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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet— Aleph: God and His Qualities

By Szenza

Aleph is the very first letter of the Alefbayt (AB), and therefore, both literally and figuratively occupies a place of primacy in Ancient Hebrew (AH). It is both serially the first letter, as well as being the first of the three mother letters, which as will be exposed later, appear to provide a basic framework to the entire Alefbayt. Phonetically, Aleph is classified by the

Ancient Hebrew linguists as being a guttural letter, pronounced deep in the back of the throat.

While at this early stage it is too soon to determine the veracity or falsity of the following consideration, I find it curious that the three Mother letters of the AB are linguistically distinct in potentially meaningful ways. Aleph, which is typically associated with the ethereal concepts

of God and Spirit, is a guttural consonant, pronounced *invisibly* deep in the back of the throat. Mem, which is typically associated rather with the mundane constructs of physicality and matter, is a bi-labial consonant, being pronounced *very visibly* at the front of the mouth by closing the lips completely. Hence, linguistically as well as meta-

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A Spiritual View of the Third House

By Meg Dissinger

Oh Thou Eternal Spirit in whom I live, move, breathe, and have my being: bless this voyage into my own mind so that my communication and my efforts may clarify and inspire those who read and contemplate this writing. So Shall It Be.

In preparation for this article, I have to admit that I spent a great deal of time *worrying* about how I could possibly create a cogent article about something as seemingly mundane as the third house: siblings, neighbors, short trips, early education, writing, communication; and then I spent another great deal of time *fantasizing* about what this article could possibly say that everyone didn't al-

ready know; and then it all just absolutely refused to make any sense at all. I had so many thoughts and images that they could just not make themselves into anything that made a direct and cogent point of any kind, it all seemed so *unclear*. "What is the matter?" I cried. I then prayed for inspiration and was led to an article on the third house by Dana Gerhardt, which for one thing reminded me that I have Pisces on my unoccupied third house. Ah, illumination at last, and please note the relationship between my struggles, the italicized words, and Pisces as ruler of the

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin

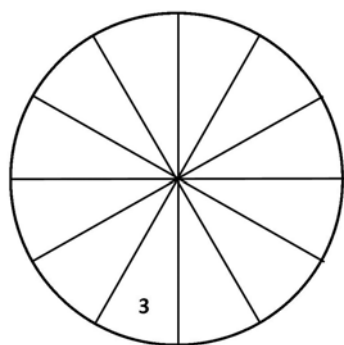
Religion has many different facets which may include rite, ritual, devotional practices, contemplation and reading of sacred text. The goal of most religions is to describe the relationship of the individual to both the Divine and the rest of creation. When one converts or chooses a religion that is different from their cultural upbringing, they usually do so because of the kinship they may feel towards the philosophy of that faith or for the kinship that they feel towards the community or congregation.

The Church of Light is somewhat unique among religions in that its focus is less on fellowship and ritual and instead emphasizes individual education. For nearly a century, that education has followed the standard educational model, which is book-learning. We have at the basis of our religion the remarkable body of knowledge collected by C. C. Zain known as the Brotherhood of Light Lessons. This body of knowledge has been augmented by works written by Elbert Benjamine (C. C. Zain) and later talented Hermetic astrologers such as Doris Chase Doane and Lynne Palmer. To be committed to our faith, a devotee of The Religion of the Stars is devoted to a path of being a lifelong learner.

Throughout history, Education Theory has sought to understand and prescribe the best educational practices. Educational Theory has been informed by the most recent discoveries in various disciplines such as sociology, psychology, history, philosophy and neurosciences. In an ever-changing culture and society, we are always looking for the best ways to educate our population. The methodologies used with one generation of learners are not always successful with the succeeding generation.

As I mentioned in our last Quarterly editorial, the Curriculum Committee has commenced reformatting our course of study with the goal of creating an online Academy of Hermetic Studies. The process has started with our most popular course, The Sacred Tarot, which should be fully operative as an online course by January 2015. If all goes as planned, we eventually will have an online Astrology School and a course of study dedicated to Masonic and Esoteric Arts, in addition to the tarot school. The goal is for greater student interaction and involvement so that greater learning can take place. This is a very exciting process for those of us engaged at Headquarters. Stay tuned to our website and Quarterly publication for news of our progress.





Third House Associations

Early education, private thoughts, mental interests, attitudes, private studies, personal communications, writing, correspondence, telephone calls, short trips, brothers and sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles, neighbors and neighborhood.

Third House Environments

Accounting firms, courier services, taxis, buses and public transportation, roads, highways and bike paths, newspaper and magazine publishers, newspaper stands, stationery stores, office supply stores, printing and copying services, libraries, pre-school, kindergarten and elementary schools, tutors and learning centers, one's immediate neighborhood.

Third House Occupations

Accountant, agent, analyst, announcer, bookkeeper, broadcast journalist, broker, chauffer, columnist, commentator, courier, critic, diplomat, dispatcher, driver, file clerk, instructor, interpreter, librarian, linguist, mediator, messenger, negotiator, news anchor, postal worker, programmer, representative, secretary, stenographer, teacher, telephone operator, tutor, writer.

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third house. There are no accidents in astrological theory, only in the struggles of the student.

The third house is below the horizon, cadent, personal, and belongs to the Trinity of Association. On both physical and spiritual levels, these indicate that its energies are latent, they are difficult to discern, private, and yet must have interaction in expression. Think about how we learn to speak as an example of what the third house does. It has long amazed me how babies learn to speak by mimicry, and how the direction their language takes is reinforced by the facial gestures and approval of their caregivers when the babies utter sounds that are compatible with the language of their culture.

