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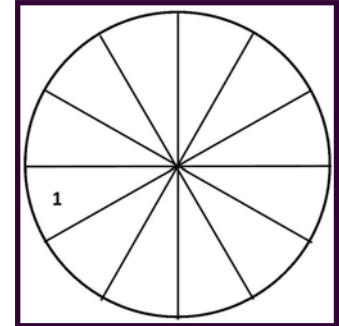
Astrology — The First House

By Christopher Gibson

The Mundane Houses are one of the more abstract and difficult to describe features of horoscopic astrology. Twelve in number, the houses loosely correspond to the signs of the zodiac. The houses can be imagined as a stationary inner wheel of twelve spokes (referred to as cusps), around which turns the larger, outer wheel of the zodiac. When we look at a horoscope, we are looking at the

spokes of the houses, much like an orange of twelve segments that has been cut in half through its equator. And much like an orange section, the houses are widest at the equator and become increasingly narrower as they move towards the poles.

The earliest forms of house division developed by the Babylonians, were “Whole-Sign” house system, where each of the houses measured 30°. In the Whole Sign Sys-



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tem, each house is wholly filled by one sign. This ancient system was used in early Hellenistic astrology,

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A Spiritual View of the First House

By Meg Dissinger

Oh Thou Eternal Spirit in whom I live, move, breathe, and have my being: bless this endeavor. “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your eyes....”

The houses of the astrological chart influence departments of life. If we look at this in a spiritual context, then we must infer that as spiritual beings we will simply take that which each house influences and bump it up to the spiritual level. As difficult as it seems, I believe that taking the simple approach is probably the most effective approach.

In order to place the First House in a spiritual context, we have to start with the basic facts. The First House is angular, transmitting energy at the strongest volume. That is a wonderful gift for one on the path to a spiritual life, since living that life demands a great deal of energy. The First House belongs to the trinity of life. It is a personal house and relates to the private life. There is nothing more personal and private than a person’s quest for spirituality. Below the horizon, it is secretive, and on the east side tends toward persistent development. Spirituality is a

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Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

Do you not realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you and whom you received from God? I Corinthians 6:19

I generally do not pull quotes from the New Testament, primarily due to the fact that there are a sufficient number of persons out there working in that tradition. However, the above epistle of Paul relates directly to the spiritual message of the First House, which is the theme for this issue of The Church of Light Quarterly.

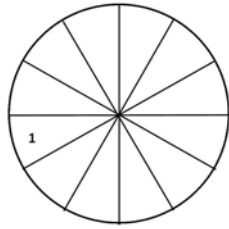
Throughout history, philosophers have debated the relationship of consciousness to the body, as well as body-soul dualism. There isn't room in this editorial to explore and compare the various world philosophies concerning the body/spirit liaison that can span the extremes of the perfect body syndrome to total asceticism and body denial. The healthy path must fall somewhere between these two extremes.

The Hermetic Creation Story, known as The Cycle of Necessity, informs us that a body is necessary in order to gain experiences with form, to grow in love and wisdom, and to continue on our journey back to spirit. In our tradition, the soul, or astral form, is separate from the physical body, yet it interpenetrates and has a molding effect over the body. Integral to the body/soul relationship is the Divine Ego, a spark of the Creator in each one of that gives rise to our self-conscious awareness and our feelings of aliveness. That animating life force is represented in astrological symbolism by the symbol for the Sun (☉), which is the circle of spirit impregnated by the germ of life.

Thus, life itself is a gift from the Divine and needs to be treated with the gratitude, respect, and affection that we offer to the Creator of the creation.

In the Brotherhood of Light Lessons, Zain describes the First House and the Ascendant as a grounding wire between the body and soul "...where the person connects, and exchanges energy through the electromagnetic body and its forces, with his immediate environment." There is a sacredness associated with the physical body as being the vehicle through which our soul and indwelling spirit can gain the experiences through which we can ultimately create a spiritual body. Each one of us has been given the privilege of life, and with it comes the duty of caring for our physical form to the best of our abilities. Negligence of our body will not make us more spiritual, nor will excessive glorification of physicality. For students of Hermeticism, Stellar Healing and Personal Alchemy provide two tools through which we understand the soul/body interconnection and how to best support our individual health requirements, and thus give honor to our personal temple of the Holy Spirit.

