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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.

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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.

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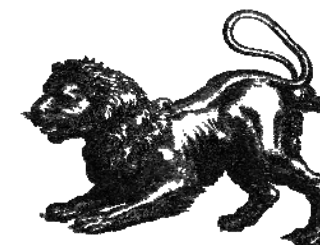
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Astrology—Leo

By Christopher Gibson

The fifth sign of the zodiac was known to early Hindu astrologers as *Sinha*; the Persians called it *Shir*; the Syrians, *Aryo*; the Babylonians, *Aru*; the Jews, *Arye*; the ancient Greeks, *Leyaya*; and the Romans, *Leo*— all meaning a lion. The constellation of Leo falls along the ecliptic with Cancer to the west and Virgo to the east. The brightest star in the constellation, *Alpha Leonis*, is known as *Regulus*, Latin for prince, and confers

the association of Leo with royalty. Likewise, the lion is often referred to as The King of the Beasts. This proud and fiery lion corresponds to the time of year where the ambient temperature rises, and when crops near their peak of growth. The fierce vitality of the natural world corresponds to the fierce vitality of the lion, and to the symbolism of the Sun considered to be at home in the sign of Leo. In ancient times Leo was also



Leo
Johannes Hevelius, 1687

known by his title of *Domicilium Solis* or House of the Sun.

There is a story as to how this lion was placed in the heavens, and that story is linked to another constella-

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Leo Insights— Courage to Change

By Meg Dissinger

Any accomplishment truly worthwhile requires the exercise of courage.—Spiritual Astrology

power to attain. (*Sacred Tarot*, 251)

It is mid-July (2006). I am sitting on the porch of our new courtyard with a refreshing glass of iced tea. The birds are in full song. I have a wonderful family, a beautiful new granddaughter and an abundance of friends. We have money in the bank, and we have no wants or needs save for safety and health for those I love and of course, world peace. "Simplicity of life, moderation of desires, purity of thought," these are the goals I have for which I must have courage and will

Next week the sun moves into the sign of Leo. Leo is famous for giving us will power. At this point in our spiritual journey, what is it that we need to learn from the lion of the zodiac? How can we apply the willpower to create a better spiritual, intellectual, and physical life?

In the physical world, Leo represents sacred union; in the intellectual world, Leo represents true happiness; in the spiritual world, Leo represents supreme heaven. So then, while the sun travels through Leo, it is appro-

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Stellarian Honor Guard

For the period between April and June 30, 2011

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Volunteer Opportunities—The Order of the Sphinx

The Order of the Sphinx is an organization of Hermeticians continuing their service to the Church of Light. There are four different sections of The Order, each corresponding to a different component of the body of the sphinx, which defines the work being done for the Church. Each section has projects in their areas that can be started by members, but assisted by all members of the Church of Light who might be interested.

One of the sections is *The Wings of the Eagle*, which is devoted to personal development. Members have been working on Horary Astrology practice and on better understanding their personal charts. Future projects in Mundane Astrology practice and ESP practice are being considered. All members of The Church of Light who may be interested in participating in any of these projects should contact Linda Bryant at lindaabryant@bellsouth.net for more information.

Member in Florida Seeking Like-Minded Souls

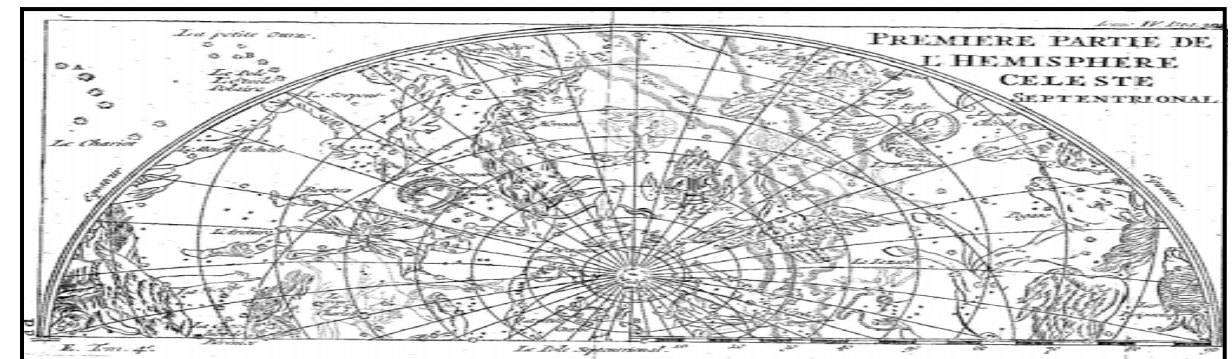
The following member is eager to advance in her Brotherhood of Light studies.

She is looking for contact with anyone in her region who might be able to mentor her or get together to discuss the lessons.

Vilma Manzano of Miami, Florida, can be reached by telephone at: 732-331-2737

or by email at: alex0715@verizon.net

NEW CLASS—The Decanates of Astrology



Early Classical astrologers such as Aratos, Ptolemy, and Marcus Manilius recognized 48 constellations; the 12 signs of the zodiac and the 36 decans. The word decan comes from the Greek meaning ten, and each decanate corresponds to a ten-degree section of the zodiac. The decanates first evolved in Egyptian astrology before being absorbed by the Greco-Roman world.

In this 12-week class, instructor Christopher Gibson will take you on a journey through the folklore and mythologies of the classic world. Through astro-mythology we will discover keys to understanding character, personality, and the unique spiritual message that is encoded in every birth chart. This class will draw heavily upon the writings of C. C. Zain and contemporary astrological research conducted by Dennis Sutton in Australia.

