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# Astrology-Neptune

## By Christopher Gibson

f eptune, the eighth planet from the Sun, is 17 times the mass of Earth and is slightly more massive than its near-twin Uranus. Classified along with Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus as "Gas Giants", Neptune is the fourth-largest planet by diameter and the third-largest by mass. Due to its distance from the Sun, Neptune is believed to be the coldest of the planets, with temperature averaging around -360.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Neptune's blue color is believed to be the result of methane gases in the outer atmosphere. Neptune's planetary ring system is less dramatic than Saturn's and contains 13 satellites, or moons, the largest of which is Triton. It takes Neptune 165 years to traverse the whole of the zodiac, spending around 13.75 years in each sign. On July 12, 2011, Neptune will have completed the first full orbit since its discovery in 1846.

Neptune was first identified in 1846 by Urbain le Verrier, John Couch Adams, and Johann Galle, astronomers working independently in England and France. It was the first planet discovered by mathematical prediction based on perturbations in the orbit of Uranus. Until the discovery of Pluto in 1930, Neptune was the outermost planet. Neptune then became the penultimate planet until a 20-year period from 1979 - 1999, when Pluto's elliptical orbit fell within that of Neptune.

Originally referred to as "Le Verrier's planet", or "the planet



Neptune from a Roman mosaic

exterior to Uranus," Neptune eventually became the internationally accepted name in honor of the Roman god of the sea.

To the ancient Greeks, Poseidon (Neptune) was the god of both horses and the sea. Born to Kronos and Rhea, Poseidon narrowly escaped the fate of being cannibalized by his father,

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# **Transmuting Neptune: The Goddess**

#### By Peter Tourian

earing the end of our tenstop tour through the planets of classical Astrology, we arrive at the beloved Mother, Neptune. Second in the planetary chain beginning with Pluto, she represents the allembracing Love through which God creates and sustains the Universe. She holds a higher place in the universal order than any other construct except the gift of Life itself. The Church of Light's motto thus expresses the timeless Trinity of Universal Formation: Life, Love, and Light. As given in *Sacred Tarot*, these three ageless ideals are associated with Pluto, Neptune, and Uranus, respectively.

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# Editorial

## By Christopher Gibson

"Humanity needs practical men, who get the most out of their work, and, without forgetting the general good, safeguard their own interests. But humanity also needs dreamers, for whom the disinterested development of an enterprise is so captivating that it becomes impossible for them to devote their care to their own material profit."

-Marie Curie (1867-1934)

If uman society is reliant upon visionaries to make the world a better place. One must be able to imagine and dream into being new and improved realities. Although we can still criticize and complain about the ills of the world, a reflection on history is all it takes to reveal how far we have come and where things still remain the same. Nevertheless, as humans we are evolving towards becoming more compassionate and more caring beings. These are the spiritualizing effects of Neptune, the planet featured in this Quarterly, which symbolizes the powers of the imagination, empathy, and compassion.

A little over 400 years ago in the Valley of Mexico, enemy combatants might have their still-beating hearts ripped from their chest as a sacrifice to the State gods of the Aztecs. At the same time, in more "civilized" Europe, the English king could command for the crime of treason that someone be drawn and quartered (to be hanged until almost dead, disemboweled and emasculated while conscious, beheaded, and cut into four pieces) . This statute remained on the law books until 1814. In neighboring Spain, the suspicion of practicing Protestantism or Judaism was enough to allow the Holy Office of the Inquisition to apply torture (regardless of gender or age), which could result in garroting and burning. By royal decree the Inquisition was abolished in 1843. Nowadays capital punishment is practiced in only 58 countries. Ninety-five more civilized nations have abolished it. Visionaries, abolitionists and activists have imagined a better world and worked towards its realization for centuries.

Slavery, rare among hunter-gatherer populations, came into existence as a result of the social stratification brought about by sedentary agricultural practices. The United States was possibly the last country in the Western Hemisphere to abolish slavery by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 states: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms." The practice of forced labor is harder to track and eliminate. If Slavery is defined as forced labor, then the organization Anti-Slavery International estimates that there are currently 27 million persons in the world living in a form of slavery. As an evolving society we still have a long way to go. We must all dream and effort towards a more humane, compassionate world.

