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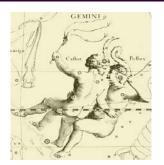
## Astrology—Gemini

#### By Christopher Gibson

emini, Latin for Twins, is <sup>J</sup> the third sign of the zodiac. It is easy to locate the constellation Gemini during the winter nights in January and February by tracing an imaginary line between the Pleiades and Regulus, the bright star in the constellation Leo. Identifiable with its brightest stars, Castor and Pollux, Gemini falls along the ecliptic with Taurus to the west, Cancer to the east, Auriga to the north, and Canis Minor to the south. The Sun

passes through the tropical sign of Gemini approximately 60 days after the vernal equinox from May 21 to June 20.

The brightest stars in the constellation of Gemini are named after the mythological twins Castor and Pollux, who are referred to as the Dioscuri or 'Sons of God' or Zeus. Castor and Polydeuces (as he was known to the Greeks) were the sons of Zeus as a result of his union with Leda while masquerading as a swan. They are also the brothers of the fa-



Gemini Johannes Hevelius, 1690

mous Helen of Troy, whose face launched a thousand ships and whose abduction was the cause of the Trojan War.

Like most twins, Castor and

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# Gemini Insights—Seeing Double

By Meg Dissinger and our Hermetic Axiom, "As it is above, so it "Thoughts Are Humanity's Most Potent is below." It is the representation of both good Builders" and evil, and our need to experience both of these for our soul progression. Soul progresife often seems as though it is a series of sion takes a long time. When I become impadualities pulling us apart. The sign of Gemtient with my own personal progress is when I ini gives us the opportunity to examine the make the big mistakes. I must always remember dualities, and hopefully we may gather insight that I have time to make it all right. Eternity is a into some solutions. In the physical world, Arvery long time. canum XVII, Gemini, expresses as hope; in the We all have said to ourselves: "What was I intellectual world, it expresses as the interior thinking?" Times when we act without refleclight which illuminates the spirit; in the spiritual

Truth is dual: Truth of reality and truth of appearances. It is the balance of spirit and matter, male and female, inner and outer, yin and yang. It is represented in the symbol of our religion,

world it manifests as immortality.

thinking?" Times when we act without reflection, act on impulse, and act with haste are the times of great learning opportunities. When faced with the concept of eternity and eternal

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# Editorial

By Christopher Gibson

"Cogito ergo sum (I think, therefore I am)"

-René Descartes (1596 - 1650)

Perhaps one of the most mysterious processes in the world is the process of thought. Thought generally refers to the act of thinking and to any mental or intellectual activity involving an individual's subjective consciousness. Thought underlies almost all human actions and interactions; therefore, many academic disciplines such as biology, philosophy, psychology, and sociology all attempt to understand the physical and metaphysical origins of thought.

René Descartes, who is quoted above, pondered the mind/body dualism, as did Aristotle and Avicenna before him. Each of these philosophers was stuck by the fact that mental phenomena appear to be qualitatively and substantially different from the physical bodies on which they appear to depend. Plato claimed that the body is from the physical realm and that the soul was from the realm of ideas and, therefore, was the immortal part of the individual. He believed the soul was only temporarily united with the body and would be separated at death. As the mind or soul does not exist in the same time/space continuum as does the body, it has access to universal truths.

Zain's teachings as expounded in The Brotherhood of Light Lessons might be considered neo-Platonic. He, too, describes a body/soul dualism where the mind or soul residing in an astral realm interpenetrates and has a molding effect over the physical body. It is through this body/mind interrelationship that the Law of Affinity operates – simply put, like attracts like. Our dominant states of thinking and feeling attract into our lives events and experiences of a like nature. This concept was popularized around five years ago in a documentary film called *The Secret*.

This issue of the Quarterly features the sign of Gemini, which is the sign of thought governing all mental processes. These inseparable twins symbolize the mind/body interconnection and remind us of the vigilance we must always give to our thought processes to make certain that we think, feel, and act in ways that contribute constructively to our welfare and the welfare of those around us.

As is tradition, the spring issue of the Quarterly contains the Cycle Charts of Mundane Astrology. We are clearly living in volatile times. As we ponder where our world is headed it is best to remember that, in shaping the future, our most powerful tools are constructive thoughts, feelings and actions.

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#### Gemini Associations

Thought-Series: I Think Ruling Planet: Mercury Best Quality: Versatility Worst Quality: Changeableness Talismanic Gems: Beryl and striped stones Color: Light Violet Musical Tone: High B

#### Gemini Figures

Agent, announcer, author, broadcast journalist, bus -driver, computer programmer, correspondent, chauffer, columnist, commentator, courier, dispatcher, driver, essayist, instructor, interpreter, journalist, librarian, linguist, lyricist, messenger, news anchor, poet, postal courier, secretary, stenographer, teacher, telecaster, telephone operator, tutor, writer.

#### **Positive Gemini Traits**

Agile, alert, articulate, astute, attentive, aware, chatty, clever, coherent, communicative, conscientious, curious, erudite, expressive, informative, ingenious, inquisitive, insightful, intelligent, knowledgeable, lively, logical, lucid, mental, multipurpose, multitalented, nimble, observant, perceptive, quick, rational, reasonable, smart, talkative, thoughtful, verbal, versatile, vigilant, witty.

#### **Negative Gemini Traits**

Anxious, apprehensive, calculating, canny, crafty, changeable, cunning, deceptive, devious, discontented, edgy, erratic, fanatical, fickle, fidgety, fly-bynight, high-strung, indecisive, intrusive, jumpy, longwinded, loquacious, meddlesome, nervous, nosey, overwrought, preoccupied, prying, rambling, restless, scheming, sly, snitch, snoopy, stressed, tense, uncertain, unpredictable, unreliable, vacillating, verbose, wily.

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Pollux were inseparable. After clashing with another set of twins over their girlfriends, Castor was mortally wounded and placed in the heavens. Pollux petitioned that his immortality be shared with his brother, and Zeus granted that they each alternate one day here and in the hereafter.

These ancient patrons of travel have figured in folklore and mythology as adventurers, warriors, and navigators, and the invocation of their names "by Gemini" or "by Jiminy" has long been a solemn oath of truth and an affirmation that one's desired outcome will be accomplished. As a testament to their role as the guardians of honesty, weights and measures were tested in their temple on the Roman Forum.

