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Taurus in the Quest of Spirit:

Auriga the Heavenly Charioteer

Margaret Dissinger

The Flaming Star

We find the Master Charioteer of the Zodiac in the final decanate of Taurus. The various myths associated with this character give him other names, more familiar to us as mere mortals, but always associated with the chariot. There is Erichthonius, king of Athens and son of the major Greek god, Hephaestus, and schooled by the goddess Athena. He is credited for the invention of the four-horse chariot. Auriga is sometimes Hephaestus, the lame

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Consider that ...

- *One rule always holds, whether it be applied to driving a car on a crowded street, to developing the vital etheric flow of life, or to the use of the psychic senses; energy and speed must never exceed the power that guides and directs them.*
— Spiritual Astrology
- *One can have no smaller or greater mastery than mastery of oneself.*
— Leonardo da Vinci

Spiritual Astrology: Auriga Decanate of Taurus

MASTERSHIP

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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 third decanate of the second sign, Auriga, is termed *Taurus-Capricorn*, as it is found within the primary sign Taurus, and enjoys a secondary influ-

ence of the third Earth sign, Capricorn. The Keyword for this decanate is "Mastership," and it extends from May 11 to May 21 of each year.

As explained above, the decanates are subordinate

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— Pablo Picasso

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Editorial

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"These are dangerous times. Never have so many people had so much access to so much knowledge and yet have been so resistant to learning anything."

— Thomas M. Nichols, *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters*

At some point in conversations with a long-time Stellarian, you will likely hear them say: "Every time I read Zain I find something new." Of course it's not really new, it's likely something our mind was not receptive to on previous readings. I would also add that every time I read Zain I realize how little human nature has changed.

Zain recounts two stories for this last decanate of Taurus. With Phoebus, the moral is familiar to many parents in that indulging a child may not always work out very well. Letting his son drive the chariot would be akin to letting your teenager drive a 2 ton vehicle on their own without any training, testing or oversight. Putting in the work to master a skill has merit, although we all sometimes avoid the effort because, well, it's work. It would be so convenient if knowledge and skills would just magically appear.

In the second story, Elijah, a Biblical prophet and miracle worker, endeavored to save the Israelites from another round of their recurring flirtations with idolatry. Promises of easy success, fame, wealth, beauty, and even miracles are irresistible to us as is our tendency to admire or idolize those who have achieved what we want. Regarding Elijah's story, Zain writes:

"As at all times, not excepting the present day, there were then many men who claimed to knowledge and power which they did not have. False prophets, they were, like the swarm of charlatans who now prey upon the credulity of the public. And even as at the present time, when one appeared who was truly a Master of his subject, the envy and malice of those who found an easy living in their pretensions, was directed against him, and against his teachings."

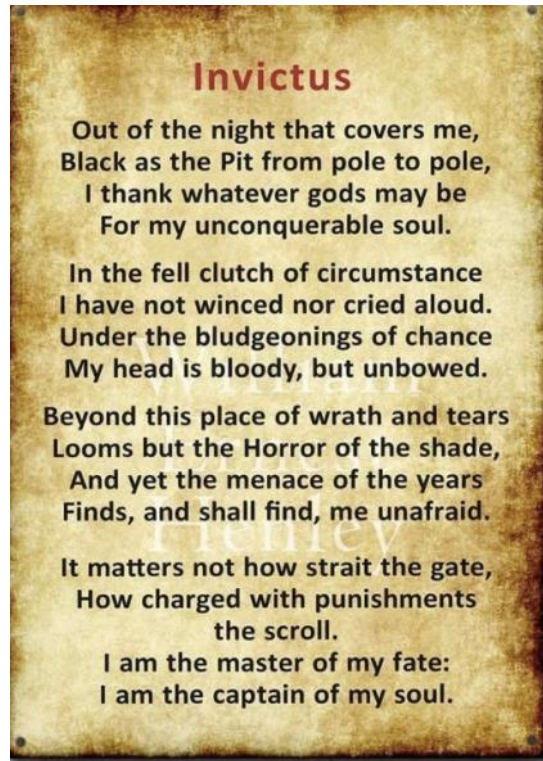
Elijah prevailed over the false prophets by demonstrating his mastery or expertise in a spectacular fashion. Then, as now, he had to contend with those who would manipulate our tendencies towards magical thinking and easy rewards to gain power for themselves. The path to mastery requires an open mind and diligent effort. It also requires that we sometimes question and test our beliefs and those of others, to be well-informed and vigilant over our emotions. In this season where we typically express gratitude, I would like to convey my appreciation to our students, new and old, who continually work hard in their studies so that they may live a more spiritual and useful life and enrich the lives of those around them.





