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Astrology—Taurus

By Christopher Gibson

Taurus is the second sign of the zodiac and was pictured by the ancients as the head and front quarters of a bull. The constellation of Taurus can be best viewed in the winter sky of the northern hemisphere bordered by the constellations of Aries, Gemini, Auriga, Perseus, Orion, and Eridanus. Aldebaran, Arabic for “follower,” is the brightest star in the constellation. This star can be found fol-

lowing the Pleiades through the night sky. The Sun enters the tropical sign of Taurus approximately 30 days after the spring equinox. The sidereal constellation of Taurus has shifted about 23 degrees from the tropical position due to the precession of the equinoxes.

Throughout the ancient world the sacred bull was worshiped as a fertility sym-



Taurus
Johannes Hevelius, 1690

bol. The ancient Egyptians had the sacred bull Apis with his sanctuary at Memphis. Early Minoan frescos depicted bull-leaping ceremonies, and Greek mythology

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Taurus Insights

By Meg Dissinger

“Physical life and its opportunities should not be slighted; neither should spiritual aspirations be ignored. Learn therefore, to “Render Unto Caesar the Things which be Caesar’s and Unto God the Things which be God’s.”

(Spiritual Astrology, p. 49)

That being said, I’ll bet you think that considering the title of this sermon: “To Have or Have Not” and that we are approaching the sign Taurus, that this message will be about possessions. Actually, it started out that way. With April being tax month, we are either feeling flush with the anticipation of a refund, or we are depressed about the payment

which we will have to render unto the Internal Revenue Service. So let us see where the muse has taken me.

The reading for Taurus in *Spiritual Astrology* does speak of wealth in the physical world, and it does clearly say that if we use our natural talents then we might attract the wealth needed so that we can fulfill a more spiritual destiny. Where we can go astray is when we worship the material things that bring selfish gratification. Think of those people in the world who have amassed great wealth and fall prey to the material side of their acquisitions. I think of Howard Hughes,

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

"Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race" - Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)

Each of us is striving to survive in a universe filled with dangers and unpredictable outcomes. We each have a hierarchy of goals that is not consciously chosen, yet is clearly represented by the power of our planets in our birth chart as they are ordered by astrodynes. More often than not, our astrological charts, as maps of our consciousness, reflect incompatible goals or competing desires that lead to our inner conflict barring the way to our success.

Our duty as spiritual aspirants is to sort out our life goals from this jumble of competing desires, thus increasing our happiness, success, and spirituality. Our happiness comes as we develop greater control of our lives through directing our thoughts and feelings into constructive action, thus narrowing the gap between what we want and what we have. Our success comes as we are able to achieve obtainable goals, and our spirituality arrives when we apply the results of our success and happiness selflessly to increase the well-being of the larger community, or the universe as a whole. However, living a life of personal growth and self-direction is not always an easier life. Whenever we set out resolutely towards a goal, there is always the potential to attract opposition and resistance, be it through the environment, or more painfully through other persons.

One of the more admirable qualities of the sign of Taurus, which is the featured theme of this issue of the Quarterly, is their persistence and determination. Like their symbol the ox, the Taurus temperament can bear great burdens and plod continuously toward their goals undistracted by outside influences. There is something each of us can learn from this symbolism. By consciously cultivating the character traits of commitment and resolve, we develop our will-power, create order in the midst of apparent chaos and gain increased ability.

The setting of goals or resolutions at the beginning of the New Year is one means by which we attempt to impose order on the chaos of our lives and the world we live in. It is important to set realizable goals and to remember that, once you have directed your will to a particular goal, resistance or opposition can be met from other personas and the environment. So, as you set your goals for this New Year, press on like the bull with persistence and the determination that the obstacles you encounter can be easily surmounted.



Taurus Associations

Thought Series: I Have
 Ruling Planet: Venus
 Best Quality: Stability
 Worst Quality: Obstinacy
 Talismanic Gems: Moss Agate, Alabaster, White Coral
 Color: Dark Yellow
 Musical Tone: Low E

Taurus Figures

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Positive Taurus Traits

Aesthetic, affectionate, artistic, consistent, constant, conventional, dependable, determined, disciplined, down-to-earth, established, firm, friendly, gracious, industrious, melodic, musical, patient, persevering, pleasant, practical, pragmatic, realistic, regular, reliable, resolute, sensible, sensual, single-minded, sociable, stable, staunch, steady, tactile, unswerving, unflinching, warm.

Negative Taurus Traits

Adamant, brooding, bull-headed, conformist, conservative, habitual, immovable, inflexible, intractable, materialistic, plodding, possessive, predictable, obdurate, obstinate, reserved, rigid, routine, slow, stiff, stubborn, sullen, unbending, unforgiving, uncompromising, unyielding.

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held awe of the *Minotaur*, or Bull of Minos. The Hindu god Shiva is frequently pictured riding on the back of the sacred bull, Nandi. Mithraism, an ancient mystery school that was contemporary with early Christianity, featured the tauroctony or ritual slaying of the bull. This is a central theme in the subterranean sanctuaries that are distributed throughout the former boundaries of the Roman Empire. In the tauroctony, the constellation of Perseus is pictured in the heavens above Taurus holding a sword representing Mithras as the bull-slayer. The modern sport of bullfighting found throughout Spain, Portugal, and most of Latin America could very well have its origins in these ancient bull ceremonies. Bull riding, a common feature today at any rodeo in the western United States, may also be related to these more ancient rituals.

