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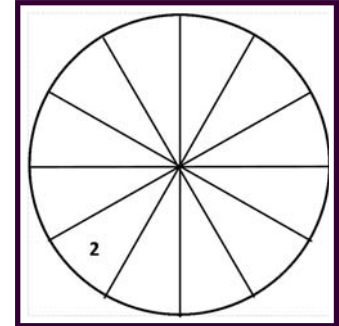
Astrology — The Second House

By Christopher Gibson

In Latin, the Second House of a horoscope was referred to as *Lucrum* or wealth. The Second House most closely corresponds to the matters ruled by the sign of Taurus, The Bull. The key words for Taurus are, “I Have,” and the Second House reflects our possessions and our acquisitiveness. Taurus is the element of Earth in its Fixed Quality and the Second House corresponds to our most solid

or material resources, defined as our wealth, assets or treasure. Historically, treasure has exclusively described those valuable objects such as precious metals and gemstones that are the result of long geologic processes and are extracted from the earth.

The 12 houses of a horoscope are divided into four groupings called Trinities, each containing three houses governing specific trends of



The Second House

activity. The four Trinities are labeled as Life, Wealth, Association and Psychism. The Second House belongs

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A Spiritual View of the Second House

By Meg Dissinger

Oh Thou Eternal Spirit, in whom we live, move, breathe, and have our being, bless this communication with clarity, with love, and with the words that need to be shared with those who read what is written here. So Shall It Be.

Each time I begin one of these exercises in spiritual inquiry, I am always struck by how grateful I am to be in a life, in a place, in a condition that I am able to make investigations of this sort. Our world is full of circumstances that prohibit so many from turning their intentions to higher purposes. I dedicate this writing to them.

In relationship to basic astrology, the Second House is of the Trinity of Wealth; as a Succeedent House it transmits energy of moderate volume; as a personal house it relates to private possessions. Those things relating to the Second House are not open to public scrutiny since the house lies below the horizon. The Second House is about what we have earned in relationship to work efforts in terms of personal property and cash. In *The Beginners Horoscope Maker and Reader*, Benjamin tells us: “The thought-cells mapped by the second house have been built by experi-

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

"True education is concerned not only with practical goals but also with values. Our aims assure us of our material life, our values make possible our spiritual life." Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

In May of 1909, at a meeting of The Brotherhood of Light in Denver, Colorado, Elbert Benjamine was asked to rewrite the course of study that was currently being distributed by the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor. These lessons, not yet 30 years old, were considered to be outmoded and somewhat archaic in their language. It was not until the spring of 1910, after lengthy consideration, that Benjamine agreed to take up the task. For the twenty years spanning 1914-1934, Elbert Benjamine wrote the 21 Brotherhood of Light Lessons under the pseudonym of C. C. Zain.

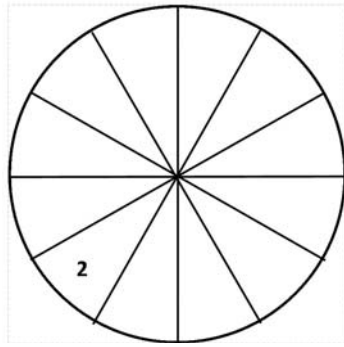
This issue of the Quarterly is dedicated to the subject of the Second House of values. Determining our values allows us to determine what is important in life. Once we determine what is important, we know where to direct our energies. As an organization, The Church of Light must continually reevaluate how to direct its energies to stay abreast of changing times. We are now at an interesting juncture in history where technology is changing the face of the publishing industry. Students can now obtain university degrees through virtual classrooms without ever stepping foot on a campus.

A primary goal of The Church of Light is to insure that all of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons continue to be published in book format. We have a very attractive new 8 1/2" x 11" paperback that will become the standard for all future print runs of our various titles. At the same time, Vicki Brewer has worked tirelessly to get them all into an electronic format whereby they can be read on a variety of e-readers by the end of January 2014.

Now, the great task before us is to determine how to make this material relevant and meaningful to current and future generations. Since April of 2010, the Curriculum Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the future of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons and the means by which to make them more accessible to the public.

