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Astrology – Saturn

By Christopher Gibson

Saturn, the sixth planet from the Sun, is the second largest of the classical planets that can be seen with the naked eye. His brightness is slightly less than Jupiter. Like Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune, Saturn is classified as a "gas giant." He is perhaps the most visibly remarkable object in our solar system due to his prominent rings system of composed primarily of dust and ice. Within these rings orbit Saturn's sixty moons, the largest of these, Titan, is bigger than Mercury and the

Transmuting Lead

second largest moon in our solar system after Jupiter's Ganymede. It takes Saturn approximately 29 1/2 years to move through the entire zodiac, spending about 2 1/2 years in each sign.

Saturn derives his name from the Roman god Saturnus, known as Kronos to the Greeks, the son of Ouranos (Uranus) and father of Zeus (Jupiter). The youngest of the Titans, Kronos was a harvest deity and is frequently pictured holding a sickle. At the urging of his mother

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Peter Tourian

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A nyone with a prominent On the other hand, we would all be Saturn in their Natal Chart knows hard pressed to survive even a that it is very tough "to dress him single day without the caution, up and take him out." Lead, the prudence, and patience which he alchemical metal representative of confers. Saturn, the slowest Saturnian qualities, is associated moving of the seven planets of with the greatest hardships which ancient our lives bring to bear. Experiences considers, weighs, and judges each encompassed within and every possible his unforgiving realm include: death, before acting. Hence, he is loss, poverty, illness, restriction, significantly prominent in the and disappointment. His are the charts of scientists and physicians, lessons of "tough love" - of both of whom must rely on discipline and endurance. methodical, stepwise

processes in the analysis and solution of a problem (Gauquelin, 1991). Indeed, Saturn is well characterized as the "unsung hero," who often takes up the least desirable, yet most necessary, tasks

Saturn

Peter Paul Rubens

1637-1638

The lessons which Saturn has to teach us are often those which any reasonable person would assiduously shun. For example, chronic illness, it is assumed, is a

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

"There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed." - Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869 – 1948)

In the previous Quarterly we focused on the planet Jupiter and the beneficial qualities of optimism. This issue features the planet Saturn. The unconscious impulses governed by Saturn are described in Hermetic Astrology as the safety urges of the soul. The safety urges desire above all else self-preservation, the innate desire to stay alive and to preserve oneself from danger or harm. This desire for self-preservation gives rise to the constructive expressions of foresight, prescience, and planning.

Through awareness of impending conditions, one can plan ahead and avoid periods of hardship. This process of planning and storing up sustenance against the future unknown is not exclusive to the realm of human beings. Among insects, bees manufacture honey which they use as a food source during cold weather. A common autumn vignette is that of squirrels collecting and burying acorns and nuts in preparation against the hardships of winter. Each of these species is engaged in planning for the future and insuring its own self-preservation.

Hoarding is an abnormal, compulsive, human behavior which comes as a response to perceived shortages. One can hoard food, money or even items that "might be useful someday." The pathology of pet-hoarding is something that frequently makes the evening news. The emotional state behind hoarding is that of fear, the projection that there will not be enough of a particular good at some time in the future. On a corporate level, organizations attempt to artificially drive up prices by "cornering the market" with a particular resource or good. In recent years we have seen this at play in the petroleum industry creating artificial shortages and garnering great profits.

The Brotherhood of Light Lessons state that: "Selfishness is the most unprofitable of all things." Selfishness is an expression of the twin evils of greed and fear, which come under the influence of the planet Saturn. In the language of the ancient alchemists, Saturn is symbolized by the metal lead, the toxic metal that is heavy, dull, morose and the most difficult to transmute. Expressions of selfishness are the antipathy of spirituality.

Individuals working for "Universal Welfare" daily practice the process of sublimating the needs of the individual with the desire to work towards the needs of the whole. Discerning the fine line between selfishness and self-preservation is part of each individual's spiritual journey. Across cultures and religions those exemplary individuals who are successful in transforming selfishness into selflessness are referred to as "saints." We can daily sanctify our lives through the small sacrifices of self that we make on the behalf of Universal Welfare. On the inside cover of this Quarterly, you can read the names of members of our religion who make sacrifices small and large every month so that The Church of Light can survive. We are grateful for this growing list of contributors and the selflessness that they model.

