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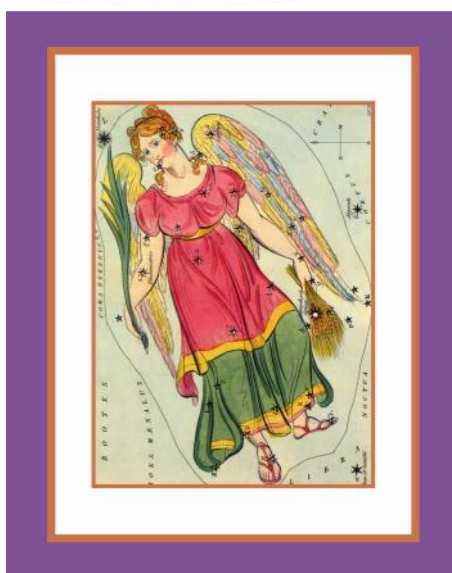
The Quest of Spirit

The Zodiacal Sign: Virgo

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Zain has the spiritual message for Virgo: “If a Man Sows Discordant Thoughts, He Will Reap Painful Experiences, But if He Sows Thoughts of Harmony, He Will Garner Success and Happiness.”

Virgo comes at a time in the sun's annual cycle when Nature is beginning to slow down and close in, to herself. The spirit of the harvest season is the opposite of the quickening one may be conscious of in the Spring. A similar phenomenon takes place in the cycle of life, which interestingly corresponds to the position



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Spiritual Astrology: Virgo—I Analyze

By Scenza

The sixth sign of the zodiac is Virgo, which translates as “the virgin” (Merriam-Webster, 2025). According to Hickey (1992), Virgo is ruled by the planet Mercury. It is a mutable, earth sign, expressing the negative (receptive) aspects of Mercury’s rulership. The key phrase for Virgo is “I Analyze.” Virgo extends from August 22nd through September 22nd of each year.

Before entering upon an explanation of Zain’s interpretation of the myths associated with the sign of Virgo, it is worthwhile to describe the general characteristics of Mercury, the planet that traditionally holds rulership over this sign. If you wish to understand the influence of Mercury, a very informative avenue is to consider its physical appearance, physical properties, relationship to the sun, and its periodic movements in the heavens.

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For Your Consideration...

Affirmation: “Through positive thought and analysis, I transform obstacles into stepping stones.”

“Arcanum II represents science. This is the harvest of experiences which have become assimilated as knowledge. Virgo is a scientific zodiacal sign, and it rules both the harvest and the processes of assimilation.”

— *The Sacred Tarot*

“Know Thyself.”

— Oracle at Delphi



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— Kahlil Gibran

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Editorial

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“The implication is plain that she decided knowledge is worth all it costs.”

— C. C. Zain, Course VII, *Spiritual Astrology*

It is fascinating that Zain portrays Eve not as weak-willed or easily deceived but as a seeker of knowledge. This perspective challenges the more traditional narrative that paints her as a temptress, responsible for luring Adam into eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. The consequences of their disobedience were severe—exile from paradise, a life marked by toil and suffering, and, for Eve specifically, the loss of agency as God decreed that her husband would rule over her. Yet, this act of seeking knowledge, though costly, was also an essential step in human evolution. Knowledge brings both wisdom and suffering, but the loss of innocence is often necessary for growth.

Similarly, Virgos are natural seekers of truth, drawn to knowledge and facts that they scrutinize with a discerning eye. Ruled by Mercury, the planet of intellect and communication, they do not flaunt their intelligence in a showy or ostentatious manner. As an earth sign, Virgo prefers a grounded, pragmatic approach—carefully sifting through information, separating the fanciful from reality, and ensuring that what remains is useful and applicable. This analytical nature aligns with their natural dominion over the sixth house, traditionally considered the weakest house in astrology. It governs service, work, and daily routines—domains that often operate behind the scenes, much like Virgo itself, thriving in subtlety rather than the spotlight.

Though their meticulousness can sometimes verge on pedantry, Virgos' attention to detail and deep sense of duty drive them toward service in various forms—whether through research, organization, healing, or supporting others. They are the silent architects of efficiency, the dependable and reliable forces ensuring that things continue running smoothly in the background. Their intellectual rigor is not merely for personal gratification; it serves a higher purpose.

Virgos understand that ignorance can be remedied with effort, but ignorance paired with laziness is a true detriment to society. They embody the belief that knowledge, when pursued with diligence and humility, has the power to transform. Their ability to analyze, refine, heal, and serve acts as a counterweight to those who resist self-improvement or deeper understanding. For Virgos, the pursuit of truth is always worth the cost, no matter the sacrifice.





Virgo (continued from page 1)

Virgo occupies in the zodiac—past a midpoint. With it should be a conscious realisation.

After the sun passes through Leo, the first harvest is in, but just as Virgo rules the 6th House of work, health, and service, there is yet more to do and other fruits to ripen and harvest. It is a time in life to prepare for autumn and winter, that is, the approach of our “golden years.”

“The unexamined life is not worth living.”

— Socrates

As Golden and as healthy as the fields of Wheat we hope.....

Who would rely on just hope?

Virgo as Demeter has provided. Her gift is symbolized by the sheaf of Wheat in her hand. Our work is to consider what other fruits sustain us through the winter. What other work to do to prepare us for the rest of life? This type of analysis is what Virgo does best.

We cannot rest with a laurel crown, as does Apollo in his sign of Leo!

We know we need healthy physical food to rebuild the body each day and healthy astral food in the form of thoughts to keep our minds active and in check. Always more to do, always more to learn. Body, Soul, and Spirit.

The key phrase for the sign Virgo is “I Analyse.” Alchemically Virgo rules the

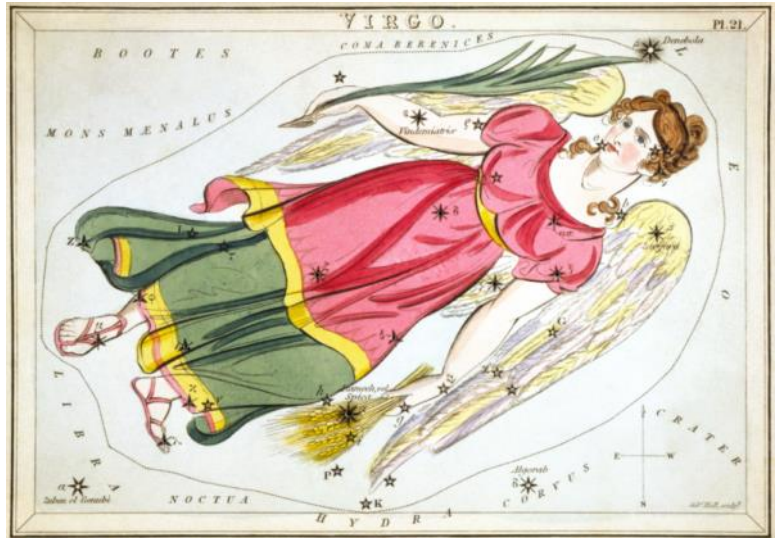


Photo: "Virgo", plate 21 in Urania's Mirror, a set of celestial cards accompanied by A familiar treatise on astronomy ... by Jehoshaphat Aspin. London. Astronomical chart, print on layered paper board : etching, hand-colored.

process of distillation. Fractional distillation is a more advanced and disciplined process of analysis separating a mixture of various liquids into their constituent parts. Each constituent vaporizes from the solution at different, and specific temperatures, is cooled in a condenser, and is collected, leaving the rest behind including any impurities.

So, with our thoughts and emotions in the reaction vessel of life, all the departments of life and the actions of the planetary energies therein need attention; they need analysing after a while, more regularly than we may care to admit.

Through meditation, we can develop the skill of fractionally distilling our thoughts and emotions. The higher thoughts and emotions vapourise off first. We surely need to condense and keep those. Then we progress down to the heavier Saturnine ones that need more energy to purify, “boil off!” Our lowest and most discordant thoughts and emotions we can

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Miniature from a 16th century manuscript on Alchemy at Dresden.
Archives & Manuscripts

leave putrefying there at the bottom of the flask and discard with the impurities.

We can use our natal chart to assist with the departments of life that we know may be discordant and afflicted, but we also have Major and Minor Progressions to help pinpoint areas that we may include in our meditations. They may manifest in ways beyond our immediate comprehension, and fate may take unpredictable twists and turns. But we can prepare ourselves by becoming better within ourselves; well, we try, those of us on the Spiritual path.

