

Spiritual Astrology Series: Taurus

Taurus in the Quest for the Life of Spirit:

Lepus the Hare

Margaret Dissinger

The Taurus decanate of Taurus is pictured in the heavens, as the rabbit, Lepus, and is part of the Orion family of constellations. There is no direct mythology associated with Lepus; however, he is seen as being hunted by Orion and his dogs, Canis Major and Canis Minor, who are also part of the Orion family. To be forever hunted by predators helps



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Consider that ...

- It takes great effort to dismiss the image of that which is feared and to instead entertain the image of something positive...it requires great DETERMINATION.
- "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." — Marie Curie
- The unconscious mind works to achieve the image before it's eye.

Spiritual Astrology: Lepus Decanate of Taurus

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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 first decanate of the second sign is termed *Taurus-Taurus*, as it is found within the primary sign Taurus, and as the first of three decanates within

that sign, enjoys a secondary influence further reinforced by the first Earth sign, Taurus.

It is curious indeed that the first decanate of Taurus is called Lepus, the Rabbit. Consider for a

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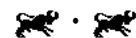
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Editorial

Margaret Joscher, President

"Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit."

— R.E. Shay

With no means to defend itself, our fluffy bunny, standing at the feet of Orion the Hunter with his two dogs, must choose flight over fight, its vigilance and speed the only way to survive. Although a prey animal, in some cultures the rabbit or hare is represented as the mythological trickster, its clever, wily and evasive nature enabling it to elude capture. What's conveyed to us in these stories is that something small and weak but clever can overcome a stronger and more dangerous foe. Very prominent in African folklore, this trickster is the likely origin of the Brer Rabbit stories passed down from slaves in the Southern United States.

So why does the mighty Orion seem to be threatening this timid creature? According to lore, the Greek island of Leros, having no native rabbits, imported a pregnant rabbit. Due to their prodigious procreative nature, the rabbits soon overtook the island and ate everything in sight. The starving population fled but when Orion heard about it, he rallied the residents to go back and helped them take care of the situation. The moral of this story, besides that rabbits quickly reproduce, is that sometimes too much of a good thing is not a good thing.

The rabbit's foot good luck charm was popular in the Depression era but it can still be found today, although in synthetic form. As a child I was drawn over one day to a group of kids on my block surrounding an older man who turned out to be a visiting relative of a neighbor. He was showing off his lucky rabbit's foot which greatly appealed to our childlike fascination with the gruesome. Although I felt sorry for the poor rabbit left with only three feet, one would only express such a soft sentiment in the New York neighborhood where I grew up at their own peril. But we could see that this man had great faith in his talisman and I wondered why one would consider that the foot of an animal would bring luck.

Perhaps being able to catch such a trickster implies incredible luck in some form; that its elusive nature enables one to dodge bad luck. Many of us have our charms and talismans to which we give meaning. Often they are insignificant objects: a coin, a stone, a piece of jewelry. In Course 6, Zain states that charms do not owe their potency to their character vibrations, but to the thought vibrations imparted to them in their preparation where they take on, retain and exert the influence of those vibrations. In other words, charms are lucky because we believe they are.

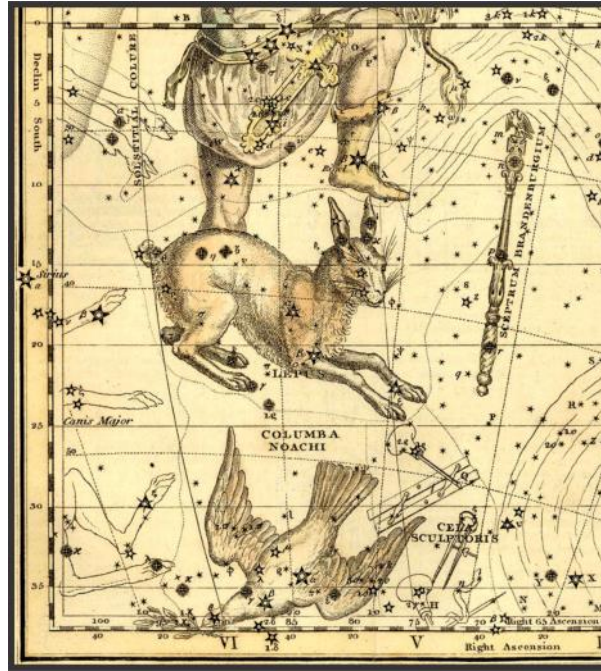
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us to understand why the text of Lepus is: "One of Man's [sic] Greatest Enemies is Fear." This is the basis for the spiritual teaching the Ancient Ones have given us for the first ten degrees of Taurus.

The spiritual lessons begin as we look at the qualities of rabbits: fleetness, timidity, and rapidity. The key word for Taurus-Taurus is Determination, and here in the rabbit we see the instinctual determination to respond quickly because one is terrified.



