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Spiritual Astrology Series: Taurus

Taurus in the Quest of Spirit:

Orion the Warrior Knight

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A Port in the Storm:

“The Task of the Soul on Every Plane of Manifestation is to Struggle With and Overcome the Limitations of Its Environment.”

The Virgo decanate of Taurus, the Orion Constellation, gives us Struggle as its keyword. We know this word. Each one of us could share stories of our own struggles in daily life; however, its meaning is far more intense than how it is used colloquially.

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Consider that ...

- In every legend relating to the heroic efforts of the warrior knight, he/she fights with environmental forces that endanger their plans; and in every struggle some loss is sustained...victory requires great STRUGGLE.
— Spiritual Astrology
- Another word for STRUGGLE is CHALLENGE.
- Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

— Joshua J. Marine

Spiritual Astrology: Orion Decanate of Taurus

STRUGGLE

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Each of the twelve primary signs of the Zodiac is further subdivided into three ten degree sections called decanates. The decanates enjoy a primary influence from their mother sign, and a

secondary influence from each of the signs that shares the same element as that sign. Hence, the second decanate of the second sign, Orion, is termed *Taurus-Virgo*, as it is found within the primary sign Taurus, and enjoys a secondary influ-

ence of the second Earth sign, Virgo. The Keyword for this decanate is “Struggle,” and it extends from May 1 to May 11 of each year.

The juxtaposition of Lepus, the Hare, and Orion,

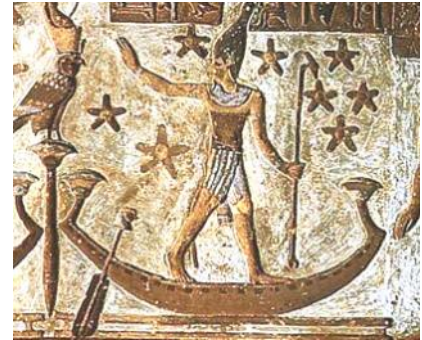
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"We only have what we give."

— Isabel Allende

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Editorial

Margaret Joscher, President

"The Destiny of Man is to unite, not to divide. If you keep on dividing you end up as a collection of monkeys throwing nuts at each other out of separate trees."

— T.H. White, *The Once and Future King*

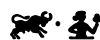
Nothing seems to have captured our imaginations more than the legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. There are countless retellings of this story, the most modern of which is the wonderful book by T.H. White, *The Once and Future King*. The animated Disney film, *The Sword in the Stone*, was based on the first part of this book. In it, the wizard Merlin undertakes Arthur's (or Wart as he's known) education and training by turning him into different creatures to gain knowledge and understanding, a much shortened version of the *Cycle of Necessity*.

One of the most well-known parts of the legend is the creation of the Round Table, commissioned by Arthur after his knights fought over who would occupy the most prestigious seats at his table. Each knight's drive for status and importance, their Drive for Significance, was causing discord and strife. By seating his knights at a round table, Arthur conveyed that each one was of equal value in their service to the realm.

This notion of equality has stayed with us to this day and, most notably, in the US Declaration of Independence which famously states that "All men are created equal." In reality we know that the serfs and peasants of Arthur's time were not treated as equals nor were most at the time the Declaration was signed in 1776. Many of the signers were slaveholders, and only men who owned property could vote.

As we individuals struggle in life to progress, we also participate in the collective struggle of our society as it evolves towards the ideal of equality, to value all and ensure they have a voice. Even then, we know that someone who picks up garbage for a living does not have the social status and wealth of a successful banker, although both perform a needed service in their communities. They are each supposed to be equal but only under the law.

In this chapter, Zain says: "People come into this world endowed with natural talents of various kinds and diverse degree." In our lives and interactions we constantly encounter inequalities of ability, some are naturally more intuitive than we are, some get the mechanics of chart construction more easily than we do. We personally and collectively value certain abilities over others even though we know we each have our unique talents and role in the Cosmos. As we use our personal struggles to develop our abilities, it is also important to open our hearts and minds to the abilities of others and recognize that each soul's uniqueness contributes to and is of equal value to the whole.





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“I’m struggling to make ends meet.”

“I’m struggling to finish this article.”

“It hurts me to see your struggle.”

All these we hear or say frequently in our day to day lives. The meanings of this word are far deeper than our common usage. Oxford Dictionary defines struggle: “make forceful or violent efforts to get free of restraint or constriction (verb); a forceful or violent effort to get free of restraint or resist attack (noun).”

Google kindly provides pages of affirmation for how to cope with struggles. Our book, *Spiritual Astrology*, Course VII, pages 51-55 [student format], gives us several archetypes so we might understand the deep spiritual meaning of our struggles in life. Archetypes are those stories which define the hero’s journey in such a way that we might find a solution to our own lives. Zain focuses on Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table throughout these pages. To read any myths which relate to Orion, give further information to us as we strive to understand the spiritual context of this decanate of Taurus. Moses, Sargon, and Jason are also mentioned as archetypal resources for victory over great struggle.

