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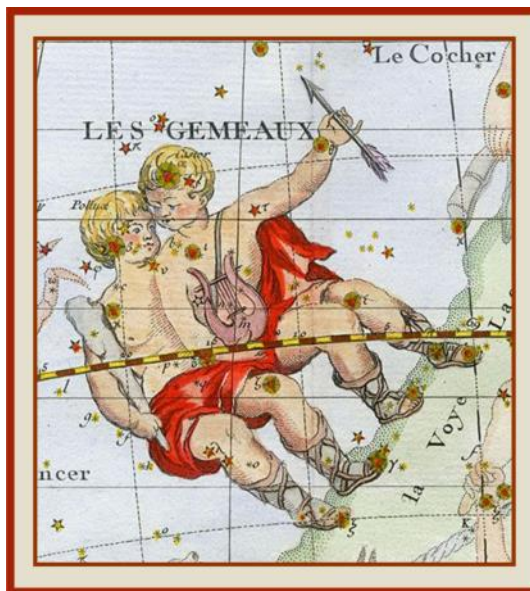
Gemini in the Quest of Spirit:

The Heart of the Matter

Margaret Dissinger

Twins have a special connection born initially from their development together in the womb. Whether they are fraternal or identical, they are together from the very beginning, sharing time, space, and nourishment. After birth they continue to grow and develop together. It is common for them to develop a unique language, and to continue sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions for life. They may finish each other's sentences, and research shows that some, even when separated at birth, follow similar life patterns. They

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Spiritual Astrology: The Twins

I THINK

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The third sign of the zodiac is Gemini, which translates as "the twins" (Merriam-Webster, 2022). According to Hickey (1992), Gemini is ruled by the planet Mercury. It is a mutable, air sign, ex-

pressing the positive (active) aspects of Mercury's rulership. The key phrase for Gemini is "I Think". Gemini extends from May 21st through June 21 of each year.

Before entering upon an explanation of Zain's in-

terpretation of the several myths associated with the twins as culled from various traditions, it is worthwhile to describe the general characteristics of Mercury, the planet which traditionally holds rulership over this sign. If

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Consider that ...

- ... the Moon governs the *Mentality*, Mercury indicates the *Ability and the channels used*, in giving the mind outward expression.
— Astrological Signatures
- *A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes.*
— Mahatma Gandhi
- *Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.*
— Swami Sivananda



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— Albert Camus

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Editorial

Margaret Joscher, President

“Whether you think you can,
or you think you can't -
you're right.”

— Henry Ford

For Gemini, Zain relates stories of the bonds of affection and loyalty between two individuals. These harmonious associations represent the advantage of linking our thoughts into beneficial compounds to bring about favorable conditions. As uplifting as these stories are though, we also know ones that illustrate the darker or discordant side of our natures - the Bible's Cain and Abel and Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The duality of our nature was likewise explored by the Swiss psychologist, Carl Jung, who posited that every good quality has its bad side and that we each have a shadow self to integrate.

Even though there are many gray areas, we tend to see dualities everywhere: light and dark, spirit and matter, or, as represented by Gemini, reason and intuition. For Arcanum 17, the Tarot Card corresponding to Gemini, Zain writes: “The first step toward truth is perception. This perception should embrace both sides of the situation.” And, in determining truth, both reason and intuition are required.

The stresses and frustrations of the last few years seems to have brought out the darker side in many of us. Living in a discordant emotional state, we rigidly adhere to our beliefs even in the face of contrary evidence and gravitate towards enclaves that reinforce our worldview. We don't attempt to perceive both sides of a situation or apply reason and intuition to the onslaught of information and opinions we encounter every day. Recognizing and responding to information, our perception, is often overcome by emotion.

In recent classes and meetings, I've heard several of our members ask how they can be of service. If you have a skill and the time to offer, it is always welcome but if you are short on time, our most precious commodity, there are other ways. We can constantly check ourselves by asking if what we see and believe is really true and also, if what we think others see and believe is really false. We can treat those having different ideas with kindness, tolerance and a calm and open mind while searching for the common ground we all have. This is the best service we can offer each other.





Damon & Pythias
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*“I think 99 times and find
nothing. I stop thinking,
swim in silence and the truth
comes to me.”*
— Albert Einstein

often marry at nearly the same time, have children close in age, which we know can be attributed to their similar astrological charts. They THINK alike. Some of us are fortunate enough to have special friends that feel like our “soul twin.” Two of those relationships make up the text for Gemini in our Course VII, Spiritual Astrology.

Zain tells the stories of Damon and Pythias, Castor and Pollux, Jonathan, and David. Of these only Castor and Pollux are biological twins. The others are represented because they share that same mental and emotional connection as twins, described as “the eternal bond of their connection” which is needed in our spiritual quest to understand the sign Gemini. The text for Gemini hints at the immense power of this sign in understanding its place in the journey of Spirit as Zain discusses the critical nature of the sign Gemini, the conduit which binds the objective and the unconscious minds.

In natal astrology the key idea is **I Think**, representing communication and all that it entails as we move through our days. Anything that we say or do with intention comes about because it has been given life through thought in the conscious mind, followed by physical or mental action. There is always thought before an action, and before the thought there is somewhere an unconscious prompt, a nudge, a bump that we might recall from a night’s dream or even a daydream. Perhaps there is a problem to be solved, or a situation to be resolved. The conscious and unconscious minds are the thought twins. Reading the Gemini section of Spiritual Astrology makes all the difference in understanding what Zain is saying about this connection and its power in Spiritual Astrology. Understanding Gemini on a spiritual level enables us to learn how to move out of the dream state and into a conscious method of tapping into the unconscious mind.

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This connection between the conscious and the unconscious mind is a human condition. The development of having that connection as CONSCIOUS CONTACT in our daily lives has to be developed. This is how insight and intuition become tools which we may use for our spiritual growth. We have all had those times in life that we just “knew” something was going to happen. This happens mostly when there is a surge of emotional energy associated with the unconscious thoughts so that conscious contact is made with the conscious mind. This use of emotion comes from the heart center and is often called heart intelligence.

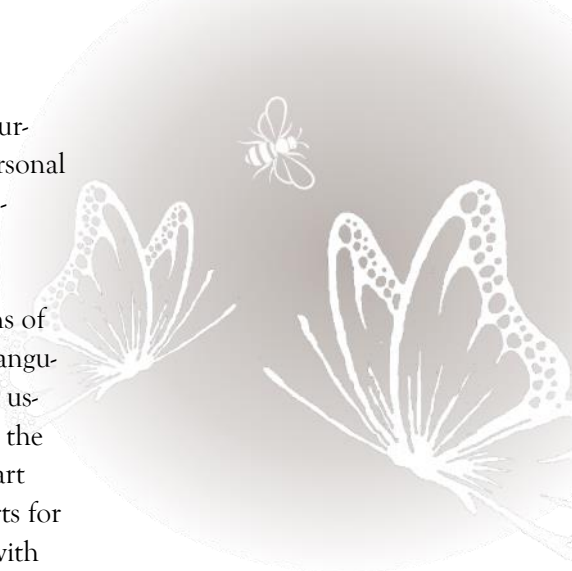
Heart intelligence is developed through the highest love – unconditional love and living a life of service, contributing our best life for Universal Welfare. It is manifest spiritually in Gemini by the duality of the marriage between the head-mind and the heart-mind which then gives access to the unconscious. This potentially is not just connecting to our individual unconscious mind but also may provide access to the inner plane – the collective unconscious. In order to gain access to this realm, the inner relationship must be nurtured by each of us staying focused on our own soul path, recognizing the twins residing within us all.

