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Astrology — Aquarius

By Christopher Gibson

quarius, Latin for cupbearer or waterbearer, is the eleventh sign of the zodiac. He is generally pictured as a young man, kneeling, who with a raised arm holds a measuring gauge, and clutches with his other arm a chalice, or ewer, from which the river Eridanus flows. The constellation Aquarius can be found in a section of the heavens known in ancient times as The Sea and is flanked by other aquatic asterisms such as Capricorn, the Sea-Goat; Pisces, The Twin fish; Cetus the Whale; and Eridanus, the River. Aquarius is generally believed to represent Ganymede, who in Greek mythology was known as the cupbearer of Zeus.

Classical mythology abounds with stories of Zeus's love affairs, which were a constant source of consternation for his wife, Hera. In one tale, Zeus became en-



Aquarius, Flamsteed c 1729

amored with Ganymede, the most handsome of mortals. He commanded his eagle, Aquila, to abduct the young man and fly him to Mount Olympus to serve as his cup-

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Aquarius Insights — Circumspection

walks down the same street and falls into the same hole. She looks up and shakes her fist, looks around for someone to blame, cries

By Meg Dissinger Aquarius Text: "Do and Think Unto and curses and ultimately figures out a way to Others As You Would Have Them Do get out. She knows this is not her fault. Day and Think Unto You." Three: Meg walks down the same street and jumps into the hole. As she looks around in Spiritual Astrology—C. C. Zain frustration, she realizes that this hole is famillearn so much from metaphor. One stoiar and that she may have had a part in her ry I love is about a person who walks problem. She knows how to get out of this down a street (we'll call that person Meg). hole, and so she does. Day Four: Meg walks Day One: Meg walks down a street and falls down the same street, sees the hole, and into a hole. She is despondent and angry, approaches it with a sense of adventure. She thrills when she looks down into the hole does not know how she got there, doesn't know how to get out, and she sits there and and almost falls in; however, she pulls back cries until she is rescued. Day Two: Meg just in time and proudly goes on her way.

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

O ften we forget that Aquarius, the sign featured in this issue of the Quarterly, has dual planetary rulership: Saturn and Uranus. Saturn is the planet of security, tradition, conservatism and the established order of things. On the other hand, Uranus is the antithesis of Saturn, representing the radical overthrow of traditional forms; progressiveness and an emphasis on individual liberty. How we change both personally and as a society is, perhaps the great psychic dilemma of the Aquarian Age. Civilizations grow when they respond positively to any challenge, yet those altruistic individuals who advocate for change are oftentimes vilified and ostracized by their communities. Still these pioneering visionaries may remain at the vanguard of social movements that eventually take hold and become the societal norm once the majority of society awakens.

Now that we are into the dawn of the 21st Century, it is hard to believe that it was only in the late 19th century that limited voting rights were gained by women in Britain, Finland, Sweden and the western US. In 1893, New Zealand broke with traditional social order by becoming the first nation to give women the right to vote. Women in Switzerland did not enjoy that right until 1971. Although women's equality may not be achieved in all nations in our lifetime, most of us are thankful that our mothers, sisters and daughters live in a world that ascribes them greater equality than the world in which our great grandparents were born. Campaigning for gender equality is an Aquarian Age ideal.

Since the emergence of sedentary-agricultural communities, economic systems have been dependent on slavery; that is, humans held against their will and bought and sold as property. In 1542, Bartolomé de las Casas began the process of convincing the Spanish Crown to abolish the enslavement of the native peoples of the New World. By 1829, Mexico had abolished slavery. This prompted the Americans living in the northern Mexican state of Texas to rise up in rebellion and in 1836 create an independent republic engaged in human trafficking. And in 1865, the War Between the States finally brought about the end of slavery in our own country. Although slavery has been abolished here for 148 years, the struggle for racial equality, an Aquarian ideal, continues.

Over the centuries it was considered socially acceptable to execute criminals and political opponents through public stoning, beheading, crushing, burning, disembowelment, flaying, boiling alive, and crucifixion. It took great efforts by humanitarian souls to shift society away from these long-held traditions. The majority of humane-beings wish to live in a world where state-sponsored killings are no long-

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Aquarius Associations

Thought-Series: I Know Ruling Planets: Saturn and Uranus Best Quality: Altruism Worst Quality: Argumentation Talismanic Gem: Blue Sapphire Color: Lighter Blue Musical Tone: High G

Aquarius Figures

Activist, advocate, aid-worker, anthropologist, arbitrator, archeologist, astrologer, bohemian, campaignorganizer, civil engineer, computer programmer, computer technician, designer, electrical engineer, electrician, event-planner, explorer, facilitator, freedomfighter, hippie, humanitarian, inventor, labor-organizer, mediator, meteorologist, moderator, negotiator, parapsychologist, philanthropist, philosopher, promoter, psychic-investigator, psychologist, rebel, reformer, scientist, social-worker, trend-setter, urban-planner.

Positive Aquarius Traits

Academic, activist, altruistic, atypical, avant-garde, cerebral, creative, experimental, freedom-loving, friendly, futuristic, gregarious, ground-breaking, group-oriented, humane, humanitarian, independent, individualistic, ingenious, innovative, inspired, intellectual, inventive, liberal, open-minded, original, out-going, out-of-theordinary, philanthropic, public-spirited, rational, social, trend-setting, unique, unorthodox, unusual, wellinformed.

Negative Aquarius Traits

Abnormal, abrupt, antagonistic, anti-establishment, argumentative, authority-oppositional, belligerent, bizarre, challenging, confrontational, contrary, disagreeable, dissident, drastic, eccentric, extremist, faddish, fanatical, freakish, hasty, hostile, idiosyncratic, impatient, impudent, intolerant, in-your-face, odd, peculiar, quarrelsome, quirky, radical, rebellious, revolutionary, strange, stubborn, sudden, uncooperative, unpredictable, unstable, wacky, weird, zany.

