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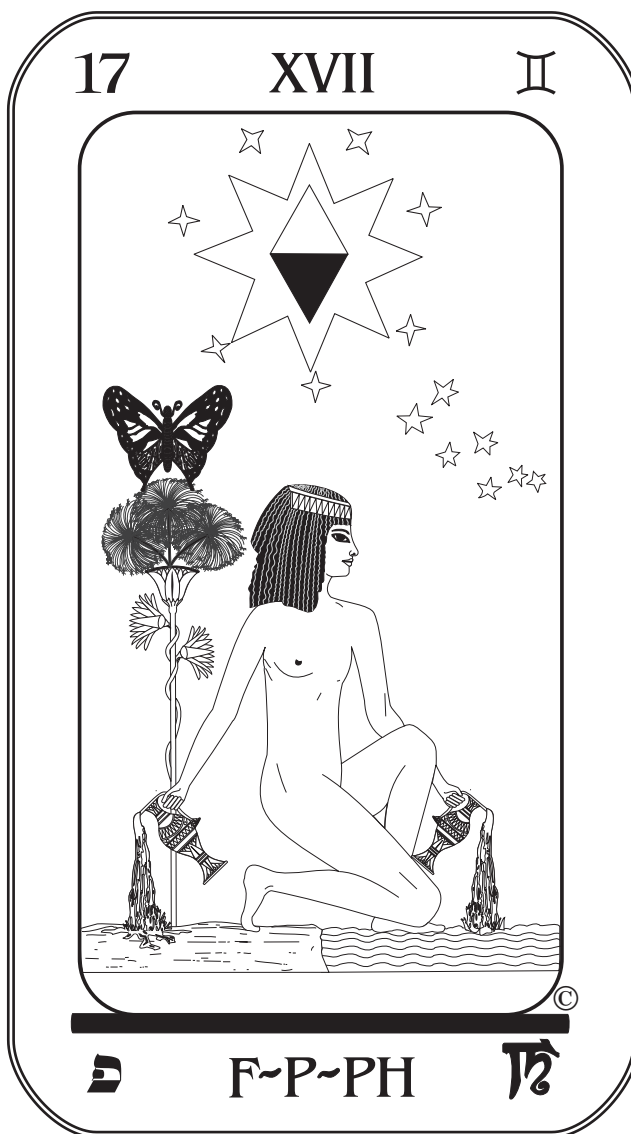
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XVIII
The Star

Elbert Benjamine

June 1938 *American Astrology Magazine*

Because it is the most dual of all the signs, the symbolical pictograph by which the ancient Wise Ones explained to their contemporaries, and to later generations, the significance of the influence of Gemini, was made to portray that duality conspicuously. This explanation is the substance of the design which constitutes Major Arcanum XVII of the Egyptian tarot, commonly called, THE STAR.

Through its relation to the third house of a natural birth chart, this sign Gemini is also more closely associated with thought and study, through which man attempts to apprehend Truth, than is any other zodiacal sign. Quite naturally, therefore, the ancient explanation of the function of Gemini largely revolves about Truth, and the methods by which it can be ascertained. Acquiring information and formulating it into a science is a third house matter. The public expression of the opinions so formed relates



to the activities of the ninth house, and therefore is more closely associated with Sagittarius.

Conspicuous in the pictured design is a large star, surrounded by seven smaller stars; these to represent the septenary of naked-eye astrological orbs. They are above the kneeling figure of the one seeking TRUTH, and the implication is, not merely that he is influenced by them in his search, but that through a better knowledge of their function in the universal scheme of things, and of their power, he will be tremendously aided in TRUTH'S acquisition.

This seeker has one foot upon the land, which represents the physical world; and one foot upon the sea, which represents the more mobile astral realm. That is, if he is really to know the Truth, he must understand not merely the appearances of external life, but also the more potent influences of the invis-

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The article on the cover of this Quarterly is a reprint from the June 1938 American Astrology Magazine. Writing sixty-seven years ago, the author, Elbert Benjamine sought to show the correlations between the symbolism of tarot Arcanum XVII-The Star, the astrological influences of Gemini, and the concept of truth. The major Arcanum of the tarot can be studied in a variety of ways, as a pictorial synthesis of universal forces, as the steps of initiation in the evolution of the soul, or as an allegory of the myriad of experiences that are attracted along the path of life. The experiences represented by The Star embrace the perception of truth, the cultivation of hope, and the expansion of faith.

Hermetic oral tradition holds that the tarot images were original icons in the Egyptian mystery schools which were associated with key teachings concerning the mission of the soul. These teachings were given in the form of admonitions. In The Sacred Tarot the admonition for The Star reads: "Remember, then, son of earth, that hope is the sister of faith. Shed thy passions and thy errors in order to study the mysteries of true science and the key will be given thee; then a ray of divine light will break from the occult sanctuary in order to dissipate the shadows of thy future and show thee the way of happiness. If Arcanum XVII should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, whatever may happen in life, never injure the flower of hope and thou wilt gather the fruits of faith."

For students of the tarot, Arcanum XVII-The Star is a welcome way station along the path of life, especially after the hardships and tribulations represented by the two preceding arcanum, The Black Magician and The Lightning. These ominous images represent the reality where none of us is spared hardship or suffering. The Star is a key admonition of tarot philosophy that in the midst of suffering and darkness we must not abandon the ray of hope.

What is the significance of hope and faith in our spiritual journey? Hope is the expectancy that our desires will be realized. Faith is a system of belief, or reliance in a person or thing. There are times in every person's life where the hardships are so great that they cannot envision any possible good outcome. It is at times like this that we must rely upon hope and faith to carry us through our difficulties. The "fruits of faith" described in the admonition for The Star are what are called miracles. These miracles can come in the form of spontaneous healings, the reversal of an unfavorable condition, or a narrow escape from danger.

Our word miracle comes from the Latin *miraculum*, meaning a wonder or a marvel. Miracles are seen as divine intervention in human affairs which manifest as an extraordinary event. Contrary to what some religious leaders may want us to believe, miracles are not solely restricted to any one faith. Religious texts, mythologies, folklore, and oral traditions from around the world all relate the common theme of divine intervention in the affairs of humans in times of extreme need. Miracles are marvels as they tend to defy rational explanation. Religious extremists, regardless of their faith generally attribute miracles which happen to them as an act of God, and the miracles which impact persons of other faiths to a devil, demon, or Satan.

Even though miracles fall outside the realm of normal experience, they do conform to certain natural laws primarily that of psycho-kinesis. The Brotherhood of Light lessons describe psycho-kinesis as the power of the unconscious mind to attract events or experiences. The astrological chart as a map of the thought-cell structures of the unconscious mind is a remarkable indicator of the types of events and experiences that one tends to attract. Generally speaking, the areas of greatest power in the birth chart represent the things we think about most. Where we direct our greatest mental energy will correspond to events, experiences, and activities of a like nature. The harmonious or discordant conditioning received by these thought cells will determine whether or not those events, experiences, and activities are pleasant or unpleasant. These prominent areas of power, harmony, and discord can be discovered in a birth chart and read as "life-themes" by the astrologer.

Progressed aspects supply temporary stimulus to the thought cells represented by the planets in the birth chart. The increased stimulus increases the psycho-kinetic power of the subconscious mind to attract events of a corresponding nature. The type of events attracted are determined by both the strength and degree of harmony built into the natal chart and the conditioning nature of the temporary aspect.