Ruth Hadiken (Gemini: realastrologers.com) describes the deeper significance of Gemini as communion and weaving; taking the threads of life and weaving them all together into one cohesive whole. My interpretation of what she describes is the interplay between consciousness and the unconscious, taking these threads of consciousness and weaving the threads together to make the con-

nective tissue of the Universe. She further suggests we look at our own personal twins in our natal horoscopes: Aries-Libra, Taurus-Scorpio, Gemini-Sagittarius, Cancer-Capricorn, Leo-Aquarius, and Virgo-Pisces, the twins of our own souls. She recommends triangulating those “twins” with Gemini by using this sign’s energy for connecting the conscious and unconscious with heart intelligence to process our own charts for spiritual growth. This makes sense with Gemini, the mutable air sign, as it represents the changeable nature of our minds through the connection of our conscious and unconscious thought. The interconnectedness of energy as it flows from conscious to unconscious can be stimulated by induced emotion (heart intelligence) to manifest insight and intuition through conscious contact with the inner plane. The physical mind can be trained to see, to identify, and to categorize that which is seen objectively. The spiritual component occurs as we move consciously from physical mind consciousness into conscious contact into the unconscious mind and by extension, the opposites of the zodiac. The action/work is to use Gemini to unify the conscious and unconscious in relationship to those opposites for spiritual growth and development. The challenge of the spiritual path using Gemini as the third point in the triangle is to stay focused by deeply practicing connecting the thoughts of the conscious and unconscious minds through active dreaming and meditation. In this way our work mirrors the key-phrase for this section of the zodiac (paraphrased): Thoughts Are Our Most Potent Builders.

So Shall It Be!

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One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong. Only through the bringing together of head and heart-intelligence and goodness shall man rise to a fulfillment of his true nature.
— Martin Luther King Jr.



Gemini — THE TWINS

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you wish to understand the influence of Mercury, a very informative avenue is to consider its physical appearance, physical properties, relationship to the sun, and its periodic movements in the heavens.

According to NASA (2021), Mercury is the smallest and swiftest of the planets, traveling at an astounding 29 miles/second! Combined with the fact that it carves out the smallest orbit of the sun, this affirms that Mercury also completes its revolution around the sun in the shortest possible period, taking a mere 88 Earth days to do so. Owing to its primary proximity to the sun, light also reaches Mercury sooner than any other planet, completing a one-way trip in approximately 3.2 minutes (NASA, 2021). Taken together, it is not at all difficult to understand why the ancients considered Mercury to be the fleet-footed “Messenger of the Gods” (Hickey, 1992, p.31).

Interestingly, even though Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, it is not the hottest one. Owing to its thick atmosphere, which creates a runaway greenhouse effect, Venus wins that title (NASA, 2019). However, Mercury’s proximity to the sun, combined with the fact that it has a very thin atmosphere, causes Mercury to experience extreme variations in temperature from day to night. The half of Mercury facing the sun can reach a scorching 800°F, while the half immersed in darkness can plummet to an unimaginable -290°F! Owing to these extremes of variation, Mercury is also known for its changeability, adaptability, and versatility. Negatively, these attributes can manifest as restlessness and restiveness.

Those who have purchased my book, *The Elements of the Cosmos: Numbers & Letters as Archetypes*, will know that I am fascinated by the recondite symbolism of numbers and letters. Zain (1997) makes reference to the sacred, symbolic value of numbers in one of the tales associated with Gemini, specifically that of the two inseparable friends Damon and Pythias, who were also students of the famed Samian sage, Pythagoras. We shall return to an explication of this and other twin tales shortly.

Regarding Mercury, it is critical to understand that examining its symbolism through the lens of sacred mathematics can yield important insights. In sacred mathematics, the Monad, or first cause, is represented in the universe by the sun. The sun therefore can symbolize any or all of the following: energy, *fatherhood*, *reason*, *constancy*, and *the spiritual world*. Complementarily, the Dyad is represented by the moon. This celestial satellite of the Earth represents the polar opposite of the sun’s attributes, symbolizing any or all of the following: *matter*, *motherhood*, *intuition*, *changeability*, and *the material world*. In sacred mathematics, the offspring of the Monad and Dyad — in other words the first archetype to emerge from their union — is the Triad. In the universe, the Triad is represented by Mercury, and can consequently symbolize any or all of the following: *mind*, *childhood*, *intelligence*, *equilibrium*, and *the astral world*. Traditionally, the mind is considered the bridge between the energetic and material worlds. Hence, Mercury, as the offspring of the union of sun and moon, literally represents this first and foremost

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“It’s not that I’m so smart,
it’s just that I stay with
problems longer.”

— Albert Einstein

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form of communication in the universe. For this reason, it is associated with communication of all sorts; travel and transport, intellectual discourse, and the nervous system in the body- the structure through which we ourselves interact and communicate with our world.

Having discussed the general influence

of Mercury, the planet that rules the zodiacal sign Gemini, we can now turn our attention to Zain's (1997) recounting of the several tales of twins in *Spiritual Astrology*. He first details the account of Damon and Pythias, two dear friends who are also members of the famed Pythagorean order. Pythias runs afoul of the dread tyrant, Dionysius of Syracuse. Condemned to die, Pythias begs to be allowed to set his financial affairs aright before he loses his life. Understandably, Dionysius of Syracuse wants assurances that Pythias will return, should he be released temporarily to address his affairs. Shedding all fear and epitomizing the notion of brotherhood, fraternity, and loyalty, Damon volunteers to take his place at the executioner's block,

should Pythias fail to return. Dionysius of Syracuse assents to this plan.

As the death day draws near, the city is abuzz with feverish discussions about whether or not Pythias will return. Amazingly, Damon, whose very life is on the line, appears least concerned of all. The gathered throngs wonder if the bonds of Pythagorean brotherhood are strong enough for Pythias to return even

to meet his own death, or if he will do what many in his situation would do — beat a hasty path for survival and freedom at Damon's expense. At the last minute, Pythias returns to relieve his brother in spirit of his burdensome pledge. Dionysius of Syracuse is so moved by Pythias' loyalty that not only does he spare his life, he asks to join the Pythagorean order. We are reminded in this

tale that even in the face of almost certain death, Pythias demonstrated loyalty, fraternity, and brotherhood, a sign of the undying bond of affection that exists between true friends.

Next, Zain (1997) recounts the Greek myth of Castor and Pollux. Castor and Pollux are inseparable twins who make

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*Castor and Pollux
Jubulon (public domain)
Image from World History Encyclopedia*

*“Until you make the
unconscious conscious, it will
direct your life and you will
call it fate.”
— Carl Jung*



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the fatal mistake of falling in love with the daughters of Leucippus. As these maidens were already betrothed to the sons of Aphareus, the affection of the twins causes insult to the suitors, who swiftly challenge the twins to a contest. In the course of the ensuing confrontation, Castor is slain.

Pollux is inconsolable in his grief over his lost brother. Wanting to die, he wanders the earth endlessly in anguish and pain. However, unlike his mortal brother, Pollux is immortal, with no end to his suffering in sight. Seeing Pollux's pitiful state, Jove permits Pollux to share his immortality with his brother. He stipulates, though, that only one twin can move about the earth at a time; the other must at the same time remain confined to the dark realm of Pluto.

The tale of Castor and Pollux is the story of the dual nature of the human mind. In the ancient conception, the mind was a single construct with two aspects: it comprises the rational, conscious mind and the intuitive, unconscious mind. Whereas the expression of the former is dependent on the physical brain for sustenance, the latter aspect of a human being is immortal, existing both previous to and beyond the assumption of a physi-

cal form. Just as with Jove's admonition, only one aspect of the mind's dual nature may be active at a time; during waking hours, the conscious mind dominates thinking and action. Once asleep, the unconscious mind assumes control, as the soul journeys hither and thither in search of wisdom, restoration, and the integration of earthly experiences.

