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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Tzade - Spiritual Completion

Scenza

The eighteenth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is the letter Tzade. Tzade has a definite and focused association with the concept of righteousness. According to Munk (1983), God is known by many names, among them Tzadik, the Righteous and Upright One. Those who model their behavior on God's Perfect Rectitude here on Earth are also known as Tzadik. Munk

(1983) further emphasizes that the process of becoming a Tzadik is never-ending, for as a person becomes more and more aware of God's Wisdom, the yearnings of his soul comes to more and more completely dominate the urges of his body. Finally, Munk (1983) beautifully reminds us that while the physical body can and will decay across the lifespan, those who live righteously will con-

tinue to expand their knowledge, wisdom, and utility in His Kingdom even as their bodes decline.

Phonosematically, yet again we find a strong concordance between the intent of the letter and its point of articulation. Tzade is a composite sound made up of two distinct phones, /t/ and /z/. Tayt, the ninth letter of

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The Opposition: Choose Wisely

Margaret Dissinger

Picture yourself standing on the Earth, as well you are now, and then focus on the planets in your own horoscope that are in opposition to one another. See them in your mind's eye facing off across the heaven. In *Astrological Signatures*, Zain describes the opposition as "...being slowly separative, coldly disintegrative, and discordant in the highest degree" (p. 95). We can, of course, abdicate responsibility by not making a conscious choice; then the strong side by astrodyne power prevails. This is the path of least resistance, but that is not what we are charged to do as spiritual beings.

Oppositions have more than one thing going for them, which we see as students of Her-

metic Astrology. They are mostly always the same quality by sign: mutable, fixed, or movable. We know how to use alchemy and directed thinking. Practitioners of astrology know about ameliorating aspects and astrodynes. We also are not afraid to make the hard choices where our spiritual growth is concerned.

Because the oppositions are most always of the same quality, it is something they have in common with one another by sign, and similarly they often are the same as masculine or feminine signs. If we study these similarities it

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

"Just as we develop our physical muscles through overcoming opposition - such as lifting weights - we develop our character muscles by overcoming challenges and adversity."

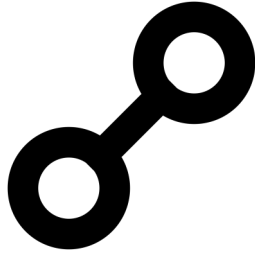
– Stephen Covey

This issue of the Quarterly features one of the most powerful aspects in astrology, the Opposition. An Opposition is formed when two planets are six signs, or 180 degrees apart. The energies of two planets, when positioned in opposite signs, meet in head-on competition with one another. A dynamic exists between planets in opposition that expresses much like a "tug-of-war", the sport that directly pits two teams pulling on opposite ends of a rope, against each other in a test of supremacy. The cumulative effect of the Opposition is continual antagonism between the desires or urges of the two planets. This ongoing struggle for supremacy between planetary urges does not express abruptly, but slowly and unrelentingly as a lifetime pattern of conflict.

The nature of the conflict is best delineated by the urges ruled by the planets and the houses they occupy. And like in a tug of war competition one side ultimately must dominate. In due course a choice must be made between the interests and activities of one or the other of the two opposing planetary desires. Most often, the desires mapped by the more prominent planet triumphs over those urges governed by the weaker of the two planets. The Opposition aspect requires that we consciously choose to express one set of desires over the other; in the end, relinquishing another set of desires. It is much like wanting to attend two events that are scheduled on the same day, at the same time; you must pick one event and forgo the other. The Opposition is known as the aspect of "separation" as one desire must be divorced from the other, and this is usually accompanied by the feeling of losing something.

There isn't room in this editorial to discuss all possible combinations of houses and planets, so I'll use the example of how this operates by looking at 1st House - 7th House Oppositions. The 1st House in a horoscope tends to focus on interests and activities that make us "self-absorbed". These are activities that concern our body, health, appearance, personality, personal interests and personal desires. The 7th House represents our focus on the other people in our lives, our spouse, partner, confidant, business partner, clients, even our opponents, competitors and enemies. Planets engaged in 1st - 7th House Oppositions place stress on the parts of life that define the boundaries between self and others. To be in a relationship, we often must sacrifice our personal wishes and desires to accommodate those of a mate.