Affirmation and prayer are two powerful means by which we can add temporary energy to our subconscious mind much in the same way that progressions add short-term energy. The difference is that with prayer and affirmation we are able to establish the nature of the energy that we want to add to our subconscious. Affirmation or auto-suggestion is a means by which we repeatedly infuse positive thought statements into our consciousness until they become a real-

ity. On the other hand, prayer, be it of thanksgiving or petition allows us to unite our finite mind with infinite mind and benefit from being attuned to the Source of All Life. Affirmation calls upon the talents and abilities of the individual's soul or subconscious; prayer calls upon the abilities and assistance of God or other great souls.

Zain describes the advantages of prayer: "Faith, and the reliance on a higher power, relieve the Intellectual processes of their tendency to carry the whole burden of responsibility for what happens in life. They enable them to relinquish activity about matters beyond their power, and to concentrate the etheric energies of the brain toward the solution of essential problems."

One of the best ways for a Stellarian to commence prayer and to connect with Deific Mind is through repeating the statement "My soul is one with the universe, and my spirit is an emanation from Deity. Regardless of which technique one chooses to use, both prayer and affirmation require the application of faith, that is, faith that the desired outcome will be obtained. We can increase our level of faith by cultivating an attitude of good-will towards others and an abiding confidence that things will work out to our best interest.

The word religion stems from the Latin *religare* meaning to bind or tie up. Through the process of prayer we are able to bind our mind with Divine Mind. In India the equivalent concept is expressed in the word yoga which means to yoke-up or to team up one's being to the mind of God. Carefully directed prayer should link the consciousness of the individual with the God's consciousness, offer thanksgiving to God as being the source of all one's good, clearly state what the prayer is intended to accomplish, and explain exactly why Deity should grant the prayer. Directed

prayer is much like sending flares up into the stratosphere which attract the attention of those spiritual intelligences whose mission is to assist those on the physical plane. These intelligences may be perceived as angelic forces, evolved spiritual beings or saints, deceased friends, or relatives who have a keen interest in the well-being of the individual, spirit-guides whose duty is to work with specific individuals or the Deific Mind itself.

There are times, however, when our prayers remain unanswered. This can be one of the most difficult tests of our faith. Many of us want God to behave in the same way that we would if we were the controlling power of the universe. No doubt, each one of us could search our memories and discover an experience where we really hoped and prayed that something would turn out the way we wanted. We can also remember the following disappointment when those wishes were not realized. In our cultivation of faith it is also important to have confidence that God might have better plans for us, or want us to gain different experiences than we want in order to fulfill our role in His Great Plan. If there is anything that God wants us to have it is greater ability, for we are all being trained to perform a function in the eternal progression of the cosmos. Ability is only gained through experience, and although some experiences are painful they are often the most successful teachers. Learning to surrender to the will of God and to trust that God desires only that which is good for us is a true exercise of faith.

In traveling along our spiritual path Arcanum XVII informs us that we must learn to see the miraculous in life, understand the natural laws by which miracles work, attune our consciousness to the Divine, clearly petition the Creator for what we want, and accept with unwavering faith that only God truly knows what is best for us. ☸

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From the Archives: The Rising Star, July 1943

CRUSADE TALKS ON THE RELIGION OF THE STARS: Astrology Makes Known to Man the Will of God

Elbert Benjamin

This discussion is of proper length for a fifteen minute radio broad-cast. It has no copyright, and anyone interested in disseminating The Religion of the Stars is welcome to use it for that purpose.

Astrology is an essential part of our religion because it reveals the will of God. We believe that God speaks to man through the Bible, and that He also speaks to man through the positions of the heavenly bodies. But we hold that the true meaning of the Word of God as set down by man in the Bible — over which violent controversies have raged for ages — can best be ascertained by a study of the Word of God as written by Deity Himself among the stars.

In their beliefs, Catholics do not agree in some respects with Protestants; nor do the various Protestant denominations agree with one another. Yet all believe, as do we, that the Bible is the Word of God. But in addition to speaking through the Bible, we believe that God reveals His will to man through the Laws of Nature. We hold that there is no antagonism between true science and true religion, and that in addition to the Bible mankind needs astrology to interpret the will of Deity.

Those who believe in the Bible and hold to certain other tenets call themselves Catholics. Those who believe in the Bible and hold still different tenets call themselves Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. We who believe in the Bible and also hold to the Religion of the Stars call ourselves Stellarians.

No doubt those who make the interpretation of the Bible their profession are needed, and no doubt the practice of astrology may be made a valuable and equally honorable profession. But whether or not he occasionally is counseled by such professionals, we hold that everyone should become personally familiar with his Bible, and that everyone also should learn to erect and read his own chart of birth.

There is no essential reason why any good Christian, to whatever denomination he belongs, may not also be a Stellarian. In fact, many good Christians are also Stellarians. But whether he thus embraces The Religion of the Stars or not, because we believe in FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, we have no quarrel with any Christian or Jew.

God spoke to man through the ancient prophets; and through the same faculty of EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION employed by those prophets He reveals His all-pervading presence and speaks to other men of the present day. But with still greater clearness He speaks to man through the symbolical pictographs that constitute the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these carries a message relative to the Divine Will traced in the heavens with fiery characters that can never be erased, and which, because the language of universal symbolism is employed, cannot be corrupted or twisted by evil men who try to give other scriptures an interpretation that will enable them to exploit their fellowman and gain unjust power and wealth and other selfish advantages.

Each of the 48 constellations of old, whose characters were traced where all may see by the hand of Deity, sets forth its own spiritual text, from which a sermon of great enlightenment may be preached, a sermon which is based upon God's Great Evolutionary Plan, and the part He asks mankind to take in realizing it. These 48 spiritual texts urge every person to CONTRIBUTE HIS UTMOST TO UNIVERSAL WELFARE, and each reveals information designed to assist him to that end.

These constellations in which the Word of God has been set forth for all to see, also clearly indicate the true meaning of the various stories and points of controversy in other scriptures, including the Bible. Astrology does not discount the Bible as the Word of God. Instead, spiritual astrology shows just what the Word of God as set forth in the Bible truly means.

The Bible, no doubt, was amply adequate for the illiteracy and lack of scientific knowledge that marked the Piscean Age. But for the more enlightened age of Aquarius, Spiritual Astrology is sorely needed to reveal the Will of God as it applies to all mankind.

It is said by some that astrology is a business. There is no more denying this than to deny that to some people the Bible is a business. There are publishing houses that publish nothing but Bibles and literature explaining and advocating the Christian religion, whose sole interest in the Bible is to make money through these publications. To those thus engaged, who even almost never go to church, the Bible is merely a business. And such men do exist.

To some the Bible and the Christian religion are a business. But from this it would be erroneous to conclude that business is the most valuable use of the Bible and the Christian religion. And in a strictly parallel way, it may be said that while there are people who use astrology merely as a business its most valuable function is to reveal to man the will of God.

There is no intention here to disparage the efforts of those who make the Bible and the distribution of literature relating to its teaching a business. These people are not to be condemned for their efforts. Through their energy the Bible and its teachings reach a vast number of people that otherwise would not be reached. Through their efforts, even though their interest may be solely to make money for themselves, a vast amount of good is done in the world. Purely commercial motives exercise a valuable function in the distribution of Bibles and the spread of the Christian religion.

There is a Commercial Astrology and a Religious Astrology, just as there is a Commercial Christianity and a Religious Christianity. We Stellarians believe in FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. Consequently we have no intention of disparaging the efforts of those who make the practice of astrology or the distribution of its literature merely a business. Commercial astrologers should not be condemned for their efforts; for through the practice of astrology innumerable people are benefitted. Neither should the commercial publication of periodical astrological literature and books on astrology be condemned; for through these publications great numbers of people are made aware of facts which are helpful to them. Commercial astrology exercises a valuable function. But business is not the only use, nor the highest use, of astrology. Its most valuable use is to reveal to man the Will of God.