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god, who created a spectacular chariot to carry him wherever he wanted, an amazing creation rivaling any conveyance of the time. In yet another story, he is the charioteer son of Hermes, Myrtilus, who served the King of Pisa. Myrtilus used his skill as a charioteer for selfish reasons and paid the ultimate price. Zain recounts the story of Auriga as Phaeton, who misused



through breath. Advanced students of yoga philosophy are taught to treat this branch of yoga with profound respect. We rarely give scalpels to three-year-old children. This is a pathway to irresponsible mediocrity. An amusing idiom is: Do not drive faster than your Guardian Angel can fly. Zain says, "Energy and speed must never exceed the power that guides

"A man who is a master of patience is master of everything else."
— George Savile

his power, trying to drive his father's chariot of the Sun across the heavens. All these stories teach that Mastership comes only with maturity, with a concentrated system of learning and practice, and careful guidance. To develop mastership of those forces that can easily get out of hand, we must work patiently for years to develop the skills taught in the 21 books of the Brotherhood of Light.

and directs them." The more we develop a boost of energy, the more responsible control must be demonstrated by the practitioner. It is in the physical world that sacrifices are made to Master the elements. The benefit to be gained by the work must always be for others, not for self-aggrandizement. In our philosophy we study and learn to use breath responsibly, or we pay the price.

Something as simple as breathing may easily get out of hand. Our work with intellectual ESP demands control of our breathing. Many students go right into breathing methods taught in Hindu philosophy without ever studying Hindu philosophy to understand the foundation of breath. This is equivalent to driving a formula race car after one has learned to drive a golf cart. Zain warns us in this chapter and others in the series of the dangers of energizing the Kundalini

False prophets spread envy and malice. To grow spiritually, we must emulate those who sacrifice their material wealth for the good of others. There must be NO motive for praise. The true test of humility is to act for the benefit of others, and then to never mention it to another living soul. To act this humbly is to sow the truest seeds of spirituality.

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As we progress in our quest to build a strong spiritual body, we practice living humbly. We practice using the tools we learn here, for the benefit of others. We practice the characteristics we want to grow: honesty, kindness, charity, selfless-



Phaeton and the chariot of the sun
Antonio Tempesta, 1606

ness, patience, tolerance, and love are a few of the characteristics of one who has attained Spiritual Mastership. The number of known Masters are few, for it takes a lifetime of patience, quiet generosity, humility, and devotion to do the work.

We use emotional energy as the water needed to germinate the seeds of the spiritual life. This energy must be carefully tended and developed always toward selfless ends, living in the sunlight of Eternal Love. The result of our attempts to grow in the Work comes slowly but steadily as we consistently work toward our united goal of Universal Welfare.

“For ever thus do those whose claim to spiritual power are unjustified make excuses for their lack of alleviating action.” These are Zain’s words which encapsulate so much of what we see in today’s world as misdirected energy. Imagine a world in which energy IS directed toward spiritual attainment by raising everyone up for the good of all. The only way this will happen is when we choose to ACT in service for all. Faith without work is death, thus The Function of a Master is to Control the Forces of Nature and Use Them for the Protection of the Weak and the Benefit of All.

So Shall It Be.

Reference: Course VII, *Spiritual Astrology*.

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You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control your attitude toward what happens to you, and in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you.

