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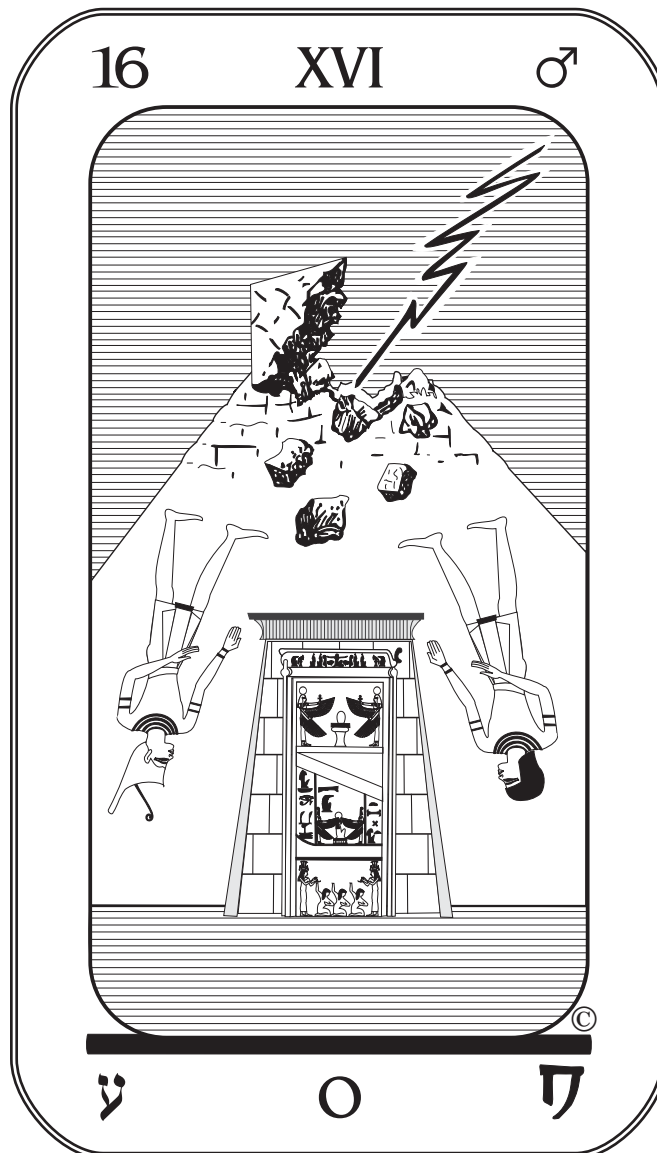
Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XVII ***The Lightning***

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In picturing what might be expected from Saturn, the ancients portrayed only his most malign influence; but when in designing the tarot they came to the symbolical and pictographic explanation of Mars, in addition to his malefic power, which they emphasized, they also indicated less conspicuously, his beneficial attributes. Yet to read the works of the astrologers preceding the twentieth century, is to become impressed with their belief that all the good in the world derives from Jupiter and Venus, and all the misfortunes of man are to be traced to the influence of those two malefics, Saturn and Mars.

Nevertheless one could almost issue a challenge for them to produce the chart of any person who had accomplished noteworthy work which had given him wide recognition, in which both Saturn and Mars were not prominent. To accomplish almost anything unusually worth while, one must have more energy than is at the command of the average run of men, and this alone Mars can



give. Also, to accomplish some high purpose, that energy must be directed persistently, systematically and diligently, which can be done only by those with a prominent birth chart Saturn.

However, the ancient Masters were quite correct in explaining the more commonly recognized influence of the planet Mars in tarot Major Arcanum XVI, as The Lightning. Research has revealed that in 78% of accidents, at the time they happen there is a progressed aspect in the birth chart to the planet Mars. Accidents also occur when there is a progressed aspect either to Uranus or Saturn, but with far less frequency than when there is an aspect to Mars.

Thus outstanding in the tarot explanation of the Mars energies, there is pictured a pyramid decapitated by a thunderbolt. And

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Every religion must address the problem of suffering. One cannot help but wonder - If there is a benevolent Deity, then why is there so much suffering in the world?

Although the Book of Genesis tells us that humans are created in the “image” and “likeness” of God, it is clear that throughout history societies have created gods in their image and likeness. These anthropomorphic gods have been equipped with human behavior, emotions, and motivations. Events which we interpret as favorable or unfavorable are interpreted through the narrow spectrum of human emotions as either reward or punishment. The Book of Job (which many Biblical scholars believe to be of ancient Sumerian origin) is one of the oldest pieces of literature to address the issue of suffering as retribution from God. In this story prosperity and health are seen as symbols of God’s favor. These concepts promoted by the people of the Old Testament were eagerly embraced by Christianity, especially the followers of the 16th century Protestant reformer, John Calvin. Calvin’s teachings continue to impact the psyche of the majority of the citizens of the United States who perceive hardship and suffering as punishment from God and prosperity as a sign of his favor.

Bad things do happen to good people and the ancients sought to depict that concept in tarot arcanum XVI, The Lightning, sometimes called The Tower, pictured on the cover of this Quarterly. This iconic image which represents catastrophe or disaster pictures two men falling from a pyramid that has been struck by lightning. This is an image that clearly portrays accidents and natural disasters which are associated with the energies of Mars, the lesser malefic of astrology. The two men depicted as a priest and a commoner represent the idea that in the natural world we all get struck down alike; neither rank, status, or wealth can preserve us from misfortune. In the language of universal symbolism this tarot card reflects the concepts of catastrophe.

The Brotherhood of Light teachings hold that the universe is populated by a ceaseless surge of life seeking to manifest itself wherever the conditions are appropriate. The Deific One has called all of creation into being in order for souls to gain experience through form. Life becomes a training ground by which we gain ability as each soul grows through those experiences encountered. As each soul gains experience and ability it moves towards fulfilling an even more complex role in God’s Great Plan. In our soul’s spiritual progression it is not the type of event that is important, but

rather how we react to that event and integrate it into our soul’s experience. The admonition for the Hierophant reads, “...before saying of a man that he is fortunate or unfortunate, thou must know the use to which he has put his will; for every man creates his life in the image of his works.”

Life differs not in kind, but by the evolutionary level of its expression from simple to more complex forms. Our existence in human form is just one part of the process of life. Every form of life from single-celled organisms to human have the same basic needs of finding nutrition, protecting itself against those forces in the environment that are inimical to its survival, and to continue the genetic code through reproduction. The biological purpose of pain is to inform the organism that it is not successfully adapting to its environment. The reaction to pain can be either fight or flight. If we are unable to perceive that we are being harmed, we are unable to do anything to prevent it.

Experiences with pain have the beneficial side-effect of making us more compassionate. Throughout the ages spiritually-evolved beings have encouraged us to live a life by which we create the least amount of pain for any living creature. On the other hand, pleasure operates to inform the organism of those things that are beneficial to it. There is a desire to comfortably remain in those environments in which we have sufficient food, protection from elements and enemies, and the opportunity to reproduce. Remaining in a secure and prosperous environment insures that life, expressed as the evolving genetic material has the opportunity to thrive.