Spiritual astrology explains in the language of symbolical pictograph that the universe is an organic whole permeated with the consciousness of God, and is not, as materialists would have us believe, just an aimless collection of material particles obeying blind physical laws. It explains that this organic whole, in response to the mental design of God, is marching endlessly toward greater and greater perfection. And it further explains that the soul of man, both on earth and in the hereafter, is not just a robot, but is called upon to employ initiative, and intelligently to assist in carrying forward the work necessary to the realization of God's Great Plan.

The nature of this Great Evolutionary Plan is clearly revealed by a study of God's Word which in the language of symbolical pictograph has been traced among the stars and the constellations.

That God takes an interest in the affairs of nations is evidenced innumerable times in the Bible. We Stellarians do not dispute the claim of Christian and Jew that God often counsels the people of a nation what steps they should take. The bible, as the Word of God, reveals the repeated counsel-

ing of Israel. And we believe that God is still interested in the fate of nations. We believe that He continues to counsel groups of people at this day, and that thus to counsel them He employs the language of astrology.

Astrological energies, through which God makes known His will to groups of people on earth, have affected the course of evolution at every step. Invisible-streams from the planets exert pressures not only on all living things, but also upon inanimate-objects. They are influencing the course of history at this moment, and they will influence it during every period of the future. Through them God guides progress toward the realization of His aims. And often only by understanding Mundane Astrology, through which God counsels groups of people and nations, can it be determined what actions are and what actions are not, apt to bring FREEDOM FROM FEAR and apt to aid in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Instances without number are related in the Bible where God took an interest in some individual and advised him what not to do and what to do. And we believe He still speaks to individual man, and that for this purpose Natal Astrology is the Word of God.

In the parable of the talents, set forth in Matthew 25, the Bible indicates that whatever abilities man possesses God expects them to be used in the interest of the Lord. Or, as we Stellarians state it, the natural aptitudes should be developed and used, both to benefit the individual and to benefit all, and thus assist in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Each individual has some natural aptitudes more pronounced than others. The natural aptitudes which are strongest are those which directed into proper channels will enable the individual to be of greatest use to society. And the counsel of God which natal astrology affords the individual provides not only the best method of vocational selection, but when the individual has still more pronounced natural aptitudes which cannot be used in a business or a profession, it indicates how these can be, and should be, utilized to benefit society through some avocation.

Both the Word of God in the stars and the Word of God in the Bible indicate that people should have FREEDOM FROM WANT. II Kings, 4:7 "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children off the rest."

Every individual who fails in business, deprives society of the product of his efforts which if they had been directed into other channels would have yielded something of value. Astrology should not be used by one man to take advantage of another, but this personal counsel of God can and should be used to indicate the nature of such enterprises, when they should be undertaken, and the steps that should be taken in conducting them, to make them yield highest values both to the individual engaged in them and to the public as a whole.

Both the Word of God in the stars, and the Word of God in the Bible also are quite convincing that God desire, people to have good health. How else, for instance, can we interpret the various healing accomplished by Jesus? Astrology, of course, does not heal disease. But it does give God's counsel as to the type of diseases toward which the individual is most predisposed, during what periods there is slight danger the disease will develop, and during what periods there is much danger of the disease. And it gives this divine counsel far enough in advance that by heeding it and taking proper precautionary actions the individual usually can avoid the diseases that otherwise would affect him.

The Word of God in the Bible, over and over again, eulogizes peace; and the Word of God in the stars shows how through better understanding of each other, people can attain such peace. Harmony in the domestic relations, as well as harmony with people outside the home, is an advantage to the individual and the race. Through astrology God gives counsel how best to get along with another individual, either in the home or elsewhere. It enables each to understand the temperament and viewpoint of the other, and thus the more easily to reconcile their differences and take those actions which are likely to please.

The duties of children are mentioned in various places in the Bible, and Christian and Jew alike consider it essential to their religion that their offspring be reared to reverence God, to deal justly, to be honest, and to have other virtues which shall make them valuable members of society. But both Christian and Jew also at times have great difficulty in bringing up their children in such a manner that when grown they actually possess these various virtues,

But in the Word of God which is astrology, God not only advocates these various virtues, but He offers counsel to parents as to the best manner in which to handle each child to condition it to possess the desired virtues. Through natal astrology He indicates the character, the natural aptitudes and the broad tendencies of the child. Through the progressed aspects at a given time He reveals the nature of the stresses or stimulations which, at given periods tend to affect the child in a given way. The character of a child at birth is neither good nor bad. Instead, it embraces energies of given types and given harmonies and discords which may be channeled by environmental conditions into either beneficial or detrimental thoughts and behavior. And through natal astrology God reveals not only what these types of energy and their harmonies and discords are, with which a given child is born, but also counsels how they may be conditioned by those who have the child's training in charge to yield the desired virtues, and to yield other values which shall be of benefit both to the individual and to the public as a whole.

But cultivation of the virtues should not be confined to childhood years. Both the Bible and the Word of God in the stars keep before man the thought that he constantly should work to improve his character and become more spiritual.

Spirituality depends upon character; and progress toward spirituality and the religious life depends upon character-building. For either the child or the adult astrology cannot reform the character. But it can afford a map of the various factors within the soul which form the character, and indicate the special line of effort that must be made if these are to be changed to improve the character.

Through astrology God does not compel people to become more spiritual, but through astrology He does counsel them to become more spiritual, He does show them what factors within their souls need changing for them to become more spiritual, and He does counsel them how best to apply DIRECTED THINKING and INDUCED EMOTION to recondition these factors within their souls so that they shall become more spiritual. And He does indicate through astrology how INDUCED EMOTION may be employed most effectively in the case of each particular child to divert that child's soul energies into channels which are constructive and will enable it to lead a better life.

But God's interest in the individual is not limited to reforming the individual's character. The Bible relates that God counseled Jacob, Samuel, David and various other persons relative to their personal problems. And when they have a serious personal problem God also will counsel individuals at the present day. Life is a succession of problems, of situations where the individual is called upon to decide what is the best thing to do. And in making decisions of importance God counsels the individual through Horary astrology. Through such counsel the individual can receive aid in the solution of the various perplexities with which he is faced.

The Religion of the Stars holds that God did not cease his interest in man soon after the commencement of the Christian era. The Religion of the Stars holds that, in the furtherance of His Great Progressive Plan, God still speaks to people on the earth. The Religion of the Stars holds that God counsels mankind as a whole through spiritual astrology, counsels groups and nations through mundane astrology, counsels individuals relative to their broader endeavors through natal astrology, and counsels individuals relative to special perplexities through horary astrology.

Astrology can be used for a wide variety of purposes, but its most valuable function is to reveal the Will of God, to give detailed information about the structure and potentialities of the human soul, and to instruct individual man at each step of life's journey how best he can develop his own character and most effectively assist in the realization of God's Great Plan.

