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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Sameck Transformation Through Temptation

By Scenza

The fifteenth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is the letter Samech. The shape of Samech renders it a symbol of God's protection and shelter, for as the letter is completely enclosed, so God encloses us within His Care. Samech also begins the Biblical Hebrew (BH) word for secret ("Sod") and "Sefirah", hence its use as a symbol of that

which is hidden or mysterious.

Linguistically, the Ancient Kabbalists classified Samech as a dental, indicating that it is formed near the teeth. As we have previously explained, there appears to be a correlation between the point of articulation and the meaning, or semantic value, of the letters in Biblical Hebrew. Specifically, Samech, as a dental, most closely aligns

with the mother letter Shin, which is representative of the Mind. Aleph, as a sound produced deep in the throat hidden from view, represents Spirit, while Mem, produced overtly at the lips, represents manifestation or Matter.

Samech has the identical pronunciation to Shin/Sin, also supporting a strong rela-

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The Trine Aspect: Trines, Trines, Everywhere Trines

by Margaret Dissinger

In *The Beginner's Horoscope Maker and Reader*, Elbert Benjamine writes that the trine is powerfully harmonious. "The thought cells thus mapped have been built by experiences characteristic of the two planets involved which have had much volume and entered consciousness together in association with prolonged and enthusiastic pleasure" (Benjamine 126). The key word for this aspect is LUCK, although other words to consider when studying the trine are harmony and ease. Planets involved in a trine are most often in complementary elements and so together they make good sense. Since this is the most harmonious aspect it is easy for

these energies to find a balance as they have similar goals and a similar agenda based on the signs and houses involved.

The problem with trines is that people often take them for granted. A trine can provide too much of a good thing, causing the native to become lazy and dependent upon whatever particular gifts the energy of the trine gives. On our spiritual journeys, we can depend on our trines to provide us with a place to rest and recharge. The trine can be a starting point as we investigate the fields of

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Editorial

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"Fortune sides with him who dares." – Virgil

This issue of the Quarterly features the trine aspect of astrology, an aspect that is summarized by the word "luck". The trine aspect is configured when any two planets are four signs, or 120 degrees apart. Planets forming trines generally share the same element of Fire, Earth, Air or Water.

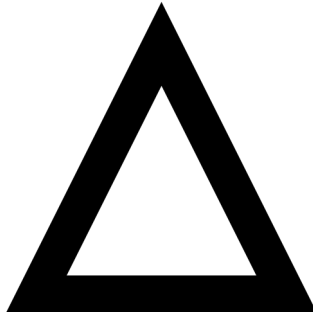
The experience of favorable outcomes or success, is something we frequently attribute to luck. I enjoy recalling those moments when I felt that I was in the right place, at the right time, successfully engaged in the right activities. I've had the experience of what it feels like to be lucky, but to try and describe luck is quite a different story.

When one goes to a casino, they have choices to engage in games of skill or games of chance. For example: professional card players I have met tell me that poker is a game of skill, and to win at poker, you must have ability (except, in the case of "Beginner's Luck"). Your skill is in how you play your hand, however, the hand of cards you are dealt, as well as the cards that you draw from the pile is random – pure chance. On the other hand, slot machines, a game of chance, constitute about 70 percent of the income for most US casinos. A slot machine is a gambling device that has three or more reels that spin when a lever is pulled or a button is pushed. There is no known skill in playing slots; the wins are random. However, compulsive slot machine gamblers may feel that they are intuitively drawn to the machines that are ready to give payouts.