Zain references the “material struggle...as the energies from planets and zodiacal signs” which have great power to influence our daily lives. He also references “environmental forces” from both the stars and from earth which assail us constantly and demand our attention. He admonishes us to face our struggles head on with what we believe to be the right solution, and that we do this with

“courage and full confidence.” To procrastinate, to blame others, to play the victim, to hide in addiction, or to outright refuse to address life’s struggles is to deny the very core of our own existence on this planet at this time. To do less than face each struggle is to invite depression and other mental illness into our lives. If our goal is to build our astral and spiritual bodies while we are still here on the physical, our struggles give us excellent opportunities to harmonize the astral energies which cause us the most difficulties and pain. We have but to look at our own natal horoscopes in order to see the difficulties which lie ahead.

The natal chart gives one the blueprint of the struggles we have by studying the discordant aspects in our own horoscopes: semi-squares, sesqui-squares, squares, and oppositions all lead the way. Additionally, we need to look at the malefic planets, Mars and Saturn, and any aspects they receive. Here are our struggles; where are our solutions? To find the potential solution for any discord, we look for ameliorating aspects. In other words, we look to see what other planets, including the MC, the ASC, and any harmonious planets (Venus and Jupiter) which might be aspecting either or all of the inharmonious aspects. In addition to that process, we can look to our practice of alchemy, using the system of antidotes to harmonize that which is discordant. We have many ways to do this with color, gemstones, diet, music, behavior, etc., all of which are discussed in Course VI, *Sacred Tarot*, and Lynne Palmer’s fabulous book, *Astrological Potpourri*.

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*“Change your thinking.
Change your life! Your
thoughts create your reality.
Practice positive thinking.
Act the way you want to be,
and soon you will be the way
you act.”*

— Les Brown

Further struggles will come with the major progressions to the planets in our natal charts and the major progressed planets to each other. As serious students of Hermetic Philosophy, we make ourselves thoroughly familiar with the facts of astrology, alchemy, tarot, and magic to meet our struggles head on and to make the forceful efforts necessary to be free of them. Faith without works is Death. These tools in our spiritual toolkit must be used constantly. The question is: Am I using my tools, or do I simply carry the shiny subjects around without trying them out? Practicing our philosophy builds our spiritual lives here and beyond.

There is another tool which we must develop in order to be able to receive and manifest the solutions to our struggles. This tool is found within the practice of

making conscious contact with that “Eternal Spirit, in whom we live, move, breathe, and have our being.” We do this through prayer and meditation. To develop a practice of prayer and meditation is hard work at first. In order to connect with higher minds on the inner plane, our guides, the Divine, assorted Gods and Goddesses, we must surrender our own ego to that of the Greater Good. We become willing to serve for the goal of Universal Welfare, and so we receive what we need to live our best life and build our spiritual bodies and resolve our struggles here on Earth.

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*Without struggling to break
free of the chrysalis, a
butterfly cannot grow strong
enough...to take flight.*

— Nature





Orion Decanate of Taurus – STRUGGLE

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the Warrior, in the sign of Taurus makes for an interesting comparison. Recall that the overall message of the zodiacal sign, Taurus, is the right relationship of the spiritual and material forces that comprise the world. We are admonished by the Leading Text of Taurus to, “...Render Unto Caesar the Things Which be Caesar’s and Unto God the Things which be God’s” (Zain, 1997). Neither should we neglect or deny either aspect of Creation. Rather, as in the Story of the Golden Calf, the allegory associated with this sign, we live life best when we sacrifice material desires on the altar of spiritual purpose.

As this is the main message of the mother sign, Taurus, in which these decanates reside, this overarching message colors all that the subordinate decanates are meant to convey. Hence, all three of the decanates found within Taurus deal with the right relationship between the spiritual and material aspects of Creation. Lepus, the Hare, teaches us about the origins of fear, as well as how to overcome it. Briefly, psychologists posit that the fear of death is the fundamental fear from which all others arise. Furthermore, these concepts have been coalesced to form Terror Management Theory (TMT) (Iverach et al., 2016), which speculates that phobias as well as anxiety-related disorders are

actually manifestations of our basic fear of death.

Ironically, the lowly rabbit tells a great tale as to how to address

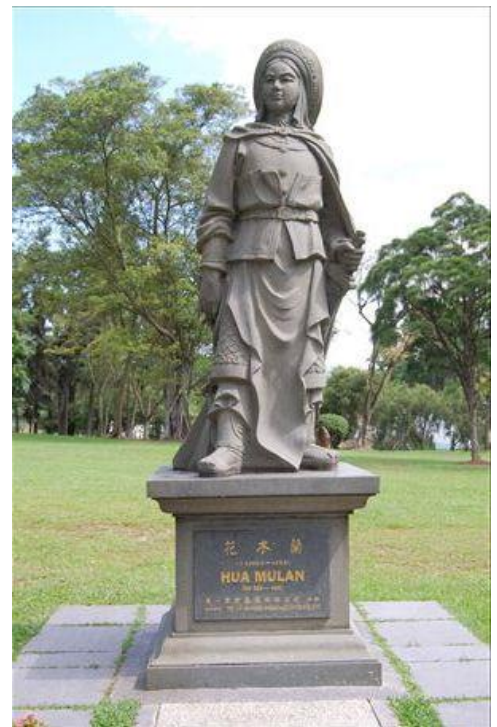
our most basic fears. The rabbit’s main defense is to flee from dangerous conditions. As Zain (1997) explains, the most effective way to diminish our fears is not to combat them at all. Rather, by ignoring our fears and seeking healthy, constructive diversion, they wither on the vine as fruit born out of season. Hence, paradoxically, it is in turning a blind eye to fear that we most effectively overcome its paralyzing grip.