Based on the existing Brotherhood of Light Lessons we will commence reformatting our course of study with the goal of creating an online Academy of Hermetic Studies. The work will begin in January of 2014 with our most popular course, The Sacred Tarot, which should be fully operative running by January 2015. In addition to the online course, we have recently reissued The Sacred Tarot in a hardbound volume. Eventually, in addition to the tarot school, there will be an online astrology school and a course of study dedicated to Masonic and Esoteric Arts. In these lessons are values that will make possible a spiritual life for all our members.





Second House Associations

Assets, capital, caches, cash, cash reserves, chattel, currency, earnings, expenses, finances, funds, hard assets, hoards, income, investments, jewelry, money, personal belongings, personal collections, personal effects, personal property, personal values, possessions, precious metals, reserves, resources, riches, savings, stashes, stockpiles, supplies, treasures, treasury, wages, wealth.

Second House Environments

Accounting offices, auction houses, banks, brokerage houses, check cashing operations, currency exchange, depositories, investment brokers, jewelers, jewelry box, mint, pawn shop, piggy bank or place where cash and valuables are stored, safe, safe deposit box, storage units, storeroom, treasury, vault, warehouses, Western Union office or other places where monies are transferred.

Second House Occupations

Accountant, auctioneer, auditor, banker, bookkeeper, broker, bursar, capital investor, cashier, collector, collections archivist, executor, financial planner, financier, fund manager, investment broker, investor, pawn broker, personal organizer, shareholder, stakeholder, teller, treasurer, trustee.

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to the Trinity of Wealth, which also includes the Sixth and Tenth Houses. The manner in which wealth is attracted through each individual's life can be summarized by the way that the three houses comprising the Trinity of Wealth work together. The Tenth House describes the person's career, reputation and relationship to bosses and authority figures; the Sixth House is one's employment and relationships with both colleagues and employees; and the Second House is one's compensation for their efforts; their ability to make money.

The 12 houses of a horoscope are also divided into three groupings of four houses described as Angular, Succedent, and Cadent. These houses represent the astral field surrounding the earth which allows planetary energies to express in different volumes, as though they were open doors (Angular), windows (Succedent), or solid walls (Cadent). Along with the Fifth, Eighth, and Eleventh Houses, the Second House is a Succedent House and planets found here tend to express with an average amount of energy.

It is as if they are open windows in the earthly auditorium, through which celestial influences may enter only in average amounts. They are called succedent because they succeed, or follow, the angular houses.

Houses Twelve, One, Two and Three are called "Personal" Houses and the Second House indicates one's relationship to personal property and personal wealth. Like the possessiveness of the sign Taurus, Second House matters stimulate the attachments simply summarized by the word "mine." These personal possessions might be private collections, or personal financial records that are not open to public inspection.

The Second House falls below the horizon, so these matters of personal wealth tend to develop in secrecy or with privacy. However the Second House is in the eastern hemisphere of the chart, and therefore matters of acquisitiveness tend to increase and are inclined towards ever greater development under the focused will of the individual.

The Second House both represents our valuables, and our values. Our valuables are those personal effects which might be of considerable worth. Often valuables are a form of portable wealth such as jewelry, gems and precious metals. Any type of monetary instrument such as coins and currency (domestic, foreign, old or new),

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travelers' checks, bearer negotiable instruments, bearer investment securities, bearer securities, stock on which title is passed on delivery, and similar material or checks, bank drafts, notes, money orders, and other similar instruments. An easy assessment of valuables is anything, due to its intrinsic worth, that we might consider locking in a hotel room safe. However, larger objects such as furniture, artwork, cars or even certain crops, commodities and animals may be considered valuable.

Our values are anything to which we assign merit, worth or importance. Our valuables might be universally accepted forms of wealth, such as currencies, precious metals or gems, however our values can be quite unique and personal. Our values render objects desirable or useful and are also attached to more abstract traits of character such as loyalty, honesty, or generosity.

Both values and valuables have their origins in the Latin *valor*, meaning "worth." In English we use *valor* almost exclusively to describe heroic courage, bravery, or uncommon determination in the face of great danger. Ultimately the Second House in our chart determines where we place worth.