Personally, I'm not a fan of gambling. I've probably visited casinos 5 times in my life (that would be less than once every decade). I don't want Church of Light members thinking that I am promoting gambling. The Brotherhood of Light Lessons discourage gambling. Zain felt that gambling was unspiritual in that it seeks personal gain through the loss of another. Gambling also encourages the idea that one can gain wealth without contributing a constructive service to society in the form of a skill or product. Yet Zain recognized that gambling was such a significant part of human nature that he mentioned it 28 times in The Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

So, without gambling, how do we know if we're lucky? When I won the prize for my third grade Spelling Bee, I did so because of skill – I could successfully spell more words than anyone else in my grade level. My prize – a chenille bee. Perhaps, not so exciting to an adult, but

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The Trine Aspect

Measurement

Trine, 120° Zodiacal Longitude

The Trine is formed when two planets are four signs or 120 degrees apart. They are usually found in the same degrees of signs of like Element (Fire, Earth, Air, and Water). The Trine is a powerful aspect with a very wide orb that extends from 6 degrees for planets in a Cadent House (3, 6, 9, & 12) to 12 degrees for a Luminary (Sun or Moon) in an Angular House (1, 4, 7, & 10). The waves of astral energy that are radiated by planets in a Trine aspect blend powerfully and harmoniously with one another.

Keyword

The keyword for the Trine is Luck. The areas of the chart where two planets are engaged in a Trine are strongly harmonious, attracting ease and abundance. In Natal Astrology, these are often areas where a person may experience repeated favorable outcomes and a sense of good fortune.

Planetary Comparison

The Trine is comparable to the qualities of the planet Jupiter; favorable and harmonious. It brings abundance and good fortune to any two planets found 120 degrees apart.

Application

The Trine is powerfully harmonious and expresses as favorable outcomes with little effort. The good fortune attracted by the trine comes easily and spontaneously. Because they lack effort the gifts attracted by the trine can be under-appreciated. It is best to cultivate grace, gratitude and appreciation.

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LUCK within our personal quest for living the life of Spirit. Within each trine is the creative energy for making alchemical changes in our spiritual bodies. We have the tools to tap into the Jupiter-like harmony to build a stronger spiritual body.

We learn through conflict, not through ease. It is pain which causes us to leave what is comfortable, not pleasure. Since we know this to be true, then how can we take the best advantage of our trines to raise our vibratory levels? How can we use our charts to grow our trines and make them even better? One method we can use is to look within our trine aspects for a separate discordant terminal which touches the trine. This point of discord provides just the boost of extra energy to enable us to enhance and build on the luck of our trines.

Just as before, we'll use the following formula to evaluate our horoscopes for the trines. Recall at this time the methods proposed in past articles about how to look at these aspects methodically.

- Get your charts and list the trines
- Engage in an activity (writing, art, etc.) to help you see how they manifest in your life
- Meditate on each trine for more inspiration
- Repeat for each trine in natal and progressed charts.

Pay particular attention when listing and doing your activities to look for that planet or point in the aspect that adds the boosting energy with its discord. This ensures that we use our trines to their best advantage.

Remember that our aspects represent relationships; they are the relationships that exist between and among all the planets, luminaries, M.C. and ASC in our charts. Our trines are our very best relationships, the things we do best, those things that come easiest and bring us joy and luck. How we use them and that we actually do use them in our spiritual growth is very important. It is far too easy to become complacent with our natal trines because they are the gifts that keep giving no matter what we do. Not doing the work to enhance them for spiritual purposes just seems ungrateful.

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Our trines offer us a line of least resistance to find our authentic self which is integral in our spiritual quest. Looking for ways in which we can use these trines to enhance our spiritual growth is paramount in that quest. Another suggestion is to use key words for the planets, signs, and houses of the trines to create very powerful mantras. Write all those key words down and begin to allow them to formulate into phrases, sentences, and affirmations to create each special mantra for your own purpose.

Another important use of trines for spiritual growth is to anticipate upcoming trines in our major and minor progressions. By looking ahead, we can enhance the power of the upcoming trines using our meditations and affirmations. We reach out ahead of the actual energy and stimulate it in order to attract the most luck and ease that the aspect can produce.