Fear causes the rabbit to sometimes stand perfectly still until danger has passed, and then exploding out, rapidly darting from place to place, rarely along a straight line, determinedly using instinct to lead the predator away from the warren. Fear causes the rabbit to hide from danger below ground. Determination allows this creature to survive against all odds. Am I determined to do use my tools to build my spiritual body against all odds?

The moon is exalted in this first decanate, and so we have another clue. The moon is sensitive and receptive by nature, and when in Taurus, she is most comfortable, largely because Venus ruled Taurus will go to any length to make her guest at ease by surrounding them with grace and beauty. The danger of course is that one grows accustomed to such pleas-

ures and can forget the true goal of the soul, the search for the spiritual life. Her placement there exalts and delights the mental processes and imagination we need to create the spiritual body if we

choose to use her energy for service; if we choose the path of materialism there will also be success, but at what cost?

We have several examples in the text of what happens when a population gets stuck in the trap of materialism. How does fear play

into this? We are spiritually imperfect beings living in a world of challenges. Fear causes humans to be greedy and to hold onto the objects of their materialism, be it wealth, youth, and/or power. Fear causes those who want to go to extremes to get the objects of their desire; notwithstanding using their mental acumen and determination for their personal gain through the work of others. Those who follow this path will be hard pressed to live a spiritual life. This is not to say that we must live a life of ugliness and scarcity. There is nothing wrong with a love of beauty and fine things. The beauty of the world helps to raise us all up to a finer level. The problem comes when our attention is on the acquisition, and not on the sharing what it is we have

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"The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

— Nelson Mandela

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through our own determination and hard work. It is not our individual possessions that will ruin our chances for spiritual growth, but our attitude toward them.

We are learning to use our determination for a spiritual cause. As we engage in this behavior, more of our needs are met. The lesson of Lepus is to be determined to achieve the highest spiritual goals we can imagine, rather than using them for material acquisition. Our quest for one is a blessing, the other is a curse.

When considering Taurus-Taurus in meditation, asking for clarity and insight into how this decanate may be used for spiritual growth, what I receive is the unlimited potential for spiritual growth through the love of justice and truth. It is represented by Stability as its best quality. It is the Sun crowned by the Moon as its

symbol and in this decanate it is doubled. My personal insight is a clear path toward spiritual growth by adopting these qualities as part of my spiritual toolkit.

The rabbit teaches us to fly away from that which is dangerous to our spiritual growth. To face our fears bravely, as they are most often simply our own character flaws. The antidote of fear (Saturn) is Love (Venus). To assimilate our materialistic tendencies—fear of not having enough; we must see ourselves as being exactly enough and loving ourselves first. Our spiritual journey begins as we take the imperfections we have and use them to love and care for others in the spirit of Universal Welfare.

So Shall It Be

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Rabbit riding a hound with a trained snail of prey.

Pontifical of Guillaume Durand, Avignon, before 1390
(Paris, Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, ms. 143, fol. 165r)

*"I'm not afraid of storms, for
I'm learning how to sail my
ship."*

—Louisa May Alcott

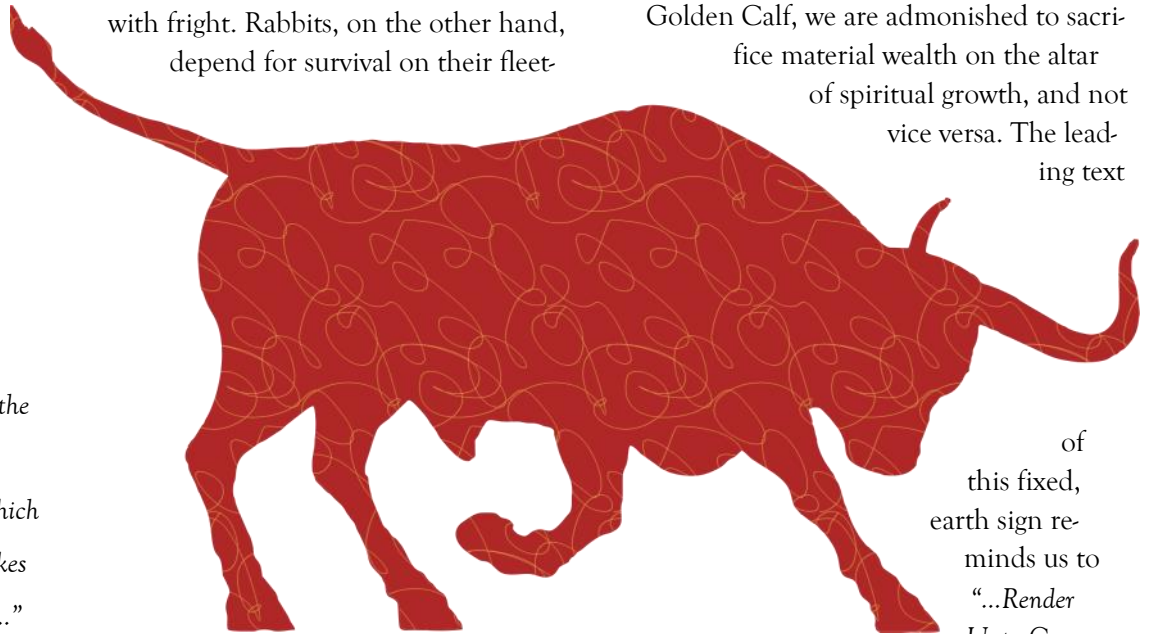
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moment the strange juxtaposition between the impressive, mighty power of the Bull and the sleek, fleet fitness of a rabbit. When a bull feels threatened, it depends upon its enormous size and strength, as well as its formidable horns. It charges in a display that shakes the very earth and has left many a foe stricken with fright. Rabbits, on the other hand, depend for survival on their fleet-