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First House Associations

First house matters are all related to: The physical body, physical features, appearance, stature, build, personality, character, temperament, disposition, persona, charisma, charm, attractiveness, presence, body-image, self-image, health, vitality, vigor, stamina, figure, physique, self-consciousness, personal interests and personal desires.

First House Environments

Acupuncture clinic, ayurvedic office, barbershop, beauty parlor, boxing gym, clinic, clothing boutique, dermatology office, dance studio, dental clinic, dietician's office, dressmaker's, esthetician's office, exercise room, fitness center, gym, healing center, health club, health resort, martial arts center, massage clinic, medical office, nutritionist's, occupational therapist's office, orthodontist's office, physical therapist's office, plastic surgeon's office, pool, recreation center, running track, sanatorium, spa, sports arena, sports center, tailor's.

First House Occupations

Acupuncturist, aerobics instructor, athlete, ayurvedic physician, barber, beautician, body-guard, clinician, clothier, coach, costumer, dancer, dentist, dermatologist, dietician, esthetician, facialist, fashion designer, fitness guru, gymnast, health-care professional, life-guard, martial artist, massage therapist, medical office worker, nutritionist, occupational therapist, orthodontist, personal trainer, physical therapist, plastic surgeon, stylist, tailor, yoga instructor.

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and continues to be used in Indian, or Vedic Astrology, where they are known as the Bhavas. Since the 10th Century CE, Western astrologers have sought ever more accurate means by which to divide the houses, making this, perhaps the most hotly-contested area of astrology. A few of the more popular systems still in use are equal house division, Porphyry, Regiomontanus, Placidus, Campanus, and Koch. The proponents of each of these systems can offer arguments as to why their system is superior, and a careful discussion of each would require a small tome. In the majority of these systems, other than equal house there is a great distortion in the houses as one calculates the house cusps of higher latitudes, especially above 60 degrees. Nevertheless, Zain in his researches settled upon the Placidus house system, and the Hermetic System of Astrology is based upon its use.

The theory behind the house system is that to be effective planetary vibrations must not only have a point of departure, but also a point of reception. The houses conceptually represent areas in the Earth's astral field that are open and receptive to greater or lesser planetary influences, and also zones in the consciousness or astral form of humans, that are receptive to specific planetary urges and expressions. Houses may have slightly different interpretations depending on whether an astrologer practices natal, horary or mundane astrology. In describing the house in Beginner's Horoscope Reader, Elbert Benjamin (C. C. Zain) states:

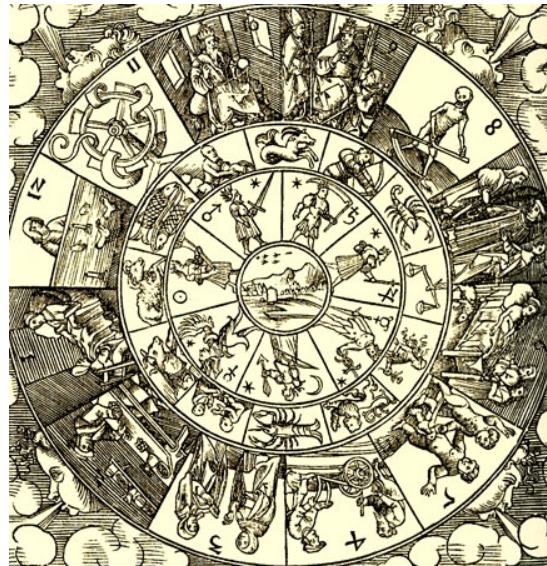
Now about the earth is its own field of astral force. And even as the place in an auditorium where the listener sits has an influence upon the volume and other acoustic properties of the sounds from musical instruments played from the stage, so the place on earth of an object or individual at the time has an influence upon the volume of the vibratory energy there received, and where a living organism is concerned also an influence upon the department of life affected. The variation in the volume of a planet's energy that actually reaches a given spot, and the department of life chiefly affected by these energies, may accurately be mapped by a circle around the earth, extending from west to east and divided into twelve equal sections, called mundane houses. The common horoscope blank maps these twelve houses.