“Consciousness does not just passively reflect the objective material world; it plays an active role in creating reality itself.”

— Stan Grof



Photo by Susan LeClair in Mountainview, CA



Hua Mulan: Was she a real Warrior or the stuff of folklore? Every little girl who musters fierce courage in the face of adversity and environmental resistance knows!

On the other hand, anyone with even a little life experience knows that this tactic does not always allow us to overcome the challenges to survival and success present in our environment. While there are times where flight is the preferred survival strategy, there are other moments

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where it is necessary to stand our ground and fight. The second decanate of Taurus, Orion, depicts the warrior, with a club in his right hand, and a lion's pelt in his left. Symbolically, the right hand is associated with the spiritual aspects of Creation, and denotes agency or action. The left hand, by contrast, indicates our hero's victory over the material aspects of creation, pictured in this constellation by the fearsome king of the beasts. Hence, the main message of the Orion decanate is the spiritual seeker's victory over material forces through agency or action.

The decision to fight or flee can literally determine the difference between life or death in the animal kingdom. While we as human beings fortunately do not typically have our very survival riding on our decisions, they can still make or break a life, a career, or a relationship. Whether we decide in each instant to fight or flee determines our risks of injury and our ultimate success, whether those risks be

physical or psychological. How do we know, then, whether to fight or flee? For this, we can look to one whose name has become synonymous with wisdom, King Solomon. As he reflects in Proverbs, 3: 13-18 (*New International Version Bible*):

*"Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,*

*"For she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.*

*"She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with
her.*

*"Long life is in her right hand; in her
left hand are riches and honor.*

*"Her ways are pleasant ways, and all
her paths are peace.*

*"She is a tree of life to those who take
hold of her; those who hold her fast
will be blessed."*

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*"The wings of transformation
are born of patience and
struggle."*

— Janet S. Dickens





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Struggle...

You cannot change the weather, but you can prepare to meet it, or if favorable, to take advantage of what it has to offer.

Neither can you change the motion of the planets in the sky, but you can change your own character, and in so doing receive energies more to your liking.

— C. C. Zain

Course 7, *Spiritual Astrology*

The difference between a life well lived and a life wasted depends on our decisions. And the difference between a good decision and a bad one relies on our ability to accumulate and exercise wisdom. Wisdom is different from knowledge. Knowledge is simply information that can be learned or memorized from a book. Wisdom, on the other hand, is the intelligent, thoughtful, fruitful application of that knowledge. While it depends on knowledge for its optimal expression, knowledge alone is not sufficient to achieve it. And in the message of Lepus, the Hare, and Orion, the warrior, we encounter the importance of wisdom in determining how to approach the various challenges of the material environment.

It is not by accident that these two choices, to fight or to flee, still comprise the two basic choices of any living organism when confronted with a challenge. While we as human beings thankfully do not have to worry as much about our basic survival, the same two choices still confront us in the face of any environmental discord. In a discussion with my spouse, should I ignore what has just been said, or should I pick up the gauntlet and respond? Should I confront the man who just cut me off on the highway, or should I instead acquiesce, not because I am weak, but because I possess the wisdom to discern a good fight from a bad one?

Wisdom, then, the accumulation and application of knowledge, is one of the paramount goals of life. Wisdom allows us to make intelligent, well-informed decisions that are most likely to lead to successful outcomes. The absence of wisdom just as surely condemns us to a life of

struggle, disappointment, and failure. In reflecting on these concepts, I am reminded of another famous Biblical passage which applies equally well in these matters (King James Version Bible, Ecclesiastes, 3: 1-8):

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;

“A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

“A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

“A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

“A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

“A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

“A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

“A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.”

The wisdom of the author of this passage cannot be overstated. He clearly understands that there is no circumstance of

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life which, in and of itself, is inherently good or bad. For example, to kill is generally considered a very terrible thing, and yet if it is the action of a homeowner who is forced to do so in defense of her children, it certainly appears more justified than if it is the result of blind, murderous rage. The event itself, then, is only good or bad insofar as we have the wisdom to consider its impact on those involved and the broader environment.

The message of Taurus in general and of Lepus and Orion in particular is to know when to flee and when to fight. Doing so entails not only a knowledge of events or environment, but also a healthful, constructive application of that knowledge. We will see in the final decanate of Taurus, Auriga, that this tale will come to its natural conclusion.

The Leading Text of Orion is, “*The Task of the Soul on Every Plane of Manifestation is to Struggle With and Overcome the Limitations of Its Environment*” (Zain, 1997, p. 59). Whether confronted by external

threats or internal urges, Auriga, the Master, must continue to gather and develop wisdom, in the hopes of making sound decisions. In each case, there will be two possible choices: to flee like the Hare, or to fight like Orion. These fateful choices comprise the twists and turns in the roadmap of life; she who follows them faithfully will ultimately reach her destination.