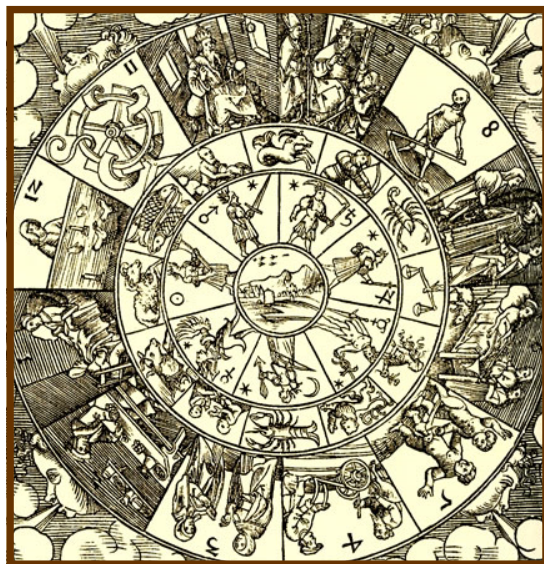
The amount of individual emphasis or focus devoted to any house in a horoscope will correspond to the power of that house, as determined by astrodynes. Powerful houses are commonly referred to as dominant or prominent. A prominent Second House represents a greater individual emphasis on money-making and acquisitiveness. If the Second House is weak by astrodyne power the lesser focus will be placed on wealth-building and material possessions. The more planets there are in the Second House, the more likely it will register prominent in the astrodyne report.

The relative harmony or discord of the Second House in a chart will determine the ease or difficulty with which money and possessions are achieved. The planets in the Second House and the aspects received by them can de-

scribe in great detail the experiences one will attract with earning, saving and spending money. The Benefics, Venus and Jupiter, naturally attract favorable experiences with money matters, as do the trine, sextile, and semi-sextile aspects. The Malefics, Mars and Saturn, bring difficult experiences in finances as do the opposition, square, semi-square and sesqui-square aspects.

Planets in the Second House

The Following brief delineations are from Horoscope Maker and Reader by Elbert Benjamine. This book is available in downloadable format at www.light.org.



Sun in Second House—With the Power thought cells expressing through possessions, desire to attain significance through money is shown. It should be realized that true significance comes through benefiting society.

Moon in Second House—With the Domestic thought cells expressing through possessions, fluctuating finances are shown. Aggressive effort to gain and use money to aid the helpless should be cultivated.

Mercury in Second House—With the Intellectual thought cells expressing through possessions, much thought about money is shown. Reliance also on a higher power should be cultivated.

Venus in Second House—With the Social thought cells expressing through possessions, money coming through little effort is shown. Friendships and kindness should be cultivated.

Mars in Second House—With the Aggressive thought cells expressing through possessions, strife over money and too free spending are shown. Spending only for that which is constructive and permanent should be cultivated.

Jupiter in Second House—With the Religious thought cells expressing through possessions, financial abundance is shown. Using it for philanthropic purposes will bring greatest satisfaction.

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Saturn in Second House—With the Safety thought cells expressing through possessions, fear of financial want is shown. Careful planning and system should be substituted for worry and anxiety over money.

Uranus in Second House—With the Individualistic thought cells expressing through possessions, sudden gains and sudden losses are shown. Original ideas that will pay financial dividends should be sought.

Neptune in Second House—With the Utopian thought cells expressing through possessions, that money comes with little effort or not at all is shown. Practical ideas about finances should be substituted for wishful thinking.

Pluto in Second House—With the Universal Welfare thought cells expressing through possessions, that money may be gained or lost through groups and cooperation is shown. The effort should be for the whole group to benefit.



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ences relative to personal possessions that cause them to express through thoughts, behavior and events attracted that influence money and other personal possessions.” (145)

Seeing the Second House in a spiritual context ought not to be nearly as challenging on the surface as some of the other houses might be. The Second House is the house of wealth and possession. All the tools we have to acquire and maintain personal wealth ought to translate into the realm of acquisitions of a spiritual nature. Our task is to understand just what spiritual possessions might be, or if there is even such a thing as a spiritual possession. Spirituality seems to preclude possession of any kind. If we are on this path toward a spiritual life, what is it that we must acquire in order to be successful?

In order to follow a path of spirit, our basic needs must be met, so on a mundane level, we at least must feel safe and secure in our respective environments. Feelings of safety and security are arbitrary. I have met wanderers and seekers from all socio-economic levels and for each safety and security may have had broadly different meanings.