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bearer. Ganymede was the only one of Zeus's lovers who was granted immortality and placed among the constellations, as Aquarius. According to Socrates, the etymological origins of Ganymede come from the words which mean taking pleasure in the mind. Coincidentally, the key phrase for Aquarius is I Know, and Aquarius natives are notorious for the pleasure they receive from conversation and intellectual discussion.

Along with the signs of Gemini and Libra, Aquarius belongs to the element of air. The air signs tend to be social animals always searching for the clan, tribe or community to which they can belong. They are mentally active and live primarily in the realm of ideas. They are lovers of education, literature, and art; above all, they value friendship, conversation, and the opportunity to exchange ideas.

Aquarius is a fixed sign, a quality it shares with Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio. The Fixed Signs represent each of the four elements in the solid, or lowest state of activity, and produce people who are perfectionists. They can be rigid, unyielding, enduring, firm, and resistant to all outside forces. Just try to get an Aquarian to do something they don't want to do! They show great resistance to outside pressure of all kinds, quietly or vocally, always doing things their own way. In human anatomy, Aquarius rules the calves and ankles, needed for mobility as well as the ability to rigidly hold one's position.

Aquarius has dual planetary rulership: conservative, traditionalist Saturn, and innovative, revolutionary Uranus.

With Saturn rulership and belonging to the fixed element air, Aquarians are intensely attached to their familiar environment, their customary manner of doing things, and their habitual methods of thought. Thus they find difficulty in accepting changes that are not self-initiated.

Because of the Uranus influence, Aquarius people tend towards being very progressive; often possessing ideas more advanced than their contemporaries. Frequently they will look for new ways to improve upon their techniques and methodologies. They bring originality, inventiveness, innovation,

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er commonplace. Respect for even the most degraded of human lives is one of the cultural hallmarks of the Aquarian Age.

Over the last two centuries humankind has been shifting from the Piscean Age culture, symbolized by slavery, religion and blind belief, into the Aquarian Age culture of personal freedom, human rights, knowledge and technology.

A close look at some of the archetypal symbolism of Aquarius will reveal some of the cultural and historic

shifts that have taken place during these years. Aquarius, pictured as the man of the zodiac, is associated with those qualities best described as humane and humanitarian. Tenderness and compassion expressed towards suffering and distressed humans or animals are the qualities we associate with a humane person. Humanitarianism encompasses those social and philanthropic efforts which have as their goal the alleviation of suffering, improving the welfare and happiness of others.

Although the world may not be perfect, I'm grateful we've come a long way.

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Dominant Aquarius Personality: Michael Bloomberg

By Christopher Gibson

Michael Rubens Bloomberg is an American billionaire and philanthropist, best known as the 108th and current mayor of New York City. First elected in 2002, he has served three consecutive terms of office. He is also the 7th richest person in the United States with an estimated net worth of \$27 billion.

Bloomberg was born to Alexander Bloomberg and Charlotte Rubens Bloomberg on February 14, 1942 at 3:40 p.m. in Brighton, Massachusetts. He lived with his family in Allston and Brookline, Massachusetts until going away to college. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1966 he received a Master's Degree in Business

Administration from Harvard Business School. While in university, Bloomberg worked as a parking lot attendant in order to pay his tuition.

Bloomberg became a general partner in Salomon Brothers Wall Street Investment Bank in 1973. He was laid off in 1981 with a \$10 Million severance package which he used to start up his own company, Innovative Market Systems, later named Bloomberg L.P., through which he continues to make his fortune. As Mayor of New York City, Bloomberg lives in his own home and receives an annual salary of \$1 from the City.



Michael R Bloomberg

Aquarius is the most powerful sign in Bloomberg's chart. Altruism and philanthropy are considered to be hallmarks of that sign. The 11th house of groups, organizations, non-profits and charitable causes is his most powerful house at 21.4% of his power. Jupiter, the great benefactor, is his most harmonious planet, and through Bloomberg Philanthropies foundation, he gives up to \$100 million a year to charities and non-profit organizations around the world. Bloomberg supports a wide range of programs encompassing the areas of health, sustainability, literacy, social welfare and the arts. Bloomberg employees are encouraged to take time out from their workday to mentor at nearby schools to improve child literacy, assist

non-profits to plant local gardens and trees to improve nutrition and the environment, or deliver meals to ensure homebound adults have food and companionship during the day. Bloomberg's company is committed to bringing free arts programming to mass audiences around the world. He also commissions new work from established and emerging artists, as well as sponsoring public art installations.

Aquarius has dual rulership: conservative Saturn and progressive Uranus. A democrat before seeking public office,

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in 2001 Bloomberg switched his party affiliation to Republican in his run for mayor. In matters of economics, education and foreign policy, Bloomberg tends to be conservative. When it comes to topics of gay marriage, women's rights, gun control, and amnesty for illegal immigrants, Bloomberg takes a progressive platform. In 2007, declaring himself an Independent, he left the Republican Party. He is famous for his hot temper and profanity, and has been accused of sexual harassment. He has also attracted two near-accidents with a helicopter and small plane he was piloting.

The 7^{th} house of marriage and partnership is the second most powerful region of his chart. He was married to Susan Brown from 1976 – 1993 with whom he had two daughters, Emily (b. 1979) and Georgina (b. 1983).