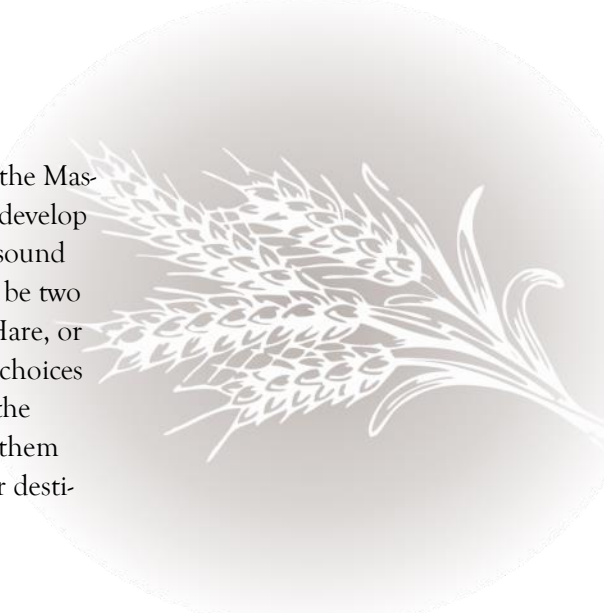
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“The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you really are.”

— Carl Jung



“... souls experiencing life on the external plane may raise the vibrations of their mental states to a point where energy is communicated not only to the astral plane, but also to the spiritual level. Such vibratory rates ... affect spiritual substance, and may build up a spiritual body. This spiritual body is composed of the substance of the plane occupied by the ego. Like the ego it is relatively imperishable, and it partakes in great measure of the other qualities of the ego. It is not natural gold, but transmuted gold.”

— Course 3, Spiritual Alchemy



Stellarian Stories

Laurie Dixon



*“No one is you, and that’s
your superpower.”*

— *adapted from
Dave Grohl quote*

Let me introduce myself, I’m a Cancer Sun, Gemini Moon and Sagittarius Rising. With four planets in the 7th house, seven planets in the Western hemisphere and eight in the Southern hemisphere, I am a public person and have shared my life experiences with others all my life.

My natal chart tells my story. I was born in a small northern town called Chicoutimi, Quebec—the home of Alcan, an aluminum manufacturing and mining company. At 6 years old I grew up in the jungle of British Guiana (now Guyana) from 1960 to 1964. The ruler of my 9th house of long distance travel, Mercury, is located in my 7th house of foreign nations. We lived in an environment where we had a cook, a maid and a gardener. I was taught to respect others no matter what their background.

In 1965 I was shipped off to boarding school in Toronto where I joined my old-

er sister; she had already established her authority being there two years before I arrived. I was just another student in her eyes. Here I learned to stand up to bullying, to defend myself, to retreat when necessary. Pisces being on my cusp of the 3rd, this was my first introduction to religion in this early and uncertain period in my life. With Neptune in my 10th square Mercury, I questioned what I was being taught.

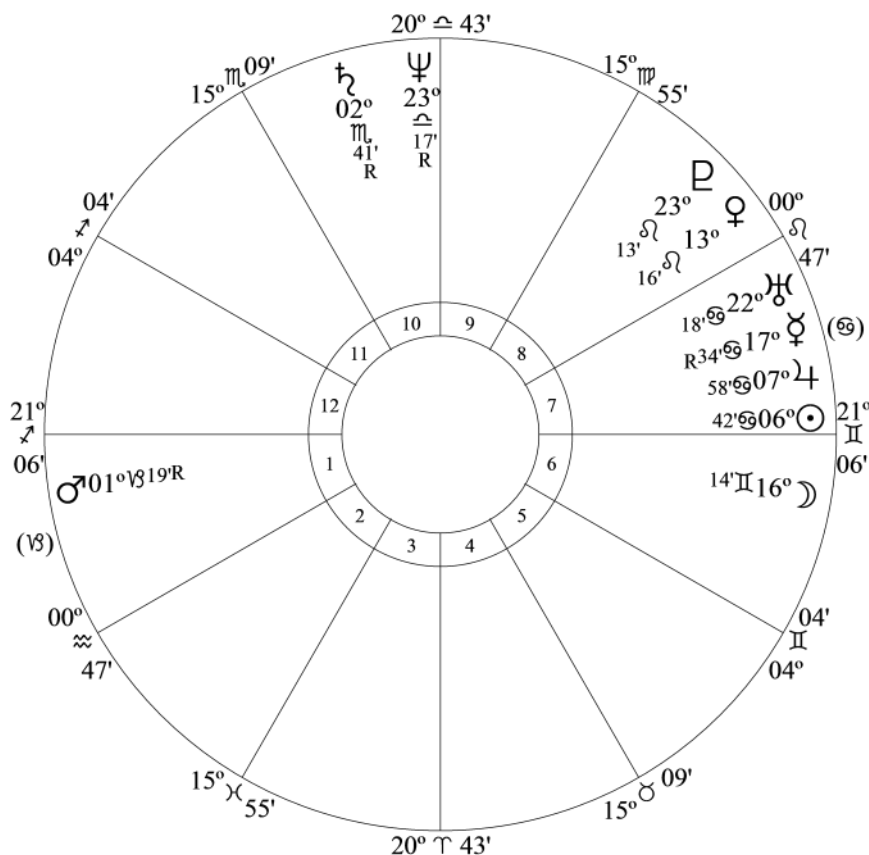
In 1966 the family became one again... we settled in a suburb of Toronto and here is where life became combative as my parents went through a nasty divorce that shattered our lives. This is when I came out of my crab shell no longer side stepping issues, I was reckless and angry. At the age of sixteen I left home. With Aries on my 4th house and Mars in my 1st, I was independent and courageous in a time of turmoil.