ness to represent the first decanate of the sign of the mighty Bull.

Recall that Taurus, the Bull, is a fixed, earth sign. The main message of the zodiacal sign, Taurus, is right perspective as regards material wealth. In the myth associated with the sign, the Story of the Golden Calf, we are admonished to sacrifice material wealth on the altar of spiritual growth, and not vice versa. The leading text



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ness and speed. They are small, diminutive animals that typically select flight over fight. We must ask ourselves, then, what the Ancient Astronomers meant to indicate when they selected the timorous

of this fixed, earth sign reminds us to “...Render Unto Caesar the Things Which be Caesar’s and Unto God the Things which be God’s” (Zain, 1997). In other words, the practice of right living is emphasized, an aim which we can achieve by keeping both our spiritual and material houses in order.



Photo by Susan LeClair in Mountainview, CA

Material wealth of any kind brings with it the risk of attachment. Whether we are hyper focused on money, name, fame, or any other earthly pursuit, there are many attachments which can cloud our spiritual judgment. We are reminded through the Story of the Golden Calf to ever seek the proper proportions as regards our spiritual and material natures.

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The most fundamental material attachment that we possess is our attachment to our first and foremost source of physical wealth: the material body. Without it, we would be hard pressed to achieve anything of value in the world in which “we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28 King James Version). And to be clear, there is nothing at all wrong with wishing to keep our physical bodies healthy and limber. Indeed, the more caring we are with our physical selves, the more effectively we can utilize that precious vehicle to contribute our utmost to universal welfare.

However, there comes a time when the physical body begins to sag, wither, and atrophy. While wisdom and thoughtfulness can continue to grow across the lifespan, it is an undeniable, inexorable fact that our physical bodies experience decline over time. Alas, as much as we might fight or seek to overcome it, every one of us must ultimately meet his or her timely fate.

Psychologists posit that the fear of death is the fundamental fear from which all others arise. This makes good evolutionary sense, in that Darwin speculated that evolutionary fitness depends on how well an organism is able to survive and reproduce (Biology Online, 2021). That is, if an organism’s ultimate goal is survival, then the ultimate fear must be the loss of survival (i.e., death). Therefore, it makes sound sense that all other fears stem from our fundamental fear of death.

Psychologists have further coalesced these concepts 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. The theory posits that as death is unavoidable and therefore uncontrollable, those who fear it instead substitute an avoidable, controllable fear for it. Hence, according to TMT, those who suffer from arachnophobia, germophobia, and other fear-based maladies may actually be substituting these less threatening, more manageable fears for their fundamental fear of the inexorable process of death which we must all ultimately face.

Of course, as Iverach et al. (2016) confirm, the fear of death is perfectly normal; we all fear what we do not understand, and regardless of how convinced we may be to the contrary, it is an inescapable fact that none of us knows exactly what death holds in store for us. The point of TMT, then, is not to deny or somehow evade the fear of death, but to accept it as a normal, reasonable response to the mysterious curtain which separates our present and future worlds.

Ironically, the lowly rabbit tells a great tale as to how to address our most basic fears. Whereas the nature of the Bull would have us paw the dirt and madly charge at our fears, paradoxically, attempting to attack our fears only adds energy to them. Frustratingly, the more aggressively we attempt to vanquish them, the more emboldened and enlivened our fears become. Therefore, as much as we might wish to engage in an

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*“Fear and love can never be
experienced at the same time.*

*It is always our choice as
which of these emotions we
want.”*

— Gerald Jampolsky, MD



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all-out charge against our fears, the lesson of the rabbit teaches us quite a different tactic.

The rabbit's main defense is to flee from dangerous conditions. Evolutionarily, whereas the bull learned to leverage its massive size and strength into a terrifying charge that shakes the very earth, the rabbit, being small, sleek, and fleet of foot, instead applies the principle of flight in its efforts to evade death. In this, we can learn a mighty lesson from this humble creature. 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.



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Those who suffer from anxiety-related disorders, which Iverach et al. (2016) classify squarely under the umbrella of TMT, understand well that attempting to use anger to fight the fear only deepens and heightens the attack further. Rather, the manner in which an anxiety attack can be broken is to so completely divert the attention to a positive, constructive pursuit that the fear is left lifeless and breathless, deprived of both blood and oxygen. It has died an

ignominious death, anonymous, alone, and forgotten.