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On January I, 2002, Bloomberg assumed office as the 108th Mayor of New York City. He was subsequently elected to his second consecutive term in 2005. On October 23, 2008, the New York City Council voted 29-22 in favor of extending the term limit to three consecutive four-year terms, thus allowing Bloomberg to run for his third term as Mayor. Bloomberg has an open -floor office plan intended to promote accountability and accessibility to his aides and managerial staff. He has also chosen to apply a data-based approach to city management, selecting city commissioners based on their expertise and granting them wide autonomy in their decision-making.

Bloomberg has a prominent yet discordant Sun, which has led him to being called pompous and ego-centric. His Aquarius Sun forms obstacle compounds to disruptive Mars, Saturn and Uranus in Taurus.

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Timeline

Year	Event	Aspect
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1966	Received a Masters in Business Administration	¢□ţr
1973	Became a partner in Salomon Brothers Wall Street Investment Bank	$\odot \bigtriangleup r, \sigma \bigtriangleup r$
1976	Marries Susan Brown	♀♂♀r, 斗△♀r
1979	Daughter Emily born	⊙∆₽p
1981	Laid off from Salomon Brothers	♂d¥r,™dơr
1983	Daughter Georgina born	♂dr
1993	Divorces Susan Brown	∛∠♂r
2001	Spends \$73 Million of his own funds on campaign to be elected Mayor of New York	⊙*⊙r, MC+MCr
2005	Reelected Mayor by a margin of 20%, the widest margin ever for a Republican Mayor of New York	₩cơ斗r, ᡇơ⊙p
2009	City Council amends term limits allowing Bloomberg a third term as Mayor	™∆Ўr⊙□₽р

Mundane Astrology: A Sneak-Peak at the Sun and Mars Cycles

By Dennis Sutton

The astrological year commences when the Sun enters the zodiac sign Aries. It's an important astrological event that occurs March 20, 2013 at 11.02am UT according to Raphael's Ephemeris. But The American Ephemeris for the 21st Century and The Complete Ephemerides – 2000-2050 give 11.03am UT, so the chart, which has a 12 month time-frame, has a AA-1 accuracy rating and at least a 30 second margin of error.

The Sun cycle chart is one of eight cycle charts. It's a general event chart - not a specific event chart like the Mars cycle chart or the Pluto cycle chart - so the events and conditions it maps are general rather than specific. And it's difficult to identify a major Sun cycle chart event because events mapped in the major cycle charts tend to headline the news. The Mars cycle chart influences the most important strife, violence and accident events; the Jupiter cycle influences the most important financial and religious events; the Saturn cycle chart influences the most important work, hardship and security events; the Uranus cycle influences the most important protests, demonstrations and radical-change events: the Neptune cycle chart influences the most important fraud, scandal, oil, chemical, drug and aviation events: and the Pluto cycle influences the most important group, gang, cooperation, coercion, division, crime, terrorist, kidnapping and humanitarian events. It's very important to understand the scope of the information provided by each of the major cycle charts.

Each country has an administrative capital that locates its Sun cycle chart and this means the same astrological image pictured in the chart – because the planets occupy different houses – influences each country differently. The planets by their house positions in the chart have a definite influence on a specified area of mundane life. This influence displays itself as fortunate and unfortunate events and a country's mundane life is the logical outcome of astrological energies operating on the here and now. The Sun has a political influence, Mars has a strife influence, Jupiter has a growth influence, Saturn has a contraction and loss influence, Uranus has a radical influence, Neptune has an illusion influence and Pluto has a coercive influence.

So the Sun cycle chart maps an inner-world astrological environment that will influence an existing political and economic climate for 12 months. Events occur through people – not the planets and houses – so it's important to know the types of people ruled by each planet and house. In Course 13 – <u>Mundane Astrology</u> – C. C. Zain explains the influence of each planet in Mundane Astrology and the mundane-matters ruled by each house in a mundane chart. And the electronic and print media keeps you up to date with what is happening right now.

In the 2013 Sun cycle chart the Sun's aspect structure provides a general picture of global trends. The Sun is square (obstacle) Moon (the home and family, common people and groceries), conjunction Venus (peace moves, social activity, art and beauty), conjunction Mars (strife, violence, the military and manufacturing), sesquisquare (agitation) Saturn (security issues, land, farming and mining), conjunction Uranus (discontent, unrest, sudden change, radical events and invention), semisextile (growth) Neptune (idealism, fraud, drugs and stock companies) and square (obstacle) Pluto (groups, gangs, crime, cooperation, coercion and compulsory measures).

The strongest aspect is Sun conjunction Venus. Then Sun conjunction Mars and Sun conjunction Uranus. Sun square Moon is the worst aspect (although Moon square Uranus is the worst aspect in the chart.) The Sun's aspects to Saturn, Neptune and Pluto are weak so their influence through the chart will be difficult to determine and identify. But one thing is for certain: with Mars (strife and violence) and Uranus (radical action and unexpected events) conjunction the Sun (and the Sun and Uranus conjunction

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Mars in the Mars cycle chart) these three planets will dominate the global agenda from March 20, 2013 to March 20, 2014. And with Venus (peace moves) conjunction the Sun, her influence will be prominent too. But with the Sun, Mars and Uranus all square the Moon, things don't bode well for the common people. The prominence of Venus in the chart does support the resolving of conflicts, but this requires teamwork and cooperation, something that an afflicted Pluto – it's square Mars and Uranus – is not good at, and Mars does have a fondness for guns and killing.

The Sun's house position is very important. He's the ruler of the chart and he marks political power and political developments. And with Venus, Mars and Uranus conjunction Sun and, in many charts, in the same house, the prominence stimulation to the affairs of this house is tremendous. At Kabul, Venus, Sun, Mars and Uranus are in house 8 (death and taxes). At London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Berlin and Tripoli they're in house 10 (the administration and prominent people). At Moscow, Athens, Jerusalem, Damascus and Cairo they're in house 9 (laws, trade and trials). At Beijing they're in house 6 (work, labor and sickness). At Canberra they're in house 5 (children, sport, entertainment and speculation). And at Washington they're in house I (domestic issues and the people).

