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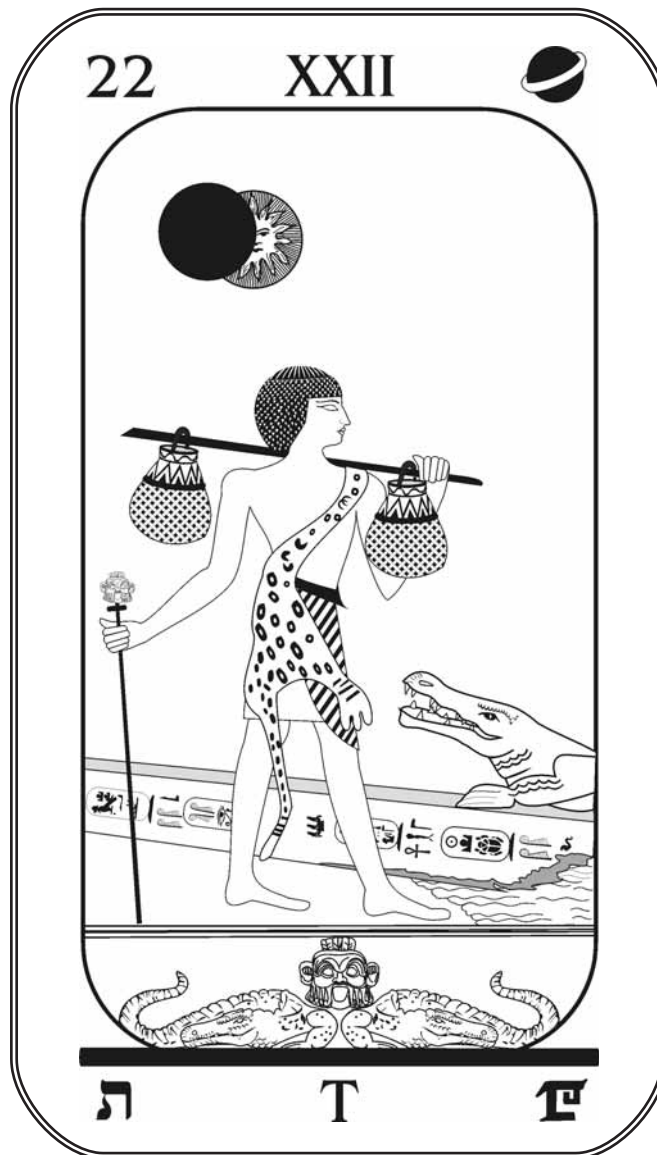
Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card, Part XXIII
The Materialist

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Until the discovery of Pluto was announced to the world on March 13, 1930, and from its positions in various birth charts we had been able to study the influence it exerts upon human life and destiny, Major Arcanum XXII of the tarot was a mystifying paradox. It always was considered as possessing an alternative interpretation. It was thus either number 22 or the no-numbered card represented by zero.

Sometimes it was viewed as the man who recognizes the impermanence and worthlessness of the dross and tinsel and outward display for which many devote the energies of their lives, and who renouncing all such show and physical gain, is spiritually wise but seems merely materially foolish. More often it was considered the reverse of this; as the man who turns his back on the light of spirit, believes the physical is the all of life, and thus on the plane of the predatory brutes, struggles only for material advantage, with mercy to none who stands in his



way. Considered from this view the card has come to be known as THE MATERIALIST.

Given to it as its astrological correspondence was the unknown planet. But today the planet no longer is unknown, and now that we have had opportunity for eight years intensively to study the action of Pluto in thousands of birth charts, we perceive with admiration how precisely the ancients, who probably knew of the planet only through their psychic faculties, portrayed its characteristics in the Materialist tarot card.

The most outstanding characteristic of Pluto is the two opposing sides of its nature. It never is weak and timid, never vacillating. It always is very bad or very good; exceptionally brutal or unusually spiritual; influencing toward the most atrocious crimes and giving us the racke-

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“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.” Albert Einstein - *US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)*

This Quarterly marks the end of a six year cycle in which we have featured articles on the Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card written by Elbert Benjamine during the late 1930's for American Astrology Magazine. This particular article, published in November 1938, features Arcanum XXII, ruled by Pluto which is known in most decks as 'The Fool' and is referred to alternately in *The Sacred Tarot* as The Materialist or The Spiritualist.

Prior to its discovery in 1930 by Clyde Tombaugh, Pluto was alluded to as “The Dark Orb” or “Planet X”. Pluto, who is named after the lord of the underworld, is gravitationally locked to Charon the ferryman of the dead as they revolve around each other every 6.387 days. It is not yet clear if Charon is one of the moons of Pluto, or if it is a binary planet system. The binary nature of this planet might explain why it rules such diametrically opposed ideas such as cooperation/compulsion, or materialism/spiritualism.

In the cover article Benjamine describes the apparent contradictions of this card as a “mystifying paradox”. On August 24, 2006, Pluto was reclassified as a dwarf planet by the scientific community. Pluto's short life span as a recognized planet might be part of that paradox. However, after 76 years of observation, Church of Light astrologers view Pluto as being psychologically significant, representing the Universal Welfare Urges of the subconscious and will continue to work with Pluto's placement within the horoscope.

The spiritual lessons of Pluto are indeed a “mystifying paradox” which we must contemplate. If one were to consider the Major Arcanum of the tarot as a contiguous whole, Arcanum XXII can be likened to the clasp on a necklace or bracelet which connects both beginning and end. For some students of the tarot this card represents the number 0, for others it is numerically 22. Like the clasp on the necklace it can be the ‘alpha’ or the ‘omega’; the beginning or the end uniting one cycle of experience to the next level.

Arcanum 0 or XXII is pictured in most decks of tarot as a vagabond, carrying all his worldly possessions in a knapsack, heading towards the edge of a cliff, with a yapping dog pulling at his trousers, perhaps holding him back from uncertain fate. The Brotherhood of Light Arcanum mirrors these images in an Egyptian context. This card is pictured by a blind man dressed in the skins of animals walking towards the edge of an abyss. His blindness represents that he is not yet in possession of his spiritual sight, the skins of animals inform us by birth into human form we are still members of the animal kingdom endowed with all animal desires and propensities. The abyss towards which he walks represents the mysteries of life or the Great Unknown. He guides himself with the staff in his right hand as his left hand steadies the yoke over his shoulder in which he balances all his worldly goods. The staff can represent an extension of the will, the choices we make in this life to direct our thoughts, feelings, and actions for good or for ill. The yoke can represent both material goods and possessions or it can represent our character, the sum total of experiences gained while in form. Our character is the only thing we take with us, when upon the death of the organism we pass to the next form we will occupy. Overhead the Sun is being eclipsed by the Moon which signifies the different epochs and periods when it appears that materialistic philosophies will obscure the illumination of spirituality. At the feet of the blind pilgrim reclines a fallen obelisk, representing the knowledge of the ancients that has fallen by the wayside. Over the obelisk creeps a crocodile which represents those negative forces or individuals who might seek to distract us from our spiritual goals. This card represents all that is mysterious and uncertain in the universe.

Contemplating the mysterious and the mystifying helps us to think outside the box and readies us to receive inspiration in whatever form it might take. On a daily basis we need to take time to withdraw our attention from the mundane in order to contemplate the great mysteries of life.

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teer; or inciting to effective work for social welfare and giving us the inspired leader who gets all to cooperate for the common good.

Pluto's alternate influence on mankind and on the individual is explained on the card in the language of symbolical pictograph thus: It is figured by a blind man carrying bags on his left shoulder; but whether he is blind to spiritual illumination or to material advantage is not indicated; only that if he takes heed of one, of necessity he is blind to the other. The bags over his shoulder indicate the material things of life he has spent his efforts acquiring; or they represent his ability to minister in physical ways to those in need.