Cattle were first domesticated around 9,000 years ago during the Neolithic, or New Stone Age. They have been used for draft animals, sport, and portable wealth in the form of meat, milk, and hides. It seems fitting, therefore, that when the ancients chose a symbol to place in the heavens to represent wealth, they chose *Bos Taurus*, the domesticated cow. Our word cattle is derived from the Latin *caput*, meaning head, referring to a head or unit of livestock. The word chattel, any unit of property, and capital (property put up for investment) share the same etymological origins as cattle. It was not so long ago that women and slaves were referred to as chattel or the property of men. To this day the Maasai, a tribal people of East Africa, continue to measure their wealth in cattle. It is not uncommon for a man to provide a dowry gift of cattle as the purchase price for a bride.

Perhaps the most celebrated bull in classical mythology is the bull that abducted Europa. Zeus, enamored by Europa, a high-born Phoenician, set about to seduce her. He transformed himself into a pure white bull and moved undetected among her father's herds. Enchanted by the perfect beast, Europa mounted the bull, who then dove into the sea and swam to the shores of Crete. Zeus later placed the

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Numbers as Archetypes: The Eternal Monad

By Peter Tourian

The Ancient Greeks called the first quantity the Monad. The word *monad* derives from “menien”, meaning “to be stable”, implying the Greeks’ belief that the Monad well represented the first and eternal principle of all things. As such, it alternatively represented God, Spirit, Eternity, and all other concepts beyond space and time, which bore no beginning or end.

Recalling from the introductory article on this topic that the ancient mathematical philosophers understood numbers not only as quantities, but as geometrical figures, the seminal shape associated with the Monad is the Circle. The Circle is well representative of the principles of the Monad, in that it also is unchanging and stable, totally uniform on all “sides”, and has no beginning or end. As such, it has been used since time immemorial as symbolic of the same principles as the Monad. Consider as an example its use as a wedding band, to indicate the hope that a marriage should be deeply enduring.

Hence, when speaking of the Monad, it is equally effective to discuss the important symbolic aspects of a Circle, as it represents spatially what the Monad represents quantifiably. Indeed, Brotherhood of Light members are already deeply familiar with this symbol, as it is the same as the astrological symbol for the Sun. It is a *central point* set within a *space* marked out by a *perfectly uniform circle*. Let us discuss each of these critical parts of the symbol in turn.

The point at the center represents the concept of the Monad as a beginning. It is the seed from which all things come. In this sense, then, it represents well that motivating Force of the Universe which in various cultures has been called God, YHWH, or Brahma—among countless other titles. A true point is dimensionless, representing a state of existence beyond space and time.

That point expands outward equally and uniformly in all directions to simultaneously create the boundary of the Circle (represented in Western traditions by the Dyad) and the space which that boundary demarcates (represented in Western traditions by the Triad). The Circle, then, represents a Great Mystery: the Unity manifest as a Trinity. It can also be taken to express the journey from nothingness (represented by the point), to everything (represented by a circle with an infinite number of

points on its surface), and all developmental stages in between.

The Monad also bears some very interesting arithmetic and geometric properties. $11111111 \times 11111111 = 12345678987654321$, indicating the all-encompassing role of the Monad in number. Geometrically, the circle represents the single-most efficient two-dimensional shape in the universe. There is no other shape which encloses a greater amount of space within a smaller perimeter. Hence, it also represents maximized efficiency.

This latter principle is borne out in several common examples. Ancient soldiers carried round shields because it allowed them the greatest protection for the least weight and material. Foods are sold most commonly in cylindrical cans because this shape allows the greatest amount of product to be contained in the smallest amount of space and material. The only more efficient three-dimensional shape is a sphere, but it might prove difficult to stack spherical cans!

Hence, we discover in the Monad, and its corresponding shape, the Circle, an undying symbol of the eternal, the unchanging, and the perfectly equal. This, then, entitles it to represent, however imperfectly, that most effluent, unknowable, and incomprehensible Source of all: God. The Monad not only symbolizes the beginning of any process, but also hints at its completion through its mysterious communication of a trinity within a unity. It describes a universe based on efficiency and balance. To Pythagoras and many of the other ancient mathematical philosophers, it was considered the perfect shape. Detailing its hallmarks and traits, it is not at all difficult to see why.

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Dominant Taurus Personality—Liberace

By Christopher Gibson

“Don't wear one ring, wear five or six. People ask how I can play with all those rings, and I reply, Very well, thank you.” – Liberace (1919 – 1987)

Wladziu Valentino Liberace, the flamboyant American pianist, and entertainer was born in West Allis, Wisconsin, at 11:15 p.m. on May 16, 1919. His twin brother died at birth, and Liberace, born with a caul, was believed by some to be destined for greatness. He was raised in a musical family; his Italian father played French horn and his mother, of Polish ancestry, played some piano. A prodigy at an early age, Liberace learned to memorize difficult musical passages by the time he was seven.

Adopting the stage name “Walter Busterskeys,” young Liberace made a living during the Great Depression playing at cabarets, dance lessons, strip clubs, and weddings. In 1940, he attracted favorable reviews playing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. By the mid 1940's, he had abandoned the classical concertgoer and was amusing audiences with "classical music with the boring parts left out." He transformed into an entertainer with gaudy costumes, a signature candelabra, and greater audience interaction.