There's no need to keep a tab on every aspect formed by the transiting Sun to the planets in the Sun cycle chart. Note the days when the Sun forms a conjunction, square and opposition aspect with the planets in the chart – especially Venus, Mars and Uranus. These are the days when events mapped in the chart will occur, but there are so many news stories competing for attention that identifying a news story with the Sun cycle chart can be difficult. And getting a clear idea of general world trends from the sensation-addicted media is nigh on impossible.

In global affairs, Mars – the greatest soldier of them all – displays himself as aggressive action and ruthless competition. He's harsh, brutal, vicious, combative, energetic enterprising and courageous. As the fight impulse, Mars views aggressive force as the best option. Personal rights must be fought for and the enemies of the new civilization must be exterminated. As the cosmic warlord, Mars incites international strife – wars and disputes between countries; national strife – internal disputes between opposing factions; and domestic strife – violence in the home. The arrival of a new Mars cycle is a very important astrological event.

The cycle commences when Mars moves from south to north declination, and this occurs on March 14, 2013 at

10.50am Universal Time (UT). Planetary Phenomena by Neil Michelson and The Complete Ephemerides 2000-2050 give the same data. You need to know that 'time' rather than 'place' is the more important factor influencing the chart's accuracy. The precise location is very important, but while a change in latitude of one angular minute equals 1.2 miles (1.8km) on the Earth's surface the Earth rotates through one minute of longitude in 4 seconds of time. So the birth time, rather than the location, is the crucial factor influencing a chart's precision.

This chart has a two year time-frame. It maps the influence of Mars inner-plane weather on the global agenda from March 14, 2013 to February 21, 2015.

The start of the cycle is a critical point and events at this time reveal how things will unfold during the life of the chart. They are signs of things to come.

Mars enters 1° S 00' declination at 7.09am UT on March 11, 2013 and moves beyond 1° N 00' declination at 2.48pm UT on March 17, 2013. This 6 day time-frame represents the critical change-over period. The Mars events that occur at this time indicate a trend that can be used as a guide when judging future events.

In the chart Mars is conjunction Sun and Uranus. There are other weak aspects but these two unite the energy, aggression and strife of Mars with the political agenda and freedom-fighters in a way that is very pronounced and conspicuous. And there's a high concentration of energy influencing the mundane matters ruled by the house where Sun-Mars and Uranus are located.

The last three Mars cycle charts – commencing May 19, 2007 – had Mars square Pluto, so if you thought the world had become a very dangerous place, it had. (Uranus in this Mars cycle chart is square Pluto, so the freedom-fighters are engaged in a fight to the death with the dictator.) But with the influence of Pluto greatly diminished and the influence of Sun and Uranus greatly enhanced, the Mars agenda will influence, and be influenced by, political moves and sudden and unexpected developments.

In <u>Course XIII Mundane Astrology</u>, C. C. Zain describes the most important factor to consider when evaluating the Mars Cycle Chart is: "Even when harmonious his energy tends to so much force and speed that strife of some kind will always be present in the events he brings to pass."

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Day Five: Meg walks down a different street and avoids all holes.

There was certainly a time in my life when I jumped into every hole I could find. I admit my part in this. One of these holes had to do with illness. I noticed that I always, yes always, experienced negative consequences, usually illness, as the sun moved into the sign of Aquarius. I learned to dread this time of year and just accepted it as what had to be. Now, it is a univer-

sal truth that we do not change until the pain of staying the same gets to be worse than the pain of changing. So, after way too long of not "going down another street," I have a new plan.

These days, as Aquarius approaches, I stay away from crowds and take extra care of health issues. I look at my progressed horoscope, and if there are aspects, I use the appropriate antidotes. I carefully check my social environment for negativity and make the appropriate changes to protect myself from negative thoughts, feelings, and emotions. I do my very

best to stay positive. I'm delighted to report that it has been many years since I have fallen prey to the Aquarian curse because I am proactive in walking down another street.

One of my former students once wrote in a paper, "... there is no security or comfort from magical forces." WE KNOW this is not true. WE KNOW that with the tools we gain at The Church of Light that we can find security and comfort from magical and unknown forces because WE KNOW how to apply what WE KNOW to be true. With all those "WE KNOWS," we begin to see how our experiences tie into what Aquarius has to say to us. Imagine the Man of the Heavens with his left (receiving) hand holding a 24 hour measuring device, measuring and mapping the influence of the heavens. With his right (executing) hand, he is pouring water from the heavens onto the earth from an urn. This urn contains the wisdom which has been acquired from the left hand. Because of this wisdom and knowledge, Aquarius functions in the physical world as Circumspec-



tion, guide of action; in the intellectual world as Prudence, director of the will; and in the spiritual world as Absolute Wisdom.

In the physical world, circumspection is the act of being heedful of consequences. The word is derived from the Latin, *circumspiecere*, meaning to take heed. Circumspection as the guide of action in the physical world means that each day here I must take heed of the consequences of my actions. We can be circumspect. Our course work here at the Church of Light trains us to be

> circumspect. We learn to cast and read horoscopes, take note of daily energy patterns, use the tarot, alchemy, and all our tools, which give us the abilities to PAY ATTENTION in order to be circumspect. When we take heed of the consequences of our actions, we are not admonished to heed the actions, but their consequences.