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Saturn Associations

Thought-cell: Safety House influence: Poverty Metal: Lead Gemstone: It has been suggested that all fossilized material might correspond to Saturn Color: Blue Musical tone: G

Saturn Figures

Accountant, agriculturalist, architect, caretaker, chiropractor, collector, commodities broker, cryogenics, dentist, economist, engineer, farmer, insurance adjuster, insurance salesperson, locksmith, miner, organizer, osteopath, protective services, researcher, record keeper, safe-deposit boxes, security guard, storage unit guard, tax preparer, undertaker, warehouse worker, wholesaler.

Positive Saturn Traits

Accountable, astute, capable, careful, cautious, circumspect, common-sense, competent, compliant, conforming, conservative, conventional, dependable, determined, diplomatic, discreet, dutiful, economical, efficient, established, exacting, foresight, functional, frugal, habitual, judicious, logical, matter-of-fact, methodical, meticulous, neat, no-frills, no-nonsense, orderly, organized, planning, practical, predictable, prescient, prepared, preserving, proficient, protective, prudent, purposeful, reliable, resolute, responsible, safety-minded, shrewd, sensible, steadfast, structured, systematic, thrifty, traditional, utilitarian, vigilant, wary, watchful.

Negative Saturn Traits

Acquisitive, afraid, apprehensive, anxious, ascetic, austere, avaricious, boring, burdened, calculating, cheap, covetous, discouraging, dispiriting, dry, dreary, dull, fearful, formal, frightened, gloomy, glum, grasping, grave, greedy, grim, habitual, impoverished, inflexible, lackluster, limiting, materialistic, monotonous, overburden, plodding, plotting, reserved, restraining, rigid, routine, scheming, self-centered, selfish, serious, severe, sober, solemn, Spartan, stern, stoic, strict, tedious, timid, troubled, unbending, uncompromising, unyielding, worried.

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Gaia (Earth), he used his sickle to castrate and depose his father Uranus (Sky). Kronos then took his sister, Rhea, as his wife, and they jointly ruled the throne of the world. Their period of rule was known as the Golden Age. Saturnalia, the most popular of Roman festivals, took place the week of the winter solstice and commemorated this Golden Age of Kronos and Rhea. Just as he had deposed his father, Kronos was eventually deposed by his son, Zeus, and banished to Tartarus—the pit of darkness. In the Roman world, Kronos became merged with Saturn.

In Latin, the seventh day of the week was named Dies Saturni or, "Day of Saturn," which was known in Old English as Sæternesdæg. Saturday is the only day of the week in English that uses the Latin origin. In Jewish tradition the time from sundown Friday through sundown on Saturday is known as Shabbat, or Sabbath. Thus, in Italian it is called sabato, in Spanish and Portuguese sábado.

Saturn is best expressed through the qualities of system, organization, discipline, and responsibility. In temperament Saturn has long been associated with the "melancholic" humor and can be heavy, dull, morose, and depressed. Hoarding is a trait that is sometimes associated with the Safety Urges of Saturn. In Rome, the Temple of Saturn is where the Empire's reserves of gold and silver were stored. The official scales for the weighing of precious metals were also housed in this temple.

Saturn rules land, agriculture, and mineral wealth. In social order, Saturn is identified as conformity and hierarchy. The symbol for Saturn is shaped like a sickle, the agricultural tool that Kronos used to emasculate his father, Uranus. In Ancient Masonry, C. C. Zain states, "Saturn is symbolized by the crescent of the soul surmounted by the cross of matter. This signifies that the emotions, aspirations, and ideals, are made subservient to material and self-centered ambitions. Temporal power is the motive, and all the feelings are repressed that action may result solely from deliberate consideration after due time for meditation."

In alchemy, Saturn corresponds to the metal lead: a heavy, malleable, and toxic metal. In the periodic table of elements, the symbol for the element lead is Pb, from the Latin plumbum. The word plumbing has its origins in this word for lead, as this metal was commonly used in the Roman Empire for water pipes.