**This class has been postponed until
January 26, 2012
Thursdays
6:30—8 p.m. MST**

Instructor: Christopher Gibson

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Church of Light Headquarters
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Online stream at: Church of Light TV

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\$100 for the series
or \$12 per individual class
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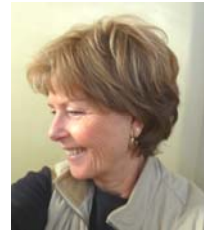
Sunday Services and Roundtable Discussions



Christopher Gibson



Veiga O'Sickey



Vicki Brewer



Paul Brewer

Join us Live in ABQ, NM at Church of Light Headquarters
or Stream Online at [Church of Light TV](#)
Services

This Fall we welcome new Ministers
Vicki Brewer, Allyn McCray and Radine Ramsey!

Astrology and Tarot Roundtable discussions

First, second, and fourth Sundays of the month
(Local workshops are NOT streamed)

Paul Brewer, Veiga O'Sickey and Yvette Fortin
alternate as moderators for these lively discussion groups



Allyn McCray



Radine Ramsey

Schedule—2011, 4th Quarter

Month	Day	Time	Event	Presenter
October	2 nd	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Zain Spirit	Veiga
	9 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Headquarters Fall Clean Up	Local Members
	16 th	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Service and potluck: Scorpio	Radine/Ali
	23 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Chart Talk	Yvette
	30 th		No Event	
November	6 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Astrology Lab	Paul
	13 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Chart Talk	Yvette
	20 th	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Third-Sunday Service and potluck: Sagittarius	Ali/Paul
	27 th		No event: Happy Thanksgiving!	
December	4 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Zain Spirit	Veiga
	11 th	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Chart Talk	Yvette
	18 th	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Third-Sunday Service and potluck: Winter Solstice	Ali/Christopher
	25 th		No Event: Happy Holidays!	

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.” - Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948).

Spiritual training in all cultures and epochs has emphasized the importance of developing one's willpower. In *Personal Alchemy*, the final book in The Brotherhood of Light Lessons, C. C. Zain describes the development of an invincible will to be among the three habits every neophyte should cultivate.

In short, an invincible will is the habit of carrying out to its completion whatever one says they are going to do, and a vigorous will is being able to direct an increasingly powerful volume of energy towards the realization of one's goals. A vigorous and invincible will is only gained through the cultivation of the positive attitude that whatever obstacles one encounters can be successfully met and overcome through persistence, perseverance, and the exercise of one's abilities.

The zodiacal sign of Leo which is featured in this issue of the Quarterly has as its keywords “I Will.” Both willfulness and the cultivation of willpower are character traits associated with the Lion. It is a sign of mature spirituality to be able to discern the difference between willpower and willfulness. A willful person is frequently inflexible, obdurate, and stubbornly insists on doing what he or she pleases. This is not to be confused with the development of willpower, as stubbornly pursuing our own desires does not necessarily lead to spiritual development.

Curiously, the pictograph commonly used in astrological shorthand to represent the sign of Leo resembles to many persons the tail of the lion; Zain, however, in Ancient Masonry, compares this glyph to the phallic symbol of a cobra or snake, the ancient symbol of our desires. Leo, therefore, can represent both the development of our will and the powerful pull of our passions.

These two concepts can sometimes be diametrically opposed. We may all know a person (or have been a person) who stubbornly pursues his or her desires. Sometimes to a successful outcome and at other times it might appear that we are beating our heads against a wall. In the case of the latter, we must reach a point where we recognize that perseverance and determination might only be cultivating willfulness and not willpower. Spiritual maturity also requires that we learn to unite our will to God's will. This can only be done by continually attempting to discern our place in God's Great Plan and by making certain that our desires and actions conform to the Universal Moral Code of contributing our utmost to Universal Welfare. Spiritual development requires the continued and conscious effort to will and do good unto others.

From a study of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons we discover that the cultivation of the will serves us both here and in the hereafter. It is only through the volition of the will that we are able to maneuver on the inner plane. This becomes increasingly clear to those, who on this plane attempt astral projection or astral travel. By developing in this life our volition of will, we are better equipped when we pass to the inner plane to function consciously in our new realm. Each of us is here to discover our destiny and to fulfill our role in the Divine Plan and it is through the cultivation of willpower that we find our strength.



Leo Associations

Thought-Series: I Will
Ruling Planet: The Sun
Best Quality: Kindness
Worst Quality: Domination
Talismanic Gem: Ruby
Color: Light Orange
Musical Tone: High D

Leo Figures

Actor, administrator, animal-trainer, athlete, artist, authority-figure, boss, card-dealer, chairman, chairwoman, champion, conductor, dignitary, director, dramatist, entertainer, entertainment-lawyer, filmmaker, gambler, governor, hero, heroine, king, manager, mayor, official, performer, president, prince, princess, principal, queen, sportscaster, superior, superintendent, supervisor, star, winner.

Positive Leo Traits

Attentive, authoritative, chivalrous, commanding, confident, congenial, considerate, courteous, creative, dependable, dramatic, energetic, enthusiastic, generous, gracious, kind, lively, poised, polite, powerful, protective, proud, regal, reliable, respected, respectful, self-assured, self-determined, thoughtful, vigorous, vital, warm, well-mannered.

Negative Leo Traits

Arrogant, aristocratic, authoritarian, bossy, braggart, conceited, condescending, controlling, demanding, dictatorial, domineering, haughty, insecure, intrusive, micro-manager, name-dropping, officious, over-bearing, overly-confident, overly-dramatic, patronizing, prideful, pompous, puffed-up, rigid, self-important, smug, snobbish, superior, vain, vainglorious.