In the intellectual world, Aquarius functions as prudence, director of will. Prudence means "wise in handling practical matters; careful in regard to one's own interests; provident; careful

about one's conduct; circumspect." Note the Saturn connection here with wise handling of practical matters? Notice that "circumspect" shows up here as well. So we are warned here that on the intellectual plane we must attend to the consequences of our actions. The intellectual world, the world of our thinking, is where all action is created. Aquarius instructs us to think things through to their logical conclusions, because we are responsible for the consequences of thought as well as the consequences of action. We are fully responsible for the impact of our thoughts and actions on the world around us, no matter how small they might be.

In the spiritual world, Aquarius is absolute will. Absolute means: perfect in quality or nature; complete; pure; not limited by restrictions, qualifications, or exceptions; positive; certain. Will means the mental faculty by which one deliberately chooses or decides upon a

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Numbers as Archetypes: The Ennead, Limit & Completion

By Scenza

he number 9, the Ennead, is the greatest of the single digits. As such, it represented in the minds of the Ancients the limit of all processes, the culmination of all events. Embodying these principles, they derived such epithets for it as Limit and Horizon. As the square of three $(3 \times 3 = 9)$, they labeled it "thrice per-

fect" and "thrice sacred", referring to the perfect and even holy qualities of the Triad expressed in their completion on the physical, astral, and spiritual planes.

Mathematically, the Ennead displays a very interesting behavior indeed. As Zain points out in Course 6: Sacred Tarot, the Ennead "possesses the unique property that it may be multiplied by any number, and the digits so obtained when added together always resolve into 9." Zain likens this mathematical behavior to an expression of Manifest Dei-

ty, in that no matter what number we start from we always arrive at 9, and no matter what illusory form Deity may take in manifestation, It always resolves down to one pure, perfect, unchanging source.

The Ennead is also the only number in the Decad which is the sum of two cubes (|x|x|=1; 2x2x2=8; 1+8=9). As the cube is well associated with the Tetrad and solidity, completion and form, this only bolsters the Ennead's reputation as a state of wholeness. And in countless examples, when a complete manifest unit is being depicted, we see a unified whole represented as 9 discrete archetypes. The Ancient Egyptian neteru, or pantheon of 9 supreme gods is an example, as are the Greek muses, designed to represent the full potential and expression of the arts and sciences. Indeed, even in our fast-paced, decidedly secular culture, we still see a panel of exactly 9 Supreme Court Justices, who preside over law in the United States, and act as the supreme authority over what is legal or illegal in our nation.

But perhaps the best example of the Ennead as a symbol of completion, perfection, and readiness to cross over into a new domain of expression occurs in the gestation

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and birth of a new human organism. It takes exactly nine months, ideally, for a new human organism to fully form. During this time, one of the absolute miracles of the universe unfolds, as a series of physical and chemical changes occur, more or less unbidden and unprompted by the mother, which ultimately result in the birth of a

> new human organism with essentially infinite potentials. Indeed, while I am merely musing, it would not surprise me one iota if the very reason that we count with a decimal system based on 9 discrete digits which cycle infinitely towards either greatness or smallness, is because the Ancients saw in the organization and birth of a new human being an example of the very essence and purpose of existence.

> Life is, has been, and always will be the greatest miracle. Indeed, we in the Brotherhood of Light

reaffirm this every time we salute each other: Life, Love, and Light. Notice that it is Life which is uttered first, for it is the sine qua non upon which all else is based. If it were not for Life, or existence itself, nothing else could or would ever be present. There would be no experience whatsoever, and God would be all alone in Its infinite potential, but without a single thing to show for it. Hence, I hope you will not think it too bold of me to declare Life the original and everlasting miracle, for through it all organisms are able to quest onward towards greater affection, or Love, and greater knowledge, or Light.

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Tarot Correspondence — The Sage



Divination

"Expresses in the spiritual world, absolute wisdom. In the intellectual world, prudence, director of the will. In the physical world, circumspection, guide of actions."

Admonition

"Remember, then, son of earth, prudence is the armor of the wise. Circumspection enables one to avoid snares and abysses and to foresee treason. Take it for thy guide in all thy actions, even in the least. Nothing is indifferent here below. A pebble can overturn the chariot of the master of the world. If Arcanum IX should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, keep in mind that speech is silver and silence is gold."

Astrology

"The zodiacal sign of the Sun, Leo, is represented by the symbol of a serpent. This serpent, natural ruler of the fifth house of a birth-chart, and thus of pleasures and love-affairs, is the symbol of desire.

And while the Man of the zodiac, Aquarius, is represented commonly by the two wavy lines representing water from the urn, these wavy lines were also depicted in ancient times as two serpents, or two desires, one traveling in either direction. Desires thus kept in equilibrium through knowledge gained in experience with good and evil are true wisdom. Hence the serpent is sometimes referred to as the tempter and sometimes as the essence of wisdom. Math. 10:16; "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Excerpts from The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Tarot Card Example Spread—Lucky Seven

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, "What can I do to support my family at this time?"

Card Spread

The Past — Horseman of Swords (reversed) "thoughts of enmity, strife or sickness...reversed, they are plans and desires for his ruin."

The Present — Ace of Swords (reversed) "News of sickness or death."

The Future — Arcanum XVIII The Moon (reversed) - "Deception, False Friends."

The Ability to Control — The Conqueror (reversed) "Victory."

The Environment — King of Coins "A person ruled by the sign Gemini. Right way up it denotes a Gemini man."

The Opposition — Youth of Scepters "A person ruled by the sign Sagittarius. Right way up it denotes a Sagittarius man"

The Outcome — Six of Scepters (reversed) "music, art or the drama."