He leans on a black staff and walks toward a fallen obelisk behind which a crocodile with wide-open mouth awaits to devour him. The staff of experience with good and evil is black, indicating that prudence is subservient to the demands of the senses; or that the demands for uplifting and protecting others is so great that, though enlightened, he ignores all danger.

The fallen obelisk symbolizes the final overthrow of all temporal work and power. The crocodile indicates the ultimate fate of all who are blind to spiritual things; and it indicates also the persecution of those who work to spread the true facts of spirituality.

Above is an eclipse of the Sun. This eclipse signifies that the spiritual light from within has been obscured by material interests; or it signifies that dark forces from the inner plane try to shut away the spiritual illumination which guides the neophyte. It even denotes the eclipse of the proper understanding of the various forces which Pluto rules through confusion of terminology; for Pluto, the ruler of the sign Scorpio, now is known to rule the invisible realm where the so-called dead sojourn, the radio and telepathic methods of communication, and the energies of the inside of things such as the intra atomic Carnegie Force that was discovered in April, 1936, which is said to bind the atoms together with a force a thousand times stronger than that of gravitation.

As even yet material science has not advanced far enough to enable us to comprehend much of inner plane phenomena by its findings, it is not surprising that the terminology applied to it is confusing. Nor is it surprising, since the etheric body, which is part of man's invisible domain, only so re-

cently as 1936 was demonstrated by material science to be electrical in origin, and the cells of the physical body miniature batteries furnishing the electricity which becomes nerve currents with measurable charges and with radiations, that confusion has arisen concerning it.

While it undoubtedly is true that when velocities in excess of a certain unknown rate are present, new types of conditions and attributes are present which are characteristic of the spiritual plane; yet nearly all of that which commonly is attributed to the spiritual plane in reality belongs to the spiritual levels of the astral world. The truly spiritual world is too far removed from the physical to be much more than occasionally glimpsed by the most advanced in the use of psychic perception. And even the upper reaches of the astral are so refined and spiritual that it requires unusually high spiritual development even momentarily to contact them.

For all practical purposes, therefore, the truly spiritual world — which has freedom and characteristics as strange to those dwelling in the astral realm, as the freedom of movement and the different relations of time, space and gravitation that exist on the astral plane seem strange to those accustomed to physical conditions and limitations — may be ignored in the study of inner plane phenomena. It has an existence, but its environment is too far removed to give observation much value.

We thus, for practical purposes, may consider the invisible world ruled by Pluto as embracing the etheric realm and the astral world. As pointed out when considering THE SARCOPHAGUS tarot card in the September issue of AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE, when an object gains a velocity greater than that of light, the common laws of gravitation and those relating to time and space no longer hold, and it then is something belonging to the astral plane. Thought and the unconscious mind of man have such velocities, and therefore are not physical things, nor are they etheric, where velocities are those of light, but movements and organizations of astral substance. Such planetary energies as exert an influence upon human life and are charted by astrology, also have velocities greater than light, and thus are forces of the astral plane.

In between physical substance and astral substance are the borderline energies — electromagnetic vibrations, radiations and light — that have the critical velocity of about

186,000 miles a second which gives them some qualities of the physical plane and some of the astral plane. These so-called etheric forces are transitional energies, transforming readily the energy of one plane into the energy of the other plane; and those of them that are invisible belong to Pluto's domain. Light, however, being visible, is not part of his realm. While it is true that highly evolved man has the rudiments of a spiritual body, which so far as it is present belongs to the spiritual plane, for all practical purposes in considering man and occult forces we need only to investigate two planes and the borderline energy which permits exchanges between them.

When we are confronted with the experience of a psychic who sees the physical body, the etheric body, an emotional body, an astral body, a mental body, a solar body, and so-on, we are not called upon to dispute what is seen, but we are privileged to interpret it in the light of most recent findings.

The aura of the etheric body, for instance, does have two quite distinct zones. It can be seen by the normal person who sensitizes his eyes with Kilnour's dicyanin screen, or better still with the pinacyanol screen developed by Bagnall. Oscar Bagnall in his book, *The Origin and Properties of the Human Aura* (1937) has made a distinct and valuable contribution to our knowledge of the etheric body. He approaches the matter effectively as a material scientist. His screen shows that there is a denser brighter inside aura which extends some three inches from the skin of the physical body. It has certain properties that are similar to those of a magnetic field.

Then outside this inside aura, and extending six to eight inches beyond it, is an outer haze which fades into nothingness at its outer margin, and which around the body is more or less oval in shape. This outside aura behaves more in the manner of ultra violet light than as a magnetic field.

Now it is common for psychics to see these two zones of the aura, and to give them names which imply they are of quite different planal substance. The inner aura, for instance, often is said to belong to the etheric body, and the outer aura then is said to belong to the emotional body, which by them is believed to be of the substance of the astral plane. Yet it is obvious from the fact that they can be seen by the physical eye properly sensitized to perceive vibrations slightly higher in frequency than violet light, that both these zones of the aura are phenomena of the etheric order. That is, they are electric in origin, and constitute an electromagnetic field, and radiations from electrically charged particles, which are but slightly higher in frequency, and have the same speed as light. The currents which carry messages over the nerves, the vitality of the physical body, the etheric body, and both the inner and the outer aura, are phenomena of the borderline etheric substance.

These same psychics also consider that there are several inner planes, each with its own type of substance. Thus the emotional body and events which transpire on the emo-

tional plane are coarser and of lower vibration than the mental body and the event which transpire on the mental plane. As we have just seen, however, that which most of them call the emotional body really belongs to the borderline energy, grading off from etheric in nature to that which is truly astral. And that which these same psychics call mental substance, is but one type of many manifestations of astral energy on the astral plane, that which is called spiritual by them being but another.

This is not stated for the purpose of criticizing these psychics. It merely points to the fact that recent discoveries in material science give us a more precise conception of what they actually see. For the effect of a strong emotion upon both the etheric body and the astral body is very different than the effect upon them of intellectually working to solve some problem. Yet both emotion and intellectual effort, each in its own way, has a profound influence upon both the etheric energies and the astral energies of the person so engaged.

Let us consider that desire is the energies of certain thought-cells or groups of thought-cells within the unconscious mind in a potential state, straining to be released in a given activity: to move the physical body, to acquire sustenance, to destroy an enemy, to realize love, to enjoy a certain sensation, to solve a complex mental problem, or any one of innumerable other things. That is, desire is energy which has produced a tension which seeks release in some activity. And this activity, in which the desire energy finds release, in turn gives rise to more or less feeling.

Certain desires, however, are powerful enough that the discharge of their energy when the tension is released creates a profound and widespread disturbance of the electrical currents which flow over the nerves. These more violent desires are responses of the life-form to emergency situations. Some of these situations are: the call to conflict, stimulating anger; realizing inadequacy to handle a situation, stimulating fear; realization of loss sustained and consequent inadequacy, stimulating sorrow; belief that a fond desire will be realized, stimulating hope; realization of a fond hope stimulating joy; the thought or presence of a loved one, stimulating passion or love. Such situations demand that energies be present in more than normal volume. Hence the tensions of the nervous system are such as quickly to generate electrical currents so powerful that when these energies are released they are violent enough to give rise to profound disturbances of the etheric body and the astral body, and to develop those intense feelings which are termed emotion.

Intellectual thinking, however, makes use of desire energies far removed from emergency situations. It uses images and symbols which are more or less abstractions of the things which arouse the strong primitive desires. Hence the electrical currents generated in the process, while perhaps having an exceedingly high potential, and able consequently to radiate much shorter wavelengths than emotion normally

does, nevertheless have far less volume, and their release does not set up such profound and widespread disturbances in either the etheric body or the unconscious mind.