Virgo, the sign of analysis, is a mutable sign; this implies change. It's always better to be in control of life's changes as best we can by analyzing ourselves before

unforeseen changes happen, "what may happen if nothing is done about it," as Zain says.

We can use any of the Brotherhood of Light lessons to achieve this, of course, even just generally reading them, but as students and Hermeticians we can reread specific lessons that we know are relevant. It's not just about passing exams; Hermetic Philosophy is a way of life, not just "talk the talk," it also must be "walk the walk."

The *Horoscope* program can accurately delineate our Natal Chart

and provide a detailed analysis report; there's a good start! We can use *Delineating the Horoscope*, Course 10-1, for further reading; additional tweaking in our subconscious may give us personal insight and intuition. We can apply Course 3, *Spiritual Alchemy* or *Mental Alchemy* Course 9, or *Esoteric Psychology*, Course 5. *Progressing the Horoscope*, Course 10-2, can help us understand any progressions we may have as they change throughout life. All this information combined is part of developing our own *Personal Alchemy* (Course 21)—analyzing and balancing ourselves....

Solve et Coagula.



Why Eve Was Tempted

"There are many things that man inherits, many things that come as gifts without cost, but knowledge is not one of them. No one can be given knowledge; it must be acquired. And the only method of acquiring it is through a process similar to that which Adam and Eve and their offspring followed after eating of the so called forbidden fruit. That is, through a wide variety of contrasting experiences."

— CS VII, *Spiritual Astrology*



The Zodiacal Sign Virgo

Dominant Idea: I Analyze

Spiritual Text: “If a man sows discordant thoughts, he will reap painful experiences; if he sows thoughts of harmony, he will harvest success and happiness.”

Laurie Dixon, Hermetician

Michael Jackson

The King of Pop and His Quest to “Heal the World”

“When all life is seen as divine, everyone grows wings.”

Michael Jackson was a figure of complexity, genius, and profound humanity. His contributions to music, dance, and culture are unparalleled, but his true legacy extends far beyond his artistry. He said: *“My real goal is to fulfill God’s purpose. I didn’t choose to sing or dance but it’s my role, and I want to do it better than anyone else.”*

This article focuses on Michael Jackson’s musical genius and philanthropy, rather than the child molestation charges he was acquitted of. Astrology provides insight into his character, revealing his motivations, emotional struggles, and a complex personality beyond the media’s portrayal.

To explore the shadow side of Michael Jackson’s personality, analyzing progressed charts of major events reveals

how planetary influences shaped his experiences. Key factors include progressed Pluto (ruler of his house of justice, manipulation), Saturn (control and fear), Neptune (deception), the Sun (identity), and the 12th house (seclusion). These astrological insights help assess the deeper reality behind the accusations by interpreting the celestial patterns and their potential impact on his life.

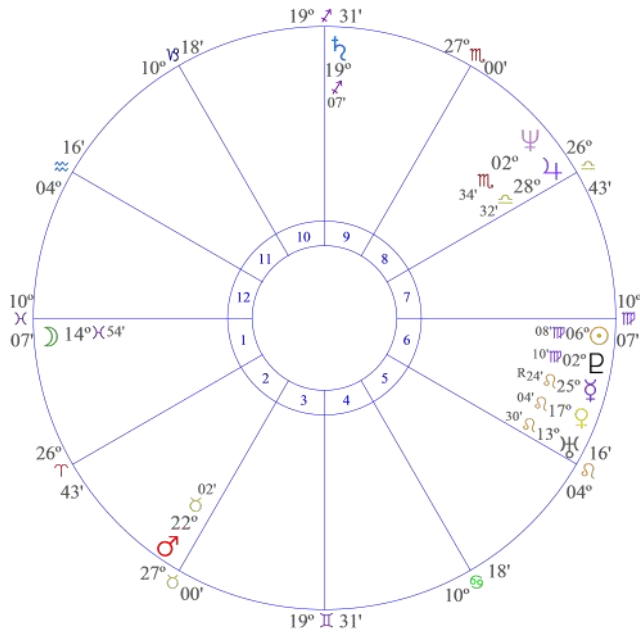
His Virgo Sun and His Earthly Mission

Born on August 29, 1958, at 7:33 pm in Gary, Indiana (A Rodden Rating), his astrological chart shows a clear connection between his music and his life’s mission. With his Virgo Sun and a Pisces Moon, Michael was deeply committed to

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Michael Jackson

August 29, 1958; 7:33 p.m. CST, Gary, Indiana
 Rodden Rating: A



service, driven by an intensely creative soul. His Virgo Sun deposited in his 6th house gave him the focus for precision and perfectionism, which reflected his relentless work ethic. *“I’m never satisfied with what I do. I always think I can do it a lot better.”* His Sun, placed in the 1st decan of Virgo, is linked to “achievement.” For Michael, his music was more than just entertainment—it was a means for change. *“It’s been my dream since I was a child to unite people of the world through love and music.”* He saw his work as a path to both personal and collective growth, manifested by the conjunction of his Sun and Pluto in Virgo. Michael once asked us to *“listen to the music, where love is stored and will never die.”*

His Sun opposite Moon aspect suggests inner conflict and tension. Michael may have felt torn between his public persona or identity and his private emotions or subconscious desires. This can create

challenges in communicating emotional needs clearly, leading to misinterpretations and confusion about setting emotional boundaries.

A Deep Connection to the Human Condition

His Pisces Moon, conjunct his Pisces Ascendant and Neptune in Scorpio in the 8th house, reflects his deep emotional sensitivity and empathy. Raised in a devout Jehovah’s Witness environment, he believed, *“The foundation of human knowledge must be that each and every one of us is an object of love.”* His strong spiritual intuition connected him to the inner world, making him deeply attuned to others’ emotions. He channeled this compassion into his music, believing, *“Imagination is important for the inner self and the soul. It’s God telling us we are bigger than anything. We are the universe,”* which

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*“You may call God love,
 you may call God goodness.
 But the best name for God is
 compassion.”*

— Meister Eckhart



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led him to champion love and children's rights. His strong empathetic aura made him feel the pain of others, saying, "*I feel their despair. I have wanted to help these suffering children for a very, very long time.*" His Moon, ruling his Cancer 5th house of children, fueled this compassion: "*I feel a parent's love and responsibility for every child in the world.*"

However, the Moon's square to Saturn suggests inner struggles with sadness and isolation, rooted in childhood scars. His song "Childhood" expressed the emotional weight he carried with the words, "*Before you judge me, try hard to love me. Look within your heart then ask, have you seen my childhood?*"

Despite his global fame, Michael found refuge in Neverland, his personal utopia.

Neverland: Sanctuary Lost

Neverland was a space where Michael Jackson could reconnect with his lost childhood and create joy for others, especially children. "*Children show me in their playful smiles, the divine in everyone. The simple goodness shines straight from their hearts.*" Michael, a child at heart, saw himself as both Peter Pan and Methuselah, symbols of agelessness and divine purpose.

Michael Jackson's invitation of children to Neverland sparked rumors and media sensationalism, with his eccentric behavior creating a larger-than-life persona that both intrigued and unsettled the public. While his advocacy for children's welfare was genuine, the allegations against him contradicted his image, impacting his career and legacy. Michael urged not to judge based on hearsay, stating, "*The more money you have, the more they try to take it*

away from you. The more you become a target, the more they try to destroy you." Journalist Charles Thomson called the 2005 trial "the epitome of western celebrity obsession" and a "21st-century lynching." Michael responded, "*At every opportunity, the media has dissected and manipulated these allegations to reach their own conclusions.*" "*I ask all of you to wait to hear the truth before you label or condemn me.*"

His desire for deep connections often led to disappointment due to trust issues. He found genuine connections with children and animals, saying, "*Children are the only ones who don't want anything from me*" and, "*I find in animals the same thing I find so wonderful in children: that purity, that honesty, where they don't judge you; they just want to be your friend.*" After his 2005 acquittal, Michael faced financial struggles and was forced to give up Neverland Ranch in 2008 due to foreclosure. The Ranch which had hosted children with cancer and other illnesses, offering them respite through organizations like Make-A-Wish Foundation, was forever lost. Michael once said, "*What makes me happiest is when I see a bunch of kids having fun in a beautiful environment...*" Venus conjunct Mercury & Uranus all in Leo, the sign of youth, playfulness, and creativity.