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The Opposition Aspect

Opposition, 180° Zodiacal Longitude

The Opposition is formed when two planets are six signs or 180 degrees apart. Like the Conjunction, the Opposition is a very powerful aspect with an average orb that extends from 8 degrees for planets in a Cadent House (3, 6, 9, & 12) to 15 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 Opposition aspect blend powerfully and discordantly with one another.

Keyword

Like the Square, Semisquare, and Sesquisquare aspects, the Opposition is conditioned with discord. The planetary energies are meeting one another head-on as in a tug-of-war. The result is a continual antagonism between the desires of both planets. This constant struggle for supremacy between the two planets does not act abruptly, nor in acute crises like the square aspect, but develops slowly and unrelentingly. The keyword for the Opposition is Separation.

Planetary Comparison

As the aspect of SEPARATION, the Opposition is comparable to the qualities of Saturn, being slowly separative, coldly disintegrative, and discordant in the highest degree.

Application

The Opposition generates high levels of polarizing conflict, which require that choices be made. Often those decisions require emphasizing the expression of the more prominent of the two planets while sublimating the needs of the weaker planet. Because the Opposition is so powerful the new habit system of selecting which energies will supersede the other must be continually reinforced.

Compiled by Christopher Gibson

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gives us a place of common ground from which to begin our work. In spiritual work we understand the value of being instigators, developers, and perfecters. If signs are similarly masculine or feminine, it is another way they can innately work together. These qualities give us an edge for utilizing the power of the opposition in our use of their energies for our spiritual work.

The opposition in our chart can become a constant battle between the formidable forces. Alchemically we must refuse to see these energies as they are by nature (see Zain's definition above) and constantly choose to see their light together as a guiding force focused on the building of the spiritual body. The light they shine is polarizing and powerful. Because of their constant demand for a choice to be made, one can use opportunities in which the opposition is present to learn and investigate the nature of the points involved. So let us strive to harness these energies where they meet. Opposites attract as well as repel. Left alone the cost is always sacrifice, but working with the energies there is the option of spiritual cooperation. Directed thinking and visualization are our constant tools. We use meditation and love to work with each opposition, seeing the outcome of a whole and beautiful spiritual result. No matter how this lily is gilded, there is always a choice to be made; but the difference now is that with alchemy and directed thinking we can make that choice willingly out of love. We have the tools. We only must pick them up to use them. In the first chapter of *Laws of Occultism*, Zain tells us, "Only through a knowledge of spiritual laws can man mold his spiritual environment and enjoy, while yet on earth, spiritual powers."

Remember that adage that when God closes a door, a window is opened? Our horoscopes provide just such help with ameliorating aspects where oppositions are present. Most always there are trines or sextiles to one or both of the points involved in each opposition. Think of these ameliorating aspects as the space where mean or middle of any action resides as we strive for a virtuous life. The mean in this case can be found in harmonizing the opposition without "poking the bear."

We must put our fears aside. "Fear is a mind killer" is part of the opening lines of the book, *Stranger in a Strange Land*. There is a sign in my office that says, "What would I have done had I not been afraid?" Both of these have provided lifelong inspiration for me as I face my fears. Find your inspirations and strength now wherever possible. Where the opposition is concerned, the choice must eventually be

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the Alefbayt (AB), is strongly associated with the Ennead, and therefore the concept of climax, completion, and realization. In the same way that the first inklings of an idea have their seeds in the Monad, which then progresses symbolically to its point of realization in the Ennead, so too is the completion of any process modeled by the progression from Monad to Ennead. Additionally, it is worth remembering that the gestation of a human being requires exactly 9 full months, an idea which could easily have played in the minds of the sages when they conceived of the decimal numbering system itself. Finally, as a “Trinity of Trinities”, the Ennead (and therefore Tayt) represents spiritual, physical, and mental completion.