In Babylonian astrology, where the zodiac originated, these two stars were known as the Great Twins *Meshlamtaea and Lugalirra*. Regarded as minor gods their names mean The One who has arisen from the Underworld and the Mighty King.

Throughout history twins have received special attention in folklore and mythology. The Yoruba of Nigeria call twins ejire, two who are one. In Yoruba society twins are imbued with supernatural power and are believed ability to bring to their family happiness, health and prosperity. Twins also are believed to ward off disaster. However, their temperaments are thought unstable, as twins can also bring disaster, disease, and death. This volatility explains why Yoruba people often treat twins with special care; twins receive the best food, clothes and jewelry. The affection given to them is to prevent these powerful beings from using their powers for evil ends. If one twin should die, the Yoruba priest create an *ibeji* figure to take the place of the deceased twin.

Identical twins share identical nuclear genomes and identical mitochondrial DNA. Studies of identical twins separated at birth, raised in dissimilar households yet reunited as adults often show more similarities than dissimilarities. Simple commonalities such as favorite foods, colors, fashion, and music might be shared to bizarre coincidences such as marrying persons of the same name around the same time of their lives or taking up work in the same career. It comes as no surprise that twins are so highly esteemed in Nigeria. The normal rate of multiple births worldwide is 1.1%. Among the Yoruba the rate of twinning is as high as 6%.

Twins inspire mystery and awe: from their ability to trick and deceive us into thinking one is the other, to

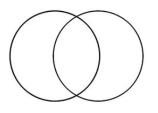
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# Numbers as Archetypes: The Dyad: Different and the Same

By Peter Tourian

he Ancient Greeks called the second quantity the Dyad. The word dyad derives from "dia", meaning "through or asunder", implying the Greeks' belief that the Dyad was the first quantity to endure the agonizing process of separating from the perfect and whole Monad. As befits its polarity, the Dyad's separation is both a happy departure on the journey from the one to the many, but also a suffering step away from the perfection of the Monad.

How then did the Ancient sacred geometers depict the movement of number from one to two, from unity to separation? Ingeniously, they conceived of the circle, symbol of the Unity of the Monad, as making a polar copy of itself; quite alike in many details, but opposite in polarity. In this way, the sameness which is characteristic of the Monad could still be



The Vesica Piscis (the almond shape above), as the interface of two complementary opposites, symbolizes the birthplace of creation.

used to manifest difference, the hallmark of the Dyad.

Two circles offset from one another, the second with its central point located anywhere on the circumference of the first (and thus still seen as deriving from it) create the seminal shape from which all other shapes will ultimately emerge: the Vesica Piscis (see illustration below). This almond shape has been captured and used in so many capacities that it is impossible to recount them all. They play into the shape of a cathedral's door, as well as the common and familiar "fish" of Christianity. In all cases, the vesica piscis, because of its basic association with the Dyad and polarity, hints at the process of creation and birth.

A second geometric figure which is closely associated with the Dyad is the line. It again fits well the dual nature of the Dyad, in that it can act either as a barrier between two things, or a bridge between them. A true line is one dimensional, having length, but no depth or breadth. Curiously, as the dimensionless point of the Monad and the one-

Extending a point to form a line moves the process of creation from its dimensionless beginning to a one-dimensional state of being.

dimensional line of the Dyad cannot actually be drawn in three dimensions, they were not regarded by the ancient mathematical philosophers as numbers, but rather as *the parents* of number. This generative role of the Monad and Dyad is further strengthened by the fact that all shapes in the universe can be constructed using a combination of these two basic geometric figures. And here once again, we are reminded of the Dyad's basic role in the creative process: it is through the re-union of opposites that new life is brought into the world.

Two oppositely charged particles come together to form the most basic chemical element: Hydrogen. A cell splits in two in order to replicate itself. Two oppositely sexed people unite in the incredible miracle which issues forth a new life. The polarization of opposites and their subsequent re-unification (symbolized by the Triad) is at the heart of all creative processes.

The Dyad's position as a doorway or portal between the potential creative energy of the Monad and the actualized creation represented by the Triad is also revealed in its arithmetic. The only quantity whose sum is greater than its product is one. To state this mathematically,  $I + I > I \times I$ . Curiously, the only number whose sum is equal to its product is two. That is,  $2 + 2 = 2 \times 2$ . For all subsequent numbers, the product of the number multiplied by itself is always greater than their sum. For example,  $3 + 3 < 3 \times 3$ ;  $4 + 4 < 4 \times 4$ ...

This strange arithmetic behavior led the ancient geometers to consider the Dyad as a sort of portal, or gateway, between the potential for creation symbolized by the Monad, and its actualization, as symbolized by the Triad. As it bridges these two disparate notions, it retains gualities of both. Two is both a division and a bridge. It represents a step forward in the evolution of numbers, but also a painful separation from its source. It is, fittingly, quite dual in nature. It cannot be defined simply as "this" or "that", but rather makes room for both "this" and "that". It both distinguishes and rectifies two disparate things, in that an opposite cannot be known without comparing it against its counterpart. For example, how can there be a knowledge of white without an understanding of black? Or how can a man be understood as different without contemplating his counterpart, a woman? In like manner, all opposites both distinguish and define each other at the same time.

And so it is that the audacious, agonizing Dyad acts as both a moat and a drawbridge over the vast distance between the

# Dominant Gemini Personality: David Berkowitz (AKA Son of Sam)

#### By Christopher Gibson

rom July 1976 through July 1977, New York City was terrorized by a spree of arson and shootings, the work of one man who would later come to be known as Son of Sam.

Born Richard David Falco, June I, 1953, in Brooklyn, New York, the baby was immediately put up for adoption. Within a week of birth, he was adopted by Pearl and Nathan Berkowitz, hardware store owners, who changed his name to David Richard Berkowitz. At age thirteen, Pearl Berkowitz died of breast cancer and David's home life became strained by the introduction of a new stepmother.

