

THE NINTH HOUSE



THE CHURCH OF LIGHT JUNE, 2010

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THE HERMETIC ASTROLOGY OF C. C. ZAIN



C. C. Zain

Elbert Benjamine (AKA C. C. Zain) was perhaps the most prolific astrological author in the first half of the 20th Century. Between the years 1915 – 1952 he wrote thousands of articles and numerous books including the 24 books that comprise the 21 Brotherhood of Light Lessons. His astrological system, for which he coined the term “Hermetic” combined ancient practice, contemporary mathematics, and an active research department. His work would impact future generations of astrological notables such as Doris Chase-Doane, Lynne Palmer and Lois Rodden.

Church of Light members and friends living in the Upper-Midwest will have the opportunity to attend an all-day intensive of Hermetic astrology on Saturday June 12th. In this workshop hosted by the Chicago-based Friends of Astrology, Church of Light instructor Christopher Gibson will present three astrological techniques that are distinctive to the Hermetic System of Astrology. Beginning with Astrodynes we will explore the unique system of quantifying power for each of the planets, signs, houses, and aspects in an astrological chart. Special attention will be given to identifying the “conditioning” energy (harmony or discord) present in each one of these factors. The Hermetic System of Progressions combines Major, Minor and Transit reinforcements as a predictive tool for determining when and what type of events will happen. The program will culminate with the practice of “Alchemy” a transformative tool used for correcting the discords found in a chart in order to channel one’s energies in the most constructive direction. Each section will build upon the knowledge gained in the previous section.

Sponsored by The Friends of Astrology, the workshop will be held at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 South Halsted, Chicago. For prices and to register contact Omari Martin, Treasurer FOA:

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ALBUQUERQUE-ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday Service - “Our Work on the Inner Plane ”**
June 20th—11 a.m.
- **The Planets (Sun, Moon, & Mercury)**
Sundays —11 a.m.
June 6th, 13th, & 27th

**For details on Albuquerque activities call:
505-247-1338**

FORT WORTH-ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday Service, Gemini**
June 20th—11 a.m.
- **Spiritual Astrology Applied**
Tuesday June 1st, 7—9 p.m.
- **Cosmic Alchemy**
Tuesday June 8th, 7—9 p.m.

**For details on Ft. Worth activities call:
817-921-5809**

JUNE’S NIGHT SKY

Venus, visible on the western horizon after sunset, remains the evening star throughout the month. She’ll be especially beautiful after sunset on the 14th and 15th when she is in conjunction with the crescent of the New Moon.

Mars and Saturn can also be viewed during June, after sunset in the western quadrant. The

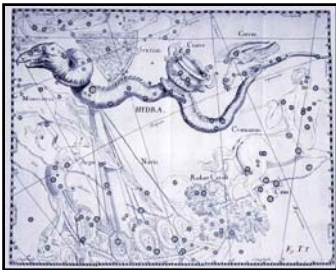
Moon moves forward to conjunct Mars on the 16th and 17th, and as she increases in light will conjunct Saturn on the 18th and 19th.

Jupiter will be seen by early-riser throughout June, rising after 2 a.m. and remaining visible as he climbs ever higher toward the zenith by sunrise. Look for the waxing Moon in

conjunction with Jupiter during the early morning hours of the 5th and 6th.

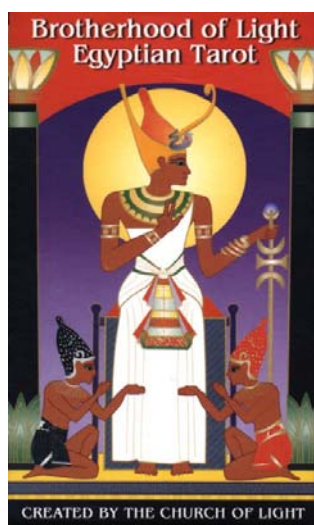
The New Moon of the 12th will be exact at 5:15 a.m. MDT. The Full Moon becomes exact at 5:30 a.m. MDT on the 26th.

The Summer Solstice, which marks the longest day of the year, falls on the 21st at 5:30 a.m. MDT.



Hydra

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FOLKLORE AND ASTRO-MYTHOLOGY

In Greek mythology the Lernaean Hydra was an ancient water-serpent possessing nine heads. One of the heads was immortal. Like most of monsters of Greek mythology, Hydra was born from the union of the terrifying creatures Typhon and Echidna. The Hydra's lair was in Lake Lerna in the Peloponnesus, where it guarded one of the entrances to the underworld.

The greatest hero of Greek mythology was Heracles, who's name means "the Glory of Hera." One of the Twelve Labors of Hercules was to slay the deadly Hydra who's breath and tracks were poisonous. In approaching the Hydra, Heracles had to cover his nose and mouth to avoid contact with the deadly fumes. Wielding a sickle, he attempted to cut off one of Hydra's heads, only to discover that two would grow in its place. Heracles called upon his nephew Iolaus who had the inspiration to immediately cauterize the area where the heads were cut to prevent new ones from growing in their place. Once defeated, Heracles placed the remaining immortal head beneath a boulder.

Heracles was the son of Zeus through his liaison with Alcmena. Zeus's wife Hera was jealous of his

philandering and sent a giant crab to deter Heracles in his labor of defeating the Hydra. Once Hydra was vanquished, Heracles dipped his arrow tips in the toxic blood of the serpent. Later, one of these poisoned arrows was used to wound the immortal Chiron, most famous of the Centaurs.

In Spiritual Astrology, C .C. Zain describes the symbolism of these numerous heads of Hydra;

"...it has been found by modern psychologists, through wide experience with hypnosis, psychoanalysis and innumerable specially devised tests, that there is one head, or governing attribute within the unconscious mind of man which ever dominates the soul; which never is relinquished, and which never takes a second place so long as life shall last. More commonly it is referred to as the desire for significance. It is the inner urge to be and to accomplish."

The Labors of Hercules are legendary. Not only is he pictured in the night sky as a constellation surrounded by the other actors in his drama; Chiron (Centaurus), the Nemean Lion (Leo), the giant crab (Cancer), and the many-headed serpent (Hydra).

ONLINE CLASSES AND SERVICES

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OUR NEW COLOR TAROT DECK

The Church of Light is very excited to announce the publication of our new full color Egyptian Tarot Deck. This beautiful deck is the result of ten months of effort by Vicki Brewer, who redesigned colored the original 1936 black and white deck. Included with this deck is a 40 page booklet with excerpts from *The Sacred Tarot*, the companion volume to this deck.

The designer has skillfully coordinated the Minor Arcanum by matching a colored cartouche that vibrates to the astrological tone of the corresponding Major Arcanum. The card backs, a lavish improvement on the 1936 originals are artistically laid out like an oriental carpet incorporating The Brotherhood of Light symbol and symbols from the sphinx.

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