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Summary

The past and the present cards, the Horseman of Swords and Ace of Swords both reversed represent a querent who was troubled by his mother spending the previous two months going between hospital emergency rooms and convalescent care without much sign of improvement. Since his parents live out of state, the burden of care had fallen to family members closer at hand.

Arcanum XVIII, The Moon in the future position indicates that he might get conflicting information from his parents or their caregivers, and was, therefore, uncertain about how to approach the situation.

The ability to control is represented by The Conqueror reversed, indicating victory and travel. He figured that he could help most by travelling and being present to the situation, and until that time, hope for the best. The environment is occupied by the King of Coins, which could represent his father who is witty and personable.

The opposition is the Youth of Scepters, a Sagittarius man. The querent could create problems by being too blunt, or making insensitive comments while travelling.

The final outcome represented by the Six of Scepters reversed reveals that, if the querent travels he should bring some levity and entertainment to the situation.

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discovery and a novel approach to all that they touch. Aquarian individuals are chronically curious and want to know what makes others tick. They might study psychology, biology, sociology, and even numerology or astrology, all in an effort to gain keener insights into other people.

Altruism, the best trait of Aquarius, is empathy extended out on a large scale to embrace all of society. Just as the Water-Bearer measures the influence of the heavens and pours water down upon the earth, Aquarius individuals seek to understand universal natural laws through the study of both science and religion. They then take pleasure in sharing those insights with others, especially if they glean techniques that might improve one's lot in life.

Argumentativeness is considered the worst trait of Aquarians. They like little better than heated debate,

which they may insist is just a discussion. Often, the dominant Aquarius personality will take an unpopular or opposite point of view just to stimulate conversation. In the extreme, Uranus's influence can express as rebelliousness or authority-oppositional reflexes. As an authority you must win their respect – it doesn't come automatically as a result of position or title alone. It may come as no surprise that Aquarius should fall directly opposite Leo, the sign of domination and authoritarianism. The Sun is at its Detriment in the sign of Aquarius.

The symbol for Aquarius is two wavy lines, parallel to one another, interpreted as the symbol for the water that flows from Aquarius' urn. Zain describes it as two serpents moving in opposite directions.

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course of action; volition; choice; self-control; selfdiscipline; deliberate intention or wish. So then, Absolute Will is the perfect choice; a deliberate intention without limit or restriction; a certain use of the mental faculty by which we choose or decide a course of action; positive self-control, unqualified self-discipline. This is the sure action of the representation of the constellation Aquarius, taking in all the wisdom of the ages, and pouring it out with absolute certainty that the im(Aquarius Insights pact of our actions will contribute to the welfare of the Universe. We act with perfect knowledge of the results of our intentions.

Perfect is one of the holes in the street. Remember please, this is not about being perfect, but about being the best we can be and continuing to strive for perfection. Our goal is to use the knowledge we have on a daily basis to create a better place for ourselves and others. Our goal is to strive toward conscious intention since we know with certainty that we are responsible for our thoughts and actions. The perfect goal is our progress toward the ideal we aspire to reach. Arcanum IX, in Initiation indicates the work of the neophyte to develop the ability to see the relationships of various entities in the universe to self and each other. We begin to recognize our function in the universal work. As we travel our path of enlightenment, we get more and more glimpses of this, and so we are able to work more consciously toward this goal. As we do this work, let us remember the following: Do unto others, whether persons or situations, as we would have it done unto self.

"Remember then, children of earth, that prudence is the armor of the wise. Circumspection enables one to avoid snares and abysses and to foresee treason. Take it for your guide in all your actions, even in the least. Nothing is indifferent here below. A pebble can overturn the chariot of the master of the world. If Arcanum IX appears in the prophetic signs of your horoscope, keep in mind that speech is silver and silence is golden."

From a sermon presented by Rev. Meg Dissinger

January 2007,

at The Church of Light, Albuquerque, NM.

Convention 2013—The Alchemist's Laboratory: Transforming Your Everyday Life



The 2013 Church of Light Convention, "The Alchemist's Laboratory: Transforming Your Everyday Life" will be held June 21-23, 2013, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This fun-filled and informative convention includes preconference tours and two full days of speakers focusing on the captivating topic of Alchemy. You will discover how you can unlock its ancient secrets and apply them in transforming

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your life. The 2013 Church of Light Convention is also a great opportunity to meet like-minded people who share your interest in astrology, alchemy, and tarot.

Pre-conference Tours

For those of you who are planning to make New Mexico your vacation destination, we have planned two exciting day trips. On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, we will be taking a scenic train ride from Albuquerque to Santa Fe on the Rail Runner. Santa Fe bears the distinction of being the oldest capital city in the United States. When it was founded in 1608, Santa Fe was originally called La Villa Real de la Santa Fé de San Francisco de Asís (The Royal Town of the Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi).

There are more than five museums and scores of art galleries all within walking distance of the downtown Santa Fe Plaza. The Palace of the Governors, built in 1610 atop the ruins of an Indian pueblo, is the oldest continuously occupied public building in the U. S. and houses history and art exhibits. The New Mexico History Museum is the newest museum in Santa Fe and has wonderful interactive exhibits on the state's history. Built in 1917, The New Mexico Museum of Art displays changing exhibitions of the state's remarkable collection of regional art. The Governor's Gallery, displayed on three levels of the State Capitol building, features the work of prominent New Mexican artists. The Museum of Contemporary Native Arts (MoCNA) is the country's only museum for exhibiting, collecting and interpreting the most progressive work of contemporary native artists. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is dedicated to Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), one of the most significant artists of the 20th century, and her contemporaries.