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The house cusps can only be determined by having an accurately timed birth. One can get an approximate idea of the houses by following the diurnal movement of the Sun. Keep in mind that the houses may vary slightly according to latitude and season. If one were at the equator on the first day of spring or the first day of fall, when the days and nights are of equal length, the Sun would rise above the eastern horizon at 6 a.m. and remain in the Twelfth House for 2 hours. At 8 a.m. the Sun would move into the Eleventh House where it would remain for the next two hours, passing into the Tenth House at 10 a.m. At noon the Sun would be on the Midheaven, the point directly overhead which is the dividing line between the Ninth and Tenth Houses. At 2 p.m. the Sun would enter the Eighth House and remain for two hours until 4 p.m. when it passes into the Seventh House. At 6 p.m. or sunset, the Sun is on the dividing line between the Sixth and Seventh Houses, known as the Descendant. This is the position from which the Sun and other planets descend below the horizon and are no longer visible to us. At 8 p.m. the Sun moves from the Sixth House into the Fifth House where it remains for two hours. At 10 p.m. the Sun moves into the Fourth House, and at midnight the Sun is at the lowest point in a chart, the Nadir, which is the cusp of the Fourth House. From midnight to 2 a.m. the Sun is in the Third House. From 2 – 4 a.m. it is in the Second House, and from 4 – 6 a.m. the Sun moves through the First House.

In Hermetic astrology, houses 1 – 12 correspond roughly in influence to the zodiacal sign of the same order; i.e. the First House Corresponds to Aries, the Second to Taurus, the Third to Gemini, etc. The signs of the Zodiac that are found on the cusp of each house bring an additional tonal influence into that house. This, the first in a series of twelve articles, will be on the First House. The First House corresponds to the zodiacal sign of Aries the Ram. The keywords for Aries are “I Am,” and the First House of a horoscope represents our sense of self as it expresses through our physical body, appearance, and personality. The cusp of the first house is important and is one of



the two house cusps that we treat with the significance attributed to a planet in a chart. The First House cusp marks the eastern horizon and is known as the Ascendant because it is from this point in the east that the constellations and planets ascend into the visible portion of the heavens.

The zodiacal sign found on the Ascendant describes the persona and self-identity. The sign on the Ascendant (First House Cusp) as well as planets in the First House can contribute to physical descriptions, however our physical appearances are probably more powerfully determined by our ethnicity and DNA. In older astrological literature, the Ascendant is referred to in Latin as the *horoscopus*, meaning “hourly view,” as the sign on the Ascendant changes approximately every two hours. It is from the word *horoscopus* that we derive our word *horoscope*, which now refers to the entire chart.

The Latin descriptor for this house was *Vita*, or Life, and the First House governs matters related to one’s physical body, appearance, health, personality, persona, temperament, disposition, self-image, body-image, self-consciousness, personal interests and desires. Along with the Fifth and Ninth Houses, the First House belongs to the Trinity of Life. These three houses are the zones of the chart through which we express our interests, vitality and our enthusiasms.

The First House is an “Angular” house. The Ascendant, Nadir, Descendant, and Midheaven are known as the “Angles” in a chart, thus along with the First House, the Fourth, Seventh, and Tenth Houses are termed “Angular.” The Angular Houses represent zones in the Earth’s astral field that are naturally more receptive to planetary energies, and planets found here tend to express more powerfully than when found in other houses in the chart.

When interpreting a horoscope, we move around the circle of the 12-spoked wheel in a counter-clockwise di-

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rection. We focus our attention on each house successively while creating descriptions based on the sign found on the cusp of that house and the planet or planets found in that house. A planet found in a house is considered to be the ruler of the house and expresses its specific urges through that department of life. When a house is unoccupied (no planet is found there), we look to the sign found on the cusp of the house, its ruling planet or planets (in the case of Scorpio, Aquarius and Pisces), determine the trend of experiences and events attracted to that area of life. When there is more than one planet in a house, the planet closest to the house cusp is considered the chief ruler and the other planets, including the planets ruling the sign on the house cusp, become co-rulers.

