruit that it should draw from its successive trials. Hope in suffering, but mistrust thyself in prosperity. If Arcanum XX should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, fall not asleep, either in idleness or forgetfulness; for thou hast a mission to accomplish which providence will reveal when thou art prepared to receive it.

Astrology

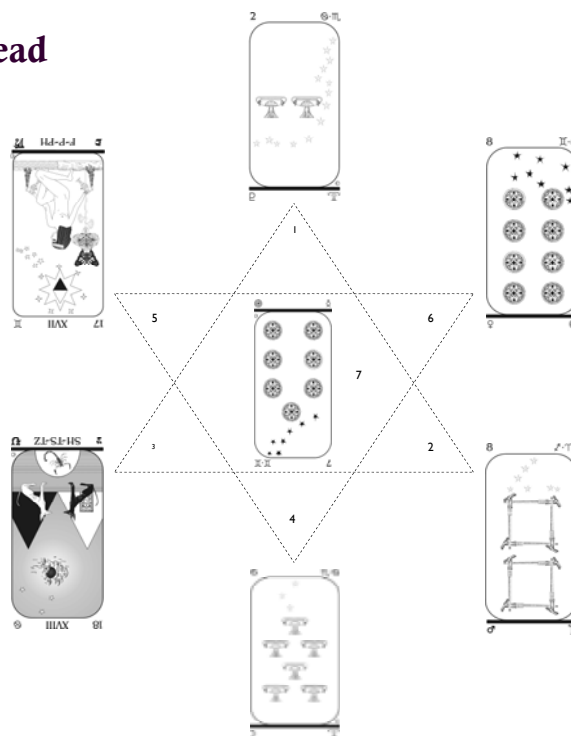
The Moon governs all periods of gestation, and is the magnetic mother of all life. Life on earth, in a physical body, is but the period of gestation which precedes a more vivid and active life in higher-dimensional realms. The Moon thus corresponds to Arcanum XX.

Tarot Spread Example—The Magic 7 Spread

The following question was asked in early December, 2007:

“What surrounds my trip to Los Angeles for the holidays?”

1. Past—Two of Cups
2. Present— Eight of Scepters
3. Future—Arcanum XVIII, The Moon (reversed)
4. Ability to Control—Six of Cups
5. Environment—Arcanum XVII—The Star (reversed)
6. Opposition— Eight of Coins
7. Outcome—Seven of Coins (reversed)



Tarot Spread Interpretation

1) The past of the matter is represented by the Two of Cups. This card indicates “a work of love.” It had been eleven years since the querent had spent the holidays with family, he was eager to spend time with his aging parents.

2) The present of the matter inquired about is represented by the Eight of Scepters. The meaning given for this card in The Sacred Tarot is “exploration.” The querent had included sufficient time in his travel plans for sightseeing and to visit childhood haunts.

3) Card number three represents the future of the matter inquired about. Arcanum XVIII, The Moon (reversed). This card is generally interpreted as false friends, deceit and disappointments. The querent enjoyed a very happy trip, however, upon his return he came down with a respiratory virus which lasted three weeks. Also two friends died within the first week of his return home.

4) The fourth position in the Magic 7 Spread is a powerful position. It represents the querent’s ability to control the matter being inquired about. Here we find the Six of Cups—a love affair. The querent embarked upon the journey with the attitude that he was “just going to have a good time.” He attended numerous delightful social events and even played the role of Santa on Christmas eve, in costume, handing out gifts to the younger children in the family.

5) The forces in the environment favorable to the matter are represented by the fifth position in the spread. Here we have Arcanum XVII—The Star in reversed position. This card represents truth, hope and faith. The querent felt that “the environment conspired to make a great trip.” The weather, in the low 70’s, cooperated to make this feel like a Vacation. Because of the holidays the normally crazy Southern California traffic was almost non-existent. The querent was able to get to all the places he wanted to go with minimal amount of fuss or hardship.

6) The sixth card represents the forces in the environment which oppose the matter. Here we find the Eight of Coins. This card is typically read as “a costly lawsuit.” The querent was concerned about the cost of the trip. However there were no unexpected expenses connected to the trip. The way this card manifested is that the querent experienced a 35% drop in income upon his return home from the trip.

7) The seventh card is a synthesis of the reading and represents the final outcome. Here we have the Seven of Coins (reversed), read as “money spent on a journey.” This card would seem self-explanatory. Because the querent was travelling at peak season, airfare and car rentals were a little higher than usual. However he felt that the money spent on the journey, was money well-spent.

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Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare

Vision Statement

OUR MISSION:

To promote Universal Welfare and the exaltation of humankind through the teaching and practices of the Religion of the Stars as outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

A loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness guides us through undeviating natural law.

A Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution in which each soul has a unique and important role.

A soul is completely moral when to the maximum extent of its abilities it adheres to the universal moral code: Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.

The realization of the soul's Mission and the attainment of Self-Conscious Immortality is the goal toward which each soul moves.

Love is the way to life. Unselfish Love alone makes immortality possible.

Through the proper exercise of one's mentality using Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion, it is possible to control one's own life and destiny, both here and hereafter.

Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.

The safe development of extrasensory perception (Extension of Consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan and for verifying the survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

Religion is the sister of Science, and it evolves by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:

We are a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment and expand the reach and experience of our members because:

We provide reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;

We seek out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death and the nature of the next life;

We develop increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;

We promote the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;

We build a sense of community and spiritual purpose which uplifts and inspires our members to Contribute Their Utmost To Universal Welfare.