— Brian Tracy



Auriga Decanate of Taurus — MASTERSHIP

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in their influence to the signs themselves. Similarly, in interpreting and explaining the symbolism of each decanate, they nearly always relate back to their mother sign in terms of their overarching value and meaning. If you will recall, the main message of the second zodiacal sign, Taurus, is that of the right relationship between the spiritual and material aspects of existence. Specifically, the Leading Text of Taurus reminds us to, “...Render Unto Caesar the Things Which be Caesar’s and Unto God the Things which be God’s” (Zain, 1997, p.49). 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.

Accordingly, 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. Orion, the Warrior, acknowledges that while fleeing as the Hare may in some cases allow us to survive and thrive, there are other times when it is impossible or undesirable to flee, and the best course of action is to fight. If it is determined that this is the case, then the true spiritual warrior steels

himself or herself for the challenges that lay ahead, and fights with all vigor and

strength to overcome the challenges of the environment.

The third decanate of Taurus, Auriga, helps us further discern the relationship between the spiritual and material aspects of Creation. Those who persist in the premise and purpose of the Lord in many cases develop prodigious abilities. In some cases, these abilities border on the miraculous. Regardless of the specific

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Spiritual Astrology



Fight?
Hua Mulan



Flee?

Photo by Susan LeClair in Mountainview, CA

abilities developed by the spiritual seeker, though, there is a single rule that governs them all. As the Leading Text of Auriga clearly directs, “The Function of a Master is to Control the Forces of Nature and Use Them for the Protection of the Weak and the Benefit of All.” (Zain, 1997, p. 62) Hence,

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regardless of how little or great a person's present capacities, in all cases, it is only in the utility of those gifts for good and the betterment of all that such a person can rightfully be considered to have achieved mastership.

Such a path is not easy, nor is it without peril. Those who develop greater and greater capacities face commensurately greater and greater temptations to use those enhanced abilities in the service of self. Indeed, while God needs spiritual warriors who can operate in the world, spreading the cause of righteousness and good, those selfsame spiritual warriors must ever be aware that the Great Foe lurks about every corner, just waiting for a weakness in their spiritual armor, that he may strike a fatal blow. As an even nearer and more ominous interpretation, if we consider the Kabbalistic teaching that Satan represents not only an external force but also the shadow self of each and every one of us (Yardeni, 2015), then we must constantly be on our guard against his woeful influence,

all the more so with every spiritual advance and development, for the potential for constructive action is weighed equally against the potential for destructive behavior.

In *Spiritual Astrology*, Zain (1997) recounts two tales as relates to Auriga. The first is the Greek myth of Phaethon, and the second is the Biblical tale of Elijah. Zain (1997) argues that both tales represent the same truth: that with every advance in ability there must be a commensurate advance in control. In the former tale, Phaethon is the proud, arrogant son of Phoebus, the latter of whom had the awesome responsibility of driving the heavenly chariot across the skies each day, drawing the life-giving sun on its daily course. Though his son begged and pleaded to drive the horses across the sky, Phoebus foresightedly always refused to allow Phaethon do so, knowing he was not yet ready for the task. One day, though, in a moment of paternal weakness, Phoebus relented, acquiescing to his son's relentless demands, and agreed



*“The mind wears the colors
of the soul,
as a valet those of his
master.”
— Sophie Swetchine*

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Rosa Parks: Mastership?





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to allow him to drive the chariot for one day.

yond the level of his expertise. Full of pride, arrogance, and boastfulness, Phaethon sought out experiences for which he was not yet prepared. In his rashness, he

One of the best pieces of advice I ever got was from a horse master. He told me to go slow to go fast. I think that applies to everything in life. We live as though there aren't enough hours in the day but if we do each thing calmly and carefully we will get it done quicker and with much less stress.

