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Astrology—Uranus

By Christopher Gibson

Uranus, the third-largest planet, falls between the orbits of Saturn and Neptune. The first planet to be discovered by using a telescope, Uranus was first sighted by William Herschel on March 13, 1781. Although visible to the naked eye, Uranus was not known to ancient star-gazers because of his slow orbit and lack of brilliance. Uranus is a non-terrestrial planet referred to as a “Gas-Giant,” as are Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune. Uranus has a ring system and 27 moons. Uranus is unique among the planets in that its axis is tilted towards the Sun at a nearly 98-degree angle. As seen from the earth through a high-powered telescope, Uranus and his rings can appear as a series of concentric circles, moving along like

a tilted, rolling ball. Uranus has been identified as the coldest planet in the Solar System.

Herschel originally proposed to name the object *Georgium Sidus*, “George’s Star”, in honor of his patron, King George III. The European scientific community was not thrilled with his choice, and it was the German astronomer Johann Elert Bode who suggested that the planet be called Uranus, the Latinized version of the Greek god of the heavens, Ouranos. In 1784 the French astronomer Jérôme Lalande suggested the symbol Υ to represent Uranus, describing “a globe surmounted by the first letter of your name”. In Ancient Masonry, C. C. Zain defines the origin as:



Uranus Mosaic
Glyptothek Museum Munich

“Uranus is symbolized by two crescents joined by the cross of matter surmounting the circle of spirit. This indicates two souls in union dominating the sensations of the flesh. Spirit is beneath, however, showing that the union is of body and mind, and not of spirit. The union is not that of soul mates, therefore they

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Transmuting Uranus: To Build or Break

By Peter Tourian

The energy of Uranus is highly charged and potent. It possesses the ability to sway crowds for good or for ill, depending on its direction. It is an odd, eccentric, and baffling type; one comfortable breaking the

rules, tearing down the established order, and blazing new frontiers.

As a most basic form of adaptation, the radical departure of Uranus from the norm, in its proper time and place, is

essential to the survival and success of an organism. When worn-out conditions constrict and constrain success on the part of the individual, the Uranian thought cells become acti-

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

We will only change when the pain of staying the same becomes greater than the pain of changing.

Author Unknown

The above-mentioned quotation can be found at the bottom of every email I receive from my friend and colleague, Meg Dissinger. It seemed a fitting statement to use in this issue of the Quarterly dedicated to the influences of the planet of change, Uranus.

The life changes that Uranus brings are often described as abrupt, sudden, disruptive, drastic, or erratic. They tend to be situations that shake our life up and force us to do things differently. Frequently there is a human agency, an individual involved as a catalyst for that change.

Some of us embrace changes with enthusiastic anticipation. Others do so kicking and screaming. For the most part; however, there is always some pain associated with change. The Church of Light's attitude toward pain differs from those faiths that see pain as the punishment of an avenging deity. For us, pain is informative and educational. Its normal function is to inform us when we are failing in some measure to fully adapt to an ever-changing environment. Frequently in life it is our discomfort that motivates us to action.

For some reason, the turning of the last page of the calendar for the year motivates many of us to contemplate the changes we want to initiate in the coming year. We commence the year with resolutions to change those habits that are not serving us well and possibly manifesting with painful consequences in our lives. The force to initiate and maintain those changes is dependant upon a properly directed will.

The Western Mystery Tradition emphasizes the importance of the proper use of the "will," and perhaps nowhere is this more apparent than in the admonitions found in The Sacred Tarot. Will-power is developed when we determine a course of action and resolutely set about towards its accomplishment. Once we set about to accomplish something, obstacles and deterrents frequently arise to test our resolve. Our will is developed when we do not allow these difficulties to distract us from our course. Optimism, one of the expressions of Jupiter, is a natural antidote to Uranus and the nervous apprehension it stimulates in the face of impending changes. We must remain optimistic that we can not only initiate changes, but that through God's help they can be brought to successful completion.