I am trying thus briefly to make plain that intellectual thinking and emotion make use of the substance of the same planes, and utilize the same kind of energies. Emotion, however, is energy released with violence and in volume, while intellectual thinking releases similar energy with less violence and volume, but commonly with shorter wavelength radiations. I say commonly, advisedly, because spiritual aspiration and the higher types of love also have high voltage and a vibratory rate sufficiently great that they reach and have an influence upon the upper astral levels.

While the substance affected is the same whether it is acted upon by emotion or by intellect, the vibratory level of this substance may be markedly different. The astral world contains innumerable vibratory levels, just as there are innumerable different frequencies over each of which a radio program on earth can be broadcast. And on each of these thousands of vibratory levels, corresponding in the astral substance to possible frequencies in etheric substance that might be used in radio work, there are objects and life-forms undergoing experiences that to them are as objective as the experiences of people on earth. In fact, when one has tuned in on the particular level, or moved there through having a similar basic vibration, its world, its denizens and its happenings are as intense and objective as physical experiences can be. And usually those on one level are quite unconscious of what is happening on other levels.

Herein lies the difference between the so-called emotional body and the mental body; for the more common emotions not only generate a great supply of rather low potential electrical energy, but their vibratory rate is such that they tune the individual to the lower levels of the astral world. High aspirations reach the higher levels; but most of the emotions do not lift the thoughts and thus the vibrations above the physical plane. This means that the individual tunes in on levels of the astral world where the program — which is the actual life of that level — is very much the same as that by which the individual is surrounded in his everyday life.

If he then is psychic, and exercises his Extra Sensory Perception, the things he sees, hears and feels are neither more nor less spiritual than those he commonly contacts on the physical plane. That is, the intelligences with which he communes are just as selfish, just as envious, just as petty as are those on the physical plane, and just as likely to try to take advantage of him for their own ends.

This does not mean that all, or even any large portion, of those it is possible to contact on the inner plane, are lacking in noble qualities; it simply means that of the innumerable levels of astral existence his own thoughts and basic vibration have tuned him in on a level where the denizens have a similar basic vibratory rate.

Now let us consider that Pluto is the ruler of the invisible realm, which includes both the boundary energies — for some of these are used in radio, which it has been demonstrated Pluto rules — and the energies of the astral plane. In reference to the radio, in the past eight years we have collected the birth charts of a great many associated in some way closely with it, observed the progressed aspects when they took up radio work, and also noted the aspects in the cycle charts when news relating to the radio came prominently before the notice of the public. Pluto almost invariably is involved. We find also that when people most readily get telepathic messages, and especially when they recognize thoughts sent to influence them, getting the thoughts clearly and becoming aware of the sender, is when there is a progressed aspect to Pluto in their birth charts.

From birth chart studies we have also noted that for establishing rapport between two individuals — not ESP which is ruled by Neptune — whether one has left the physical plane or both are still in physical bodies, and exchanging thoughts, that the wavelengths generated by the nervous system when Pluto is prominent in the birth chart and by progression are by far the most effective of all. They seem not so conducive to tuning in on objects, or to perceiving astral scenes, as are the wavelengths of Neptune; but as the means by which one intelligence, whether of the physical world or the astral, can impress its thoughts upon another at a distance, they rank first.

As Pluto rules the noblest aspirations of man, and those who labor unselfishly for human advancement, through the better side of its nature; and with the other side rules the gangster, the racketeer, and those who are the enemies of human progress; it follows that intelligences of both extremes, as well as those of less pronounced tendencies, occupy the unseen realm which both by mythology and by practical research Pluto is deemed to rule. Furthermore, just as we can witness on earth today in the struggle between dictatorships and democracy, between the plutocrats and the New Deal, and between the efforts to penalize those who teach and practice astrology and those who are trying to give astrology to the public as the most valuable aid to better living, it is possible for them to acquire; so the outstanding tendency of Pluto, which is to split into two opposing factions, has made itself felt in the invisible realm he rules.

In the border region, where velocities are slightly, if any, greater than light, innumerable creatures dwell. Conan Doyle's book, "The Coming of the Fairies," illustrates some of the most charming of these creatures of the boundary realm. They were made visible to the camera through reinforcement by the etheric energy supplied by the mediumistic little girls.

Other types belonging to this boundary zone where etheric and astral blend, are the elementals — sylphs, salamanders, gnomes, undines, and various other kinds, such as the mis-

chievous ones which are usually responsible for the well attested and not too uncommon poltergeist phenomena, in which stones are thrown, crockery smashed, doors opened, knocks and rappings and other annoying events take place in the presence of some particular person, usually of a youth near the age of puberty.

During the glandular readjustment of such a youngster, conditions may be such as to cause his nervous system to generate large volumes of low potential electricity. He gives off great surpluses of etheric energy of just the type that most easily can be contacted and used by the creatures on the borderline between etheric and astral. Such phenomena usually cease as the youngster furnishing the energy matures.

This borderline realm, where astral and etheric energies blend, both having velocities not far different from that of light, is the home of intelligences which in their basic vibrations are similar to the creatures of earth. Some are not vicious, merely lacking in spirituality. Yet there are also others which resemble in appearance and in predatory habits the lion, the tiger, the bear and the wolf. That is, if one be so inclined and has ESP sufficiently developed, one can view the jungle of the astral plane, just as one can go to a not dissimilar jungle in the physical world.

But of greater importance to man — because most people have no occasion to visit the jungle — are the discarnate human beings who occupy this borderline realm. On vibratory levels far above it dwell those who strive continually to benefit the human race, who inspire man to noble effort, and encourage him in every unselfish and worthy enterprise. And if the individual tunes in on them, or reaches them through an extension of his consciousness, they will aid him through the impressions of their thoughts.

But in the lower astral levels and in the borderland zone continue to dwell those who, for some reason, are earth-bound. That is, their attachment to the conditions of the earth is so obsessive that they can not rise to higher vibratory levels. Nor can those whose lives have been actuated solely by the predatory instincts of carnivorous beasts rise above the vibratory level of this border sphere. The racketeers, the gangsters, those who would prey upon the unwary, and who are devoid of pity for the sufferings of others if they can gain thereby, persist as denizens of this astral-etheric Pluto border realm.

Many of those who died in the Great War, unable to free themselves from the desire to be revenged upon their enemies, also linger in this domain close to earth, and from it impress their desires and their plans upon those living who are sufficiently sensitive.

Both the high and the low, the refined and the gross in the invisible regions are portions of Pluto's domain; and the thoughts and ambitions, aspirations and greeds that today have divided the world into two contending camps, have largely been prompted from these regions. Pluto's recent discovery was coincident with a more profound influence upon the earth of the invisible realm he rules; and now that this planet whose attributes are set forth in Major Arcanum XXII of the tarot cards has moved into the rulership sign Leo, the struggle of those representing each of his opposing attributes for world dominion will become increasingly more fierce.



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The Tablets of AETH

Part III

Here beginneth Chapter 3 of the Second Part of the Book which is called “The Tablets of AETH,” wherein the Third, and last, Trinity of the Planetary Rulers is faithfully transcribed.

“Thou hast entered the immeasurable regions. I am the Dweller of the Threshold. What wouldst thou with me? * * * Dost thou fear me? Am I not thy beloved? Is it not for me that thou hast rendered up the delights of thy race? Wouldst thou be wise? Mine is the wisdom of the countless ages. Kiss me, my mortal lover.”

“Thus man pursues his weary calling,
And wrings the hard life from the sky,
While happiness unseen is falling
Down from God’s bosom silently.”