In 1971 he enlisted in the US Army, where he was trained as a sharpshooter and served in Korea. After his honorable

discharge in 1974, he located his birth mother, Betty Falco, who revealed the disturbing details of his illegitimate conception and birth. Berkowitz claims to have joined a cult in 1975 that introduced him to fortune-telling, séances, drug use, and violent crime. That same year, on Christmas Eve, he committed his first violent crime, attacking Michelle Foreman with a knife. In the early morning hours of July 29, 1976, Berkowitz committed his next known crime, killing Donna Lauria, age 18, and injuring Jody Valenti, age 19. Again in the early morning hours of October 23, 1976 Carl Denaro, 25, and Rosemary Keenan, 38, were shot at while sitting in Keenan's VW Bug in a secluded section of Queens. Berkowitz would later claim it was an unidentified female cult member who committed the failed murder attempts.

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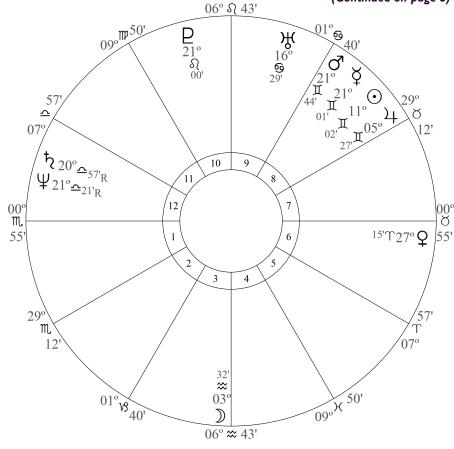


David Berkowitz (at age 8) June I, 1953, - 4:52 P.M. Brooklyn, New York

On the evening of November 26, 1976, Donna DeMasi, 16, and Joanne Lomino, 18, were chatting under a streetlight outside Lomino's home in Queens after walking home from a movie. They were approached by a man asking for directions who then produced a revolver and shot each of the teens. Both girls were hospitalized with serious injuries: Lomino was ultimately left paralyzed from her wounds.

The shooting spree was to continue: In the early morning of January 30, 1977, Christine Freund, and John Diel, were sitting in a car after having gone to the movies. Gunshots rang out, and the engaged couple was injured. Freund, 26, would later die at the hospital. On March 8, 1977, at around 7:30 p.m., Virginia Voskerichian, 19, was walking home from Columbia University. In a move for self-defense,

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### PLANETS

	Power	%	Harmony
ğ	60.99	11.6	13.35
ď	60.85	11.5	0.49
Б	55.99	10.6	28.03
Ψ	49.50	9.4	13.67
ħ	49.41	9.4	0.55
MC	48.07	9.1	-12.69
ASC	40.43	7.7	-18.24
$\mathbb{D}$	39.19	7.4	-4.36
4	36.59	6.9	19.38
$\odot$	36.16	6.9	4.08
Q	28.98	5.5	-11.30
ж	<u>21.11</u>	4.0	6.55
	527.28	100.0	39.50

#### HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
8	224.33	27.5	34.99
10	122.14	15.0	17.38
12	113.41	13.9	8.57
1	69.64	8.5	-11.11
3	63.90	7.8	-4.09
6	59.41	7.3	-11.05
9	40.70	5.0	4.37
2	38.36	4.7	11.98
11	30.49	3.7	6.67
5	21.52	2.6	8.26
4	17.63	2.2	1.77
7	14.49	1.8	-5.65

#### SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
I	209.84	25.7	40.64
ઈ	122.14	15.0	17.38
≏	113.41	13.9	8.57
M,	98.85	12.1	-3.98
Υ	59.41	7.3	-11.05
$\approx$	56.82	7.0	-2.59
69	40.70	5.0	4.37
m	30.49	3.7	6.67
Д	28.98	3.6	-11.30
1/3	24.71	3.0	0.27
Ж	21.52	2.6	8.26
1	9.15	1.1	4.85

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Voskerichian used her textbooks to block her assailant; the bullet penetrated her shield, struck her head, and killed her.

Alexander Esau and Valentina Suriani were shot at about 3:00 a.m., on April 17, 1977, only a few blocks from the scene of the Lauria-Valenti shooting. Suriani died at the scene, and Esau died several hours later in the hospital. In the street near the Esau-Suriani shooting, a police officer discovered a hand-written letter addressed to NYPD Captain Joseph Borelli. Full of misspellings and written mostly in block capital letters with some lower-case letters, it was addressed to NYPD Captain Joseph Borelli where he identified himself as Son of Sam.

Another letter postmarked Englewood, NJ, was received by New York Daily News reporter Jimmy Breslin on May 30, 1977. Centered on the reverse of the envelope was the ominous phrase, "Blood and Family/Darkness and Death/Absolute Depravity/.44." The rambling, deranged letter signed Son of Sam went on to promise a new pair of shoes to all the guys working the case. After consulting with police and agreeing to withhold portions of the text, the *Daily News* published the letter a week later. Breslin urged the killer to turn himself over to authorities. Reportedly, over 1.1 million copies of that day's paper were sold to a panicked New York City. Although it was one of the hottest summers on record, people stayed indoors for fear of being the next victim. Women cut and dyed their hair blonde since all of the victims had long, dark hair; wig shops could not keep up with the demand for blond wigs.

On June 26, 1977, at about 3:00 a.m., three gunshots blasted through the car of Sal Lupo, 20, and Judy Placido, 17 as they were parked outside the Elephas Disco in Bayside, Queens. Fortunately, both survived their wounds. In later testimony, Berkowitz claimed that his cult had always wanted to shoot someone at Elephas believing the site

	Timeline	
Year	Event	Aspect
1966	Stepmother dies	ASC $ op \odot r$
1969, August 15-17,	Attends Woodstock festival	$MC \star \Psi r, \odot \star \mathfrak{P}r$
1971	Joins Army	o™⊼⊃r
1974	Honorable Discharge from Army	$\odot$ $\triangle$ ASCr
1974, September 28	Sets first of 2,000 fires over a 15 month period	ď∠₽p
1974	Meets his birth mother	$MC \bigtriangleup Qr$
1975	Allegedly joins cult	ď∠₽p
1975, December 24	Commits first violent offense	ơ™ ⊻ MCr
1976 —1977	Commits 13 or more highly-publicized serial shootings	ASC $\bigtriangleup$ $rac{W}{p}$
1977, August 10	Apprehended and imprisoned	₽ o <sup>o</sup> ASCp
1978, May 8	He entered an insanity plea at his trial, claiming that God spoke to him through his neighbors' dog	¥ □ ASCr
1978	Sentenced to 365 consecutive years in prison	⊙ ⊻ <sup>1</sup> 4r

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might be somehow linked to Eliphas Levi, the renowned 19<sup>th</sup> Century occultist.