Tragedies are not always personal. Sometimes they affect entire communities. On December 26, 2004 an earthquake off the coast of Sumatra triggered a tsunami that wreaked havoc in more than twelve nations that border the Indian Ocean. As of February 2005, government agencies and the United Nations have tallied the death toll at 169,752 with 127,294 people listed as missing and presumed dead. Outside of pandemics and the human-caused effects of war this is perhaps the greatest measurable loss of life contributed to a single event. In response to this incredible tragedy we immediately witnessed an outpouring of compassion in the form of one of the greatest relief efforts ever coordinated. These efforts continue to this day as the communities impacted by this disaster struggle to return to normalcy. At the same time that relief efforts moved forward the internet be-

came flooded with the statements of mean-spirited religionists who interpreted the natural disaster as a symbol of God's wrath as punishment for those regions of the earth that did not practice the same faith as they do. There is a sad human tendency to want to blame the victim for the crisis that has befallen them. This is usually accompanied by a sense of smug superiority that since the disaster did not take place in their own back yard that they are somehow in favor with their god. We are reminded of the admonition for arcanum XVI: "reflect on the old oaks that have defied the ravages of time and have finally been brought down after a century of immunity; and think that thou too mayst be brought low at the very moment of thy great arrogance by some unexpected blow." None of us are immune from crisis, as symbolized by The Lightning-it can strike at any time.

Human beings are one of the most adaptable of species surviving in every climate from the equator to the arctic. Although humans can survive in the most inhospitable terrain, they thrive in environments that produce enough food to support growing populations. Anthropologists believe that there has been a human presence in Indonesia for almost 1.8 million years. Indonesia is an archipelago comprised of over 17,000 islands with a population of over 200 million. It has a high population density at about 106 persons per square kilometer. In a region of the world where the tectonic plates collide, this island nation has over 400 volcanoes of

which 70 are active. The volcanic ash produces a rich soil which nourishes the crops that sustain a large population. However, when you live near where tectonic plates collide you are subject to the dangers of volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunami. These dangers are a fact of nature, not an act of an avenging Deity.

Pain is the great educator. Its lessons are far more memorable than are pleasurable ones. We can learn and grow from all our experiences, especially the painful ones. One can never replace the incredible loss of life. However we can hop to learn from this horrible tragedy. Perhaps we will develop better warning systems for earthquakes and tsunamis and safer methods of construction for developing nations. Perhaps the world can learn to come together in the spirit of mutual assistance rather than as warring factions. Through this tragedy we can learn how to be more compassionate and give with a generous heart.

None of us can make it through life unscathed by painful experiences. Unlike the philosophies of the dominant culture in which we find ourselves surrounded, Stellarians do not perceive these painful experiences as the act of an avenging god. We see them as yet another lesson in the schooling we call life. We may not be able avoid catastrophes, nor always be prepared for them. How we handle ourselves in the midst of tragedy reflects our spiritual development and presents an opportunity for continued growth. ✨

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as a result, a crowned and an uncrowned man are precipitated from a platform, falling down with the rest of the debris.

Now a pyramid is the most stable of solids, is the symbol of the earth, and also represents the climax of earthly security. As composed of four trines, which are its sides, corresponding to the houses of a birth chart, it symbolizes the horoscope of physical life. And thus lightning demolishing the top of the pyramid indicates the violent end which the energies of Mars so often bring; traffic accidents alone in this fair land of ours being responsible for such deaths in the year 1937 to the number of 40,300; with 1,060,000 crippled, disfigured or maimed who survived the impact of this destructive Martial energy.

That the common man and the ruler alike are destroyed, indicates not merely that Nature is no respecter of persons, and that her cataclysms kill the high as well as the low, but also that those rivalries which today are so common among men and nations, take their toll of life among all classes.

Yet the energies of Mars need not be expressed in war, in fire, in accident or in other forms of destruction; for Mars is also the builder. And this those who designed Arcanum XVI were careful also to indicate; for within the pyramid, and safe from harm, are depicted several chambers in which are those who apparently are devoting their energies to con-

structive pursuits. All creative expression depends upon the energies of Mars. We may suppose, therefore, that some of these thus represented as using Mars constructively are artists, that some are surgeons and healers and that some are engineers. All of these require the thought-cells mapped in their birth charts by Mars to be unusually active.

Were we to conclude that rapine and strife, arson and murder, were the only expression of the Mars thought-elements stored in the astral body of man, not only would we misinterpret most birth charts, but we would miss the real significance of the vibrations received from the little red planet, such as the interior of the pyramid explains. For observation of birth charts in connection with people's lives shows conclusively that in any field of useful endeavor in which there is high competition, or in which there is creative effort, only those attain the top who have the Aggressive thought-cells unusually active in their lives, as mapped by a prominent birth chart Mars.

To be more specific, because of the fabulous salaries reputed to be paid, there are few occupations in which the competition is so keen as in acting for the screen. One might think that the first essential of a movie actor would be dramatic talent, such as ruled by Neptune, or that originality, mapped by the planet Uranus in the birth chart, would rank first. And movie stars do nearly always have these two planets prominent in their birth charts. But Brotherhood of Light

Research, based on a careful analysis of the birth charts of 100 of the most prominent movie stars, revealed that a prominent Mars was a more constant factor than any other in their birth charts.

Mars, no doubt, lends a certain vivacity to the actor's performance. But its even greater significance seems to be that to get into pictures requires more aggressiveness and initiative than most people possess. And to stand the strain of the high pressure methods used when a production is under way, makes a demand upon courage and fortitude such as are possessed only by those in whose astral bodies the Aggressive thought-cells are unusually powerful.

Or take vocal musicians: Here again Mars leads all the planets in being most often prominent in their birth charts. To follow this profession successfully, not only must there be a good voice and persistence to develop it, but there must be initiative to forge to the front in spite of difficulties and rebuffs that would completely dishearten one of less militant disposition. To read the biography of almost any nationally known singer or unusually successful screen star is to be amazed at the pluck with which, in spite of terrific adversity, he fought on and up, and finally reached the top. And what is true in these professions is true in some degree wherever strenuous competition exists. It requires Aggressive Urges, such as are mapped by a prominent birth chart Mars, to meet the impacts and still carry on.

Furthermore, as revealed by an analysis of 150 birth charts of people who had lived beyond 70 years of age, there is no birth chart relation which tends so powerfully toward length of life as an aspect from Mars to the Sun. The Sun maps those mental factors within the unconscious mind that cause the individual to strive for significance and thus cling to life which allows that significance to express. An aspect from Mars to the Sun, therefore, shows these Power thought-elements have combined with the Aggressive thought-elements. And nothing so increases the vitality as does this addition of the energies of Mars.

If the thinking, or experiences, which have built the Mars thought-elements into the unconscious mind were discordant, as indicated by Mars in the birth chart in discordant aspect to the Sun, it does not prevent contracting infectious diseases, and it does not prevent serious accidents entering the life. But it does give a recuperative power, an ability to battle with disease and to triumph over the effects of a wound or accident, that those do not have who lack the powerful Aggressive thought-elements within their makeups.

These Mars thought-elements were developed through experiences in a long evolutionary past. Plants learned how, by photosynthesis, to use the sunlight in extracting carbon from the carbon dioxide of the air. That is their chief food supply, although for structural purposes and to generate the electricity which is at the foundation of their life they also needed, as we do, various mineral salts. These they took from the soil.

But acquiring food from the soil and air is a rather slow and laborious process; and also one, as the ground became densely populated, in which there developed keen competition. Those forms which were more aggressive gradually crowded out those which were more retiring. Thus many early types became extinct. The process we have witnessed in recent years, by which the teeming millions of Japan have overrun the Asiatic mainland, and taken what they wanted, is not a new one. It is as old as life on earth. More aggressive forms, those with Mars more prominent in their birth charts, shoulder to one side those with the Aggressive Urges less powerful in their astral bodies.

Nor is the appropriation of the food supply, which in human life often is represented in terms of money, a new thing in the world. The robber barons of the middle ages did not invent the process. Some early single-celled life-form came in contact with another and less aggressive form and ingested it, using what the other through so much labor had acquired for its own selfish purpose. And this method proved so pleasurable, and so highly successful — for it eliminated all the drudgery of gradually and painfully taking nutriment from the cruder source — that a powerful incentive was present to repeat the process. Thus was alimentiveness, which Mars also rules, aided by predatory action.