His Spiritual Mission

Elevated Saturn in his 9th house of philosophy highlighted Michael's commitment to uplifting others through spiritual values. He believed in a higher power, saying, "*I read all kinds of religious literature because I believe the truth is in all of them.*" His music was a tool for healing, especially for the vulnerable: "*If I were living for no other reason than to help and please children... that would be enough for me.*"

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"Remember
the entrance door
to the sanctuary
is inside you."

— Rumi

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The Humanitarian and The Musical Genius Become One

“It is now I see and feel that calling again...to be part of the music that will not just connect, but make all feel as ONE – ONE in joy, ONE in love, ONE in service, ONE in consciousness, ONE.” Interview with Oprah Winfrey, 1993.

Michael Jackson’s chart blends visionary artistry and a deep commitment to positive change, saying, *“We have to weave our life like a web because we are part of this web.”* Mars in Taurus in the 2nd house fueled his determination and philanthropy, while Taurus on his 3rd house of expression, enhanced his ability to spread messages of love, unity, and social change through music and dance.

His Venus in Leo showcased his artistic talent, while Mercury in Leo gave him a dramatic voice and confidence. Venus, ruling his 3rd house of communication, conjunct Uranus, amplified his innovative genius. *“My music conveys complexities leading to a greater truth,”* he said, blending sensuality with the unconventional. He believed music came from the heart, lamenting, *“The sound of love has become a lost melody.”* Venus conjunct Uranus also gave him an offbeat persona, with the media labeling him as odd and peculiar, fueling public intrigue and criticism. Uranus infused his style with originality, making him a trendsetter, unpredictable, and unafraid to stand apart. *“In a world filled with imitation, dare to be original.”*

His Uranus in Leo pushed boundaries, revolutionizing the entertainment world. *“If someone tells you that you can't, remove the T at the end because you CAN.”*

Through songs like “Heal the World,” “Man in the Mirror,” “We Are the World,” and “Earth Song,” he addressed social issues and urged unity. His music became a vehicle for change, calling for collective responsibility to heal the planet. *“Let us create a symphony of hearts, heal the world and blight its pain.”*

Spiritual Transformation and Idealism

The conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune in his 8th house deepened his soul’s evolution. Jupiter in Libra sought harmony, while Neptune in Scorpio enhanced his psychic sensitivity. This alignment made him a visionary, aiming to transcend the material world and connect to deeper truths. *“I’m just a man. I am not a god, but I feel like I have a responsibility to the people to help them and give them a sense of hope.”*

His Ultimate Legacy: Love and Unity

Michael Jackson’s dedication to social equity was reflected in his work with over 39 charities, including the Heal the World Foundation, Make-A-Wish, UNCF, The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, CDF, Ronald McDonald House Charities, NAACP, UNICEF, and more. He is estimated to have donated over \$1 billion to various causes.

His music promoted cooperation, healing, and social justice, embodying his belief in love’s transformative power. He envisioned a world where music united people, saying, *“Let the new song be the sound of children laughing, playing, singing, and parents listening.”* He believed music could change the world, echoing Erich Fromm’s idea quoted in *Moonwalk* (1988): *“What one wishes is to be touched by truth, to interpret that truth in a way that*

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“Everything that we see is a shadow cast by that which we do not see.”

— attributed to Martin Luther King Jr.



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will add meaning to one's life and hopefully touch others." This statement reflects Virgo's spiritual essence—harmonizing mind and compassion to foster love.

Michael Jackson's legacy is complex, marked by a genuine love for children yet complicated by blurred boundaries due to fame. Acknowledging both the light and shadow of his life helps us understand his profound impact on music and culture.

In Michael Jackson's 1997 interview with Barbara Walters, when asked what he wanted to be remembered for, he responded: *"I want people to remember me as a person who came and brought light to the world. I want people to think of me as a person who really cared about them, who really tried to help them, who really tried to bring*

peace and love and understanding to the world."

"From Bliss I came, to Bliss return."

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"...the binary reflection of unity; and the perception of things visible and invisible."

The divinatory significance of the Arcanum II is
SCIENCE.

— C. C. Zain
CS VI, *The Sacred Tarot*

Virgo: I Analyze (Continued from page 1)

According to NASA (2021), Mercury is the smallest and swiftest of the planets, traveling at an astounding 29 miles/second! Combined with the fact that it carves out the smallest orbit of the sun, this affirms that Mercury also completes its revolution around the sun in the shortest possible period, taking a mere 88 Earth days to do so. Owing to its proximity to the sun, light also reaches Mercury sooner than any other planet, completing a one-way trip in approximately 3.2 minutes (NASA, 2021). Taken together, it is not at all difficult to understand why the ancients considered Mercury to be the fleet-footed "Messenger of the Gods" (Hickey, 1992, p.31).

Interestingly, even though Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, it is not the hottest one. Owing to its thick atmosphere, which creates a runaway greenhouse effect, Venus wins that title (NASA, 2019). However, Mercury's proximity to the sun, combined with the fact that it has a very thin atmosphere, causes Mercury to experience extreme variations in temperature from day to night. The half of Mercury facing the sun can reach a scorching 800°F, while the half immersed in darkness can plummet to an unimaginable -290 °F! Owing to these extremes of variation, Mercury is also known for its changeability, adaptability, and versatility. Negatively, these attributes can manifest as restlessness and restiveness.

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Those who have purchased my book, *The Elements of the Cosmos: Numbers & Letters as Archetypes*, will know that I am fascinated by the recondite symbolism of numbers and letters. As pertains to Mercury, examining its symbolism through the lens of sacred mathematics can yield important insights. In sacred mathematics, the Monad, or first cause, is represented in the universe by the Sun. The Sun therefore can symbolize any or all of the following: *energy, fatherhood, reason, constancy, and the spiritual world*. Complementary, the Dyad is represented by the Moon. This celestial satellite of the Earth represents the polar opposite of the Sun's attributes, symbolizing any or all of the following: *matter, motherhood, intuition, changeability, and the material world*. In sacred mathematics, the offspring of the Monad and Dyad—in other words the first archetype to emerge from their union—is the Triad. In the universe, the Triad is represented by Mercury and can consequently symbolize any or all of the following: *mind, childhood, intelligence, equilibrium, and the astral world*. Traditionally, the mind is considered the bridge between the spiritual and material worlds. Hence, as the offspring of the union of the Sun and Moon, Mercury represents this first and foremost form of communication in the universe. For this reason, it is associated with communication of all sorts; travel and transport, intellectual discourse, and the nervous system in the body—the structure through which we ourselves interact and communicate with our world.

Having discussed the general influence of Mercury, the planet that rules the zodiacal sign Virgo, we can now turn our attention to Zain's (1997) recounting of the

many myths associated with this sign in *Spiritual Astrology*. The allegory that Zain most completely analyzes in this sense is the story of The Creation of Man and Woman in the Holy Bible as detailed in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis (*New International Version*, 2025, Genesis 1-3). As the tale is told in the Bible itself, this event is shrouded in darkness and negativity. After creating the heavens and the earth, light, night and day, the waters above and below, the sky, the land and sea, plants, the stars, the Sun and



Moon, and the animals, God created humankind. God placed the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, in an idyllic paradise known as The Garden of Eden, seeing to it that all of their needs were met. They had neither to forage for food nor protect themselves from the elements with clothing. They lived in perfect and utter bliss, free from worry, concern, or distraction. God placed only

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“Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.”

— Meister Eckhart

one prohibition on Adam and Eve: that they should not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for in the moment that they did so, they would surely die. However, a crafty serpent tempted Eve into eating from this tree, who then also convinced Adam to do so. In the instant they consumed the forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened to their own nakedness. When the Lord realized that they had broken His commandment, He cast them out of the Garden of Eden, forcing them to toil and labor for their sustenance, and sentencing them to a mortal life of precious few moons and suns.