As the seventh letter, Zayin is closely associated with the Heptad. Of all the numbers within the Decad, the Heptad (7) is most closely associated with the Monad (1), which symbolizes the perfection and unity of God. Mathematically, there are several justifications for this association. The Heptad was anciently known as “Virgin”, as no other number in the Decad enters into it evenly (e.g., as 2 enters into 4, or as 3 enters into 6 and 9). It was also called “Childless”, as it cannot produce any number within the Decad through multiplication (as 2 produces 4, or as 3 produces 6 and 9). Furthermore, neither 1 nor 7 can be expressed as a product of any two whole numbers except for itself and 1 (i.e., they are prime). Finally, 7 is the only number between 1 and 10 that cannot enter evenly into 360, the number of degrees in a circle. *For this final reason, it is physically impossible to draw a perfect Heptagon, while it is possible to draw all other polygonal figures within the Decad.* The Ancients saw in these facts the symbolism of something that remains forever beyond the profane world of the here and now. They saw in it the light in the darkness; an eternal reminder of the pure, spiritual state which animates and perpetuates

the physical world, but which can never be completely replicated by it.

As Tzade is a composite sounds made up of /t/ and /z/, we can, among many homiletic interpretations, summarize it as representing a state of *spiritual completion*.

Those who have developed and matured sufficiently as to recognize the interconnectedness of all things cannot help but act in ways that support the dignity and purpose of the universe. They are ever guided towards behaving and acting in ways that foster the greater good and Divine intent of the world. We can see in this a restatement of Zain’s Universal Moral Code, “A soul is completely moral when it is contributing its utmost to cosmic welfare.” (Course XIX, Organic Alchemy). When a person constantly strives to put others above self, to take only their fair share but no more, even in the face of temptation

or opportunity, and when they are able to apply this ability consistently and even joyously, then we may begin to believe that they are truly modeling the Tzadik, the Righteous One.

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made; however, remember that we can make another choice at another time! We are not bound by the choice forever. Keep in mind that the opposition will always pull to the side of the strongest planet or point in the opposition by astrodyne power. It does not have to be this way, but it takes energy and determination to pull toward the weaker side. In our spiritual growth, spending the energy to do this is of great benefit. In my own recent experience, I have chosen a path on which I have not traveled. It has been dark and frightening, but along this journey I have found new realities and ideas; I have come to terms with demons I had thought long since gone, and I have found a new peace and new energy in my opposition to carry me forward on this spiritual journey. Remember, this life is a practice for that life which is to come. Faith without work is death, complacency is death, etc., so let's practice our oppositions for our spiritual growth!

Let us begin our practice by first listing all the Oppositions first in the natal horoscope and then in the progressed chart. For this aspect, be sure to give lots of room on the paper to write in the following information: Planet/sign/house opposing Planet/sign/house, then also note which planet in this aspect is the strongest, as this will be the source of the power of the aspect and where it most often manifests.

Engage in a specific activity, as in writing, sculpture, collage, drama, to help see how they both manifest in your life. It seems that in the case of the Opposition a great activity would be to create an actual dialogue between the planets in the signs and houses in which they describe themselves and how they feel being in relationship with each other in this aspect. Write this dialogue down or at least record it in your spiritual journal. Meditate carefully on each Opposition and its ameliorating points for more inspiration as to how it can be used to improve spiritual and temporal growth.

Repeat this process for each Opposition in the natal and progressed horoscopes.

Our work here can be joyful or painful. We are so fortunate to have the teachings of The Church of Light and one another. There is a still beauty in working with others using our tools. Practicing reading astrological charts and tarot cards for others is a special way to hone our own skills and to reach out to others who may be looking for a spiritual path to follow. Not sharing what we have is detrimental to our own growth and the growth of our wonderful organization. Those of us who have gone before you know how difficult it is to begin to read for others, but I promise you that once that practice is begun, growth is exponential. To grow, we must function outside of our comfort zone. This may be the biggest opposition we face as Stellarians and humans.

So Shall It Be

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If we are inflexible, unwilling to bend, or place our personal wishes above those of another, we are usually unable to maintain a relationship. The desires for self-absorption and the desires for companionship are in direct conflict with one another. The more powerful of the two planets or the more powerful of the two houses will generally determine if we live a solitary life fulfilling our own needs, or live a life of companionship, accommodating the needs of another to greater or lesser degrees.