In 1947, Liberace moved to the Los Angeles suburb of North Hollywood and began playing at Hollywood night-

	☉	☽	♃	♄	♅	♆	♇	♈	♉	♊	♋	MC	ASC
☉	☉			♄ 0.84 -0.63	♅ 13.20 -3.30	♆ 2.57 -1.29	♇ 8.62 -12.93	♈ 5.68 -5.68		♉ 0.96 -0.96			♊ 1.13 -1.13
☽		☽	♃ 2.00 -2.00			♄ 4.70 2.35			♅ 1.77 -1.77		♆ 3.19 -3.19		
♃			☽	♄ 2.48 3.10				♅ 6.00 6.00	♆ 4.77 -4.77	♇ 2.36 2.36	♈ 11.81 -11.81		♉ 6.19 6.19
♄				☽ 1.64 -1.64	♅ 3.41 2.56	♆ 2.22 -2.77	♇ 4.48 5.60	♈ 1.29 1.61	♉ 7.88 1.97	♊ 6.67 8.34	♋ 11.81 -8.78		♌ 11.71 -8.78
♅	♅ 9.25 -2.31						♆ 8.42 -14.74	♇ 1.88 -2.35		♈ 1.76 -2.20			♉ 1.93 -2.41
♆								♇ 2.11 -1.06		♈ 3.53 1.76			♉ 3.70 -1.85
♇								♈ 0.30 -0.45		♉ 2.34 -3.51			♊ 3.51 -5.26
♈										♊ 4.36 4.36	♋ 9.80 9.80		♌ 3.19 3.19
♉	♅ 6.72 0.00				♅ 9.97 -2.49					♆ 1.41 1.41	♇ 4.97 -4.97		♈ 1.58 0.00
♊	♅ 10.26 0.00				♅ 3.61 -0.90					♆ 1.58 0.00	♇ 6.56 6.56		♈ 11.83 -11.83
MC								♅ 6.63 0.00					♈ 3.38 3.38
ASC						♅ 7.90 3.95							



Liberace, Wladziu Valentino
 May 16, 1919, - 11:15 P.M.
 West Allis, Wisconsin

clubs. With the modesty typical of a dominant Sun personality, he was billing himself as "Liberace—the most amazing piano virtuoso of the present day." By 1948, he was performing at the Last Frontier: one of only two hotels in Las Vegas, the little town that would eventually be known as Sin City and the source of Liberace's sizeable fan-base.

1950 was to be a stellar year for Liberace; he made his film debut in the role of a piano player in *South Sea Sinner* with Shelley Winters and was invited by President Truman to play in the East room of the White House. That same year, while performing at a club in San Diego, he was discovered by a TV producer who launched a television career

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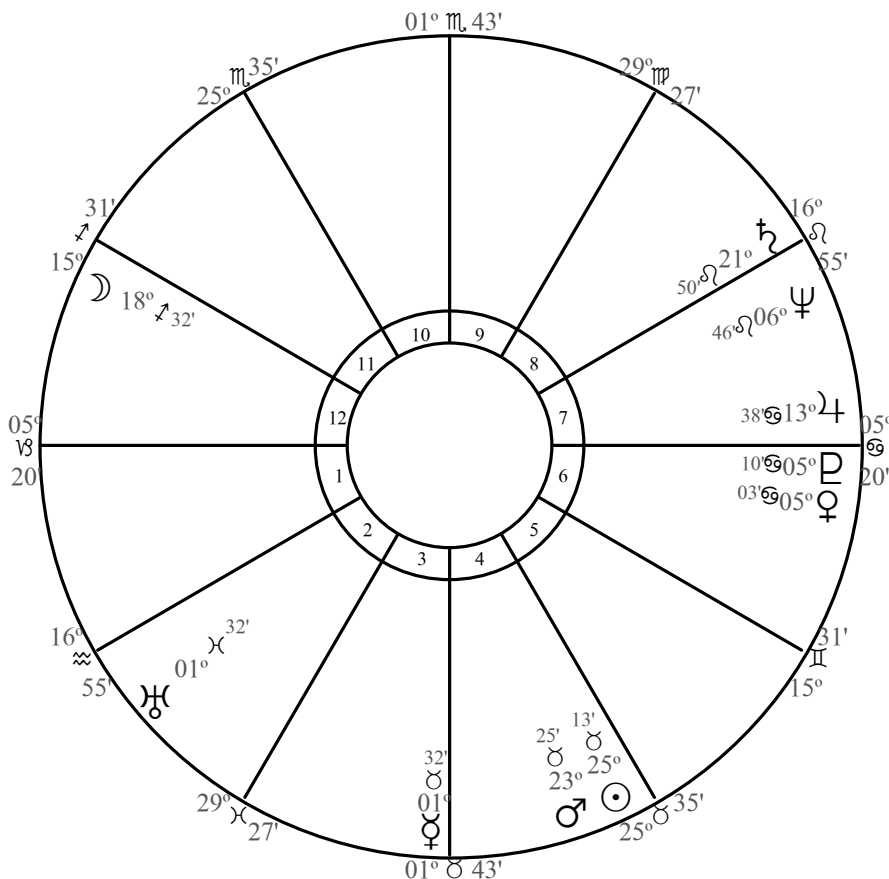
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MC	68.02	10.8	8.12
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♂	63.84	10.1	-34.35
♃	52.77	8.4	19.40
♀	49.13	7.8	9.36
♃	47.05	7.5	-10.98
♀	43.11	6.8	-1.93
♃	40.90	6.5	-39.31
♃	37.33	5.9	12.08
♃	<u>20.86</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>0.38</u>
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HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
4	159.66	16.9	-57.89
6	135.62	14.4	7.42
10	100.21	10.6	-0.71
7	94.81	10.0	1.30
1	91.51	9.7	-34.21
3	80.17	8.5	-10.24
8	76.53	8.1	-53.43
2	76.18	8.1	14.42
12	39.52	4.2	6.43
9	33.84	3.6	1.38
11	32.19	3.4	-8.83
5	24.57	2.6	4.68

SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
♊	227.34	24.1	-55.14
♋	161.82	17.1	20.66
♌	132.40	14.0	-9.54
♍	123.58	13.1	-64.40
♎	91.51	9.7	-34.21
♏	73.86	7.8	19.68
♐	39.52	4.2	6.43
♑	23.42	2.5	-4.98
♒	21.56	2.3	-0.96
♓	21.56	2.3	-0.96
♈	15.96	1.7	-8.59
♉	12.28	1.3	2.34



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that would eventually win him two Emmys and make Liberace a household name. By 1955 he was the highest paid entertainer in Las Vegas history.

Liberace had a powerful conjunction of the Sun and Mars in Taurus bestowing a vital and charismatic stage presence. Liberace's Sun/Mars conjunction was in his 4th House, which made him passionate about real estate. In fact, he collected homes, with one in Malibu, the Hollywood Hills, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and Palm Springs. Liberace had a flair for interior design, and in 1966 he opened Liberace Interiors and Objects d'Art in Hollywood, California, offering his design services to wealthy patrons.

The keyword for Taurus is "I Have," and over the years, Liberace was alternately referred to as The Glitter Man, Mr. Showmanship, and the King of Bling. True

to Taurus nature, he adored all the trappings of wealth; extravagant costumes, fabulous jewelry, custom pianos, and classic cars. He assembled his collections in the Liberace Museum near Las Vegas, which opened April 1979 and functioned as the fundraising arm of the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts, which funds scholarships for schools and colleges across the nation. The museum closed October 17, 2010.

Although Liberace fervently denied his homosexuality, in 1982 he was sued in a palimony case by Scott Thorson, his 24-year-old, live-in companion and chauffeur, who claimed he had been promised \$70,000 income for life. On February 4, 1987, Liberace died from complication due to AIDS in his Palm Springs, California home known as The Cloisters.

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Timeline

Year	Event	Aspect
1927	Dedicates his life to music after meeting celebrated pianist Ignaz Paderewski backstage after a performance	♀♂♃♄
1939	Plays first requested encore at a classical concert in La Crosse, WI	ASC△♁♄
1940, January 15	At age 20 plays with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra	MC□♃♄
1943	Appears as Walter Liberace in two soundies, <i>Tiger Rag</i> and <i>Twelfth Street Rag</i>	MC♁♁♄
1947	Moves to Los Angeles and plays Hollywood clubs	♁×♃♄
1948	Performs for the first time in Las Vegas, Nevada	♀♂♄♅
1950	Makes his film debut in <i>South Sea Sinner</i> with Shelley Winters	☿△♁♄, ☿△MC♄
1950	Invited by President Truman to play in the White House	☿△MC♄
1955	Stars in the film <i>Sincerely Yours</i>	MC△♄♅
1977	Founds Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts	ASC△♃♄p
1979	Opens the Liberace Museum in Paradise, Nevada	♁♂♀♄
1986, November 2	Final stage performance at Radio City Music Hall in New York	MC♁♁♄
1987, February 4	Dies from complications from AIDS at 2:05 p.m.	☿□♁♄, ASC□♃♄

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mythic bull in the heavens, portraying only the front legs and head, the portion that would have been visible above the surface of the sea.

In the Near-Eastern world, Taurus was associated with the goddess Inanna, or Ishtar, patroness of love, fertility, and plenty. Her equivalent in the Greco-Roman world was Aphrodite or Venus. In astrological description we say that Venus rules, or is at home, in the sign of Taurus because they share the intrinsic qualities of beauty, sensuality, and wealth.

Taurus, along with the signs of Virgo and Capricorn, comes under the dominion of the feminine element earth, which all three signs share as expressions of pragmatism and practicality. Like Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius, Taurus is a fixed sign, representing its element in the densest or most perfected form. Due to this fixity, Taurus persons are perfectionist and can frequently be rigid and unyielding in their attitudes. As fixed earth, Taurus is the zodiacal sign most deeply steeped in matter, and its natives are always working towards goals with measurable results. Much like the ox used to plow ancient fields, Taurus per-

sons move slowly and steadily towards the accomplishment of their objectives. They are steadfast and reliable, which gives rise to their best quality of stability; and like the bull, who once he lays down is unlikely to move, Taurus exhibits a stubbornness that is summarized as its worst quality, obstinacy. Although the bull is the male of the cow species, Taurus as an earth sign is considered to be feminine. The fecund earth has long been seen as the symbol of fertility and wealth, bringing forth an abundance of crops. The month of May, where the Sun passes through Taurus during the first three weeks, has long been dedicated to fertility and the feminine divine.