As spiritual babies we are engaged in the same process. We struggle to make sense of the new world of spirit around us. As we grow and communicate into that world, Spirit reinforces our behavior by rewarding us with more access the more we learn and express in the spiritual realms. This holds true for all persons in all searches into different realms of spirit, both high and low. We create a spiritual vibration which communicates with the inner plane, and which reflects exactly what it is our mental activity promotes. With Mercury as the natural ruler of the third house, this makes perfect sense. As we look to the ruler of our third house and its planetary occupation or lack of the same, we have an amazing way to consider our own thought processes and our own potential as spiritual communicators.

The key to the third house is reaching out. In our early childhood we begin our communication processes with those who are closest to home: our relatives and our neighbors at first, and then classmates and teachers who influence our early education. We learn by trial and error how it works to navigate and communicate within our small world. Now, as sentient spiritual beings, we can translate this and appreciate that this same small world still exists, but its boundaries have grown and expanded. Even so, the challenges remain the same, to communicate out of our spiritual neighborhood, and to receive communication from within.

My neighborhood began as first my home and yard, then about a two block radius, then included my school, and it kept going out. These expansions were

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Mundane Astrology 2014: Cycle Charts

Excerpts paraphrased from Course 13, *Mundane Astrology*

Mundane Astrology is the science of the influence of the heavenly bodies as they affect the world, nations, cities, communities and other groups of people. Any organization of individuals functioning under a common governing authority constitutes an entity. As such it attracts to itself fortunate and unfortunate events in a manner quite similar to events attracted by humans. Both have birth charts which if known map their characters; and both are influenced by picking up, radio fashion, four-dimensional vibrations through changes in their finer structures which are mapped by progressed aspects.

In ancient times it was discovered that the point in the sky occupied by the Sun when it crosses from south declination to north declination was the commencement of the zodiac. It also happens that this is the point when the Sun moves into Aries. The commencement of the zodiac represents the birth of a new year and is called the cycle of the Sun.

Providing central, vital force, all organic activity and life is dependent upon energy received from the Sun. Astrologically speaking, the vital force of every creature is determined by the thought cells mapped in its unconscious mind by the position of the birth-chart Sun. Mirroring the central role the sun plays in determining the degree and quality of vital force of all life, the Sun Cycle Chart is attributed with a broader scope of influence than other planetary cycle charts. Instead, of mapping events resulting from one special type of influence, as does Pluto, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars; the Sun Cycle, is a chart of events of all types and affecting every earthly relation for the year.

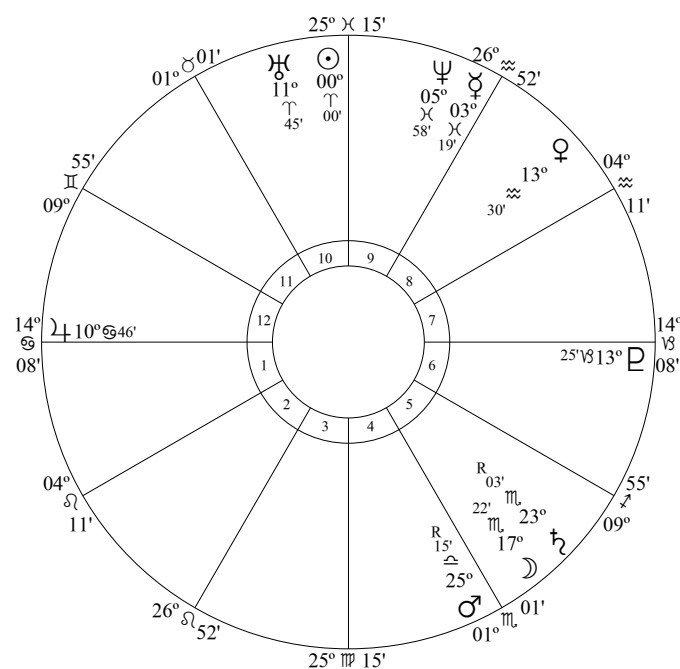
This does not mean that all chief events of the year are signified in relative importance by the Sun Cycle chart. The most important events are indicated by appropriate progressed aspects in the cycle chart of the planet to which by type they belong. That is, the most important accidents and combats are dated and indicated in the Mars Cycle, the most important financial transactions in

the Jupiter Cycle, and the most important innovations and inventions in the Uranus Cycle.

The Sun Cycle Chart gives a general picture of events which may happen during the year. Unlike the other cycle charts, all twelve departments of life are considered. The departments of life affected are determined by the house in which the planet is contained. Timing of events is determined by the Sun's movement through the houses of the chart. Like the other cycle charts, only the cycle planet, in this case the Sun, is progressed. As the Sun by transit makes aspects to the position of a planet in the Sun Cycle chart

the potential for an event is indicated. For example, when the Sun reaches an aspect to the place of Mars in the Sun Cycle chart, events involving accident and strife tend will likely be attracted, and accident and strife tend to affect the departments of life governed by the houses Mars rules in the Sun Cycle chart.

Planets with strong aspects from the Sun are indicators of the nature of events that may happen during the year. Because the scope of the Sun Cycle chart is broader, any



Sun Cycle, Washington DC

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

The eleventh house is not merely the friends of the city, but the council members. Or in national affairs, it represents the members of Congress and the governors of the various states. The tenth house, in addition to being the honor of the nation and its business, signifies the mayor of a city or the president or ruler of the country, and thus the Administration. The ninth house, in addition to relating to travel, has an influence over treaties and interstate and foreign commerce, over the District Attorney, and over the Supreme Court as well as over court proceedings in general. These house meanings are given in full detail in Chapter 2 of Course 13, *Mundane Astrology*.