*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

The Tablets of AETH

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Saturn ♄

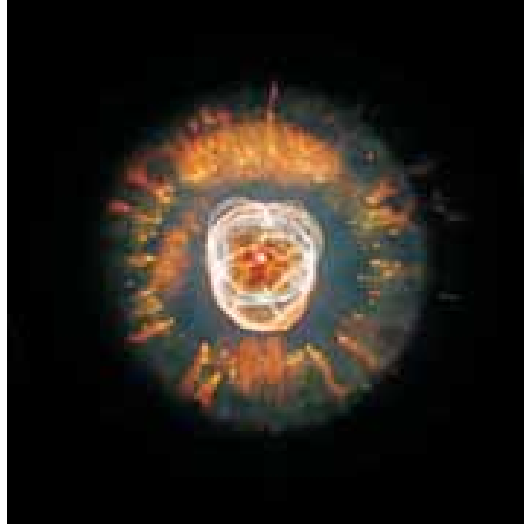
“A human figure with a scepter of power,
a being of light crowned with flames.”

You have endured much hardship for the sake of the Universe. You have been ridiculed for your personal beliefs, but have held true to your path in life. You have come in with nothing to assist you, but that Power within you and you have failed and succeeded. For every success and triumph you have risen above many setbacks and delays, but you continue to take failure and turn it into success. You have taken defeat and turned it into victory. You have championed goodness, kindness and compassion transforming the hard heart in difficult times.

You see yourself not, but the Universe sees you. The trust of the universe, all creation is yours. The truth and love of your being has endured and triumphed and you are as a Sun shining in the darkness to empower, strengthen and spark the ways towards success and abundant joy. As you have tended to and served all, all, more and more, will show more willingness to tend and serve you. ✨



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"A human figure with a scepter of power, a being of light crowned with flames"

Saturn

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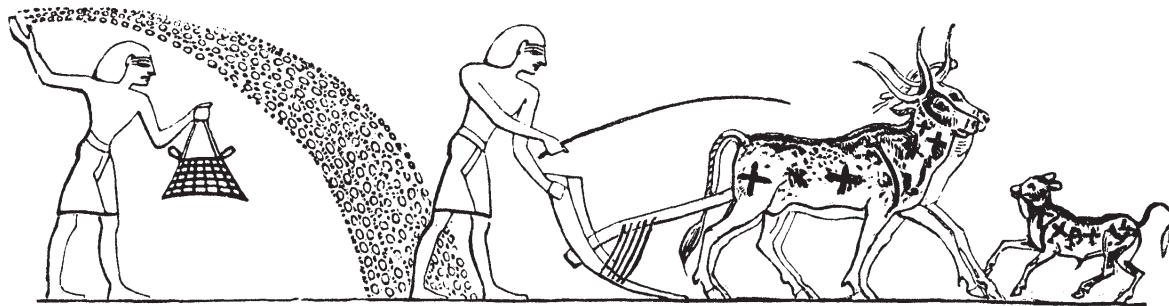
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"In the external we remember Saturn as an old man, and as a skeleton with a scythe—as Time, in fact. But see, O immortal soul, the real Saturn, as the Angel of Life, having from time gathered the experiences which crown him with light, holding the rod of power; the Christ born in the manger of Capricorn, the Goat—life born of death; the conqueror of evil. He throws off the mask of age, and divine youth beams on us. He doffs the mantle of rags, and royal splendors clothe him. He lifts the hood, and behold the crown. He raises the crutch and lo! the rod of power. He drops the scythe of death for the jewel of eternal life.

"Om Mani Padme Um."
(Oh the jewel of the lotus.)

O child of Adam! Meditate on the transmutations of life. Behold the earthly miracle of the caterpillar and the butterfly, of the toiling mortal and the transcendent God!"





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Mundane Astrology

Mundane Events 2007

Christopher Gibson

Mundane Astrology is the study of how celestial influences impact corporate entities such as countries, cities, and communities. Most importantly we first evaluate the birth chart of a country to determine specific national tendencies. Secondly, we progress the nation's chart and analyze the planetary positions and aspects to determine what trends will take place within the country during specific periods of time. In regards to the United States chart astrologers tend to agree on July 4, 1776, as the birth date, but differ in opinion as to the time of birth (this was discussed in detail in the Spring 2005 Quarterly). In this article we will work from the chart provided in Mundane Astrology where the author C. C. Zain gives the birth time of the United States as 2:13 A.M. and the Ascendant as 7° Gemini 35'.

By progressing the US Chart we can determine trends and key areas of activity. For example in August 2005 progressed Mercury the ruler of communication and reports, moving retrograde through the 10th house of business in the US Chart formed an inconjunct or expansion aspect to progressed Neptune which rules petroleum and gas in the 5th house of stocks and speculation. By October 2005 oil companies reported record profits. In response to the public backlash we were informed that these profits were due to good business practices and not price-gouging after the devastation of hurricane Katrina.

Another aspect impacting the US chart since September 2005 has been progressed Venus moving through the 11th house opposing natal Saturn in the 5th House of children, stocks and speculation. Any progressed aspects to Saturn also stimulate the 8th house of debts and death, the 9th

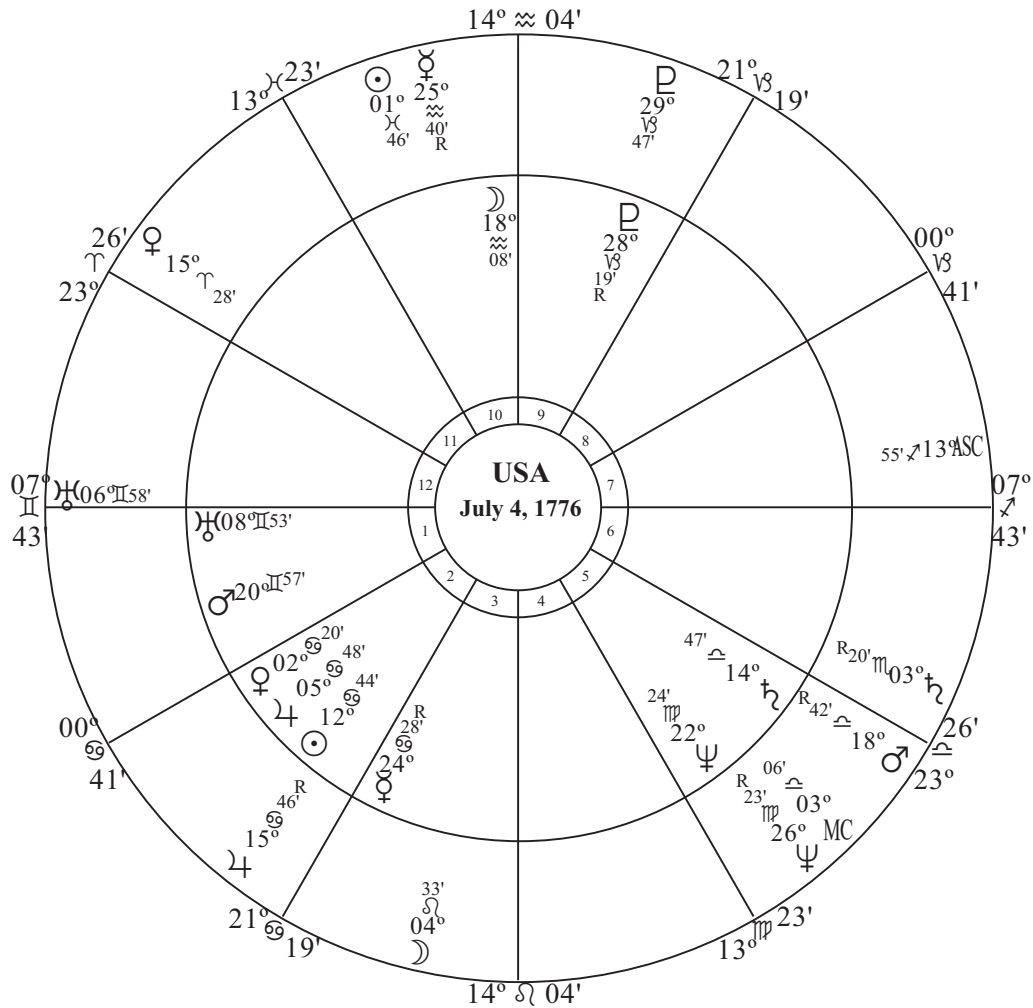
house of foreign relations, and the 10th house of leadership as the signs of Capricorn and Aquarius fall on the cusps of these houses. In May 2006 CNN reported that the US has the second worst infant mortality rate among developing nations. Among industrialized nations only Latvia has a high rate of infant mortality. Under this aspect we have witnessed peaks and valleys in the stock market. Most recently in February 2007 the Dow Jones Industrial Average witnessed the greatest point slide since the aftermath of September 11th in response to a drop in the Asian Markets.