Zain's (1997) explanation of this tale is far more uplifting than the allegory related in the Bible, and in particular casts Eve in a completely different light. Rather than being the evil temptress that introduces sin into the world, she acts as a courageous heroine that seeks knowledge, learning, growth, and development above all else. As Zain explains, in this tale Adam represents the immortal ego, the limitless potentiality that vivifies and animates all life. In other words, Adam represents the principle of Spirit. On the other hand, Eve represents the material world, the broad and bountiful bosom of Nature that provides a dwelling place for Spirit. In other words, Eve represents the principle of Matter. The serpent, an ancient symbol of evil, but also of renewal, transformation, growth, and wisdom, "tempts" Eve into partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, who then enlists Adam in her cause. Metaphorically, this can be interpreted as Adam, or Spirit, uniting with Eve, or Matter, in order to learn and develop through the gift of life's multiplicitous

*"The truly holy person
welcomes all that is earthly."*

— Hildegard of Bingen



Eve
Lucas Cranach The Elder, 1525

experiences. Recast in this manner, Eve is converted from the weak-willed source of original sin into a daring, fearless heroine that makes the fundamental transformation from unbearable ignorance to abiding wisdom possible. Represented alternatively by Virgo, Eve, Mary, or even Isis, this immortal feminine goddess permits all living beings to participate in the The Cycle of Necessity that alone allows vital evolution, development, and growth.

As the harvest sign, Virgo further reminds us that at all times, we are sowing seeds in the fertile soil of our own consciousness. If we sow good seeds, then we shall gather good fruits. In other words, virtuous thoughts, feelings, words, and actions establish the conditions for virtuous experiences. On the other hand, if we sow bad seeds, what else can we expect to reap but sour, distasteful, and disfigured fruits? In other words, vicious thoughts, feelings, words, and actions just as effectively establish the conditions for vicious experiences. For this reason, the

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Leading Text of Virgo is stated thusly: *If a Man Sows Discordant Thoughts He Will Reap Painful Experiences, But if He Sows Thoughts of Harmony He Will Garner Success and Happiness*" (Zain, 1997, p. 137).

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Ponder this:

The Brotherhood of Light lessons teach that Truth is a Fundamental Cosmic Principle requiring courage to face and effort to discover.

Zain teaches that truth is not just a moral virtue but a universal force that aligns individuals with the Divine Will. He connects truth with Hermetic Law, stating that those who seek truth align themselves with the natural and spiritual order of the universe. In contrast, falsehood creates disharmony and obstructs personal and collective evolution.

Facts point us toward truth and reality, but truth emerges from how facts are understood, connected, and tested over time. Seeking truth requires critical thinking, open inquiry, and a willingness to refine beliefs as new facts emerge.

With the proliferation of social media and influencers, it is increasingly critical for individuals to learn to recognize when an inversion of truth is distorting con-

structive social discourse and behavior. An "Inversion" is the suppression of facts and the distortion of information to create a public opinion favorable to some group. Zain suggests that "inversion" is perhaps the greatest menace to human progress.

For example, Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, is quoted as saying: "A lie told once remains a lie, but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth." While there are various iterations of this thinking and process of influencing people's thinking, the pertinent question is, "How does this happen and how do I recognize when it is happening to me?"

There is a well-documented psychological phenomenon known as the "illusory truth effect." It refers to the tendency for people to believe false information is true simply because it is repeated often enough.

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Seeing life from different perspectives...

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The Egyptian Roots of The Brotherhood of Light Series:

Part 5 - Seth, the Energies of Life

by J. A. Miller, PhD, Hermetician

In the Osiris Myth, Osiris is “murdered” in connection with Nephthys. It was Nephthys’ husband and brother Seth (god of war) who killed Osiris, dismembered him, and scattered the pieces across Egypt. [1]

On the twin souls...

“This separation is beautifully described in the Bible as Eve taken from the original Adam, who had been created in the image of God: “Male and Female created he them.” Yet after the descent into material conditions and partaking of the evolutionary tree—gaining a knowledge of good and evil—to become as gods, as the Bible states it, they must also partake of the Tree of Life.”

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— C. C. Zain
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Introduction

Recap of Parts 1 - 4:

According to tradition, the Brotherhood of Light dates its origin, as a secret society, to a group of adepts that separated themselves from the theocracy of Old Kingdom, Egypt. Is this just a romantic, but fanciful “projection” of a desired connection, by a modern esoteric group, back to an ancient source for the sake of acquiring an air of “legitimacy?” Or, is there any evidence of such a claimed connection? This series is an attempt to provide such evidence by putting forward the hypothesis that if such a connection did indeed exist and, given that BOL adepts were previously part of the theocracy, then it is possible that they encoded the main BOL teachings in the theological symbols and stories of the Old Kingdom.

That this is indeed the case was addressed in Part 1 of this series in which a “Theological Map” of the correspondence of Heliopolitan Gods and BOL Doctrines was provided [2]. In Part 2, it was shown that this correspondence was recognized by Elbert Benjamine who, himself, provided the “key” to decoding the BOL doctrines contained in Heliopolitan theology [3]. Much of this theology is contained in the “Osiris Myth,” an expanded version of which was provided in Part 3 [4]. In Part 4, it was demonstrated that the BOL doctrine of “The Cycle of Necessity” (CON) was encoded in and represented by the ‘twin’ sister goddesses, Nephthys and Isis [5].

In the Osiris Myth, it is Seth (or Set), the husband of Nephthys, who kills Osiris and dismembers him into 14 pieces. The reader is encouraged to re-read the account of the “Osiris Myth” given in Part

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3 of this series [4]. In this present article, we will demonstrate how Seth encodes the BOL doctrine regarding “the Energies of Life,” the polarization of which leads to the “death” of the single soul sphere and the separation of the twin souls necessary for their descent in the Cycle of Necessity.

Seth, Nephthys and the Descent Phase of the CON

In Egyptian theology, Seth is the god of chaos, disharmony and war. In the Osiris Myth, we find that Seth is the husband of Nephthys. This pairing is no coincidence and can be more completely understood in light of the BOL teachings. In Part 4 of this series, we demonstrated that the goddess Nephthys symbolized the Descent Phase of the Cycle of Necessity. It is in the Descent Phase, represented by “Nephthys,” that the single soul sphere is “dismembered” into the twin souls by the polarized energies of the ego, which we shall see, is represented by “Seth.” This death and dismemberment of the single soul sphere does not occur in the Ascent Phase, which is represented by the goddess Isis. So, naturally Seth is “paired” with Nephthys as his “wife,” just as the “death” of the single soul sphere occurs during the Descent Phase of the CON. As mentioned in previous installments of this series, the inter-relatedness of the stories of the gods and goddesses of the Heliopolitan Ennead reflect the inter-relatedness of the BOL doctrines and teachings that these stories encode.

The “Death” of the Single Soul Sphere and Separation of the Twin Souls

In the BOL teachings, it is during the Descent Phase of the Cycle of Necessity that the ego (i.e., the divine spark), having been given “birth” by its Angelic parents, descends through the Celestial Realm and into the highest (7th) level of the Spiritual Realm. As it does so, it develops a single “soul sphere” of the spiritual substance of that level. But, at this point, the ego with its single “soul sphere” can descend no further. It is here that the ego will remain. It is the soul, formed by the energies of the ego, that will be projected further to descend and ascend in the Cycle of Necessity. Yet, the single “soul sphere” cannot descend further than this highest level of the Spiritual Realm. To do so, according to Hermetic Tradition, its energies must polarize and thus separate into the two “twin souls.” In a poetic sense then, it can be said that the “single soul sphere” must “die” in order to descend further. It can also be said that prior to their separation, the twin souls were “united.” Thus, their coming together at the end of the Ascent Phase of the Cycle of Necessity is understood as the “Reunion of the Twin Souls” (which is the Great Work of Spiritual Alchemy).

However, why must the twin souls separate? Why must the single soul sphere “die?”

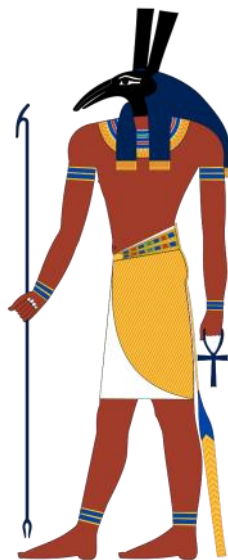
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“This tree of life is the reunion of the separated male and female souls. This is portrayed in the Greek ritual as Dionysus, slain and dismembered, after which the parts are collected and reunited in a new birth. In Egypt, Osiris is portrayed as murdered and the fourteen dismembered parts (each soul possessing a septenary constitution) sent floating down the Nile (the current of involuntary life) finally to be cast upon the muddy banks of the Delta (the material world).”