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Mundane Astrology

The U.S. Chart: When Disasters Hit

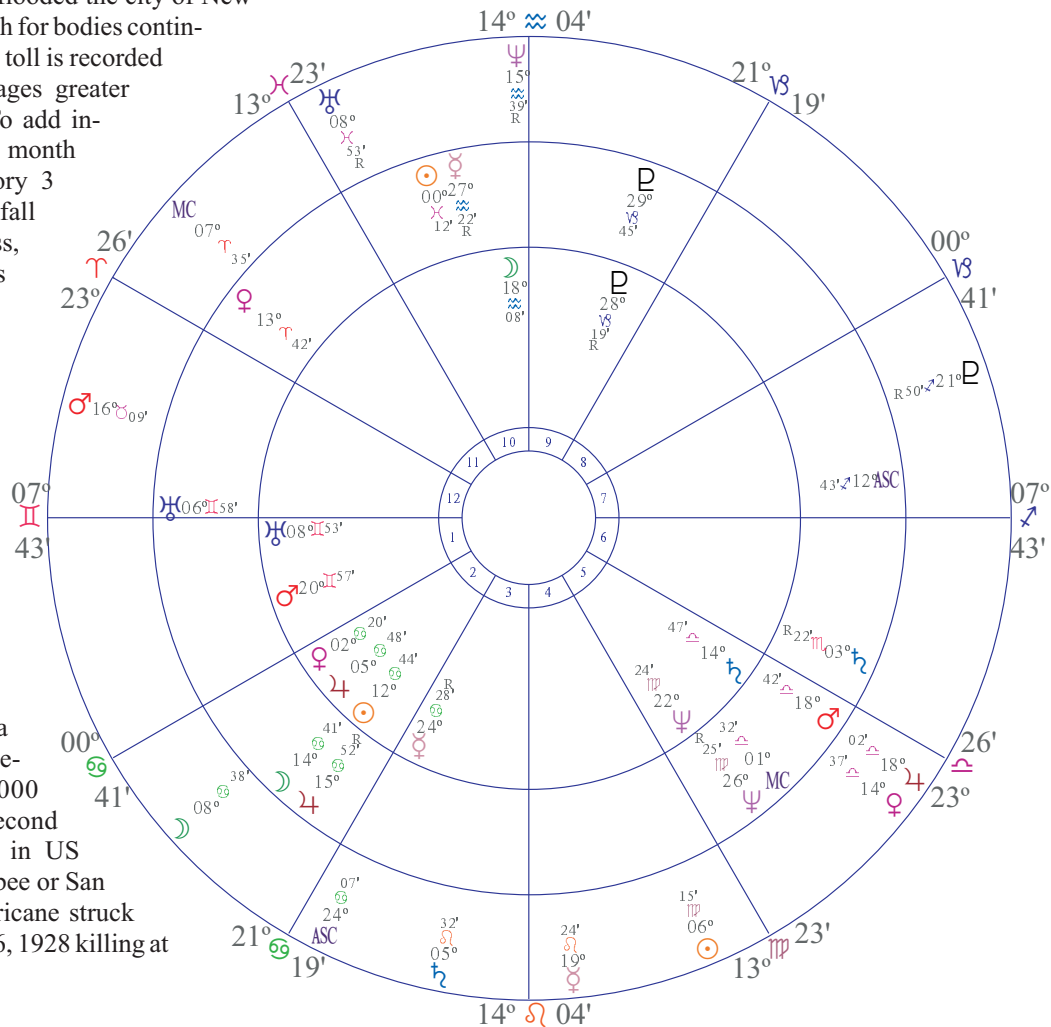
Christopher Gibson with Donald Baker

“When the heavy planets in the sky make squares and oppositions we may be sure of destructive weather conditions on the earth.”

C.C. Zain - *Weather Predicting*

On August 25 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall just north of Miami as a Category 1 hurricane. By 6:10 A.M. on August 29 she again made landfall along the Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm which flooded the city of New Orleans. As the search for bodies continues the official death toll is recorded as 1,203 with damages greater than \$200 billion. To add insult to injury, one month later Rita, a Category 3 hurricane, made landfall between Sabine Pass, Texas and Johnson’s Bayou, Louisiana causing \$8 billion in damages and a loss of 107 lives.

More than a century earlier a Category 4 storm made landfall at Galveston, Texas on September 8, 1900. The hurricane considered the deadliest disaster in US history brought a death toll of somewhere between 6,000 and 12,000. The second deadliest hurricane in US history the Okeechobee or San Felipe Segundo hurricane struck Florida September 16, 1928 killing at least 2,500.



USA: Hurricane Katrina

2:13 A.M., July 4, 1776, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 75°W10'; 39°N57'

Progressed to 8-29-05, 6:10 A.M. CDST

(inner wheel = natal; middle wheel = majors; outer wheel = transits)

The United States has a track record of other disastrous hurricanes. On Labor Day September 2, 1935 a hurricane struck the Florida Keys killing 423 people. In August of 1980 Hurricane Allen hit Brownsville Texas after leaving a trail of destruction across the Caribbean. Camille a Category 5 hurricane struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast region August 17, 1969 killing 256 and causing \$9.2 billion in damages. A Category 3 hurricane, Andrew struck Florida on August 24, 1992 causing \$45 billion in damages and a loss of 65 lives.

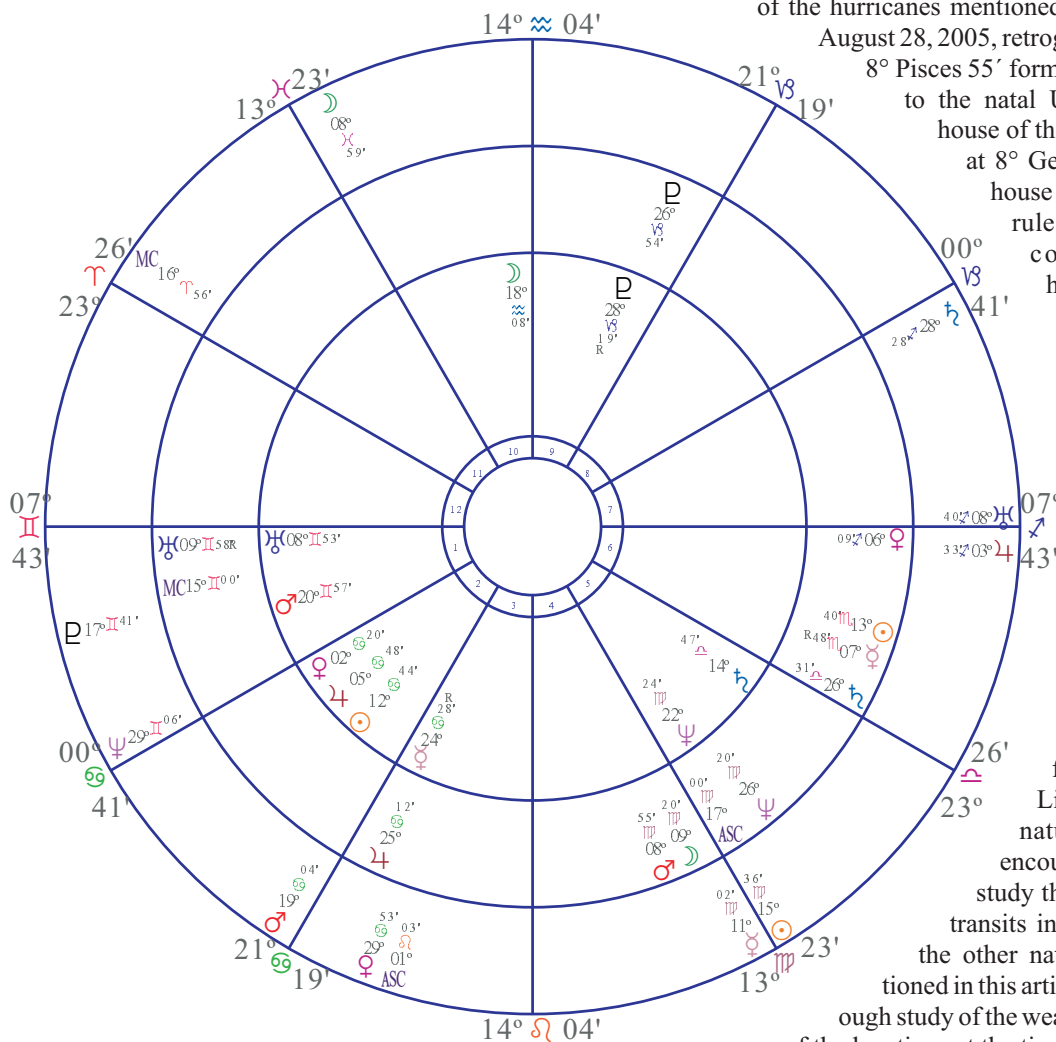
In Mundane astrology the fourth house of the nation's chart determines weather factors. The birth of the United States as pictured in Course XII *Mundane Astrology* indicates fourth house as being ruled by Leo. At the time Katrina