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tion, that of the hero Hercules. Throughout the art of classical antiquity, the hero Hercules has been pictured holding a club which he made by uprooting an olive tree. He is naked, except for the pelt of the mythical Nemean Lion.

Slaying the Nemean Lion and bringing its skin back to his cousin Eurystheus was the first of Hercules's labors. The problem was that the lion which had been terrorizing the countryside around Nemea had a skin so thick that it was impenetrable to weapons. Hercules first attacked it with a bow and arrow, and then with his olive tree club. These weapons proved ineffective against this powerful creature. Hercules ultimately abandoned his weapons and used his bare hands to strangle the lion. Hercules then struggled for hours trying to skin the Nemean lion using a variety of tools, yet they were all rendered useless by the lion's impenetrable hide. Through the divine intervention of the goddess Athena, our hero realized that the best way to skin this cat was with its own claws!

In 1883, Daniel Giraud Elliot wrote: "Among the families that constitute the class Mammalia, no more attractive one can be found than that of the FELIDAE... The family comprises not only the largest and most ferocious of the beasts of prey, but also the graceful little animal that delights to make its home within man's abode..."

What is it about cats that so fascinate us humans? By looking to the natural history of cats, we can find parallels to the personality traits conferred upon the sign of Leo by ancient astrologers. Cats are a diverse group of meat-eating mammals belonging to the family Felidae within the order Carnivora. Like all mammals (humans included), cats have hair and nurse their live-born young. All cats are hunters who can move stealthily, with unusual grace, and attack by ambush. They have large, forward-facing eyes, excellent hearing, sharp teeth, and strong limbs armed with sharp claws for catching prey. With the exception of the lynx and bobcats, their tails are long and their fur is generally spotted or striped which helps to camouflage them from their prey. Cats have changed relatively little since they first appeared about thirty million years ago. Wild species of cats play an important role as predators in the ecosystem

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Membership Room

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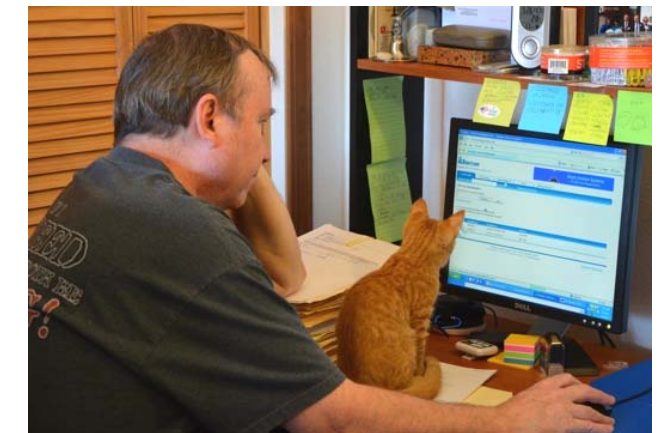
The Church of Light offers a Sponsorship Program for financially disadvantaged members. Sponsors agree to financially assist a member in their C of L studies by donating for their membership fee, lessons, and for the exam processing fee as the student studies the lessons and passes exams.

If you are interested in anonymously sponsoring a member in need, please contact our Membership Minister, Rev. Patrick Ramsey, at drpat@prodigy.net, email churchoflight@light.org or call the office Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Mountain Time at 505-247-1338.

There are thirty-six members currently enrolled in the Sponsorship Program. Twenty-two of those members are incarcerated. Four members live in Africa, one from Cuba, and one from Australia. Since the Sponsorship Program began, six members being sponsored became Hermeticians.

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.



Patrick Ramsey (and assistant Tigger)

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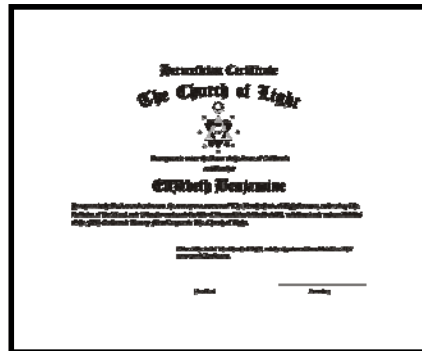


The Fort Worth Center offers Brotherhood of Light classes on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m. Religious services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. A schedule for the upcoming year is available on their website at: owlswebnest.com.

All classes and services are held at:

Owl's Clover Bookstore
3037 James Avenue
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We Welcome Five New Hermeticians



Tyrone Jackson
Erika Casuse
Eric Palm
Edwin Lee Robinson
K.A. Mayes II

In Memoriam

Troy Jackson—Hermetician

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 registering on our website **Light.org** and ask to be notified or email **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 members will have access to the current Quarterly and all Church of Light publications and Archives at no cost online at our website by logging on to **Light.org**.

Numbers as Archetypes: The Tetrad: Beginning at the End

By Peter Tourian

At once, we come to both the end of a journey, and the beginning of another as we consider the symbolism of the Tetrad. Indeed, it would be very difficult to overemphasize the importance of the symbolism of the first four numbers to the mathematical philosophers of old. For in this simple, almost mundane sequence they ensconced some of their deepest spiritual wisdom.

The Ancients left us a roadmap of their understanding of the universe in virtually every aspect of their society. Their basic beliefs pervaded all of their fields of investigation: their religion, their architecture, their art, and their mathematics. Consistent themes emerge when any of these fields is studied in depth.