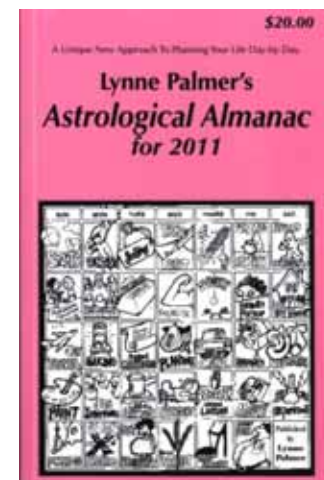
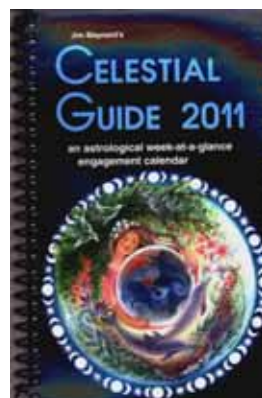
The key phrase for Taurus is "I Have," and astrologers hold that those persons born at this time of year exhibit possessiveness and share a greater concern for the acquisition of tangible wealth. In an astrological chart, Taurus is the natural ruler of the second house, which represents our relationship to wealth, money, finance, personal possessions, and values.

In the symbolic language of astrological shorthand, the glyph for Taurus is pictured as the head of the bull.



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and without being judgmental, some of the people of our own time who seemed to be trapped by the glitter of the material world. By the same token, consider Oprah Winfrey, Bill and Melinda Gates, Bono, and other philanthropists who are using their wealth to improve the lives of others. Using our material means to be of assistance to others "...opens the avenues to spiritual attainment." (*Spiritual Astrology*, p. 48) There is no gift to humanity which is too small.

The key to our wealth is to uncover our natural abilities as designated by our birth charts. This gives us the opportunity to advance ourselves so that we may be of more benefit to others. We can give time, we can give things, and we can give money, our healing abilities, and our creativity. All of these may be used for spiritual advantage.

What of the inner meanings of Taurus? What do we do with the spiritual energy we engender by our good works and how may we transmute our energies into the finer essences with which we may really impact the inner realms and build our spiritual bodies?

Taurus expresses in the spiritual world as the perpetual movement of life; thus, we must act unceasingly. Taurus expresses in the intellectual world as the combinations of ideas which create the moral life; thus, we must think morally unceasingly. Taurus expresses in the physical world as the combination of the forces of nature; thus, we must combine our thoughts and our actions to impact the physical world by contributing to Universal Welfare. This is the "...combination and interchange of masculine and feminine forces throughout nature, working ceaselessly in all kingdoms as the instigators and cause of all movements and life." (*The Sacred Tarot*, p.189) Ahhhhhh, sex.

Taurus represents perfect union on the inner plane in which all the finer forces, alchemically balanced, are completely blended and fused. This is the exchange of the finer masculine and feminine energies which are controlled and directed by love. Ahhhhhh, sex.

Zain tells us that "love manifests on all planes and in various degrees of grossness and refinements; for it is convertible...and in truth,...it lies at the foundation of all activity, all intelligence, and all feeling." (*The Sacred Tarot*, p.192) We each have to find an inner balance of masculine and feminine energies as shown by the sun and moon in our personal horoscopes. It would seem nearly impossible for us to try and work on balancing a relationship with anyone else without first balancing the energies present within our own selves. Treating ourselves with harmony,

dignity, kindness, and caring must come naturally before we can hope to treat our partners in this same way.

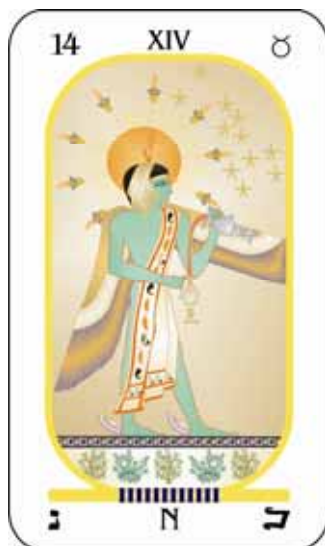
It is important for us to understand that the key to spiritual growth comes from blending our spiritual natures with the spiritual natures of those we love. I remember when I was young having such strong sexual feelings and thinking that I had to act on them all. It took some time before I realized that elevating those feelings to a higher place, and not acting physically brought me so much more love and so much closer to Spirit. This is the regenerate love as represented by Taurus; it is a blend and an exchange of the finer forces of life. It is a "...beautiful ecstatic union between two who are devoted to each other, and who feel the most tender toward each other." (*The Sacred Tarot*, p.192-3) By fusing forces with another who is also working on the Divine Plan, we learn more about harmony, sympathy, and the advancement of all. All our desires and passions can be transmuted into these sorts of energies which can be used for the great expression of Universal Welfare.

Please do not misunderstand; I am not advocating the elimination of physical sex from our lives. It is important that if we have the opportunity to engage in sexual activity with one we love; sex that is full of loving harmony and tender sympathy is really good for us. This sort of sexual activity helps us to maintain a constant exchange of finer energies in our lives. I just want to remind us all that it is possible for us to exchange these energies with others as well, even though this does not occur physically. The mental or spiritual orgasm may not be as physically thrilling to our physical body, but there is definitely something positive to be said for the union of mind and spirit for the Universal Welfare by using a pure form of loving energy when in union with someone whose goals and objectives we share. We must work like the bull represented in this constellation, unceasingly, consistently, tirelessly, for those results that we know will bring us all along together in our growth of spirit.