Curiously enough, both torture and slavery are traditionally ruled by the sign of Pisces, home to the visionary planet Neptune. The ills of the world can only be cured by those who can envision a better future. In the quotation above by Madame Curie, we are reminded "…humanity also needs dreamers, for whom the disinterested development of an enterprise is so captivating that it becomes impossible for them to devote their care to their own material profit." Working at Church of Light Headquarters in Albuquerque, I have the privilege to work with visionaries like these. We have numerous volunteers, locally and out of state, who



## Neptune Associations

Thought-cell: Utopian House influence: Illusion Alchemical Metal: Copper (upper octave of Venus) Talismanic Gems: Pearls, Shells and Mother of Pearl Color: Changing Iridescence Musical tone: The music of the spheres

## Neptune Figures

Actor, aviator, balloonist, con-artist, costume designer, day-dreamer, designer, entertainer, fortune-teller, idealist, impresario, make-up artist, mystic, performer, perfumer, pharmacist, prophet, petroleum industry worker, promoter, psychic, sage, sailor, seer, shaman, specialeffects artist, spiritualist, social-worker, visionary, visual artist.

## **Positive Neptune Traits**

Aesthetic, alluring, captivating, charismatic, clairvoyant, compassionate, compelling, creative thinker, dreamy, dramatic, empathetic, enchanting, engaging, entrancing, ethereal, exotic, fantastical, fascinating, futuristic, glamorous, idealistic, imaginative, intuitive, otherworldly, poetic, prophetic, quixotic, romantic, saintly, seductive, seer, sensitive, spiritual, sympathetic, telepathic, theatrical, tranquil, utopian, visionary, visual.

## **Negative Neptune Traits**

Absent-minded, addicted, ambiguous, artificial, blurred, confusing, deceptive, delusional, devious, disingenuous, eerie, elusive, embellished, enigmatic, escapist, exaggerated, fantasy-thinking, fuzzy, hazy, histrionic, ill-defined, illogical, illusory, impractical, imprecise, inflated, insincere, irrational, larger-than-life, melodramatic, misleading, mysterious, nebulous, over-the-top, uncertain, unclear, unearthly, unfathomable, unreliable, unrealistic, vague. Neptune Continued.... (Continued from page 1)

suffered by his other siblings. When the world was divided into three parts among the gods, Hades received the underworld, Zeus the sky, and Poseidon the sea. In astrological shorthand, Neptune is symbolized by the trident of Poseidon, an ancient weapon also used in spear fishing. With one strike of his trident, Neptune could cause earthquakes, shipwrecks, and drowning. Sailors would often propitiate Poseidon by drowning horses as a sacrifice before heading out to sea.

In Hermetic astrology, Neptune governs the Utopian Urges of the soul associated with the qualities of humanitarianism, compassion, idealism and altruism. Imagination, psychic sensitivity, fantasy, and mysticism are all traits considered to be under Neptune's dominion. Illusion, confusion, vagueness, and nebulousness are some of Neptune's negative attributes. In ancient astrology, Jupiter was the traditional ruler of Pisces. Since its discovery in 1846, Neptune has assumed the position of chief ruler of Pisces, with Jupiter as the co-ruler. Zain refers to Neptune as "the higher octave of Venus" being love elevated to the level of universal brotherhood. Neptune is neutral and convertible; therefore, his harmony or discord is determined from the nature of the aspects he forms with the other planets in a chart.

Due to the nearly 14 years spent in each sign, Neptune's passage through the zodiac creates generational traits which impact groups of individuals born during these time periods. Neptune's movement through the zodiac is also indicative of socio-cultural trends in the realm of enter-tainment, mysticism, schemes, and humanitarian efforts.