Stacy Moskowitz and Robert Violante were struck in the head by gunshot at 2:35 a.m. while they were making out in a parked car near a city park early on July 31, 1977. Violante survived with one eye destroyed by gunshot: Moskowitz died several hours later in the hospital. The Moskowitz-Violante crime produced more witnesses than any of the other Son of Sam murders, and it was a parking ticket he received that evening for being too close to a hydrant that was to lead investigators to his door. The police found a duffle bag packed with maps of the crime scenes, ammunition, and a letter threatening further murders while searching the car.

On August 10, 1977, Berkowitz was arrested while starting his yellow Ford Galaxy outside his apartment in Yonkers. The first words out of his mouth were, "You got me. What took you so long?" At his trial in 1978 Berkowitz pleaded insanity, claiming that God spoke to him through his neighbor's dog. On June 12, 1978, Berkowitz was sentenced to six life sentences in prison for the murders, making his maximum term 365 years. Berkowitz became a born-again Christian while in prison. He plans to write a memoir, entitled Son of Hope: The Prison Journals of David Berkowitz. Berkowitz claims he will receive no money from publication, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the New York state crime victim's board for distribution to the victims of his crimes.

From the astrological perspective, the most pronounced aspect in his natal chart is a conjunction of Mercury and Mars in the sign of Gemini in the eighth house. The eighth house typically governs death, unseen entities and the spirit world. Mars represents the aggressive urges which are inclined toward violence and combined in a prominence compound with the intellectual urges ruled by Mercury. This aspect can contribute to Berkowitz's superficial interest in the occult, claiming to hear voices, and an obsession to harm persons and property. Having been trained as a sharpshooter in the military only heightened his ability as a killing machine. As the eighth house is the most powerful and most harmonious house in this chart, it could indicate both an obsession with death as well as pleasure from death. In looking at the chart of a serial criminal, we must keep in mind that an astrological chart only shows proclivities; it does not show how an individual has asserted his or her will to do ill or to do good. Nevertheless, this chart provides a fascinating case history.

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the special connectedness that they share through having identical DNA, or perhaps having shared the womb for nine months. For those cultures that believe in twin souls, they mirror on earth the closeness of that relationship.

There is an implied duality in the sign of Gemini, which expresses harmoniously as dexterity and versatility or discordantly as restlessness and changeability. Being ruled by the planet Mercury, Geminis are naturally curious, always searching for new ideas and experiences. They are expressive, intellectual, and communicative, giving rise to the keyword – "I Think." Like the twins who alternate one day here on earth and one day in the hereafter, Gemini teaches us that thought can operate through either reason or intuition.

Belonging to the Airy Triplicity, Gemini, along with the signs of Libra and Aquarius, tends to be social in nature taking pleasure in the exchange of ideas with others. They are volatile and changeable like the shifting breezes and have a hard time choosing one career or one partner. This gives rise to their reputation of being fickle. They are avid conversationalists with a broad spectrum of interests, which often includes education, literature and the arts.

Geminis are easily bored and tend towards breadth of knowledge rather than depth of knowledge. It is best that they have both a vocation and an avocation, as the thought of doing just one thing in life paralyzes them. In childhood it is important for Gemini to learn to complete what they start before moving on to the next interest

Sharing Mutable Quality with Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces, Gemini persons are natural adaptors easily developing the ideas of others. The opposite signs of the zodiac always share both commonalities and differences. Gemini is the polar opposite of Sagittarius, both signs sharing thought, curiosity, travel, and duality. Sagittarius is half man half horse, and the Twins were frequently pictured on horseback. They are always multi-tasking and trying to cover as much territory as they can — be it in a day or a lifetime.

In the symbolic language of astrological shorthand, the glyph for Gemini is pictured as two perpendicular lines joined at either end, much like the Roman numeral for two.

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progression, we understand why our actions must be based on deliberate thought. This is easy to say; it is difficult to do. Many of our personal horoscopes have aspects to Mercury which create challenges for us in the realm of communication. I have some; what is it in your personal horoscope? What aspects to Mercury help you to understand the dynamics of working with your own thought processes? Most of us get to experience struggles with these issues, and even though we may not get it right all the time, we do have the gift of reflection when we do not get it right the first (or second or third) time(s). That is the humanity of it.

In our struggles for significance, we all want to leave something better behind. It is a challenge to want this and to stay humble in the desire, especially since it is that very desire that fuels our forward progress. If thoughts are the building blocks of the immortal soul, then I am grateful that there is time eternal. Zain reminds us that we need to experience good and evil for our progression, and that gives us hope, the physical world hope of Gemini. To know and to do nothing is the worst kind of apathy. To know and to do it wrong at least provides us with a learning experience. When provided with a similar circumstance in the future, HOPEFULLY, what we have learned by making mistakes will provide our intellect with that "interior light which illuminates the spirit." (CS 6, 226)

That great prayer, given by Jesus the Carpenter, says: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Why then are we mostly always willing to forgive everyone else for mistakes made, yet we are loath to forgive ourselves. Why is it that we berate self so ruthlessly when we forgive others so generously? Why are we willing to think the very worst things of ourselves for errant thoughts and mindless actions? We say to others: "Let it go, no one is perfect; we strive for progress, not perfection." However, we do not apply these same principles to our own selves. I say to you now. Let it go. No one of us is perfect. Let us clean up our own side of the street diligently, let us forgive ourselves as we forgive others. Let it go. Our goal is the self-conscious immortality in which we may use every experience we have to progress and bring "life, light, and love into the world of our endeavors." (Church of Light Closing Ritual) There is no commandment that says this must be done perfectly.

Our own thoughts and the thoughts of others lift us up and bring us down. Thoughts are powerful tools. It is the message of Gemini that in the physical world our thoughts will bring us hope. As humans we can take our thoughts and build great possibilities here on earth and in the astral world. We can experience the interior light which illuminates the spirit in such a way that we may grow, ever so slowly, toward the divine. It is not going to happen today, or this week, this month, year, decade, or even in this life. But we must act as if it will. We must act unceasingly to purify our thoughts and the resultant actions of these thoughts.