"Remember then, children of earth, to conserve your forces, not to recoil at your works, but in order to wear out obstacles, as water falling drop by drop wears away the hardest stone. If Arcanum XIV [Taurus] should appear in the prophetic signs of your horoscope, a well formulated plan of action followed perseveringly will raise thee by degrees to the heights you would attain." (The Sacred Tarot, p.189)

The preceding article is from a series of sermons presented by Meg Dissinger in 2005-2006 for Sunday services at Church of Light Headquarters, Albuquerque, NM.

Tarot Correspondence—The Alchemist



Divination

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Admonition

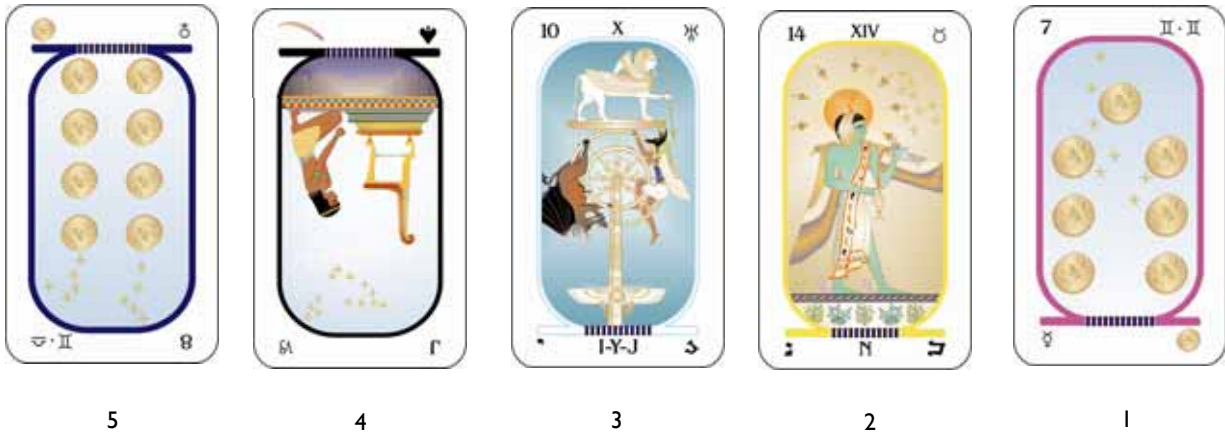
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Astrology

“This process, started at Easter, is carried forward as the Sun enters Taurus, the exchange of the finer forces fecundating the earth (Taurus) to bring forth the grass and flowers. For while Aries is the exaltation of the Sun, Taurus is the exaltation of the Moon, and the Sun moving thus into the exaltation of the Moon after the partnership has been formed carries forward the process of fructification. This process by which fecundity is assured is pictured in Arcanum XIV; and is thus associated with the sign Taurus; for the bull also is a symbol of fecundity.”

Tarot Spread Example—The Yes or No Spread

The Querent asked the following question: “Will our Congressman be re-elected to The House of Representatives ?”



Tarot Spread Interpretation

Card Spread

The distant past—The Seven of Coins. Money earned through a journey.

The recent past—Arcanum XIV, The Alchemist. Regeneration or Temperance.

The present— Arcanum X, The Wheel. A change of fortune.

The near future—The Youth of Swords, reversed. A woman of Capricorn temperament.

The distant future—The Eight of Coins reversed. A costly lawsuit.

Summary

The Querent, who was wondering if his representative would be re-elected to his congressional seat, asked this question on the day of the November 2nd elections.

The Yes or No spread is comprised of five cards laid out from left to right. Cards 1 and 2 represent the past of the matter, the center card represents the present, and cards 4 and 5 symbolize the future. Right-side-up cards represent a yes answer, and reversed cards no. Each card is worth the value of one point for yes or no, with the exception of the center card, which has the value of two

points. In this spread, three of the cards were right side up including the center card, indicating a yes answer.

The Seven of Coins in the distant past reveals that the Congressman had spent a lot of time the previous two years travelling to and from Washington, D.C. This might also possibly denote that campaign and advertising funds were attracted from out of state. The Alchemist, in the position signifying the recent past, indicates perseverance on the campaign trail and the Representative’s dedication to environmental causes. The center card, Arcanum X - The Wheel, promises a change of fortune or possible reversal of political party. On the day of the elections, the reader suspected this could portend a defeat in the polls, even though the card was right side up. Chances are it signified the general political climate on the day of the election with the general populace eager for a party change. The near future, signified by The Youth of Swords reversed, normally represents a woman of Capricorn temperament, or perhaps shows the shift in party control in the House of Representatives. The final card, the Eight of Coins reversed, is usually interpreted as a costly lawsuit. One might suspect that the failing economy becomes the Congressman’s focus during his next term in office.



Church of Light Convention 2011 The Royal Path to Spirit

You are invited to attend one of our most exciting conventions ever.

In honor of our newly published color tarot deck, The Royal Path to Spirit will feature the Tarot, the Silver Key of The Brotherhood of Light tradition.