Neptune was discovered in 1846 while in conjunction with Saturn in the sign of Aquarius. In the Beginner's Horoscope Reader (OP) by Elbert Benjamine, he describes Neptune in Aquarius as, "With the Utopian thought-cells expressing from the I Know attitude, idealism should be sought through humanitarian plans rather than through schemes for exploiting the unwary." The 1840's saw waves of social unrest in Europe and the publishing of The Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels. In the United States the two year war with Mexico resulted with the annexation of the northern half of that country by the US. This was also a time that the Mormons established their colony in Utah. Neptune moved through Pisces, the sign governing slavery, prisons, and unseen entities, from 1948 -1861. This period saw a rise in the movement to abolish slavery, which was strongly influenced by the publication of Uncle Tom's Cabin in 1852. In 1848 in Hydesville, New York, the Fox sisters ushered in the rise of Spiritualism by interpreting the rappings of a murdered peddler. From

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## **Alchemical Neptune**



"Discordant Utopian thought-cells, mapped in the birth chart by inharmonious aspects to the planet Neptune, in particular tend to a negative, dreamy state of consciousness to which should be applied both the hard, concrete, practical facts of the Safety thoughtelements; and, to give more vigor, the vital, courageous, thoughts of application to detail as an aid to realizing a practical significance instead of attaining that significance only in the wish-fulfillment of imagination. Even the harmonious Utopian thought compounds will be benefitted by applying to them both the Safety thought-elements and the Power thoughtelements in painstaking concrete endeavor; as always the Utopian thought-cells tend to gain satisfaction too largely through imagination."

Mental Alchemy - C. C. Zain

# **Alchemical Meditation**

I, (your name here), am a sensitive, intuitive and spiritual being. Every day I reflect upon the interconnectedness of all of life and revel in the majesty of God's creation. As I attune myself to the Source of All Inspiration, my feelings of Universal Brotherhood increase and grow.

Everyday I deepen my sensitivity to other life forms and cultivate the qualities of empathy and compassion.

I, (your name here), am attentive to any habit system that I have of harboring unrealistic expectations of other people or situations. Instead, I consciously cultivate the tendency of seeking out the truth and allowing my expectations to conform with reality.

When confronted with my disappointments in myself, others, and the circumstances of life, I make effort to accept those disappointments readily and move on with my life. When periods of vagueness and confusion threaten to disturb my inner poise, I return to the discipline of my spiritual practice and experience clarity and inner peace.

So shall it be!

By Christopher Gibson

# **Dominant Neptune Personality**

Marcel Marceau

By Christopher Gibson

"Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?" - Marcel Marceau

Arcel Marceau was born Marcel Mangel in Strasbourg, France, on March 22, 1923, at 8:00 a.m. When the Nazis invaded France, he fled with his family to Limoges. However, his father, a kosher butcher, was eventually captured and sent to Auschwitz, where he died in the gas chambers. He joined the French Resistance, along with his older brother, Alain. They rescued and hid children who otherwise would have been sent to concentrations camps by the Gestapo and French police. It was through these endeavors that he began miming as a means of keeping the children quiet while they were in hiding. He once described his motivation in performance, "As we go on in life, torn between light and shadow, en-

countering injustice, violence, misery, we still have one weapon against despair – to make people laugh through their tears."

In 1946, after being demobilized from the French Army, he enrolled in the Charles Dullin School of Dramatic Art at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre in Paris. It was here that his career as a mime became firmly established. In 1947, Marceau created his best known character Bip the Clown,  $_{04^{\circ}}$ complete with whiteface, opera hat Iand striped sailor's shirt. He was 21awarded the renowned Deburau Prize in 1949 for his drama Death before Dawn. Marceau attained critical acclaim for spreading his L'art du silence, art of silence, throughout the world. He also wrote and illustrated numerous children's books and over the decades opened several schools of mime. He gave upwards of 200 performances a year, mostly abroad, where he was more highly appreciated than in his native France. In his incredibly vital pantomime performances, he would struggle against imaginary wind or an invisible cage.

Marceau married three times, first to Huguette Mallet, with whom he had two sons, Michel and Baptiste. His second marriage was to Ella Jaroszewicz. His third wife was Anne Sicco. They had two daughters, Camille and Aurélia.

On 22 September 2007, at age 84, Marceau died while at the racetrack in Cahors, France. He is buried at the Père Lachaise Cemetery in Paris. Upon Marceau's death, the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, said "France loses one of its most eminent ambassadors."

Marceau's chart shows Neptune the ruler of drama and



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## Marcel Marceau

theater as his dominant planet. In addition to Mime artistry, his creative talents embraced dance, writing and illustration. With the Moon and Mars conjunct in the  $12^{th}$  house, his natural tendencies were to protect the weak and helpless in behind the scenes fashion. He was the  $11^{th}$ recipient of the Raoul Wallenberg award for his courageous work with children during World War II.