— **Viggo Mortensen**



The Fall of Phaethon, by Johann Michael Franz

Stepping into the chariot in all of his godly glory, Phaethon presumed, as so many of insufficient maturity do, that this would be a simple, joyous experience to add to his already bursting belt. However, the horses were too hard to hold; they snorted and kicked and throttled him in his efforts to steer them along the proper course. The sun scorched and froze the earth in turn, coming too close in some spots and veering too distant in others. Fortunately for the inhabitants of the Earth, Jove looked down from his perch high atop Mount Olympus and seeing the chaos that had ensued, hurled a mighty thunderbolt which struck Phaethon dead. He fell into the river Po, a victim of his own pride and hubris.

In this vivid tale, we have a clear example of someone who sought to practice be-

adopted a challenge for which he was not ready. Tragically, the ultimate outcome in this case was death. Whether the outcome is a physical or metaphorical death, the point of the matter is that those who proceed to develop abilities of any sort without the proper commensurate ability to control and safely direct those abilities will inevitably suffer a bad outcome. And the motivation for doing so can never be the aggrandizement of the self, but must be the betterment and improvement of others.

The Biblical prophet, Elijah, represents a less admonitional, more inspirational telling of the same tale. Through his prophetic powers, Elijah sought an end to the suffering and death which was all around him as a result of a great drought. He worked tirelessly not to aggrandize

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himself through his abilities, but rather to improve the general condition of his brothers and sisters in spirit. Taken together, we can conclude from these tales that the sign of a true master is not only measured by their ability, but even more so by the direction and intention of that ability. Those who perform miracles in the name of their own gain by that self-same action demonstrate that they are masters of nothing. On the other hand, those who perform even the smallest and simplest of deeds in the name of others demonstrate that they are further along on the path to mastership than even the most awe-inspiring of the previous breed. For it is in giving and not taking that mastership is seeded. It is in doing for others and not for oneself that the skills of mastership are grown. And it is in sacrificing one's own goals and aspirations for the goals and aspirations of others that the true master demonstrates not only her power, but her spiritual elevation. —

To demonstrate this singular focus on the utilization of all abilities — however great or small — for the constructive betterment of others, Auriga holds in his right hand the bridle and reins that he uses to control the spiritual forces of his nature. In his left hand, he lovingly protects a humble goat, symbol of those who are most in need of his spiritual capacities. Recall that the goat is the sacred animal of Capricorn, representing the lowest ebb of the sun's annual circuit. When the sun crosses over into Capricorn, the deepest, darkest time of the year ensues. Metaphorically, in this case this represents those who are furthest in their spiritual quest from the life-giving light of God. In a similar vein, Jesus reminds us in Mark 2:17 (*New International Version Bible*) that, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Therefore, the true and rightful master does not only help those who demonstrate their own development and mettle along the spiritual path, but all children of God, even those who have yet to begin their conscious walk with the Lord.



"The greatest friend of truth is Time, her greatest enemy is Prejudice, and her constant companion is Humility."

— Charles Caleb Colton



Elijah, the servant master, taken up to heaven.

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Stellarian Stories

Veiga O'Sickey



"The Church of Light has been so good to me!"

"Whoever is happy will make others happy."

— Anne Frank

Walking into the Church of Light, I thought to myself "Wow, they made a church just for me." The reason I thought that was I had been studying Esoteric Colorpuncture for six years, a healing modality that uses light to heal. I have been a healer since I was twenty-seven and worked as a Paramedic for twenty-five years. So, my life is healing the body, mind, and spirit with vibrational medicine. Walking through the door felt like coming home.

Having studied Astrology, along with other healing modalities, I understood that the planets emit a vibration that can be sound, vibration and color.

I bought *Laws of Occultism* and took off on a three-week vacation to Cozumel. While there I read the first book, *Laws of Occultism*. It spoke to me like no other astrology books had. I had studied Natal

Astrology by reading Dane Rudhyar, Marc Edmund Jones and many others, culminating in Esoteric Astrology. New Age Astrology was very difficult for me. When I returned from Cozumel, the Church was in the middle of a conference, and I spent the next three days learning all types of astrological lore and meeting some cool people.