As TMT holds that our most basic fear is the fear of death (Iverach et al., 2016), in a similar manner we can paradoxically overcome this most fundamental of fears by embracing life to the fullest. In the same vein as the rabbit who completely and utterly flees the source of its fear, we also can so turn our backs on the fear of death that it dies an isolated, unmarked death of its own. While of course acknowledging that just as we are all born, so shall we all one day be laid to rest, we can so immerse ourselves in the richness and plenitude of life that we are too busy, too satisfied, and too fulfilled to be

drawn down by such a gruesome fear. In responding to fears of all kinds, then, let us so completely embrace faith in life and its variegated experiences that we cannot possibly slow down for death. I do not fear He should be disappointed. He will catch up to us in His time.

Of course, such a laser-like focus on embracing life, even in the face of inevitable death, requires great resolve. Fittingly, the Key Word for this decanate is Determination, which provides us with a clue as to how focused and faithful we must be to overcome what are legitimate and significant fears. The leading text for Lepus is, "One of Man's Greatest Enemies is

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"When we positively desire a thing we flash the image of that which is sought upon the mental screen, and the thought cells belonging to that department of life work with such energy as they possess to make that condition a reality. But when in fear the image is the opposite of that which we seek, these four-dimensional sparks of consciousness work just as hard to carry out the orders they thus receive..."

— C. C. Zain

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Fear”. If this is the case, then faith must be one of his greatest friends. If we practice deep, daily faith in the gifts of Life, Love, and Light, they are sure not to disappoint.

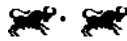
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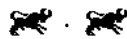
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Lucky talismans help us overcome our fears and comfort us with the feeling that all will be well, a Jupiterian thought form. And as Jupiter normally brings luck and abundance where it lives in our charts, so does the Trine aspect. Not so many of us though are blessed with an abundance of trines, an easy button if

you will. It seems that we more often have to slog through our more difficult aspects. We must always remind ourselves that nature is training us to perform our role in the universal enterprise and that in every situation, we are lucky to have the opportunity to hone our skills if we are determined to overcome our fear and find the true gold therein.



“If we attack our problems with determination we shall succeed.”

— *Franklin D. Roosevelt*



“... 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*

Historical Perspective on the Academy of Hermetic Arts

Envisioning the Future of Hermetic Studies to facilitate a paradigm shift in how we perceive ourselves in relationship to Nature and reality

The Church of Light's Online Curriculum
2009 – 2016

The Online Curriculum project was started back in 2009. It was referred to as The Academy of Hermetic Studies. Painstaking effort was taken to develop a curriculum based on the 21 Courses. An icon was created. Topics were developed.

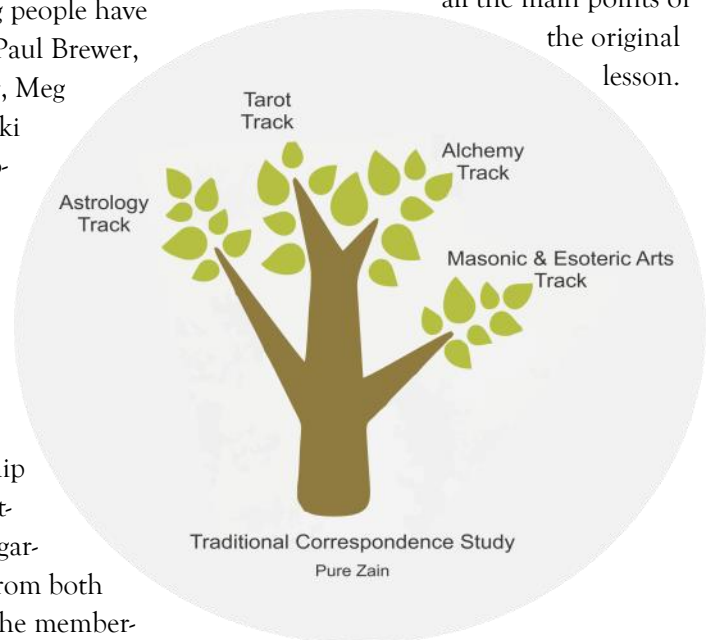
Over the years, the following people have been members of the team: Paul Brewer, Neil Cantwell, Peggy Joscher, Meg Dissinger, Yvette Fortin, Vicki Brewer, Gary Mann, Christopher Gibson, Peter Tourian, Wellington, Shawn Bailor, Aaron Doyle and Veiga O'Sickey.

Regular reports have been made to the CofL Board of Directors and the membership at Annual Membership Meetings. The project has always garnered enthusiastic support from both the Board of Directors and the membership. Team members have met periodically in Albuquerque over the years.

On the technical side of creating the site, the committee experimented with various platforms and decided to experiment with the open-source software Moodle, mostly because it was free and had lots of capability.