The promise of the spiritual world of Gemini is immortality. It is the process of transmuting thought, recognizing the lessons of each duality as it is presented and making the best decisions we can make at the moment that we have each opportunity that brings us closer to this immortal life. What we take with us is the knowledge of each experience and what we have done with each of these experiences. How have we used these to contribute to the soul growth we all desire by our intention on this path of Spirit?

We are blessed to have found this place to learn and grow together. As I see you, I send you love; as I see you, I see love reflecting back to me. You are each a brilliant shining star like the one represented on Arcanum XVII. I know in my heart that even when we do not feel that love for ourselves, that each of us see it in each other. We know this, and it gives us hope.

Remember then, children of earth, to conserve your forces, not to recoil at your works, but in order to wear out obstacles, as water, falling drop by drop, wears away the hardest stone. If Arcanum XVII appears in the prophetic signs of your horoscope, a well formulated plan of action followed perseveringly will raise you by degrees to the heights you would attain.

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



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# Mundane Astrology: Current Cycle Charts

#### By D. W. Sutton

"Uranus is the planet of rugged individualism. He abhors restraint. He likes to be a law unto himself and to feel that he is the equal of any man. He is, therefore, the planet of liberty and his influence on slavery as an issue was even more pronounced that that of Neptune, and as he favors direct action, was marked by more violence. Against economic repression he feels equally rebellious, inciting unrest, dissatisfaction and disruption."

CC Zain – Mundane Astrology – The Cycles of Uranus.

#### April 9, 2011 at 7.34pm GMT a new Uranus cycle starts

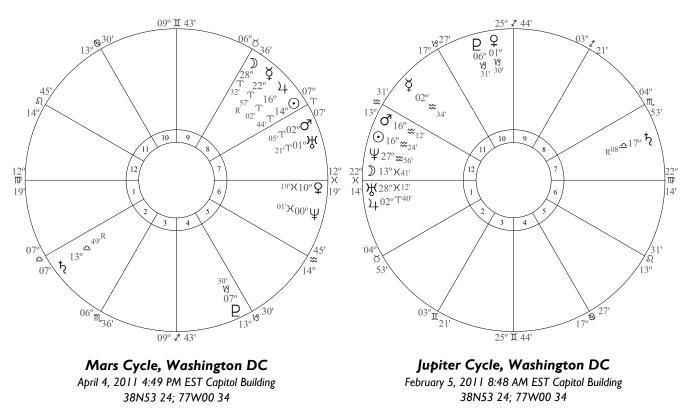
This is a major astrological event. The cycle will only last for 295 days, but its impact will last a lot longer. It will change the course of history. Historians and politicians study the past. It allows them to navigate current dilemmas and avoid repeating the same old mistakes. It doesn't help. History is not a repeating cycle of familiar events and situations. Uranus—the planet of radical change—sees to that. He's busy inventing an unpredictable future, and the changes he has in store very

often hit with cataclysmic suddenness. Like on February 11, 2011; when a people's uprising in Egypt overthrew dictatorpresident Hosni Mubarak. Uranus scripted the cry for democracy and human-rights and the people responded by liberating themselves from political and economic tyranny. There wasn't even a ten-second warning.

Uranus surprised everyone including the US government. You're living in an age of change and uncertainty. The brightest minds on the planet haven't got a clue what's going on. Aquarius has set a new agenda, but the politicians are driving without a road map. Some are guided by altruistic impulses democracy and human-rights—others have selfish dictatorial motives. There have been more changes in the past 100 years than in the preceding 5,000; and the world today simply represents the outcome so far. And when a new Uranus cycle starts, radical change is on the global agenda.

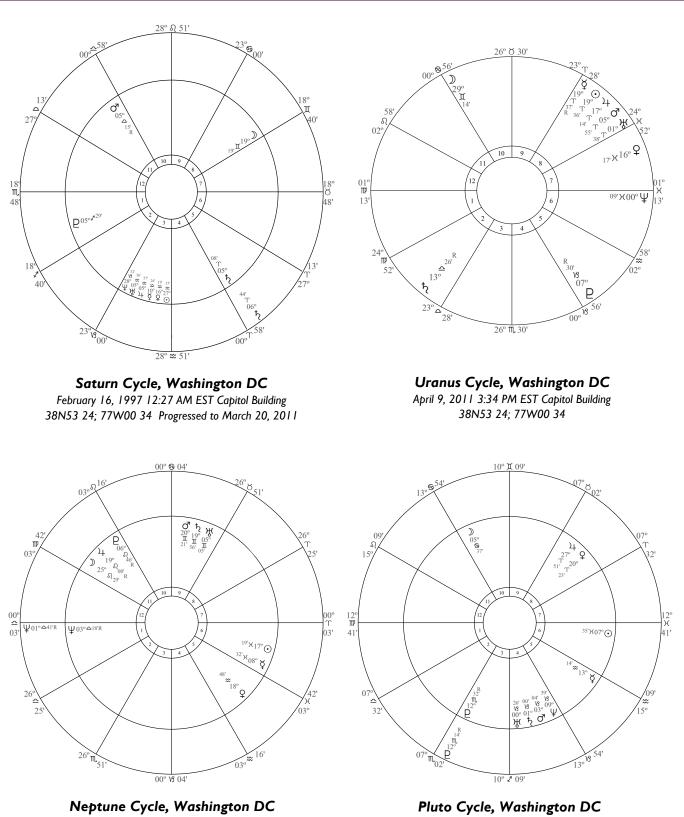
Uranus is an astrological eccentricity—an oddity—an originator, inventor, innovator, independent thinker, rebel, maverick, fringe-dweller, bohemian and misfit. He's the book of amazing revelations, the champion of human rights, the re-

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form agenda and the spirit of rebellion. He dislikes the way things are and wants change. He's changing the way you live, think and play. He represents difference—religious, political and sexual difference—and your right to display and celebrate your difference and be respected.

Uranus is the planet of amazing discoveries, like the mapping of the human genome. He's a rebel with a cause—the instigator of radical proposals like same-sex marriage—and the new and untried, like sustainable energy. He's the exposé planet—the whistle blower that delights in exposing fraud and corruption. He's smart, clever, inventive, original, charis-

matic and progressive—a dynamic new-age thinker. He's a law unto himself and the equal of any man. In business he represents invention and unusual methods. Socially he represents social technology— Facebook and Twitter—and the role technology plays in attaining human rights, including your right to say what you think.