Whatever concrete things we need in order to approach the search for a spiritual life, in the end we will take nothing tangible, nothing concrete, nothing. In Stellarian Philosophy we believe that physical death will not end our progression, but it does most certainly end our quest for material gain. We have learned that in order to participate in eternal progression, we must build a spiritual body. We build this body with the tools we have at hand now: knowledge and love. These are the acquisitions of our spiritual Second House. We have acquired them during our physical existence, and with self-conscious immortality we will take them with us as we move on to the astral, the spiritual, and then higher realms of being.

Knowledge is power. All that we must know about building a spiritual life here and beyond, we are learning here on Earth on a daily basis. We have unlimited resources available to us; we have teachers, we have our access to the inner plane through our studies here at the Church of Light, we have the internet, we have whatever we need. However, we do not progress by osmosis, but through hard work and dedication. If we really want to OWN all it is that we have been so blessed to learn, then one of the best ways to really own it and cause it to grow and multiply is to SHARE our knowledge through teaching, writing, speaking, and spreading what we have been so fortunate to learn. Faith without work is tragic loss. How can we even begin to believe that we can keep what we have to ourselves? We know that the more energy we expend, the more that comes back to us, and this brings us face to face with our second spiritual acquisition, Love.

Venus is love. Venus is the ruler of Taurus, the natural ruler of the Second House. There is no way that any study of the Second House will happen without considering the nature of love in regard to our possessions. I will leave it to you to consider the impact of harmonious and discordant love issues in regard to mundane possessions. We'll take the high road here and believe that if we are discussing spiritual growth in relationship to Venus and Love, that we have already implemented a great deal of work toward the transmutation of any discord. In the realm of spirit, love is all there is. As we begin any spiritual practice, our first steps are always to focus our attention on the heart center and begin to fill ourselves with the Love of the Ages, the Love of All, and the Love of Self. We bring ourselves into alignment with that which touches all, the Unconditional Love of Universal Welfare.

To sit in silent meditation and to take ourselves through

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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Introduction—Part II

By Scenza

While it would be wonderful to jump right in to an analysis of the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet—their allegorical, numeric, formal, and even phonetic meanings—careful analysis reveals that one more introductory article, in order to establish certain key parameters of the investigation, is warranted. The following table summarizes key information, pulled from various sources, but primarily derived from Aryeh Kaplan's *Sefer Yetzirah* (p. 22, 178, & 198), a text well accepted as authoritative and insightful within the Kabbalistic tradition.

The remainder of this article will explicate this chart further.

In the first column, the form of the Hebrew letter is presented. As previously explained, many Kabbalistic sages have attempted to peer into the physical shape of the letter, and have yielded thoughtful, meaningful insights, which will be shared as appropriate over the course of these articles.

The second column provides an English pronunciation for each of the names of the letters. As we are moving from one alphabet to another, these are approximations, and have been rendered slightly differently by different authors. However, these names are very close to the original pronunciations.

The third column provides the meaning of the Hebrew name of the letter. As Biblical Hebrew is a consonantal language, several different words may all be spelled the same consonantally. Hence, while the meaning stated is considered the dominant meaning, it is also instructive to consider *all* of the Hebrew words that are consonantally spelled the same as the Hebrew name of the letter. To explain further, in traditional Biblical Hebrew no vowels are used. These would have been known by native speakers, and passed down from generation to generation. As in English, then, figuring out which of a small cluster of meanings should be applied to a particular word was a matter of context. As an English example, consider the following: “Th dg brkd.” In this case, no vowels are used, but most well-versed English speakers would discern that the sentence probably indicates, “The dog barked.” In similar fashion, well-versed speakers of Biblical Hebrew would have been able to apply the proper vowels (and

therefore determine the exact meaning of the word) via context.

The fourth column considers the numerical values of the letters. Three distinct numerical values are related: 1) the serial placement of the letter within the Alefbayt; 2) the Gematria value; and 3) the placement of the letter within a set of three distinct clusters: the mother letters, the double letters, and the single letters. Each of these placements yields potential insight into the semantic values of the letters.

The fifth column indicates the designation of each letter as belonging to one of three distinct clusters: the mother letters, the double letters, and the single letters. While well known within Kabbalistic circles, these designations take on special importance in this work, as they were in part used to determine the astrological correspondences of the letters. For example, as there are exactly three mother letters, and as there are exactly three outer planets, the assumption has been made that there is a correspondence between these two triads. While any assumption bears risk, this seems reasonable, as the seven double letters are traditionally associated with the seven inner planets, and the 12 single letters are traditionally associated with the twelve signs. By process of elimination, it appears quite reasonable that the three mother letters would be associated with the three outer planets.