I spent the next few years reading the 21 Brotherhood of Light books, going to classes at the Church for Astrology, Alchemy and Tarot. During this time, I became interested in working with the Church of Light, wanting to enhance my understanding and to hang with this great group. I began a class on the first Sunday of the month that talked about anything to do with Astrology, Tarot or Alchemy. I would come to each session with a topic I had studied. The class would hear me out, and then we'd have a discussion on the subject.

I learned a lot during this time and had fun going to conventions, mini trips and generally hanging with the group. Gradually I was asked to take on additional responsibilities and started doing the Healing Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. At that time, we were a small group, and we would do a regular service and then have a discussion on whichever astrological sign was that month's service topic.

I became a Hermetician in 2013 and then became a mentor all the while still

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doing Sunday Service and my little first Sunday class. I also joined the Order of the Sphinx hoping to take more classes, teach some, and be part of the conventions. Conventions are so much fun, and to find people who are like-minded is a rare thing, I was enjoying myself and learning at the same time. C.C. Zain speaks to me through these books. I somehow understand him so well even though I am an Immigrant, having come into the US in 1968.

Some history might be in order. I was born in Iceland and came to the US in 1957 at fifteen months old with severe asthma. The doctors in Iceland were stumped at my inability to get better and were happy that I was going somewhere else. I came to Parma, Ohio where my maternal grandmother lived, and my Mom and I stayed with them for four months. During this time, I completely healed. I ate nothing but fresh strawberries and watermelon. While we were in the States, my Mom filled out applications for the rest of our family to come to the US with a green card. We didn't hear from the US government, and my mother thought we had been denied.

Ten years later, my father lay dying in a hospital, having had $\frac{3}{4}$ of his stomach removed, along with fourteen feet of his guts. He had severe ulcerative colitis and was told he could not work for one whole year. One day, my Mom opens the

mail and there were our Green cards, mailed to us from the good old USA. My parents felt this was synchronicity and decided to take the kids for a year in America to get some culture. However, during those ten years of waiting, my brother grew up, found a partner, and had a son.

My brother was not able to come with us since he had a new family. My parents



Me, finally healthy, with my Mom after a summer spent plumping my cheeks eating fresh strawberries and watermelon.

decided to do a year sabbatical with my Dad doing an internship with a large company in California. We sold our house and most of our belongings and went to America. At first, we were like tourists, we saw all of New York City, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Lib-

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"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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erty and Grand Central Station among many others. After some time, we continued our travels and went to see my grandmother in Parma, Ohio. During our visit with her, my father got a call that his services would not be needed since the US was in its first recession. It was decided that we would stay in Cleveland, Ohio and Dad would work with a friend who was helping us acclimate to our new world.

After a year of being here, we were told that our attorney had squandered our savings, leaving us broke. So here we were, in the great big US of A with no money and no plans. Both parents went to work, and we bought a house. I had a normal high school experience, met a guy, got married and had two wonderful boys.