Uranus is the planet of revolutions and revolutionary change, and there's an Aquarian Age revolution happening right now. There's a political revolution, a social revolution, a human-rights revolution, a sexual revolution, a science vs. religion revolution, a God vs. evo-

lution revolution, a financial revolution, an economic revolution, a communications revolution, a self-discovery revolution and a spiritual revolution.

Uranus is the force behind the technology revolution—and he's taking the world on a roller coaster ride of invention and discovery. He's the technological solution—the reliance on technology to solve all the world's problems—and the savior of the human race. He's the electronic superstar who's hardwiring the world. He invented the electronic jungle, the information super highway, the world-wide-web, Google, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, electronic fun, surveillance cameras, l-pods and l-pads. He's inventing medical technology, nanotechnology, robots and audio translators. Uranus is gadget-heaven, but gadgets don't change human behavior and mobile phones won't solve the world's problems.

Uranus represents the radicals—the radical element and extremists—the hard right and extreme left. He's the extreme in political thought—the radical extremist and conservative hardliner—and they're fighting for what they think is right. He's the insurgent who resorts to extremist violence, the white supremacist spreading racist hate and the shock-



Mildred Schuler Drawing

jock stirring up social discord: And they're all resorting to violence—guns, bombs and inflammatory rhetoric—to get what they want.

Uranus is the planet of discontentment, dissension, social unrest, civil disobedience, riots, demonstrations, protests, rebellions, uprisings, revolutions and flaming oratory. He's a human rights activist and the working man's friend. He unites workers into unions and works to better their workplace conditions. He agitates for shorter hours and increased wages. Uranus influences the labor unions and their strikes and boycotts, but his rugged individualism lacks a spirit of cooperation and a sense of unity—and discontentment

within the rank and file often derails their plans and objectives.

Uranus is the planet of individual liberty-the freedom to live your life your way and the freedom to say what you think. He abhors restraint of any kind, but the right to pursue wealth and power free from political and legal restraint is socially dangerous-it often lacks a moral conscience and sense of social responsibility. Uranus thus favors government ownership of public utilities. It's a way of preventing exploitation and monopoly practices. Uranus is the planet of reform and reform movements, but if the social reform proves unsatisfactory, he

swings the pendulum back in the opposite direction returning to past ideas and methods that had been previously discarded.

Uranus is the planet of exposure, research work, evidencebased scientific research, progressive thinking, brilliant ideas, experimental experiences, electricity and electronics. He's the planet of rogue countries, racism, racial tensions, extremist violence, cataclysmic change, unforeseen events, ultra-progressive thinking, the occult, astrology, innovative methods, radical thinkers, insurgents and extremists. He's a revolutionary change-agent and the astrological marker for unexpected happenings, remarkable events, radical change, sudden developments, freedom and liberty.

# February 5, 2011 at 1:48 p.m. GMT a new Jupiter cycle starts

This Jupiter cycle will preside over the financial agenda till May 2022—and the cycle charts for individual countries indicate which departments of their mundane agendas will be

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influenced by financial considerations, commerce, trade, shipping, arbitration, treaties, religion, preaching, philosophy and advertising. In this chart Jupiter forms a friction (semisquare) aspect with the Sun-the political agenda, governments and world leaders; an opportunity (sextile) aspect with Mercury-controversy, talks, the press and journalists; an obstacle (square) aspect with Venus-love, art, beauty and fashion; a friction (semi-square) aspect with Marsstrife, war, military-matters and manufacturing; a prominence (conjunction) aspect with Uranus-technology, reform, innovation, exposé, strikes, protests, demonstrations and uprisings; and an obstacle (square) aspect with Pluto - globalization, groups, dictators, cooperation, coercion, terrorism, crime and inversion. The best aspect is Jupiter sextile Mercury. It maps effective decision-making. The worst aspect is Jupiter square Pluto. It maps drastic financial events, coercive trade practices, corrupt banking practices and religious persecution. It puts goodwill and charity under severe stress.

This is not a bad chart, but the financial environment in February 2011 is a big mess. In time it supports the overcoming of many financial problems—but the Jupiter-Pluto square is sinister and a big problem. Jupiter is the planet of religion, and the Jupiter–Uranus conjunction encourages religious extremism. It might start a religious revolution. Lower-Pluto is an aggressive atheist, and his henchman are already engaged in an all out attack on God and orthodox religion.

At Washington, Jupiter is in the 1st house—the people and their welfare—and the people directly benefit from Jupiter's financial bounty. But with Venus and Pluto in the 10<sup>th</sup> house—the President and business—square Jupiter it's not all smooth sailing. There are obstacles hindering the abundance and financial prosperity. In a country where private money can finance political movements—big business can buy government policy—the bankers have more power than the politicians—and the pursuit of happiness is a billion dollar venture—the influence of Jupiter is massive.

Jupiter has nothing to do with protests and demonstrations, but his banking practices, financial policies and rising prices can cause social unrest, and social unrest can cause financial and currency problems. In 2007 when Jupiter's conceit and arrogance turned into an insatiable grab for more and more money, he brought the world to the brink of financial disaster. Since then the politicians have been trying to regulate the bankers, and in February 2011 major financial regulations were introduced to prevent another financial meltdown. The bankers, due to their influence and destructive behavior, are detested, and in this new Jupiter cycle, Jupiter is conjunction Uranus—the planet of discontentment, protests and civil disobedience.

Now when it comes to the really big problems, all the cycle charts pitch in. Extreme weather events and droughts (the Saturn cycle) cause harvest problems (6th house) and food shortages (Moon and Saturn). And in 2011 there are severe droughts in China and Iran. Jupiter's contribution—through rising food prices—is to send the cost of living up, and if you're unemployed (Saturn) the struggle to survive becomes desperate. And during 2011 rising food prices (Jupiter) will fuel the social discontentment.

#### April 4, 2011 at 9:49 p.m. GMT a new Mars cycle starts

The new Mars cycle starts within 25 hours of the Mars-Uranus conjunction in the sky. It's a high-discord chart. Mars is conjunction Sun—governments and world leaders; conjunction Uranus—radical politics, unrest, strikes, protests, extremists, revolutions and sudden events; and square Pluto—global issues, dictators, terror groups, inversion, propaganda, cooperation, coercion, crime and corruption.