The Hindu's counterpart of Saturn is the celestial god, Shani, dressed in black and mounted on a crow. In Vedic scriptures Shani is known as the greatest trouble-giver as well as the greatest well-wisher. He brings restrictions and misfortunes as well as effort and endurance.

The house in which Saturn is found in any chart is said to be subject to "poverty," meaning deficiency or lack. The matters ruled by the house in which Saturn falls are generally brought about slowly and with difficulty

Alchemical Saturn



"Before being reduced to its first matter or purified the typical leaden viewpoint of life is made lucid in the much repeated formula that self-preservation is nature's first law. It is the idea of self-interest; and to be sure, self-interest on any plane is essential to survival; for without desire for life and progress the soul soon succumbs to disintegrative force. But this is only a partial statement of the more complete law of life. That is, it is only mental lead, still dominated by the thought that all may sink if I may swim.

The more complete law takes recognition of the interdependence of all life and the effect of mental attitudes on character. When life is viewed from the standpoint of spiritual lead the formula is that my only excuse for existence, and my only hope of survival in spiritual realms, is my value to cosmic society and the service I render to others."

Spiritual Alchemy - C. C. Zain

Alchemical Meditation

By Christopher Gibson

I, (your name here), am a competent, efficient and systematic person. I cheerfully shoulder my responsibilities and cultivate the habit system of always tackling the most difficult tasks first. I happily carry out my duties of protecting and providing for those persons and other living creatures that have been placed in my care.

I am vigilant to my own habitual trends of thinking, and I readily replace thoughts of selfishness and self-centeredness with thoughts of selflessness and the desire for universal welfare. Instead of obsessing on, "What I am getting," I now find joy in focusing on, "What I am giving."

I find a time daily to embrace the presence of the Divine through his/her various manifestations of beauty, art and music. I discover avenues for my own creativity and become an ever-increasing conduit for the Source of All Life.

I, (your name here), am alert to any impending difficulties that may be approaching in my future. Instead of becoming paralyzed by fear or depression, I use the creative powers of my mind to discover solutions and act upon them. I am confident that there is no obstacle in my path for which I cannot find a successful resolution.

So shall it be!

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Dominant Saturn Personality – Caroline Bouvier Kennedy

By Christopher Gibson

"The press is coming up against something that is very fragile, and that is personal and individual solitude and dignity."

Caroline Kennedy (1957 -)

aroline Kennedy was born November 27, 1957, at 8:15 a.m. in New York City. As a child, her personality would be described by historians as "a trifle remote and a bit shy at times," qualities not unlike circumspect Saturn prominent and on the Ascendant. Saturn's placement in her 12th house of privacy and secret sorrows has played a center role in a life punctuated by great losses, sometimes referred to as the "Kennedy Curse". The only surviving child of President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline

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Bouvier Kennedy, Caroline's older sister Arabella, was stillborn in 1956, and her youngest brother, Patrick, died in infancy in 1963. Her father was assassinated November 22nd, of that same year. The brother she grew up with, John F. Kennedy Jr., died, along with his wife and sister-in-law, in a 1999 plane crash.

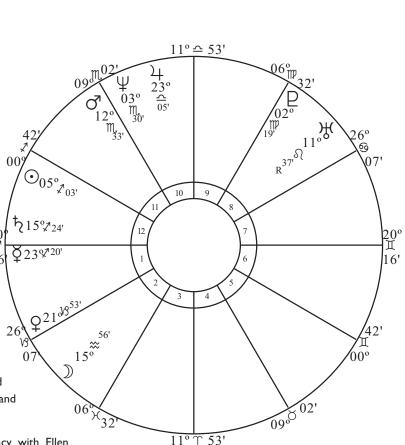
After leaving the White House as a child, Kennedy settled with her family on Manhattan's Upper East Side, where she attended private school. After graduating from Concord Academy in 1975, she went to London for a nine-month art course at Sotheby's auction house. While in the UK, she narrowly missed being killed by an IRA explosive device placed under the car of her host, Conservative MP Hugh Fraser. Uranus's position in her 8th house of death, forming a trine to Saturn and the Ascendant no doubt this saved her life on this occasion.