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I never did finish my secondary education, I met a boy; we were so young; we were so alone and we had each other. A baby came shortly thereafter (Taurus on the 5th, Venus in the 8th sextile my Moon). We survived on love and lived happily together for several years and

yourself. I have Jupiter combust my Sun and in the case of my partner and I, we have exact Sun square Suns, 6° Aries - 6° Cancer. Use your intuition when analyzing charts. A chart is not black and white. The astro map is so colourful and full of options. I consider myself lucky for most of my life. With Mars in the 1st, I easily stepped out of my comfort zone and have always moved forward.



"A strong woman looks a challenge in the eye and gives it a wink."
— Gina Carey

then he left... it was a friendly departure. He wanted to go back to his roots in Quebec, and I became a single mom.

With four planets in the 7th, I have had several relationships and have grown with each one. I finally found who I was meant to be with—both our Moons are conjunct in Gemini, and we have been together for almost 40 years.

No matter what the astro cookbooks say, follow your own path and be true to

My first job led me down the path of international logistics as my vocation, shipping freight worldwide by air and ocean, ocean freight being my specialty (Neptune conjunct the MC). Because Gemini is on my 6th house cusp and my Moon in Gemini (transportation) is in the 6th, plus the cusp of the 7th in Gemini, the house of import-export and international trade with the planet of transportation, Mercury, also in the 7th

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square my MC & Neptune, I am a natural at it as C.C. Zain would say.

Due to a company merger that would have most likely left me without a job, at the age of fifty, I started my own logistics company. Today I am still handling business for a few of my long-time clients (Mars in Capricorn in the 1st). I find it noteworthy how the universe led me to that first job working for a customs broker which is all about international trade—my vocation signature, and how I stayed in that industry my whole career (Saturn in the 10th), albeit I worked for

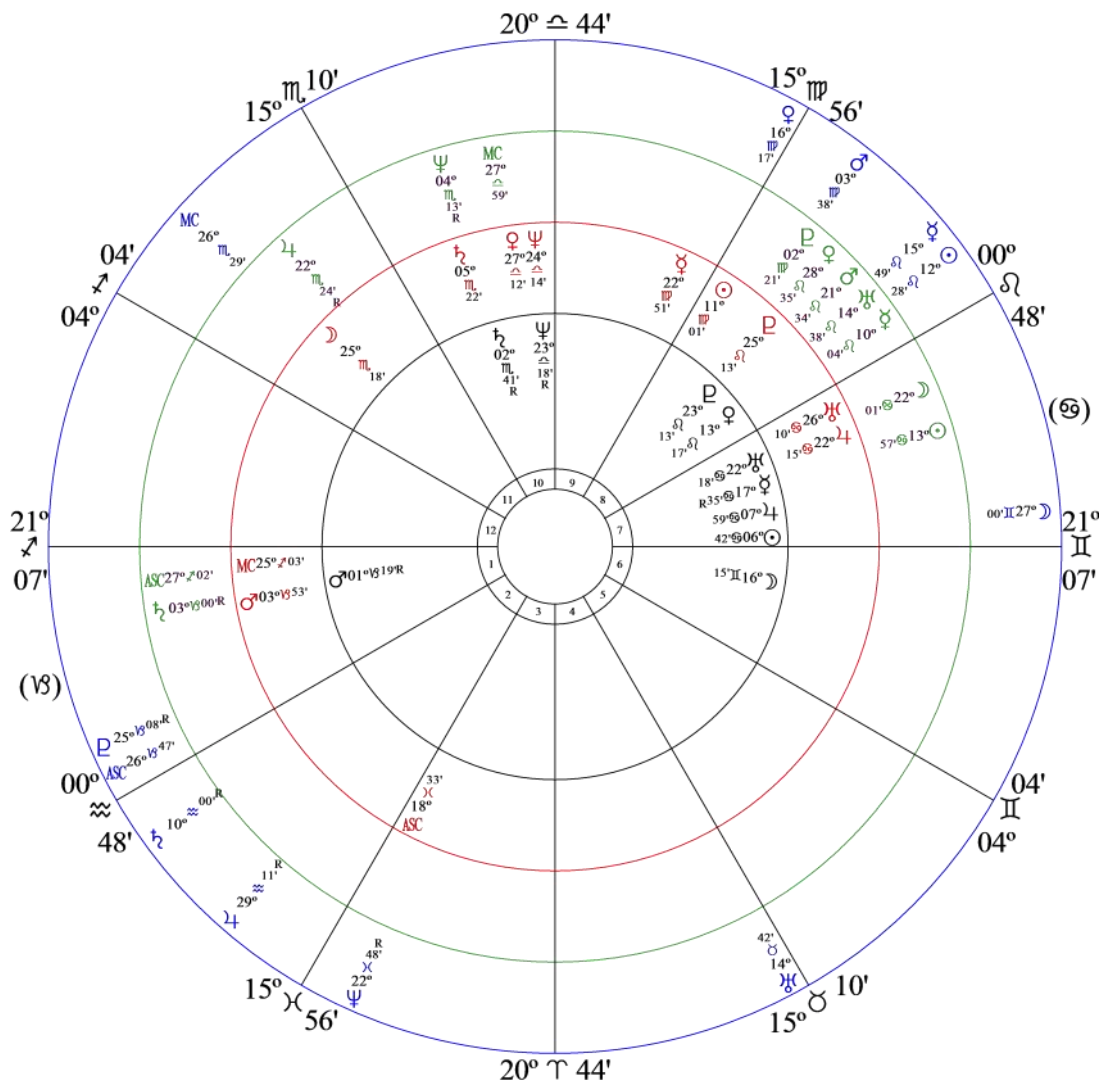
several different global supply chain firms.

