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Zain's descriptions were based on the translation of a more ancient, mysterious manuscript that had been translated into French in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by Paul Christian, and later translated into English by Genevieve Stebbins. This manuscript, attributed to Iamblichus, also included the admonitions associated with each of the major Arcanum found in *The Sacred*

*Tarot*. In this three hour Tarot Intensive, part III of a series that commenced in 2007, Christopher Gibson will explore the possible sources of this secret manuscript, the inseparable history of Tarot cards and playing cards, and the significance of the pairings of the Tarot Arcana on the pillars of the temple.

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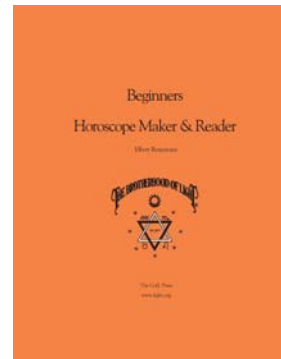
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THE CHURCH OF LIGHT

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## CONVENTION 2011: THE ROYAL PATH TO SPIRIT

Mark your calendars for June 22—26. In honor of our newly published color Tarot deck, Convention 2011: The Royal Path to Spirit will feature the Tarot or Silver Key of The Brotherhood of Light tradition. We have fun-filled pre-conference tours planned and an exciting roster of speakers who will answer all your questions regarding the Tarot.



Sandra Mayo, a popular presenter at Church of Light conventions, believes that the consciousness of the Soul is a logical, accessible science and that the universe functions by laws which can be known and studied. Sandra is one of the founders of the Clinton Astrological Association which holds monthly meetings with guest speakers. In 1993 the CAA joined the ranks of the Church of Light and began studying the Brotherhood of Light Lessons one chapter at a time. Sandra's company, Applied Stellar Dynamics, is based in Alexandria, Virginia, from which she serves a large client base, making several trips to Europe each year. Sandra Mayo and the Clinton Astrological Association will be returning to Albuquerque to wow us by giving a dramatic voice to the Trump Cards of the Tarot. In Plato's dialogue Theaetetus, Socrates at-

tempts to establish that what we call 'sounds' and 'colours' are two different classes of the same thing. Sandra's presentation will explore the practical application of the Tarot for knowledge of thought-vibrations, character-vibrations and astrological-vibrations in selecting those invisible (elemental) influences which assist to bring into the life the things which are desired and which prevent attracting events and conditions which are undesirable. The process of choosing one's name, naming children, and moving to a new address will be discussed.



Marc Demarest specializes in researching Modern Spiritualism and the Occult Revival and is the curator of the Emma Harding Britten Archive ([www.ehbritten.org](http://www.ehbritten.org)). He is also a principal in Noumenal, Inc., an international management consulting firm. Demarest did his graduate work in Victorian Studies at the University of South Carolina, under the supervision of Patrick Scott, and is currently writing a biography of Emma Hardinge Britten, and preparing a Victorian Spiritualist reader, both slated for publication in 2011. He also curates the web site for the International Association for the Preservation of Spiritualist and Occult Periodicals, a 501 non-profit educational organization. A docu-

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## THE NIGHT SKIES: APRIL—JUNE, 2011

On April 1st early-risers will be treated to the sight of the crescent Moon in conjunction with Venus and Mars on the eastern horizon shortly before sunrise. At the beginning of the month both Jupiter and Mercury can be viewed on the western horizon shortly after sunset. As Jupiter and Mercury descend below the horizon Saturn can be seen rising in the east. The New Moon becomes exact at 8:32 a.m. MDT on the morning of April 3rd. On April 4th, the crescent of the New Moon can be seen in conjunction with Mercury at sunset. The waxing Moon will be in conjunction with Saturn on the 16th, this can be observed from sunset to sunrise of the following day. The Full Moon is perfect on Sunday April 17 at 8:43 p.m. MDT. April 30th—May 2nd, early-risers can be treated to the crescent Moon on the eastern horizon in conjunction with Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Mars just before sunrise. The May New Moon will take place on the 3rd at 12:51 a.m. MDT. Look to the eastern horizon before sunrise on May 9th to see a close conjunction of Mercury and Venus. Mars and Jupiter will also be close by. On May 11th, before sunrise Jupiter, Venus, and Mercury will all be within one degree of one another. The evening of May 14th, will feature a conjunction of the Moon and Saturn. The Full Moon of May will be exact at 5:08 a.m. MDT on the 17th. Mercury and Mars are in conjunction with Venus the 20th through 23rd. The crescent Moon can be viewed successively in conjunction with Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury during the predawn hours of the 29th through 30th. June starts off with the New Moon on the 1st at 3:02 p.m. MDT. The Moon can be viewed on the zenith with Saturn at sunset of June 10th. The Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse will take place at 2:13 p.m. MDT on the 15th and be completely visible over Africa and Central Asia. This is one of two total eclipse of the Moon that will be visible in 2011. Look to the eastern horizon in the early morning hours of the 25th—30th to see the crescent Moon in conjunction with Jupiter, Mars and Venus.