Kennedy's dominant Saturn falls in conjunction with the Sun, Ascendant and Mercury in her most powerful sign, Sagittarius (29.7%). This configuration naturally promotes visual perception, strong intelligence, a well-organized mind and love of education. She is an attorney, writer, and editor who has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations. Kennedy originally planned to follow in her mother's footsteps as a photojournalist and worked the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, as a photographer's assistant. In 1977 Kennedy went on to intern at the New York Daily News.



She graduated from Radcliffe College in 1979, and in 1988 earned her Jurisprudence Degree from Columbia University. After graduating from Radcliffe, Kennedy went to work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the film 200 and television department. It was there that she met her future husband, exhibit designer Edwin Schlossberg. They married in 1986 and together they have three children: Rose, Tatiana and John.

In 1995 she co-authored The Right to Privacy with Ellen Alderman. With her Sun and dominant Saturn in the 12th house, undoubtedly she has a powerful personal interest in 4th Amendment rights. In late 2008, Kennedy's name surfaced as a possible appointee to the New York Senate seat vacated by



Hilary Clinton. Citing personal reasons, Kennedy withdrew from consideration in January 2009.

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Caroline Bouvier Kennedy

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Kennedy owns Red Gate Farm, her mother's 375 acre estate on Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy's net worth has been estimated at over \$100 million. Kennedy has Jupiter, the wealth-builder, in her 10th house of mother and career, forming a trine to the Moon in Aquarius in her 2nd house of money. She is able to profit through her own earnings and her mother's estate. With Saturn dominant in the 12th house, Kennedy's life has been shaped by losses and sorrows. These tragic experiences have certainly formed her needs for safety and privacy without succumbing to the selfishness that can be indicative of the planet Saturn. Chances are she will continue to live a life of public service in the spotlight while attempting to maintain her privacy.

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Year	Event	Progressed Aspect		
1960	November 25, brother John born	ASC \star $+$ r		
1963	August 7 , brother Patrick born 5 weeks premature, dies August 9	ASC × 4p		
1963	November 22, father President John F. Kennedy assassinated	o™ □ Dr		
1968	June 6, uncle Robert F. Kennedy assassinated	⊙ σ Ѣ, MC σ Ӵr		
1968	October 20, Mother marries Aristotle Onassis	мс σ чr, мс + ¤r		
1975	March 15, Aristotle Onassis dies	$\mathrm{MC} \succeq \ensuremath{^{\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{r}}, \odot \ensuremath{\mathrm{\sigma}} \ensuremath{\mathrm{v}}^{\mathrm{p}} r$		
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1975	October 23, narrowly misses IRA car bombing in London	$\breve{P} \simeq M_{\rm p}$		
1979	Graduates from Radcliffe College	MC of $\Psi r, \odot \star 4p$		
1986	July 19, marries Edwin Schlossberg	Ў ơ ⊙p		
1988	Graduates from Columbia Law School	$\texttt{MC} \lor \texttt{MCr}, \odot \lor \odot \texttt{r}$		
1988	June 25, daughter Rose Kennedy Schlossberg born	ASC ⊻ ፟tp		
1990	May 15, daughter Tatiana Celia Kennedy Schlossberg born	♀ × ኪr		
1993	January 19, son John Bouvier Kennedy Schlossberg born	♀ ♂ 测r		
1994	May 19, mother Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy dies	♀♂ 测r,⊙ □ MCr		
1999	July 16, brother John dies in airplane accident	$d^{*} \bigtriangleup \mathcal{H}p, \mathcal{H} \succeq \mathcal{h}r$		
2008	January 27, announces that she would endorse Barack Obama	MC $\checkmark \Psi r$		
2008	December, announces interest in Senate seat, withdraws January 2009	aultiple		
2009	August 11th, her aunt, Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies, followed by her uncle, Edward Kennedy on August 25th	ASC ♂ Dr		

Caroline Bouvier Kennedy Time Line

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and restriction. The individual must work harder to overcome the limitations experienced through the department of life occupied by Saturn, however, persistent effort and endurance can pay off.