Many of us miss a great deal of the harmonious energy of trines, both natal and progressed, because we tend to

take them for granted. In our soul development, some say that our trines are our rewards or gifts from our previous experiences through the physical kingdoms. Consider how important it is to cherish these gifts because they come without our knowledge of the work it has taken in those previous realms to earn them. Because they seem like “freebies” we need to keep in mind that they are an important part of our soul’s story, and as such must be honored and appreciated, nurtured and loved for all they provide. The way to making healthier trines for our spiritual quest is lined with gratitude.

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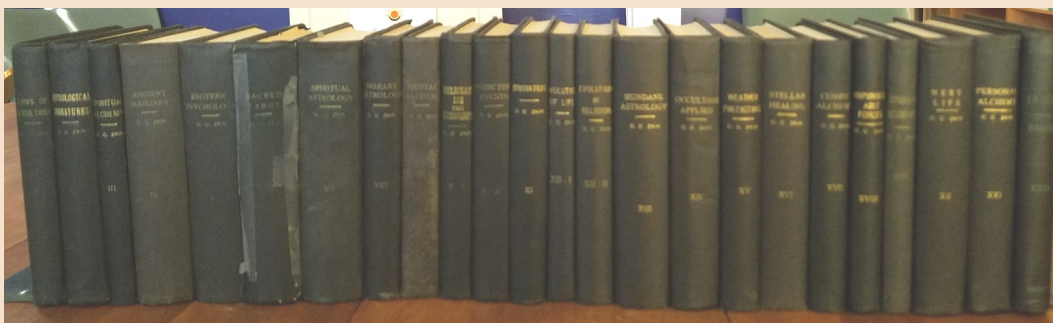
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tionship between the two letters. Hence, the primary interpretive level of Samech is that it pertains to the mind. However, the second letter of the word, Mem, pertains to Matter. Finally, the third and final sound is most closely associated with rebirth and regeneration. Hence, we can render at least one interpretation of these facts in the phrase “Transformation of the Mind through the Body”. This also aligns closely with one of the most interesting interpretive points of the letter Samech, the Kabbalistic meaning of Satan.

In Christian belief, Satan is anthropomorphized as the archenemy of God, and is to be feared and guarded against. Perhaps this is one interpretation of the meanings of Satan, but the Kabbalistic explanation is more internal and personal than that. In Kabbalistic thought, Satan is typically translated as “adversary” or “disturber”. The battle with the Satan is less external and more internal. That is, Satan is seen as the selfish desire that we must all overcome on our way to greater expansiveness of mind. In this sense, Satan is never really born and never really dies, but is always there, lurking in the darkest corners of our mind, examining all instances for the benefit to self. One might equate Jung’s account of the Shadow with a similar theme; in order to rise to higher and higher levels of spiritual insight and ability, the selfish urge must be transmuted and converted into the desire to do unto others as we would have done unto us. By considering not only what is beneficial to ourselves, but that which operates in the interest of the Greatest Good for all, we have vanquished the evil foe, at least in that moment.

Satan, then represents the point of temptation that exists within all of us, at all times. There is never a point when we can completely turn our backs on the possibility of selfishness, just as there is never a time when we should

stop seeking to advance and grow spiritually. Ironically, it is in not pursuing spiritual growth that we grow the most. That is, if we are seeking spiritual growth for our own satisfaction, to placate and appease the ego of attainment, then we will only succeed in stepping further and further away from our goal. Rather, it is only through truly selfless, charitable acts, whether formal or informal, that we transform our souls, vanquishing the fiendish foe, and remaining in the light of eternal glory.

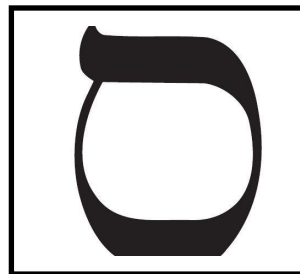
But, friends, be forewarned: while Satan symbolizes the temptation to act in our own interests over that of the other, and while we can overcome that desire through our love of and embrace of our fellow man, there is never a moment when we can completely let down our

guard. The desire to gain for ourselves runs deep. Some might even argue that it is instinctual, as we see animals and all living things doing the same. In that sense, one could even argue that it is a necessary part of survival. However, as humans, we pursue a path which is greater than simply surviving. We are seeking to transform our characters and our selves through a dedication to something greater, a commitment to something larger. By balancing the fulfillment of our basic needs with our desire to grow and develop spiritually, we can keep the fiendish foe in check, successfully transforming moments of temptation and self-centered consideration into ample fodder for spiritual growth. In this sense, then, Satan is but another emissary of God’s Will, sent to test and try us in order to determine our fitness to advance to the next spiritual level.