A final word might be added here that the exact order of association between the letters and astrological phenomena is an issue of debate even within Kabbalistic circles. How much more so, then, must it be in other traditions, such as The Church of Light? Any knowledgeable reader will notice that The Church of Light astrological correspondences are different than the ones offered here. This, however, is not as large an issue as it might appear. As just mentioned, even *within* the Kabbalistic tradition, different sages derive different correspondences between the letters and celestial phenomena. The system which will be elaborated in these articles is well attested within Kabbalistic literature, and in the opinion of the author, is a clear, cogent, neatly logical association. Essentially, the

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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Continued

Letter	Name	Meaning	Number (Serial/ Gematria/As a set of three clusters-Mother/ Double/Single letter)	Designation	Phonetic Family (Traditional)	Astrological Correspond- ence (Short Version, Raavad)
א	Alef	Ox	1/1/1-1	Mother	Guttural	Pluto
מ/ם	Mem/Final Mem	Water	13/4/1-2	Mother	Labial	Neptune
שׁ	Shin	Tooth	21/300/1-3	Mother	Dental	Uranus
ב	Bayt	House	2/2/2-1	Double	Labial	Saturn
ג	Gimel	Camel	3/3/2-2	Double	Palatal	Jupiter
ד	Dalet	Door	4/4/2-3	Double	Lingual	Mars
כ/ך	Kaf/Final Kaf	The hand bent	11/20/2-4	Double	Palatal	Sun
פ/ף	Pe/Final Pe	Mouth	17/80/2-5	Double	Labial	Venus
ר	Raysh	Head	20/200/2-6	Double	Dental	Mercury
ת	Tav	Cross	22/400/2-7	Double	Lingual	Moon
ה	He	Window	5/5/3-1	Single	Guttural	Aries
ו	Waw	Hook	6/6/3-2	Single	Labial	Taurus
ז	Zayin	Weapon	7/7/3-3	Single	Dental	Gemini
ח	Chet	Fence	8/8/3-4	Single	Guttural	Cancer
ט	Tayt	Snake	9/9/3-5	Single	Lingual	Leo
י	Yod	Hand	10/10/3-6	Single	Palatal	Virgo
ל	Lamed	Ox-goad	12/30/3-7	Single	Lingual	Libra
נ/ן	Nun/Final Nun	Fish	14/50/3-8	Single	Lingual	Scorpio
ס	Samech	Prop	15/60/3-9	Single	Dental	Sagittarius
ע	Ayin	Eye	16/70/3-10	Single	Guttural	Capricorn
צ/ץ	Tzadi/Final Tzadi	Fish-hook	18/90/3-11	Single	Dental	Aquarius
ק	Qof	Back of the head	19/100/3-12	Single	Palatal	Pisces

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three mother letters are associated serially with the three outer planets, the seven double letters are associated serially with the seven inner planets (as ordered based on their periodicity), and the twelve single letters are associated serially with the twelve zodiacal signs.

The sixth column bears special importance in this particular set of articles, as it sets out the traditional assignment of the letters into five linguistic classes. Recall that Biblical Hebrew is an ancient language, and as such, their language classifications will likely differ markedly from those of modern linguistics. I have chosen to employ the original language classifications in the hopes that the original intentions of the ancient linguists of the Hebrew language (if indeed there are any intentional associations between sound and meaning) might have a greater possibility of shining through. As stated in the first article, while Kabbalists claim that there is an association between sound and meaning in the Hebrew alphabet, the purpose of these articles will be to see if this claim bears out under examination.

The five classifications of the twenty-two Hebrew letters are based on the point of their articulation in the mouth. When a typical sound is uttered, a stream of air is emitted from the lungs. In some cases, the air is then vibrated by the vocal cords (voiced sound), while in other cases, the vocal cords do not vibrate during the formation of the sound (unvoiced sound). The mouth and its articulators (tongue, teeth, and lips) are then used to shape the airstream into a recognizable sound. Each linguistic sound bears a special signature articulation. A fun way to appreciate this, as an example, is to sound the phone /s/, as in Sam. While producing the /s/ sound, place the fingers on the voice box. Now, without changing the shape of the mouth *at all*, convert the /s/ into a /z/, as in zipper. If done properly, you will notice a vibration in the throat that was not there before. This is the difference between an unvoiced phone (/s/) and a voiced phone (/z/). In the former, the vocal cords do not vibrate, while in the latter, they do. In actuality, this voicing is the *only* difference between these two sounds, all other articulators being in exactly the same position in the mouth. There are many other examples similar to /s/ and /z/, but for the purposes of brevity, I will not pursue them here. If this little linguistic experiment has tickled your fancy, please see the bibliography for further reading.