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# **Marcel Marceau Timeline**

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1944	Father sent to concentration camp	⊙⊻⊅r
1946	Enrolls at Dullin's School of Dramatic Art	♀♂Ӝр
1948	Establishes the Compagnie de Mime Marcel Marceau	♀△斗 r
1949	Receives the Deburau Prize	
1955-56	Tours the United States	♀♂♀♀r, ♀ㅈ饣r
1968	Stars in Barbarella	$\odot \Box \Psi r$
1969	Opens his first school, Ecole Internationale de Mime	ASC $\bigtriangleup$ $orall p$
1970	Named a Chevalier de la Légion de'Honneur by the French government	$Q \bigtriangleup \Psi p$
1976	Stars in Mel Brooks' Silent Movie	⊙σ〗r
1996	Establishes the Marceau Foundation to promote mime in the US	$\texttt{MC} \bigtriangleup \Psi p$
2007	September 22, dies at racetrack in Cahors, France	

#### Neptune (Continued from page 4)

1862—1875, Neptune was in the sign of Aries. This was a period of time where the groundwork laid by Spiritualism gave rise to the birth of new spiritual movements such as Theosophy and The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor.

Although Neptune's passage through the signs is long-term and generational, Neptune's placement in the houses of a birth chart indicates areas where the individual is subject to both idealism and illusion. Frequently the house position of Neptune in our chart indicates an area of our life where we are in need of a reality check"

The individual in whose chart Neptune is dominant is mystical, sensitive, romantic, and charismatic. That person do well in creative areas such as visual and performance arts and any arena in which they can sway the public with their charisma and charm.

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## Editorial (Continued from page 3)

give of their time and talents without any though of personal gain. The few salaried employees give above and beyond what would be expected of their small stipends.

To grow an organization, we also need dreamers who can visualize a better future and work diligently towards its realization. One of our current visions already underway is to have all of our classes and services available to members at a distance via the internet through streaming video. Some of you have already enjoyed the opportunity to attend online classes and services. We are also working to get all of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons into a downloadable PDF format, so that anyone who has access to a computer and can read English can benefit from these life-altering teachings. By the time this issue of the Quarterly reaches your mailbox, we may have in hand for the first time ever our new full-color version of the Brotherhood of Light Tarot Cards. All of these aforementioned projects have been longtime dreams by both members and the staff at Headquarters. So continue to dream, and dream big.

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Transmuting Neptune: The Goddess (Continued from page I)

Considered in a different way, we can conceptualize of the Perfect Unity of God as being represented by the first planet, Pluto. At this primordial stage of existence, we can hypothesize that God exists as pure Spirit but has not yet differentiated into anything tangible. In a miracle well beyond human understanding, the original One represented by Pluto diverges into the polar opposites represented by Neptune and Uranus. This division symbolically depicts Spirit bifurcating to form the Unconscious Mind and Conscious Mind, respectively. Hence, we can recognize the occult association between Neptune, the Unconscious Mind, and the Great Mother. A further seven-step unfolding of these original three potentials reveals the physical Universe, completing the tenfold pattern of existence.

As a short aside, we can stand in awe of the profound thoughtfulness of our spiritual ancestors when we consider that the three planets invisible to the naked eye correspond to the nonphysical universal constructs of Spirit, Unconscious Mind, and Conscious Mind. The seven visible planets, in turn, represent the further partitioning of these original three potencies to reveal the Body, or physical universe.

Returning our focus to the Great Mother, Neptune, we can more deeply understand her archetypal feminine associations. Her strengths are associated with psychism, mysticism, mystery, and Universal Love. Admitting of her weaknesses, we must concede obsession, escapism, vacillation, and blind idealism. We can maximize these strengths and guard against these weaknesses by invoking her alchemical antidote (or more properly the alchemical antidote of the related planet, Venus), Saturn. Saturn, in his unyielding, firm, disciplined focus on limitation, structure, and organization, contains, restrains, and aligns the effusive energies of Neptune. His logical, stepwise mode of expression corrals her sometimes reckless, "love for the sake of love". In this sense, he tames and matures love so that it can be even more effectively and constructively expressed.