struck, progressed Venus was separating from a square aspect to the Sun, ruler of the fourth house. The economic loss and subsequent financial effects of this most recent hurricane are expected by some economists to be as devastating as the Great Depression. From September 26, 2005 to June 30, 2007 progressed Venus the chief ruler of the second house of the nation's finances will be in opposition natal Saturn in the fifth house of stocks and speculation. We can certainly look forward with caution to the economic difficulties this might portend.

Transits are considered to be of lesser importance in Hermetic astrology with the exception of the transits of the slower-moving outer planets and the transits of the planet that specifically rules a cycle chart. The transiting position of the planet Uranus is of particular interest in at least two

of the hurricanes mentioned in this article. On August 28, 2005, retrograde Uranus was at 8° Pisces 55' forming an exact square to the natal Uranus in the first house of the US chart which is at 8° Gemini 53'. The first house in a mundane chart rules the people of a country and their health. Almost exactly 105 years earlier transiting Uranus was at 8° Sagittarius 40' in opposition with his natal position when the deadly hurricane struck at Galveston.

The information contained in this article is not intended as the definitive Church of Light view on these natural disasters. We encourage the reader to study the progressions and transits in orb at the time of the other natural disaster mentioned in this article as well as a thorough study of the weather charts for each of the locations at the time of the events. ☾☽



USA: Galveston Hurricane

2:13 A.M., July 4, 1776, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 75°W10'; 39°N57'

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(inner wheel = natal; middle wheel = majors; outer wheel = transits)

Church of Light Convention 2005

Albuquerque, New Mexico

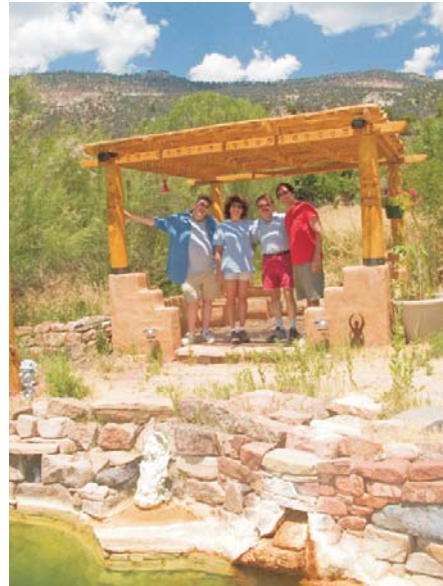
The Two Keys: Journey of Enlightenment



Pre-conference tour to Chaco Cultural Center

Stellarians from around the nation convened at the Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque this summer for the 2005 Convention. This year's pre-conference activities included a trip to Chaco Cultural Center, a World Heritage Site to visit the astronomically-aligned ruins abandoned by the Chacoan peo-

ple in the 14th Century. Several members also enjoyed a day's relaxation in the healing waters of the hot springs in the Jemez Mountains of north central New Mexico and a stroll along Canyon Road the heart of the art market in Santa Fe.



Christopher Gibson, Adriana Donofrio, Bill Montano, and Thomas Goodrich at Gigling Springs hot springs



Roland Wissler and Peggy Zellner join in the fun



Alicia Saucedo enchants with Egyptian dance movements

This year's program offered two days of workshops along with a pre-conference astrology intensive. The Friday night reception included a slide show of the recent Stellarian pilgrimage to Egypt and instruction in Egyptian dance by Alicia Saucedo.

The Star-struck Boutique staffed by Dorothy and Roland Wissler with the assistance of several volunteers was a great success.



Vicki Brewer and Adriana Donofrio contemplate the Horoscope® Program



Shoppers take a break at the Star-struck Boutique



Alicia Saucedo, Vicki Brewer, and Jayme Vaughn



Sandra Mayo and Missy Hall discuss divination techniques

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of the presenters who generously donated of their time and talents for the organization, and to all those in attendance for their support.

All conference photos are courtesy of Bill Montano



Presenters Michaela Perreault and Paul Bergner



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 Tablets of Aeth

Part II, Tablet The Second

Mercury ☿

"An elephant, kneeling between two square columns; on one an eagle, on the other a vulture.

At the side a boy, with bow and arrows, standing in doubt which to shoot.

Below these a human face, composed of various flowers, whose roots are snakes, a poppy, forming an eye, which winks."



Mercury

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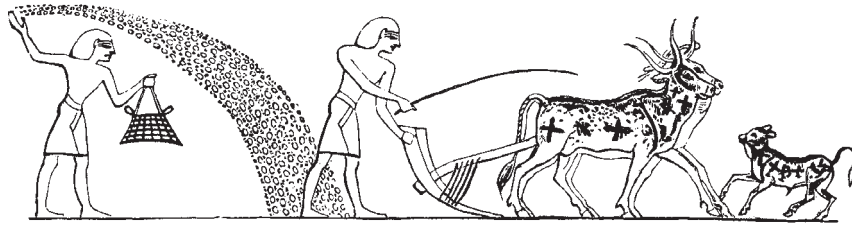
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"A vision revealing the earthly drama of the microcosm. The elephant represents the highest expression of intelligence, minus the spirit; kneeling between the square columns of matter, i.e., guarded by them. The external mind is sleeping, or, at most, dreaming of the things of the spirit. Above sleeping mind sit the two birds, who represent spirit and matter, each waiting for the slowly preparing feast. The boy, the soul with its weapons, has a choice. Shall it be the sensuality of the flesh that he shall destroy, or the possibilities of the spiritual life on earth. The problem awaits solution. The eagle sits ready to bear aloft the spirit of the sleeper. The vulture hopes for sleep to end in earth, that he may live upon the carrion thereof. The flowers of the external mind have for their roots the snakes; and in a large sense, the flowers of immortality have the serpent of wisdom for their roots. And the poppy winks. It knows

its own power of illusion, and the double significance of the snake; the necessity of evil in the evolution of good. It is the Table of Wisdom."

O child of Adam, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves."





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ble realm. His feet symbolize understanding. But characteristically enough of the one who acquires complete knowledge, he places very little weight, or dependence, upon the physical, and instead relies for the most part upon the realm of invisible energies which are more potent to bring things to pass.

Powerful among these invisible energies, as indicated by the conspicuous stars above, are those which reach the minds of men from the planets, and which give a trend not only to human thought and endeavor, but also relate in vibratory nature, and thus have an influence over, all objects and forces of the physical world. Thus is the seeker after TRUTH admonished first of all to turn his attention to the study of the influence of the stars.

An unusual thing about this seeker is her absence of attire; for she is presented completely nude. Garments are a hindrance to freedom of action, even as prejudices are a hindrance to freedom of thought. Thus is the seeker told, if he would be successful, he must investigate not merely both the visible and the invisible world, but, unlike much of scholastic authority, he must divest himself of prejudice and preconceived opinions.