The tale of the Twins, then, is a tale of the mind, the first discernable bridge between spirit and matter. It is fitting that this story should be aligned with the third sign of the Zodiac, as in universal symbolism the same sentiment is conveyed by way of the Triad, the number Three. The Triad is the firstborn of the Monad and Dyad (i.e., $1 + 2 = 3$), representing in sacred mathematics the offspring that results from the reunion of opposing forces. It is the very first point of contact between polar extremes, and as such represents all forms of communication, travel, transport, and harmony.

The Leading Text for Gemini is, "Thoughts are Man's Most Potent Builders" (Zain, 1997, p. 71). In this, we are reminded that it is only through the medium of the mind that our ineffable spirit exerts influence and control over our transient, physical bodies. *In the most real sense, our thoughts determine our destiny.*

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*The center I cannot find is
known to my unconscious
mind.*
— W. H. Auden



Psychologists have affirmed and formalized this ancient admonition as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), an evidence-based approach to addressing many mental health complaints, such as anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) (Mayo Clinic Staff, 2019). At its heart, CBT posits that there is an inextricable link between our thoughts, feelings, and actions. The thoughts we think determine the feelings we experience, which have a very real effect on our behaviors (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Los Angeles, 2020). CBT acknowledges that in many cases we are powerless to change the forces and factors of our external environment, yet that we always retain control over our perception of events. Hence, two people can experience the exact same event and be impacted in very different ways by it. One person looking up to behold an airplane streaking through the sky is reminded of the time their long-lost love returned to them on a plane and is gladdened by it. Another recalls an extreme bout of turbulence, and their stomach turns all over again. In these cases, the same event is interpreted in very different manners by our observers, based on their unique experiences and the previous mental associations they have formed of that phenomenon. The only thing that has changed then, is their perception of the event.

While we are often quite limited in the power we can exert over our external environment, we always retain the ability to interpret and frame those events as they integrate into our internal schemata. Hence, as I reference in my text, *The Elements of the Cosmos: Numbers & Letters as Archetypes*, not only is seeing believing, but in a very real sense, believing is also

seeing. The power of perception provides us with the mental discrimination to positively and constructively integrate the experiences of our lives into our mental map. By doing so, we construct a vigorous spiritual body capable of enduring beyond the flesh, or even past the finer yet still limited nature of our astral constitutions. Paradoxically, it is through the purification of the mind that we sublimate the mind itself.

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“What we observe is not nature itself, but nature exposed to our method of questioning.”

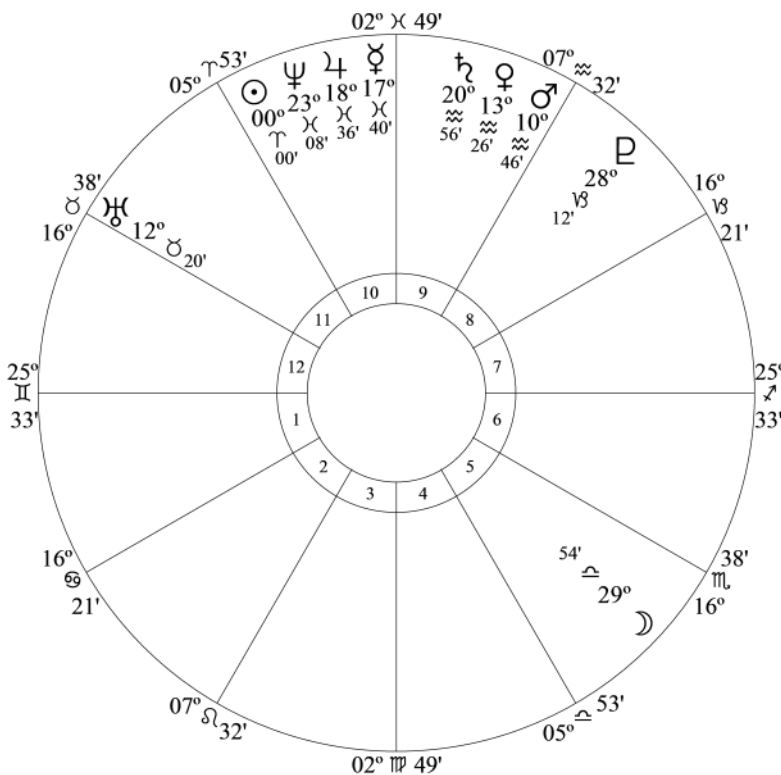
— Werner Heisenberg



Mundane Astrology: America

The 2022 Sun Cycle Chart

Shawn Bailor, Hermetician



Sun Cycle, Washington DC

March 20, 2022 15:34:33 GMT

Capitol Building, 38° N 53' 24"; 77° W 00' 34"

“...the Sun Cycle, the commencement of which marks the beginning of the zodiac and determines the positions of the signs in the sky for that year, is a chart of events of all types and affecting every earthly relation for the year...”

— C. C. Zain

Mundane Astrology

We erect a Sun Cycle chart each spring based on the starting point in Tropical astrology. The “turning point” is when the spring equinox marks the entrance of the Sun into the sign of Aries on about March 20 in the northern hemisphere and September 22 in the Southern hemisphere. We celebrate the Spring Equinox when day and night are in perfect balance.

The United States Sun Cycle chart is considered the natal chart for that year and place, which we have calculated using Washington D.C. It gives an overview of themes likely to happen during the year in the United States. Its focus is on

the wide variety of national affairs and interests.

This year the spring equinox happens to be on a Sunday. The Sun is in the Aries-decanate of Aries and symbolized by Triangulum – the period of activity. Spring is the growing season, shifting toward birth, renewal, and fertility. A busy time of year with a reminder to plant what you want to bloom this year.

First Impressions

My first impression of this chart is that there is a lot of concentrated activity, almost exclusively public. Events and dis-

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cussions will be visible to the American people and the world. There is a lot of Air and Water in the chart.

The 2022 Sun Cycle Chart indicates a moderately powerful chart with 511.42 power and -22.47 harmony. The discord is primarily due to the discordant planets Mars, Uranus, the Ascendant, and to a lesser degree, the Sun.

There are no retrograde planets in the 2022 Sun Cycle chart. It indicates that the nation can fully express its planetary characteristics.

Above/Below: In the 2022 Sun Cycle Chart, only the Moon in this chart is below the horizon. It indicates that the higher, elevated planets fully proclaim the matters they represent.

East/West: The planets are balanced between the east and west sides of the chart, indicating that there will be an equal mix of situations where US citizens shape their outcome and in other cases where they mold us.

The element of Air is most prominent in this chart. It suggests that the American people will use the collective abilities of their minds to solve problems during the upcoming year. This year, there may be a trend toward people getting involved with theater, opera, or classical music. Space travel could hit new heights. A coffee shop buzzing with conversation will be more attractive than a quiet library.

The Qualities indicate the degree of versatility and success in accommodating changes. This year, the influence of the United States will tend to be developing ventures with the power of the chart coming from mutable signs. Approach to problems will be learning to be adapta-

ble, versatile, and conciliatory with others.

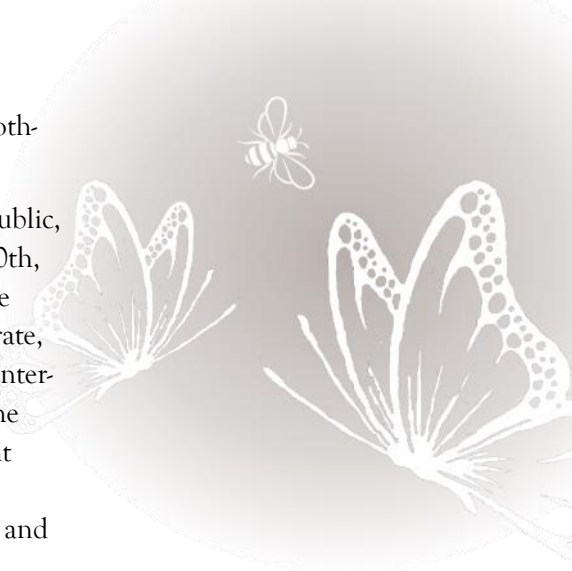
The 2022 Sun Cycle Chart is very public, with most planets in the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th houses. At their core, these houses deal with the nations death rate, foreign debt and taxes (8th house), international trade and commerce and the supreme court (9th house), President Biden and his administration (10th house), the United States Congress, and its allies (11th house).