As we commence the New Year, let us optimistically embrace change. Both the changes we seek to establish and the unexpected changes that catch us off guard; but nevertheless, ultimately contribute to our growth.





Uranian Associations

Thought-cell: Individualistic
 House influence: Eccentricity
 Alchemical Metal: Quicksilver
 Mineral: Uranium
 Color: Dazzling White (like snow in sunshine)
 Musical tone: Astral Chimes

Uranian Figures

Activist, adventurer, advocate, agitator, astrologer, astronomer, bohemian, computer programmer, dissident, electrical engineer, electrician, experimenter, explorer, hypnotherapist, individualist, intellectual, inspirational speaker, insurgent, human rights advocate, innovator, inventor, mechanic, occultist, originator, pioneer, protester, psychologist, psychiatrist, rebel, reformer, researcher, revolutionary, scientist, vagabond, web-master.

Positive Uranian Traits

Advanced, ahead of its time, atypical, avant-garde, brilliant, creative, discoverer, enlightened, exceptional, experimental, exploring, free-spirit, forward-thinking, futuristic, ground-breaking, imaginative, independent, individualist, ingenious, innovative, inspired, intuitive, insightful, inventive, liberal, novel, one-of-a-kind, original, pioneering, progressive, reforming, self-sufficient, stimulating, trendy, ultra-modern, unique.

Negative Uranian Traits

Abnormal, abrupt, alienating, argumentative, authority-oppositional, challenging, changeable, confrontational, contentious, contrary, controversial, dissenter, disorderly, disruptive, divisive, eccentric, erratic, extremist, hasty, inconsistent, informal, irregular, insurrectionary, maverick, nonconformist, oddball, peculiar, provocative, quirky, radical, revolutionary, strange, sudden, unconstrained, unconventional, unexpected, unpredictable, unreliable, unruly, unstable, unusual, weird.

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are not able to reach the highest spiritual states. Nevertheless, there is penetration, intuition, and occult insight."

In Greek mythology, Uranus was *Ouranos*, or "Father Sky," both son and spouse of *Gaia* or "Mother Earth." His Roman equivalent was *Caelus*, the god of sky. Gaia conspired with Kronos (Saturn), their youngest son, to depose Ouranos. Using a sickle that his mother fashioned out of flint, Kronos ambushed his sleeping father and castrated him, tossing his genitals into the sea. Aphrodite (Venus) was born from the foam created by his discarded testicles. Bode's argument for naming this planet Uranus was based on the pattern that Saturn's position was next in line after his son Jupiter. It seemed fitting that Uranus, father of Saturn and grandfather to Jupiter, should fall next in sequence.

In Hermetic astrology, Uranus governs the Individualistic Urges of the soul which seek expression through being unique and radically different. These urges for uniqueness express best through originality. Dominant Uranus personalities are often trendsetters, inventors, or social reformers. Harmonious expressions of Uranus can be found in the vocabulary-builders in the sidebar titled Positive Uranus Traits.

The moons of Uranus travel in a reverse direction to those of the other planets, except Neptune. Therefore, the person in whose chart Uranus is prominent tends to take a contrary attitude, sometimes radically departing from the "status quo." Eccentricity is considered to be the worst expression of the drive for individualism. The Uranian individual can be quirky, unconventional, or even radical in their self expression. Additional vocabulary for a discordant Uranus can be found in the sidebar under Negative Uranus Traits.

In a horoscope, the house in which Uranus falls is said to be subject to eccentricity and drastic change. This tends to be an area of our lives in which we function unconventionally or outside the norm. Sometimes this can be an arena for dramatic shifts prompted by a human agent.

Uranus spends seven years in each sign of the zodiac, taking 84 years to complete an entire cycle. Like the other two "outer planets," Neptune and Pluto, Uranus' influence in each sign tends to take on a generational effect. Although unknown in classical astrology, Uranus was quickly assigned to be the co-ruler (with Saturn) of humanistic Aquarius, where Uranus transited from 1912 – 1919, and again in 1996 – 2003. Because of the similarity of nature, Uranus is termed to be at "Home" in Aquarius.