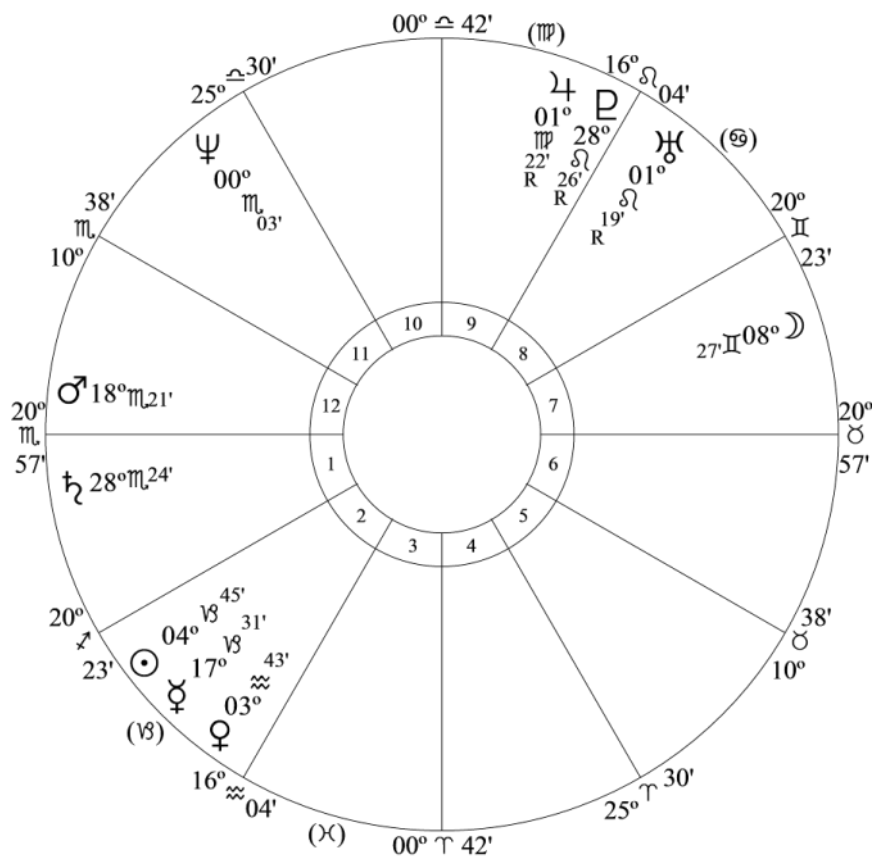
During my first marriage, I was ill most of the time. No one really knew what was happening to me. With a barrage of tests, I was found to have ulcerative colitis. Doctors told me to change my diet, my way of life and get a grip on this deadly disease. I became obsessed with getting better. During my Saturn return, I learned about astrology, started going to yoga, found a better diet and learned massage. This changed my life in so many ways, one of which was that I didn't want to be married, and I wanted to leave and live in New Mexico. Of course, my folks thought I had lost my mind, but I persisted and ended up on a Greyhound bus with 3 suitcases and two boys.

My pursuit of healing continued, and I became a massage therapist in a small town in Northern New Mexico. I spent

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“So often in life things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great good fortune.”

—Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Veiga O'Sickey, December 27, 1955, 6:10 AM, Reykjavik, Iceland

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my days massaging and days off with teachers, learning their culture, their herbs, and their way of healing. This town was good to me. They sent me to school for Homeopathy and I was given permission to heal in this new modality. During my time in Anton Chico, I found out that they had no 911, and no response either. So, I went to school to become an EMT-B, hoping I could help with emergencies. I did very well in this class, better than at any other time of learning. The realization that an EMT-B could do very little made me want to know more, and so I moved to Las Cruces and went to school to become a Paramedic. Those were some lean years for me. I continued to massage in my free time but was busy with my classes. My hope was to go back to Anton Chico and give back to the community for all they had done for me. But that was not to be. Instead, I found a job serving a different community. This turned out to be the exact thing I needed.

I met my second husband while running a Northern New Mexico EMS service. After marriage, we moved to Albuquerque, and my boys were very happy with

our new life. Once we were established, I went back to school while working full time and became an Esoteric Colorpuncturist. I had always been very interested in holistic healing, and this was right up my alley.

All my life I have been looking for answers. This is the answer. I met The Brotherhood of Light, both in person with The Church of Light and on the inner plane. I find it fascinating that light plays such an important role in my life, especially as one born on December 27th in Iceland, where light is so precious at that time of the year. There is an exercise that Dennis Sutton has where you take the decanates for the ASC, Sun and Moon and blend the three decanates together to make your life story. I finally got my answers. As I sit here and work at the Church of Light, setting up Zoom meetings, talking with members, helping with office duties, I feel incredibly lucky. I have found the right place with the right people, and my work as a volunteer is so rewarding to me. I hope everyone can find their place in the world. It sure feels good.



“The soul always knows what to do to heal itself. The challenge is to silence the mind.”

— *Caroline Myss*





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 (continued)

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By Elbert Benjamine

"...It had been observed that people born within 30 days after this chosen starting point, that is, from March 21 to April 21, were aggressive, used their heads when taking the offensive, and were given to leadership and to "butting in" on the affairs of others. In selecting a symbolical pictograph to represent these Aries qualities nothing seemed so appropriate as the Ram...."