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**The function of wisdom is to discriminate
between good and evil.**

—Marcus Tullius Cicero

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to an eight-year-old, this was a coveted prize. In ninth grade I won the piñata table decoration at my graduation luncheon, I did so by chance – my seat number was randomly chosen. When I won a beautiful hand-coiled pot at the Santo Domingo Pueblo feast day, I did so by chance – my winning raffle ticket was randomly selected. In each of these examples of winning, by skill or by chance, the feeling was the same – I felt elated, and I felt lucky.

When we win, a contest, a race, a contract or a raffle, we feel more excited, more vital, more alive, and more fortunate (keep in mind that the 5th House in a horoscope belongs to the Trinity of Life). Apparently, there is a biochemical correspondence that goes on in our bodies when we win, that is, the release of the hormone and neurotransmitter - norepinephrine. The rush of norepinephrine into the bloodstream and brain has an excitatory effect, that may, in some persons contribute to the addictive nature of gambling.

The English word luck stems from the Dutch (*geluk*) and German (*glück*) origins of our language. English speakers talk about “good luck” and “bad luck.” Or that one may be “down on their luck.” There are certain days where we are “in luck,” or “out of luck,” and at other times we just “luck out.” On certain days we might be admonished not to “push our luck.” All of these terms express a sense of randomness or chance (which, by the way *chance* is French for luck).

However, if you speak Spanish, “luck” is *suerte*; and in Portuguese, *sorte*. Both of these words entered their respective languages from the Latin *sortis*, which describes the process of sortition, otherwise known as the drawing of lots. When Roman colonists moved into a new area, the land would be divvied up by a random drawing of lots. Whether or not you received an allocation that was fertile river valley or a rocky slope was literally due to “the luck of the draw”. The words lotto and lottery both evolved from this tradition of drawing lots, and a parcel of land is still referred to as a lot.

The ancient pre-Christian world held a fascination with luck. The Greeks honored the goddess Tyche, a tutelary deity who governed the vicissitudes of fortune. In the Roman world, Tyche was known as Fortuna. These ancient personifications of luck, Tyche and Fortuna were frequently pictured either veiled or blindfolded to show the arbitrary nature of luck, and

holding a ball or wheel to remind us that luck can roll in any which direction. The word *fortuna* continues to be used in Italian as an expression of luck.

In recent years, when I have complimented certain Christian friends on being lucky, they have corrected me with: “I’m not lucky - I’m blessed!” These individuals are suggesting that the hand of Providence is active in all the good that comes into their lives. From the astrological perspective, both luck and blessings fall in the domain of Jupiter, the planet of religion, benevolence and abundance. Among the ten Aspects in astrology, the Trine is best compared to the influence of Jupiter in the good fortune that it brings.