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Seth, God of War & Disharmony

In Course 2, *Astrological Signatures*, Zain explains,

“The ego, so Hermetic tradition holds, is able to impart its energies and directing power to substance coarser than the finest spiritual substance, only under conditions of a certain kind. These conditions... are believed to be the polarization of its energies into two separate channels of flow; related to each other as positive and negative, masculine and feminine. The states of consciousness evolved by the ego, then, in the spiritual world, the astral world, and the physical world, represent two separate organizations. Each of these organizations of consciousness is a soul.” [6]

This passage above gives us the answer to “why” the single soul sphere must “die.” It has to do with the energies of the ego (which here will be referred to as the “Energies of Life”), which must become polarized into “two separate channels of flow” resulting in “two separate organizations” of consciousness – the twin souls – which can now become “embodied” in “substance coarser than the finest spiritual substance.” The twin souls, unlike the single soul sphere, are free, as they descend, to become embodied in the coarser substance of the remaining 6 levels of the Spiritual Realm and that of the levels of the Astral Realm. Thus, the single soul sphere, as it is, cannot descend further into the Descent Phase of the Cycle of Necessity, beyond the “finest spiritual substance” of the 7th level of the Spiritual Realm, without “dying.” Clearly, its “death” is a result of the “polarization of

its energies” which “cuts” it into the two “halves” and thus separates the twin souls.

Seth and The Energies of Life

In the Osiris Myth, it is the god Seth, who kills his brother Osiris and cuts him into 14 pieces. The number 14 represents the BOL doctrine that each twin soul has a 7-fold constitution and so the number “14” is reflective of the twin souls [7]. Thus, it becomes quite evident that if Osiris represents the united twin souls before their separation (i.e., the single soul sphere), then “Seth” must represent the polarized energies of the ego that cause the “death” of the single soul sphere by “dismembering” it into the two septenary “pieces” that are the twin souls. So, we can now understand why in the Osiris Myth, “Seth” is said to have killed and dismembered “Osiris.” We can also appreciate their close familial relationship with Seth, being the “brother,” or the polarized Energies of Life of “Osiris,” the soul.

These polarized energies will form the consciousness of each of the twin souls as these souls descend and ascend in the Cycle of Necessity. Thus, these are the 7 “planetary” or “astrological” energies that comprise the soul and which are arranged in varying states of harmony and disharmony as reflected in our birth charts. This leads to the additional realization that “Seth” also represents the disharmonious planetary energies that comprise our soul. At birth into the human level of evolution in the Physical Realm, these are the energies of the dominant animal soul which then begins to undergo the alchemical process of transmutation into the divine soul [8].

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“This separation is beautifully described in the Bible as Eve taken from the original Adam, who had been created in the image of God: “Male and Female created he them.” Yet after the descent into material conditions and partaking of the evolutionary tree—gaining a knowledge of good and evil—to become as gods, as the Bible states it, they must also partake of the Tree of Life.”
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— C. C. Zain
CSII, *Astrological Signatures*—Egyptian Initiation

Seth and Spiritual Alchemy

Whether on this Earth or on the inner plane, at some point, upon attaining self-consciousness at the human level, the necessity of harmonizing these “chaotic” energies of the soul, represented by “Seth,” becomes apparent. The process of doing this, in BOL Tradition, is the science of Spiritual Alchemy, which can be thought of as the “struggle” of the self-conscious mind to harmonize its “chaotic” energies. This alchemical “struggle” is encoded in the stories of the “Battle or Contendings of Horus and Seth.” We shall come to see, in future installments, that Horus, the offspring of Osiris (the twin souls) and Isis (the Ascent Phase of the CON), represents the attainment of self-consciousness at the human level and its development of rational, cosmic and divine consciousness [9].

Summary

Thus, in this brief examination, we have demonstrated that “Seth” represents two related BOL doctrines. As the “murderer” of his brother “Osiris,” he represents the BOL teaching regarding the polarization of the Energies of Life which results in the “death” of the single soul sphere which is thereby “dismembered” into the two septenary “pieces.” These are the separated twin souls which continue their journey through the Descent and Ascent Phases of the CON.

Additionally, Seth, as the God of War, Chaos, and Disharmony, also represents the “Energies of Life” or planetary energies of the soul which exist in a state of disharmony as reflected in the birth chart. These disharmonious energies of the soul are the subject of Spiritual Alchemy.

The mythical stories of the gods and goddesses of the Heliopolitan Ennead, which encode the BOL teachings regarding Spiritual Alchemy and other inter-related doctrines will be covered in future installments of this series.

For a popular, visual overview of “Seth,” view the clip at this site: <https://www.worldhistory.org/video/2750/set-the-egyptian-god-of-chaos-storms-and-war/>

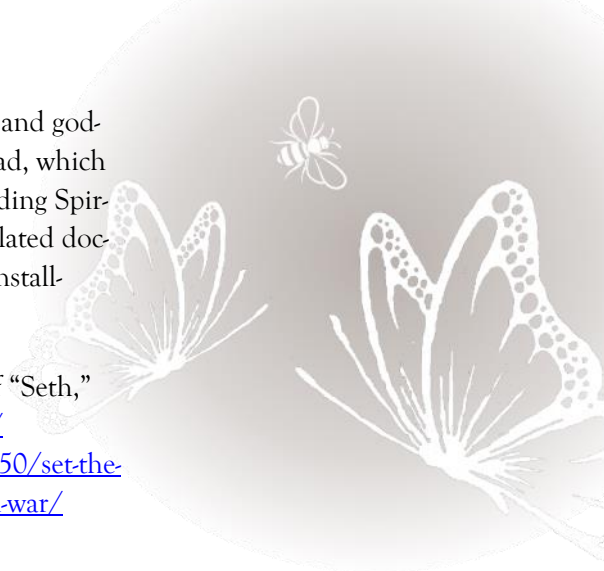
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*“But faithful Isis (Nature)
gathers together these
fragments and breathing
upon them the breath of life
they become reunited and
Osiris is born anew, never
again to die.*

*These allegories symbolically
picture the drama of the
soul's descent from the
celestial state, the separation
of twin souls in the highest
realm of the spiritual world,
who after a time Nature
again brings together,
breathes upon them the
breath of love, uniting them,
and by their united strength
they become immortal.”*

— C. C. Zain
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Ponder This... (Continued from page 13)

“It’s a capital mistake to theorize before one has data.”

— Sherlock Holmes

Why Does This Happen?

Familiarity Feels Like Truth – Our brains use cognitive shortcuts, and when we repeatedly hear a statement, it becomes more familiar. We mistake this familiarity for accuracy.

Processing Fluency – The more we encounter a statement, the easier it becomes to process, leading us to assume it must be true.

Memory Distortion – Over time, we may forget where we first heard a statement, making it harder to distinguish truth from repetition.

Real-World Examples:

Propaganda & Misinformation – Political and social misinformation often spreads through repeated exposure.

Advertising & Marketing – Brands use repetition to make slogans and claims feel credible.

False Memories – People can develop false beliefs about events that never happened due to repeated exposure.

How to Guard Against It?

Fact-check Information before accepting or sharing it.

Be Skeptical of Repeated Claims—especially those lacking credible sources.

Seek Out Contradictory Evidence to challenge assumptions.

In short, repetition alone can make something feel true, but that doesn’t mean it is true.



Mundane Astrology

2025

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2025 Sun Cycle Chart Analysis for the USA

The 2024 Sun Cycle Chart reflected a nation deeply frustrated with the status quo, marked by significant tension and dissatisfaction. Now, as we turn to 2025, the contrast is striking. Instead of the discord that dominated the previous year, the 2025 chart presents a far more harmonious outlook.

Primarily, this year's harmony is concentrated in the Second House which is traditionally associated with financial matters. Given that over 80% of Americans cited the economy as their primary concern in the 2024 presidential election, this suggests a year where economic priorities take center stage.

As always, perspective matters. **Is the glass half full or half empty?** The 2025 chart strongly evokes the adage, "Money makes the world go round." This sentiment, traced back to Ecclesiastes 10:19 in the Bible, underscores the undeniable role of wealth in easing burdens and solving problems. But as another biblical verse, 1 Timothy 6:10, reminds us, "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." With that in mind, wisdom is needed to ensure that financial gains are used not just for personal advantage, but for the broader

good. If we can approach this year with the intention of **using prosperity as a tool for collective well-being**, then our glass will not only be full—it will overflow with meaning and purpose.