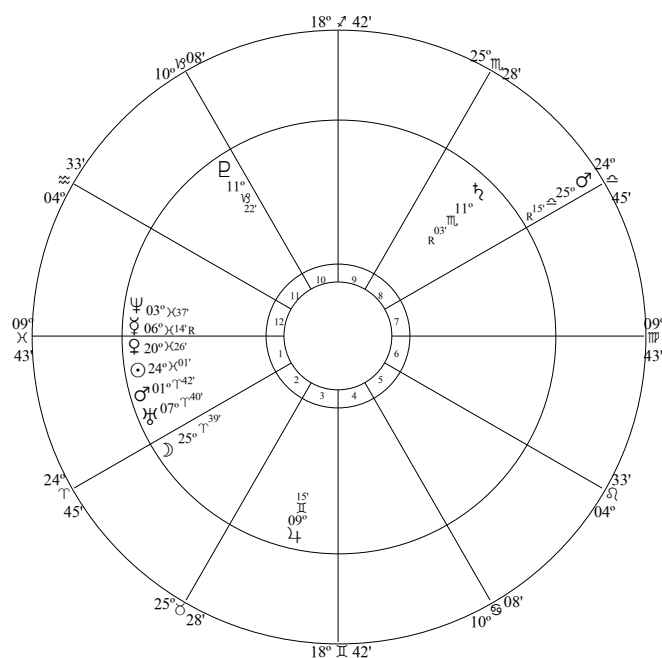
In reading a Sun Cycle chart as a birth chart of the year, one can begin with the first house as representing the health and general welfare of the people, and their temperament; the second house as their money and expenditures; the third house as newspapers, science, postal service and local transportation; the fourth house as homes and farms, building and development of natural resources; and thus on around the chart, taking up in detail what may be expected to happen during the year relative to each department of life.

Such a reading, in the main, will be found correct. However, there are other influences that when factored into the readings lend greater precision and nuance. They are 1.) Progressed Aspects in the Planetary Cycle Charts; 2.) Major Conjunctions; and, 3.) the New Moon Chart.

1.) Progressed Aspects in the Planetary Cycle Charts.

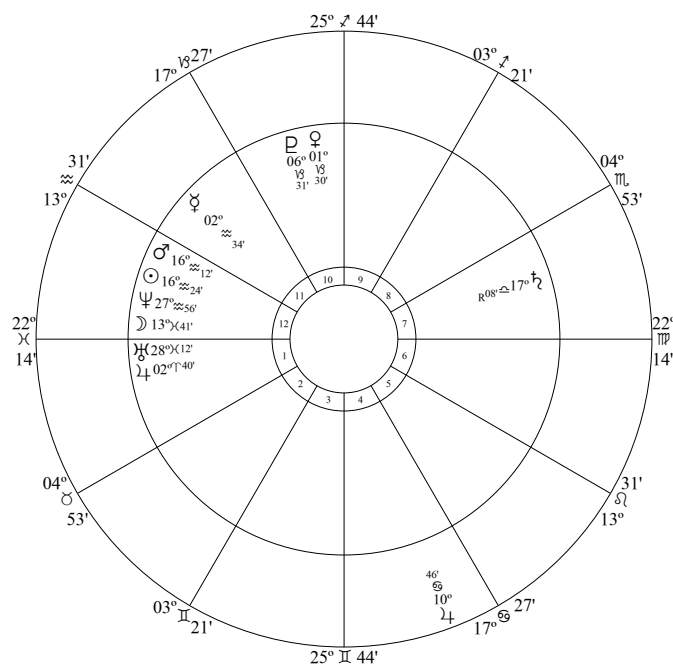
For example, a progressed aspect in the Sun Cycle may or may not coincide with some unusually important event. If the event is unusually outstanding, it probably is attracted chiefly through a commensurate aspect in the Cycle of the planet which rules the type of influence