This year, the United States population will expend much energy in activities that light the darkness and disclose what is hidden. Many people will enjoy being in the public eye, spotlighting their business, or getting media attention for their brand.

The trinity of wealth (2nd, 6th, and 10th houses) is the most powerful and harmonious, indicating a vigorous pursuit of financial success this year. It could suggest that the entire economy will experience new business models and career opportunities.

There are more planets in the third degree of emanation, the last four signs of the Zodiac (Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces). It indicates that the populace is concerned about what its leaders think or authorize. The emanation may suggest that the general public complies with local and national guidelines and exhibits caution. However, considering the context of the personality of the American people mapped in USA chart which has Mars and Uranus in Gemini in the 1st house. By nature, Americans tend to be somewhat volatile (♊), combative (♂) and Individualist (♁). This may be a welcome moderating factor.

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“...The most important events of each type are indicated by appropriate progressed aspects in the Cycle Chart of the planet to which by type they belong. That is, the most important accidents and combats are dated and indicated in the Mars Cycle, the most important financial transactions in the Jupiter Cycle, and the most important innovations and inventions in the Uranus Cycle. But aside from these events, and in addition to them, the Sun Cycle chart gives a general picture of the events which will happen during the year affecting each of the twelve departments of life.”

— C. C. Zain,
Mundane Astrology



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The Sun

The Sun governs politics, President Biden and his administration, executives, bosses, and the ruling class.

The Sun in Aries commences from March 21 and lasts through April 21 of each year. It characterizes the beginning of spring and the astrological year. It is a time for optimism and to take on new projects with creativity and courage.

The Sun is a very powerful planet in the chart and is somewhat discordant. The Sun tangles four semi-squares with other planets. It suggests that President Biden and his administration may suffer from minor setbacks throughout the year. There will be an undertow of uncertainty when something good happens that takes a bit of the wind out of the administration's sails.

The Sun is in the 10th house, the highest point in the chart; it can bring recognized success and leadership. Expect a trend toward public speakers who are charming, enthusiastic, and inspired.

The Moon

The Moon represents family and home, groceries and commodities, women, and ordinary people.

Libra is on the cusp of the 5th house and is moderately powerful and slightly harmonious. The Moon occupies the 5th house.

The waning Moon has average power and is slightly harmonious. With a Libra Moon, the nation's mentality is motivated to find harmony and balance, especially concerning marriage and the family, international relations, and conflict. The

public will yearn for peace and fairness in social matters.

The 5th house represents places of amusement, movie theaters, the birth rate of the nation, the stock market, speculative assets, sports and gaming, schools, and colleges.

The 5th house is somewhat powerful and slightly harmonious, indicating that personal and creative activities for the American people will be pleasant. More people will enjoy entertainment and amusement as authorities lift COVID-19 restrictions around the country.

The keyword for the Moon is fluctuation – meaning that our national interests will fluctuate around areas of love affairs, children, entertainment, and the stock market.

Moon square Pluto is a separating aspect, indicating that we could see civil rights protests and freedom rallies.

Chart Points with Greatest Harmony

The 10th house represents President Biden, the reputation of the United States, its business endeavors, and its influence over world affairs.

The 10th house is the most powerful and most harmonious house in the 2022 Sun Cycle chart.

Mercury rules over science, literary work, the modern press, and journalism. He represents the exchange of ideas and the articulation of words and language.

Mercury is fairly powerful and somewhat harmonious. Mars in Pisces is mentally impressionable, imaginative, and very responsive to the immediate environment.

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“While the planets aspected strongly by the Sun in a Sun Cycle chart have more significance as to events to happen during the year...any planets that are powerful by position or aspect in the chart, whether or not they aspect the Sun, are also significant of events. In fact, what the year holds in general in each of the twelve departments of life may be read from the twelve houses of the Sun Cycle chart. It thus serves the purpose of a natal chart for the year, for the place where erected, and should be read in all details almost precisely as if it were a person's birth chart. The only difference in such reading is that, because it relates to national or municipal affairs, some of the houses attain a peculiar significance.”

— C. C. Zain,
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Mercury in the 10th house indicates that our leaders will speak with authority, and there might be conversations around improving local traffic patterns in major cities.

Mercury conjunct Jupiter brings faith and optimism, which is needed in our world today. The United States, respected for its knowledge, has the tools for diplomacy and understanding the big picture, promoting justice and higher ideals.

Productive discussions will fuse our philosophical thinking about the ideal role of capitalism, business interests, and our nation's reputation.

Jupiter represents our Religious Urges and the principles of success, growth, and good fortune. He is also associated with faith, optimism, and overall abundance. Jupiter strives to expand our capacity of mundane experiences through far-away travel, world literature, and international moral principles.

Jupiter is the most powerful planet in the chart and the most harmonious planet. This year, we can expect laughter, tolerance for others, wealth, joy, and an expanded understanding of the cosmos.

The United States will expand and grow in most sectors of the economy, including investments, merchandising, and professional advancement. A new sense of confidence will abound in the marketplace.

Jupiter conjunct Neptune in Pisces is an applying aspect, and it's powerful and harmonious. It can cleanse, soothe, and magically heal the emotional wounds of the collective soul. In the 10th house, this metaphysical treatment achieves visibility that everyone senses and feels.

The aspect foreshadows success for the sales professional and anyone who relies on their psychic instincts to lead them to a deal. Under the Jupiter-Neptune conjunction, the rise in gas, groceries, rent, and other consumer goods is almost inevitable.

This configuration which happens every 13 years, is a break for struggling actors and actresses, and creators of all kinds will emerge in the public's awareness. We could also see the visible rise of religious communities emerge underpinned by spiritual practices and the further spread of alternative medicines and drugs.

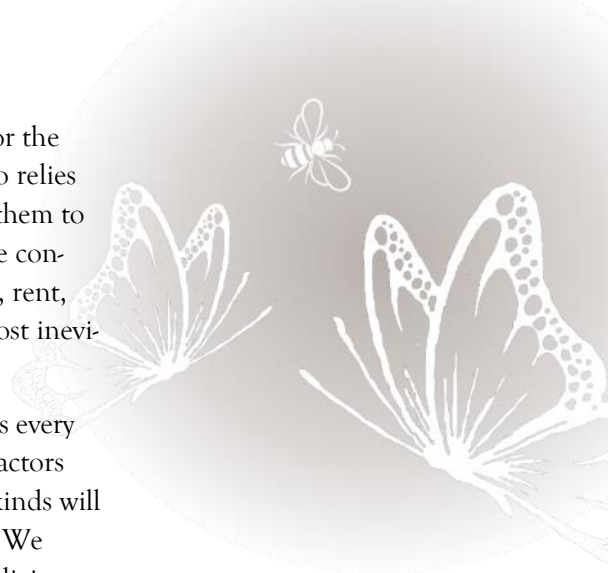
Expansion combined with Idealism could also indicate an increase in charity and foundations with a mission to alleviate afflictions to humankind, earth's magnificent animal kingdom, and the natural world.

Neptune is the planet of magical and psychic thinking, stock-held companies, idealism, vision, union with God, water and its related industries, and the ability to promote and sell. The Neptune archetype can also lead one to fantasy or deception and the planet of monetary inflation.