Saturn is said to be at "home" in the winter signs of Capricorn and Aquarius. Opposite his home signs fall the signs of Cancer and Leo, where he is considered to be at his "detriment". Saturn's sign of "exaltation" is in Libra, where he judges fairly and justly. His "fall" comes opposite Libra in the sign of Aries, where his conservative nature is in conflict with the natural impulsiveness of that sign. Saturn is at his "harmony" in Virgo, the sign of organization and analysis. Opposite Virgo, in Pisces, Saturn is at his "inharmony" and tends towards worry and anxiety.

In the 1st century AD, the author Manilus coined the term, "The Greater Malefic," to describe Saturn's influence of being conditioned with one-half discord. Saturn can add structure, seriousness, restriction, or debility to any aspect he forms in a chart. Look in the sidebar under Negative Saturn Traits for vocabulary building words. Without Saturn's influence, there would be no structure, system or discipline. Look in the sidebar under Positive Saturn Traits to find keywords to aid in delineation.

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state of health which any sane individual would take great pains to avoid. And yet, even if such steps should be taken, sometimes it cannot be stayed. In such cases, Zain instructs that there is a right way and a wrong way to frame illness. Please let it be understood that the writer deeply empathizes with those who suffer long-term health complaints, and by no means intends to minimize the physical and psychological effects which such a state can wreak. At the same time, we must ask ourselves how we are affecting our lot if our physical ailments lead to mental complaints, such as depression or anxiety. Truly, we must fight violently the urge to sulk, self-pity, or allow our problems to overwhelm us. Instead, we can employ the power of Directed Thinking in order to deliberately draw our attention to those areas of our lives where we experience a greater happiness and satisfaction.

The antidote of Lead is Copper, indicative of that pleasing, calming, placid energy of Venus. She is the smile to Saturn's frown, the warm glow to Saturn's sullen shadow. Hence, especially if confronting such as issue as that described above- or for that matter, any period of life when Saturn sits high in his dominion over the affairs of life- it is essential to consciously cultivate Venus' presence in our lives. At heart, Venus is the symbol of Love, the coveted Elixir Vitae which confers immortality upon all who imbibe it. Thus, respites from sorrow or grief can and do arrive in the form of caring relationships with loved ones. Diversions such as movies, plays, theater, or any other pleasurable activity, bless the bearer of Saturn's heavy yoke with an interlude of rest. The upliftment which comes through appreciating (or creating) inspiring works of art which remind us of humanity's special talents may also sooth the sorrow of Saturn. As able, time spent in Nature often provides a pacifying pause. In short, any activity which seeks to stay the soul should be deliberately cultivated.

Summarizing, Saturn's role is not the most glorious upon the battlefield of life, but his is nonetheless an essential one. He concerns himself with safety, prudence, and patience, which are all essential aspects of a long, fruitful life. He does not flaunt, yet he does favor fortitude.

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A Magical Mystery Tour : 2009 Church of Light Convention



Summoning the Spirits Roe Libretto

The magic begins on Wednesday with a tour of Bandelier National Monument and a stop at Valles Caldera en route.

On Thursday a trip to Museum Hill, Santa Fe completed the pre-conference tours.



Valles Caldera: Roe Libretto, Claudia Clark, Barbara Sibley, Allyn McCray, Wendy Banks and Barbara Kniffen



Bandelier: (left to right) Veiga O'Sickey, Christopher Gibson, Roe Libretto and Barbara Sibley



Bandelier: (left to right) Barbara Sibley, Veiga O'Sickey, Roe Libretto, Allyn McCray and Neil Cantwell



Bandalier: Neil Cantwell following daughter Michelle



Bandelier: Barbara Sibley



MuseumHillMuses & Christopher Gibson



Museum Hill Gallery Laughs: Christopher Gibson, Barbara Sibley, Allyn McCray and Wendy Banks



Museum Hill Santa Fe: (left to right) Michelle Cantwell, Norma Cantwell, Wendy Banks, Barbara Sibley, Allyn McCray, Marianne Thalken, Claudia Clark, Roe Libretto and Barbara Kniffen

After Pre-Conference Tours it's on to Starstruck Boutiqe Set-up, Tarot Intensive, Annual Meeting and Initiations