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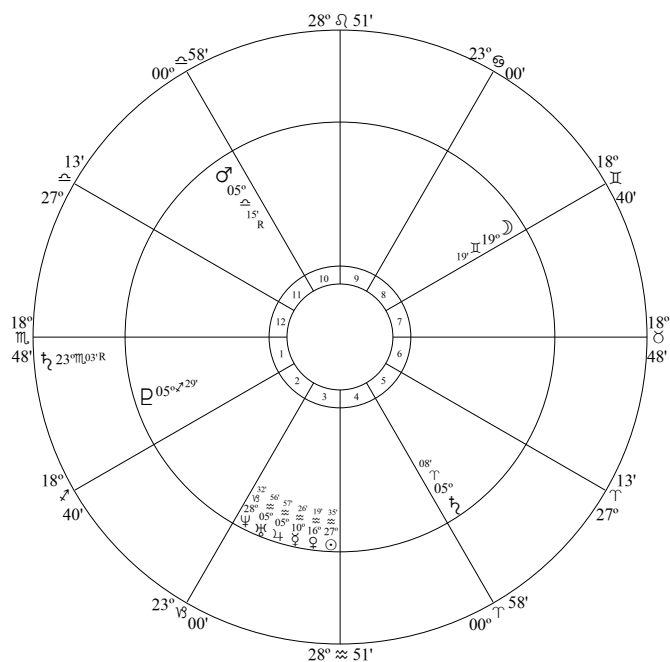
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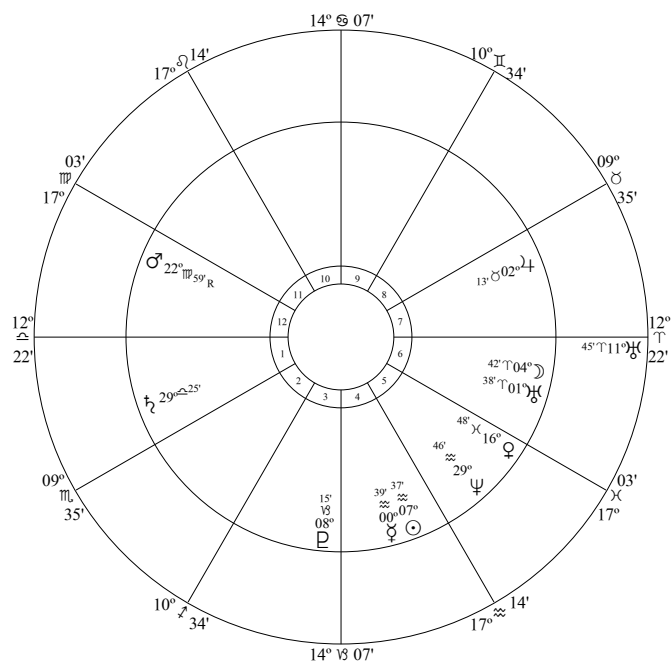
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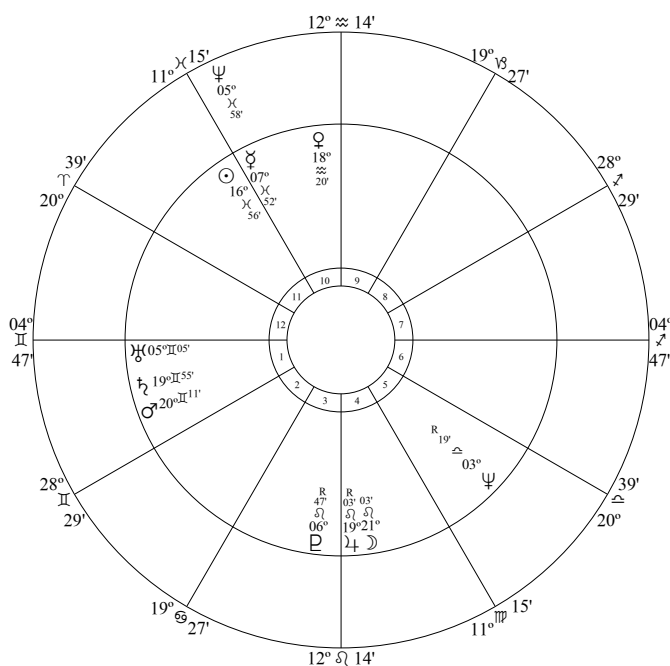
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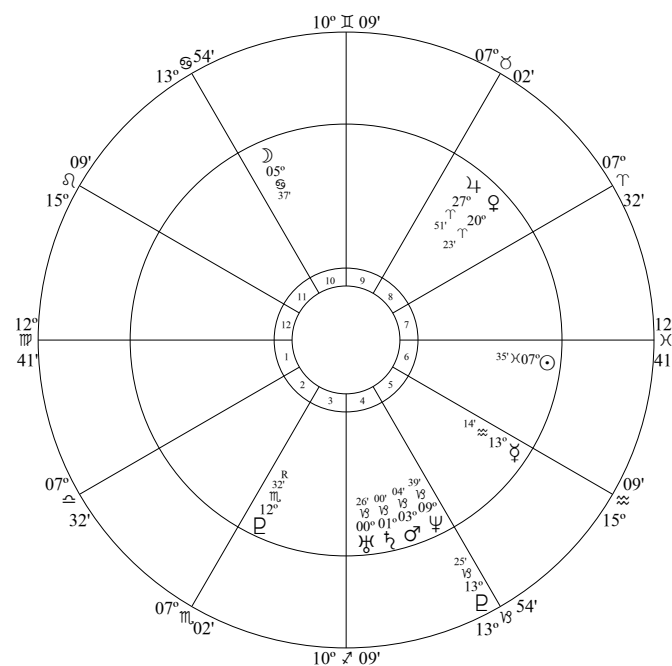
Uranus Cycle, Washington DC

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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

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facilitated by short journeys. The spiritual experience is much the same. We begin with early influences which



bring us into contact with our spiritual quest. We try our ideas out on those closest to us, which brings a variety of responses most of which likely cause us to broaden our search for like-minded neighbors. We likely

create new relations who respond positively when we speak in a similar way. We find ways to educate ourselves in the basics of spiritual life and naturally attract elementary teachers and neighbors who engage with us in new thoughts and methods of communication. Dana Gerhardt says that the third house is "...not so much a house of 'things' as it is a zone of activity."

The third house is the environment which promotes communication and relationship through learning. It seems that in our search for spirituality, we must really focus significant energy in understanding how our own third house environment promotes our spiritual growth. Third house energies are very expansive, just as our search for a spiritual life is expansive. It demands constant re-evaluation and renewal because it is such a rich environment which is constantly pushing its own boundaries outward. In our spiritual quests, writing constantly proves valuable as a means of expanding and clarifying our connection to Spirit. Stream of consciousness writing is recommended as a wonderful tool for meditation and connection.

In stream of consciousness writing for spiritual growth, we choose a spiritual topic (best to write it on the top of each page). We then begin to write whatever comes into our minds and hearts without stopping to edit internally or externally, without attention to grammar or any mundane consideration, just writing writing writing. If we falter then we can write the topic over and over until more comes to us, but the pen never leaves the page and the fingers never cease on the keyboard. We can begin by using a timer, perhaps starting with one to

three minutes. It will not be long before we are able to write until we are done, and we know when we are done. The results are amazing.