Neptune is fairly powerful and somewhat harmonious. Neptune is at home in sympathetic Pisces and is thoughtful and gentle. With this placement, there is often a strong belief in unseen forces of the universe. Elbert Benjamine recommends demonstrating idealism through charity rather than blindly following the advice of invisible intelligences.

Neptune in the 10th house can provide a vivid perspective and desire for meaningful work and relationships with others. There will likely be a collective longing for our sense of purpose on earth and yearn-

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"...individuals are thinking units within the body of the community. The community birth chart indicates the character of the community as a functioning whole."

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ing for a new vision. Sales will increase in companies, and job hunters will find lucrative job opportunities, especially those with skills to sell non-tangible services.

Chart Points with Greatest Discord

In a mundane chart, the Ascendant represents the people of the United States, their disposition, health, and personal affairs as distinct from their foreign interests.

Gemini is on the cusp of the 1st house, and the Ascendant is the most powerful and most discordant point in the chart. No planet occupies the 1st house. The highly discordant Ascendant is square the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter, and Neptune.

Harmonious Mercury occupying the 10th house and co-ruling the 1st house confers a national disposition that is keen and fast thinking. It indicates that business and world affairs, resulting from speeches or addresses to the nation, will profoundly influence the people's health and well-being.

Taxpayers will engage the personality of the United States in a lot of discussions, and the discordant aspect could indicate plenty of useless chatter, scandals, and gossip. The worst quality of Gemini is changeableness, and in the mundane context, it could mean that our shared frame of mind is fickle and unpredictable.

Moon trine the Ascendant indicates that the American public will focus on their homes and domesticity.

Mars represents mechanics, manufacturing, the military, strife, violence, accidents, and fires.

Mars in Aquarius is the most discordant planet in the chart and indicates the ca-

capacity to expend lots of energy toward social goals. When carried to an extreme, citizens may express negative rebelliousness to the government or hurt innocent bystanders. The lesson is to balance the need for independence with a spirit of cooperation.

Mars in the 9th house indicates that Americans are willing to publicly defend their philosophy of life and religion when they believe they are right. Executing plans to support vulnerable populations and those who are ill will help mitigate 9th house discord.

Mars square Uranus is a powerful applying aspect and very discordant.

There may be trends toward conflict and obstacles concerning significant areas of American life such as international trade, the Supreme Court, and social media (9th house) and the United States Congress, our country's allies and friends, and American ambassadors sent to foreign countries (11th house).

Under this aspect, common-sense advice can go unappreciated, and accidents can happen due to accelerated actions and lack of caution. Escalating political tensions are a strong possibility under the configuration.

The 11th house represents the United States Congress, friends, and alliances.

Aries is on the cusp of the 11th house and is moderately powerful and the most discordant. Uranus occupies the 11th house.

Uranus represents hidden matters and progressive ideas. Electrical in character, expect sudden boosts of invention, technology, and unusual methods developed through innovation. He rules freedom, individuality, change, and eccentricity.

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"Our experience has been, although that experience has been limited by necessity [lack of reliable birth data] in the case of nations and cities, that in predicting events for a nation, city, town or corporation, nothing else gives the details and precision that can be gained by the use of a correct birth-chart and progressed aspects."

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Uranus is fairly powerful and discordant. He is the higher octave of Mercury and rules Aquarius. With Uranus in Taurus, ruled by Venus, we will continue to see a breakdown of the glass ceiling for women and fundamental changes in our values towards money and relationships.

Due to Uranus' discord, new ideas from friends and allies or the Congress may seem ahead of its time and cause bickering between parties. Suddenly, new people may enter public life and then drop out of sight.

Expect further changes in the world's financial markets, currencies, and alternative economies. With Uranus in the 11th house, this will impact many people.

Grand Trine

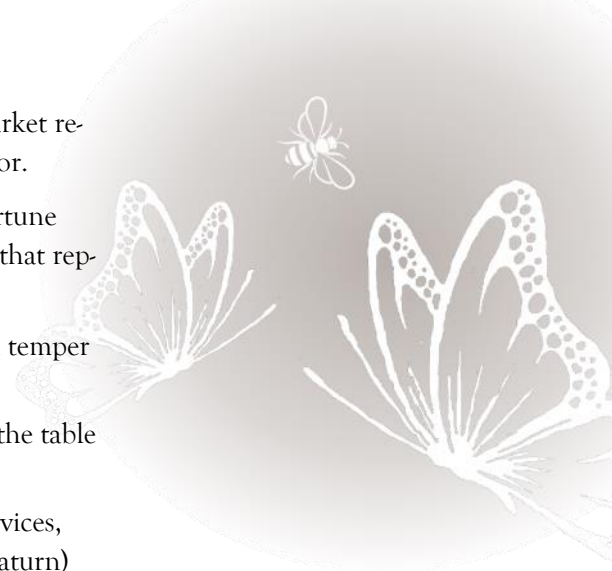
We close our 2022 Sun Cycle Chart delineation by pointing out the beautiful Grand Trine. The Grand Trine emphasizes serendipity and blessing through the

health of the populace, stock market results, religion, and business honor.

The grand trine heralds good fortune effortlessly in the characteristics that represent the following areas of life.

- The population's health and temper (Ascendant/1st house)
- Family, home, and food on the table (Moon)
- Property and its essential services, food growers, and miners (Saturn)
- President Biden and his administration and the influence of the nation (MC/10th house)
- Entertainment and media, Wall Street, children, and diplomatic relations (5th house)
- International travel and commerce, the Supreme Court, systems of belief in Divine Guidance (9th house)

Happy Spring!



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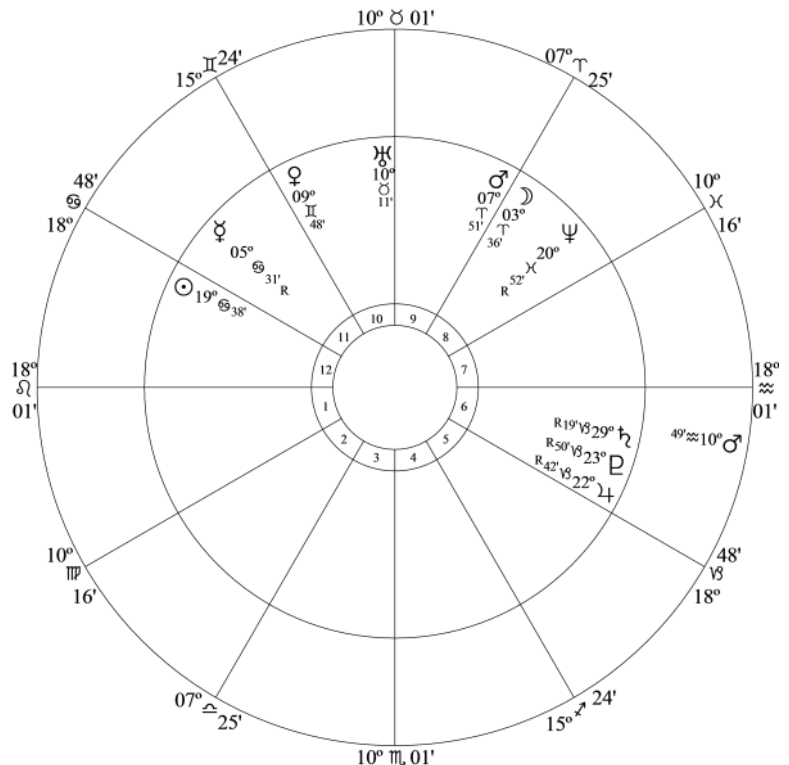
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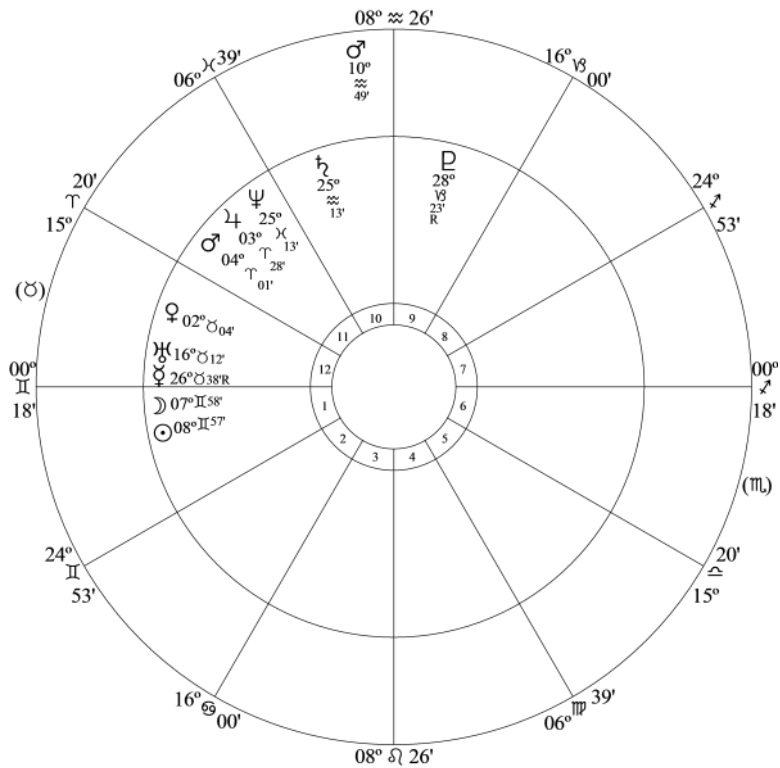
2022 Cycle Charts