The greatest failure of modern scholasticism is not its inability to devise tests by which facts can be sifted from fallacy; but its stubborn refusal even thoroughly to investigate matters which the present theories it holds fail to explain. Most of its prejudice against astrology has arisen from the fact that it can not understand how planetary energies can affect human life. Whether it does thus affect human life, therefore, it is determined not to investigate. Thus there falls upon such periodicals as AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE the task of presenting astrological facts to so vast an audience, and explaining how each can prove the influence of the planets for himself, that eventually the force of a thoroughly convinced public will compel astrological research in our universities, and eventually astrology being taught as one of the leading subjects in our public schools.

The seeker resting one foot upon the land, and the other foot and knee upon the ocean, betokens a realization that Truth is dual; the truth of appearances and the truth of reality, the truth of the practical and the truth of the ideal. And to indicate that the loving, emotional side of man's nature must be nourished if he is to grasp the inner truth, she pours a fluid from a silver cup into the sea; while to indicate the necessity of cultivating the positive, reasoning intellect if the external truth is to be possessed, and to use it as a check against the reports of the inner senses, she pours a fluid from a golden cup upon the land.

Here we have expounded the height of wisdom; that man has two sets of senses and two processes of the mind, both of which should be used in his search for Truth. The two conspicuous stars that mark the constellation Gemini, which in turn portrays in the sky through another picto-

graphic design the attributes of the zodiacal sign bearing the same name, are named Castor and Pollux. And in the legend concerning these Twins, the Greeks of old portrayed their knowledge that the mind has two types of processes, such as now we call Objective thinking and the thinking of the Unconscious Mind.

As the story runs, these brothers fell in love with the daughters of Leucippus; but as these fair damsels already were betrothed to the sons of Aphareus, resentment was expressed by these earlier suitors. At last the rivalry ran so high that a battle took place, in the course of which Castor was slain.

Unlike his brother, Pollux was immortal. Yet so great was his attachment for his brother that he walked up and down the earth, disconsolate and filled with sadness. Interest in life had departed, and he also longed to die.

From his Olympian heights, Jove perceiving the great distress in the heart of the surviving Twin, took pity and made it possible for Castor to share his brother's immortality. But on one condition: that the two could never be on earth at the same time. While one walked the earth, always the other must remain confined in Pluto's dark realm.

The mind of man, after the manner indicated in this legend, and after the manner pictured in the Major Arcanum of the tarot explaining Gemini, is now acknowledged to be two, the objective and the unconscious, linked inseparably, like the Twins, so long as life shall last. The objective mind, being dependent upon the physical brain for expression is, like Castor, subject to the forces of death. But the unconscious mind, persisting in the astral realms after the dissolution of the physical, like Pollux, is immortal.

The conscious, or objective mind, embraces those states of consciousness, thought, feeling, and visual images which, through the etheric energies that connect the astral form with the physical form, impress themselves on the physical brain. Thus is Castor mortal because when the physical brain ceases to function he exists no more.

Furthermore, when Castor is on earth, when the objective mind is active as in the fully waking state, the unconscious mind, or Pollux, is below the threshold of consciousness, unable to express except imperfectly on the physical plane. And due to astrological research since the discovery of that planet early in 1930, we now know that Pluto is the planet which rules invisible forces and the invisible, or astral, realm. Thus in fact, while the brain is active, is the unconscious mind chained in Pluto's dark domain.

Yet when Castor, the objective mind, finishes his daily sojourn, and departs from the realm of brain activity in the process of sleep — which permits the brain cells, which are miniature batteries, to recharge themselves — and thus enters the realm of darkness, it is then that Pollux holds full sway. In dreams the unconscious mind finds experiences such as it desires, visits the halls of learning, and weaves a

pattern of fantasy which, more frequently than not, is all that memory brings back into the waking state.

Occult students have held that in addition to the physical senses which report the happenings of the physical world to the objective mind, there are also corresponding psychic senses which report the happenings of the invisible world to the unconscious mind. And as things physical have astral counterparts in this invisible world, these psychic senses can be used not merely to gain information about the inner plane of being, but also to acquire knowledge of the physical world.

Experiments conducted by Psychical Research Societies, among whose membership were men of international scientific fame, have offered evidence for the last fifty years of the existence of the ability of the human mind to acquire information which could not be gained through the use of the physical senses. But as scholasticism deemed that such evidence was contrary to its theories, this mass of evidence, gradually accumulating over the years, was shoved to one side. The attitude was that if it was unexplainable, it must be untrue. And as it is still unexplainable according to scholastic conceptions, even as is the influence of planetary energy, both are largely conveniently ignored.

But at Duke University, some seven years ago, mass experiments were commenced, under the leadership of Dr. Rhine, to determine if the mind, as occult students and psychic researchers have held, actually has the power to acquire information not available to the physical senses. Hundreds of thousands of these experiments were conducted. Because of the success of these experiments, not less than a dozen other universities have taken up similar experiments on a gigantic scale. And, in the universities where such experiments have been conducted, it is now generally accepted — although disputed by many who have not conducted experiments and are unable to explain them — that clairvoyance and telepathy are demonstrated facts.

This faculty of the mind, through which it perceives things at a distance, is able to name the symbols in proper sequence on shuffled cards without them being visible to physical sight, and which at times looks into the future to witness things yet to happen in all their detail, has been abbreviated and is conveniently referred to as ESP, meaning EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION.

Those who are conversant with the reports of the various universities on their ESP experiments, or with the radio programs of the Zenith Foundation of Chicago each Sunday evening, will have had the opinion presented to them that telepathy and clairvoyance and other exhibitions of ESP power are one and the same thing. And this may seem to imply that the occultists who have held there were a psychic sense of sight, the exercise of which gives rise to clairvoyance, a psychic sense of hearing, the exercise of which gives rise to clairaudience, a psychic sense of feeling, the exercise of which gives rise to psychometry, etc., were in error.

But this is not necessarily the case. After all, in a strict definition, there is but a single physical sense, the sense of feeling. But organs have been developed which specialize in feeling different things, and reporting them precisely to the physical brain. The eye specializes in nerves which feel all the different gradations of light which makes vision possible. The ear specializes in feeling all the variation in sound vibrations which give rise to distinguishing the different tones and volumes of sound. The tongue and olfactory nerve specialize in a type of feeling which we call the sense of taste. Yet all, nevertheless, are feeling.

It is probably true that the unconscious mind also in a stricter sense has but a single faculty of perception, such as now is known as ESP. But it also seems permissible to divide the specializations of the ESP faculty into the one which gives the individual the impression of witnessing by the sense of sight something not perceptible to the physical eyes, the one which causes him to believe he hears the voice of a friend or loved one warning him, even though the person so warning is hundreds of miles distant, and the one which enables him to pick up, radio-fashion, the thoughts of some person, and to explain those thoughts to others.

But aside from these details, the existence of a faculty of the mind which is able to gain information through other means than the physical senses can no longer be doubted by any unprejudiced person who will read the account of the work done at Duke and other universities, or who will take the pains to investigate himself. And it was the existence and proper use of this ESP ability, as now it is called in scientific circles that the ancients explained in the Gemini Major Arcanum of the tarot.

Truth was not to be apprehended merely by the use of the ESP, although as the seeker rested far more largely upon the waves than upon the land, the scope of investigation through such psychic avenues was far wider. But, as pouring a fluid, and partially resting, upon the land, it was indicated that the reports of the physical senses and the process of logical reasoning should not be ignored.

Even the conventional symbol of two joined uprights, by which Gemini is denoted, indicates that the two processes of the mind, and the two sets of senses, should be united, and one weighed against the other, to get the total facts. Objective experiences should be analyzed in the light of psychic perception, and psychic experiences should be checked as to accuracy and significance by objective experience and reason.