Perhaps the most alarming and least addressed facet of this aspect is the US National Debt which at the time of this writing currently stands at \$8,843,823,464,157. According to the US National Debt Clock each citizen's share of this debt is \$29,353.47. Since September 29, 2006 the National Debt has continued to increase at an unprecedented average of \$1.88 billion per day.

Cycle Charts are another way by which we gain information about current trends and events. Cycle Charts are calculated for the capital city of any country for the moment a planet passes from south to north declination. They can be read as the birth charts for a specific influence over a specific period of time. Cy-

cle charts are unique in that we progress by transit only the planet for which the chart is erected and we only measure those aspects within one degree of perfect to the natal (cycle) chart. Interpretation of cycle charts is narrowly limited to the topics governed by the planet ruling the cycle. In the Sun cycle chart we look for trends involving politicians and the current administration. The Moon cycle chart reveals trends affecting commodities, women, and the masses.





Mercury’s cycle indicates directions in communications and the media. The Venus cycle displays fads in arts and social practices. Mars governs both the military and industry. Jupiter makes known religious and financial directions. Saturn governs the conservative element, utilities, mines and farmers. Uranus governs inventions and the radical political element. Neptune cycles can be read as they impact schemes, petroleum prices, and the entertainment industry. And lastly Pluto cycles are indicative of overall societal trends and the actions of mobs.

The Vernal Ingress, or Sun cycle chart is calculated every spring for the time 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. 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. 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 the 2007 Vernal Ingress chart the Sun can be found in the 6th house described by Zain in Mundane astrology as:

“The illness of the people, their food; laboring people and their labor; employees in general, including the personnel of the army, navy and police force who are employees of the people, also all civil service employees; stored grain or other stored products of the land or mines, the garnered harvest, restaurants, cafeterias, drug stores and all places where food and drink are dispensed; small animals.”

This year we can expect to see the news highlighting issues of food safety, pet food safety, minimum wage for workers, and the drawdown of armed forces. April 16 – 18 the transiting Sun in the 7th house will conjunct the Moon in the Sun cycle chart to be followed by a conjunction with Venus April 23-25. During these periods we might see matters of domestic partnership or peace initiatives featured in the news. June 9-11 transiting Sun will be opposing Jupiter in the 3rd house and June 19-21 the transiting Sun will be op-

posing Pluto in the 3rd house. Perhaps at this time the news will feature articles on the porosity of our international borders or feature mass protests on either side of the border with neighboring countries. The Nation's attention could be focused on the actions of its leadership July 3-5 when the Sun conjuncts the MC in the cycle chart.

The Mars cycle which commences May 20, 2007 places Mars in the 2nd house of the National Treasury and banking. A dominant theme during this cycle should be the cost of war. This topic should be especially prominent around July 24 – 27 when Mars by transit will oppose the MC in the

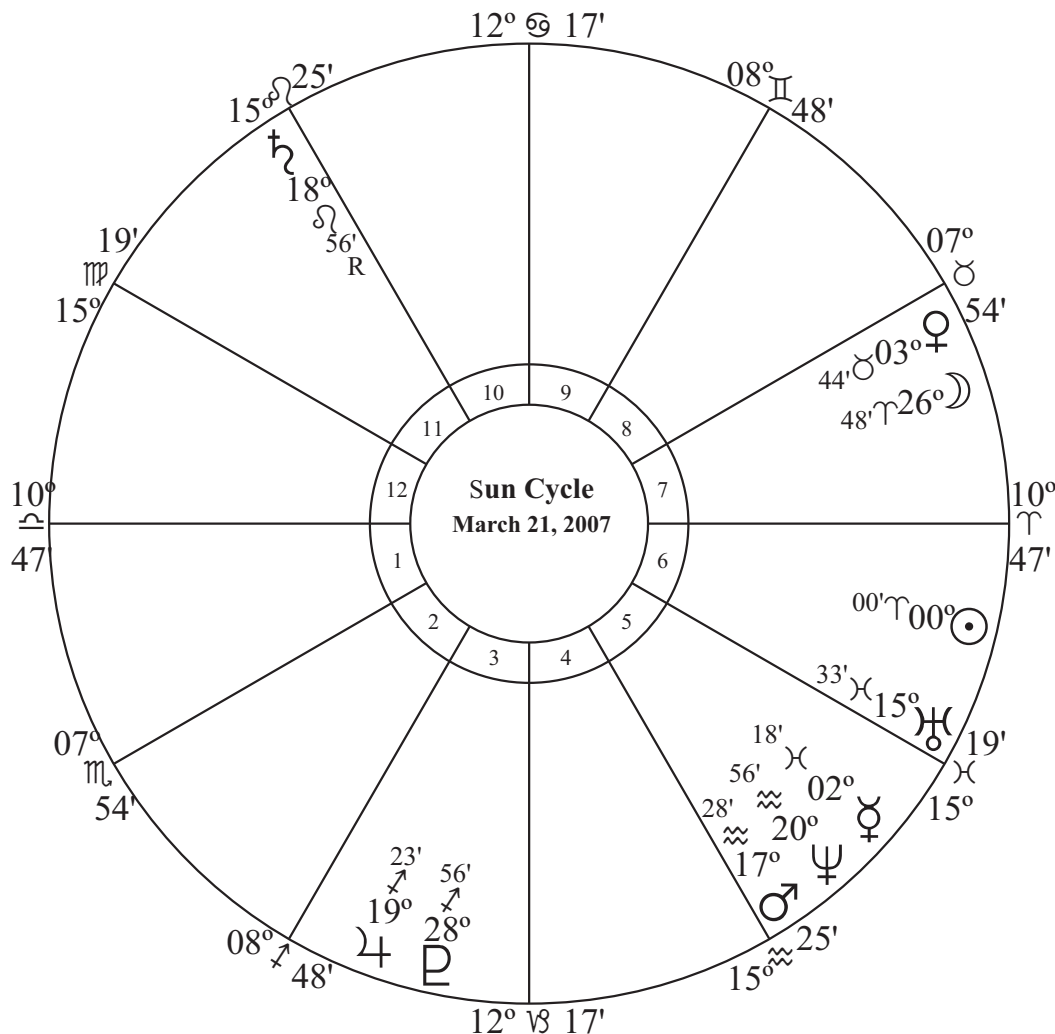
cycle chart and August 3 – 6 when Mars conjuncts the Sun in the 4th house. September 23 – 29 Mars will oppose Pluto in the 11th house of embassies this could have some form of violence directed towards diplomatic corps in the foreground of the news.