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Alchemical Uranus



“Such experiences in lower forms of life built into the astral body of man the Individualistic thought-elements, closely allied to the intellectual thought-elements, but mapped in the birth-chart by the planet Uranus. These are the source of independence, originality, inventiveness, and unconventionality. Most successful lawyers, inventors, moving picture stars, astrologers, music conductors, and others who must use originality in their work, have the Individualistic thought-elements prominent in their stellar bodies.

Thinking about independence, inventions, astrology, new ideas and radical departures from established custom brings into the life both the advantages and the disadvantages that come, always either directly or indirectly through human agency, suddenly, unexpectedly and often abruptly, taking away an old, or bringing a new acquaintance, and a radical change either in the physical or mental life.”

Mental Alchemy – C. C. Zain

Alchemical Meditation

I, (your name here), am a brilliant and creative adventurer. I use my original thinking to devise new ways to bring about positive change in my world. Even if I do not view myself as an inventor, I recognize the ways in which I do things uniquely and differently from others.

Every day I discover new ways to harness the powers of my intuition and utilize these insights as a catalyst for my personal growth. As I grow personally, the people around me grow and change as well.

I, (your name here), am ever alert to any tendencies that I may have to be rebellious or authority-oppositional. I replace these traits with a kindly respect for others and the new habit system of winning others over, not by argument, but by goodwill and increased ability in articulating my ideas.

I easily release my apprehension and nervous tension about the future and embrace the concept of a benevolent deific presence that brings only good into my life.

So shall it be!

By Christopher Gibson

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awarded a Gold Medal from the National Geographic Society in 1961 at an event hosted by President John F. Kennedy. From 1968 to 1976, home viewers were introduced to the world of whales, sharks, dolphins, coral reefs, and sunken treasure through *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*. His ecological activism led to his appearance on the March 1960 cover of *Time* magazine.

As to be expected, Cousteau had an unconventional family life. On July 12, 1937, he married Simone Melchior. They had two sons, Jean-Michel born May 6, 1938 and Philippe born December 30, 1940. His sons, Jean-Michel and Philippe, were frequently featured alongside their father on the *Calypso* on the television

series. Philippe died in a maritime accident in 1979. He also had two children with his mistress, Francine Triplet, a Daughter Diane (1980) and a son Pierre-Yves (born 1982). He would marry Francine Triplet in 1991, one year after the death of wife, Simone Melchior, of cancer.

On January 11, 1996, due to unknown causes, the *Calypso* sank in Singapore harbor signaling an end of an era. A year and a half later on June 25, 1997, Cousteau was to die of heart failure in Paris. He had spent a lifetime exploring and filming the underwater world that he dubbed "The Blue Continent".



Timeline		
Year	Event	Aspect
1920	First dive at Lake Harvey, Vermont	ASC ✕ ∩r
1930	Enters L'ecole Navale and graduates as a gunnery officer	☿ σ ∘r
1936	Near fatal automobile accident	ASC □ ♁r, ASC □ ♂r
1937	July 12 - marries Simone Melchior	♂ σ ∩r, ASC □ ♂r
1938	May 6 - son Jean-Michel born	☿ ✕ ♁p
1940	December 30 - son Philippe born	ASC △ ♁p
1942	Completes development of the aqua-lung	⊙ σ ♁p
1950	Purchases the retired minesweeper <i>Calypso</i>	ASC △ MCr
1953	Publishes <i>The Silent World</i>	☿ ✕ ♁r
1960	March 28, appears on cover of <i>Time</i> magazine	☿ ✕ ∘r
1968-1976	<i>The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau</i>	MC σ ♂p
1980	Daughter Diane Cousteau born (with Francine Triplet)	☿ △ ♁p
1982	Son Pierre-Yves born (with Francine Triplet)	☿ △ ♁r
1990	December 2 - wife Simone Melchior dies of cancer	⊙ △ ♁p
1991	Marries Francine Triplet	♀ ✕ ♁p
1997	June 25 - death of heart failure	♂ □ ∘r