The more planets found in a house the more likely that house is to express with importance in a chart. The affairs and activities governed by that house will tend to feature more prominently in that individual's life. The conditioning energy (harmony or discord) of the planets ruling that house will determine whether or not the individual trends towards attracting pleasurable or painful experiences through that region of their life.

The following brief delineations are from [Horoscope Maker and Reader](#) by Elbert Benjamine.

This book is available in downloadable format at www.light.org.

Planets in the First House

The thought cells mapped by the first house have been built by experiences relative to the personality that cause them to express through thoughts, behavior and events attracted that influence the physical body and its health, the quality of the personal magnetism, the temperament and disposition, and purely personal changes.

Sun in First House—With the Power thought cells expressing through the personality, vitality and ability to exercise authority are shown. In the constant struggle for significance the development and exercise of ability should be substituted for show and bragging.

Moon in First House—With the Domestic thought cells expressing through the personality, fluctuation in health

and personal affairs is shown. Domestic interests should be substituted for gossip.

Mercury in First House—With the Intellectual thought cells expressing through the personality, there is ability for speech, writing and study. A calling should be followed that requires brains.

Venus in First House—With the Social thought cells expressing through the personality, there is desire to please, and companionship is essential. Firmness should be cultivated; for it will please others.

Mars in First House—With the Aggressive thought cells expressing through the personality, mechanical ability and willingness to face danger are shown. Constructive activities should be substituted for those destructive.

Jupiter in First House—With the Religious thought cells expressing through the personality, salesmanship and joviality are shown. These should be used to benefit all rather than to indulge self.

Saturn in First House—With the Safety thought cells expressing through the personality, persistence and shrewdness are shown. These used to benefit society will bring more honor and gain to self.

Uranus in First House—With the Individualistic thought cells expressing through the personality, originality is shown. Invention and reforms will give more satisfaction than eccentricity and unconventionality.

Neptune in First House—With the Utopian thought cells expressing through the personality, idealism and sensitivity are shown. Willingness to work hard and think clearly to realize the ideals should be cultivated.

Pluto in First House—With the Universal Welfare thought cells expressing through the personality, spiritual possibilities and ability to cooperate are shown. Effort to benefit all, rather than some group, will bring higher satisfaction.

The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Introduction

By Scenza

Much has been written about the sacred nature and structure of the Hebrew Alphabet. In fact, Kabbalistic literature boldly asserts that God created the Universe itself with the Hebrew letters (Munk, 1983, p.19). Considered from at least one perspective, however, this can very well be explained and understood. The twenty-two letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, more properly known as the Alefbeit (AB), stand in as archetypes in the design of Creation. For example, Aleph, as the first letter of the Hebrew Alphabet symbolizes, among other things, the principle of Unity and Oneness. Certainly, there is a place for the study and purpose of Oneness somewhere in God's Creation. And so it is for the other 21 letters that follow—each one, in addition to its linguistic function, symbolizes an archetypal form. Taken together, we are far more justified in claiming that God created the Universe with the letters of the Alefbeit.

Traditionally, there are three levels of interpretation which Kabbalists apply to the Hebrew letters: idea, number, and form. The idea behind the letter is expressed by its name, as well as other words which are very closely related to that name. The number, or gematria, is used to draw further inferences about the letter. Additionally, through the summation of the letters of words, links are often drawn between words which have the same numeric value, adding an additional level of homiletic interpretation. Finally, the way in which the actual letter has been written (i.e., its form) has been painstakingly analyzed and further used to try to distill knowledge and understanding about the letter. In this series of articles, while relying closely on these three traditional levels of interpretation, a fourth level of potential meaning will be analyzed: that of the actual sound of the letter.

Each letter of the Alefbeit is associated with a specific sound, much as is the case in English. However, unlike English, many Kabbalists claim that in Ancient Hebrew (AH), the relationship between the very sound of the letter and the idea, number, and form of the letter are not haphazard, but rather form an intentional harmony



which further expresses the occult meaning of the letter. Over the course of the several years which it will take to compose these articles, the author will undertake a daunting, yet exciting and invigorating task: to seek to analyze words from Biblical Hebrew (BH) in order to discern whether any evidence of a connection between sound and meaning exists.