Tarot Intensive



Creating the Starstruck Boutique Shirley Hall and Allyn McCray



Initiations: Wendy Banks & Barbara Sibley

Saturday: Convention, Readings, Banquet and Dancing! Sunday: Conveniton, Readings and Service



Initiations: Wendy Banks, Wade Lane and Claudia Clark







David and Lori Rhodes



Speakers, K. Paul Johnson and Dave Carrothers



Readings



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Clinton Astrology Group aka Sandra's posse: Phyllis Rizzi, Cynthia Harris, Orlando Saucedo, Lisa Teems, Sandra Mayo, Missy Hall, Sandra Halminiski, Michele Wright Hegel and LInda Belgraier



New Hermetician, Linda Bryant



Sharing the love: Alex McNeil





Flowers of appreciation: Wellington and Barbara Kniffen



Face Painting: Yvette Fortin & Jamie Hughes



Dancing the night away...Vicki & Paul Brewer, Adriana Donofrio & Steven Taracevicz



Stylin....Bob and Shirley Hall



Jamie Hughes & YvetteFortin



Joan Titsworth Marsteller



More love...Pat & Radine Ramsey



Meg Dissinger and Adriana Donofrio

Shirley Hall...It's showtime!!



Too much fun....



Rollin' along...Fern Tucker & Ali McCray



Dr. Noseitall & stray Ele Mental (Missy Hall)



Lara Hill and Wendy Rook



The Cantwells: Neil, Norma & Michelle



Phil Aragon & Nurse Sibley



Bright Spirit Marianne Thalken

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Amazon now sells the following BofL books by C. C. Zain:

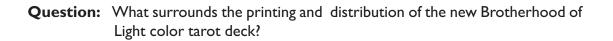
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- Course 6 The Sacred Tarot (hardbound)
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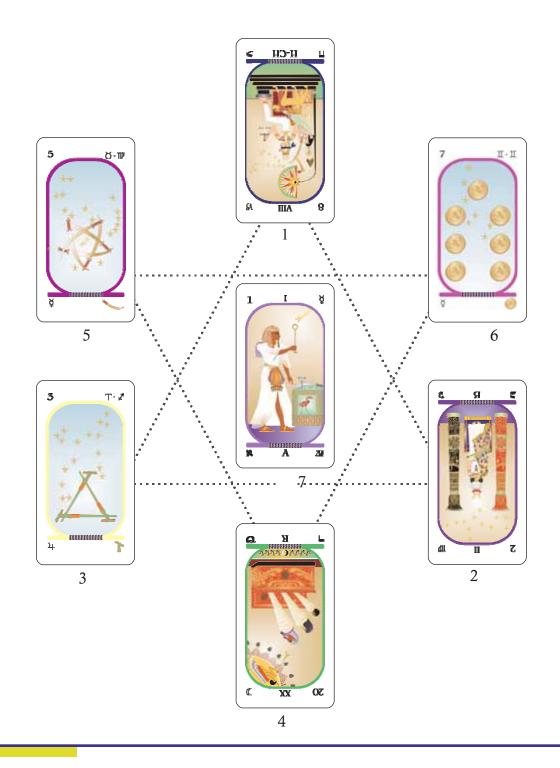
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ALERT: Be sure you order books published by The Church of Light. There is another vendor, Kessinger Publishing, who is printing our titles.

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Tarot Spread Example: Magic Seven Spread





Tarot Spread Interpretation

Question: What surrounds the printing and distribution of the new B of L color tarot deck?

- 1) The past of the matter is represented by Arcanum VIII, The Balance (reversed) which is read as balance, equilibrium, deliberation.
- 2) The present of the matter is signified by Arcanum II (reversed), read as science, labor, the mysteries.
- 3) The future is pictured by the trey of scepters which means a business partnership, or propaganda.
- 4) The fourth position signifies the individual's ability to control the matter, and is held by Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus (reversed), interpreted as an awakening, resurrection, or elevation.
- 5) This placement is read as the forces in the environment favorable to the matter inquired about. Here we have the five of swords which means an escape from danger or struggle.
- 6) This position informs us of the forces in opposition to the question. The seven of coins is interpreted as money earned through a journey or intuition.
- 7) The outcome is signified by Arcanum I, the Magus. This card is read as will, dexterity, perception and new beginnings.