I started my adventure with the occult sciences in my early 20s when a friend gifted me the Rider Waite Tarot deck. That led me to taking a night course on Beginners Astrology, which I was immediately drawn to with my Mercury/Uranus conjunction, and here I am today, many solar returns later working toward becoming a Hermetician, Progressed Mercury sextile natal Uranus.

In spite of a very hectic career, I have always had my avocation, my passion, my astrology. In the 90s I took the Canadian Association for Astrological Education

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“A lot of what is most beautiful about the world arises from struggle.”
—Malcolm Gladwell



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courses and received my certification. I started up my astro business **Reach for the Stars**, but my professional life took over; however, I always had time to read a chart for anyone who asked. When the CAAE courses ended, I started a monthly meet-up group with eight students. I called it “The 9th House Assembly” where we enjoyed an evening of good company, good food and an astro chart or two for discussion... that lasted some twenty years (Mercury being the ruler of my 9th house).

Finally I have been able to downsize my freight business, now working from home with more time to play. In 2019, I realized that I needed to refresh my astro knowledge so I started researching many on-line sites (Saturn in Scorpio) and came across the Brotherhood of Light. Being a Cancerian I took to the Hermetic philosophy and values of long ago not realizing at that time that the Hermetic Arts is so much more than astrology (Sagittarius rules my 12th, Jupiter in wide conjunction to my ruler of the 9th, Mercury).

After 17 months of study, I feel so blessed and excited to have found C.C. Zain. My counselling skills have by far improved...now if only I could get my brain to remember all that I have learned. I am thankful for having had the astrological background knowledge which has helped me appreciate and understand his approach to this very technical science.

I am currently on a mission to show our youth their astro potential and to get them animated about their future. I have set up a kiosk at our local community market hoping to get their attention—it’s

working. They stroll up curious and leave inspired (ruler of my 5th Venus in Leo in the 8th).

My inner-plane vibrations at this time are revealing, transiting Neptune is triggering my progressions noted below which is in effect till March 2022, all within 1° of perfect;

- Major-progressed Mercury (9th) @ 22° Virgo sextile natal Uranus (7th) @ 22° Cancer.
- Major-progressed Jupiter (7th) @ 22° Cancer conjunct natal Uranus.
- Minor-progressed Jupiter (11th) @ 22° Scorpio trine natal Uranus.
- Major-progressed Jupiter trine Minor-progressed Jupiter and Transiting Neptune (3rd) @ 22° Pisces trine natal Uranus and trine Minor-progressed Jupiter.

Triggering Neptune, the ruler of my 3rd house and now transiting my 3rd, is guiding me at this auspicious time to communicate and teach to anyone who wishes to seek and listen to the wisdom of the Religion of the Stars. I am now studying Course 17, *Cosmic Alchemy*, and know I am following my soul path. Isn’t it magical that before I became involved with the Hermetic Arts I rebranded my astro business to **Soul Path Astrology**?

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven.”

— Ecclesiastes 3:1



“Everything is energy and that’s all there is to it. Match the frequency of the reality you want and you cannot help but get that reality. It can be no other way. This is not philosophy. This is physics.”

— Albert Einstein



It's a common occurrence at CofL HQ to hear someone new to the BofL lessons remark, "If the chapters in the books didn't have dates on them, I would have thought Zain was describing the world today." Maybe this is a good reminder that some things don't necessarily change — they recycle. In this spirit, please enjoy this treatise by Elbert Benjamine (C. C. Zain) published in what was called the "Annual," predating the founding and incorporation of The Church of Light in 1932 and before the publication of the first Church of Light Quarterly.

From the Archives: Annual for 1930

Modern Occultism

By Elbert Benjamine

"The Occultist differs from both the material scientist and the mystic. In fact, he may have qualities of both; but this he does, he uses all possible means, internal and external, to check the accuracy of his knowledge. Like the mystic he may imagine something. But before accepting it as a reality he devises ways and means of testing its truth.

The materialist has hypnotized himself into the belief that all phenomena can, and must be, explained by material processes..."

— C.C. Zain

Esoteric Psychology

The occultism of today, while utilizing the reports of the psychic sense and the research of the ancient magi, is no less progressive than material science. Such progress is made possible, both in material science and in occultism, by the discovery of new facts. Theories, in all branches of human knowledge, must continually be modified to include additional information.

Theories, to be of value in a progressive age, must be flexible. The atomic theory of matter had to be broadened and lengthened to embrace the electronic theory. The idea that occult forces operate mysteriously at a distance has had to give place to the conception of finer forces being broadcasted something after the manner of the radio, from one object to another. And with the discovery of the unconscious mind, the method by which these finer energies affect man's life and destiny has been made plain.