This weighing — which will be more obvious in its import when the significance of Major Arcanum VIII of the tarot, as set forth in the September, 1937, issue of AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE is understood — of the inner against the outer, and the below against that which is above, is more fully indicated by the eight-point star above the seeker. The two united trines, one white and the other black,

that form a part of this eight-point star, in particular point to the old Hermetic Axiom, "As it is below, so it is above."

And this star of weighing the things of the external world against those of the invisible realm, being surrounded by the septenary of smaller stars to indicate planetary influences, points still further that in his search the seeker shall ever link his finding to the principles of astrology. That is, as all on the external plane, and all in the invisible realm, are linked indissolubly to astrological vibrations, a study of these relationships will prevent the seeker from being led astray.

Yet even in astrology two methods of approach must be recognized. And both have their own value, although Major Arcanum XVII indicates that the best results are to be obtained by a union of both.

The external method is the scientific approach, in which statistics are employed. This also has been the method by which university men have ascertained the existence of ESP. In astrology, for instance, when the birth charts of a sufficient number of aviators are collected, and an analysis of these charts shows that practically all of them have the planet Neptune either in an angle or in close aspect to Sun, Moon or Mercury, I believe we are warranted in considering a prominent Neptune a Birth chart Constant of aviators. And this would signify that in selecting a vocation for some young man, if Neptune were not in an angle, and not closely aspecting Sun, Moon or Mercury, we should be warranted in discouraging him from taking up aviation as a vocation.

Yet an astrologer who had never analyzed the birth chart of a single aviator, but who had an active ESP, as certain astrologers certainly do, might also take one look at the chart of the same young man, and advise him not to take up aviation. He might give a totally different reason for so deciding, but his decision would be quite accurate, none the less. Yet this would not make the finding, as The Brotherhood of Light has done, that Neptune is prominent in the charts of those who make a success of aviation, invalid. It is merely getting the same answer through a different process.

Nor does it invalidate the findings of thousands of people who have had remarkable psychic experiences, that they have not submitted those experiences to the rigid requirements of the scientists who now are investigating ESP.

These university men are merely making a different, and more critical, approach; checking their findings by carefully devised external methods.

Major Arcanum XVII, however, is not confined to explaining the two types of information gathering powers of the mind. The flower in the background, with three open blossoms, relates to the efflorescence, or highest types of experience, on each of the three planes; physical, astral and spiritual. The butterfly hovering over these flowers explains that through the power of thought, which Gemini rules, the soul is able to bring about those changes in the form it occupies — comparable to those by which the grub passes through the chrysalis stage — which enables it to

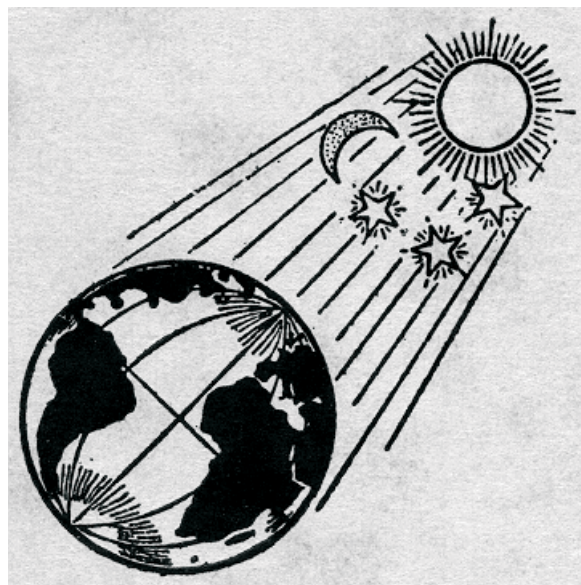
demonstrate the high types of experiences symbolized by the blossoms.

That is, the mere acquisition of Truth, no matter how comprehensive, has little significance unless used as a basis of action. To understand all that astrology, for instance, can teach, or all the information that can be acquired through the ESP, brings no change in human fortune until that knowledge is acted upon.

Astrology, better than any other science, affords a correct and complete diagnosis of the forces which bring each condition and event into an individual's life. It reveals the type, and the harmony or discord, of the

chief invisible energies received by the individual's thought-cells at a given time. And it shows which groups of thought-cells are at this time receiving the energy, and therefore what departments of life will be influenced. The birth chart itself maps the normal activity and the normal harmony or discord of the thought-cells thus given new energy. There is at hand, therefore, a very good guide as to how the thinking and behavior will be influenced at a given time by unseen energies, and what events the new activities of the thought-cells, acting upon the external environment, will then attract into the life.

Yet acquiring such knowledge, according to Major Arcanum XVII, is only half the function of thought. The other half is through its use to attract into the life, not the events that otherwise are indicated, but such as the individual may select, with the end in view of leading on and upward, to taste the nectar of this and higher planes.



The ESP power of the mind, especially when it gives warning of a disaster in the future which can be avoided, seems truly marvelous, and in such cases is most useful. But the mind has, in addition to its information gathering ability, an event-attractive, and environment-molding function. All the schools of mental and spiritual healing, all those who through the power of mind teach it to be possible to demonstrate desired conditions, use this executive power of thought.

Undirected, and unconscious so far as the individual is concerned, the thought-cells of the unconscious mind all the time are doing such work of demonstrating conditions. But the conditions they demonstrate, the events they bring into the life, are those demonstrated by the thought-cells which at that time receive an unusual amount of energy from the planets. That is, a section of the unconscious mind acquiring new energy in quantity through a progressed aspect, demonstrates the condition and event in precisely the same manner that the Metaphysical Practitioner, New Thought Advocate, or Divine Healer demonstrates a condition or event into the life of an individual. The only difference is that the new planetary energy reaching the thought-cells often causes them to demonstrate things the individual does not desire.

They demonstrate accidents, disaster, sickness and other misfortune because the individual is unaware of what they

are doing, or can not check them in the work of demonstration they feel impelled to undertake.

It is only through astrology, unless the ESP faculties are cultivated to a high degree of reliability, that we can become aware of what our unconscious mind at a given time is working to demonstrate. Astrology is the one commonly accessible method of knowing what is going on among the thought-cells.

But when the diagnosis is made, something else is required. The manipulation of the external environment to make it easy for the thought-cells to demonstrate favorable conditions, or to make it difficult for them to demonstrate indicated adversity, is a part of this work. But even more important, according to the explanation given in the Gemini Arcanum of the tarot, is the application of thought energy to the thought-cells made particularly active at the time by the planets, to direct them away from their tendency to spontaneous demonstrating, and give them the required impetus to use their energy to demonstrate instead, that which the individual desires.



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Comments From The Membership: The U.S. Chart

The article on mundane astrology in the Spring 2005 Quarterly attracted some lengthy and thought-provoking responses. They have been edited for length and content and are included below.

A member from Picayune Mississippi writes: "There has been a great deal of controversy and contention over the true timing of the Birth Chart of the U. S. Astrologers have argued aggressively over this point for a very long time.

Most of the arguments have been over the time the Declaration of Independence became effective. First, the time of the signing is unclear since there was a 'cloak of secrecy' surrounding the meetings where and when the 'Declaration' was drafted. No one can say exactly when it was signed.

Second, many are in disagreement over whether the correct time is when the 'Declaration' was signed – or when it took effect. And the timing for this is even more ambiguous! For a number of reasons.

I maintain that all of this is irrelevant and immaterial. When the foundation is lopsided can an argument be valid?

I contend that we had no real government 'til after we had a constitution and a Chief Executive.....