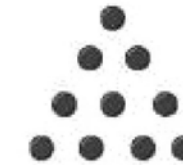
Their worldview begins from a perfect unity, termed in Number Theory as the Monad. It is perfect, undifferentiated, and whole. However, it is completely simple and uniform—a far cry from the world of infinite diversity which we encounter on a daily basis. Hence, the Monad begins the process of differentiation by diverging into two distinct polarities, creating the world of opposites ruled by the Dyad. Now, concepts such as white and black, light and dark, emerge. However, by their definitions, they must ever remain distinct, frozen in their distance and separation. It is only with the emergence of the Triad that a relationship between these polarities for the first time becomes possible. And with that interaction, at least symbolically, all of the various combinations which lead to the diversity of our world erupt into being. Behold, the world is born!

It is glorious and joyous that the world of our experience and growth should be born, but how shall it be *reborn*? Shall it remain ever a stale, stagnant realm, where the same cycles endlessly repeat themselves? Or shall it constantly be in a state of not only creation, but *re-creation*: achieving goals, but then setting out new goals as soon as these former goals are met?

The latter is far more indicative of the world, and such symbolism is communicated through the Tetrad. The Tetrad symbolizes the completion of the process of creation which was depicted in the sequence from Monad to Triad. However, every ending in our universe is also a new beginning—a launching point for a new set of questions, a higher order of complexity. And so we must ask ourselves if it is accidental that our entire numerical system resolves down to this single equation: $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$

Symbolically, the Monad bridges the gap between simplicity and complexity through the Dyad, resulting in the multiplicity represented by the Triad. However, every completed system is also a starting point for a new system, as communicated by the Tetrad. The Decad is a new unity, similar in many ways to the Monad, but existing at a new level of complexity, having passed through a cycle of growth and development, as represented by the zero which follows the one.

This same concept has been communicated in myriad ways. For this is at least one interpretation of the famed Tetrakys of Pythagoras, as depicted below:



Here, also, there is an equivalence between The Tetrad and The Decad, as a great paradox is presented. This diagram is both four and ten at the same time. It is four sequentially and ten cumulatively. A link is established between these two numbers. They are both points of completion, as well as new beginnings.

And is this not at least part of the explanation of the Holy Name, YHWH? For here again, we see a sequence of four letters which is so holy that it may not even be voiced. Clearly, it must carry a message of great import. Perhaps part of its symbolism is that of the design and development of the universe itself, as portrayed arithmetically by the preceding formula, and graphically by Pythagoras' Tetrakys. In this Holy Name, we see a deep-sighted effort to translate this same symbolism into the quintessence of sound itself.

The Tetrad completes the primary sequence of all number, the Holy Trinity which permits the movement from One to Many, as expressed and realized in its perfect result: the physical Universe.

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Membership Room—Convention 2011



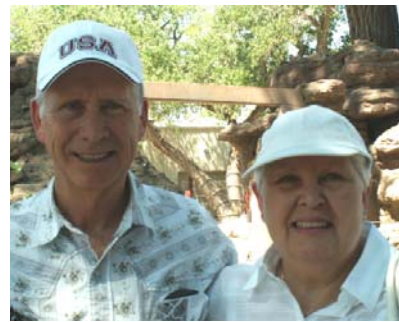
Allyn McCray

In June, approximately 55 Stellarians from around the US and Canada convened in Albuquerque.

The theme as The Sacred Tarot—The Royal Path to Spirit. We enjoyed field trips, a preconference intensive, business meeting, initiations, a summer solstice service, and two days of incredible presentations.



Michelle and Norma Cantwell



Gerald and Johanna Howard



Linda Oglesby



Marc Demarest



Alex McNeil



Bob and Shirley Hall

"After my most recent experience with this convention—I am going to ponder how I can best serve the Church. I cannot tell you how inspired I was with the harmony I felt."

P.B., St. Louis, MO



Meg Dissinger



Joan Marstellar



Martha Mayne and Pat Beard



Barb Kniffen



Bro. Well Sovereign



Lara Hill

"...From my heart of hearts, I thank you so much for such a miraculous weekend! The Convention was awesome - thanks to each of you. For me it was like meeting family - good family...! There was so much packed into such a small space of time. Everyone was shining. It was blessed. I look forward to once again being in your space. Meanwhile, I'm in my studies."