Consider how spiritually bankrupt we might become without our access to third house energies. We learn everything here in the physical world about how to grow and change in a growing and changing world through the third house. All the new technologies, which had been in the realm of the unknown, are available to us now, and because of their common usage are third house tools to enhance learning, communication, and relationships. Making the leap into the space of Spirit engages all the same processes as we have used in the physical world. It is truly a miracle of Spirit made manifest in our lives which keeps going and growing.

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Reference: Gerhardt, Dana. "The Third House." *Astrodienst* www.astro.com



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phorically, it is the exact opposite of Aleph. Aleph is a deep, back sound, while Mem is a high, front sound. This exact opposition is curious to me, to say the least. Even further, consider that Shin, the final Mother letter, is sounded by forming a tube between the back and front of the mouth, in other words, bridging the invisible and visible worlds represented by Aleph and Mem, respectively. Hence, metaphorically, I would associate this sound with the bridge between Spirit and Matter: the Mind. I wonder (and at this point I can only wonder) if this trinity of sounds is less accidental and more deliberate in its design. Indeed, one of the purposes of these investigations will be to explore this possibility.

In its form, **י** is said to be composed of three letters: a yud* above (י), a yud below (י), and a vav (ו) between them. Munk (1983) insightfully shares that the yud above can be taken to be the Spirit, the yud below the physical world, and the vav between them as the mind which connects and interfaces between them. He also explains that the gematria of these three letters totals to 26, which is the same value as the Holy Name of God, **יהוה**. Hence, Munk and other Kabbalists draw a parallel between Aleph as the first letter of the AB, and God as the first Force which motivates and creates the Universe.

According to its strict gematria, Aleph is associated with the number 1, and hence denotes Unity. This appears to further reinforce the monotheistic basis of the Jewish religion, which of course, has also come down to Christianity and Islam. Additionally, through its association with the word “Aluph”, which is consonantly spelled in exactly the same manner as Aleph (the only difference being one vowel sound), Aleph is associated with leadership, power, strength, and mastership.

Through my own linguistic studies, many of these reputed associations have been validated. However, additional insights have come to bear. Several words which begin with Aleph also refer, almost paradoxically, to darkness, duskiness, chaos, the void, nothingness, and the end. While it is only speculation, perhaps this association is linked to the state of Chaos and Nothingness which began the world, and out of which the world was formed,

from the Hebraic perspective. The fact that it also signifies an ending can also be understood according to the Judaic mindset, in that it is a common theme of Judeo-Christian myth that every beginning is an end, while every end a new beginning.

Other qualities of God which are evinced by a linguistic study include a connection to words that mean “to exist”, “bright, shining, fire, flame, or light”, and “to be straight, right, happy, true, and good”. Hence, my original statement that Aleph, at least in the way of a quick summary, can be regarded as an attestation to God and His Qualities.

For those who find the metaphysical exploration of the Alefbayt intriguing, in his deep and profound work “The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet”, Rabbi Michael Munk moves through additional interpretations of the form, idea, and number of Aleph. His and his predecessors’ efforts are the results of years of thoughtful and ponderous study in the Hebrew scripture and supplemental writings and are worthy of intense and repeated study.

*Yud is synonymous with Yod. Zain uses the term “Jod.”

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Tarot Correspondence — The King of Coins



Divination

“The King of Coins signifies a person ruled by the sign Gemini: intelligent, restless, volatile and fickle. Right way up it denotes a Gemini man; reversed it indicates a Gemini woman. The dominant idea is I THINK.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Physical Description

GEMINI: Tall, long arms, light complexion, brown hair, quick in action.

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 Coins, Gemini, corresponds to the Third House of early education, private thoughts, mental interests, attitudes, studies, communications, writing, telephone calls, short trips, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, neighbors and neighborhood.

Tarot Card Example —The Magic Seven Spread

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, "What surrounds the Winter 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia?"

Card Spread

1. **The Past** — Seven of Coins "The divinatory significance of the Seven of Coins is money earned through a journey; its inner interpretation is INTUITION."
2. **The Present** — Four of Coins "The divinatory significance of the Four of Coins is money received through a partner; its inner significance is ORIGINALITY."
3. **The Future** — Youth of Scepters (reversed) "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."
4. **The Ability to Control** — Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus "In Divination, Arcanum XX may be read as an Awakening or Resurrection."
5. **The Environment** — Arcanum IV, The Sovereign "In Divination, Arcanum IV may be read as Realization."
6. **The Opposition** — Youth of Coins "The Youth of Coins signifies a person ruled by the sign Aquarius: witty, argumentative yet amiable, artistic, humanitarian and fond of refined society. Right way up it denotes an Aquarian man; reversed it indicates an Aquarian woman. The dominant idea is I KNOW."
7. **The Outcome** — Ten of Coins (reversed) "The divinatory significance of the Ten of Coins is alternate financial loss and gain; its inner interpretation is ASPIRATION."

Summary

The Mars Cycle Chart inspired staff members to take a closer view at what might transpire at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

The Past of the matter, as signified by the Seven of Coins, represents the significant amounts of money being spent by the international community to support the winter Olympics. The host country must invest money in venues and infrastructure.

The Present, indicated by the Four of Coins, reveals an economic investment for the host nation. It also indicates something very unique, or technological, about the opening ceremonies.

The Future is signified by the Youth of Scepters (reversed), representing a Sagittarius woman, who might take a lead role in the Olympic Committee. There have been concerns expressed through the security community about the possibility of terrorists using Muslim widows as suicide bombers. This has led to some athletes requesting that their families stay home.