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Opposite Aquarius, in Leo (1956 – 1962), Uranus is at his “Detriment” and tends to express in an anti-authoritarian disposition. Uranus is “Exalted” in intellectual Gemini (1941 – 1949), where he is free to explore bright ideas, discoveries, and new inventions. Opposite Gemini, Uranus is at his “Fall” in Sagittarius (1981-1988) where he is prone to radical philosophies. Uranus is at his “Harmony” in Libra (1968 – 1975) where he seeks social justice and equality. Opposite his Harmony is

Uranus’s “Inharmony” in Aries (1927 – 1935) where he can be prone to radically militant ideals.

Some professions that most accurately reflect the inventive and independent qualities of this planet are listed in the sidebar under Uranus Figures.



SAVE THE DATE

Convention 2011 June 24th thru 26th

We have no choice but we have the **Will**. To create a Convention on the weekend before or after the Summer Solstice (which is our tradition) we are working with a decreasing light Moon. This means that we at HQ are required to do more planning and preparation. YOU, the attendee, will need to make a greater effort to be here with your kindred spirits!

Transmuting Uranus: To Build or Break

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vated by a desire to overcome environmental obstacles and garner victory. It is sometimes an exhausting energy, though, as the individual with a prominent Uranus may always be seeking new experiences, regardless of the effect upon the old, established order.

“The old, established order” is anathema to the Uranian soul, feeling as chains to its unconventional consciousness. The Uranian sort is constantly seeking new environs, but it is important to recall that new is not always better. In fact, oftentimes the new way proves out to be less effective than the old way over time. Newness carries with it a certain excitement, like a new love affair and all of the butterflies which accompany it. But it forsakes the steadfastness of strategies which have worked over time and sacrifices the deeper intimacy which comes with long-established relationships.

Moderating the intense, relentless, craving for new experience which is so indicative of the Uranian type falls to the jurisdiction of Jupiter in The Church of Light’s Alchemical scheme. Jupiter, the ruler of religion, has much to do with establishing and maintaining order and cohesiveness, precepts that the Uranian soul despises. However, Jupiter bears his place at the celestial table too, for it is through our faith in a Higher Power that we can sometimes accept the shortcomings that life inevitably brings, and refrain from resorting to more radical reac-

tions. Moderating our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors thusly leads to a more stable, enduring pattern of living.

Being ever the iconoclast can also be a very lonely and even tragic role to play in life. While it may at times be absolutely necessary to stand alone, even against forces and numbers greater than our own, it is important to pick such battles carefully. For a quick glance through history will reveal that standing up for one’s beliefs against the tyranny of a more powerful order is never looked upon well by those in control, and the backlash of such actions can be harsh and cruel. Consider, for example, Martin Luther King, Jr., or Jesus Christ. Both ultimately had truly amazing effects upon the global consciousness of the world. However, both did so at great cost to themselves and their loved ones. While their missions stand as great testaments to the strength and dignity of the human spirit, at the same time, it is important to acknowledge the sacrifice which their martyrdom entailed.

Thus, perhaps a more effective approach in most cases towards the Uranian penchant for newness and excitement is to weigh the benefits and consequences of such actions and balance these intense rebellious desires against the more enduring, stable behaviors associated with his alchemical antidote, Jupiter. As with all alchemical pairs, by seeking a happy medium between the opposing energies, the greatest result can be achieved.