Church of Light students are encouraged to study all the cycle charts.



Sun Cycle

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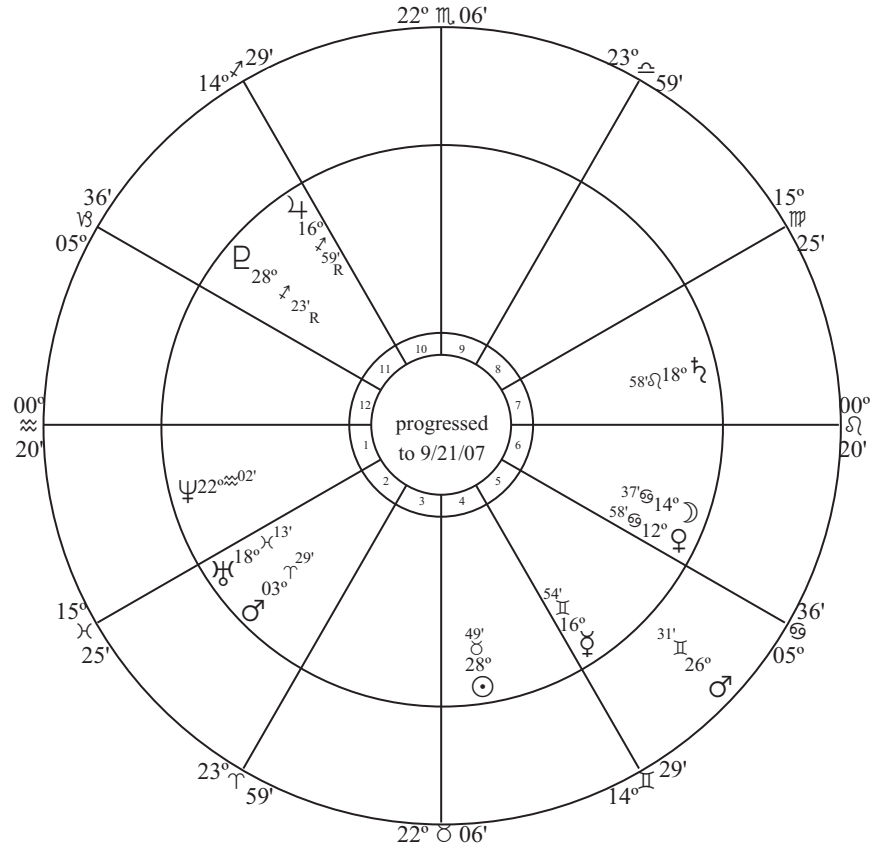