This year we have two Mars Cycle Charts. The first one listed on this page is active until May 30th.

Mars Cycle Chart #1, Washington DC

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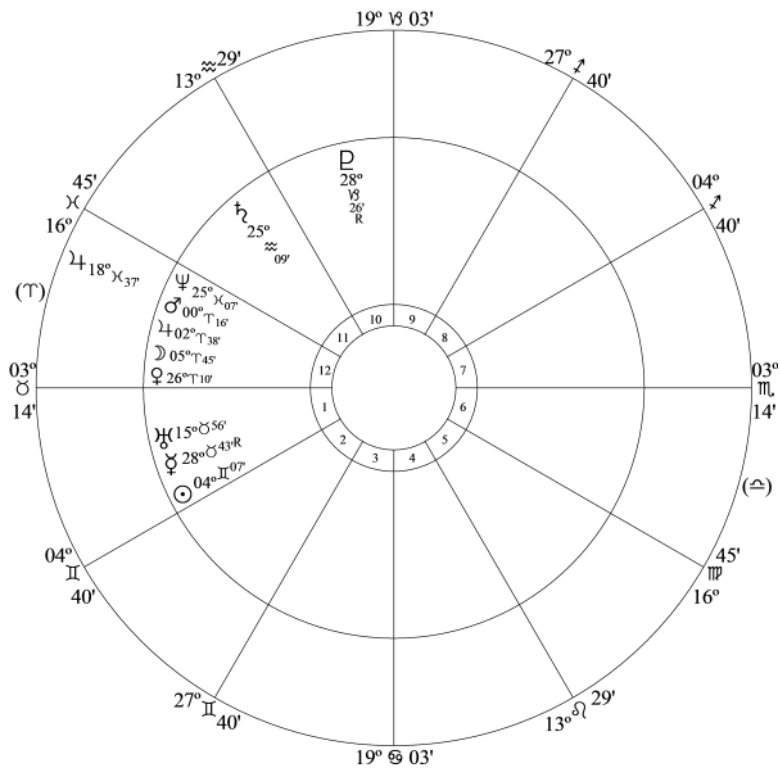


Mars Cycle #2, Washington DC

May 30, 2022, 9:20 GMT Progressed to March 20, 2022

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"MARS—
In thought, mechanics. In
business, manufacturing and
the military profession. In
politics, militarism.



Jupiter Cycle, Washington DC

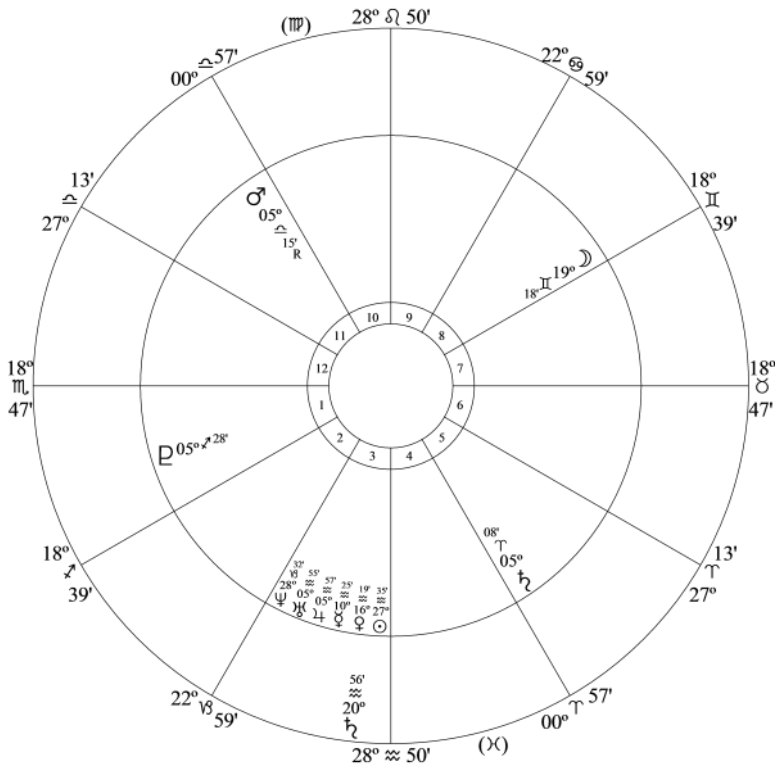
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"JUPITER—
In thought, religion and
philosophy. In business,
finances and commerce. In
politics, capitalism."

— C. C. Zain

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Saturn Cycle, Washington DC

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"SATURN-

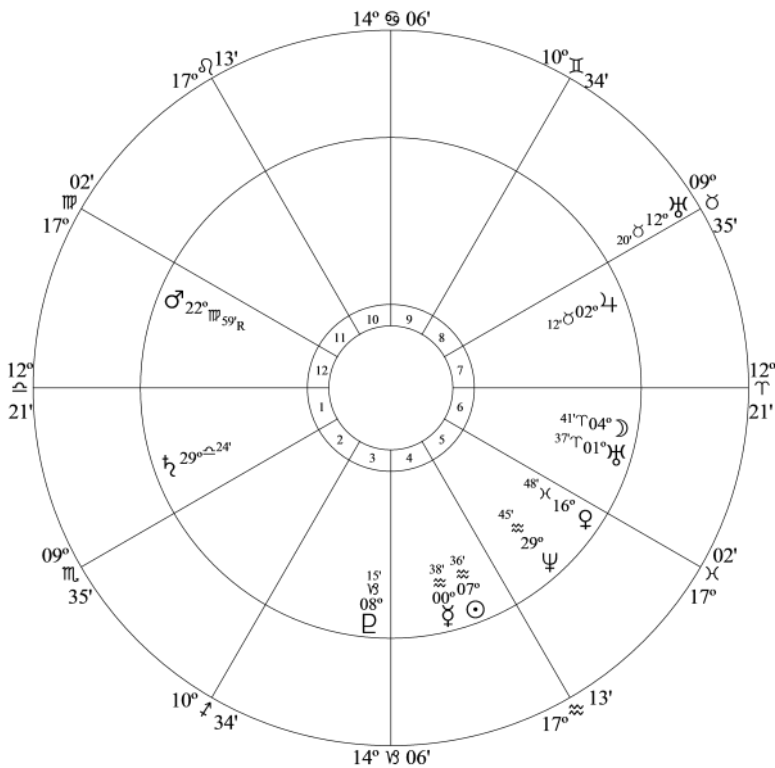
In thought, orthodoxy. In business, land and basic utilities. In politics, conservatism, the farmer and the miner.