In mundane affairs Mars—the greatest soldier of them all represents aggressive action and ruthless competition. He's harsh, brutal, vicious, combative, energetic, enterprising, courageous and very confrontational. As the fight impulse, Mars views aggressive force as the best option. The enemy must be exterminated. Progress takes place when problems are overcome, and Mars represents a forceful aggressive solution.

The house position of Mars in a country's Mars cycle chart indicates the particular area of its mundane agenda that will influence and be influence by mechanics, machines, manufacturing, war, soldiers, policemen, firemen, fires, bombs, explosions, strife, violence, bandits, intoxicants, alcohol, athletics, doctors, surgery and healing. The number in brackets indicates the chart's discord in discordynes.

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Monad and the Triad. It is, at once, both different and the same.

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# Tarot Correspondence—The Star



#### Divination

"Expresses in the spiritual world, immortality.

In the intellectual world, the interior light which illuminates the spirit.

In the physical world, hope."

#### Admonition

"Remember, then, son of earth, that hope is the sister of faith. Shed thy passions and thy errors in order to study the mysteries of true science and the key will be given thee; then a ray of divine light will break from the occult sanctuary in order to dissipate the shadows of thy future and show thee the way of happiness. If Arcanum XVII should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, whatever may happen in life, never injure the flower of hope and thou wilt gather the fruits of faith."

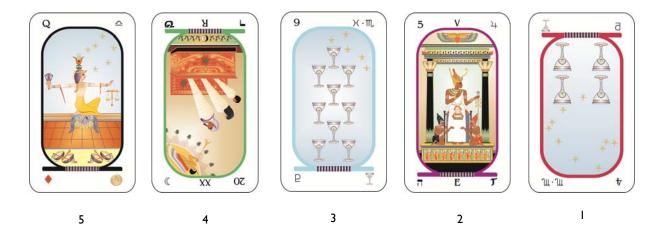
#### Astrology

"The most pronounced symbolism of Arcanum XVII pertains to its duality, and the most dual sign of the zodiac is Gemini. This sign, pictured among the constellations as the Twins, representing Reason and Intuition, belongs to the first degree of emanation of the airy triplicity, and therefore represents the most interior and free use of the intellect. It corresponds to the day house of Mercury, the planet of mental expression, and thus is a fitting symbol of Truth. Better than any other sign, Gemini typifies the duality that sustains all worlds and alone makes life and consciousness possible."

Excerpts from The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

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# Tarot Spread Example—The Yes or No Spread



#### **Tarot Spread Interpretation**

n October 14, 1981, following the assassination of President Anwar El Sadat, Vice-President Hosni Mubarak assumed the presidency of Egypt. On January 25, 2011, protests erupted in Egypt for the end of a 30-year oppressive dictatorship.

Following the social unrest in Egypt, the question was asked: "Will Mubarak peacefully resign the presidency of Egypt?"

#### Card Spread

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1) The distant past—Four of Cups (Reversed) is read as "an increase in the family." on January 29, 2011 Mubarak appoints Omar Suleiman, former director of Egypt's national intelligence agency, as Vice-President.

2) The recent past—Arcanum V, The Hierophant is normally read as "Religion or Law" this represents a growing optimism on the part of the Egyptian population to return to lawful elections.

3) The present—Nine of Cups is read as "wishes realized." On February 11, 2011, after 18 days of protests, Suleiman announced that Mubarak had resigned as president and transferred authority to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces.

4) The future—Arcanum XX (Reversed), is read as an "Awakening or Resurrection." This could represent some delays as Mubarak searches for a country of exile. Perhaps it is an awakening in the Egyptian population as they choose a new form of government, or rumors of health problems may indicate that Mubarak is nearing the end of life.

5) The distant future—Queen of Coins, This represents a woman of Libra temperament with "I Balance" as the keyword. This might represent peace coming to the motherland, or perhaps, when elections are restored, a woman might be a leading candidate for President.

#### Summary

The Yes or No spread is comprised of five cards laid out from left to right. Cards I and 2 represent the past of the matter inquired about, the center card represents the present, and cards 4 and 5 symbolize the future. Right side up cards represent a "yes" answer, and reversed cards "no." Each card is worth the value of one point for yes or no with the exception of the center card, which has the value of two points. In this spread three of the cards were right side up, including the center card, indicating a "yes" answer.

News is in the making very rapidly in North Africa. Since this question was asked, Mubarak has turned the leadership over to the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, a military junta headed by Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, that will act as provisional government. The world looks on waiting to see when democracy will be restored.



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#### Day I: Madrid, New Mexico

#### **Exploring Madrid and Hiking the Sandia Crest**

Join us Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, as we take an all-day excursion up the legendary Turquoise Trail to visit the artist colony of Madrid, New Mexico. Once a mining town that later became a ghost town, Madrid was rediscovered by artists in the 70's. This town is filled with unique art galleries and boutiques and even a mining museum! There are a variety of restaurants from which to select your lunch. Later that afternoon, we will travel to the top of the Sandia Crest (elevation 10,378 feet) for stunning views of the Rio Grande Valley and an hour of hiking in alpine forests.





**Day 2: Albuquerque Biopark** 

#### Albuquerque Biological Park

Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, is our day to stay close to home and enjoy one of the prime destination spots of Albuquerque. The Albuquerque Biological Park, or Biopark, is an environmental museum spread out over three campuses. The north campus features the Aquarium and Botanic Gardens, and the south campus houses the zoological park. The two campuses are linked by Tingley Beach, a series of fishing ponds and bird sanctuary. There are gift stores and cafes scattered throughout the park. Travel between all three locations is accommodated by a small open-air train. Admission to all facilities is \$12 (seniors \$5).

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#### **Day 3 Preconference Intensive:**

## **Emma Hardinge Britten Revealed**

n Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, our special guest presenters are Marc Demarest and K. Paul Johnson. They will present on Emma Hardinge Britten, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Spiritualist propagandist and one of the founders of the Theosophical Society. A document titled, "The History and Principles of The Church of Light," informs us that it was through two books, *Ghost Land* and *Art Magic*, both translated and edited by EHB, that the Brotherhood of Light Teachings first came to America.