...There really was no government until George Washington was inaugurated president of the United States. He really was (is) the 'father of his country'.

Just after Noon on the 30th of April, 1789 George Washington was escorted to the Federal Hall at the corner of Broad and Wall Streets in New York City. There on a small balcony, he was administered the oath of office by Robert R. Livingston, the Chancellor of the State of New York, and made the First President of the United States of America.....

...I offer the accompanying chart for 12:20 P.M. April 30, 1789, erected for the location of the corner of Broad and Wall Streets, New York City for your consideration.

I feel that any reasonably competent astrologer will immediately see a number of agreements with observed historical facts.”

A member from N.S.W., Australia writes:

“I read your comments on the USA chart in the Spring Quarterly with some interest. The USA birth time has always triggered debate and controversy – a debate that goes back (to my knowledge) to early 1940. At that time, in American Astrology magazine, the various dates and times were enthusiastically debated by various astrologers....

...My interest in this matter concerns your comment regarding the 12:13 am time used by Zain and that Zain ‘does not reference any documentation to support that time.’ This is true. In the lessons there is no reference to where and how he came by that time, but in a letter to American Astrology magazine at the time of the 1940 debate he did explain its source. I have enclosed a photocopy for your reference....”

In the May 1940 issue of American Astrology Elbert Benjamine wrote:

“I have always felt that the U. S. chart rested on flimsy evidence.

“Dr. James D Keifer and I, as far back as 1900 belonged to the same occult fraternity. In 1908 I was in Iowa, and in the summer of that year I dropped all other interests to devote the balance of my life to astrology and occult work.

“I was in correspondence with Dr. Keifer who was about that time organizing and incorporating the First Temple of Astrology in Los Angeles (1907).

“He gave me the chart of the U. S., merely writing that the data had been supplied by an acquaintance of his who was a descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence....”

The Church of Light encourages its members to study all charts and their progressions for the timing of specific historical and current events and to ultimately draw their own conclusions. ♃♄



Membership Room

Change of Address

Please note that the Church of Light has a new address:

2119 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque, NM,
87106-4072

Telephone: 505-247-1338 (this number is different from the one mailed to members in July. That number was 1339. The 1339 number will work but 1338 is preferable. Yes ☺ - to answer your question - the number was assigned to the CofL months ago when Mercury wasn't retrograde...however, the move to New Mexico occurred while Mercury was retrograde...hmm!)

CofL staff are happily settling into the new offices after the enormous task of packing, moving, and unpacking. Appreciation is extended to Church of Light staff members and volunteers who made this move possible. At the same time that Headquarters was moving directors Paul and Vicki Brewer, and Christopher Gibson and office staff member Christina Herr also moved their homes. All of this moving has created delay in regular publishing schedules for the Quarterly and Ninth House publications. We are making every effort to get back on schedule and thank you for your patience during this time of transition.



Order of the Sphinx

A recent call to participation in the Order of the Sphinx by Shanti Gomez was met with resounding interest. At this years convention a committee was formed by Neil Cantwell, Gary Mann, Adriana Donofrio, Christopher Gibson, and Peg Joscher to reactivate the lodge. Look for more information on this topic in future Quarterlies. A meeting of TOOTS is scheduled for October 21-23 in Albuquerque, NM. All Hermeticians interested in participating contact headquarters for more information.

Transitions

We announce the passing from the earthly plane of Doris Chase-Doane in May of this year. Doris made a lifetime of contribution to the Church of Light and the field of astrology. She is fondly remembered by all who knew her. Look for a special edition of the Winter Quarterly dedicated to over five decades of Doris' writings.

Congratulations:

To Christopher Gibson who was elected to the Board of Directors at the 2005 Annual Meeting

To Matthew Shepard, Peter Tourian, Linda Bryant, and Joan Ouimette who have all become Certified Teachers.

To new Hermeticians Sandra Lewallen, Aaron Stewart, and Nancy J. Peterson

To member Christopher Castoe on his marriage to Teresa Marie on May 5, 2005. Christopher is also the proud grandfather of Damien Adahy McBride born May 1, 2005.



Christopher Castoe with Teresa and grandchildren

2006 Retreats

Relationships: Why? And Why Not? January 27 – 29, 2006. Albuquerque, NM. Come and discover the astrological keys to compatibility in romance, work, family and friendship. Learn why some people get along while others do not. Develop skills in resolving your differences with others.

Patterns of Prosperity: and How to Manage Them. March 24 – 26, 2006. Albuquerque, NM. When we have money we can have more leisure time to devote to activities that uplift and inspire us, and contribute to the well being of others. Find out how to locate the prosperity patterns in your chart and how to make them work for you.

Living the Passionate Life. June 16 – 19, 2006. Cimarron, NM. Could your life be more meaningful and exciting? In this workshop we will tap the sources of inspiration that are common to artists, inventors and other creative persons in order to live a more passionate and fulfilling life

ESP – For Dummies. September 29 – October 1, 2006. Albuquerque, NM. With the proper attitude and training anyone can become skilled at using their psychic senses. Learn about divination and how it works as well as other techniques for tuning into your soul senses.

Please come and join us at our new facilities in New Mexico for these outstanding retreats. Detailed brochures for these programs will be available from Church of Light headquarters.

Schedule of Services, Meetings and Classes

Please remember that The Church of Light conducts a daily Healing Service. Please join us at 12 Noon Mountain Time.

Oct 6 4 pm Meditation Spiritual Libra: 2nd Dec. Draco - Spiritual Text: "Deal Justly, Even With Thy Enemies; For it is Better to Suffer Evil than to Retaliate With Vengeance."

Oct 13 4 pm Meditation Spiritual Libra: 3rd Dec. Lupus - Spiritual Text: "It is Impossible for a Person to Injure Another Without Being Injured, or for a Person to Benefit Another Without Being Truly Benefitted."

Oct 20 6 pm Quarterly Board of Director's Meeting Teleconference

Oct 21-23 Hermetician's Retreat

Oct 23 11 am Monthly Worship Service - Scorpio — Liturgy from Spiritual Astrology

Oct 27 4 pm Meditation Spiritual Scorpio: 1st Dec. Ophiucus - Spiritual Text: "Continual Kindness Between the Sexes Generates a Power by Which the Heights may be Scaled."

A Member Writes...

To: Paul Brewer, President

"You are such a joy... reading your letter about the Church of Light got me all excited again for you, and all, that have put sooo much into everyday activity of keeping this organization going and moving forward.

"I appreciated sitting in on the annual convention meeting and witnessing your efforts and accomplishments.

"When I wonder what I could give to you and yours that could begin to repay you for your efforts... I think globally, like witnessing your names on this huge trophy of Light that must exist in the **libraries of saints** somewhere.

"Paul, Vicki, Dorothy, Rowland, Peggy, Christopher, Meg, Patrick, and on and on... I hope you find the move to New Mexico a bit more relaxing and that the center continues to fill your expectations for the vision you hold

"Love, light and great sensations of gratitude,"

Las Vegas, Nevada 🍷



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The Church of Light Vision for the 21st Century

OUR MISSION

To teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars, a way of life for the Aquarian Age, outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

WHAT WE TEACH

- There is a loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness expresses through undeviating natural law.
- There is a Divine Plan in which each person has a unique and important role.
- The Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution.
- There is a universal moral code - Contribute Your Utmost To Universal Welfare - which, to the extent adopted by each individual, will make the world a better place to live.
- The Religion of the Stars will evolve by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.
- Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.
- 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.

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- 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;
- Building a sense of community and spiritual purpose which uplifts and inspires our members to Contribute Their Utmost To Universal Welfare.