— C.C. Zain

Spiritual Astrology

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.

This classification is made use of to determine how the proximity of a given object or given energy will affect a particular person.

When it is known that an object radiates an energy that corresponds in the vibratory scale to the planet Mars, that object is recognized as having a stimulating quality. But how this stimulating energy will affect a given person depends upon the organization of his finer body. If the energies in this finer body that vibrate to the same rate are harmoniously organized, it will increase the harmony in the finer body and thus tend to attract harmonious events. But if the Mars energies already in the finer body — as shown by the birth-chart — are discordantly organized, these new Mars energies will add their

weight to the discord, and tend to attract disharmony.

Or if the object has the vibratory rate corresponding to Saturn, it is recognized as having a depressing quality. Nevertheless, if the vibratory rates already in the finer body that correspond in rate to Saturn have been harmoniously organized, this additional energy will increase their power of attracting harmonious events. But if the vibratory rates in the finer body — as shown by the birth-chart — are discordantly organized, the new energies add power to the discord and tend to attract additional disagreeable events.

Perhaps it may be thought that I am too greatly stressing the presence and influence of vibrations. But the theories and discoveries of the past year lend themselves to stressing their importance. The most significant theory of the universe since Einstein's Theory of Relativity is that of Professor James MacKaye of Dartmouth. He presents us with a universe possessing a radiation of super frequency and super penetration pervading all space. This is very close to the astrological view.

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Moving to something a little more finite than so unlimited a universe, Dr. J. S. Plaskett, F. R. S., director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria, B.C., made the announcement during 1929 that six years study with the second largest telescope in the world demonstrate that our galaxy, including the sun and all visible stars, is rotating about a center which is in the direction of Sagittarius, it requiring about 300,000,000 years traveling at tremendous speed, for one rotation.

Then take still another step to the miniature solar system of the atom of matter.

The most noteworthy contribution of science award during 1929 of \$1000.00 was made to Professor A. J. Dempster of the University of Chicago. He has demonstrated that the proton of the atom, hitherto considered the most solid and stable portion of the atom, is moving at a speed 1,000,000 times as fast as light. He holds that this is the last of a sequence indicating that everything acts as a wave of light. In other words, that everything has a vibratory rate.

Material scientists are more and more devoting their time to the study of the influence of such vibrations. During the past year, for instance, Dr. E. B. Babcock and Dr. J. L. Collins of the University of Chicago have suggested that evolutionary changes may be due to the action of radiation's from the earth on the germ cells of organisms. And Dr. Frank Blair Hanson, of Washington University, St. Louis, has found that mutations, or sudden evolutionary changes, occur in organisms exposed to the X-Ray in proportion to

the number of negatively charged electrons reaching the organism.

In the occult classification of vibratory rates, however, it will be noted that certain abstractions such as names and numbers are included. How, it may well be asked, can that which has no concrete structure radiate energy? As a matter of fact, the more enlightened modern occultists do not hold such a view. But they do hold that thought broadcasts energy, and that when a name or number is thought about in association with a person, he is bombarded with the definite vibratory rate of that thought. The vibratory rate of this thought is different from the vibratory rate of the thought of some other name. It is the thought force of people thinking them that gives energy to letters, names, and numbers.

Psychology –The third type of influences considered by the modern occultist is man's thoughts. Thoughts broadcast energy, and in an intimate manner also enter into the structure of man's finer body. This thought structure of the finer body is called by psychologists the unconscious mind.

Nor is the vibratory influence of thought considered to be markedly different from the vibratory influence of the planets and the vibratory influence of objects.

Thoughts, according to their influence, are placed in groups, each group having the same kind of influence as one of the planets.

As shown by the splendid work made public in 1929 of Mandel Sherman, M.D. Ph.D., and Irene Case Sherman, Ph.D., the specific emotional reactions of man are all acquired, and may be trained in any desired direction. At birth the



"All things in our universe are constantly in motion, vibrating. Even objects that appear to be stationary are in fact vibrating, oscillating, resonating, at various frequencies. Resonance is a type of motion, characterized by oscillation between two states. And ultimately all matter is just vibrations of various underlying fields."