The Ability to Control the Matter is pictured by Arcanum XX, The Sarcophagus. This can be interpreted as an awakening, or unexpected elevation. No doubt, despite heightened security, every effort will be made to make this an uplifting experience for all participants. This also indicates new records will be set.

The Environment is described by Arcanum IV, The Sovereign, which is read as realization. Chances are the venues and transportation will operate like a well-oiled machine.

The Opposition, represented by the Youth of Coins, a man of Aquarius temperament. Some humanitarian groups have encouraged boycotting the Sochi Olympics due to Russia's poor human rights record. In the extreme, this could represent radical opponents; however, there is little else in the tarot spread indicating violence.

The Outcome pictured by the Ten of Coins reversed, shows that the final tabulation may reveal financial loss for the host city.

Celebrating 100 Years of Brotherhood of Light Lessons

Elbert Benjamine began writing the Brotherhood of Light lessons in March 1914. To commemorate this 100 year milestone Dennis Sutton has compiled a detailed history and chronology of their writing, revision and rewriting from the start date to their completion in 1949. With a commentary on Elbert and a section that provides a time-line of the many articles and books he wrote, the story of the lessons forms the nucleus of his new book, *The Brotherhood of Light Teachings Come to Earth*.

Based upon information Dennis gleaned from Church of Light documents he acquired during his visit to Los Angeles in 1994, as well as other sources, the book is divided into three parts: 1.) Elbert Benjamine; 2.) Brotherhood of Light Teachings Come to Earth; and, 3.) Articles and Books to Supplement the Lessons. Using a “serial” release process, portions or sections of the book will be featured in each of the next three editions of the Quarterly. The book will also be available for purchase as a download in the online store at www.light.org for those who want their own copy.

We begin the saga with Dennis’ introduction entitled, “Author’s Notes” and a portion of Part I, “Elbert Benjamine.”

The Brotherhood of Light Teachings Come to Earth *A tribute to Elbert Benjamine’s extraordinary achievement*

DW Sutton

Author’s note

2014 commemorates the centenary of the commencement of the writing of The Brotherhood of Light lessons by Elbert Benjamine. To be precise Elbert commenced the great project on March 21, 1914.

He had given his promise to write the lessons in the spring of 1910 and it came to pass, but not right away and not without tremendous effort. The final revisions were made in 1949 and that year every course was available in book form for the first time. The project had taken 35 years and due to his commitment and non-stop effort The Brotherhood of Light teachings are here on Earth. It remains the most important event in Brotherhood of Light history.

Elbert wrote The Brotherhood of Light lessons under the pen name CC Zain and his edifice of occult knowledge is up there as one of the top 5 greatest intellectual achievements of all time. He provided a revolution in astrological information – systemized occult science – and made it available to you as a self-education resource.

In bringing The Brotherhood of Light teachings to Earth Elbert Benjamine gave his life, his money and his unswerving loyalty to a mighty spiritual enterprise. He pushed himself to higher levels of achievement so that you could live your life and move forward safe in the knowledge that the light of spiritual truth is guiding your journey. His contribution and benefit to life-knowledge and human-understanding is immeasurable.

You may not be all that familiar with the Brotherhood’s teachings and chances are you’re very well educated and academically qualified, but when you start to read Elbert Benjamine you’ll realize that your education has just begun. And it’s not long before you realize that he’s going to tell you something that you had never thought about before. In The Brotherhood of Light lessons Elbert provides breath-taking information that will change the way you think about yourself and your life.

But comprehending complex esoteric information isn’t easy and Elbert had a revolutionary intelligence that could comprehend the most profound and abstruse

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information and most of us don't have his mental capacity. So we struggle to make sense of the words he wrote driven by the expectation that the spiritual truths they contain will, one day, inspire us to fly. You need wings to fly and in the 21st century there are too many institutions and organized groups with wrong ideas and false philosophies that are trying to clip your wings. So you need Elbert's words to light your way.

The Brotherhood of Light teachings have only been on Earth for a short time. Most people don't even know they exist and they're very damaging for materialistic science and orthodox religion. Each has a vested interest in making sure they remain obscure and out of sight. But they're here and that's the most important thing.

Elbert Benjamine labored to assist the Divine Plan of Cosmic Construction. Driven by occult insight and sheer inspiration he brought hidden teachings into the light and working with the latest scientific findings he restated old messages in a modern way for the new Aquarian Age. He gave his all so that you could drink at the fountain of knowledge. At the end of his earthly life he could look back in satisfaction. He had kept his promise – he had succeeded.

In writing *The Brotherhood of Light Teachings come to Earth* I have relied on a number of reference sources.

They are The Church of Light *Quarterly* from 1933 to 1951, the current Brotherhood of Light lessons and the original versions, *The Brotherhood of Light Annual* published from 1920 to 1932, promotional material written by Elbert and the magazines in which his articles appeared, including *The Rising Star*, during the 1930s and 40s.

This book is for members of the Church of Light now and in the future. If you're a member of the Church of Light you're a disciple of The Religion of the Stars and I sincerely hope that *The Brotherhood of Light Teachings Come to Earth* allows you to develop a deep appreciation of the man who is rightly called – The Light of Spiritual Truth. My sincere thanks go to David S Braumann for his assistance throughout the book's preparation.

Few men and women are prepared to explore the unknown but thank God for those who do. And thank you – Elbert Benjamine.