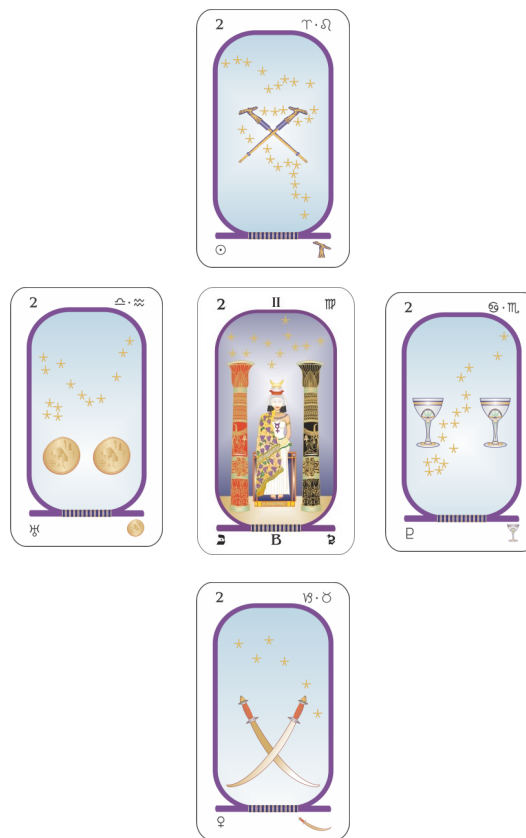
Like gambling, life can be a game of chance or a game of skill. The Trines in our horoscope can attract good fortune arbitrarily, or through concerted effort on our part. To take advantage of our Trines we must note the planets engaged in the aspect and the desires they rule. We must also ascertain both the house positions and the signs of the zodiac in which the planets fall. The signs and houses help inform us as to what environments will favor our aspirations. When we consciously express the desire energies of the planets through the environments best suited for our success, we reap our rewards, we are fortunate, and we feel lucky or blessed. However, we must be daring and take a risk or gamble when we invest our time, energy and talents in the area of our charts signified by our Trine aspects.

The way that we can spiritualize the gifts that the Trine aspect attracts in our chart is by determining to use a portion of our good fortune or blessings to benefit others. The news is rife with examples of celebrities who have used their new-found fame or fortune to support charitable causes such as hospitals, schools, orphanages or food banks.

Dare to discover the luck, encoded in the Trine aspects in your horoscope. Once you have found your luck, dare to use it to improve the lives of others.



Tarot Correspondence — The Deuces



Divination

The Deuces

The sign Virgo is general significator of science and labor, therefore the Deuces, corresponding numerically to Virgo, in their more common divinatory significance must relate to these things as applied to the department of life indicated by the suit. But in their higher application they reveal the influence of, and can be interpreted by, the second decanate of each zodiacal triplicity, starting with the pioneer, or movable, signs.

The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Scepters is a business depending upon scientific methods; its inner interpretation is EXALTATION.

The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Cups is a work of love; its inner interpretation is REVELATION.

The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Coins is money acquired by hard labor; its inner interpretation is INDEPENDENCE.

The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Swords is sickness through over-work; its inner interpretation is MARTYRDOM.

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Tarot Card Example—The Magic Seven Spread

Tarot Spread Interpretation

Question - What surrounds the upcoming Albuquerque mayoral race?

The Past - Trey of Cups “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Cups is a marriage for love; its inner interpretation is RESEARCH.”

The Present - Ten of Cups “The divinatory significance of the Ten of Cups is a decidedly unconventional affectional interest; its inner interpretation is EMOTION.”

The Future - Five of Coins “The divinatory significance of the Five of Coins is abundant wealth; its inner interpretation is INSPIRATION.”

The Ability to Control - Arcanum VI - The Two Paths “In Divination, Arcanum VI may be briefly interpreted as Temptation.”

The Environment - Five of Cups “The divinatory significance of the Five of Cups is good fortune in love; its inner interpretation is RESPONSIBILITY.”

The Opposition - Trey of Swords “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Swords is a lawsuit or a divorce; its inner interpretation is IDEALISM.”

The Outcome - Trey of Scepters “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Scepters is a business partnership; its inner interpretation is PROPAGANDA.”

Summary

The Past, the Trey of Cups might represent the personal relationships developed as each candidate had to collect 3,000 signatures from registered voters and submit them to the city clerk’s office in order to be included on the ballot.