We can also gain insight into the nature of Neptune by contrasting her against the symbolism of Uranus, the polar opposite of Neptune's representation as the Unconscious Mind. Here, Uranus, as the Conscious Mind, which seeks Light, or knowledge, through rational, investigative faculties is complemented by Neptune, the Unconscious Mind, which balances his reasonable inquiries against intuitive insights that further inform successful undertakings. Thus is gained the elusive title of occult scientist described by C.C. Zain as the ideal balance of insight and intuition.

Neptune- not so much the planet as her eternal, timeless depiction of the Universal, Loving Mother of all, forms an indispensible third of the Church of Light Trinity which communicates the deepest purposes of existence: to Live, to Love, and to Learn.

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"When a planet moves from south declination to north declination, there is a definite change of polarity which marks itself in the astral substance which environs the world. The moment thus indicated is the birth of a new cycle of influence in so far as this particular planet and the things it rules are concerned. And a chart erected at any place on the earth's surface for this moment indicates, by the house positions of the planets, particularly when they aspect this particular planet, the influence of the things ruled by this planet during the ensuing cycle."

#### Mundane Astrology-C. C. Zain

The Sun-Cycle or "Ingress" chart is calculated every year for the moment the Sun passes northward over the equator using the location of a capitol city. In cycle charts we focus only on the matters ruled by the planet for which the chart is calculated. 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 twelve-month period that the Sun Cycle is in force. In the case of the Ingress chart, we use it to gauge the emphasis of the President and government administration throughout the 12-month cycle that continues through spring of next year.

In the 2010 Sun-Cycle chart for Washington DC, the Sun falls in

the Ninth House which governs all places where opinions are publicly proclaimed: such as television, newspapers, the internet, radio, and all forms of broadcasting. Interstate and international commerce and travel are highlighted. This house governs all matters relating to the law such as lawyers, and the courts of the nation, including the Supreme Court. Matters of religion and academia are both ruled by this house position.

By progressing the position of the Sun using transiting motion we can note the dates of key activities throughout the year. Special attention should be given to conjunctions and oppositions to the planets in the cycle chart. Using a one-degree orb of aspect, transits of the Sun are in effect for a 48-hour period.

## 2010

March 24-26, Sun conjunct MC. This is a time when leadership can be exceptionally active in publically promoting an agenda. The President may act with executive orders.

March 25-27, Sun conjunct Mercury. Signing of public documents may take place. Public comments made by administration could be subject to scrutiny.

April 5-7, Sun conjunct Venus. Presidential makes efforts toward peace proposals. Arts and entertainment could be featured in the White House.

May 15-18, Sun conjunct Moon. Administration addresses popular concerns. President attends a rally or group presentation.

June 26-28, Sun opposition Pluto. President meets with labor leaders. Strategies for dealing with rising unemployment are unveiled.

July 12-15, Sun conjunct Ascendant. Obama administration ad- November 17-19 Sun Opposition Moon. Stock market responds dresses the health of the nation. President rallies in popularity.

Armed Forces. Administration discusses beefing up troops in spe- volunteers. cific hot spots. Possible accident or injury.

August 19-21, Sun Opposition Neptune. Leadership addresses issues of national debt. White House eulogizes the passing of an entertainment great.

September 6-8, Sun Opposition Jupiter. President extends foreign aid package. International trade encouraged.

September 19-20, Sun Opposition Uranus. President addresses rebellion abroad. White House looks into education overhaul.

September 22-24, Sun opposition Sun. Administration sinks in polls. Foreign policy faux-pas.

September 23-25, Sun conjunct Saturn. Heightened national security. Clamp-down on borders with neighboring countries.

September 27-29, Sun opposition MC. Oppositional leaders attack foreign policy.

September 28-30, Sun opposition Mercury. Fourth-guarter business projections dismal.

October 8-10, Sun opposition Venus. Leadership criticized for lavish event.

to administration's comments.

July 22-24, Sun Conjunct Mars. Commander in Chief addresses December 26-28, Sun Conjunct Pluto. President honors nation's

2011

January 11-13, Sun opposition Asc. President promotes his agenda in public appearance.