"URANUS-

In thought, the occult and ultra progressive. In business, invention and unusual methods. In politics, the radical element."

— C. C. Zain

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Uranus Cycle, Washington DC

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“NEPTUNE—

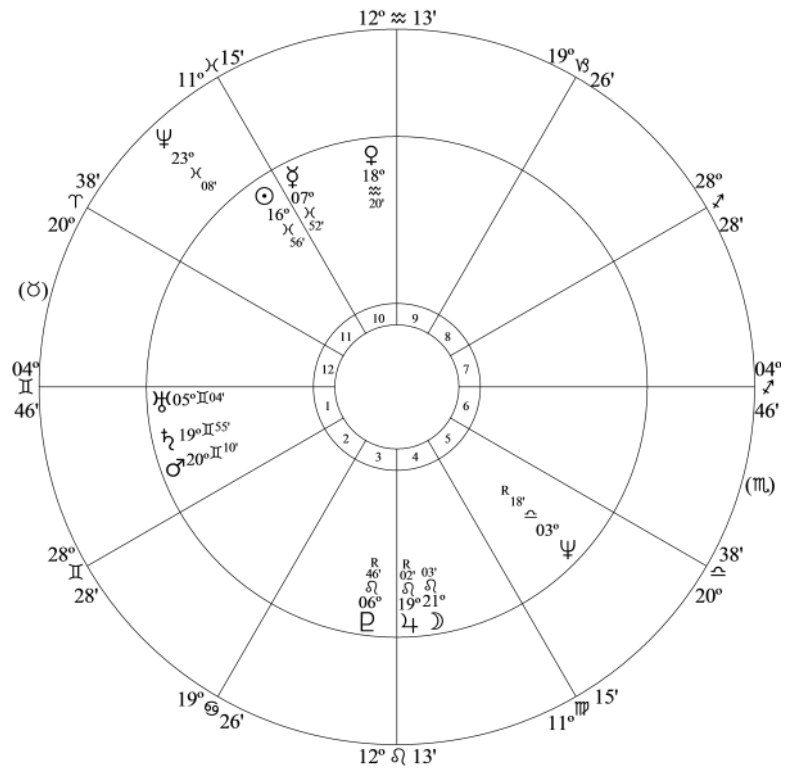
In thought, the mystical and
 psychic. In business, promotion
 and stock companies. In
 politics, the ideal.

“PLUTO—

In thought, spirituality or
 inversion [turning upside
 down], and the influence of
 invisible intelligences. In
 business, group activity, either
 for the selfish advantage of the
 group or for universal good. In
 politics, compulsory
 cooperation.”

— C. C. Zain

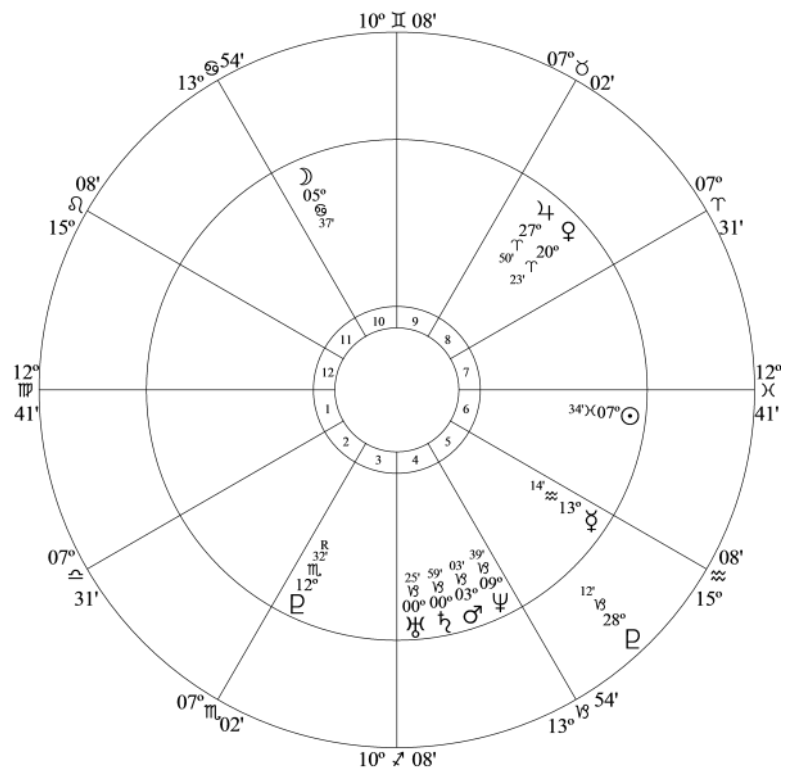
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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

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Stellarian Stories

Aurelio Dorris

It Started With a Quarterly

Yes, my path with the Church of Light began with a Quarterly, but first, let me tell you this...

I was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1973. My life would be anything but boring. I was gifted with one of the strongest women in the world, "My Mom." She has not only endured, but thrived off of some of the most dreaded squares and grand crosses a natal chart could offer.

During my first three years, my Mom, Brother and self moved up and down I-75 in the USA. We left Michigan and lived in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Georgia. Makes sense because my mom's dad (whom she tragically lost around the age 18 or 19) was born and raised in Georgia. My grandmother on the other hand was raised in Black Bottom Detroit. And she was every bit hard and tough as that neighborhood was.

Moving along, skipping past the good stuff and going straight to the tragedy, my best friend was shot and killed when we were roughly 13 and 14 years old. That would be one of the first non-domestic tragedies that seemed to give me a reason to disconnect from society, but not the last.

Anyhow, after a series of poor choices, I was no longer a football star and fell in love with the street vibe. I went to Job Corps in Wisconsin, and officially keyed my new nickname as, "Scorpio." Not because I believed in astrology... but be-



cause the girls would always go wild when they found out my sun sign was Scorpio.

Moving on, after a couple of battles in that street warzone, I made a very poor choice and ultimately spent twenty-six consecutive years (from age 17) in confinement: Twenty-four years in a prison, and two years on parole.

Prior to conviction, I determined that I would extend my thinking in a different way. I tried to return to the church like grandma Gladney raised me, but it just didn't fit who I was anymore. I mean during the times I was in the streets, I had been going to church my entire life. Let me try something completely different. I joined the Moorish Science Temple of America (MST of A). It was Islamism, but not traditional orthodox Islam. Honestly, the word Science is what got my attention, it was the first part of re-civilizing me.

I managed to balance having to be viewed as a gladiator on the prison yard, and simultaneously commit to my spiritual

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*"I've been looking for a long,
long time, for this thing
called love, I've ridden
comets across the sky, and
I've looked below and above.
Then one day I looked inside
myself, and this is what I
found, a golden sun residing
there, beaming forth God's
light and sound."*

— Rumi





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transformation. I pushed the limits on what material I could teach within the parameters of the MST of A. I focused on the more esoteric aspects of the teachings. This ultimately led me to Astrology. I started taking correspondence astrology classes with the Rosicrucian Fellowship, but didn't take it that serious at first. 1.) I didn't have the money to buy an Ephemeris and Table of Houses for my quizzes; and 2.) It didn't seem real to me.