Eating out is a major pastime in Santa Fe, which features

dozens of restaurants with high-profile chefs, as well as with more affordable fare. We'll break up the day's journey with a delicious lunch within walking distance of the plaza. After lunch there will be time to break into groups for shopping or additional museum visits. At end of



Rail Runner to Santa Fe

day, we will return to Albuquerque on the Rail Runner. The fees for this excursion will be paid individually. For budgeting purposes, a round-trip day pass on the train is approximately \$10, Museum admissions average about \$10 per site, and lunch should be less than \$20.

Thursday, June 20, 2013, is not for the faint of heart, as we will travel to the top of Sandia Crest aboard the Sandia Peak Tramway. 2.7 miles long, this is the world's third longest single span tramway. Over this distance the gon-dolas ascend more than 4,000 feet. The average speed of the tram car is 12 mph, and the length of the ride, called a flight, is approximately 15 minutes. The Sandia Crest towers above Albuquerque at an elevation of 10,678 feet. The



mountain is home to the Sandia Mountain Wilderness Area, part of the Cibola National Forest. As a result of the great change in elevation from the base of the mountain to the crest, as well as changes in temperature and amount of pre-

Sandia Tram

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cipitation, we will travel through four different eco-zones. At the top of the mountain, we will hike through Alpine forests and meadows, enjoying numerous varieties of native wildflowers that bloom at this time of year. At the top of the crest is High Finance Restaurant, which will provide lunch for our outing. The group-rate fee for round-trip passage on the tram and lunch is \$38. This will be payable in advance, as this trip requires reservations. We hope you will join us for these two exciting day trips.

Convention

We have an exciting group of speakers and topics in the planning stages for 2013, some of whom will be presenting for the first time at a Church of Light Convention. In each Quarterly between now and convention time, we will be featuring a few of our speakers and proposed presentations:



Paul Johnson: In Search of Zanoni: a Literary Legend Transformed

K. Paul Johnson is co-editor of the forthcoming scholarly edition of Ghost Land by Emma Hardinge Britten, and is currently preparing a scholarly edition of Esoteric Lessons by Sarah Stanley Grimke.

Paul Johnson

The 1842 novel <u>Zanoni</u> by Edward Bulwer Lytton is a source for <u>Ghost Land</u>, its author one of several prototypes for her narrator, the Chevalier Louis. In the 1880s Zanoni became the pen name of T.H. Burgoyne, Secretary of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor. Paul's research on Burgoyne's collaboration with Grimke has explored new sources that raise more intriguing questions about pseudonyms. From Bulwer-Lytton in 1842 to Britten in 1876 to Burgoyne in 1889 and beyond, the name Zanoni epitomizes the mysteries of adeptship.

Paul is a retired public library director and author of five books. He lives in Danville, Virginia and serves as Secretary of the Dan River Basin Association and of the Melungeon Heritage Association. His research on Ghost Land was featured in a scholarly conference in Slovenia in December, 2012, and his research on Esoteric Lessons was part of a conference on esotericism in Greece in June, 2012, both presentations in absentia. He will combine highlights of those presentations with new information from surprising sources in his talk on Sunday afternoon.



Veiga O'Sickey: The Zodiacal Treasure Chest

Veiga, a native of Iceland, joined The Church of Light in February 2007, and has been a presenter at our last two conventions. She is actively involved at Headquarters coordinating work-parties and hosts an informal study group on the first Sunday of the month. Veiga has en-

joyed a long and varied career in medi-

cine and healing. She is a licensed para-

Veiga O'Sickey

medic and is currently engaged in a formal course of study that uses color and light in healing.

At this year's conference, Veiga's interactive workshop will be on the subject of The Zodiacal Treasure Chest. This hands-on workshop will include the use of protective cloaks and shields, and a scavenger-hunt where participants will find intriguing treasures to place in your Alchemy Bag. Veiga's fun-filled presentation will instruct on how each zodiacal sign can yield its own treasures for the purpose of alchemical transformation.

Yvette Fortin: The Symbols, Triplicities and the Great Work in Alchemy

Yvette, a 17 degree member, first joined the Church of Light in 2008. She began teaching workshops and holding informal Sunday study groups at Church of Light Headquarters



Yvette Fortin

In 2009. Yvette feels that her life's purpose is to teach esoteric and metaphysical principals, and she made her debut at our 2011 Convention. Yvette holds a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Metropolitan State College of Denver. During her six-year stint in the Air Force, she was trained as a Weather Observer. Since 2007 she has worked full-time as a weather observer at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque.

Yvette's presentation will feature the three cardinal principles of alchemy, the enigmatic Mercury, Sulphur and Salt. Salt is the symbol of fixity, crystallization and the material plane; Mercury is the principle of fusibility, volatility and the realm of the Soul or mind; and Sulfur is the principle

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of fire or Spirit. In her presentation, Yvette will reveal the application of the triplicities in personal transformation that lead to the accomplishment of the "Great Work".



Meg Dissinger

MaryMeg Dissinger: The Breath of Life

MaryMeg has been a member of the Church of Light since 1970. She is an ordained minister, member of The Order of the Sphinx, and has served on the board of directors over the years of her membership. Her primary focus was, is, and ever will be teaching and helping others improve their lives. She is a retired public school teacher, a

practicing clinical counselor, and most recently a registered yoga teacher with an emphasis on working with special populations. "Our first action on the physical plane is to draw in breath; our last is to release our breath. We can live without food, and for a time without water, but we cannot survive without breath."