K. F., Rocklin, CA



Neil Cantwell



Veiga O'Sickey



Paul Brewer



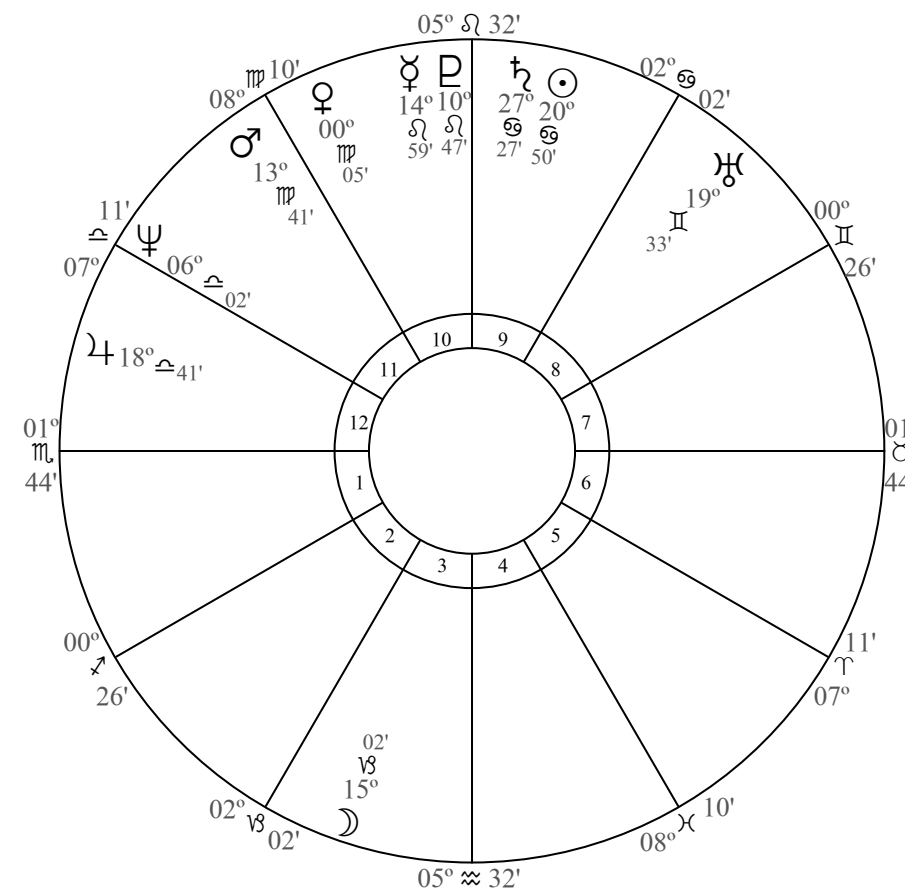
Cheech Marin

Best Picture, as well as Best Screenplay at the Havana Film Festival. From 1996 to 2001 he starred as Lieutenant Dominguez opposite Don Johnson in the hit police drama, *Nash Bridges*. He is familiar to audiences through his voice-over characters in several Disney movies, including *Oliver And Company*, *The Lion King*, and *Cars*.

In 1975 Marin wed Darlene Morely co-producer of *The Corsican Brothers*. Their daughter, Carmen, was born in 1980. However, in 1984 their marriage ended in divorce. Marin's second marriage, in 1986 to artist Patti Heid, also ended in divorce. Their son, Joey, was born in 1986, and daughter, Jasmine, followed in 1993. Marin recently married Russian pianist Natasha Rubin on August 8, 2009, in a sunset ceremony at their home in San Francisco. They currently reside in Malibu, CA.

Marin is well-respected in art circles for having amassed one of the largest private collections of Chicano Art. His personal collection formed the core of *Chicano*

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PLANETS			
	Power	%	Harmony
MC	47.96	11.9	-5.70
☿	45.15	11.2	8.90
♁	40.93	10.1	4.36
♁	40.10	9.9	-13.01
♃	35.39	8.8	8.96
♄	32.91	8.2	-3.09
♅	31.99	7.9	16.69
♀	28.29	7.0	0.58
♂	28.02	6.9	-2.85
♃	27.02	6.7	-9.48
♄	26.14	6.5	-9.79
♅	19.69	4.9	8.75
	403.60	100.0	4.31

HOUSES			
	Power	%	Harmony
10	175.41	29.4	3.24
11	70.29	11.8	10.34
9	69.61	11.7	-20.81
8	57.97	9.7	13.41
1	57.34	9.6	-12.63
3	46.42	7.8	-7.83
12	46.14	7.7	16.98
2	16.00	2.7	8.35
4	15.60	2.6	-0.13
7	14.15	2.4	0.29
6	14.01	2.4	-1.43
5	12.92	2.2	6.36

SIGNS			
	Power	%	Harmony
♁	147.11	24.7	2.66
♃	78.90	13.2	2.18
♅	69.61	11.7	-20.81
♄	65.83	11.0	25.73
♃	57.97	9.7	13.41
♁	57.34	9.6	-12.63
♃	46.42	7.8	-7.83
♂	16.00	2.7	8.35
♄	15.60	2.6	-0.13
♃	14.15	2.4	0.29
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Visions: American Painters on the Verge, a travelling art exhibition which accompanied an interactive multimedia exhibition *Chicano Now: American Expressions*. In September 2002, Bulfinch Press published a coffee table book, featuring highlights of Cheech's collection. In 2007, Marin received an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from Otis College of Art and Design for his contributions to the creative arts and received the Legacy Award for Arts Advocacy from the Smithsonian Latino Center. He currently serves on the boards of the Smithsonian Latino Center and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

Although Cheech is a Cancer Sun-Sign, his most powerful sign is Leo, making him dramatic, magnanimous, and domineering. His Leo planets include the Midheaven and a Pluto and Mercury conjunction in the Tenth House. He has directed his incredible will-power towards accomplishments in the realm of performing arts. Born on the Full Moon in Capricorn, Cheech is a man of intense contradictions, promoting Mexican-American stereotypes through *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* and other films, as well as dispelling stereotypes through his children's literature and art collections.

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Cheech Marin—Progressed Aspects

The following time line lists the years of major events in Cheech Marin's life and the corresponding major progressed aspects in or at the time of the event.

Timeline

Year	Event	Aspect
1967	Relocation to Vancouver, British Columbia	♂ * ♃r, ☉ ♂ Pr
1969	Joins the comedy troupe City Works, meets Tommy Chong	MC ♁ ♃r, ♀ * ♀p
1970	Move to Los Angeles, California, begins work with Tommy Chong	♀ * ♃r, ♀ ♂ MCr
1971	Comedy album, Cheech and Chong nominated for Grammy Award	MC ♂ ♀r
1975	Marries Darlene Morely	♀ ∠ ☉p
1980	Daughter Carmen born	☉ * ♃p
1984	Divorces Morely, and ends business partnership with Chong	ASC ☐ ♀r
1986	Marries Patti Heid, son Joey born	☉ ♂ ♀r, ASC ∠ ♃r
1987	Hit comedy <i>Born In East LA.</i> wins critical awards	MC △ ♃r
1993	Daughter Jasmine born	☉ ♁ ♀r
1996-2001	Stars in <i>Nash Bridges</i>	ASC △ Pr
2009	Marries Russian pianist Natasha Rubin	♀ ♁ ♀p

throw parties and select gifts for others. Kindness is considered their best trait.