Then one day, I was transferred to a facility that felt different. One of my trusted study partners asked me, "did you feel the vibration of this place when they drove you up? Astrology, Tarot Cards, magic... all of that is in the soil at this spot (prison facility)." The prison held roughly fifteen hundred men. As we were walking, I saw at least eight different groups of people engrossed in deep conversations and debates about a funny pizza looking drawing on a paper, and it had numbers and symbols instead of pepperoni.

Suddenly we stopped at some bleachers behind the baseball diamond. There were about eleven guys there. They were quizzing each other, "What's the fixed signs?" "What are the characteristics of Gemini?" The conversation went from "Peace, this brother just came from such and such (my friend introducing me)" to "Peace, when is your birthdate, what time were you born?"

Well I didn't have the time yet, but they quickly did a solar chart, and gave themselves about a week to tell me what they thought my Rising Sign was. When I say they broke me down... they broke me down! And they were using astrology charts and tarot in everyday life. They had a heavy representation of C.C. Zain

books. Then a valuable brother gave me a *Quarterly*. He said this is a really good program. He thought that I would benefit from it and be a benefit to it.

I was used to seeing Astrology articles, but when I saw the Tarot in the *Quarterly*, I was full steam down the Church of Light Library. I don't believe they had the colored cards yet. I believe we had to color them in. LOL. But I took that system of the Sacred Egyptian Tarot, and applied it to every tarot deck I could smuggle in because for some time, we were not allowed to order tarot cards. However, it wasn't until ten years later that I would take my first exam and become an official member. I am really grateful at how my path to Hermetician has helped polish and hammer out my squares. Astrology opened a new door to me and made the universe look much larger. It allowed me to take the tragedies of life less personal, track my past decision making, and constructively plan my future.

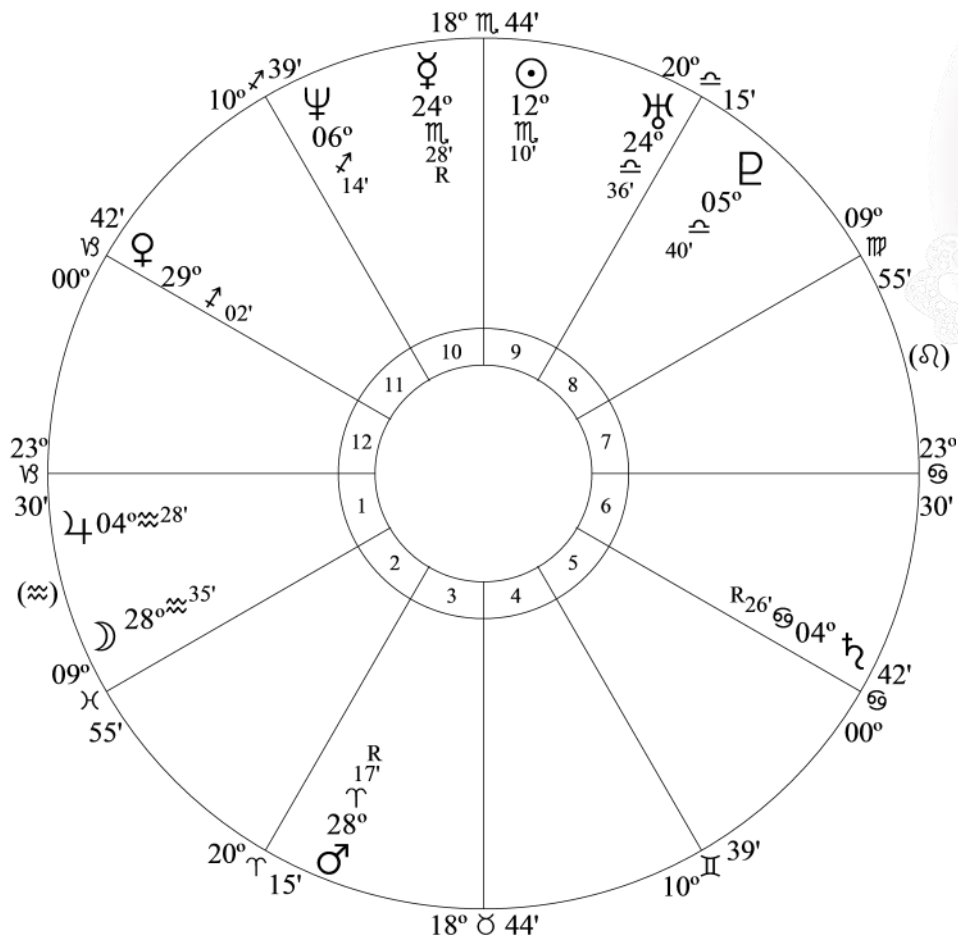
In time, I returned to this part of society. I managed to publish a book, help change two laws, acquire an Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems, and a second Associate's Degree in Cyber Security, while I was learning how to use a cell phone and was amazed by the internet. I graduated Magna cum laude. Not trying to brag or nothing, I probably even spelled it wrong. And it would be roughly twelve years after my first exam that I would finally finish my 21st course and become a Hermetician.

In reflection, I must say, in going eleven years without a visit and five years without being on the telephone, the *Quarterlies* were often my only piece of mail that would come under the door or through the bars. Periodically I would spend 90 to 180 days in a cell with a cement slab for

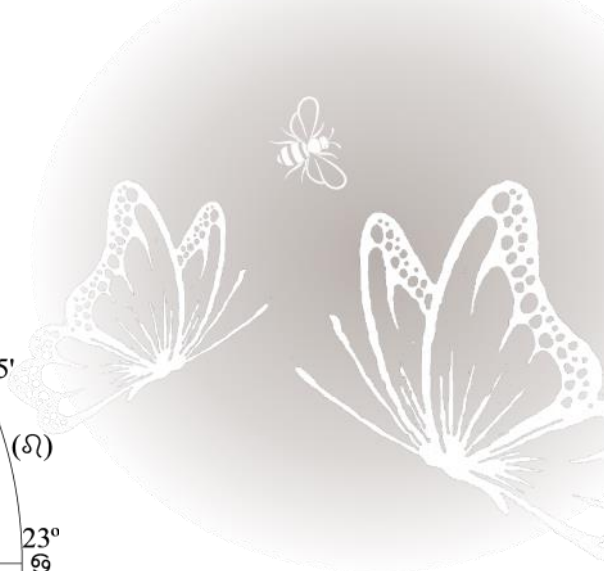
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"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it."

— Moliere



Aurelio Dorris
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“Never worry about numbers.
 Help one person at a time
 and always start with the
 person nearest you.”
 — Mother Teresa

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sleeping on for twenty-three hours and escorted by chains to a large dog kennel for exercise for one hour. I dreamed of one day being able to go to a convention like I was reading about. And of course, it was inspiring to see all of the beautiful women there. Seeing men all day was not a delight.

Finally, my first half-degree and membership came in the mail. There was a note on a posty, from Radine Ramsey. Wow!!! It was from a Human Being... prior to this, everything was typed and mechanical... but great material. It was becoming more real; especially since I was now within five years from possibly going

home. The small handwritten notes on my exams from Pat Ramsey, saying excellent or great job kept me going in the darkest hours. And now the Quarterlies meant that much more to me.

In conclusion, whatever accomplishments or mistakes I make in the future, it can never change the changes that the Brotherhood of Light and 21 courses by C.C. Zain assisted me in making. Instead of feeling disconnected from society, it contributed to me discovering ways to assist in the Universal Welfare in society. The *Quarterly* is important!

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Laurie Dixon
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*“Let yourself be silently
drawn by the stronger pull of
what you really love. In the
depths there is a spring with
all the water your heart is
thirsty for.”*

— Rumi

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