January 20-22, Sun opposition Mars. Administration stands up to aggressor nation.

February 15 - 17, Sun conjunct Neptune. National debt sparks inflation.

March 4 – 6, Sun conjunct Jupiter. Courtesies are extended to key trade partners. Religious leaders received at White House.

March 16 - 18, Sun conjunct Uranus. Leadership confronts rogue nation. Administration vows to revisit educational reforms.

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# Church of Light Convention 2011 The Royal Path to Spirit

You are invited to attend what is expected to be one of our best conventions ever. In honor of our newly published color tarot deck. "The Royal Path to Spirit" will feature the Tarot, or Silver Key of The Brotherhood of Light tradition.

# **Pre-conference Activities**

## Day I: Madrid, New Mexico

# Exploring Madrid and Hiking the Sandia Crest

Join us Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> as we take an all-day excursion up the legendary Turquoise Trail to visit the charming artist colony of Madrid, New Mexico. Once a mining town that became a ghost town, Madrid was rediscovered in the 70's as artists moved in. This town is filled with wonderful art galleries and boutiques and even a mining museum! There are a variety of restaurants from which to select your lunch. Later that afternoon, we will travel to the top of the Sandia Crest (elevation 10,378 feet) for stunning views of the Rio Grande Valley and an hour of hiking in alpine forests.



Day 2: Albuquerque Biopark



## Albuquerque Biological Park

Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, is our day to stay close to home and enjoy one of the destination spots of Albuquerque. The Albuquerque Biological Park, or Biopark, is an environmental museum spread out over three campuses which are connected by a train. The north campus features the Aquarium and Botanic Gardens, and the south campus houses the zoological park. The two campuses are connected by Tingley Beach, a series of fishing ponds and bird sanctuary. There are gift stores and cafes scattered throughout the park. Travel between all three locations is accommodated by a small open-air train. Admission to all facilities is \$12 (seniors \$5).

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## Day 3: Preconference Intensive: Emma Hardinge Britten Revealed



Tarot Intensive, Convention 2007

# Convention 2011 The Royal Path to Spirit

Convention 2011 officially begins on Friday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. with our Annual Business Meeting. This is a great opportunity to get informed and participate in our organizational leadership.

On the evening of the 24th, we will engage in one of our most celebrated activities—Church of Light Initiations. This is a chance for new members who have passed Course I to be inducted into the organization. Those members making a grade change or graduating to Hermetician status may also request to

be initiated. A member's reception immediately follows the Initiations

Saturday June 25th's programming will include Tarot and Initiation Part III by Christopher Gibson featuring the complimentary relationships of the tarot arcanum on the pillars of the temple of initiation. Yvette Fortin will present an interdisciplinary talk focused on the astrological assign-



Local Members, Jamie & Yvette

ments attributed to the major arcanum by different occult authors. Sandra Mayo and the Clinton Astrological Association will be back to entertain us by giving a dramatic voice to the trump cards of the tarot.

Saturday night's activities include an awards banquet and come-

On Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>, our special guest presenters are Marc Demarest and K. Paul Johnson. They will present on Emma Hardinge Britten, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Spiritualist propagandist and one of the founders of the Theosophical Society. A document titled, "The History and Principles of The Church of Light," informs us that it was through two books *Ghost Land* and *Art Magic*, both translated and edited by EHB, that the Brotherhood of Light Teachings first came to America. Marc Demarest a Theosophical researcher and writer currently working on a Biography of EHB, will share some of his most recent discoveries with us.

K. Paul Johnson, author of *The Masters Revealed*, will present on the topic of EHB and her relationship to The Orphic Circle, an occult brotherhood operating in  $19^{th}$  century Europe.



Lisa and Missy from the Clinton Astrological Group Skit, 2009

dic sketch by Radine Ramsey, followed by a "Come as Your Favorite Tarot Card" costume and disco party.

Sunday's program features a summer Solstice Service led by Rev. Meg Dissinger. Allyn McCray will speak on the symbolism of the Magus.



Roland Wissler 2005 Egyptian themed costume party,

Patrick Ramsey will lead us through a hands-on workshop of tarot spreads and counseling techniques. Veiga O'Sickey will reveal the esoteric meanings of the minor Arcanum, and the conference will end with a special panel discussion addressing tarot questions and answers.