The field of Linguistics recognizes the possibility of a link between sound and meaning, though mainstream Linguistics accepts the Saussurian ideal that “the sign is arbitrary” (Magnus, 2001, p. 24). In this case, the sign refers to a word, and it means to express the generally accepted notion that in the formation of languages, the particular word that a group of people decide to use to represent a thing or idea does not contain any deeper sound symbolism, but is rather simply agreed upon by that populace, and therefore comes to bear that meaning.

For example, while English speakers use the word “dog” to describe a furry animal which is man’s best friend, Spanish speakers call the same organism “perro”, and Italian speakers would refer to the same organism as “cane”. As disparate speakers in different parts of the world use different words, or signs, to refer to the exact same animal, one cannot help but conclude that

it appears that the assignment of a particular word to a particular animal is at least in part arbitrary.

However, while there certainly appears to be some level of arbitrariness in the formation of words, several researchers, such as Bollinger (1950), Magnus (2001), Kirthcuk (2011) and even Plato (n.d.) have argued convincingly that there does appear to be a link between sound and meaning in certain cases. The formal study of this link is called phonosemantics, and it is a thoroughly thought-provoking branch of Linguistics.

Many Kabbalists claim that such an association exists between the letters of BH and their sounds, and so, over the course of the next several years, the author

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will seek to investigate whether such a claim is true or false. In order to do so, I will be relying heavily on several Kabbalistic texts, including the Sefer Yetzirah (Kaplan, 1997), The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet (Munk, 1983), as well as several others. However, in addition to these bedrock Kabbalistic works, I will also be undertaking my own investigations into the values and meanings of Hebrew words, and studying them directly to discern if any link between sound and meaning is apparent. I am excited to embark on this journey into the ancient Alefbeit, and I welcome you to voyage with me into these new, uncharted, invigorating waters!

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secret and very personal quest. As far as persistent development, anyone who takes on the journey toward spirituality must be persistent, and if not then should expect the obvious consequence of lack of the same.

Elbert Benjamin states in Beginner's Horoscope Maker & Reader, that the thought cells mapped by the First House have been built by experiences relative to the personality that cause them to express through thoughts, behavior, and events attracted that influence the physical body and its health, the quality of the personal magnetism, the temperament and disposition, and purely personal changes. (144) I chose this definition of the First House over the one stated in Astrological Signatures because it makes it easier for me to place what the First House is in spiritual context.

The first issue is the concept that our thought cells mapped by our first houses are built by our experiences relative to personality prior to our incarnation in human form. These experiences cause us to think, behave, and attract events consistent with what it is that our souls need in relationship to our physical bodies, our health, the quality of our personal magnetism, our temperament, our dispositions, and purely personal changes.

As I see this, on a spiritual level this means that in order to be able to take the first steps toward our own spirituality, we must examine our own First House. I am going to have to make a leap of faith here, that if you are bothering to read this article, you have some interest in the topic, and that you also have a working knowledge of your own

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horoscope. It will not be my place here to define each sign on the First House cusp, or each planet that resides therein; that will be the individual quest. We have each come into this life and this work with the experiences we need to move forward on our spiritual journey. The truth as I see it is that none of us would be engaged in studies represented by The Church of Light if we were not already firmly set on this path.

"These experiences cause us to think, behave, and attract events consistent with what it is that our souls need in relationship to our physical bodies, our health, the quality of our personal magnetism, our temperament, our dispositions, and purely personal changes." So again, repeating what is written above in order to maintain some clarity for myself if not for you, our soul wants us to grow in spirit by thinking, behaving, and attracting FURTHER events that it needs to advance, and it gives us the information we need to do so. We are self-conscious beings now. We are no longer functioning only at the level of instinct. We get to choose how we think and behave in order to grow. Each of us must study our own First House, the sign on the cusp which in its power we consider as powerful as a planet, and then additionally looking at planets in the house, their signs, and additional signs included in the house. Reading all of these will tell us what we need to know, how we need to read our map for our spiritual growth.