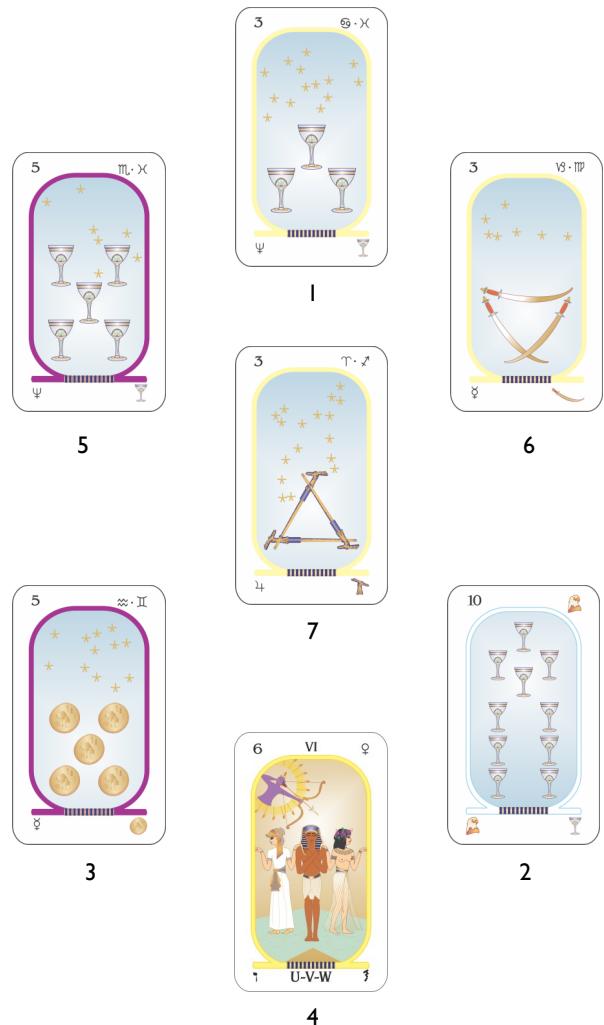
The Present, the Ten of Cups reveals the emotional nature of the election, with voters galvanized by their preferences and prejudices.

The Future, the Five of Coins, shows that the job could go to the most optimistic candidate who promises a future of business growth and prosperity.

The Ability to Control, Arcanum VI - The Two Paths, represents choice. This card may also predict a runoff election if one candidate does not receive at least 50% of the votes.

The Environment, the Five of Cups makes one lucky in love. In this reading it could promise above average voter turnout.

The Opposition the Trey of Swords could indicate intense negative campaigning which in turn could cause leading candidates to lose their voter base.



The Outcome, shows that the winner will have to build alliances with the business community. The best marketing campaign may win.

This tarot spread features three treys and two fives indicating that relationships and luck are factors in winning the race. Voters will tend to vote emotionally. The winning candidate will be the one who presents himself or herself to be the most personable and promises the brightest future for the city. There are no Court Arcana which might describe the specific personality or appearance of the winner. The Trey of Swords in the opposition suggest a smear campaign in the final hours of the election. The only Major Arcanum is VI – The Two Paths, which insures a runoff election that narrows the election to two candidates.



Branch Church - Fort Worth, Texas Activities



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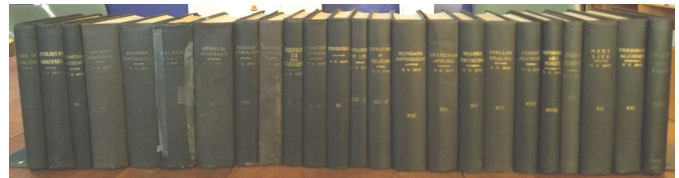
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Veiga O'Sickey

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: December 2017 - May 2018

Date	Event	Presented by
December 17, 2017	Capricorn - Winter Solstice Service	Yvette Fortin
January 21, 2018	Aquarius Service	Patrick Ramsey
February 18, 2018	Pisces Service	Veiga O'Sickey
March 18, 2018	Aries—Spring Equinox Service	Christopher Gibson
April 15, 2018	Taurus Service	Yvette Fortin
May 20, 2018	Gemini Service	Patrick Ramsey

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