Along with the signs Aries and Sagittarius, Leo belongs to the masculine element of Fire. The Fire Signs are energetic, enthusiastic, courageous, and daring. They are able to communicate their excitement and inspire others to action. Thus, Leos are natural born leaders and command positions of authority.

Like Taurus, Scorpio, and Aquarius, Leo is a fixed sign, representing its element in the solid or most perfected

form. Due to this fixity, Leo persons are perfectionists and can frequently be rigid and unyielding in their attitudes. As fixed fire, Leo is the zodiacal sign most expressive about its enthusiasms, marking its natives with an enormous amount of drama and creativity.

In astrological shorthand, the glyph for Leo is considered either the stylized tail of the lion or the cobra raising its head.

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preme heaven relates to the reunion of the twin souls, the male and female, and our journey forward from there. This is so far above where I am right now that all I can say about this is: I know that as I maintain the Courage to build my spiritual body and live my spiritual life each moment of each day, that I will come to know more about supreme heaven.

I know that it is heavenly to be with Jeff and to be with him in those special times which our souls touch. It is heavenly to sit with my daughter and to listen to her tell me about her life, to feel such love for her, and to know such gratitude that we have had a

part in the life of this wonderful woman who helps so many people. It is pure joy to see her together with her true love, and to see how they have created a beautiful family which adds so much joy to our own. It is heavenly to hold our granddaughter and to know that no matter what, I am her grandmother, and that we will always share an amazing unconditional love. It is heavenly to be with my sister and my brother, my nieces and nephews and their children; to be with Jeff's family—all that is heavenly.

It is heavenly to teach and to counsel, and to know that on occasion, I actually touch another life in an important way.

It is heavenly to spread The Religion of the Stars—to have the courage to follow the spiritual path that works the best for me, and to contribute my utmost to Universal Welfare each day. It is heavenly to sit on the porch and ponder this life, and to write this message I give to you, and then to witness as we go forward together to make the changes we must make to live our lives in sacred union and true happiness, moving together toward supreme heaven.

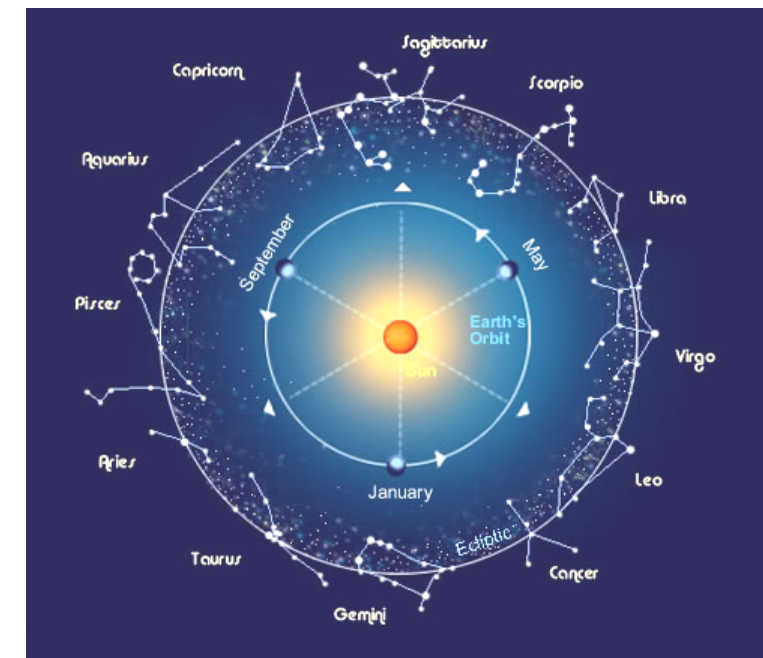
“Remember then, Children of Earth, that the light of the mysteries is a redoubtable fluid, put by nature at the service of the will. She lights those who know how to direct her; she strikes down with a thunderbolt those who

ignore her power or who abuse it. If Arcanum XIX, Leo, should appear in the prophetic signs of your horoscope, happiness awaits you in domestic life if you know how to strengthen the conjugal circle and guard its sacredness in the sanctuary of the heart.” (Sacred Tarot, 251)

So Shall It Be

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

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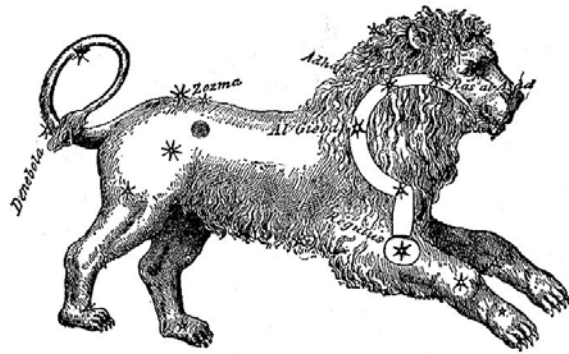
and are native to all continents except Australia and Antarctica. Sadly, most of the thirty-six cat species are in danger of becoming extinct within the next twenty-five years

Very few cat species are social, and all are territorial. Lions are one of the few social species of cat and live together in groups fittingly called prides. A pride is typically made up of one or two males and a number of females. The females are all closely related to one another and share the tasks of hunting and raising cubs. The chief duty of the male is to sire young and defend the pride against outsiders. The life of a young male lion is perilous, as he is often forced to leave his mother's pride by the dominant male. In order to reproduce, he must find and conquer another pride. Battles between males for pride ownership are ruthless fights that can result in death. Males may work in small teams of two to four to take over a pride. Immediately after the takeover, the victorious males often kill the pride's cubs. This causes the females to be ready for mating sooner. In this we can see the behavior of court politics. If you have ever spent time around Leo men, you know they are the alpha-males in the room.