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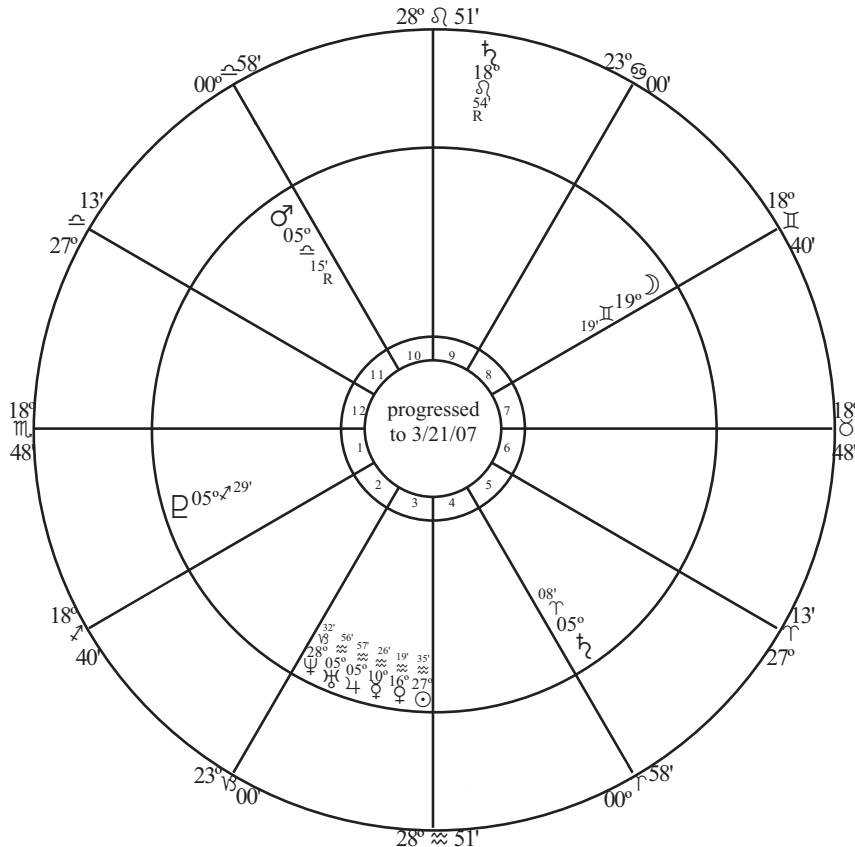
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**Saturn Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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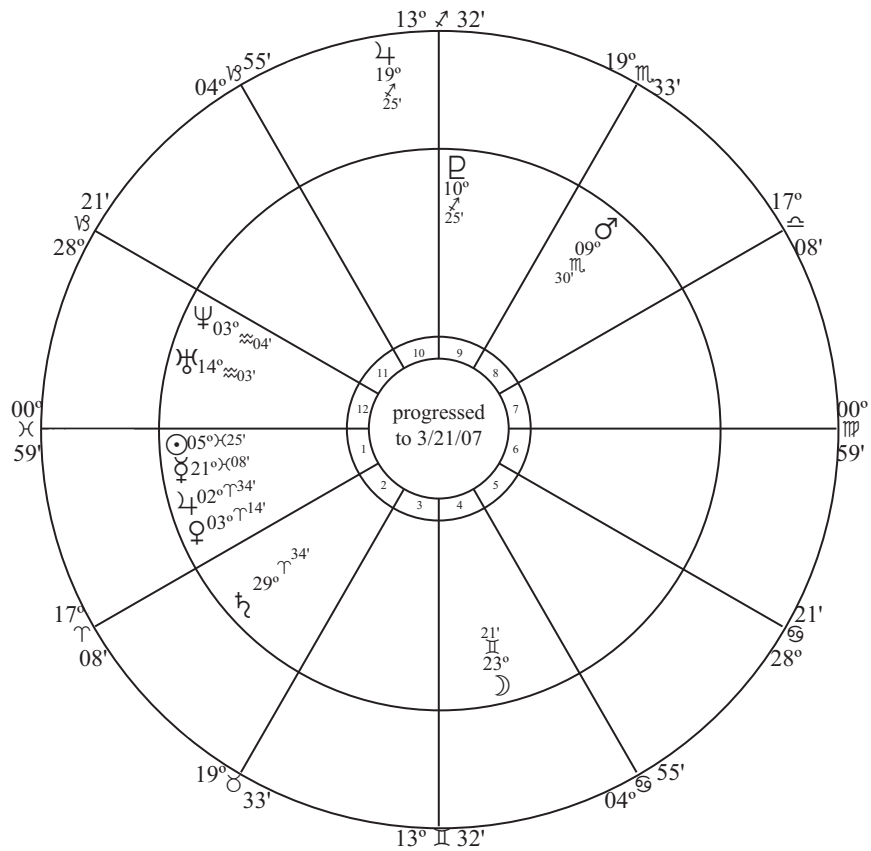
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**Jupiter Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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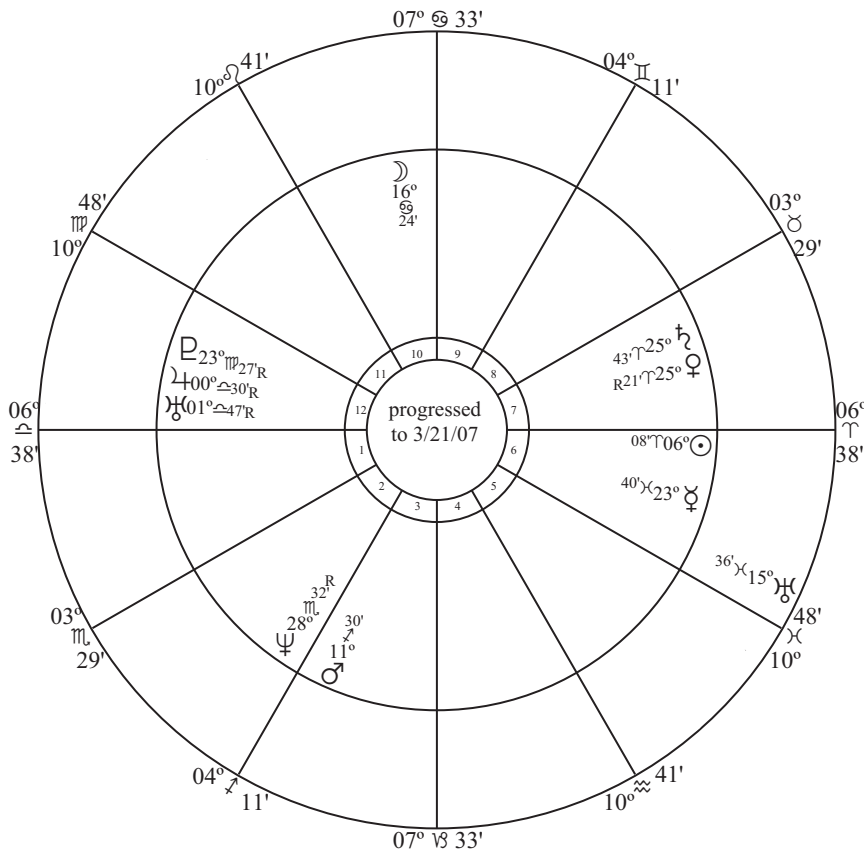
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**Uranus Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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by Neil Michelsen &
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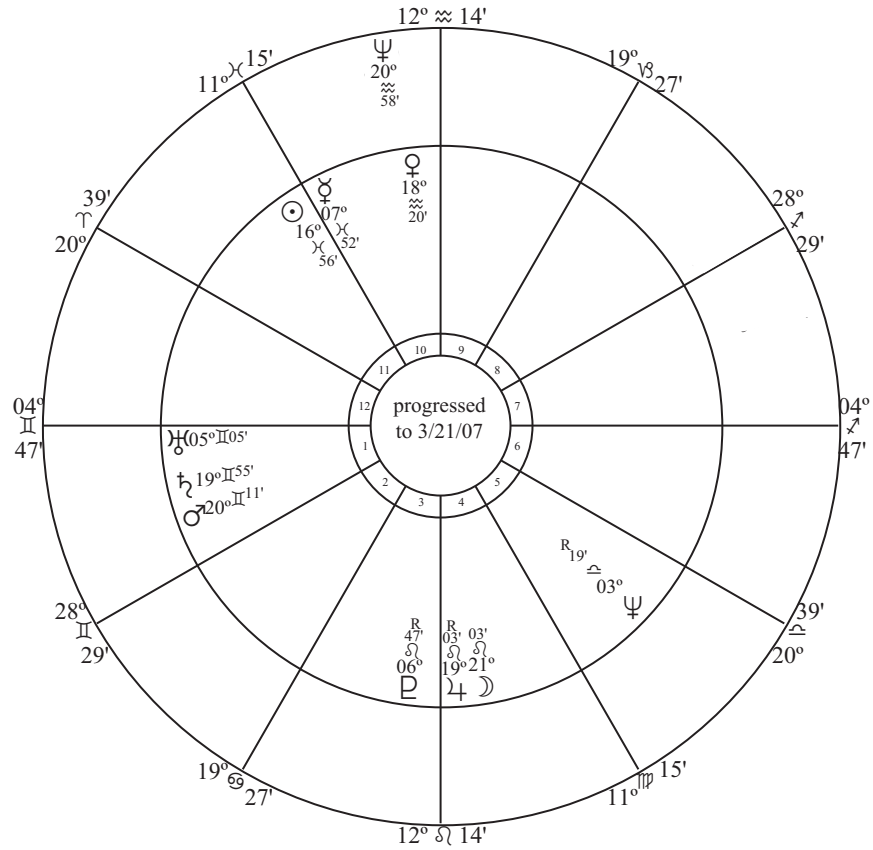
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**Pluto Cycle
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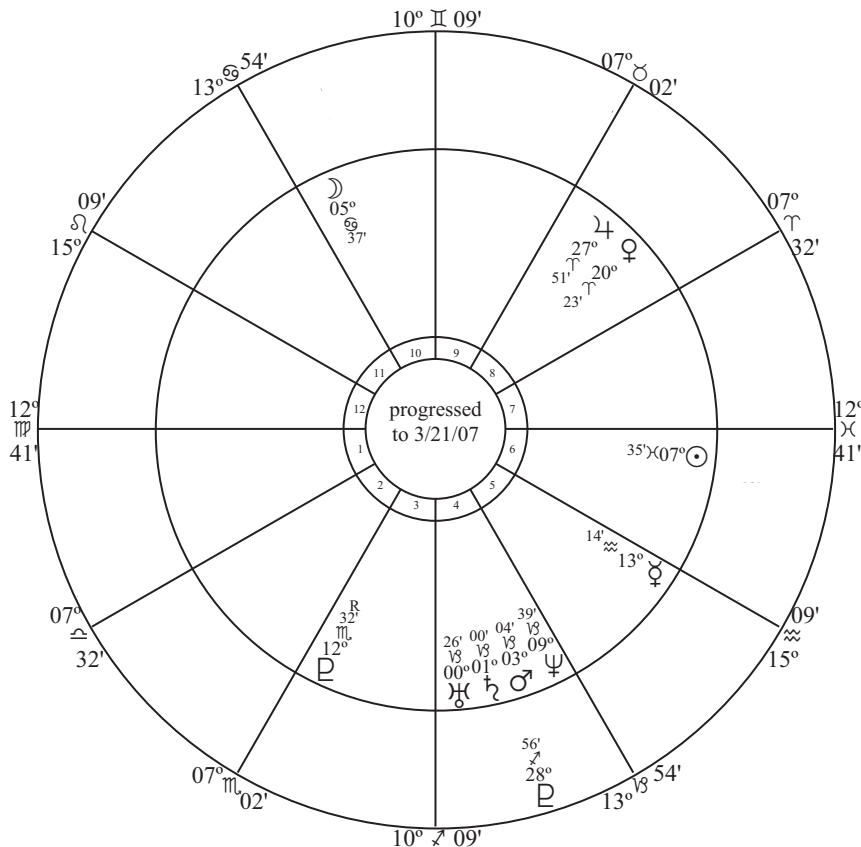
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♁	22S19	
♂	23S37	
♆	22S08	
♁	00N00	16S28
♁	21N59	
♁	06N48	



Membership Room

Congratulations:

Fort Worth Texas has a Branch Church

under the leadership of
Gail Carswell and Michael Foltz.

Gail and Michael have been hosting Church of Light (Brotherhood of Light) classes in the Fort Worth area for several years. Gail currently serves on The Church of Light Board of Directors and Michael is assisting Membership Minister, Patrick Ramsey with grading exams. They own and operate The Owl's Clover, a metaphysical bookstore where they conduct their personal business and host the new branch church.