The unconscious mind, about which the psychologists now write so learnedly, is conceived by the occultist to have a very special structure. It is not a mere nothing, but definite organizations of energy in a substance finer than the [ether](#) and is associated with and permeates physical substance. It is a distinctive structure in man's finer body; in that finer body

which is responsible for much psychic phenomena that is so baffling the materialist; in that finer body wherein man lives, and moves, and functions after physical death.

This finer body of man is sensitive to vibrations that are none the less present even though unperceived by the physical eye or physical ear. Television was preceded by clairvoyant vision. Wireless was antedated by telepathy. That these are not more commonly recognized and used is not due to faulty broadcasting and reception, but to the unusual difficulty of the unconscious mind communicating its impressions to the objective mind. The vibrations are picked up, but the amplifier is not powerful enough to make them visible or audible. The unconscious mind, except in individuals who have undergone special training or in those who are naturally sensitive, is unable to convert these vibratory impressions into images of a density that may be recognized by the objective mind.

The fact that we are not objectively aware of receiving such vibratory rates does not prevent their having an influence upon our lives. We are quite as unable to feel the presence or action of the X-Ray, the influence of radium, or that of the vital

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ultra-violet ray of the sun; yet each of these has a powerful effect upon the human body.

These vibratory rates with which man is constantly bombarded, for the sake of convenience in handling, are divided according to their source under three headings: Vibrations from the various orbs in the sky are grouped under **Astrology**. The vibrations radiated by various objects are grouped under **Environment**. The vibrations emanating from the minds of people, incarnate and discarnate, are grouped broadly as **Psychology**. The influences exerted by the heavenly bodies, the influences exerted by things, and the influences exerted by minds embrace the whole of occult science.

Astrology.— The effect on human life and destiny of any occult force is now believed to be the result of the changes it sets up in man's finer body. Changes in the finer body tend to reproduce themselves in the physical body. They give the finer body different vibratory rates, and these in turn attract different types of events. They cause the person to feel differently without knowing why, and because he feels differently he thinks differently and acts differently. Thus the life is altered.

The gap between material science and astrology is rapidly closing. The discovery of the [cosmic ray](#) by Dr. Millikan was a long step in this direction. Just how significant this discovery is in relation to astrology was the subject of the 1926 Annual. And the gap has been still further closed during 1929 by Dr. Millikan's announcement that he has now discovered cosmic rays from outer space twice as

penetrating and half the length of those previously recognized.

Now the difference between one tone and another is the length and frequency of vibration, as is the difference between one color and another. If, as astrologers believe, the finer body of man is influenced by vibrations coming from the planets, the difference between the influence of one planet and that of another is undoubtedly due to difference in frequency and length of vibration. Rays of great potency and different frequencies and lengths of vibration are now recognized by material science as coming from beyond the earth. Not yet has material science discerned that the energies coming from the region of Mars are different from those coming from the region of Saturn. Probably these astrological vibrations are still finer than the cosmic ray. But a long stride has been made toward their discovery.

As these cosmic rays reach and penetrate the crust of the earth, Dr. Millikan further announces, their energies enter into the formation of certain metals, including copper. Invisible rays, detected by only the most delicate means known to science, come to the earth from outer space and become metal, having a definite material atomic structure.

Other rays, coming from the planets, according to astrology, penetrate the finer body of man and set up in it profound changes.

Just how these changes in the finer body take place, and the manner in which through them definite positions of the planets affect the life in a certain way forms a very interesting theory. And theo-

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"Cosmic rays are interstellar travelers. People always wanted to travel to the stars and what's so incredible about these rays is that it's like the stars are coming to us.

— Dr. Scott Nutter



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ries, even when provisional, are a necessity to any science. But modern occultism is far more devoted to facts than to theories.

The birth-charts of as large a number as possible of people in whose lives some given event is known to have happened are collected. When in all these charts, or in practically all of them, some unique position of the planets is noted, the number of charts in which this position coincides with the given event is stated in terms of percentage. This is not theory, it is mathematical fact. [See [30 Years Research](#) by Doris Chase Doane.]

Then as many charts as possible are collected having this unique configuration of the planets. Inquiry into the lives of these people is made to ascertain in how many cases the given event happened. This also is stated in terms of percentage, and is not theory but mathematical fact.

These two sets of figures, then, form the basis for the judgment of other birth-charts.

A like method is followed in determining the time when events of a certain type will happen.

The charts of as many people as possible are collected, together with the date on which the given event took place. The progressed positions of the planets on that date are then calculated and tabulated. Certain types of progressed planets are then seen to stand out significantly. The number of birth-charts in which a particular progressed influence is operative at the time of the event is then expressed in terms of percentage. This is not surmise, it is a mathematical state-

ment that out of every hundred times this event takes place in human life a specific astrological position has been formed in a certain number of these instances.

Then birth-charts are collected and the event ascertained each time this specific astrological position occurs. This also is expressed in terms of percentage. No guesswork here, but mathematical certainty.

A complete survey of human life by this careful method has not been completed. Astrologers still must base their judgment in regard to certain matters on ancient precedent and less critically compiled data. But such tables are in the process of being made, and already the findings made available to the public have proved of great value. The astrologer as well as the scientist, when he follows modern methods, is wedded to no theory unless it coincides with facts, and he spares no pains to ascertain these facts.