Financial Focus in 2025

The 2024 presidential election was largely shaped by economic concerns, with Donald Trump securing 49.8% of the popular vote to Kamala Harris' 48.33% [The Cook Political Report]. Many voters hoped for a leader who could improve their financial circumstances, and with the 2025 chart heavily weighted in the Second House, it's clear that **money will be the primary lens through which success is measured**. The close margin of victory suggests that 48.33% of the population will likely not be aligned with the new administration's agenda.

Key Features of the 2025 Sun Cycle Chart

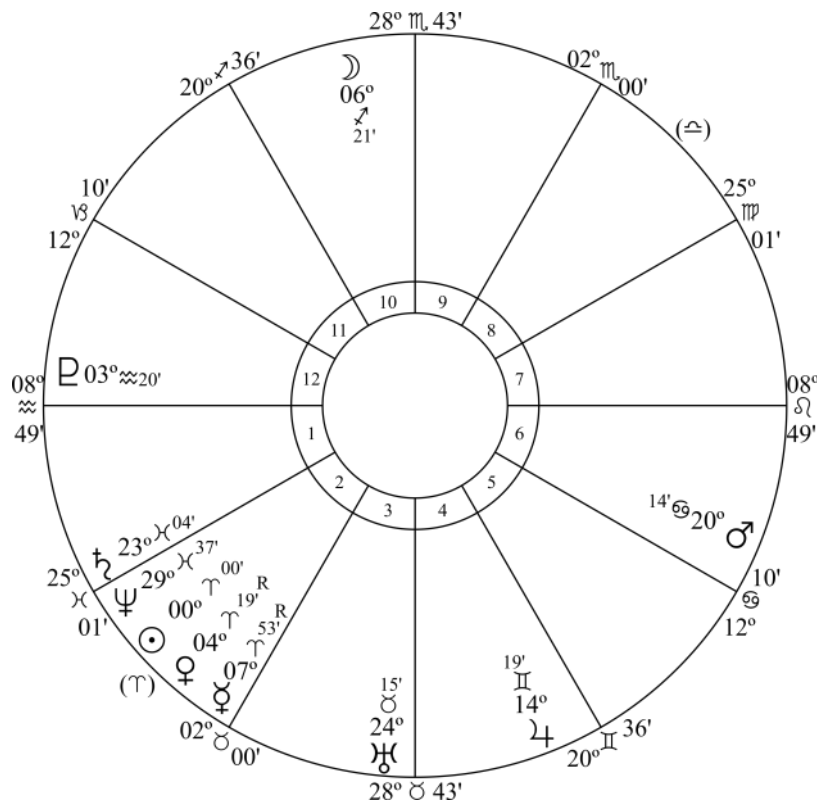
The chart's overall harmony of +161.27 Harmodynes suggests a degree of ease associated with achieving the new administration's goals.

- **The Moon in the Tenth House forms a trine to the Sun in the Second House**, suggesting **optimism about financial prospects** under the

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ASTROLOGY is the science
of the influence of the
heavenly bodies as they affect
the world, nations, cities,
communities and other
groups of people."

— C. C. Zain
Course XIII,
Mundane Astrology



Sun Cycle, Washington DC

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District of Columbia, Capitol Building, 38° N 53' 24"; 77° W 00' 34"

Data: Multiyear Interactive Computer Almanac (MICA), US Naval Observatory

“...the Sun Cycle chart...thus serves the purpose of a natal chart for the year, for the place where erected, and should be read in all details almost precisely as if it were a person’s birth chart. The only difference in such reading is that, because it relates to national or municipal affairs, some of the houses attain a peculiar significance.”

— C. C. Zain
Course XIII,
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PLANETS			HOUSES			SIGNS		
Power	%	Net Harmony	Power	%	Net Harmony	Power	%	Net Harmony
☽	78.36	13.3	2	247.27	27.5	♄	171.91	19.1
MC	61.25	10.4	10	155.70	17.3	♃	123.82	13.8
☉	60.45	10.2	1	119.03	13.2	♌	113.27	12.6
♀	54.42	9.2	12	66.92	7.4	♍	94.53	10.5
♅	53.83	9.1	3	62.77	7.0	♎	93.43	10.4
♁	51.62	8.7	6	60.85	6.8	♏	89.98	10.0
♂	49.57	8.4	4	59.54	6.6	♐	60.85	6.8
♆	48.46	8.2	8	39.41	4.4	♑	58.14	6.5
♁	42.70	7.2	7	30.23	3.4	♒	30.23	3.4
♃	35.57	6.0	5	25.81	2.9	♓	25.81	2.9
♄	32.33	5.5	11	16.17	1.8	♈	24.23	2.7
♀	21.67	3.7	9	16.09	1.8	♉	13.60	1.5
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new administration. Many Americans will feel hopeful that the president’s policies will lead to personal prosperity.

- However, the **Moon opposes Jupiter in the Fourth House**—representing opposition to the administration. While the dominant mood is posi-

tive, there will still be a **segment of the population that feels unheard or dissatisfied.**

- The **Sixth House**—ruling laborers, service workers, civil servants, and the military—shows signs of **strain and exhaustion**, with **Mars in the Sixth House** (the chart’s weakest

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planet) forming a Sesquisquare [Aggitation] to the Moon in the Tenth House [new administration]. The Sesquisquare aspect is comparable to the influence of Uranus, being sharply disruptive, sudden, and somewhat discordant.

Dominant Moon in Sagittarius in the Tenth House (+31.80 Harmodynes)

- The Moon rules the Domestic Urges and, in mundane astrology, large numbers of people. The new administration's America first agenda is riding the swell of the Populist wave that placed Trump into a second term as president. According to a 2018 *bbc.com* article by David Melloy, "In political science, **populism is the idea that society is separated into two groups at odds with one another — "the pure people" and "the corrupt elite,"** according to Cas Mudde, author of *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*. According to Trump there is a "corrupt elite," the deep state, that is responsible for the nation's problems. **The goal is to replace the "corrupt elites" with the loyal and pure. The trine from the Moon [support of the "common" folk] to the Sun in the Second House will smooth the way for the Trump Administration to achieve this goal.** The assumptions the goal is based upon are risky.

History suggests that many of the president's goals such as extending the 2017 tax cuts will not significantly trickle down to moderate and low-income wage earners and the impact of the 2018 tariffs led to higher costs for U.S. businesses and retali-

tory tariffs that hurt farmers and exporters.

- **Sagittarius—a sign associated with expansion, enthusiasm, and strong beliefs—suggests a victorious and confident national mood** following Trump's election. The **image of Arcanum VII, the Victory card, comes to mind—a conqueror riding forward to claim triumph.** With the Moon in Sagittarius, religious and ideological fervor may also be heightened.
- The Tenth House rules the **president, the administration, and the nation's reputation on the global stage.** Other countries may proceed with **caution in their dealings with the U.S.** [Sun in the Second House has authority over the Seventh House Cusp], given the forceful confidence projected by the administration. As Uncle Ben wisely told Peter Parker, "*With great power comes great responsibility.*" Leadership choices in 2025 could have long-term consequences, particularly if dominance is prioritized over diplomacy.

Dominant Second House (+93.86 Harmodynes)

- The Second House governs **national wealth, the economy, banking, and financial transactions,** and its dominance in the 2025 chart signals a **strong focus on economic growth and prosperity.**
- With Neptune leading the Second House planetary lineup, there may be a mix of vision, illusion, and high expectations surrounding financial matters. While economic optimism abounds, with Neptune there's also a

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The Houses in Mundane Astrology...

"Anyone familiar with the twelve houses in natal astrology can usually identify which house in a national chart, Cycle Chart, or Major Conjunction Chart governs a specific area of activity. Expand the house's meaning to a broader, collective context.

— Paraphrased from CSXVII, *Mundane Astrology*



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ception and global discourse. However, expect resistance to the Administration’s messaging from Uranus in Taurus in the Third House opposing both the Moon and MC.

Final Thoughts

The 2025 Sun Cycle Chart paints a picture of a nation deeply focused on financial success, driven by bold leadership, and experiencing a wave of optimism—yet still divided beneath the surface. The challenge lies in ensuring that economic prosperity benefits not just a select few, but the nation as a whole.

Will the energy of 2025 be channeled into genuine economic growth that uplifts all Americans? Or will it tilt toward financial speculation and illusion? The answer, as always, will be shaped by the people's collective choices and consciousness.