Academically, the main emphasis of the project was to provide an entirely new presentation of the BofL lessons, similar

to [Cliffs Notes](#), in an online, interactive form where the lessons were highly edited to provide the main points of each lesson in a manner consistent with modern online learning management systems (LMS). While some of the Zain material would be used verbatim, the primary intent was to essentially, paraphrase the material so that it could be presented in small doses (topics), but would preserve all the main points of the original lesson.



It was thought that adapting the materials to a more modern usage/use of language would make them more accessible to a wider audience. It was to be made clear that the online curriculum was "adapted" from the 21 BofL Courses by C. C. Zain. The print books would preserve the original content. This would not in any way violate E.B.'s request to not change his words because the online

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*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
— Helen Keller*

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curriculum is not "by C. C. Zain", it's by the CoFL.

Also, some of the lessons would be rearranged according to a more logical structure. For example, the two chapters on chart construction in CS8 Horary Astrology would be gathered with similar material found in Course 2 and 10. The chapters on horary and electional astrology in Course 8 would become separate topics.

Five Tracks of study were defined:

Track 1: Traditional Correspondence Study

The exact same Correspondence Study program that has been offered since Elbert Benjamine's day, where students purchase books, become members, pass final exams, earn Degrees, Grades, and Award MS, culminating in the Hermetician Certificate. This track would be pure Zain.

Track 2: Astrology

Based upon the seven BofL Astrology courses, with emphasis on creating a systematic and thorough approach to astrological topics. Student passing the astrology track would be awarded credentials and have the ability to pass the NCGR and AFA exams. Church of Light members passing these courses would earn credit toward the Hermetician Certificate.

Track 3: Tarot

The Sacred Tarot has always been a popular course in The Church of Light and the gateway to broader study. This would be a stand-alone course. While It would

offer a survey of other tarot systems, the primary focus would be to create the opportunity to become proficient in the BofL Egyptian Tarot system. A certificate of Proficiency would be awarded. National Certification that would gain reciprocal licensing from other professional tarot organizations were in the planning stages. Passing this course would apply toward earning the Hermetician Certificate.

Track 4: Alchemy

This track offers all seven courses written by Zain, along with updated knowledge, supplied from research, history, archeological investigations, as well as chemical and physical properties of minerals, herbs, oils, incenses, and spices, conducive to good health and ease of life. Passing exams over the coursework would also result in a certificate of proficiency as well as apply toward earning the Hermetician Certificate for Church of Light members. It was proposed that books from Maclean Stevenson, the best-known alchemist of our century be included for their symbology references as well as medicinal roots, tea, and herb recipes from our Alchemists of old, along with the "art" of application.

Track 5: Masonic and Esoteric Arts (Magic Courses)

Includes six of the courses in Magic written by Zain, supplemented by updated science, physics, psychology and modern psychic research knowledge. A Certificate of Proficiency would be awarded upon passing all exams, and as a practical application, the student would be given the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities. It was also desired that the

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*"When you change the way
you look at things, the things
you look at CHANGE."*

— Wayne Dyer



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school would appeal to the interest of Freemasons, whose many rituals and symbols are similar to Zain's. Passing exams would apply to earning the Hermetician Certificate.

Tracks 2 thru 5 would require taking Core Courses. These courses would be based upon a gathering of material scattered in the first three courses that provide a solid foundation for understanding the basic principles of occultism, inner and outer plane interrelationship, astral vibrations, astral signatures etc.

Overall, this was a huge task, and the momentum was eventually overwhelmed by other initiatives and general CofL management tasks.

2016

Focus turned to creating a place where students would have access to the Final Exams in an interactive medium that featured greater autonomy and immediate feedback for their progress. Tackling and achieving this goal was due, in large part, to the work by member Alain Rousseau who converted the original essay exams into multiple choice exams. Based upon Alain's work, interactive exams were created on the ProProfs platform. The light.org Student Page was modified to give students access to the exams. By the end of 2018, students logging onto the Student Page were able to find:

- Online interactive Final Exams,
- Study Questions,
- Study Worksheets (developed by Hermetician Vanessa Brown), and
- PDF Forms Final Exams (some students continue to prefer this medium

either for taking their exam or to use as a study guide).

2019

With the completion of the Online Exam project, attention once again turned to the Online Curriculum.

Moodle, as a platform, was abandoned in part due to the difficulty of managing complex, open-source software with a volunteer staff. In 2018 the CofL subscribed to Articulate 360 as an experiment for creating online courses. Preliminary work on Course 1 was done, and a presentation was given at the 2019 conference. Coincidentally, in a separate endeavor, Aaron Doyle created a website at thebrotherhoodoflight.org URL that he thought would appeal to younger aspirants.

At the 2019 Annual CofL Conference, a group of people spontaneously met to formulate a plan of action. The group included Aaron Doyle, Shawn Bailor, Neil Cantwell, Barbara Sibley, Peg Joscher, Vicki Brewer and Paul Brewer, along with others who were attending the conference. It was agreed to restart the project. A team of volunteers formed, calling themselves the Online Curriculum Committee. Members are Shawn Bailor, Aaron Doyle, Peg Joscher, Paul Brewer and Vicki Brewer. Others are welcome to join.