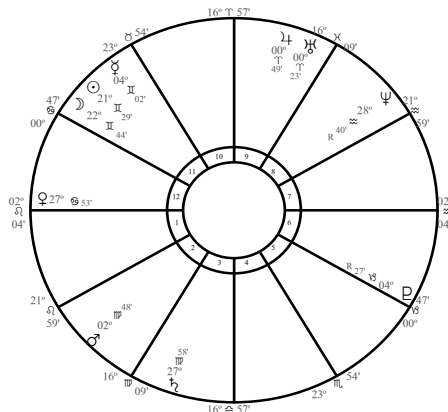


The Hermetic Astrology of C. C. Zain (Elbert Benjamin)

Elbert Benjamin (AKA C. C. Zain) was perhaps the most prolific astrological author in the first half of the 20th Century. Between the years 1915 – 1952, he wrote thousands of articles and numerous books, such as *Astrological Lore of All Ages*, *Beginner's Horoscope Maker and Reader*, *How to Select a Vocation*,

Body Disease and its Stellar Treatment, and more. Under the aegis of The Brotherhood of Light/Church of Light and using the nomde-plume of C. C. Zain, he authored the 24 books that comprise the 21 Brotherhood of Light Lessons. His astrological system, for which he coined the term "Hermetic," combined ancient practice, contemporary mathematics, and an active research department. His work would impact future generations of astrological notables, such as Doris Chase Doane, Lynne Palmer and Lois Rodden.

Chicago, June 12, 2010



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| 8:30 - 9 AM: | Registration |
| 9 - 9:45 AM: | A Brief History of Hermetic Astrology and the Legacy of Elbert Benjamin |
| 9:45 - 12 NOON: | Astrodynes: The Value of Measuring Power, Harmony and Discord |
| 12 - 1:30 PM: | Lunch and Break |
| 1:30 - 3:25 PM: | The Hermetic System of Progressions; When and Why Events Happen |
| 3:25 - 3:35 PM: | Break |
| 3:35 - 5 PM: | Alchemy: the Symbolic Language of Astrological Self-transformation |
| 5 PM: | Closing |

In this full-day workshop to be held in Chicago, June 12, 2020, and sponsored by The Friends of Astrology, Christopher Gibson will present three astrological techniques that are distinctive to the Hermetic System of Astrology. Beginning with Astrodynes, we will explore the unique system of quantifying power for each of the planets, signs, houses, and aspects in an astrological chart. Special attention will be given to identifying the "conditioning" energy (harmony or discord) present in each one of these factors. The Hermetic System of Progressions combines Major, Minor and Transit reinforcements as a predictive tool for determining when and what type of events will happen. The program will culminate with the practice of "Alchemy," a transformative tool used for correcting the discords found in a chart in order to channel one's energies in the most constructive direction. Each section will build upon the knowledge gained in the previous section.

Christopher Gibson began his astrology and tarot studies in 1968 and has worked as a professional astrologer with an international clientele since 1977. Christopher's background is with the

Church of Light in which he is a Hermetician and Ordained Minister. He has served on the board of Directors of the Church of Light since 1978 in varying capacities as president, vice-president, and corporate secretary.



Christopher has held memberships with the Association for Astrological Networking, American Federation of Astrologers, The National Council for Geocosmic Research, and Professional Astrologers Incorporated.

He is a Certified Grand Master of the Tarot with the American Tarot Association.

He has been a contributing writer for Gnosis magazine, the Church of Light Quarterly and Starscrolls, a monthly astrological calendar. He currently teaches astrology, tarot, and alchemy at Church of Light Headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Friends of Astrology

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Membership Room

Albuquerque Sunday Services



Sunday Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 AM. MST and broadcast at: www.churchoflight.tv

Our liturgy includes an opening and announcements by Rev. Paul Brewer, a Centering Prayer, a discussion on the relationship of the sign of the zodiac to the current season and holidays by Rev. Christopher Gibson, a homily derived from *The Sacred Tarot*, by Rev. Meg Dissinger titled "The Greater Trumps," and Healing Intentions led by Rev. Vicki Brewer.