Mars is the planet of energy which leads to action. So long as an organism is sedentary, and does not move from one spot, its opportunity for appropriating the food supply of others is confined to such creatures as chance its way. But if it can move to where these other creatures live, as the Japanese now have moved across to China, its opportunity to acquire such possessions is tremendously enhanced. And in response to the desires of the Aggressive thought-cells within the unconscious minds of primitive simple organisms there was developed various methods of locomotion; swimming, crawling and in a later age when organisms became more complex, running and flying.

Such locomotion is dependent upon muscular action or its equivalent. That is, the muscular system which enables a highly developed predator to capture its prey and kill it, and which enables grazing animals such as sheep and cattle to find food already manufactured by plants and appropriate it, is an expression of the thought-cells of the unconscious mind into which have been built Aggressive thought-elements. It is quite appropriate, therefore, that the muscular system should be ruled by the planet Mars. This means not only that those possessing vigorous muscles must have Mars prominent in their birth charts, but that diseases affecting the muscles, such as rheumatism, are expressions of discordant types of Aggressive thinking.

Or to put it another way, only people with Mars and Saturn afflicted in their birth charts have rheumatism. And an afflicted Mars signifies that the individual has discordant Aggressive type thoughts. The disease makes its presence first felt only when there is a progressed aspect to either Mars or

Saturn within one degree of perfect. That is, those who suffer from rheumatism habitually think Mars and Saturn types of thoughts; and at the time the disease manifests, one closely associated with them could notice that one or the other of these types of thinking was more in evidence than commonly. It affects the muscles because they are expressions also of the Mars Aggressive Urges.

The predatory propensities developed by some creatures made it necessary for other life-forms to develop defensive methods successfully to cope with them. As life evolved, to be able to survive, it became necessary for those forms which were to persist not only to possess the ability to avoid antagonistic entities, but also to meet and defeat them. Such desires of the Aggressive thought-cells thus in time caused the cacti to grow spines and the rose bush to bear thorns. They gave to the bee and the wasp their stings; and caused Triceratops, the ancient dinosaur, to grow armor plate above his shoulders, and three long pointed horns from his head.

In his day not merely aggressive weapons were required for security, but protective armament as well. He was almost as large as a locomotive, but there were predatory reptiles even larger. In fact, it was the age when fighting machines grew larger and more formidable than any time since the world began, until man became mechanically minded. Think of a toothed monster 47 feet long, weighing as much as an elephant, and standing 18 to 20 feet high! The great jaws were set with teeth from 3 to 6 inches long, and the feet were armed with great sharp claws. Such was Tyrannosaurus Rex. Yet with all his power, all his ability to destroy any other monster of his time, how insignificant he seems in comparison with one of our modern engines of destruction. Big Bertha would blow his fragments from one country into another.

But back in those times the Aggressive thought-cells found other problems to solve. The increasing aridity of the Triassic Period placed a premium upon the ability to travel far and swiftly in search of food and water. As vast areas turned to desert, regions where lush foliage had bordered flowing streams became barren of grass. Water holes were far apart, and, as cattle must do in the desert region today, much country must be covered to get sufficient forage for a meal. As a consequence of the desire for action and high speed, and in response to the Aggressive Urges, certain reptiles learned to fly, and a large group of dinosaurs learned to run on two legs, just as today in arid regions modern lizards often tend to this mode of locomotion.

Food seeking, and the effort to escape or capture enemies, as competition thus increased due to changing environment, undoubtedly caused some of the smaller dinosaurs to take to the trees. A dinosaur running swiftly over the ground on its hind legs would be helped immensely in its speed by using its arms as does a human runner, especially if these

became broadened to resist the air on the backward swing. This release of the desires of all Mars thought-cells for greater and greater speed seems responsible for changing fore limbs into wings.

This much is certain from the records of the rocks, that some species did go into the trees. And it is probable they learned to perch there out of the way of predatory creatures below. They had, judging from their descendants, three long fingers provided with large claws which were used in climbing, even as a modern bird, the Hoactzin of British Guiana, still retains such claws on its wings for this purpose. The pursuit of their prey would lead them to jump rapidly from one limb to another, and if possible from one tree to another.

The desire thus to move rapidly through the trees without descending to the ground, which was full of peril, if the Aggressive desires were intense enough, would act upon the astral form of the offspring, modifying it in the attempt to find a method of accomplishing the sought for results. Or, if we wish to consider something not so dissimilar within our own experience, we can review the development of aviation, and observe how it was aided by the World War.

That millions of dollars were spent on ships which would not fly is incidental. Each side, to harass the enemy and protect their own people from air attack, had before it the necessity of building airplanes which could travel faster, out-manuever and carry more potent methods of destruction than their adversaries could manufacture. And as a result of the urgency of this military necessity, aviation advanced more from 1914 to 1918 than it would have advanced in peace time during a period of fifty years.

And again, as was the case in the creatures which learning to fly developed into birds, we perceive that the energies mapped by Mars may become a source of destruction, or equally potent in construction. The military planes of speed, and the engines built to empower them, gave technical knowledge and equipment which have made possible present-day aviation. Without such a background it seems unlikely that such journeys as those made by the China Clipper would have been undertaken for many decades.

Because those who have a prominent birth chart Mars, as close association demonstrates, take a more aggressive attitude and more habitually think aggressive thoughts than do others; and because they likewise attract the Mars type of events into their lives, it is easy to believe there is a direct relation between the type of thinking done by those who have the Aggressive thought-elements so powerfully entrenched in their astral bodies and the Aggressive type of events which they attract.

But it requires no unusual effort on the part of one who customarily thinks and acts in the Mars manner, to direct both his thoughts and his actions not in the direction of destruction, but toward building something. This is what the doctor commonly does in his practice. And doctors who are successful always have Mars quite prominent in their charts of birth.

Whenever anger, lust or irritation begins to be felt, if the individual will train himself to do so, and have something on which he can express the surplus energy constructively, he can not only make better use of his external behavior, but he can recondition the thought-cells within himself in such a way that in time they will cease to attract accidents and antagonisms, and instead will attract events of a more fortunate nature. Yet it should not be overlooked that the energies thus aroused are creative, and must express in creative work of some kind.

And when anger or irritation in an unguarded moment does get the mastery, which it more easily will do when there is a progressed aspect to Mars within one degree of perfect, as the Aggressive thought-cells then get more energy with which to work, it should be realized that the body has been mobilized to meet a definite kind of emergency. The emotion, which is an overflow of the Aggressive energy of the thought-cells in a disturbance of the electric currents flowing over the nerves, releases adrenaline into the blood stream. This is followed by a whole train of bodily reactions, including drawing blood from the digestive tract, pouring additional fuel into the blood stream and increasing the circulation, which gives the feeling of heat, giving the blood ability to more readily clot, etc., just as under the influence of Saturn fear.

But in addition, if the person has Mars quite powerful in his chart, and thus picks up, radio fashion, sufficient of the Mars energies, the emotion is of the type which also releases intercortin from the cortex of the adrenal glands. To the extent, when the body is mobilized for fight or flight, through adrenaline in the blood, there is also present intercortin in the circulation, are the actions courageous and combative rather than those which use the mobilized energies to take the individual in flight from the region of the danger. Except for the addition of this typically Mars chemical, the person who fights is mobilized for emergency action in the same way as the person who runs away.

Yet when the body is thus mobilized to meet an emergency, it is not sound policy to sit and simmer. There is fuel in the blood stream that should be used; and if it is used, as well as the mental energy stimulated, for blood then reaches the brain in excess volume, the individual will suffer much less from the chemical imbalance produced by the emotion. Instead of remaining inactive, he should as quickly as possible, find some constructive work to do. Hard physical labor in which the thoughts must be applied to the work is a good way to expend such energy; or concentrated application to some mental problem that needs solution. That is, an attack on some physical object or mental problem which when defeated will prove beneficial, is substituted for the attack on a human enemy. And when the obstacle is defeated, whatever it is, to get the energies in future to express constructively, it is well to cultivate a glow of triumph.