Marc Demarest specializes in researching Modern Spiritualism and the Occult Revival and is the curator of the Emma Hardinge Britten Archive (<u>www.ehbritten.org</u>). He is currently writing a biography of Emma Hardinge Britten, and preparing a *Victorian Spiritualist Reader*, both slated for publication in 2011. He also curates the website for the International Association for the Preservation of Spiritualist and Occult Periodicals, a 501 non-profit educational organization.

K. Paul Johnson, author of *The Masters Revealed*, will present on the topic of EHB and her relationship to The Orphic Circle, an occult brotherhood operating in 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe.



K. Paul Johnson



Marc Demarest

# Convention 2011 **The Royal Path to Spirit** Friday-Sunday, June 24th-26th

Convention 2011 officially begins with our Annual Business Meeting on Friday, June 24th, at 3 p.m.. This is a good opportunity to get informed and participate in our organizational leadership.

On the evening of the 24th, we will engage in one of our most celebrated activities—Church of Light Initiations. This is a chance for new members who have passed one course to be inducted into the organization. Those members making a grade change or graduating to Hermetician status may also request to be initiated. A member's reception immediately follows the Initiations.

Saturday June 25th's programming will include Tarot and Initiation Part III by Christopher Gibson featuring the complimentary relationships of the tarot Arcanum on the pillars of the temple of initiation. Yvette Fortin will present an interdisciplinary talk focused on the astrological assignments attributed to the major arcanum by different occult authors. Sandra Mayo and the Clinton Astrological Association will be back to entertain us by giving a dramatic voice to the trump cards of the tarot.



2009 Sandra Mayo and the Clinton Astrological Association



2005, Costumed participant Alicia Lopez Saturday night's activities include an awards banquet and comedic sketch by Radine Ramsey, followed by a *Come as Your Favorite Tarot Card* costume and disco party.

Sunday's program features a Summer Solstice Service officiated by Rev. Meg Dissinger. Allyn McCray will speak on the symbolism of the Magus. Patrick Ramsey will lead us through a hands-on workshop of tarot spreads and counseling techniques. Veiga O'Sickey will reveal the esoteric meanings of the minor Arcanum, and the conference will end with a special panel discussion which will include Vicki Brewer, designer of the B of L Color Tarot deck addressing tarot questions and answers.

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# **Membership Room**



# Fort Worth Activities

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# **Albuquerque Sunday Services**

Our liturgy includes an opening and announcements by Rev. Paul Brewer, a Centering Prayer, a discussion on the relationship of the sign of the zodiac to the current season and holidays by Rev. Christopher Gibson, a homily derived from *The Sacred Tarot*, by Rev. Meg Dissinger titled, *The Greater Trumps*, and Healing Intentions led by Veiga O'Sickey.

Services followed by a potluck buffet and social time.

Sunday Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 AM. MST and broadcast at:

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The following are the dates and topics for upcoming monthly services:

> April 17 Temptation

May 15 God Is Alive; Magic Is Afoot

> June 26 The Next Life

The June Solstice Service will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month as part of our Convention



Ministers Meg Dissinger and Christopher Gibson

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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 during our regular office hours.



Patrick Ramsey

# New Schedule for Ninth House Mailings

Due to rising printing and postage costs, we have been forced to cut back on the frequency of our mailings. Commencing immediately the Ninth House Newsletter and Decanate cards will be mailed on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October. Those members wishing an electronic version of the newsletter and postcards will receive email notification announcing when the Ninth House is posted to the website. To be placed on our email list, make your request by emailing churchoflight@light.org.

The Church of Light Quarterly Publication will continue to be mailed around the solstices and equinoxes to those members who donate \$50 or more per year to help defray costs. All other members will have access to the current Quarterly and archives by logging on to www.light.org.

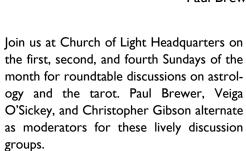
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# Sunday Roundtable Discussions



Veiga O'Sickey





Paul Brewer





Christopher Gibson

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Tarot Talk	Veiga
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Astrology Lab	Paul
April	1 <b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 1:p.m.	Third-Sunday Service and potluck: Temptation	Meg/Christopher
	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Mundane Roundtable	Christopher
	l <sup>st</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Tarot Talk	Veiga
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Astrology Lab	Paul
May	15 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 1:p.m.	Third-Sunday Service and potluck: God Is Alive; Magic Is Afoot"	Meg/Christopher
,	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Mundane Roundtable	Christopher
	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Tarot Talk	Veiga
	<b>5</b> <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Tarot Talk	Veiga
	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11 a.m.	Astrology Lab	Paul
June	19 <sup>th</sup>		Convention Prep: Regular Third Sunday Service to be held on the 26th during Convention.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m. – 1:p.m?	Convention: The Next Life	Meg/Christopher

# Volunteer Opportunities—The Body of the Bull

The Order of the Sphinx is open to Hermeticians in good standing with the Church of Light. There are four different sections of The Order each corresponding to a different component of the body of the sphinx. Members of The Body of the Bull devote themselves to a specific service to mankind or to The Church of Light. When there is a service project that does not belong to one of the other sections, it can come under the Body of the Bull. One of the upcoming projects for Body of the Bull will be the Starstruck Boutique at the 2011 Convention. The Starstruck Boutique is a fund-raising effort for The Church of Light that sells one-of-a-kind celestial, astrological, Masonic and tarot related collectibles. The boutique also features all The Brotherhood of Light books, software, CD ROM's and related materials. If you have an item you would like to donate to the Starstruck Boutique or if you are interested in volunteering to help staff the boutique, contact Section Advisor Radine Ramsey at:

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#### Date: 5 Tuesdays March 15—April 12, 2011

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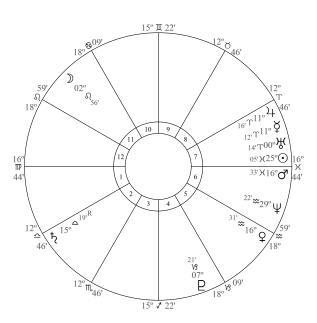
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Suggested donation: \$50 for the series or \$12 a class (no one will be turned away for lack of funds).



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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 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;