Dennis Sutton
January 2014

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Part I: Elbert Benjamine

Since time immemorial the wisdom of the ancients was kept hermetically sealed and hidden away. Then in 1881 with the dawning of Aquarius came a request to document the ancient knowledge and give it unrestricted availability. But Aquarius offered new paradigms and the ancient information would have to be verified using strict scientific controls. It was going to take an exceptional thinker to test the ancient wisdom, unify it with modern science and document it in a way that would make it acceptable to the new scientific age.

In the Age of Aquarius science advances at such a pace that anything seems possible. Single discoveries open up new continents of knowledge and every now and then there are revolutionary turning points in the way that life and the world are perceived. A sensational knowledge-revolution occurred from 1914 to 1949 when Elbert Ben-

jamine, writing as CC Zain, wrote, revised and rewrote The Brotherhood of Light lessons. In these lessons he provides an unprecedented explanation of God, occult forces, astrology and the soul. But the story he tells of the soul's past, present and future and the role played by astrological forces in its intelligence and ability development is so sensational that it's bound to raise doubts and meet opposition. New revolutionary theories always do.

Elbert Benjamine – the spiritual leader who introduced The Brotherhood of Light teachings to humanity – was born in Adel, Iowa on December 12, 1882. And just like all human souls he was born with a character, a unique and special skill-set and an astrology code. But every now and then the code in the sky sanctions the birth of a soul

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with exceptional skills and talents and Elbert was one of those rare individuals who are seldom seen. His childhood circumstances were fortunate. His father and grandfather provided him with the opportunity to learn about the natural world and the God-intelligence that directed the show. And this paved the way for Elbert becoming a virtuoso in comprehending and explaining the natural world and the astrological laws that influence how it works. Elbert's higher education was acquired in Adel, Iowa where he studied physics intending to become a naturalist. But in 1900 his life took an unexpected turn when he discovered astrology. And in the spring of 1910 he gave his promise to The Brotherhood of Light to present its teachings in 21 courses to be published as 21 separate books. The implications of his decision were just extraordinary. He committed to doing something that had never been done before.

So luckily for us Elbert did not become a sailor, lawyer, surgeon, architect or musician. He didn't waste his time pursuing a career for which he had no particular talent. And he didn't waste his time traveling or accumulating wealth and material possessions. He didn't become a New-Age pilgrim who traveled the world in search of meaning and self-understanding. He did travel – from Adel, to Denver, Colorado and Los Angeles, California where he lived for 36 years – but he never set foot outside of America. Rather Elbert's life journey took him to a place where few have ever ventured. He became an astrologer-educator and his training allowed him to acquire astrological skills that, in turn, provided him with the credentials to become the world's leading authority on the influence and use of astrological and other occult energies.

Elbert wasn't a frivolous, trivial thinker. He had a deep and broad intellect that left no stone unturned in his search for truth. So his message is never meaningless blather. The Brotherhood of Light lessons are cogent, dynamic structures of occult engineering that provide you with an education. You know that when you first start to read Elbert Benjamine that your education has just begun. Every word and every explanation performs a function as he provides you with plausible, evidence-based information that will bring you out of the darkness into the light. And the words, just like a diamond is polished to improve its appearance, were rewritten, revised and refined so that each bit of information became an exquisite treasure more precious than any diamond, pearl or gem.

Every great achievement is the result of a fury of destruction and in presenting The Brotherhood of Light teachings Elbert Benjamine demolished the orthodox explanations of life and living. With a character fueled by leadership, courage, creative passion, sincerity, loyalty, dedication and honesty he had no agenda-bias to corrupt his purpose and no conformation-bias to warp his thinking and perceptions. And his mental equipment was so finely tuned to comprehending the mysteries of nature that he saw through all the misguided religious hokum and scientific subterfuge.

The Brotherhood of Light lessons are an edifice of occult information that presents the Brotherhood's philosophy on life and living. Based on its investigation into seen and unseen worlds this information is used to acquire self-understanding and an understanding of the astrological forces that influence life on a personal and global level. The lessons present the Brotherhood's view on how the universe and God's Great Evolutionary Plan operate.

This grand occult structure, as laid out in The Brotherhood of Light lessons, is based on three great realistic perceptions: (1) The soul exists as a force of nature; (2) astrological forces influence its growth and development now and in the future; and (3) its life experience is a training program designed to develop the special ability that explains its existence as a worker contributing to the realization of God's Great Evolutionary Plan. This occult information – of being a human soul with an astrological potential and cosmic purpose – not only reveals a great personal truth that's written in your astrology code – the truth that will set you free – it paves the way for the attainment of self-conscious immortality.

The Brotherhood's teachings account for everything that material science and orthodox religion can't explain. You're not a bunch of neurons firing away and your brain is not a thought-factory creating and producing thoughts and feelings. Your soul is the intelligence that's in charge of the show and it's not destined to spend eternity in a static blissful heaven or a static scorching hell. The Brotherhood has obtained the evidence that supports these claims and it's a trustworthy authority dedicated to providing humanity with the facts of astrology, the facts of extrasensory perception, the

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facts of directed thinking and the facts of induced emotion.

In *The Brotherhood of Light* lessons Elbert Benjamine explains astrological energies, psychic phenomena and extrasensory perception and these forces and faculties rattle material science and orthodox religion. They're demanding the creation of a new spiritual philosophy built on capacities that have no physical explanation. And they're all awaiting unbiased scientific investigation. These capacities and energies provide a new view of life which proves that beneath the genes and chemicals – the illusion of appearance – is a dynamic mental reality that is being educated by experience to fulfill its reason for being as a worker in God's Great Evolutionary Plan. And such a thought causes great shuddering in the halls of learning, laboratories, seminaries and churches.