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Astrology

Choosing Hermetic Astrology as a Tool for Spiritual Growth

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In considering the use of astrology, and more particularly the Hermetic system, for the purpose of spiritual growth, it is important to review the basics of how astrological influences actually reach us. The Brotherhood of Light Courses and Manuscripts describe in detail that the progression of life here on this planet is toward the building of an astral body and beyond that a spiritual body. It is through using the tools provided in this course of study, the 21 Brotherhood of Light books, that the neophyte is able to comprehend what must be accomplished in order to complete the work on the physical plane. The beauty of the physical is that it gives the opportunity to manage problems in the concrete. Working with a defined system of learning hopefully moves one more rapidly through the Divine Chain of Being toward the Angelic Realm.

The astral body is built through the physical body; the spiritual body is built through the astral body, and the birthchart is the map of the organization of thought cells which has the power to implement changes needed to build subsequent bodies of astral and spiritual substance. Zain states that each dynamic stellar component within the astral body is a receiving station for the energy of the planet which maps its position in the birthchart. The more power recognized, applied, and used in the astral body the stronger that body becomes. It is rather like repeating certain exercises to increase muscle mass.

Planets are rarely unaspected. What is described when there are aspects is a visual image that the aeriels of the involved planets stretch through the astral body; or in the case of a conjunction, around the astral body. These aeriels receive and transmit the vibratory rates of the involved planets to all terminals involved and send them to the dynamic stellar structures at the end of each line in the astral body. Since these stellar structures have intelligence of their own, the added energy enables them the power to do inner plane work of the type represented by the characteristics of the planets mapping them in the part of the astral body represented by the sign, and in the house position occupied.

Importance of Personal Research

It is important for us, as competent astrologers to regard the details which will ultimately create first-class practitioners. In order to be included in this group, one must be knowledgeable and comfortable with the Hermetic system which calculates and interprets Major Progressions, Minor Pro-

gressions, and Transits as they relate to the natal horoscope. The only way to prove this system works is to set up scores of birthcharts, calculate major progressions for events which can be identified, and see how this fits with constants and interpretations that are believed to be true. Nothing is expected to be taken on blind faith. Following this plan will lead the apprentice to become a competent astrologer. Each foray into a particular birthchart leaves the astrologer with more knowledge which may be applied to personal research and realization.

Zain provides students of the Hermetic system with a visual tool of the astral body as a receiving set, and he uses this image throughout the Brotherhood of Light Lessons. So then where a planet is located by sign and degree, it is a receiving set dialed to the frequencies radiated by that planet. If Saturn is located in Leo, then Saturn is transmitting and receiving systemic vibrations in the heart (Leo) of the astral body. Venus in Gemini: Venus is transmitting and receiving love vibrations in the lungs, bronchi, shoulders, arms and hands of the astral body. Each "dynamic thought-center" represented in the birth-chart by a planet has an antenna. The length of each antenna is predicated upon the strength of the planets involved. Either short or long, the reception and transmission of the vibratory rates of the planet are based on the astrodynes and progressions for that particular planet. Students of the Hermetic system know that if the planet is void of aspects then the antenna may be considered "merely a short loop aerial," which does not pick up energy as readily as if it were involved in various aspects. The tools of astrodynes and progressions as well as other staples of the Hermetic system, keep students of the occult grounded in the basics of what will help build the spiritual body.

Why Choose the Hermetic System?

Many diverse systems of divination and delineation are available. Investigating other systems, as well as other life lessons, helps each person to determine what works. It would be amazingly bold to state that the Brotherhood of Light system is the only way to attain enlightenment and build a viable spiritual body; however, it is critical that those who wish to progress to this end that when they find a system that works for them, stick with that system. When a student commits to learning a system, an inner-plane alignment is created, and help from both inner and outer planes

becomes more readily available. When there are holes or things that do not seem to hold true in that system, explore another system thoroughly. No one expects anyone to take any of the Hermetic system on blind faith.

The Hermetic system does not use the Moon's Nodes, Part of Fortune, Fixed Stars or other additions to the basic planet, signs, houses, and aspects because up until now it has not been found that these points explain the major conditions and events in people's lives. The use of these basic factors through time does seem to stand as reliable for accurate delineation. Again, as students work with this system, they will experience the validity of it. As it has been seen so far, major events are able to be explained most clearly by major progressions calculated for an individual's chart using the ratio of one day after birth as equivalent to one year of life.

Anyone who has psychic ability can take a birthchart and give an adequate interpretation of events, using whatever system. This is psychic interpretation. In the Hermetic system it is the intent to use only the actual astrological energies which have bearing upon one's life. There may be, and surely are, factors which are available for discovery. That is an important part of the work with the Hermetic system of astrology, and the work of the Church of Light.

That which is attracted into each life is due to thought cell activity within the astral form. Astral forms are composed of thought cells which are called "stellar cells," and which are built by becoming aware of the astral impact of the experiences of consciousness. The stellar cells are mapped by the planets in the birthchart. These cells are intelligent, and they work from the inner-plane to attract what they need for expression. When these cells receive no additional energy, they express as they are in the natal horoscope; however, occasionally they do receive extra energy from various sources: thought vibrations from alchemy; astrological vibrations as mapped by progressed aspects; character vibrations of objects. In this way, the aspects are strengthened and experience growth and change. It becomes incumbent upon each one, as students of this system, to become adept at learning how to predict when and how the astral body may be open to receiving new energy, and how that energy will impact the astral body—in harmony or in discord. What is known is this: when the additional energy comes through major progression, minor progression, and transit, it impacts the astral body in the compartment of life represented by the house(s) and sign(s) of the natal chart in which the progressed planet is located. This creates a basic change in the astral body which allows it to receive

energy of the nature of the planets involved, in the region(s) involved. These progressions create temporary stellar cellular structures within the astral body. They act as terminals for the reception and transmission of energy which correspond to the vibratory rate of the planet which then flows to the compartment of the astral body thus indicated. Since the progressed aspects build temporary aeries the important thing to remember is that these energies are feeding into the birth-chart terminals. The analogy of the match, represented by transits; lighting the fuse which represent the minor progressions; igniting the powder, the majors; all makes the boom to the natal chart. It all goes back to the natal chart. Even though our system allows that major progressed aspects do have the energy to aspect each other, these aspects manifest in the natal chart terminals, in the signs and houses of the natal chart. These aspects: transits to minors, minors to majors, majors to each other and to the natal chart, are all functional only within a one degree orb of influence.

Rallying forces, conversion, and mental antidotes are the methods most commonly used to ameliorate the affects of negative energy attracted by major progression. Rallying forces can be defined as harmonious or discordant energy temporarily added by major progression to the natal terminals. This energy may be used to condition the energy of the natal horoscope. It is critical to understand that the power resides in the natal horoscope, and that even powerful progressed aspects may not change the harmony or discordant expression of the stellar cells of the natal chart. This is why the application of astrodynes is so critical in reading and using the progressed horoscope. The rallying forces lack definitive thoughts relative to any particular department of life. They only give rise to intense feelings associated to the department of life thought about. A rallying force can be a progressed aspect or it can be an implement of conversion.