Since the conference, the committee has met every two weeks. It was decided early on not to be as ambitious as the original project, but to simply create 21 courses using Zain's exact words. Once the site was up and running and fully tested, we would begin Phase II, which would incorporate the kinds of changes envisioned by the original project.

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*"The measure of Intelligence
is the ability to change.
— Albert Einstein*

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After deliberation, it was decided to abandon the Articulate 360 work and focus on developing the site that Aaron so generously donated. Using Aaron's WordPress site, we installed a plugin called Learn Dash, which is an LMS for implementing courses. We installed WooCommerce to handle the e-commerce stuff. The 21 courses were uploaded to the site as Courses with Chapters (manuscripts) and Topics. The final exams were also uploaded, along with their corresponding certificates. Quizzes and audio are currently in process. All of these activities are very time consuming and require Herculean effort! That is why we need more interested volunteers. (Yes, this means YOU!)

Toward the end of 2020, the committee began considering a "Go Live" date. Scanning the ephemeris for a good time, it was learned there are very few good times in 2021. A potentially good chart for the study of occult subjects was found for February, but the committee decided there was too much work left to do to meet that time frame. Next, March 31 looked like a pretty good chart that would facilitate comradery and social interaction among students.

With the attitude of WILL, we moved toward the 31st deadline. We invited a few senior members of the CofL to evaluate the site and review the first seven courses which were mostly completed.

The Academy of Hermetic Arts home page came from Aaron's original site. Attractive and magical, it was designed primarily to appeal to a younger set of potential members. Everyone who saw it loved it! Although the Committee did not have time to properly adapt it to the

new purpose, we pressed on thinking there would be time to evolve the site after the opening on the 31st. But, when we invited CofL members to review the site, the fact that we did not make the home page adaptation caused some evaluators considerable confusion. It was then that we realized the 31st date was a No Go.

Undaunted, the Curriculum Committee continues to develop and evolve the site. A new date to Go Live will be selected, hopefully soon. The goal is for some time in 2021, but will let the birth chart for the site determine the time. The plan is to open the doors of the Academy by releasing the completed courses (at the present time there are seven) and thereafter one course per lunar month will be released.

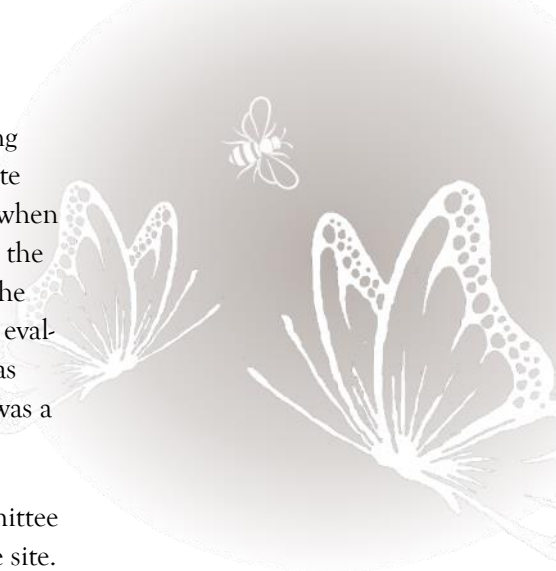
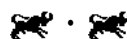
All of work for the Academy has been donated. The only costs to the CofL have been those related to purchasing addons to the Word Press site and URLs.

We are actively seeking volunteers to help with some of the following tasks:

- Course review,
- Quiz development and
- Site review

Our mission is to bring The Brotherhood of Light Lessons into the 21st century and to a world that is in much need of a new paradigm of thinking about life and why we are here on this planet.

If you think you have time or interest, please let us know; we would love to take you for a test drive. Send an email to us by [clicking here](#).



*"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*

Stellarian Stories

Patrick Ramsey

By Radine Ramsey

Church Institute. Dr. Sandra Masters was the minister.

Patrick Ramsey has been the Church of Light Membership Minister since 2001. His duties include grading exams, corresponding with members, printing astrological charts, and sending out new member packets and award manuscripts. He believes that this work gives him the opportunity to bless and support other souls.



Radine sang the theme song from Ice Castles, "Through the Eyes of Love," to her handsome husband. Patrick sang the song made famous by the Platters, "Only You."

Patrick worked for many years as an airplane parts broker. This means that he finds the parts for the airplane, and if the customer would like

to order them, they do. At one time the records were kept on cards. With the advent of computers, the system got more complicated.

In December of 2006, Pat and Radine moved from their Burbank home to Al-

Patrick was originally from Burbank, California and had lived there his entire life. He was one of the few people living in the house where he grew up. Over the years he was very proud of his paper route. He worked hard and made friends along the way. You might consider this his first ministry.

He lived for many years with his mother, Patricia Ramsey. They went to mass together at St. Finbar's Catholic Church. Patrick was a youth ministry teacher. In addition to teaching the teenagers, he would also take them on field trips to Magic Mountain in his 1971 Plymouth Safari Wagon.