Pre-Conference Activities

Day 1: Madrid, New Mexico

Exploring Madrid and Hiking the Sandia Crest

Join us Wednesday, June 22nd, as we take an all-day excursion up the legendary Turquoise Trail to visit the artist colony of Madrid, New Mexico. Once a mining town that later became a ghost town, Madrid was rediscovered by artists in the 70's. This town is filled with unique art galleries and boutiques and even a mining museum! There are a variety of restaurants from which to select your lunch. Later that afternoon, we will travel to the top of the Sandia Crest (elevation 10,378 feet) for stunning views of the Rio Grande Valley and an hour of hiking in alpine forests.



Day 2: Albuquerque Biopark



Albuquerque Biological Park

Thursday, June 23rd, is our day to stay close to home and enjoy one of the prime destination spots of Albuquerque. The Albuquerque Biological Park, or Biopark, is an environmental museum spread out over three campuses. The north campus features the Aquarium and Botanic Gardens, and the south campus houses the zoological park. The two campuses are linked by Tingley Beach, a series of fishing ponds and a bird sanctuary. There are gift stores and cafes scattered throughout the park. Travel between all three locations is accommodated by a small open-air train. Admission to all facilities is \$12 (seniors \$5).

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Day 3 Pre-Conference Intensive:

Emma Hardinge Britten Revealed



K. Paul Johnson



Marc Demarest

On Friday, June 24th, our special guest presenters are Marc Demarest and K. Paul Johnson. They will present on Emma Hardinge Britten, the 19th century spiritualist propagandist and one of the founders of the Theosophical Society. A document titled, “The History and Principles of The Church of Light,” informs us that it was through two books, *Ghost Land* and *Art Magic*, both translated and edited by EHB, that the Brotherhood of Light Teachings first came to America.

Marc Demarest, a Theosophical researcher and writer currently working on a Biography of EHB, will share some of his most recent discoveries with us.

K. Paul Johnson, author of *The Masters Revealed*, will present on the topic of EHB and her relationship to The Orphic Circle, an occult brotherhood operating in 19th century Europe.

Convention 2011

The Royal Path to Spirit

Friday–Sunday, June 24th–26th

Convention 2011 officially begins with our Annual Business Meeting on Friday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. This is a good opportunity to get informed and participate in our organizational leadership.

On the evening of the 24th, we will engage in one of our most celebrated activities—Church of Light Initiations. This is a chance for new members who have passed Course I to be inducted into the organization. Those members making a grade change or graduating to Hermetician status may also request to be initiated. A members’ reception immediately follows the Initiations.

Saturday, June 25th’s programming, will include Tarot and Initiation Part III by Christopher Gibson, featuring the complimentary relationships of the tarot Arcanum on the pillars of the temple of initiation. Yvette Fortin will present an inter-disciplinary talk focused on the astrological assignments attributed to the Major Arcanum by

different occult authors. Sandra Mayo and the Clinton Astrological Association will be back to entertain us by giving a dramatic voice to the trump cards of the tarot.



2009 Attendees, Lara Hill and Irene Sikelianos

Saturday night's activities include an awards banquet and comedic sketch by Radine Ramsey, followed by a *Come as Your Favorite Tarot Card* costume and disco party.

Sunday's program features a summer Solstice Service officiated by Rev. Meg Dissinger. Allyn McCray will speak on the symbolism of The Magus. Patrick Ramsey will lead us through a hands-on workshop of tarot spreads and counseling techniques. Veiga O'Sickey will reveal the esoteric meanings of the minor Arcanum, and the conference will end with a special panel discussion which will include Vicki Brewer, designer of the B of L Color Tarot deck, addressing tarot questions and answers.



2009, Costumed participants Bob and Shirley Hall

Advertise in the 2011 Convention Program

This coming year, the Church of Light 2011 Convention Program will feature advertising space. This is an opportunity for our members to make their services and products known to other members and to help support the cost of hosting the convention. If you do not have a service or business product to advertise, space is also available for special messages to friends, family, or the universe at large! Our rates are based upon accommodating an average business card, equaling 1/4 sheet. The space and rate breakdown is as follows:

1/4 sheet = 2" tall x 5-1/2" wide	\$15
1/2 sheet = 4" tall x 5-1/2" wide	\$30
Full Page = 8" tall x 5-1/2" wide	\$50

If you are interested in this opportunity, please mail us your business card, advertising material, or personal message, along with your space requirement, contact information, and a check made payable to The Church of Light. The address is The Church of Light, 2119 Gold Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, attention Veiga O'Sickey. All ads and messages will be submitted to you for your final approval before they are printed.

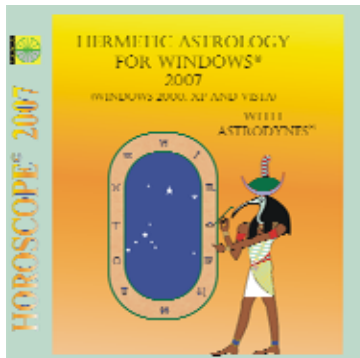
If you have any questions, please contact Veiga O'Sickey at veigaosickey@comcast.net.

New Schedule for Ninth House Mailings

Due to rising printing and postage costs, we have been forced to cut back on the frequency of our mailings. Commencing immediately, The Ninth House Newsletter and Decanate cards will be mailed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October. Those members wishing an electronic version of the newsletter and postcards will receive email notification announcing when the Ninth House is posted to the website. To be placed on our email list, make your request by emailing churchoflight@light.org.