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Some Photos from Convention 2013



Tarot Correspondence — The King of Scepters



Divination

“The King of Scepters signifies a person ruled by the sign Aries: fiery, headstrong, ambitious, courageous and energetic. Right way up it denotes an Aries man; reversed it indicates an Aries woman. The dominant idea is I AM.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Physical Description

ARIES: Middle stature, spare, strong body, bushy eyebrows, dark hair, rather swarthy.

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.

As the tarot, in the Hermetic System, 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 Scepters, Aries, therefore corresponds to the First House of the physical body, appearance, personality, character, temperament, disposition, self-image, health, vitality, vigor, physique, self-consciousness, personal interests and personal desires.

Tarot Card Example Spread—Lucky Seven

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, “Will I be successful in lowering my monthly mortgage payment?”

Card Spread

1. **The Past** — Five of Swords (reversed) “The divinatory significance of the Five of Swords is escape from a danger; its inner interpretation is STRUGGLE.”
2. **The Present** — Four of Swords (reversed) “The divinatory significance of the Four of Swords is remorse for past action; its inner interpretation is DETERMINATION.”
3. **The Future** — Deuce of Cups “The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Cups is a work of love; its inner interpretation is REVELATION.”
4. **The Ability to Control** — Trey of Cups “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Cups is a marriage for love; its inner interpretation is RESEARCH.”
5. **The Environment** — Queen of Coins (reversed) “The Queen of Coins signifies a person ruled by the sign Libra; good, high minded, noble and amiable. Right way up it denotes a Libra woman; reversed it indicates a Libra man. The dominant idea is I BALANCE.”
6. **The Opposition** — Trey of Swords “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Swords is a lawsuit or a divorce; its inner interpretation is IDEALISM.”
7. **The Outcome** — Horseman of Scepters (reversed) “The Horseman of Scepters denotes thoughts concerning business. Right way up, it indicates thoughts advantageous to the client; reversed it signifies thoughts opposed to his business interests.”

Summary

The Querent had been struggling (Five of Swords -reversed) with finances and looking for ways to lower his monthly expenses. His mortgage, his highest monthly payment, was comprised of three expenses: principle and interest, homeowners insurance, and property tax.

He was determined (Four of Swords - reversed) to make it happen and set about resolutely towards his goal of lowering his overhead. In the past, when he has lowered his interest payment he has been surprised by rising property tax bills.

Although it took several months to achieve, he made it his pet project (Deuce of Cups) and took pleasure every time there was a small accomplishment.

He decided to enlist the relationships (Trey of Cups) of key individuals, a mortgage broker, new insurance agent, and property tax specialist to assist him in accomplishing his goals.



The environment included a judge (Queen of Coins -reversed), who ruled in his favor on the property tax reduction.

The opposition is symbolized by the Trey of Swords. The Querent had previously been informed by the County Assessor’s office that he would have to take the department to court in order to change the property tax assessment.

The outcome, represented by Horseman of Scepters—reversed, promises “thoughts opposed to his business interests.” Although over a four-month period the Querent was successful in lowering his interest rate, property tax and insurance premiums, there may be a future difficulty that he is not yet aware of.

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Then we must consider how these energies will impact “our physical bodies, our health, the quality of our personal magnetism, our temperament, our dispositions, and purely personal changes.” (It is at this point that my brain begins to whirl and I must breathe deeply and say the prayer from the beginning of this article again.) Keep it simple.

Our physical body is the temple of our soul. I recently saw a special on the Buddha which reported that following his sojourn under the Bodhi tree, one of the realizations he had was that enlightenment is difficult to attain if the physical body is not supported in a healthy manner. It is improbable that we will achieve any sort of spiritual growth and development after consuming a six pack of beer or a pan of brownies. Electromagnetic energy is created more readily with a simple diet and good breath, but we get to choose. We have free will and we get to choose how we proceed.

The First House choices are right in front of our faces all the time. It is how we present to the world. It is how I

see you and you see me. It is something that is immediately obvious if changes are made. If I am working on my temper and my disposition, you know it immediately, because I’m nicer. If you are conscious of what you are putting in your body or how you are using your body in order to manifest higher spiritual energy, we will see it. This isn’t about fat or thin, it is about healthy or lack of health physically, mentally, spiritually. It IS simple.