Returning to a discussion of the sixth column, the ancient linguists of Biblical Hebrew divided the letters into

five phonetic classes. Moving from the back of the throat to the front of the mouth they are:

- Guttural—a sound produced deep in the throat
- Palatal—produced at the roof of the mouth (palate)
- Lingual—produced using the tongue
- Dental—produced at the teeth
- Labial—produced at the lips

One of the purposes of these articles will be to examine if there is any association between the placement of a letter within the mouth (i.e., its articulation) and the meaning of the sound. Of course, first it is necessary to determine if there is any association whatsoever between sound and meaning. Then, further considerations of the subtleties and expressions of that phonosemanticity (if discovered) will be considered.

Finally, the seventh column sets out the specific astrological correspondences which will be used in these articles. This has already been discussed in a previous section, so I will not elaborate it further here.

Moving forward, then, the stage is now set to begin our analysis of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and to investigate the claim that there is a link between their sounds and meanings. I am excited to embark upon this journey, and I hope that you, as well, look forward to joining me on it!

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Tarot Correspondence — The King of Swords



Divination

“The King of Swords signifies a person ruled by the sign Taurus: reserved, sullen and practical. Right way up it denotes a Taurus man; reversed it indicates a Taurus woman. The dominant idea is I HAVE.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Physical Description

TAURUS: Short, thickset, dull complexion, large mouth, dark hair and eyes.

From Horary Astrology by C. C. Zain

Interpretive Notes

The Court Arcana generally represent the 12 personality types associated with the 12 signs of the zodiac. However, this correspondence does not necessarily refer to the sun-sign, so the reader should focus on describing the personality and appearance based on zodiacal symbolism. The Kings and Youths, when upright, are interpreted as a masculine influence governed by each sign: when reversed, feminine. The Queens, when upright, represent women; when reversed, men.

In the Hermetic System, the tarot represents a synthesis of the universe, based on astrological symbolism, the court arcana can also represent the 12 houses in a horoscope. The King of Swords, Taurus, corresponds to the Second House of Wealth, personal property, belongings, possessions, collections, finances, cash, capital, funds, money, riches, assets, treasures, and personal values.

Tarot Card Example —The Magic Seven Spread

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, “What surrounds the new online curriculum project?”

Card Spread

1. **The Past** — Arcanum II, Veiled Isis (reversed) “In Divination, Arcanum II may briefly be read as Science.”
2. **The Present** – Ten of Coins “The divinatory significance of the Ten of Coins is alternate financial loss and gain; its inner interpretation is ASPIRATION.”
3. **The Future** — Youth of Swords (reversed) “The Youth of Swords signifies a person ruled by the sign Capricorn: crafty, subtle, reserved and avaricious. Right way up it denotes a Capricorn man; reversed it indicates a Capricorn woman. The dominant idea is I USE.”
4. **The Ability to Control** — Youth of Scepters “The Youth of Scepters signifies a person ruled by the sign Sagittarius: benevolent, free, jovial, quick tempered, energetic and fond of outdoor sports. Right way up it denotes a Sagittarius man; reversed it indicates a Sagittarius woman. The dominant idea is I SEE.”
5. **The Environment** — Seven of Scepters “The divinatory significance of the Seven of Scepters is success in teaching or publishing; its inner interpretation is DEVOTION.”
6. **The Opposition** — Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus (reversed) “In Divination, Arcanum XX may be read as an Awakening or Resurrection.”
7. **The Outcome** — Four of Coins “The divinatory significance of the Four of Coins is money received through a partner; its inner significance is ORIGINALITY.”