The Opposition aspect is like the Conjunction aspect in both power and orb of aspect. Luminaries in Angular Houses have the widest orb of aspect – 15 degrees. The difference between the two aspects is that the desires engaged in a Conjunction participate in an integrative fashion, blending their desires mutually into an inseparable compound that expresses as Prominence. On the other hand, the Opposition is disintegrative and brings desires into direct competition with one another until one side

dominates and suppresses the other. Nevertheless, both the Conjunction and the opposition are aspects of “greatness” in charts as both aspects bestow energy that can lift an individual into eminence and distinction. In the case of the Conjunction, they are brought into prominence through integrating their desires along a powerful line of force that leads to accomplishment. With the Opposition, greatness is achieved through surmounting obstacles and making difficult choices; these choices frequently involve the necessity of sacrificing one set of desires for another. Great men and great women usually become so because they have struggled to overcome some obstacle in their lives. For overcoming challenges and adversity is what builds great character.



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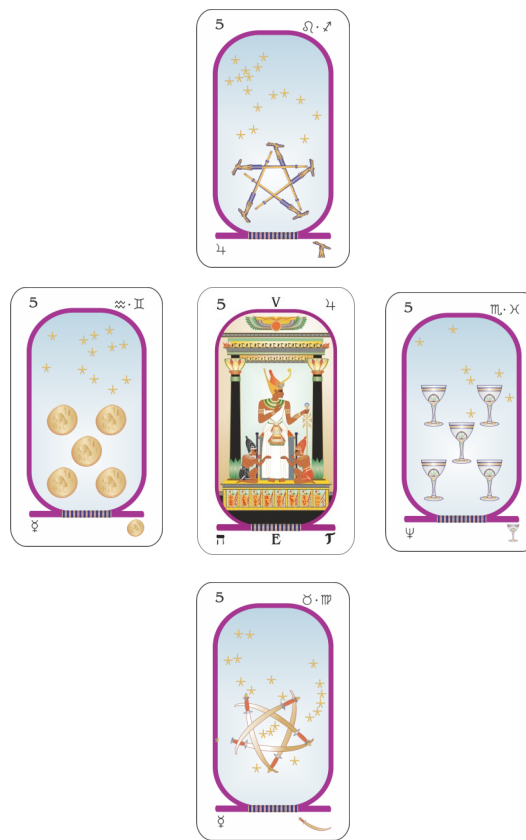
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Tarot Correspondence — The Fives



Divination

The Fives

The divinatory significance of the Five of Scepters is good fortune in business;

its inner interpretation is REFORMATION.

The divinatory significance of the Five of Cups is good fortune in love;

its inner interpretation is RESPONSIBILITY.

The divinatory significance of the Five of Coins is abundant wealth;

its inner interpretation is INSPIRATION.

The divinatory significance of the Five of Swords is escape from a danger;

its inner interpretation is STRUGGLE.

From CS6, The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Sample Tarot Spread—The “Yes or No” Spread

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked: Will I find the perfect tenant for my furnished rental?

Card Spread

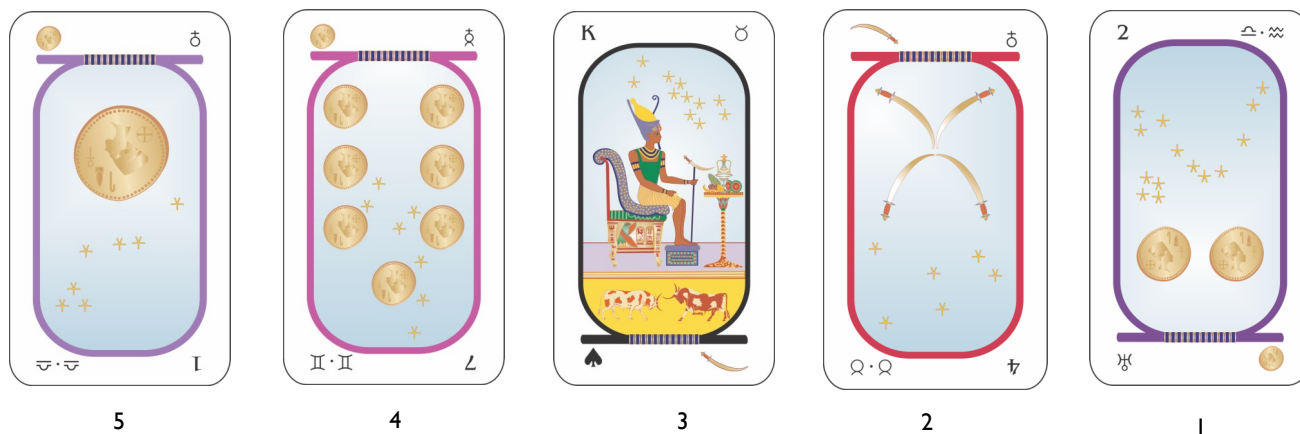
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The Recent Past: The Four of Swords (reversed). “The divinatory significance of the Four of Swords is remorse for past action; its inner interpretation is DETERMINATION.”