All wild cats have home territories which they mark to inform other cats of their presence. A cat's territory, or home range, includes hunting grounds, denning areas, water sources, favorite lookout points, and resting spots. In general, a cat will not accept the presence of another cat of the same sex within its territory. Cats mark their territories to communicate their presence. They leave their scent by spraying urine and depositing feces in strategic locations. Secretions from glands on their chins, cheeks, and tails are also rubbed onto objects within the home range. House cats, which are more familiar to most of us, have much in common with wild cats. Their habits can be more easily understood by studying their wild relatives. Domestic cats also have home ranges. Because they don't have to hunt, the size of their home range depends more on sex, age, and temperament. Indoor cats claim the whole house as their own and will defend it vigorously against intruders. When a housecat rubs his face up against your leg, he is actually marking you as part of his

territory. Leos by nature are territorial and possessive. They are protective of their homes, their mates, their children, and their positions within the workplace. Leos never like to relinquish their territory or relinquish their power. They are generally clear about defining their boundaries and will let you know with a hiss or a snarl that you've invaded their territory.

Roaring and purring are the two best-known noises made by cats. Purring is associated with a contented cat. Roaring is often associated with defending one's territory. However, only four species of cat can roar, and cats aren't known to purr in the wild. The Sun, the ruling planet of Leo is associated with the ego or sense of self identity. Just like the roar of the lion, Leos need to proudly draw attention to their accomplishments and get credit where credit is due. Little infuriates them more than when others claim credit for their efforts.



Lions are the only species of cat whose sexes differ in both body size and appearance. The mane makes the

male look larger and more recognizable at a distance, discouraging the intrusion of outsider males seeking females. Leos, both male and female, can pride themselves on their hair and spend a lot of time and money on making it look good.

Mating behavior is very similar in all cats. By smelling through a special organ in the roof of its mouth, a male cat senses when a female is ready to mate. Lions may court for several days, during which the female and male stay close to each other. When she is ready, the female adopts the mating position, her belly pressed to the ground and tail to one side. The male mounts her, gripping the skin on the back of her neck with his teeth. After they mate, the female often hits and hisses at the male, perhaps ensuring that his neck bite remains only a love bite. The couple may mate hundreds of times over several days, but afterward, when they return to the pride, they show no special interest in each other. This clearly illustrates why Leo was chosen to represent the Fifth House of love and romance in a chart.

There is a magnanimous generosity that is associated with Leo natives. This can be seen in the way in which they

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priate for us to turn our attention and our desires to those three things, and for us to consider how we may best attain them in our daily lives, creating for ourselves simplicity of life, moderation of desires, and purity of thought. (*Sacred Tarot, 251*)

There is a powerful prayer that is used universally. It says, "God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference." As you can see, when the prayer is written out, the words serenity, courage, and wisdom are capitalized in order that we may know they are Very important, a favored strategy of Zain. In order to attain a sacred union, true happiness, and supreme heaven, we need to understand and accept exactly what it is we may or may not change. We need to have courage to act upon our desires, and we must have the wisdom to know what the next best thing is that we may do to attain our spiritual goals.

Love, which ignites great passion, is the key to spiritual growth. Love stimulates desire, and we know certainly that without desire nothing is accomplished on this plane or the next. Exalted desire brings spiritual life. Base expressions of desire lower the vibratory level and subsequently hamper us in our quest for the spiritual life. Zain tells us that Leo represents the power of will "...which itself is dependent upon ability to keep the desires focused on the objective to which once they were so strongly attracted that a decision to follow some line of conduct toward their realization was made....In order to accomplish this [conduct] there must be the willingness, when the occasion requires, to face disagreeable situations. Such willingness is called courage." (*Spiritual Astrology, 113*)

I have heard courage defined as strength to do the right thing in the face of extraordinary circumstances. As we are working toward the sacred union to practice our soul growth in the physical world, there are things we need. First we need a willing partner. Remember the beginning desires of true love? We become aware that this person we have met is the most perfect person for us, and the realization that this person believes that we are the perfect one for them. The wonder, as we realize that I am good enough, special enough, beautiful or handsome enough to attract this wonderful partner into my life creates the overwhelming desire that we must make this union complete. This is the beautiful biological work of nature; however, as that bloom of first dynamic passion fades, then the real work begins. If we can always hold that highest ideal of the person we love, and if our partner can do the same, then we have the opportunity to experi-

ence sacred union. Remember though, it is a process, and it takes great courage. Sometimes the courage is knowing when the union we have created is destructive to our spirit(s) and then having the courage to take the steps to restore ourselves to the path toward a true and sacred union. Never giving up on the hope of perfect union is crucial.

Practicing movement toward sacred union may happen in many places. I think about those co-workers with whom I have amazing working relationships. These are certainly sacred unions. The friends and family members with whom I share a deep spiritual life and mutual positive regard, these are also sacred unions even when we are estranged, and must be guarded and nurtured in our hearts for spiritual growth.

As Leo represents true happiness in the intellectual world, we must look at what true happiness is for us individually and how we can apply our courage to attain this goal. What is true happiness? One thing I know, it is an inside job.