2011 CALENDAR—SECOND QUARTER

ALBUQUERQUE-ACTIVITIES

April

- April 3, 9:30 a.m. – Understanding the Tarot
- April 10, 9:30 a.m. – Astrology Lab
- April 17, 11 a.m.—Sunday Service—Taurus
- April 24, 9:30 a.m.—Mundane Astrology Roundtable

May

- May 1, 9:30 a.m. — Understanding the Tarot
- May 8, 9:30 a.m. — Astrology Lab
- May 15, 11 a.m.—Sunday Service—Gemini
- May 22, 9:30 a.m. — Mundane Astrology Roundtable
- May 29, 9:30 a.m. — Understanding the Tarot

June

- June 5, 9:30 a.m. — Understanding the Tarot
- June 12, 9:30 a.m.—Astrology Lab
- June 22—26—Convention

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FORT WORTH-ACTIVITIES

April

- April 5, 7-9 p.m.— Applied Astrodynes—Power
- April 12, 7-9 p.m.— Stellar Healing
- April, 17, 11 a.m.— Sunday Service—Taurus

May

- May 3, 7-9 p.m.—Applied Astrodynes-Harmony
- May 10, 7-9 p.m.— Stellar Healing
- May 15, 11 a.m.—Sunday Service—Gemini

June

- Jun 7, 7-9 p.m.—Applied Eclipse
- June 14, 7-9 p.m.— Stellar Healing
- June 19, 11 a.m.—Sunday Service—Cancer-Solstice

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ment titled *The History and Principles of The Church of Light*, informs us that it was through two books, *Ghost Land* and *Art Magic*, both translated and edited by Emma Hardinge Britten, that The Brotherhood of Light Teachings first came to America. As one of two guest presenters at our pre-conference intensive, Marc will share some of his most recent discoveries, including who his researches reveal may have been the mysterious author of *Ghost Land*.



K. Paul Johnson, author of five books, joined the Church of Light in January 2006. His second book, *The Masters Revealed: Madame Blavatsky and the Myth of the Great White Lodge* (SUNY Press, 1994), is the background for the discussion which appears in the film *Madame Blavatsky: Spiritual Traveler*. The last of his three books in the Western Esoteric Traditions series from SUNY Press was *Edgar Cayce in Context*, published in 1998. Before retiring in 2008, Johnson was the director of three public library systems in southern Virginia. He has a keen interest in the Alchemy courses in the Brotherhood of Light lessons. In his special preconference presentation Paul about will explore mysteries associated with three colleagues who have been credited with helping T.H. Burgoyne to write *The Light of Egypt*: Norman Astley, Genevieve Stebbins, and Sarah Stanley Grimke.



Christopher Gibson is a Certified Grand Master of the Tarot with the American Tarot Association. He began his journey with the Tarot in 1969, when a classmate gave him the Ryder-Waite deck of tarot cards. In November 1973, his Tarot explorations took an unexpected turn; a powerful dream that included passing before Egyptian images in a dark passageway, persuaded a coworker to introduce him to The Brotherhood of Light Tarot deck. The next two years Christopher spent in seclusion in the forests of northern California studying The Brotherhood of Light Lessons, before returning to Los Angeles and joining the Church of Light in 1976. Upon becoming a Hermetician in 1978, Christopher was elected to the Board of Directors of the Church of Light where he has served in varying capacities as president, vice-president, corporate secretary, and director. During the late 1970's, Christopher had the opportunity to study closely with the renown Tarot instructor Jesse Montoya. In 1980, a week before his death, Jesse asked that Christopher take over teaching his Tarot classes. Christopher is familiar to many through his national television appearances on NBC, FOX, and CNN. He has been featured in *Who's Who in America*, *LA Inside Out*, and *Faces of Faith*. In *The Ritual of Egyptian Initiation*, the first serial in The Brotherhood of Light Lessons, C. C. Zain writes about the rigorous trials that initiates underwent during their preparation for acceptance into the mystery schools.

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- Ethics for Astrologers, with Meg Dissinger (1 class)
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- Hermetic Progressions in Action, with Christopher Gibson (5 classes)
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