The Present: The King of Swords “The King of Swords signifies a person ruled by the sign Taurus: reserved, sullen and practical. Right way up it denotes a Taurus man; reversed it indicates a Taurus woman. The dominant idea is I HAVE.”

The Near Future: The Seven of Coins (reversed). “The divinatory significance of the Seven of Coins is money earned through a journey; its inner interpretation is INTUITION.”

The Distant Future: The Ace of Coins (reversed). “The divinatory significance of the Ace of Coins is a short journey; its inner significance is POLICY.”



Summary

The Querent is looking to let a furnished rental unit.

The Distant Past: The Deuce of Coins, is read as “money acquired by hard labor”, and the querent is someone who has always worked three to four jobs to make ends meet.

The Recent Past: The Four of Swords (reversed) is interpreted as “remorse for past action” and the querent wants to avoid the pitfalls he’s experienced with previous tenants.

The Present: The King of Swords “signifies a person ruled by the sign Taurus.” Quite possibly this represents the tenant he will select.

The Near Future: The Seven of Coins (reversed) is interpreted as “money earned through a journey.” The querent will be posting with a site for itinerant nurses and physicians coming to the university.

The Distant Future: The Ace of Coins (reversed) is interpreted as “a short journey: or by its inner meaning: “POLICY.” The querent will need to have a good contract or rental agreement in place for self-protection.

Summary

The Yes or No spread is comprised of five cards laid out from left to right. Cards 1 and 2 represent the past of the matter, the center card represents the present, and cards 4 and 5 symbolize the future. Right-side-up cards represent a yes answer, and reversed cards no. Each card is worth the value of one point for yes or no, with the exception of the center card, which has the value of two points.

In this spread, three of the cards were reversed, the first card and the center card were right-side-up, indicating an “undecided” answer.

Three of the cards in this spread are Coins which represent financial matters, and two Swords are concerns with practicality and not repeating past mistakes. No doubt the querent will be able to find a tenant, perhaps just not the “perfect” tenant.

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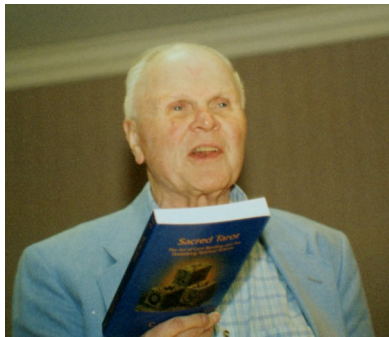
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In Memoriam



Donald Baker

July 11, 1924 - July 22, 2018

Donald Baker was one of those people that every organization HOPES to have as a member. His spirit was instrumental in keeping The Church of Light vital not only through his financial generosity but through the gift of time he shared by teaching for the New York Center and serving for many years on the Board of Directors. His enthusiasm for the lessons extended to sharing with family, friends and acquaintances. His gift of humor added a light moment to many late night board meetings as well as a few good natured sighs at their corniness!

Donald's introduction to the lessons came from his father who was a member of The Church of Light. Joining The Church of Light in 1949, he and his wife Barbara were active together over the many years since. He was an active member of the New York City Church of Light Center in the 1950's and 60's. Donald and Barbara attended several conferences over the years.

He will be deeply missed and we are happy for his new adventures in *The Next Life*, his favorite book!

Doug Heimbichner

August 16, 1953 - April 21, 2018

Doug joined the Church of Light in 1988 and became a Hermetician in 2014. Doug was an active member of The Order of the Sphinx, and for the last three years he served as the Mentor Program Coordinator. He will be missed by all the members he helped along the path as well as those who called him friend!

Gerry Viray

March 15, 1932 - December 11, 2017

Gerry worked at the Church of Light in the printing department from the late 1960's through the mid 1990's. He was the caretaker for the Benjamin property on Coral Street, affectionately known as "The Hill".



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Radine Ramsey



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