As spiritually sentient beings we are given many choices in how we choose to progress. Our souls delight in the opportunities provided by the experiences of our natal horoscopes, and we struggle to comprehend what it all means in the Great Work. To make a choice for a life study is not the easier or the softer way. To make a choice requires discipline and commitment; however, the benefits far outweigh the cost. Obviously, this writer chooses the Hermetic Teachings of the Brotherhood of Light. It provides a logical path toward Enlightenment. The system is simple and makes sense. The fellowship along the way is gratifying. Making the commitment is the first step. ✨





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The Tablets of Aeth

Part II, Tablet The First

The Sun ☉

"A flaming splendor, a center of light, radiating in all directions."



*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

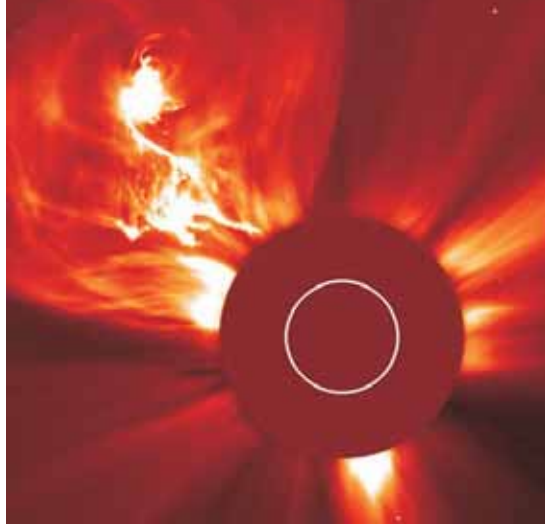
The Sun, the vital force shares its warmth and light in precisely defined intervals, but do we actually take it for granted because it is always there? Our source for vitamin D, but when overexposed, burns our skin, the Sun sheds its light to provide us the imagery of the scenes of life. It is the power center of the galaxy, yet when clouds obscure it, its lack of presence is often missed.

Like being in a warm room, not on the physical Earth, but somewhere in the spiritual states of consciousness that the soul travels to that is of equal vitality and warmth, where the Cosmic Ego God provides a place of goodness, oneness, truth and power. It is a place of eternal vitality. It is a universal power not to be possessed, but to be enjoyed and shared in its essential essence of truth and love, never selfish, but always giving and desiring that the greatest potential in each soul be always achieved. It is a power that shines, but silently waits while the rays of truth soak the souls of the Comic Structures. The Center of the Universe waits for the souls to arrive and longs for unity and recognition.

As there is the day on Earth, so there is the night. Like a cell, the spark of ego is born in each soul, a miniature Sun. In sleep the miniature ego regains its vitality to once again shine upon the stages of existence. Like the wind that stirs in the air prior to the arrival of dawn, the united forces of truth and love stir in angelic form longing for Higher Consciousness in all of the miniature Sun souls. It is the longing for each individual ego to upon awakening to realize that it is Ego. The potential each day is there for each to grasp. It is so clear. What is it that sees through you? Is it just you or is there a Higher Power there that also silently sees through you? Out of the one light through the intellect, emotion and will of God, the Comic Mind, the Higher Consciousness of all that was, is or ever will be shines through you. The dawn approaches. Are you there?



From the Light of Egypt, Vol. II by T.H. Burgoyne "...The Tablets of AETH, ...constitute a spiritual astrology, a spiritual science of the stars, void of mathematics, yet possessing all the exactitude of figures, constructed on the principles of astronomy, yet expressed by the methods of the Kabbalah...."



"A flaming splendor, a center of light, radiating in all directions"

Part II, Tablet the First

The Sun

REFLECTION

Part II, TABLET THE FIRST

"The symbol of all created life, spiritual and material; of all goodness, human or Divine; the center of all thought, from brutal instinct to Deific wisdom; of all creations, from starry systems to man, and from man back again to invisible gas; of all action, from the imperceptible vibrations of nerve energy to the awful destruction of worlds. All creative potency lies within a Sun sphere. Light is life. The planets are but the offspring of light and life. So in this symbol, we read the source of the human Ego, of our own life. We are, as it were, the planets of the spiritual Sun. Our souls are the attributes of the Sun, of the spiritual Ego. Only from the Ego can we receive life eternal and make immortality a fact. Obeying this spiritual life-force, the human monad is but an attribute, a reflection, of the Divine Ego, and if it fails to awake to a consciousness of this union, it withers and dies like a flower plucked from the parent tree of life."

O child of Adam, in reverence and awe do thou meditate upon this Tablet, for it is a thing of beauty, a being of light, life and love, manifesting its creative mission. It is the Vicegerent of God, flaming forth His splendors in the sky."



Mundane Astrology

Mundane Events 2005

Christopher Gibson

In the study of Mundane Astrology we look at celestial influences as they impact corporate entities such as countries, cities, and communities. One of the best ways to determine what trends will be taking place within a country is by progressing its birth-chart and analyzing the planetary positions and aspects. A marvelous reference book, which lists the charts of different nations, is *Accurate World Horoscopes* by Doris Chase Doane. The birth-chart of almost any country from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe can be discovered. Written in 1984, this book has not been updated to include those nations that have gained independence or adopted new constitutions since first printing. Nevertheless, there is plenty of excellent data to draw upon in this book.

In looking for trends that might affect the United States it is best to start with its birth chart and progressions. Astrologers tend to agree on July 4, 1776, as the birth date for the United States but differ in opinion as to the time of birth. The process leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence was lengthy. On June 7, 1774, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia was urged by Richard Henry Lee to declare independence. At the request of the committee, Thomas Jefferson worked on a draft of the declaration from June 12 to 27. A copy of the committee draft was read in Congress on June 28, and it was debated July 1 through 4. The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Congress on July 4th, but did not have the approval of all thirteen colonies until July 9. The actual signing finally took place on August 2. Thomas Jefferson later wrote about these events:

The debates having taken up the greater parts of the 2d 3d & 4th days of July were, in the evening of the last, closed the declaration was reported by the committee, agreed to by the house and signed by every member present except Mr. Dickinson.