The following are the dates and topics for the monthly services for the first quarter of 2010:

January 17

The Road Less Traveled

February 21

Sacrifice for the Sake of Devotion

March 21

Constructive Service: The Currency of the Next Life

April 18

Love Me Tender

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Who can watch? Anyone with internet access

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Albuquerque Classes—Winter/Spring 2010

Classes will be offered at Church of Light Headquarters at 2119 Gold Avenue SE, Albuquerque. Thursday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Planets in Hermetic Astrology with Christopher Gibson

01/21/10 - The Sun

01/28/10 - The Moon

02/04/10 - Mercury

02/11/10 - Venus

02/18/10 - Mars

02/25/10 - Jupiter

03/04/10 - Saturn

03/11/10 - Uranus

03/18/10 - Neptune

03/25/10 - Pluto

There is a suggested donation of \$8 per class. Call 505-247-1338 for a brochure or calendar of events

www.churchoflight.tv



Fort Worth Activities



The Fort Worth branch of The Church of Light offers classes on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m.

The Annual Luncheon had a great turn out, with several of the all time attendees there and several new folks to the Luncheon activities. We had a well received program for the 36 decanates presentation. All had a great time

A schedule of the classes for the year is on our website at:

<http://www.owlswebnest.com>.

All classes and services are held at:

Owl's Clover Bookstore
3037 James Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas

For more information contact Rev. Gail Carswell or Rev. Michael Foltz at: 817-921-5809.

Welcome New Hermeticians

*David A. Myrick
Troy Jackson*



New Minister—Rev. Peter Tourian



Congratulations to Peter Tourian, a Hermetician and Certified Teacher from South Orange, New Jersey who was ordained a minister in October, 2009. Raised Christian, Peter joined the Church of Light in 2001 after pursuing studies in Taoism, Buddhism, and Yoga. He is a contributing writer for the Church of Light Quarterly. Peter, a professional educator, facilitated an online course in Spiritual Alchemy for The Church of Light in 2006.



Does the CofL Require Students to Hand Calculate a Birth Chart to Become a Hermetician?

The short answer is NO.

However, for those students interested in learning to do the math, the Church of Light sells a book that will be helpful in this task. It is authored by Alan Curthoys, long-time Church of Light member, mentor and current Honorary Director. It is titled *Astrological Calculation Using a Hand Held Calculator* and sells for \$9.95 (REF 10). Three other excellent books are:

Dennis Sutton's *How to Construct the Natal Horoscope* - \$13.95 (REF 69)

Lynne Palmer's *ABC Chart Erection* - \$15.00 (REF1)

Katalin B. Williams and Janice M. Davis's *Constructing the Natal Horoscope* - \$10.00

Sunday Astrology Roundtable—with Veiga O'Sickey



The Signs of the Zodiac with Veiga O'Sickey is a weekly roundtable discussion aimed at helping beginning and intermediate level students build their astrological vocabulary and interpretive skills. . On Sundays (with the exception of the third **Service Sunday** of the Month) from 11 a.m. to 12:30 PM.

Aries - January 24th

Taurus - January 31st

Gemini - February 7th

Cancer - February 14th

Leo - February 28th

Virgo - March 7th

Libra - March 14th

Scorpio - March 28th

Sagittarius - April 11th

Capricorn - April 25th

Aquarius - May 2nd

Pisces - May 9th

Sponsorship Program

The Church of Light offers a Sponsorship Program for financially disadvantaged members. Sponsors agree to financially assist a member in their C of L studies by contributing their membership fee, supplying lessons, and donating for the exam processing fee as the student studies the lessons and passes exams.

There are nineteen members currently enrolled in the Sponsorship Program. Fourteen of those members are incarcerated. One member was recently paroled. One member is a quadriplegic. Three members are from Africa, one of which was recently employed and is now a contributing member.

To remain in the sponsorship program, an enrolled member must pass an exam once every six months with a grade of 75% or better. The next course is mailed only upon completion of the previous course.