The *Brotherhood of Light* teachings are where religion and science join hands in harmonious union. And they provide evidence that reveals that both material science and orthodox religion are providing humanity with false and misleading information. When material science and orthodox religion fail to see what's really going on Elbert Benjamine comes to the rescue and reveals the truth behind the appearance. By explaining psychic phenomena, the nature of the soul, extrasensory perception, the astrological environment, the evolution of intelligence and ability and the nature of time and space on the innerplanes Elbert backs rational thought into a corner. The evidence he provides in *The Brotherhood of Light* lessons is requesting science to reconsider all its current ideas on these matters. And he's requesting you to change the way you think about yourself and your life.

In these lessons Elbert Benjamine explains your existence as a dynamic component of a living universe and then he invites you to learn and adopt a psychologically sound way of living that maximizes your self-development, both now and in the future. Every word he wrote provides a personal or public benefit. As a researcher he skillfully investigates the theory, assesses the evidence and discovers the knowledge. As a teacher he sows the seeds of knowledge. In *The Brotherhood of Light* lessons he provides you with ideas that will light your day. With Elbert came the suggestion that you maximize your self-development when you contribute to the welfare of others.

In *The Brotherhood of Light* lessons Elbert sets out to explain the universe, life and God and what he reveals shatters the claims of orthodoxy and established custom. He contends that as a child of the universe your destiny is written in the stars and that they guide your progress and development at each stage of your journey. He claims that your self-conscious experience at the human stage is the result of previous experience in non-human lives. And that all these subjective experiences with environment have been stored in memory in the thought-structures of your soul.

So Elbert's ideas on life and its meaning and purpose contradict most contemporary scientific and religious notions. The scientific data is materialistic – it views the central idea of life and the universe as exclusively materialistic – and the religious data is traditional and moored to the past. Both orthodox science and religion have established rules and restrictions, but occult science moves these boundaries. This expands the possibilities of discovery – of finding important new knowledge – and of discovering truth. Elbert knew that the most important knowledge of all had been left out of the model of life and the universe provided by science and religion and he devoted his life to explaining what the information was.

This saw him tackle the very profound mind-matter problem. Elbert was not a materialist which means he did not believe that matter could experience. He believed that the physical sensation of conscious experience was the result of the soul interpenetrating the physical substance it animates. Without an animating soul matter is lifeless. And a physical form (matter) can only experience sensations and feelings when its animating life-force (mind or soul) is present.

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Part I of *The Brotherhood of Light Comes to Earth* could not be printed in its entirety due to lack of space. It will be continued on The Church of Light website Research Page. Look for a Beacon announcement or look for "100 Years of Brotherhood of Light Lessons: Part I, Elbert Benjamine" on the Research Page at light.org

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astrologyforaquarius.com

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most involved. But if near the date on which the aspect is completed in this Planetary Cycle chart, there is also in the Sun Cycle chart a progressed aspect to this planet, there is on the day when the Sun Cycle aspect is completed an accumulation of planetary energy of a given type, and due to this added energy of the same kind, the event is usually timed as to the day it happens thus by the progressed aspect in the Sun Cycle.

2.) Major Conjunctions

If near the time of a major conjunction there is a progressed aspect in the Sun Cycle to the place occupied by one of the planets making the conjunction, this accumula-

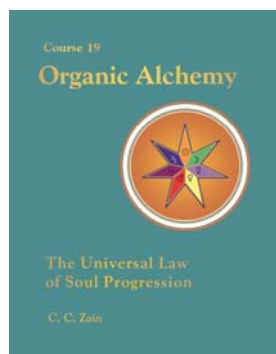
tion of planetary energy of a particular type tends to cause the event to happen.

3.) New Moon Chart

Another step in precise predicting is to regard the New Moon Chart. Not only must the energy of a progressed aspect to one of the planets involved in the conjunction be considered in the Sun Cycle chart but also the energy in the New Moon chart. Important events more commonly occur when there is an accumulation of energy of a definite type. Progressed aspects to the planet signifying the event in the Sun Cycle or in the New Moon Cycle, or both, usually give the additional energy which times the precise day of the events signified. ♀♂

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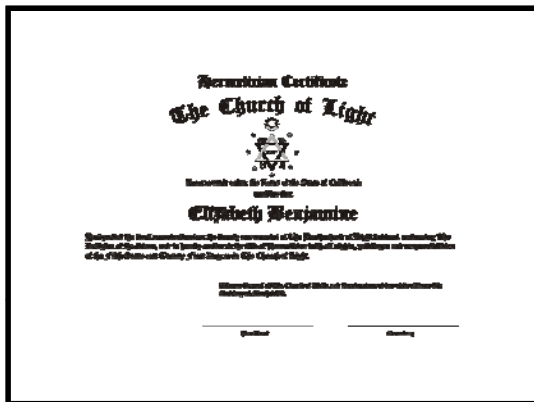
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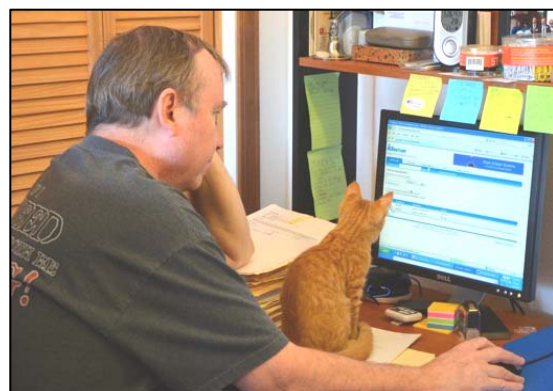
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Yvette Fortin



Veiga O'Sickey

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Date	Event	Presented by
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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August 17, 2014	Virgo	Veiga O'Sickey
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