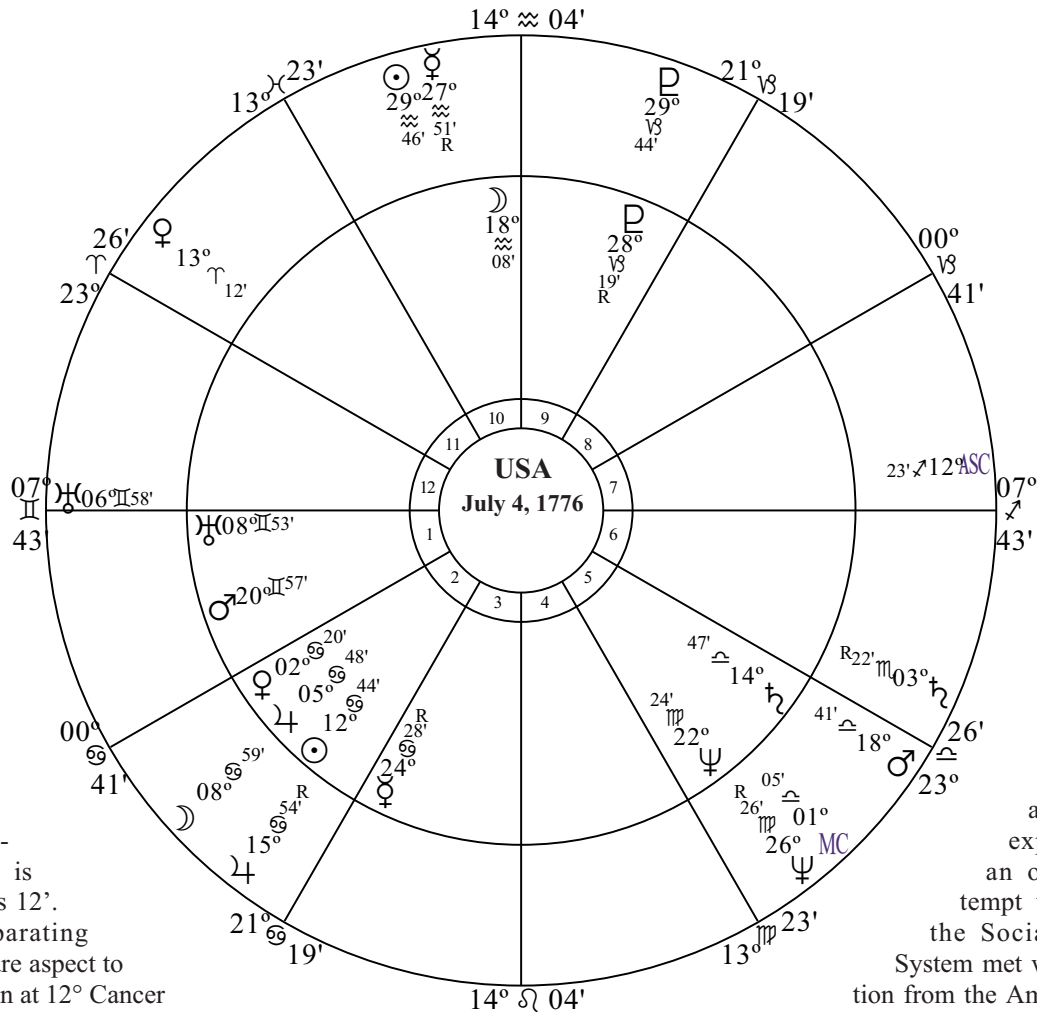


The 18th Century English astrologer Dr. Sibley published an illustration showing the birth chart for the United States being presented to Washington by the Angel Gabriel. It is cast for 4 July 1776, 10:10 P.M., London Time (5:10 P.M. local time in Philadelphia) and gives the Ascendant for Philadelphia as 13° Sagittarius 12'. In *The Astrology of America's Destiny*, Dane Rudhyar rectifies the time of the signing to 5:13:55 P.M., placing the Ascendant at 13° Sagittarius 10'. In *Mundane Astrology*, C. C. Zain gives the birth time of the United States as 2:13 A.M. and the Ascendant as 7° Gemini 35'; however, he does not reference any docu-

mentation to support that time. It is possible that he chose the time based on the process of rectification. This chart works fairly well when following progressed aspects. Although C of L instructors follow the U.S. Chart as outlined by Zain, students are encouraged to investigate other charts and compare key events to the major progressions (not transits) operable at the time of the event.

One cannot possibly comment on all the progressed aspects currently in orb in the US chart, therefore the focus of this article must be narrowed to a few specific areas. Currently Venus is very active in the chart, and the effects of this planet are worthy of attention. In the natal chart Venus falls in the

Second House at 2° Cancer 20'. As Venus is the first planet to fall inside the cusp she is the chief ruler of the Second House of money, property, the national treasury, banks, non-speculative bonds and securities, financial transactions, and places where money and securities are handled. Libra is on the cusp of the Sixth House of labor, civil service, the army, navy and police force, and the Food and Drug Administration. Taurus the other sign ruled by Venus is intercepted in the Twelfth House of secret enemies, terrorism, Homeland Security, national intelligence, prisons, hospitals, asylums, non-profit and charitable institutions, relief work, and criminal investigations. We can expect to see each of these areas active in the news over the next three years.



Currently by progression Venus is at 13° Aries 12'. She is separating from a square aspect to the natal Sun at 12° Cancer 44', which has been in orb since December 2003 and continues through September 2005. During this time the US has seen the dollar devalue against foreign currency and a growing national deficit. In the third quarter of 2004 the deficit hit a record high of \$164.7 billion, indicating that the US is spending 5.6 percent more every day than it produces, that is, \$1.8 billion.

Venus is currently engaged in a sextile to the natal Midheaven at 13° Aquarius 38' which becomes exact in August of this year and leaves aspect in June of 2006. We can expect the Treasury officials to remain "optimistic" about a growing economy for this period.

Perhaps the greatest concern for which we need to prepare comes in September of this year when Venus will enter opposition with natal Saturn at 14° Libra 47' in the Fifth House of speculation and the stock market. This aspect could possibly herald a recession that lasts through June 2007. As Saturn is the co-ruler of the Ninth House of the US chart (Capricorn is on the cusp) we could continue to see an emphasis on the trade deficit with foreign countries or foreign treasuries dumping US currency. Saturn, the planet of old age, also rules the Eighth House of pensions and insur-

ance. We can expect to see an ongoing attempt to privatize the Social Security System met with opposition from the American public. This general downtrend in the economic cycle will be reinforced by the progressed Midheaven forming a square to natal Venus from November 2005 through November 2007.

Sun Cycle

The Vernal Ingress or Sun Cycle chart is calculated every spring for the moment that the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north declination. This chart, which is calculated for the capital of a country, can be useful when the actual time of incorporation is unknown or consulted as an alternative to studying the nation's birth-chart. In the Sun Cycle chart we look for upcoming trends by progressing with transiting motion the position of the Sun in relationship to the other planets in the chart, placing special emphasis on conjunction and opposition aspects. In CS XII-I, *Mundane Astrology*, Zain states:

While the planets aspected strongly by the Sun in a Sun Cycle chart have more significance as to events to happen during the year, yet any planets that are powerful by position or aspect in the chart, whether or not they aspect the Sun, are also significant of events. In fact, what the year holds in general in each of the twelve departments of life may be

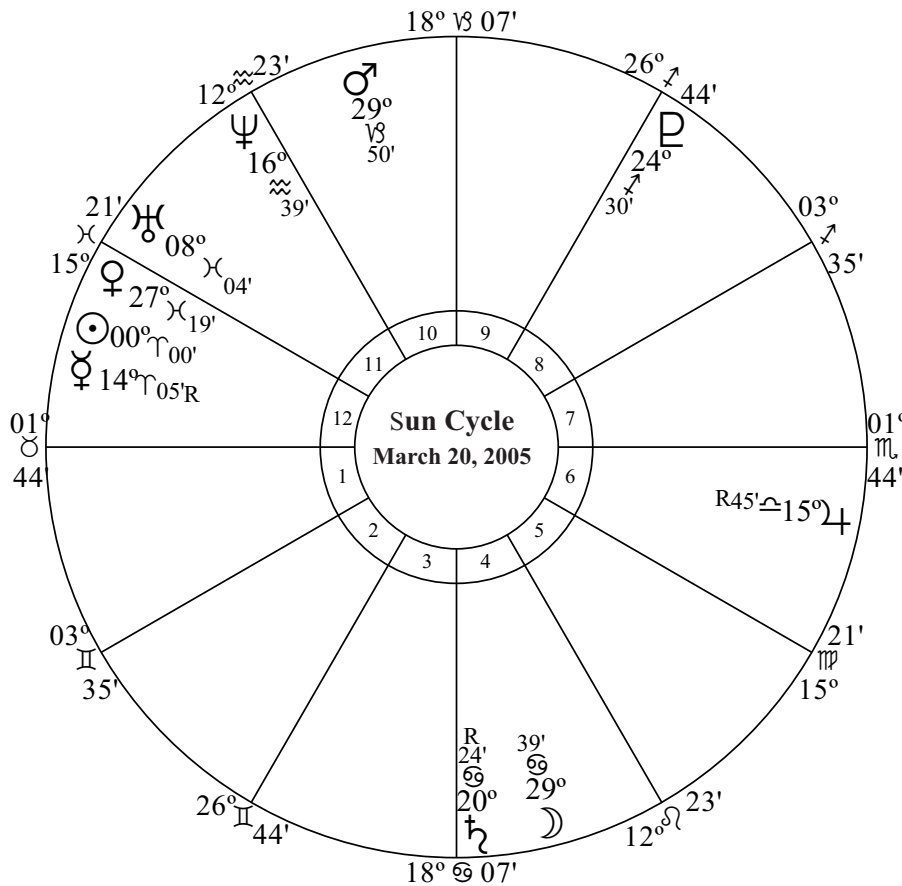
read from the twelve houses of the Sun Cycle chart. It thus serves the purpose of a natal chart for the year, for the place where erected, and should be read in all details almost precisely as if it were a person's birth chart. The only difference in such reading is that, because it relates to national or municipal affairs, some of the houses attain a peculiar significance.