For more information about Gail and Michael go to their website: owlswebnest.com. All of us at The Church of Light are excited about their work and look forward to a very active branch church.

Church of Light Religious Services

are conducted by Rev. Meg Dissinger on the third Sunday of every month from 11 A.M. – 12 noon at Church headquarters in Albuquerque. The next services are: May 20 – Gemini - Be Reasonable! and June 17 – Cancer - Taming the Beast Within. Services are followed by an astrology lab – all are welcome!

Summer Schedule of Classes

A Beginning Astrology course will be taught by Christopher Gibson on 6 consecutive Tuesdays from August 21 – Sept 25. Allyn McCray will be giving instruction in Beginning Tarot on 6 consecutive Thursdays from August 23 – September 27

Fall Schedule of Classes

An Intermediate Astrology course will be offered by Christopher Gibson on 6 consecutive Tuesdays from October 9 – November 13. Christopher will also be teaching the Intermediate Tarot class on Thursdays October 11 – November 15.

All classes run from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Beware!

It has been brought to our attention at headquarters that there are a couple of men who are preying on elderly female members. These men claim to be representatives of The Church of Light who are seeking donations of books and/or historic materials from member's estates. If anyone should approach you, please contact The Church of Light.

The Secret's Out!

Well...actually it's been out for quite some time...it's just being energized!

If you want to know more about "the secret" read The Brotherhood of Light Lessons!

You will discover how the secret works and how this knowledge fits into the much larger picture of corresponding physical, mental and spiritual abundance.

For those of you with The Brotherhood of Light lessons on CD-Rom, do a search on:

"Law of Affinity"
The Hermetic Axiom: "As Above, So Below"
Magnetic or magnetism
"Law of Correspondence"
Vibration or Vibratory Rate
Magic

These are just a few of the terms that when a little effort is directed into understanding them, the result will be a greatly expanded, satisfying and fulfilling experience of the world. The real secret is that we live in two worlds...to ignore one at the expense of the other leads to feelings of being incomplete and dissatisfied...no matter how many dollars are in the bank, how many homes you own or bicycles in your garage. Empower yourself...understand the energy that moves in, through and around all living matter. If you do...the world you live in will matter more! If you share it, like the loaves and the fishes, it multiplies!

PS: We really live in three worlds...but that's a story for another day.
—Vicki Brewer



MAKE THE CELEBRATION COMPLETE!

CONVENTION 2007 DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

We Look Forward to seeing you in June 2007 for the Church of Light Convention.

This year's conference is being coordinated by The Order of the Sphinx and will celebrate our Diamond Jubilee - 75 years of "Living in the Light".

Location

The location of the convention will be the Wyndham Hotel Albuquerque located at 2910 Yale Blvd. SE. This is the popular site we used in 2003 which offers comfortable rooms and free shuttle service to and from the Albuquerque Sunport.

Hotel Reservations

The deadline for room reservations has been extended to May 19, 2007 - we strongly recommend making your reservations ASAP. We have been offered a special low room rate of \$75 for single or double occupancy. Each guest must make their own reservations by calling 1-800-227-1117-or 1-505-843-7000 and identify themselves as members of The Church of Light. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or secured with a major credit card.

Pre-conference Tours

A special feature of this year's event will include pre-conference tours to "Sacred Sites" On Wednesday June 20 we will visit Haak'u Cultural Center and the Pueblo of Acoma.

The Pueblo of Acoma sits atop a 367 foot high sandstone mesa approximately 60 miles west of Albuquerque. Commonly referred to as "Sky City" the Pueblo of Acoma boasts



of being the oldest continually occupied community in the United States. The Spanish colonizers used indigenous labor from 1629 - 1641 to build the massive mission church of San Esteban Rey. The mission church and pueblo are both registered National Historic Landmarks.

Costs:

Sky City Tour— \$12

Haak'u Cultural Center—\$4

Yaak'a Restaurant approx.— \$12

On Thursday June 21 – We will celebrate the Summer Solstice by soaking in

THE CHURCH OF LIGHT



**Diamond
Jubilee
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the mineral rich waters of the geothermal springs in the Jemez river valley. Included in this day trip will be a visit to the archeological site of Giusewa or Jemez State Monument.

The ancestors of the Walatowa (Jemez Pueblo) people have occupied this region and used the healing waters for over 700 years.



Costs:

Jemez State Monument— \$3

Lunch, Laughing Lizard

Restaurant approx.—\$14

Giggling Springs Hot Springs \$15

Pre-conference Tarot Intensive

On Friday June 22 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. we will be offering a four-hour intensive with tarot master Christopher Gibson. In



this workshop participants will learn about the use of the tarot in divination – the foreknowledge of future events.



Special emphasis will be placed on creating an interpretative story with the cards. Student will receive “hands-on” instruction in the use of several tarot card spreads. There is a separate \$30 registration

fee for the Friday Tarot Intensive.

Annual Membership Meeting

Also on Friday from 2 to 5 P.M. we will hold our Annual Membership Meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for the membership to meet their directors and participate in the leadership of the organization.

Initiations

Friday evening from 6 to 9 P.M. a reception and initiations will be sponsored by The Order Of The Sphinx. Contact headquarters in advance if you would like to participate in receiving initiation into your grade level of the Church of Light.

Two Days of Brotherhood of Light Instruction

We will offer two days of expert instruction in Brotherhood of Light teachings from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24.

Schedule

Friday June 22

9 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Tarot Intensive with Christopher Gibson

2 – 5 P.M. Annual Business Meeting

7 – 9:30 P.M. Reception & Initiations conducted by The Order Of The Sphinx

Saturday June 23

9 – 9:30 A.M. Welcome and Orientation with Paul Brewer & Allyn McCray

9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Finding the Diamonds in your Life—Occultism Applied to your Daily Life with Gail Carswell



11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. ESP Workshop with Neil Cantwell

2 – 3 P.M. Identifying and Using Two Basic Energy Patterns (Getting What You Want By Observation) with Linda Bryant

3 – 4 P.M. Spiritual Alchemy with Peter Tourian

4:30 – 5:30 P.M. A Matter of Fact with Sandra Mayo

7 – 9:30 P.M. Awards Banquet

Sunday June 24

9 – 10:30 A.M. Medical Astrology with Paul Bergner

11A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Personal Alchemy with Michael Foltz

2 – 3:30P.M. The Realization of Higher Consciousness Using Cultural Archetypes: The Hero's/Heroine's Journey with Meg Dissinger

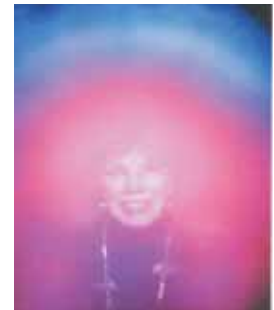
3:30 - 5 P.M. Progressions Using the Horoscope Program with Paul Brewer

The Star-Struck Boutique

will be back by popular demand. This is the place to purchase your books, tarot cards and other supplies. Delightful gifts and antiques with a celestial theme will also be available.

Aura Photography

A special feature of this year's convention will be personalized name badges with your aura photo. Member Aldo Veranzo of San Diego, California, will be making these badges available to interested participants for \$15.



Convention Registration

Pre-registration prior to May 1, 2007 is being offered at the incredibly low price of \$125. Registrations made from May 2 – June 20, 2007 will be \$135. After June 20 registration will be \$150. Registration includes participation in all Saturday and Sunday programming, lunch buffet both days, and the Saturday night banquet. There will be a separate \$30 fee for the pre-conference tarot intensive.

Brochures Available

To download a convention brochure for you, your family, or a friend, go to: www.light.org 🐾

2007 Cycle Charts...

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Building a Better World with a Better Vision!

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.

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