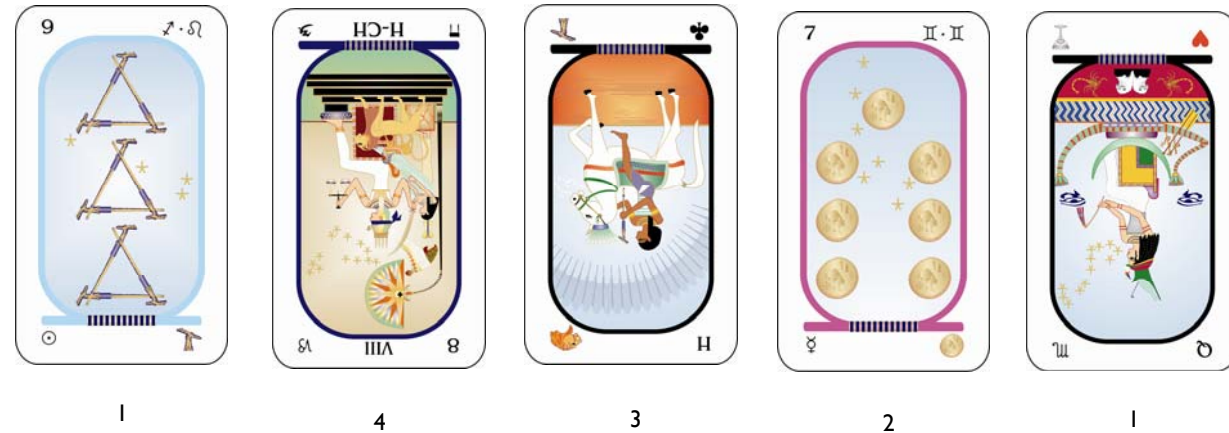
Leo, as the ruler of the fifth house of children, leads us to this place where caring for our "children" brings true happiness. For me the word Serenity defines true happiness. I know that when I hold my precious granddaughter up against my shoulder and she nuzzles into my neck and settles into a deep and contented sleep that I am totally serene. It is a true blessing if we have children to nurture in our lives, but for those without these blessings there is still the opportunity to experience and learn the lessons of caring for children in the biggest sense of the word: those persons or things weaker and less fortunate who need our protection and care; those ideas and concepts that must be brought into life.

There are so many ways to perpetuate life, and in the larger sense, this is the ultimate caring for our species as a whole. Being a part of a noble and higher purpose brings life to the entire planet. Anyone who has ever held a tiny infant cannot help but understand the amazing innate desire to protect and care for this small being. In the big picture, we hold our world as that innocent child, and we understand that we must protect and care for this place by our contribution to the welfare of our universe. This courage we have to give our very best each and every moment of our lives brings us true happiness.

In the spiritual world, Leo represents supreme heaven. I do not know from my own experience what that is. Su-

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Tarot Spread Example—The Yes or No Spread



Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, “Was my wallet and passport stolen?”

Card Spread

- 1) The distant past— The Queen of Cups (Reversed), this signifies a man of Scorpio temperament and, no doubt, represents the Querent, a Scorpio male. Also described in *Horary Astrology* as, “Middle height, thick set, corpulent, hooked nose, dark hair, ruddy or swarthy complexion.”
- 2) The recent past—Seven of Coins, this is read as, “Money earned through a journey.” The items, which included credit cards and a passport, were misplaced as the Querent was preparing to take a walk on the beach.
- 3) The present—Horseman of Scepters (Reversed). “Reversed it signifies thoughts opposed to his business interests.” This reflects the state of concern the Querent was expressing when he could not find his misplaced items.
- 4) The future—Arcanum VIII (Reversed), is read as “Justice or Equilibrium.” In *Horary Astrology*, a Capricorn environment is described as, “Part of the home; the office, the attic, the cellar and all dark places.”
- 5) The distant future—Nine of Scepters is read as: “A wise and profitable friendship.” The Querent’s com-

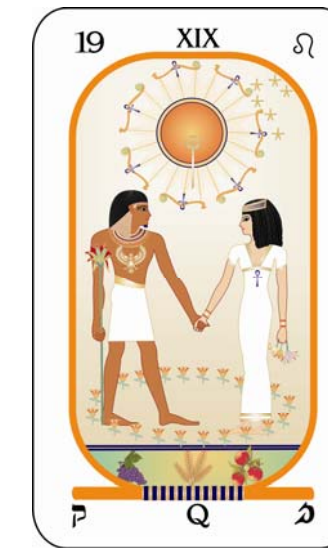
panion discovered the wallet and passport tucked into the convertible roof cover and returned the items to the owner.

Summary

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 reversed, including the center card, indicating a no answer.

The Querent, preparing for a walk on the beach, thought he had placed his valuables in the trunk of his car for safe-keeping. Upon returning home and opening the trunk of his vehicle, he noticed that his passport and wallet were not where he believed he had placed them. He panicked, thinking they were stolen and that he would have to go to great effort and delays in replacing them. He was advised that the items were not stolen and were probably to be found in a dark or hidden part of the home or vehicle and would eventually be found. The next day they were discovered tucked into a crevice of the car by a friend who was trying to raise the top of the convertible.

Tarot Correspondence—The Sun



Divination

“Expresses in the spiritual world, the supreme heaven.

In the intellectual world, true happiness.

In the physical world, sacred union.”

Admonition

“Remember, then, son of earth, that the light of the mysteries is a redoubtable fluid, put by nature at the service of the will. She lights those who know how to direct her; she strikes down with a thunderbolt those who ignore her power or who abuse it. If Arcanum XIX should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, happiness awaits thee in domestic life if thou knowest how to strengthen the conjugal circle and guard its sacredness in the sanctuary of the heart.”

Astrology

“Astrologically, the house governing pleasure, joy, happiness, children and love affairs, is ruled by the zodiacal sign Leo. Leo governs the heart and its sympathies. It is the signifier of such love as springs unselfishly into existence as the result of natural harmony, rather than the artificial marriages that today are all too common, which are prompted by material advantages.”

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