The cycle chart for the Sun indicates the activities of political authorities and rulers of a country. The house positions and transiting aspects formed by the Sun indicate the trends of events to be attracted by those in power.

This year the Sun Cycle chart for Washington D.C. commences March 20, at 7:34 A.M. EST. This places the Sun in the Twelfth House, which should keep matters related to Homeland Security, the war on terrorism, and national intelligence in the forefront of the news. As the Sun progress forward through the chart during the year the house position that it occupies by transiting motion can be indicative of topics in the news. Special attention should be placed on the aspects forming between the transiting Sun and natal planets in the US chart especially conjunctions and oppositions as these show noteworthy events.

This year we could see a shift in attention from national security and terrorism to the general population and their health April 20 through May 23. The treasury, securities, and minting of coins could be hot topics May 23 through

June 16. The Sun moves into the Third House of the Vernal Ingress chart June 16 through July 9, and shifts the attention to air traffic, railroads, and highway transportation along with newspapers, magazines, and the internet. From July 9 to August 3, the public eye could be focused on agriculture, logging, mining, or a possible lull in new housing starts. Close to July 11, the security of our borders could be called into question when the Sun conjuncts natal Saturn. July 21 should figure prominently as the Sun conjuncts the natal Moon and opposes Mars in the Tenth House. At this time we could expect natural disasters, accidents, explosions, and opponents of the war or current regime to figure prominently in the headlines. From August 3 to September 7 we can anticipate reports featuring the stock exchange, entertainment industry, the education system, and foreign diplomats. Around August 7, look for a surge in oil prices and celebrity scandals as the transiting Sun opposes Neptune in the Eleventh House. Erratic consumer confidence might trigger a dramatic shift in the stock market August 30 when the Sun opposes Uranus. September 7 through October 23 is a time when benefits to military personnel, food and drug safety, and employment rates are discussed. Minimum wage and the working poor may be spotlighted around October 6 and 7 when the Sun opposes Mercury and conjuncts Jupiter.



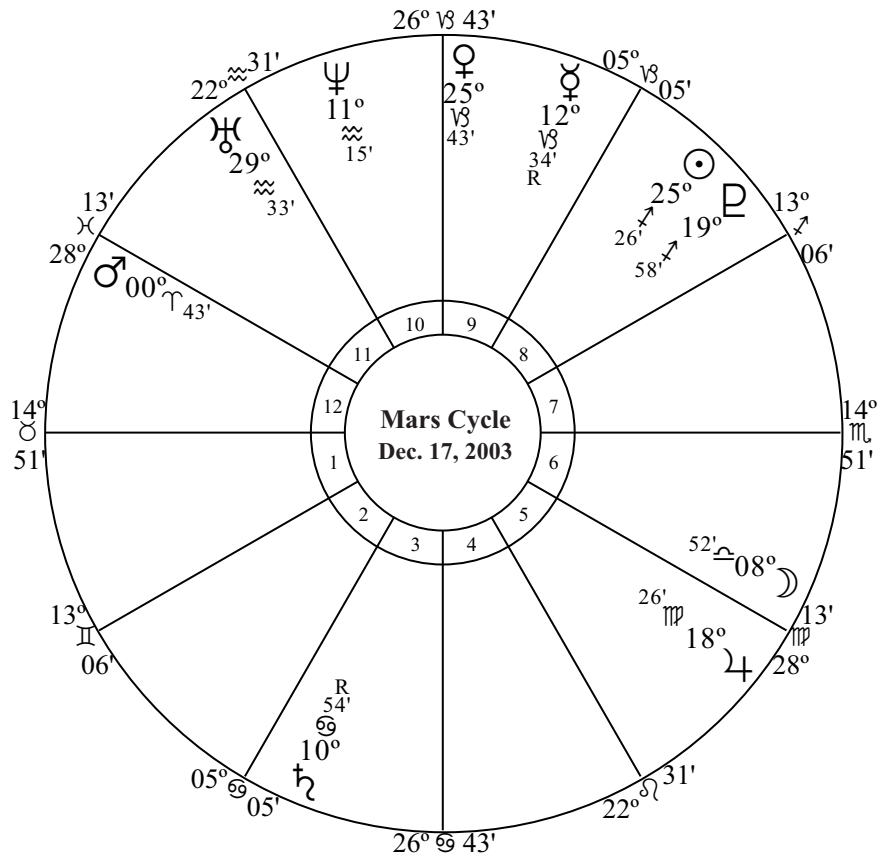
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♅	22N01
♁	09S13
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**Mars Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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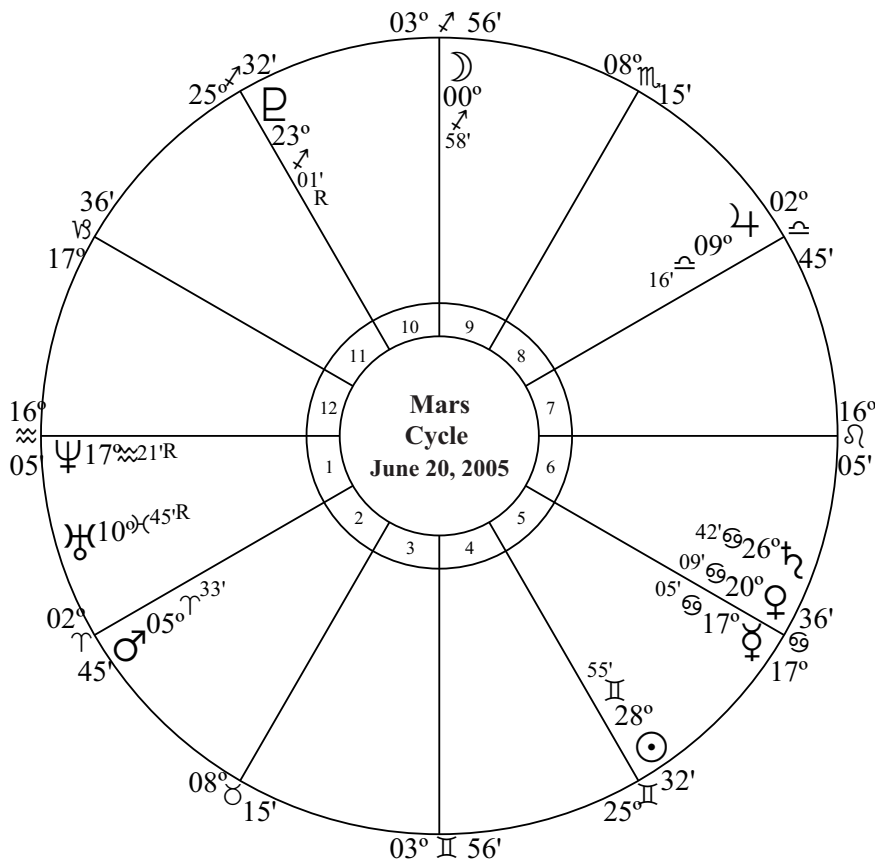
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♆	05N38
♇	22N18
♁	12S20
♂	17S25
♁	14S27
MC	20S49
ASC	16N17



**Mars Cycle
Washington D.C.**

June 20, 2005
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Capitol Building
77°W00'34"; 38°N53'24"

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♆	02S25
♇	21N03
♁	08S15
♂	15S45
♁	14S59
MC	20S56
ASC	16S01



Cycle charts can be calculated for each of the other planets by again noting the moment they pass from south to north declination. Each chart specifically governs the activity of the planet associated with it. For example: the Mars Cycle chart reveals events associated with the military, violence, strife and accidents; the Jupiter Cycle indicates financial expansion, expenditures, and religious movements; and the Saturn Cycle chart governs those matters that involve land, security and labor. This article will spotlight trends indicated in Mars Cycle Charts. Samples of the cycle charts for the slower moving planets can be found in the Spring 2004 issue of the *Church of Light Quarterly*. By cross referencing between the progressions in the US Chart and the cycle charts one can discover dates of peak activity. These are dates to look for correspondences in the headlines.