Meg will be leading restorative yoga sessions Saturday and Sunday mornings at the 2013 Convention and on Sunday morning will give a presentation entitled: "The Breath of Life," describing the importance of breath in energizing all our alchemical endeavors

Initiations

Church of Light Initiations are a highly anticipated feature of our conventions. Initiations are when members are formally inducted into the organization, as well as marking grade and degree changes. This inspiring ritual will be officiated by Hermetician members of The Order of the Sphinx on Friday evening, June 21. Please let us know



Initiation Chamber 2011

if you would like to participate in the Ritual of Initiation by checking the appropriate box in the registration form. If you have any questions about your eligibility or grade level, feel free to contact us at headquarters.

Costume and Dance Party

Stellarians know how to have a good time, and no conference is complete without a party. Saturday night's Awards

Banquet will be followed by a Hogwarts Reunion Costume Ball. This will be a night to remember. For 2013 we are proud to feature Clan Tynker, a magical family circus, for an evening of entertainment.



Clan Tynker in Egypt

Best Western Rio Grande Inn

This year's conference will be returning to the Best Western Rio Grande Inn located in Albuquerque's historic Old Town district, at 1015 Rio Grande NW. This classic Southwestern inn offers warm hospitality, cool drinks, and excellent regional cuisine. It is within walking distance to unique shopping, dining, galleries, and museums. A complementary shuttle is available to transport you to and from the Albuquerque Sunport, Old Town Plaza, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and the Bio Park. The Church of Light has secured a special group rate for our members and friends who plan to attend our convention June 21-23, 2013. The Best Western Rio Grande Inn has graciously offered our attendees the same discounted room rate of \$89 plus tax per night that was offered in 2011. Our special group rate is also valid three days before and two days after our event for those who would like an extended stay in New Mexico. To make your hotel reservations, call 1.800.959.4726 or, locally, 505.843.9500. When making your reservation, please identify yourself as a member of The Church of Light in order to receive our group discount. The Best Western Rio Grande Inn provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the Albuquerque International Airport from 7:00am to 10:00pm daily.

Conference Registration

The incredibly low rate of \$175 includes both days of workshops, lunch buffet for Saturday and Sunday, the Friday night reception, and the Awards Banquet. Single day attendance is available for \$110. Additional guests who are not attending the convention can join you at the Awards Banquet for \$40. Friday's preconference workshop on The Alchemy of Progressions is offered for \$45 as a fundraiser for The Church of Light.

Membership Room



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Welcome New Hermeticians

David Duran

Joseph Boughan Hill



Sponsorship Program

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

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

There are always more members wishing to be sponsored than we have sponsors.

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



Members Seeking Contact in Their Area

The following Church of Light member is seeking to make contact with like-minded students near Paradise, CA

Fredmichael: fmclaw@att.net

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**.

Currently **The Order of the Sphinx** is recruiting Certified Teachers and Hermeticians to participate as mentors in the Mentorship Program. Duties involve communicating with students by email or telephone who are currently passing their Brotherhood of Light Lessons. If you are interested in volunteering your time as a mentor contact:

> peter@light.org or scribe.sphinx@light.org

Advertise in the 2013 Convention Program

Here's an opportunity to make your service, talent, or business product known to other members. At the same time you help support the cost of hosting the convention.

Space is also available for spiritual messages and/or special messages to friends & family. Use your imagination for a message to the universe at large — or whatever!

The space and rate breakdown is as follows:

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churchoflight@light.org.

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For any additional questions and/or clarifications, call:1(800) 500 0453

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Fort Worth, Texas, Activities



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

Religious services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

A schedule for the upcoming year is available on their website at: owlswebnest.com. All classes and services are held at:

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

817-921-5809

Upcoming Classes: Tarot and Intuition



Five Consecutive Thursdays September 5—October 17, 2013 6:30—8:30 p.m. MST

There are many traditions surrounding the history and use of the tarot. In the Brotherhood of Light tradition the tarot card images were originally derived from bas-reliefs found in the subterranean initiation chambers of the Egyptian Mystery School. These images comprise the *Royal Path* of life and provided insights on the evolution of the soul back towards spirit after its descent into matter.

In this five-week course we will concentrate on the use of tarot in *divination*, or foreknowledge of the future. The student will learn the basic meanings for each of the major arcanum, minor arcanum, and court cards. Emphasis will be placed on how the cards can be read in a variety of tarot spreads. Additional discussion will focus on different methods of Extra-Sensory Perception such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, and psychometry.

For students outside of Albuquerque, the class will be offered live, online, and archived for later viewing.

There is a suggested donation of \$12 per class or \$50 for the five-week series.

Instructor: Christopher Gibson

Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



Meg Dissinger



Yvette Fortin



Christopher Gibson



Allyn McCray



Patrick Ramsey



Astrological Meditations A discussion group facilitated by Veiga O'Sickey is held on

the First Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

Finding Our Light by Accepting Our Shadow

Join Yvette Fortin on the Second Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. for an overview of Hermetic studies

Religious Services

Join our ministerial team consisting of Paul Brewer, Vicki Brewer, Meg Dissinger, Yvette Fortin, Christopher Gibson, Allyn McCray, Veiga O'Sickey, Patrick Ramsey and Radine Ramsey on the Third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. for our monthly religious service.

As 2013 is a Convention Year, the service normally held on the third Sunday of June will be moved forward to the fourth Sunday and officiated at the conference.

Calendar Third Sunday Services-2013

Date	Event	Presented by
April 21, 2013	Taurus Service	Paul Brewer & Allyn McCray
May 19, 2013	Gemini Service	Veiga O'Sickey& Christopher Gibson
June 23, 2013	Cancer Service-Summer Solstice	Pat & Radine Ramsey
July 21, 2013	Leo Service	Christopher Gibson & Paul Brewer
August 18, 2013	Virgo Service	Allyn McCray & Christopher Gibson
September 15, 2013	Libra Service—Autumnal Equinox	Christopher Gibson & Meg Dissinger

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

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

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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;

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