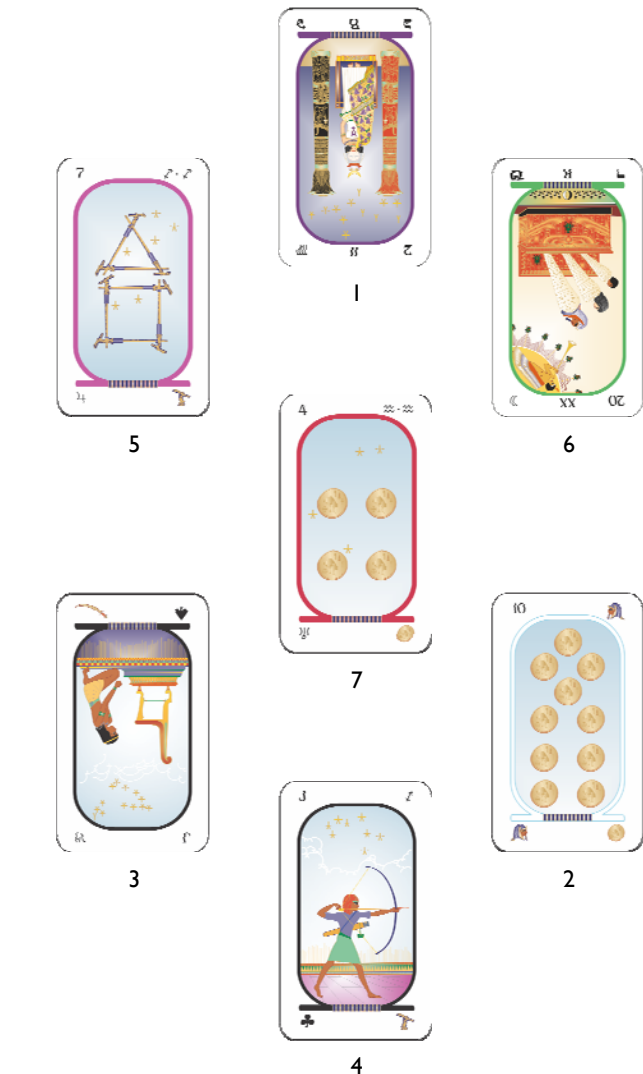
Summary

The Querent, preparing to take a lead role in the new online curriculum development for The Church of Light, wanted to know what would be encountered along the way.

The Past of the matter, as signified by Arcanum II, Veiled Isis, represents occult knowledge, Hermetic Science, and the threshold of the Sanctuary. Much time and effort has already gone into analyzing and organizing a new curriculum program over the past two years.

The Present is indicated by the Ten of Coins and reveals a genuine concern about volatility of income while the organization shifts its focus away from publishing in order to develop a comprehensive online educational program.

The Future is signified by the Youth of Swords (reversed), representing a Capricorn woman, who assures a practical application of the program. It also indicates that an organized, ambitious woman might aid in the realization of our goal.



The Ability to Control the Matter is pictured by the Youth of Scepters. The Querent is a Sagittarius male who enjoys teaching and organizing curriculum, and will be a key figure in the program.

The Environment is revealed by the Seven of Scepters and promises success in teaching and publishing, the mandate of The Church of Light.

The Opposition represented by Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus could indicate that the project might take longer than the projected two years.

The Outcome pictured by the Four of Coins shows that the final project will bring in support and revenue for the Church of Light and be an original way of presenting the material.



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breath, stillness, and light into those higher realms filled with light is an exquisite practice. To know the serenity and stillness of meditation is such an amazing gift. The thing we often forget is that it doesn't take hours; it takes minutes to gain that sense of wellbeing and peace. We begin our practice by focus on breath and love and stillness for very short periods of time throughout the day. Sitting comfortably for ten deep inhalations and exhalations will bring us to that lovely place where Spirit dwells with us. How can we be too busy to experience tremendous light and love in our lives?

Consider the last days of life here on earth, and how our end of life can be so rich and easy simply by knowing that

we have spent our time in building the riches of spirit through knowledge, sharing, love, and experiencing our connection to Spirit. We transition all through our lives, and experience shows us that if we have all the information, and have practiced appropriate skills for the next stage of life, then we make those transitions successfully. So, let's pack our Spiritual Second Houses with those riches we have acquired that we can take along. See you on the other side.