Mars Cycle Charts

In 2005 we will be operating under two Mars Cycle charts. For the first half of the year we are under the influence of the cycle chart which began December 17, 2003, at 2:19 P.M., EST, in Washington D.C. This cycle remains in effect until June 19, 2005, and places Mars in the Twelfth House. We can look forward to on-going revelations of prison abuses, torture, and terrorist reprisals. The news will continue to be filled with reports of suicide bombings, sequestrations, kidnappings, and allegations of torture. Mars will be forming a conjunction to Neptune in the Tenth House of the cycle chart April 3–6, so expect reports of accidents involving aviation, oil pipelines, or events related to the entertainment industry. April 29–May 1, Mars conjuncts Uranus in the Eleventh House. During this period we can look to the news for exposés involving a member of Congress or an ambassador to a foreign country. May 25–28, Mars opposes Jupiter in the Fifth House and heralds a possible fire or catastrophe involving a theater, nightclub, or place of worship. Mars returns to conjunct his natal position in the Twelfth House June 11–14, which may bring news of more prison scandals, revelations about the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, or possibly about the outsourcing of US prisoners to countries that use torture. This could possibly be a time when there is a new rash of abductions of US citizens in Iraq or other countries.

The new Mars Cycle for Washington D.C. will take place on June 19, 2005 at 11:22 P.M., EDT. With Mars taking up position in the Second House of banks, the national treasury, individual wealth, and those places where money and securities are handled, catastrophes involving these locations could appear in the news through May 2007, when the next Mars cycle commences. Major topics during the next two years could be the erosion of individual wealth of the average American, the growing cost of war, and its impact on national debt. According to data provided by the National Priorities Project a total of \$146.6 billion has already been spent on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq with Congress readied to approve another \$61 billion, bringing the total of allocated funds to \$207 billion.

One of the first aspects to form in the new Mars Cycle chart is an opposition from Mars to Jupiter in the Eighth House, June 24 through 27. Any aspects to Jupiter in a cycle chart tend to events affecting finances. The Eighth House in mundane astrology governs not only death and kinds of death suffered but also foreign debts due, taxes, insurance and pensions. The president's cabinet and other chief appointees are also governed by this house position. Close to these dates we might see pressures increasing to privatize Social Security forcing drastic cuts in retirement benefits for American workers. The war zones may also witness a high death toll due to an attack on a religious site or celebration.

July 5 to 8, Mars will square Mercury in the Fifth House of theaters and schools. Controversy and hearsay may surround a school or theater closure due to security threat.

July 10 through 13, Mars will be squaring Venus in the Sixth House bringing our attention to situations that may endanger women in the workplace or the latest discoveries impacting women's health procedures or medications. New items might feature attack on a women's reproductive health clinic.

Mars forms a square to Saturn in the Sixth House July 21 through 24. Congress may possibly open discussion to reinstate the draft or there might be breaking news of growing numbers of armed forces going AWOL. Issues of worker health and safety could be in the news as well as Veterans' health benefits.

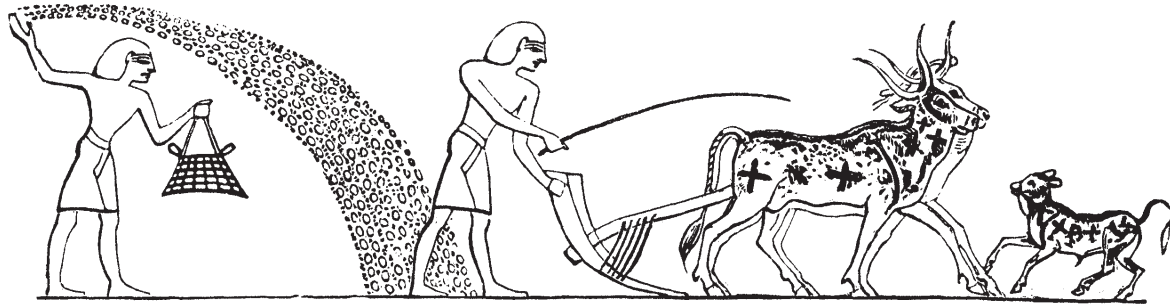
August 26 through 31, Mars will square the Ascendant. This can bring significant loss of life through fighting, fire, or other catastrophe.

August 30 through September 4, Mars squares Neptune in the First House. This aspect has the potential for aviation disaster. News reports may describe explosions involving oil wells or refineries. Gas and oil prices may skyrocket.

Mars goes retrograde October 1 through December 8, and squares Neptune for the second time October 28 to November 3. On these dates we might see a repeat performance of tragedies impacting aviation and the oil and gas industry. This might also be a time when politicians press for the exploration for petroleum in wilderness areas.

November 1 through 7, retrograde Mars squares the Ascendant once again; U.S. citizens could become deeply divided over the costs of military spending. Protest might spark violent reprisals.

These are a few examples of what we can look for in the news for the remainder of the year. The reader is encouraged to follow the process modeled in this article to discover what might be in the news for the First Quarter of 2006. 🐾



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Transitions

The following friends and members recently passed from the earthly plane. Their lifetime contributions to both Hermetic astrology and The Church of Light are greatly appreciated. They are fondly remembered by those who knew them.

Julie Wise
October 21, 1912 – February 26, 2005

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ORDER OF THE SPHINX

Hermetician Shanti Gomez is interested in reactivating the Order of the Sphinx. Those Hermeticians seeking to participate in this program can meet with Shanti at the conference in June.

2005 Retreats

In March Church of Light members met in Alameda New Mexico to study Tarot, Astrology, and Numerology, and to celebrate the Spring Equinox. During our religious ceremonies Meg Dissinger was duly ordained a minister in the Church of Light. Congratulations Meg!



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Christopher Gibson *Tarot Academy: Increase Your Interpretive Skills*

2 - 6 P.M.— ***Annual Business Meeting***

7 -10 P.M. — ***Reception Party***

Saturday, June 25

9 A.M. - 5:30 P.M — ***Lecture Schedule***

Donald Baker *Financial Perspectives 2005-2006*

Paul Bergner *True Education and the Initiations of the Tarot*

Michael Foltz *The Decanates of Astrology*

Christopher Gibson *Astrodynes and Progressions: Health and Disease*

Sandra Mayo *Achieving the Heroic*

7 -10 P.M.— ***Awards Banquet***

Sunday, June 26

9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. — ***Lecture Schedule***

Paul Brewer *Decanates and the Tarot*

Gail Carswell *Symbolism: The Universal Language*

Meg Dissinger *The Goddess Unveiled and Astrology Intensive*



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2005 Cycle Charts...

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- The safe development of extrasensory perception (extension of consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan and for verifying the after-life and the survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Our vision is to become a significant world religion in the 21st Century, and a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment, by:

- Providing reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;
- Seeking out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death, and the nature of the next life;
- Developing increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion, toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;
- Promoting the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;