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child relaxes when stroked or petted. From this simple pleasure reaction all the more specific attractions of adult life are developed through association. Thus it becomes possible, through associating something not desirable in itself with something toward which a liking has already developed, to learn to like anything.

At birth the child contracts and tends to struggle when in pain, when its movements are restrained, when a loud noise is made close to its ears, and when it feels itself falling. Very quickly, however, its actions when in pain become distinctive. Soon when restrained it shows anger, and when dropped or shocked by noise exhibits other reactions termed fear. But the things it fears and the things that cause it anger depend entirely upon its experiences with them. At birth it likes to be petted, and it dislikes falling, restraint, a loud noise, and physical pain. Other than these things it has no likes or dislikes. They are all acquired.

Because of the variety of circumstances encountered by the growing child, for many of which he is unprepared, and because of the well intentioned mishandling by parents, few grow to maturity without developing some complexes and emotional traits that are not beneficial

Psychology points out their origin, and how they may be altered. It shows that the boaster has a feeling in his unconscious that he is not as successful and important as he should be. This feeling of unconscious inferiority causes him to compensate for it by talk and strutting. He tries to make others believe he is as he would like to be. And others resent

this, because if they accept him at his own evaluation it makes them by comparison feel inferior. And no one will lower his estimation of himself without a struggle.

On the other hand, the individual who is always apologizing for everything, and who manifests annoyance on every occasion for not performing better, has an unconscious feeling of superiority. His unconscious has placed him on a pedestal, and when he fails to be as perfect and important as this unconscious image, he feels it necessary to apologize. He apologizes for not being more skillful, more efficient, more forceful than other people. But this gets him nowhere with his associates, for people do not like those who so constantly feel dissatisfied with themselves.

Psychology makes the effort to correct such faults of character. But the modern occultist goes a step further. Through the use of properly selected thoughts, he attempts a complete reorganization of the finer body.

This finer body is mapped by the birth-chart. The progressed positions of the planets show what energies are being added to it at any given time. If these energies are such that they tend to attract unfortunate events, by the selection of objects having a different vibration with which to associate, and especially through the use of appropriate thoughts, the attempt is made to annul their influence. Other thoughts are used to build up harmony. And thus, through the application of proper lines of thought, the finer body is given such vibratory rates as attract into the life only those things that are desired.

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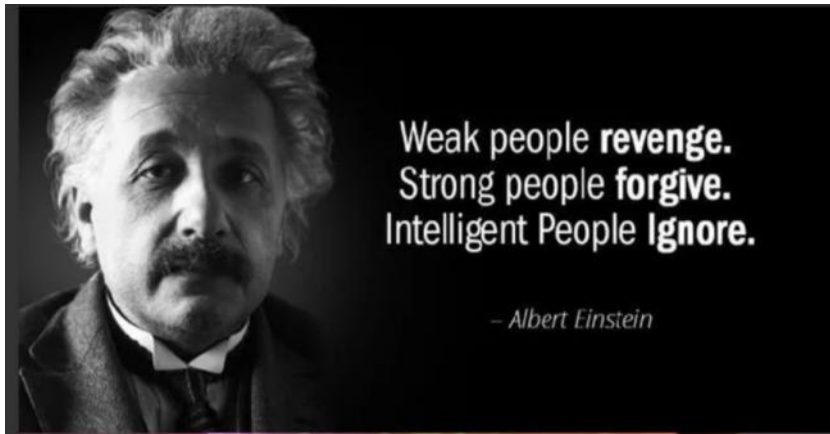
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Spirituality – This reorganization of the finer body through the use of properly selected thoughts and objects should not have for its purpose merely the material welfare of the individual. The rebuilding should be done with a view also of refining the whole nature and making it a superior vehicle for radiating ideals of nobility and goodness. Thus also is built

up the spiritual body in which man functions on a higher plane after death.

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