The Church of Light Quarterly Publication will continue to be mailed around the solstices and equinoxes to those members who donate \$50 or more per year to help defray costs. All other members will have access to the current Quarterly and archives by logging on to www.light.org.

Membership Room



Installing the Horoscope Program for Mac Users

For all you Mac users out there who would like to use the Horoscope Program, here's how you do it:

- If you do not already have a version of Windows on your Mac, you will need to purchase a copy of Windows 7 Home Premium. (If you already have it on your Mac, Windows XP or Vista will work just as well.) You can search the web for the best price. Amazon.com sells Windows 7 Premium for around \$170.
- Your Mac has a built in program called Boot Camp that allows you to boot up your Mac in Windows if it is installed. Windows 7 requires Mac OS X v10.6 Snow Leopard and the Boot Camp 3.1 Update.
- You can find instructions for installing Windows 7 at "support.apple.com/kb/HT3986" or just Google "boot camp windows 7".
- After you have installed Windows 7, restart you Mac in Windows and install the Horoscope Program. That's it.

The problem with Boot Camp is that you have to re-boot your Mac to run Windows programs; so a better alternative is to install one of two available Mac programs that allow you to switch between Mac OS and Windows seamlessly without restarting your Mac: Parallels Desktop 6 for Mac or VMWare Fusion 3 for Mac. Both work exceptionally well and will allow you to easily run most Windows programs. You can search the web for the best price, but they cost around \$80. Once one of these is installed on your Mac, you can install Windows and then install the Horoscope program.

Holiday Giving BCCPTA Clothing Bank

The Church of Light recently received a thank you note from BCCPTA Clothing Bank for their Holiday 2009 donation. Special thanks go out to all of you who contributed generously to last year's holiday charity.

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Ali McCray, the New CofL Communication Director, has created space for the Church of Light and members. For more information contact ali@light.org



Ministers Meg Dissinger and Christopher Gibson

Albuquerque Sunday Services

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 Veiga O'Sickey.

Services are followed by a potluck buffet and social time.

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

www.churchoflight.tv

The following are the dates and topics for upcoming monthly services:

January 16

The Circle Game

February 20

To Silence the Weakness of the Heart

March 20

What Goes Around

April 17

Temptation

Fort Worth Activities

The Fort Worth Center offers Brotherhood of Light classes on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m. Religious services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. A schedule for the upcoming year is available on their website at: www.owlswebnest.com.

All classes and services are held at:

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



Annual Brotherhood of Light Luncheon



Every November, the Fort Worth Church of Light Center celebrates with an annual membership luncheon. This year the event was held on November 7, there were 19 persons in attendance.





Online Course: An Introduction to Hermetic Astrology With Christopher Gibson

Seven Thursdays, January 20—March 3, 2011
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. MDT

This beginning class in Hermetic Astrology offers an excellent opportunity to learn from a practicing, professional astrologer. This introductory course will cover the four factors used in Hermetic Astrology: the signs, planets, houses, and aspects.

Your instructor, Christopher Gibson, has over 40 years of background in astrology and has maintained a private astrological counseling practice since 1977. Christopher has an extensive teaching background having taught astrology and tarot through the Community Services program at Los Angeles City College from 1980—1996 and lecturing internationally to the astrological community.

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

Class 1, January 20, - A History of Hermetic Astrology

Class 2, January 27, - The 12 Signs of the Zodiac

Class 3, February 3, - The Ten Planets

Class 4, February 10, The 12 Mundane Houses

Class 5, February 17, - The Ten Aspects

Class 6, February 24, - Delineating with Astrodynes

Class 7, March 3, - Easy Chart Analysis

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per class or \$60 for the entire series of six classes. Call 505-247-1338 for a brochure or calendar of events.

Students interested in long-distance learning can participate in class by going to: www.churchoflight.tv.

A Laboratory of Hermetic Astrology

Having completed the seven-week course in Hermetic Astrology, local students will be invited to participate in an Astrological Laboratory on Hermetic chart interpretation. This will be a hands-on session applying delineation skills to the individual's chart. Due to the intimate nature of discussing one's personal chart, this class will not be webcast. This three-hour laboratory will take place at Church of Light Headquarters on Saturday March 5 from 3—6 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workshop.

Church of Light TV

Where? Log onto churchoflight.tv

When? Whenever there is a class scheduled or 3rd Sunday Services

Archived classes/services anytime

Who can watch? Anyone with internet access

What does it cost? Donations are encouraged—\$10 per class is recommended

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Astrological Research Department

The Order of the Sphinx has four sections: Wings, Paws, Body and Head. The Head Section has the aspiration to further study. Current research is vital to understanding and responding to current issues in our times. Possible future projects can include researching groups of charts in specific areas such as autism, Alzheimer's, murders, weather, mundane astrology or a specific area of your

interest. The Head Section is currently looking for active members interested in working and researching specific areas. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Pat Ramsey at drpat@prodigy.net. As you would be working with charts, a computer, e-mail and the current Church of Light Horoscope Program would be required.

Sponsorship Program



Patrick Ramsey

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 thirty-six members currently enrolled in the Sponsorship Program. Twenty-four of those members are incarcerated. Two members are disabled. Three members live in Africa, one

from Cuba, and one from the Philippines.

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. 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.

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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 mis-

sion 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.