As we step into this new cycle, let us affirm the wisdom of using prosperity as a tool for universal welfare—ensuring that our glass isn’t just half full, but brimming with purpose, equity, and long-term vision.

Traditionally, the Church of Light publishes the annual Cycle Charts for students studying Course XIII, *Mundane Astrology*. The 2025 charts are included on the following pages 23-25.

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risk of speculation and exaggerated claims.

- The Sun (representing the president) is conjunct Venus and Mercury in the Second House. This suggests that Trump will play a central role in shaping economic narratives, with extensive social media and public discourse surrounding his influence on financial matters. The emphasis on prosperity and wealth-building will dominate national conversations.

Aries as the Dominant Sign (+70.73 Harmodynes)

- Aries energy is bold, pioneering, and often unyielding—qualities that align with Trump’s leadership style.
- With the Sun, Venus, and Mercury closely aligned in Aries, we can expect brash, decisive actions and policies that prioritize movement over deliberation.

Most Powerful Aspect: Moon (Tenth House) Trine Mercury (Second House)

- The Administration (Moon) will amplify and widely distribute the president’s words and messaging (Mercury).
- With Trump’s well-documented mastery of social media, this aspect suggests a year where his communication style will shape national per-

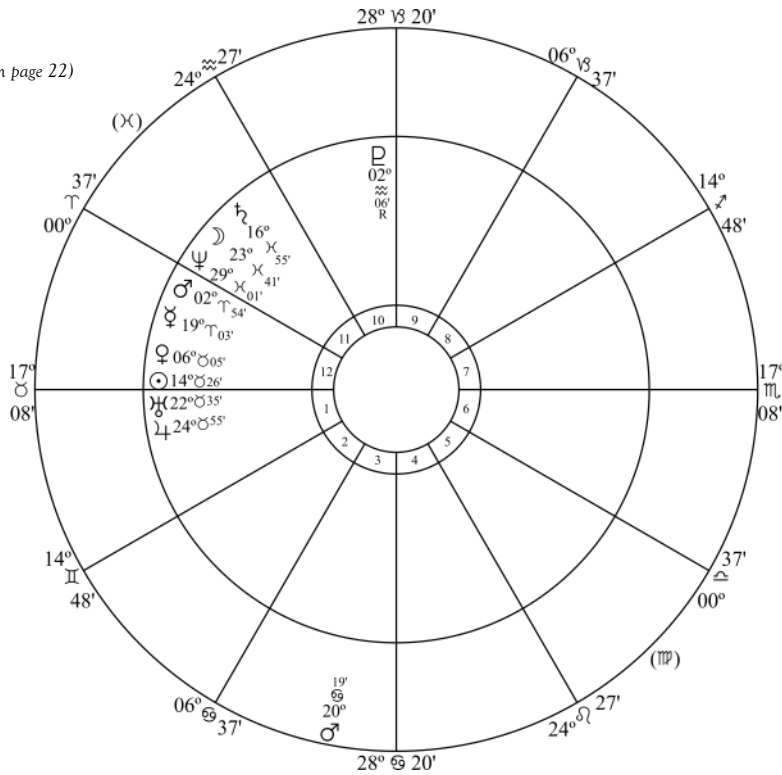
The Planets in Mundane Astrology...

“Observations reveal that each planet has a strong connection to certain matters, so regardless of its house placement in a cycle chart, receiving a progressed aspect from the cycle’s ruling planet significantly influences those areas. Along with the house a planet occupies—which indicates the most likely event—its specific planetary affinity should also be taken into account.

— Paraphrased from CSXVII, *Mundane Astrology*



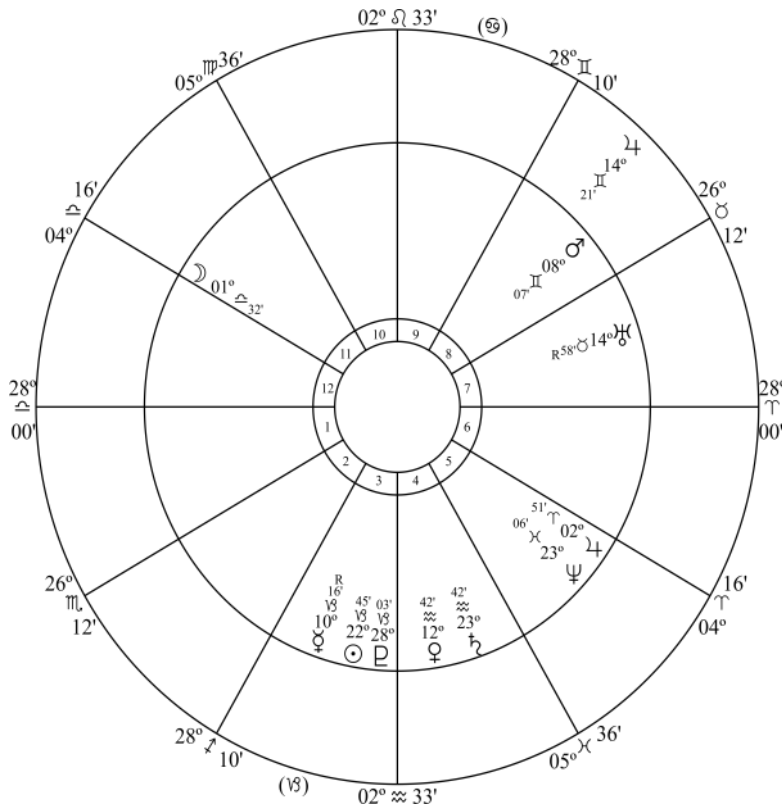
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Jupiter Cycle, Washington DC

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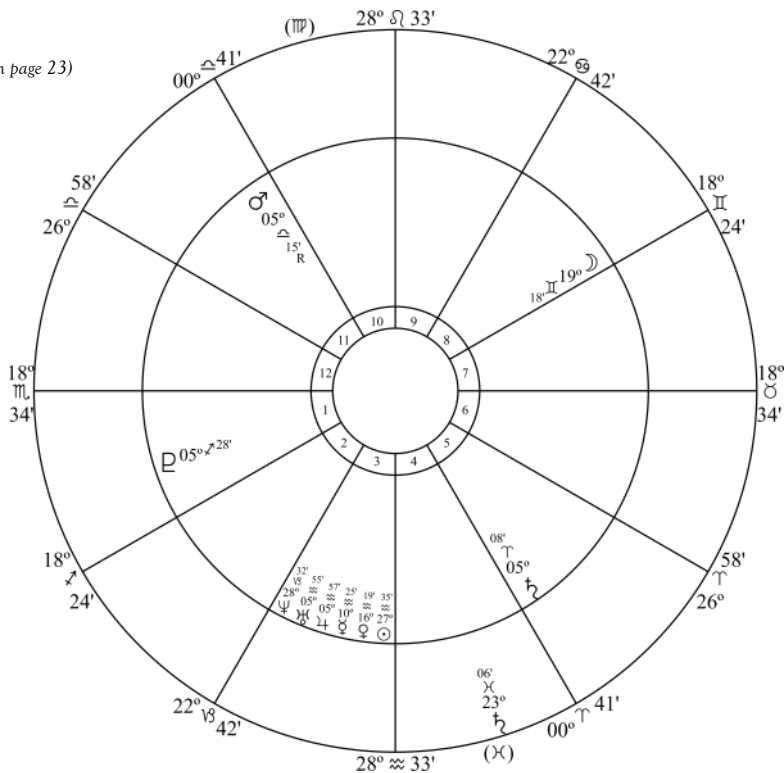
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JUPITER—A progressed aspect to Jupiter in a cycle chart, irrespective of the house it is in, tends to events affecting finances. Under such an aspect the trend is toward expansion, expenditures and higher prices.”