Eventually, his mother passed away, and he was alone. God brought into his life his lovely wife, Radine. They were married on July 25, 1992 in Sherman Oaks, California at the Spiritual Science



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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Gandhi

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buquerque, New Mexico. The move was orchestrated during a great blizzard. Their neighbor, Mabintu, helped with the driving.

The greatest challenge of the move was to make sure no one got left behind. There were 11 cats and 6 bunny rabbits that needed to squeeze into two vehicles. There were 17 kitty carriers, each holding either a bunny rabbit or a cat.

As they made the 13-hour journey, Vicki Brewer was feverishly trying to reach them to let them know that she had been unable to get a key to their new home. Unfortunately, Radine did not have her cell phone turned on at the time and just kept on driving.

Since Vicki is resourceful, she was able to secure the key by meeting a nice girl from the realty office at a predetermined destination. They both drove to the assigned meeting space, and the key was secured.

When they arrived, Vicki helped to park the car closer to the house because the Ramseys came from California and had no idea how to handle driving in the snow. After all, when does it snow in Burbank? She also assisted them in carrying 17 kitty carriers to the new Albuquerque home.

When they arrived, Einstein the orange tabby cat could not be found. The next day, he was a very dark shade of grey because he had managed to wedge himself up the chimney.

Pat had more challenges than just unloading the pods that had arrived with all their worldly goods. He needed to dig trenches in the snow for the phone and fax lines. Radine helped for 10 minutes and then rooted him on from inside the warm house while drinking hot cocoa.



Patrick is a Scorpio. The best characteristic of Scorpio is Resourcefulness. He was able to get the new business up and running within three months.

When he is not busy working, he enjoys watching

tv news and writing. He wrote a book titled, *You, Love, and the Universe*. This book is available in paperback format directly from the Church of Light or from Amazon at a cost of \$5.40. Amazon also sells the Kindle version for \$5.40. After the book was published, Patrick added more chapters. These chapters are available by contacting Patrick directly.

The Church of Light website describes the books as “a collection of Ramsey’s writings guaranteed to enlighten, educate, and entertain. Using everything from pet ownership to astral experiences, Rev. Ramsey spins personal stories that illuminate aspects of the Church of

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“We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.”
— Immanuel Kant



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Light’s twenty-one courses. The central theme that runs through his writings is the willingness to embrace the energies that warm and strengthen the human heart while giving love back to the universe.”

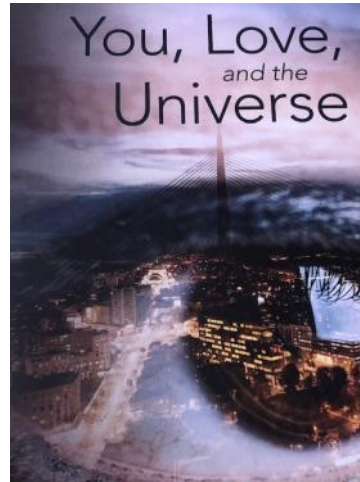
“*You, Love, and the Universe* is an inspiring resource for Church of Light members. It teaches that the universe involves You, and that your role in God’s Great Plan is to explore the beauty, challenges, setbacks and empowerment of being human.”

When Patrick writes in his book about Elvis is the Mischievous Cat, he states: “Elvis, a small and tiny black cat, showed up at our Burbank home one day out of the blue. Maybe that should have been a warning to me. My wife, Radine, took to Elvis, and she wanted to keep that cat. Elvis, at that time unnamed, had a tag on him with a phone number of a local pet shop that had lost a black cat in our neighborhood. Radine, kindhearted as she is, took the cat back to the pet shop. It turned out he was for sale, for one hundred dollars. Well, one hundred dollars later, we had in our hands Elvis the cat.”

“He looked so feminine that I thought for sure he was a female. I said to Radine, ‘Get this cat to our vet and get her fixed before she has kittens.’ Our vet took one look at this cat and said with a laugh, ‘No charge. Neutered male.’ That

should have been a clue. But not everything is as it seems. It is best not to make conclusions or judgment based on appearances alone.”

Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue interviewed famous couples who have been married 20 years or more when they wrote their book titled, *What Makes a Marriage Work?*



When Thomas and Donohue asked Jimmy Carter to describe the most challenging part of his marriage to Rosalynn, he replied that it was when they tried to write a book together. The title of the book they eventually completed was *Everything to Gain: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life*.

Jimmy stated, “We decided I would write one chapter and she would write the next, and then we’d swap chapters and edit each other. And I found out very quickly – this is my version of it – that Rosalynn’s memory was very faulty. She could not remember details of what happened, and we also had very different writing styles. I write very rapidly – I wrote 34 books, remember – and Rosalynn does not. So I would write my chapter and give it to her and say, ‘Here. Edit.’ She would view it as a rough draft. But when she wrote a chapter, it was like God had handed down this precious text carved in stone, and if I so much as changed one word, it caused her serious distress. It was breaking up our marriage.”