We can get caught up in judgment of the physical body and the other First House attributes as ego or beauty, but that’s not the point. The point is that the First House is our tool to accomplish our spiritual journey. This is creating our vehicle to be able to use the tools we have. Keep it simple. Live in the moment. Enjoy life. Be prudent. Practice moderation, but enjoy life’s pleasures. Love your body. Love your personality. Embrace your temperament. Love.

So Shall It Be

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Membership Room

Sponsorship Program

The Church of Light offers a Sponsorship Program for financially disadvantaged members. Sponsors agree to financially assist a member in their Church of Light 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. – 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time at 505-247-1338.



Patrick Ramsey (and assistant Tigger)

Welcome New Hermeticians

Emmett Taylor

Yvette Fortin

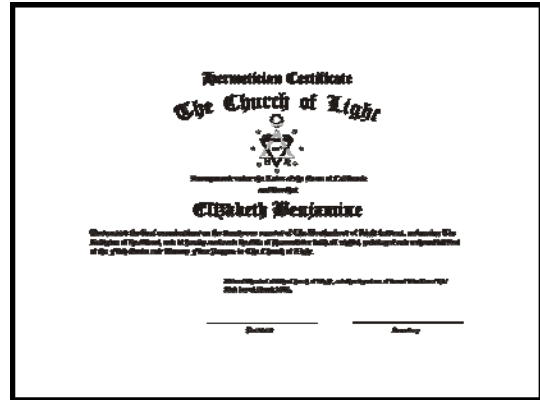
Veiga O'Sickey

Barb Kniffen

Darrell W. Gessel

Sunday Kalu Eke

Frederick Dewayne Malone



Are you a Hermetician or Certified Teacher looking for ways to continue to grow as a practicing Stellarian? Become a Mentor!

Volunteer Opportunities from The Order of the Sphinx



The Order of the Sphinx is an organization of active Hermeticians giving service to the **Church of Light**.

A great way for Hermeticians or Certified Teachers to practice their knowledge and understanding of the Brotherhood of Light lessons is to become a Mentor! At this time there are more student mentees than mentors available and requests keep coming in to Headquarters all the time.

The Order of the Sphinx is hoping to recruit qualified Certified Teachers and Hermeticians to participate in this valuable and important Mentorship Program.

Duties involve communicating and giving support to 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 please contact: peter@light.org

The Beacon



Would you like to receive up-to-date information about Church of Light activities, classes, events, new items and special offers and news via email?

If so, either go online to our website Light.org and register as a member and choose "yes to be notified" or send us an email to churchoflight@light.org with your request.

We'll be happy to add you to the Beacon contact list.

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

Recently Archived New Class: Tarot and Intuition



Now Available Online at ChurchofLight.TV

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 provide insights on the evolution of the soul back towards spirit after its descent into matter. Reading cards requires a developed sense of intuition.

In this five-week archived course, we 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 is placed on how the cards can be read in a variety of tarot spreads. Additional discussion focuses on different methods of Extra-Sensory Perception such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, and psychometry.

This Archived Class is ready to be viewed online at ChurchofLight.TV

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

Instructor: Christopher Gibson



Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



Meg Dissinger



Christopher Gibson



Patrick Ramsey



Radine Ramsey



Yvette Fortin



Veiga O'Sickey

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 Live at Church of Light Headquarters
 in
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 or
 online at:
ChurchofLight.TV

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 Third Sunday Services: September 2013—February 2014

Date	Event	Presented by
September 15, 2013	Libra —Autumnal Equinox Service	Paul Brewer
October 20, 2013	Scorpio Service	Pat Ramsey
November 17, 2013	Sagittarius Service & Thanksgiving Potluck	Christopher Gibson
December 22, 2013	Capricorn—Winter Solstice Service	Paul Brewer
January 19, 2014	Aquarius Service	Paul Brewer
February 16, 2014	Pisces Service	Pat Ramsey

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OUR MISSION:

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

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The safe development of extrasensory perception (Extension of Consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's 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.