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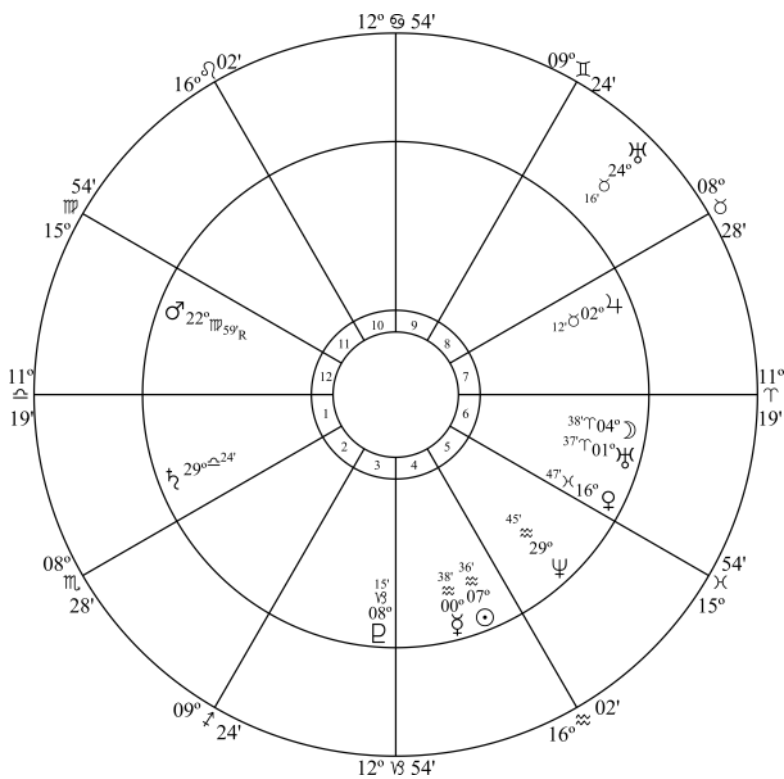
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“SATURN–A progressed aspect to Saturn in a cycle chart, no matter what house it occupies, has an influence over labor and tends toward contraction, economy, loss and lower prices.

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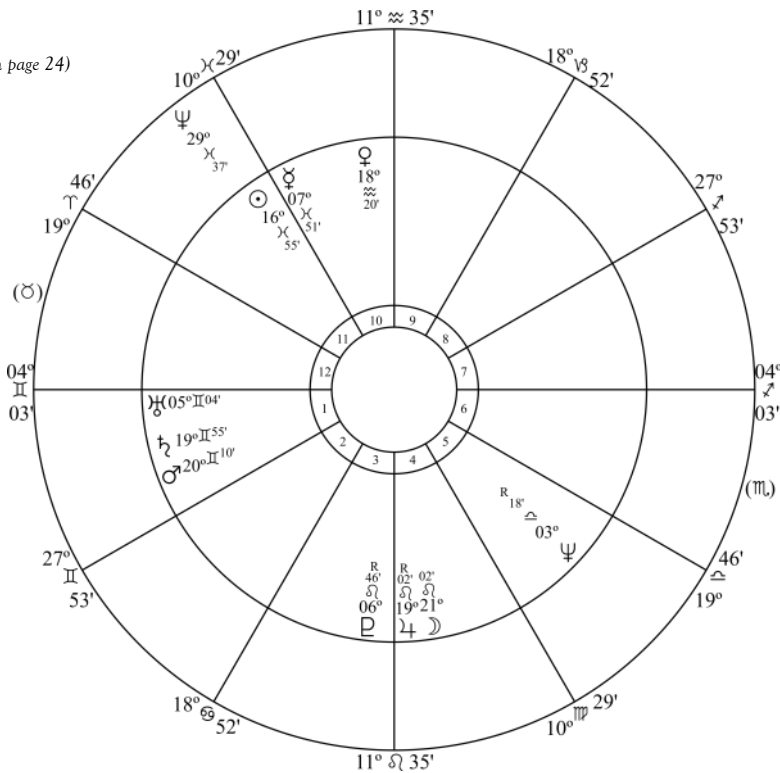
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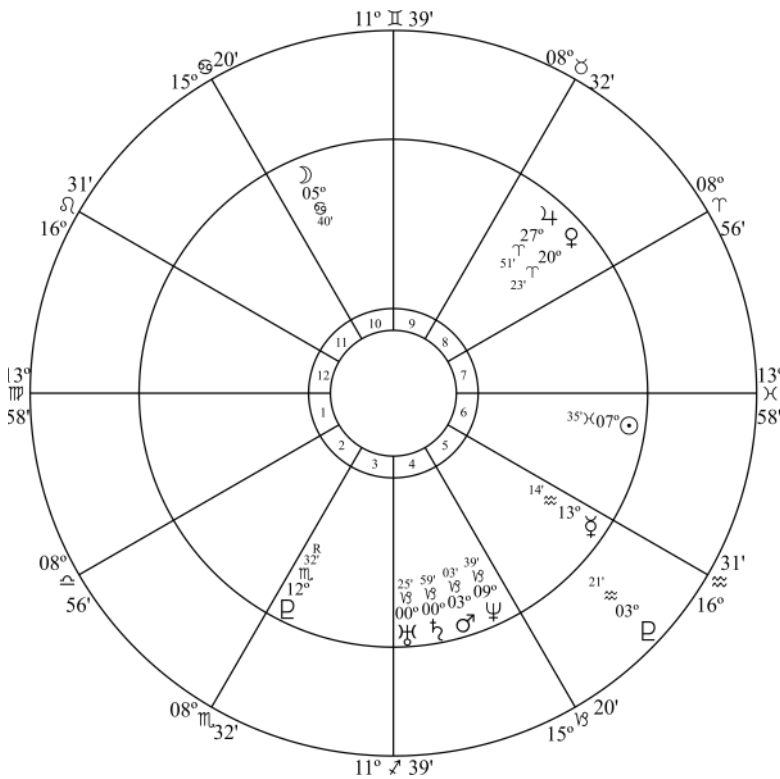
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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

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“*NEPTUNE*—A progressed aspect to Neptune, whatever house it may be in, tends to events affecting aviation and the moving picture industry.

PLUTO—A progressed aspect to Pluto, regardless of the house it occupies, tends to bring events in which drastic action and cooperation of some kind play a part.”

— C. C. Zain
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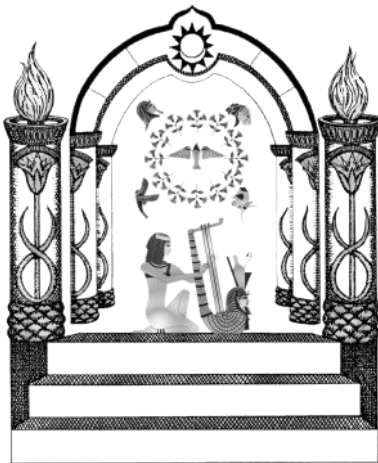
Board of Directors

We are sad to report that Veiga O'Sickey has stepped down from her role as a member of the Board of Directors for health and family reasons. Deep appreciation is extended to Veiga for serving the membership so well since 2015.

Thank you Veiga!

We are happy to welcome Brian Jones from Ashville, North Carolina who succeeds Dave Carrothers.

Welcome Brian!



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The Religion of the Stars – in a nutshell

–H.S.D. Starnaman

THE CODE:

Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

I will do all the good that I can in every way that I can for as long as I can.

THE ASPIRATION:

To develop more and more a feeling of kindness to all living creatures.

THE NINE POINT PLAN:

1. The Facts of Astrology
2. People should have Freedom from Want.
3. Facts of Extra Sensory Perception.
4. People should have Freedom from Fear.
5. Facts of Induced Emotion.
6. People should have Freedom of Expression.
7. Facts of Directed Thinking.
8. People should have Freedom of Religion.
9. Culminating in the Universal Moral Code, Contribute your Utmost to Universal Welfare.

THE PURPOSE:

To develop the four possessions we take with us after death;

1. Knowledge
2. Ability
3. Character
4. Dominant Vibratory Rate

THE GRAPH:

1. The proper exercise of morality allows people to control their own life and destiny here and hereafter.
2. Law is the way of life.
3. Death is the doorway to a plane of conscious existence, a life of greater freedom and power.
4. The Planets have an influence over human life and destiny.

THE MEASURING GUAGE:

Astrology measures the unseen and overlooked energies that affect a person's life.

The birth chart reveals specific weaknesses and the means to overcome them. It is a chart of the unconscious mind.

The birth chart indicates the aptitudes and the environments in which they can best be employed.

The birth chart indicates the diseases toward which there is a predisposition so they can be recognized and precautions needed to avoid them employed.

Astrology indicates the fortunate and unfortunate predispositions toward events, and the periods during which precautions are needed.

Astrology helps people to understand themselves and others, and it is the road map in following the Universal Pathway.



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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.