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“Never trust your fears,
They don’t know your
strength.”

— Athena Singh

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Rosalyn added that they could not talk about it. Jimmy said that they just wrote ugly letters to each other back on and forth on the word processor.

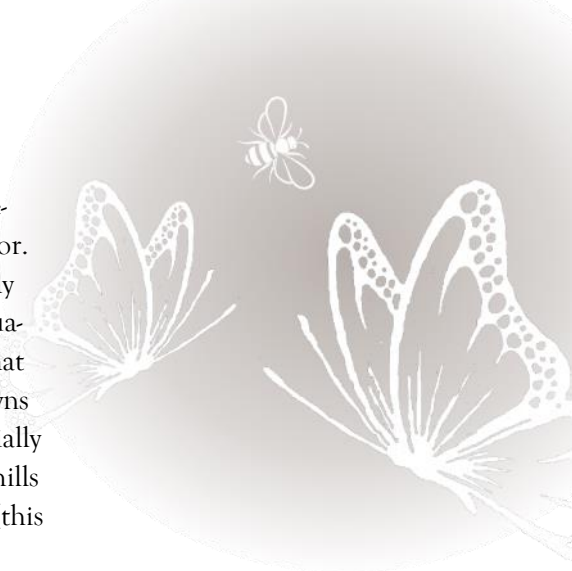
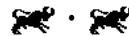
For the sake of marital happiness, the Ramseys do not plan to write a book together. After their first book titled, *Gloria the Bunny Learns to Meditate*, Radine realized that writing another book together would probably not be a good idea.

Patrick wrote all the text himself and had even changed the titled to *Gloria the Rabbit Learns to Meditate*. Radine insisted that the word bunny be included in the title, and she provided all the photography.

If you were to ask Radine what makes her marriage work, she would reply that it is her pleasant personality.

Patrick has a different answer. He believes that one needs a sense of humor. He thinks that singing and acting silly sometimes helps or puts difficult situations into perspective. Patrick says that relationships have their ups and downs where healing work is needed, especially when your wife starts singing, "The hills are alive with the Sound of Music," (this usually occurs when he is trying to work).

In conclusion, whether Patrick is busy being the Membership Minister for the Church of Light or working to find airplane parts at Pat Aeronautics, he keeps himself busy trying to do his utmost for Universal Welfare.

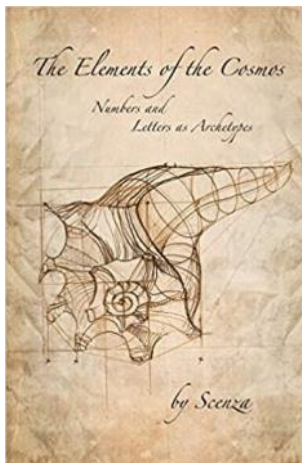


"A day without laughter is a day wasted."

— Charlie Chaplin

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— Plato

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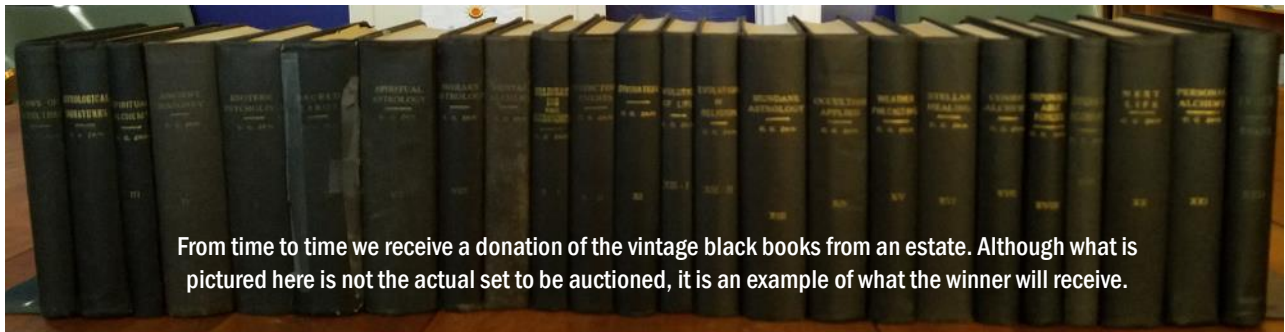
Update

The books remain with us, for a while anyway!

Although there was a dozen interested buyers following our auction...it was surmised that jittery nerves, reticent parting with well-gained booty, introspective delving into needs versus wants (discovering personal collections apparently not in need), along with sobering meditations upon antique possessions gathering dust...brought many to the realization that they may be able to do without this rare library.

Therefore! We are going to offer the books once again on EBAY. This time they will be listed “one at a time” for a minimum starting bid of \$50 each. However, first comers will be treated to a “buy it now” offer of \$60 per book, IF, the book is bought “before” anyone places a bid on it. Once bidding starts, the “buy it now” offer disappears, and the highest bid wins the book.

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