

THE NINTH HOUSE



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THE CHURCH OF LIGHT

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Church of Light annual business meeting will take place at Church of Light Headquarters, 2119 Gold Avenue SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Friday November 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. MST. Out-of-State members who would like to participate can do so by logging on to www.churchoflight.tv.

This year's annual business meeting coincides with the annual meeting of the Hermetician's group known as The Order Of The Sphinx. The annual meeting of The Order will take place on Saturday November 20, 2010 at 9 a.m. MST. The afternoon program will either include a workshop, social event or field trip. All Hermeticians are encouraged to join The Order and participate in this weekend event.



The Order Of The Sphinx—June 2007

ADVERTISE IN THE 2011 CONVENTION PROGRAM

This coming year the Church of Light 2011 Convention Program will feature advertising space. This is an opportunity for our members to make their services and products known to other members and to help support the cost of hosting the convention. If you do not have a service or business product to advertise, space is also available for special messages to friends, family, or the universe at large! If you are interested in this opportunity, please email your completed artwork along with your space requirement, contact information, All ads and messages will be submitted to you for your final approval before they are printed.

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ALBUQUERQUE-ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday Service**
"The Yin and Yang of It All "
September 19th—11 a.m.
- **The Planets—Neptune & Pluto**
Sundays —11 a.m.
September 12th, & 26th
- **Astrological Indicators for Success**
Thursdays 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Sept 9th—Oct 14th

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

FORT WORTH-ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday Service, Libra**
September 19th—11 a.m.
- **Spiritual Astrology Applied**
Tuesday Sept 7th, 7—9 p.m.
- **Esoteric Psychology**
Tuesday Sept 14th, 7—9 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER'S NIGHT SKY

Look to the western horizon at sunset at the beginning of the month to view Saturn, Mars and Venus.

The New Moon is exact at 4:30 a.m. MDT on the 8th.

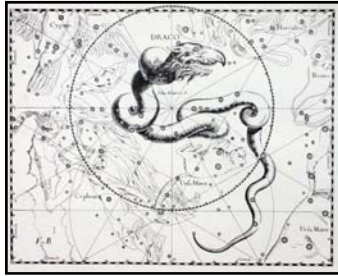
Over a three-day period of the 9th through 11th, one can view

at sunset the sliver of the Crescent Moon consecutively forming a conjunction with Saturn, Mars, and Venus.

The 22nd marks the Autumnal Equinox, when at 9:09 p.m. MDT the Sun passes southward over the equator. There will also

be a conjunction of the Waxing Moon with Jupiter this evening, which can be viewed on the eastern horizon at sunset.

The Full Moon known as the "Harvest Moon" takes place at 3:17 a.m. on the 23rd.



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FOLKLORE AND ASTRO-MYTHOLOGY

Draco, Latin for dragon is a circumpolar constellation recognized as one of the 48 constellations by the 2nd century astrologer Ptolemy. In the ancient Egyptian pantheon of deities, the constellation Draco was identified as Tawaret, goddess of the northern sky and patroness of childbirth and fertility. Tawaret was pictured as a composit creature; part hippopotamus, lion and crocodile. Thuban, or alpha draconis one of the stars of this constellation served as the pole star around 2700 BC.

Most cultures around the world include dragons as part of their mythologies. Dragons share a commonality of being giant serpents often times fire-breathing or poisonous. In the Chinese custom dragons have legs and in the European tradition they are winged. In Indian folklore, the equivalent of the dragon is the naga, a giant King Cobra.

One of the most venerated saints in the Christian tradition is St. George who is both the patron saint of England and the Georgian Republic, named after the saint. His iconography includes the dragon he vanquished after rescuing a fair princess who had been offered as a sacrificial victim to the beast.

In some schools of astrology the dragon's symbolism has continued on as *Caput Draconis*, the Dragon's Head, or North Node of the Moon, and *Cauda Draconis*, the Dragon's Tail or the South Node of the Moon. The nodes of the Moon have long been used for the prediction of eclipses. A solar ellipse always coincides with a New Moon

and the lunar eclipse with the Full Moon, providing they are within one and a half degrees of the lunar nodes.

In Greek mythology, the hero Hercules was commanded by his cousin Eurystheus to complete 12 Labors. The 11th of these labors was to collect the golden apples of the Hesperides, three nymphs who tended Hera's garden at the far western edge of the known world. These golden apples which bestowed immortality to whomever ate them were a wedding gift to Hera by the earth-goddess, Gaia. Around this tree wound the ever-vigilant dragon Ladon, guardian of the apples. Just as the dragon Ladon never slept, as a circumpolar constellation, Draco never sets below the horizon. Like St. George, Hercules had to slay the dragon in order to retrieve the apples.

In *Spiritual Astrology* C. C. Zain aligns the constellation Draco with the Aquarius or second decanate (♈-♊) of the sign of Libra where the Sun passes each year from October 3rd—13th. The keyword associated with this decanate is "policy." Policy generally refers to a principle or rule which guides decisions and achieves desired outcomes. Policies are developed by individuals, and corporate bodies such as organizations and political parties. The spiritual text for Draco is an example of a policy—it reads: "Deal justly, even with thy enemies; for it is better to suffer evil than to retaliate with vengeance."

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