On Interpreting Reversed Cards

"Any card right end up is considered slightly more fortunate than its common significance. It then becomes like a planet receiving a good aspect. Any card wrong end up is slightly more unfortunate than its common meaning. It then becomes like a planet receiving a bad aspect. But reversal never makes a good card bad, nor a bad card good. As Saturn and Mars are less evil when well aspected, and as Jupiter and Venus are more potent for good when well aspected, in the same manner any card is improved by being right end up.

The Sacred Tarot – C. C. Zain

Summary

The Church of Light is in the process of partnering with the largest printer and distributor of tarot cards in order to produce a new color deck.

The past of the matter, pictured by Arcanum VIII, The Balance (reversed) represents the long period of discussion, deliberation and design that went into creating the new color deck.

Arcanum II, Isis Unveiled (reversed), falls in the second placement indicating labor and the mysteries. Chances are, there may be edits or corrections suggested by the printer before the cards go into production. This could also indicate that the printer is working on other projects which could delay the production schedule.

The future is signified by the three of scepters, indicating a business partnership. This promises successful bookstore distribution once the cards are in print.

The ability to control the matter is represented by the fourth card in the Magic 7 Spread. Here we have Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus (reversed), heralds an opportunity to promote the mission of The Brotherhood of Light. This speaks of an unexpected elevation or moving the organization on to new levels.

The placement of the five of swords in the position representing the environment shows that obstacles can be overcome and that resistance to a color deck will melt away.

The opposition is pictured by the seven of coins could presage an increase in shipping costs or production delays due to printing overseas.

The outcome signified by Arcanum I, the Magus, shows that through effort the task will be completed. This Arcanum could also indicate other publications that are spawned as a result of printing this new deck.

By Christopher Gibson

Tarot Correspondence — The Black Magician



Divination

Expresses in the spiritual world, predestination. In the intellectual world, mystery. In the physical world, unseen fatality.

Admonition

Remember, then, son of earth, that the most unprofitable thing in the world is selfishness. Pride and rebellion but enchain the soul to lower spheres; but all trials and misfortunes accepted with resignation to the supreme Will are an accomplished progress bringing an eternal reward. If Arcanum XV should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, cease to rely upon thy own power and wisdom and labor to disengage thyself from pride and selfishness, which but bind thee to matter, mortality and evil Fate.

Astrology

I suppose, from a very extensive study of birth charts and the influence of progressed planets in the lives of people, that the influence of the planet Saturn coincides with at least one-half of the total of all human suffering and misfortune. He is the planet of crafty selfishness, and, more than any other planet, seems to represent inexorable fate. He well corresponds to Arcanum XV.

Excerpts from The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Membership Room

Congratulations

New Hermeticians

Linda Bryant

Juan Dominguez



Certified Teacher

Wade Lane

Church of Light Fall 2009

Schedule of Classes

Tarot, Symbolism & the Subconscious

September 3 thru October 8 Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Christopher Gibson

There are many traditions surrounding the history and use of the tarot. In the Brotherhood of Light oral tradition, the tarot card images were originally derived from bas-reliefs found in the subterranean initiation chambers of the Egyptian Mystery School.



Beginning Egyptian Tarot

October 13 - November 17 Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Allyn McCray

In this six-week tarot course, Allyn will concentrate on the use of the tarot in divination or the foreknowledge of the future. The student will learn the basic meaning for each of the Major Arcanum, Minor Arcanum and Court Cards. Special emphasis will be placed on how the cards can be read in a

These images comprise the Royal Path of life and provide insights on the descent of the soul into matter and its evolution back to spirit.

This six-week course is specifically designed for beginning and advanced students. Our focus will be on approaching the cards through archetypal imagery the language of universal symbolism. We will contrast and compare the symbols used in different tarot systems.

Additional attention will be directed to the "hands-on" use of the tarot in divination, or foreknowledge, of the future. Emphasis will be placed on how the cards can be read in a variety of spreads including the Yes or No Spread, the Magic Seven Spread and the Horoscope Spread.

variety of Tarot Spreads. Deeper insights will be gained by relating the cards to astrology and numerology.