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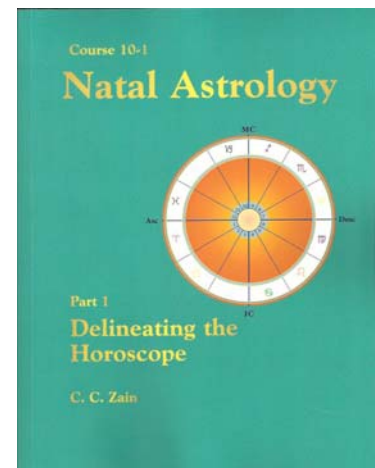
Membership Room

A new format for the BofL Lessons....

We have also created a new print format for the 21 Courses. As you know, we sell the Zain books in a variety of sizes and formats. There are historical reasons for this that go way back. In the past certain decisions were forced on us due to limited funding. For example, while some of our books are very popular, some are slow sellers and it makes no sense to keep a large inventory of books that may take years to sell. So many of the books have been photocopied in what we call Student Format, which is an 8 ½ by 11 size that could be printed in small quantities. This was the least expensive way of doing it.

Now we can digitally print our books in small quantities but in Perfect Bound format with a nice looking glossy, color cover. We still call this the student format (8 ½ x 11 with large margins for notes), but now we can sell these books on Amazon and through our new age bookstore distributor New Leaf.

The first Zain book off the press in the new format is Course 10-1 *Delineating the Horoscope*.



Introducing Certified Teacher: Shane Koch

Shane Koch, a Fourth Grade Member with Seventeen Degrees, has recently become a Certified Teacher in The Church of Light. Born in Wisconsin, Shane was raised in Colorado and currently makes his home in Missouri where he works as a supplement salesman. Shane's path to self-discovery was prompted by reading **Plant Spirit Shamanism: Traditional Techniques for Healing the Soul**. He completed a period of self-study in the Gnostic Traditions before discovering The Brotherhood of Light teachings. Shane will use his teacher's certificate for holding classes in the Independence, MO area.

The Order of the Sphinx Volunteer Opportunities



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 working on passing their Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

**If you are interested in volunteering your time as a mentor contact:
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The Beacon



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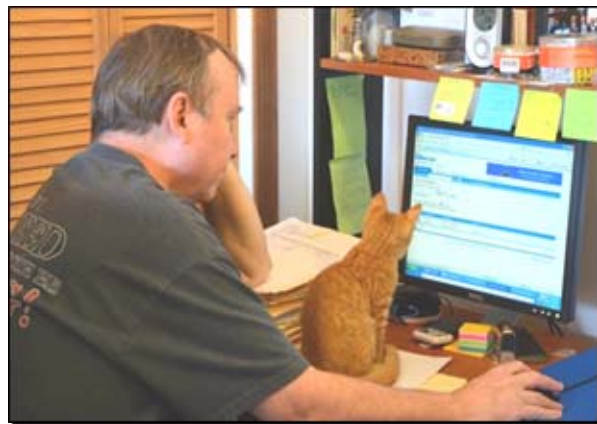
Sponsorship Program

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.



Patrick Ramsey (and assistant Tiggy)

Branch Church - 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
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Wanted: Volunteer Bookkeeper

The Church of Light is in need of volunteer help with bookkeeping. Please contact us if you have bookkeeping experience and are interested (or know someone else who might be interested),

Contact: Paul Brewer

Email: paul@light.org

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Paul Brewer



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Veiga O'Sickey

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First Sunday Roundtable Discussions

Veiga O'Sickey will commence monthly discussions on
Stellar Healing
 beginning Sunday October 6th at 11 a.m.

Second Sunday Roundtable Discussions

Yvette Fortin will commence monthly discussions on
Chakra Alchemy
 beginning Sunday October 13th at 11 a.m.

Third Sunday Religious Services

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

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: January—June 2014

Date	Event	Presented by
January 19, 2014	Aquarius Service	Paul Brewer
February 16, 2014	Pisces Service	Pat Ramsey
March 16, 2014	Aries—Spring Equinox Service	Christopher Gibson
April 20, 2014	Taurus Service	Veiga O'Sickey
May 18, 2014	Gemini Service	Paul Brewer
June 15, 2014	Cancer Service	Pat Ramsey

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Building A Better World With A Better Vision! The Church of Light Vision For the 21st Century

OUR MISSION:

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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.

The safe development of extrasensory perception (Extension of Consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan and for verifying the survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

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

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:

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

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

We seek out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death and the nature of the next life;

We develop increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;

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

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