There are always more members wishing to be sponsored than we have sponsors. Currently there are four persons on the waiting list. If you are interested in anonymously sponsoring a member in need, please contact our Membership Minister, Rev. Patrick Ramsey at drpat@prodigy.net, or call the office during our regular office hours. All contributions to the Sponsorship Program are tax-deductible.

“Hermetic astrology specifically works with the Four Factors of astrology: the planets, signs, houses, and aspects.”

Tarot Correspondence—The Wheel



Divination

Expresses in the spiritual world, the active principle which vivifies all being.
 In the intellectual world, the governing authority.
 In the physical world, good and evil fortune.

Admonition

Remember, then, son of earth, that for power thou must will, that is, will strongly; thou must dare, and to dare with success thou shouldst know how to be silent until the moment of action. If the Wheel should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, know that to possess the Key of Power you must learn to will persistently only for what is good and true. And in order to maintain thyself upon the heights of life, shouldst thou reach them, thou must have learned how to sound with a look, and without dizziness, the vastest depths.

Astrology

Uranus is the octave expression of Mercury, even as Arcanum X is the second decave of Arcanum I, ruled by Mercury. The unsexed quality of Uranus is depicted in Arcanum X by the two serpents in equilibrium. Uranus transits one sign of the zodiac in about 7 years, and the whole zodiac, completing the circle through the 12 houses of a horoscope, in about 84 years. That is, it corresponds to perfection of form in each department of life, its complete cycle coinciding with the present natural life of man. More than any other planet it gives sudden changes of fortune, either for good or for evil, and sudden change of the mental viewpoint.

Excerpts from *The Sacred Tarot* by C. C. Zain

Tarot Spread Example—The Yes or No Spread

The following question was asked:

“Will my daughter be getting married in the near future?”

1. Distant Past—Four of Coins
2. Recent Past — King of Cups
3. Present—Arcanum XVIII, The Moon (reversed)
4. Near Future—Youth of Coins
5. Distant Future—Ace of Scepters



Tarot Spread Interpretation

1. The distant past of the matter is represented by the Four of Coins which is commonly interpreted as “money received from a partner.” The couple, having been together several years have joint property in common and may be considering legally protecting themselves.
2. The recent past is pictured by the King of Cups, this can represent “a person ruled by the sign Cancer: mild, reserved, home-loving and pleasant. Right way up it denotes a Cancer man; reversed it indicates a Cancer woman.” As Cancer is the sign of home and family, this card can possibly indicate that the couple is starting to consider creating a family together.
3. The present of the matter inquired about is represented by Arcanum XVIII, The Moon (reversed). This card is generally interpreted as false friends, deceit and disappointments. Conflict or confusion could arise in the planning process over family expectations or interference, or perhaps through differences in religion or the type of ceremony desired.
4. Card number four represents the near future of the matter inquired about. Here we have the Youth of Coins which “signifies a person ruled by the sign Aquarius: witty, argumentative yet amiable, artistic, humanitarian and fond of refined society. Right way up it denotes an Aquarian man; reversed it indicates an Aquarian woman. The dominant idea is “I KNOW.” This could represent a minister or jus-

tice of the peace who eventually performs the wedding ceremony.

5. The final position in the “Yes or No” Spread indicates the distant future of the matter inquired about. Here we have the Ace of Scepters, which reads as “news of a business opportunity; its inner interpretation is ACTIVITY.” This card assures us that something will take place in the not too distant future.

SUMMARY

The couple, after several years of relationship, and sharing economic resources, are possibly considering having a family. Although affection is indicated by the King of Cups, the two coins cards and single scepter represent an underlying concern of financial and legal protection as a family. The only major Arcanum appearing in the spread is The Moon, Arcanum XVIII, reversed in the center position. This is an ominous card which could make the process of wedding planning unpleasant and fraught with hurt feelings and misgivings. For a brief period of time, it might bring out the worst qualities in the relationship, which could postpone the marriage. Chances are the couple will choose a private civil service to be followed later by a ceremony that includes family.

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