Classes will be offered at Church of Light Headquarters at 2119 Gold Avenue, Albuquerque. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per class or \$40 for the six-week series. Call 505-247-1338 for a brochure or calendar of events.

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Congratulations



to Peter and Ana Tourian the proud parents of Emma Marie, born May 23, 2009 in Livingston, NJ

Peggy Zellner March 17, 1953 -March 28, 2009

Peggy was a playful and dedicated member of The Church of Light who is remembered for her participation at conferences and intensives held in the Albuquerque area. She died unexpectedly this spring just shortly



after her birthday. She will be missed by many.

In Memoriam

Ft. Worth Branch Church Activities



2009 Schedule of Classes

Trinity of Psychism Tuesday, September 1 st - 7-9:00 p.m.

Organic Alchemy Tuesday, September 8th, 7-9 p.m.

> Sunday Service - Libra September 20th, 11 a.m.

All classes and services are held at Owl's Clover Bookstore, 3037 James Ave., Fort Worth, TX.

For more information contact Rev. Gail Carswell or Rev. Michael Foltz at: 817-921-5809. Congratulations to The Church of Light Ft. Worth Center who were awarded the Grand Marshal's Prize for First Place for a float they entered in their local 4th of July parade.





Sponsorship Program

The Church of Light offers a Sponsorship Program for economically disadvantaged members. To remain in the Sponsorship program, an enrolled member must pass an exam once every six months

with a grade of 75% or better. Sponsors agree to financially assist a

Seeking Contact

James, a new member of the CofL is interested in meeting other students in the UK, especially in the Manchester, England area for shared interest in all areas of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons. Anyone interested in contacting him can do so by email at: warror666@yahoo.com member in their C of L studies by contributing their membership fee, supplying books, and donating for the exam processing fee as the student studies the lessons and passes exams.

Currently there are 17 people active in the Sponsorship Program and 15 on the waiting list. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please submit your name, e-mail address or phone number to our Membership Minister, Rev. Patrick Ramsey at <u>drpat@prodigy.net</u>, or phone the office during our regular office hours. All contributions to the Sponsorship Program are tax-deductible.

Please remember The Church of Light when planning your estate.

Increase the Light!

Sunday Services Albuquerque

Fall 2009 Schedule of Services:

September 20 - "Whiplash Karma" (Libra-Gemini)

Next twelve themes based upon "The Greater Trumps"

October 18 - Working for Realization (Arcanum IV)

November 15 - Submission & Dominion (Arcanum VII)

December 20 - Winter Solstice - The Weight of Judgment (Arcanum VIII)

Sunday Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at IIa.m.

Liturgy includes an opening and announcements by Rev. Paul Brewer, a discussion on the relationship of the sign of the zodiac to the current season and holidays by Rev. Christopher Gibson, a homily on a topic derived from Spiritual Astrology/Tarot by Rev. Meg Dissinger, the Healing Ritual and petitions with Rev. Vicki Brewer. Musical accompaniment is provided by Meg Dissinger on guitar and occasionally we have vocals by Radine Ramsey.

Tarot Insights

(Sunday Mornings except third Sunday)

An ongoing informal conversation group blending the Two Keys: The Sacred Tarot & Spiritual Astrology is conducted by host Veiga O'Sickey Sundays (except the 3rd Sunday) from 11 am - 12:30 p.m.



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Vision Statement

OUR MISSION:

To promote Universal Welfare and the exaltation of humankind through the teaching and practices of the Religion of the Stars as outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

A loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness guides us through undeviating natural law.

A Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution in which each soul has a unique and important role.

A soul is completely moral when to the maximum extent of its abilities it adheres to the universal moral code: Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.

The realization of the soul's Mission and the attainment of Self-Conscious Immortality is the goal toward which each soul moves.

Love is the way to life. Unselfish Love alone makes immortality possible.

Through the proper exercise of one's mentality using Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion, it is possible to control one's own life and destiny, both here and hereafter.

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 survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

Religion is the sister of Science, and it evolves by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:

We are a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment and expand the reach and experience of our members because:

We provide reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;

We seek 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;

We develop 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;

We promote the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;

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