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# Membership Room



Potluck buffet at Sunday Service

**Albuquerque Sunday Services** 

Sunday Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. MST and broadcast at: www.churchoflight.tv

Our liturgy includes an opening and announcements by Rev. Paul Brewer, a Centering Prayer, a discussion on the relationship of the sign of the zodiac to the current season and holidays by Rev. Christopher Gibson, a homily derived from *The Sacred Tarot*, by Rev. Meg Dissinger titled, "The Greater Trumps," and Healing Intentions led by Rev. Vicki Brewer. Our services are followed by a potluck buffet and an informal question and answer period.

The following are the dates and topics for the monthly services for the first quarter of 2010:

May 16 And The Truth Shall Set You Free June 20 Our Work on the Inner Plane July 18 Are You My Soul Mate?

# **Church of Light TV**

## Where? Log onto churchoflight.tv

<u>When</u>? Whenever there is a class scheduled or 3rd Sunday Services. Archived classes/services anytime.

Who can watch? Anyone with internet access

What does it cost? For now, it's free. Donations are encouraged!

# Albuquerque Classes—The Hermetic System of Progressions

In this five week intensive which takes place Thursday evenings April 15th— May 13th, from 6:30—8:30 p.m. MDT, we will discover the interrelationship of the inner to the outer plane and just how progressions work to attract events and experiences at specific times in one's life. Progressions stimulate what can be best described as astrological weather conditions which attract specific trends of events and experiences into our lives.

Instructor Christopher Gibson places

special emphasis on The Hermetic System of Progressions which uses a three-tiered system that includes major progressions, minor progressions, and transiting aspects. In this class we will learn to calculate progressions using the Horoscope © program designed by Paul Brewer.

There is a suggested donation of \$8 per class. Log on to our website www.light.org for a class brochure.

To attend class online go to: www.churchoflight.tv



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# **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.

A schedule of the classes for the year is on our website at:

http://www.owlswebnest.com.

All classes and services are held at:

Owi's Clover Bookstore 3037 James Avenue Fort Worth, Texas

For more information contact Rev. Gail Carswell or Rev. Michael Foltz at:

817-921-5809.

# Welcome New Hermeticians

Troy A. Jackson Renée Huval



# The Hermetic Astrology of C. C. Zain—with Christopher Gibson Chicago—June 12, 2010 PARTHENON RESTAURANT 314 S. HALSTED, CHICAGO

Elbert Benjamine (AKA C. C. Zain) was perhaps the most prolific astrological author in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. His astrological system, for which he coined the term "Hermetic" combined ancient practice, contemporary mathematics, and an active research department. His work would impact future generations of astrological notables such as Doris Chase-Doane, Lynne Palmer and Lois Rodden.

In this full-day workshop in Chicago sponsored by The Friends of Astrology, Christopher Gibson will present three astrological techniques that are distinctive to the Hermetic System of Astrology. Beginning with Astrodynes we will explore the unique system of quantifying power for each of the planets, signs, houses, and aspects in an astrological chart. Special attention will be given to identifying the conditioning energy (harmony or discord) present in each one of these factors. The Hermetic System of Progressions combines Major, Minor and Transit reinforcements as a predictive tool for determining when and what type of events will happen. The program will culminate with the practice of Alchemy a transformative tool used for correcting the discords found in a chart in order to channel one's energies in the most constructive direction. Each section will build upon the knowledge gained in the previous section.

Preregistration for this event is \$110, at the door \$175

Registration Desk Opens at 8:30 a.m.

To register contact: Omari Martin, Treasurer FOA

PHONE: 773-559-1022

EMAIL: soularone@hotmail.com

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# **Astrological Research Department**

The Order of the Sphinx has four sections: Wings, Paws, Body and Head. The Head Section has the aspiration to further study. Current research is vital to understanding and responding to current issues in our times. Possible future projects can include researching groups of charts in specific areas such as autism, alzheimer's, murders, weather, mundane astrology or a specific area of your interest. The Head Section is currently looking for active members interested in working and researching specific areas. If you are interested in participating, please email Pat Ramsey at <u>drpat@prodigy.net</u>. As you would be working with charts, a computer, e-mail and the current Church of Light Horoscope Program would be required.