Environment. – The occultist has reason to believe that every object has a vibration which it radiates. These vibratory rates are not different in kind nor quality from the vibratory rates radiated by the planets. Each object does, however, transmit an energy corresponding to one of the planets more than it transmits others.

That is, objects are considered to be mediumistic transmitters of energy. But due to the structure of the finer substances associated with them, each object receives and transmits readily only energy of a particular type. Thus not only people, but objects, and energies such as

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“The science of occultism, consequently, is based upon the fact that there is a strict correspondence between the inner and the outer, the below and the above, the effect and the cause; in other words, that the visible and known constitutes the proportional measure of the invisible and unknown.”

— C. C. Zain

Astrological Signatures

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thoughts, fall into definite groups according to the quality of energy they radiate. These groups are named after the planets.

Observation shows that a person born when the planet Mars occupies a dominant position in the sky is aggressive, warlike, energetic and difficult to restrain. Further observation indicates that when in the birth-chart of any individual Mars has moved to a position where it makes strong aspects by progression, the person becomes unusually headstrong, quarrelsome, active and irritable. Therefore, when the astrologer observes some object that has a similar tendency he concludes it also has the same duality of vibration as Mars. Because of such observed effect he says that the color red, the tone C, the letter O, the number 16, the stone hematite, the metal iron, the

plant pepper, the food onion, a hot climate, land where pebbles and boulders are numerous, fields that are freshly ploughed, the manufacturing district of a city, the machine shops, and the stoves in the home all are ruled by Mars.

In the sense of transmitting energy of a particular quality, no doubt every object is ruled by one of the planets. But this rulership, for a great many things is as yet unascertained. And it is a part of the work of modern occultism carefully to observe the influence and quality of objects and energies with the purpose in view of classifying them according to the planetary vibratory scale.



(Part 2, *Environment, Psychology and Spirituality* will conclude in 2021-22 Winter Quarterly.)



“Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.”

— John Lennon

Research continues...

Asking For Your Help to Build a Database for Astrological Research

We are conducting research on mental illnesses (bipolar, schizophrenia, depression, PTSD, etc.). The more charts we receive, the better and more accurate the findings.

If you or someone close has a clinically diagnosed mental illness, you have the opportunity to provide a great service to the Astrological Community by sharing the birth data only.

Here is what we need:

- Date of birth (month/day/year),
- Exact time of birth (birth certificate; no solar charts),
- Specific location of birth (city, state/territory/region, country), and
- Mental illness diagnosis.
- Data Source: birth certificate, mother’s memory, hospital, family document etc.

NO NAMES PLEASE, NO PERSONAL INFORMATION ON CHART. Thank you for your help with this project. No identifying information will be kept.

Send data or questions to: churchoflight@light.org

Membership Room

Thank you Volunteers

Lauren Poché – AHA course reviewer.

Laurie Dixon – AHA course reviewer.

Deborah Yaffee – new member of the AHA online curriculum development team.

If you have a skill you'd like to share, let us know!



Annual Membership Meeting

November 20, 2021, 12:15 PM MST

Please click here: [Members Only](#) page, for meeting details.

<https://www.light.org/members-only.cfm>

Update on projects at Headquarters

Work continues on readying the first seven Courses on the Academy of Hermetic Arts for general availability to our students. We've been fortunate to add a few more volunteers assisting with the course reviews and listening to "Noah," our artificially intelligent voice. Noah's pretty good but does not always get it right, which can cause some occasional amusement (and some frustration).

We are working on an updated Facebook page and rolling out a YouTube channel where we're planning to add new content in addition to moving over our class recordings from light.org and Church of Light TV. The monthly course reviews on Zoom continue, and we're discussing adding some new classes/workshops this winter. Our Zoom classes are recorded and available to watch on the Student page at light.org.

Initial planning has started for our in-person Conference next year in Albuquerque. Although we hoped to schedule it for a time with better weather, the stars seem to be leading us to a June date. It's a little toasty in Albuquerque then, but it is a better time for members who like to plan their summer vacations around the conference.

The Order of the Sphinx's research project on mental illness is still looking to gather more charts since the greater the sample size, the more reliable the results. Our project lead has been in touch with AFA and NCGR and both have expressed interest in the project.

Be on the lookout for the raffle of a Magic Kit prepared by one of our members. In addition to wands cut at the Full Moon around the Winter Solstice, the kit will in-

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*"If you think you're too small
to make a difference, you
haven't spent the night with
a mosquito."*

— African Proverb

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clude other magical objects such as candles and incense and will include instructions on consecrating the wands. Once we finish setting up PayPal as a payment option on light.org, we'll announce the raffle.

So far the book auction is going well. To date...August 2021...books 1–5 are gone and have happy new homes. One book per week is being auctioned. Will report on the final funds raised in the Winter Quarterly. Thanks for supporting this fund raiser!

On the more mundane side, we are transitioning our office systems to the cloud along with implementing a new,

more modern accounting system. Our office staff and volunteers are looking forward to an easier to use system which will hopefully give them a bit more time to engage with you if you call the office. The property search is ongoing, and we're working with a new realtor more aligned with our interests. We do have long wish list so it's taking a while but with Uranus in the 4th House of our chart, it's possible it may appear suddenly and unexpectedly.

All of these initiatives at the Church are made possible by you, our members, friends and volunteers. Your dedication and generosity is deeply appreciated by the Board and Officers of the Church.



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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.