# **Phoenix, Arizona Member Seeking Contacts**

Steve Whitlatch, a Church of Light member living in Phoenix, Arizona, would like to meet locally with other persons studying The Brotherhood of Light Lessons. Steve can be contacted through the following methods: Email: <u>steve@swhitlat.phxcoxmail.com</u> Telephone: 602-956-2966 P.O. Box 32841 Phoenix, AZ 85064

# New Minister—Peter Tourian

Congratulations to our newest Minister, Peter Tourian of South Orange, New Jersey. Peter was ordained April 16th at Church of Light Headquarters in Albuquerque. NM. The special ceremony was officiated by Paul Brewer and Meg Dissinger.



Paul Brewer, Peter Tourian, and Meg Dissinger



**The Signs of the Zodiac** with Veiga O'Sickey is a weekly roundtable discussion aimed at helping beginning and intermediate level students build their astrological vocabulary and interpretive skills. On Sundays (with the exception of the third **Service Sunday** of the Month) from 11 a.m. to 12:30 PM.

Sunday Astrology Roundtable—with Veiga O'Sickey

Sagittarius - April 11th Capricorn - April 25th Aquarius - May 2nd Pisces - May 9th

# 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 <u>drpat@prodigy.net</u>, or call the office during our regular office hours.

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# **Tarot Correspondence—The Enchantress**



# **Divination**

Expresses in the spiritual world the principle of all force, spiritual and material. In the intellectual world, moral force. In the physical world, organic force.

# Admonition

Remember, then, son of earth, that for power one must believe in one's ability. Advance with faith. To become strong, impose silence upon the weakness of the heart. If Arcanum XI should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope thou shouldst study duty, which is the rule of right, and practice justice as if you loved it.

# Astrology

Neptune is the octave expression of the planet Venus signifying spiritual love as distinct from the material love ruled by Venus. Neptune is the planet of psychic manifestation, its prominence in a birth-chart being an indication of psychic ability. It exerts little power upon the physical world directly, but by its action upon the imagination of people it becomes singularly potent. Its influence is to spiritualize, and it usually is a prominent planet in the birth-chart of all types of genius, denoting that peculiar power so well expressed by Arcanum XI.

Excerpts from The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

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# Tarot Spread Example—The Horoscope Spread

The Horoscope Spread is a 12 card spread in the shape of a horoscope that is excellent for asking the general question of what surrounds someone for a specific period of time. Each of the 12 card positions corresponds to one of the house influences in a chart and can be read accordingly. The spread is somewhat complicated for beginning students, as the cards are laid down in quadruplicities and picked up in trinities. Each card is read individually before a summary is given for the entire spread. Details for mastering the spread can be found in *The Sacred Tarot* by C. C. Zain.

The question asked was: What surrounds me for the remainder of 2010?



# **Tarot Spread Interpretation**

- 1. The Youth of Cups in the First House of health indicates that the querent could experience some issues with his feet.
- The Youth of Coins reversed in the Second House of finances shows that the querent might seek expert financial advice from a knowledgeable woman.
- 3. The Ten of Scepters reversed in the Third House of studies reveals that he might take up an exciting new area of interest
- 4. Six of Coins reversed in the Fourth House of property and real-estate indicate that the querent might invest in a home-beautification project.
- 5. The Hierophant falling in the Fifth House of creativity and entertainment shows the client enjoying positive influences through entertainment and the arts
- The Two Paths in the Sixth House of work might indicate a major decision to be made concerning his employment.

- 7. Two of Swords reversed in the Seventh House of companions indicates problems to be worked on with a partner.
- 8. The Alchemist appearing reversed in the Eighth House of other people's money might indicate that a debt could be repaid or perhaps friendly influences from the spirit world
- 9. The Ace of Coins in the Ninth House might attract news of opportunities for teaching or travel.
- 10. The Six of Swords in the Tenth House of career indicates conflict over professional choices
- The Four of Coins reversed in the Eleventh House brings a financial collaboration with a friends or organization
- 12. The Five of Scepters in the Twelfth House might represent positive intuitions and burdens being lifted.

By Christopher Gibson

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# Building A Better World With A Better Vision! The Church of Light Vision For the 21st Century

## **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.