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## The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet Dalet: Born into Being

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The fourth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is Dalet, which translates as "door". It is indeed a door, if not perhaps *the* door through which all manifestation occurs. The number 4 is of incredible value and import in ancient Sacred Geometry (for a much deeper elaboration, please see my article on the Tetrad). This same import is repeated and emphasized in Kabbalistic

literature as well. The Kabbalists refer to the Four Worlds, through which all existence is made possible. The first world is Azilut, or Emanation. This is the spiritual level where an idea is first conceived. The second world is Beriah, or Creation. This is the level at which a mental picture of the idea is formed. The third world, Yetzirah, or Formation, represents the commitment of

energy and emotion to the undertaking. Finally, in the fourth step that desire is brought into being, through the world of Assiyah, or Action. This last world represents the manifestation of the goal in reality.

It is not at all accidental that we in the Brotherhood of Light apply the same conception, though we use the sym-

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## The Eighth House: Death's Doorstep

by Meg Dissinger

In the past three weeks, two of my dear friends have crossed the River Styx. I believe I have mentioned before in these articles that as I approach each one, the lessons of the houses come rallying to my attention. I admit that as I approached my research and musings in preparation for this installment, that I was hoping for a transformative event, a financial windfall, an offer of a fantastic all-expenses-paid voyage to an exotic location, perhaps even simply a refund on my taxes, or a romantic night to remember. Instead, my friends died.

The eighth house is the house of surrender. Usually our first definition of the eighth

house is "sex, death, and other peoples' money," which is simplistic, but easy for most of us to remember as beginners. On further investigation, which we must make to become proficient astrologers, we come to understand that the eighth house demands that we let go, surrender, transform, and make an end to all that is holding us back from the life of Spirit. Surrender is one of the most critical lessons to be learned to grow in spirit. As humans we form attachments to those things which bring us comfort. Sometimes these attachments become

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## Editorial

Christopher Gibson

*“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.” – Warren Bennis*

There are times when life is bittersweet; the qualities of sadness and joy become inextricably intertwined with one another. This is one of those times for many of us who work at the Church of Light. Our President, Paul Brewer, recently announced that he would not be available for re-election to the board of directors. When his term expires this June – he is retiring. We are sad to see him go, and joyful that he will have the opportunity to travel more, spend time with his grandchildren, and to enjoy life. We are also grateful for his many years of service to The Church of Light.

Paul first joined the Church in the summer of 1969 and became more active at headquarters in 1975 when he, his wife Vicki, and their infant daughter, Emily, moved from Oklahoma to Los Angeles. A decade later, in 1985, when the Church was under legal assault from a small group of members, Paul and Vicki courageously came forward and were elected to the board as others stepped down from leadership. It is thirty years now that I have had the privilege of working alongside Paul on the board of directors.

When I retired from the presidency in 1994 and became an honorary board member for life, Paul was elected to be the next president. It is amazing to think that he has served as president for 21 years, for this is longer than Elbert Benjamine was president of The Church of Light.

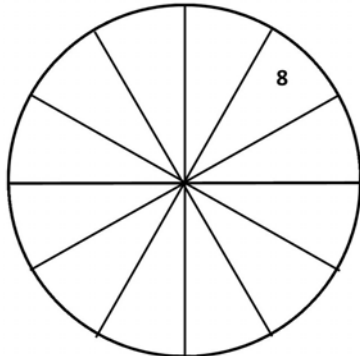
During his lengthy tenure as president, Paul has guided our organization into the age of computers and technology. When I look back almost 40 years, to when I started working in the print rooms at The Church of Light, we were using card catalogs, typewriters and offset printing presses. Times have changed, and in the last 20 years our accounting systems, membership databases, publishing programs, telephones and answering systems have all shifted to computer-based technologies.

Our bookstore, services, classes and so much more are available to seekers around the world who have access to the internet. We now have a virtual community of Stellarians.

It was also during Paul's tenure that an endowment fund was established in which the principle will exist in perpetuity, and the annual interest earned provides an income for the Church. Several key members have generously donated to this fund, and Paul leaves the Church in better financial shape than the organization he inherited.

Paul is the designer of the Horoscope © program, a computer software that calculates natal charts, astrodynes, progressions and progressed astrodynes. This is a process which in previous eras would have required more than 40 hours of hand calculations per chart. As a result of Paul's Brewer's ingenuity and persistence, Hermetic Astrologers can now have all the calculations they need in minutes. As a result of Paul's technological know-how and visionary leadership of

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### ***Eighth House Associations***

Death, rebirth, after-life, apparitions, non-physical or disembodied entities, ghosts, spirit guides, spirit world, guardian angels, poltergeists, phantoms, psychic phenomena, annuities, investment strategies, securities, insurance, pension plans, tax shelters, estates, legacies, gifts, grants, scholarships, joint resources, mutual funds, fundraising, other people's money, taxes, debts and credit.

### ***Eighth House Environments***

Catacomb, cemetery, crematorium, funeral parlor, graveyard, mausoleum, memorial sculptors', monument carvers', morgue, mortuary, necropolis, ossuary, abattoir, slaughterhouse, execution chambers, county assessor's office, Internal Revenue office, taxation board, accounting firm, brokerage firm, bur-sar's office, credit counselors', credit reporting agency, credit union, custodial bank, escrow office, insurance agency.

### ***Eighth House Occupations***

Embalmer, mortician, undertaker, butcher, exterminator, executioner, auditor, appraiser, assessor, bookkeeper, accountant, tax accountants, Certified Public Accountant, creditor, loan officer, escrow agent, broker, investment banker, Internal Revenue Agent, estate-planner, estate attorney, insurance agent.

### ***(Astrology — Eighth House Continued from page 1)***

obsessions, compulsions; which are also a part of what is defined in the eighth. The lessons of the eighth involve recognizing these as they become a detriment to our spiritual growth and then finding the fortitude to release these attachments in the name of transformation.

In past articles we have discussed archetypes and the shadow material which we must embrace in order to transform. Each house of the horoscope gives rise to opportunities for us to practice alchemical transmutation of the energies therein represented by the signs of the zodiac and the planets in their various combinations. The shadow material is in each house, but in the 8<sup>th</sup> house we find those inherited tendencies, the legacies of dysfunction which are hardest to acknowledge and transform. In the 8<sup>th</sup> house we find our deepest desires, our mysteries of sex and intimacy and how we express them. We confront the private secrets which bring us shame, our demons, our issues around finance and all that which we fear. The eighth house causes us to dig deeper and work harder in order to find these and then to acknowledge and accept them as a part of the joy of our humanity in order to see them as a part of the gold that makes us worthy to live our Spiritual Life. We cannot deny any part of this entity we are. We surrender to it all in the eighth house in order to grow and change.

Just when it all seems hopeless, we remember that the eighth house provides us with unseen guides and forces. We come to recognize on our spiritual journey that we have advisors and friends from this side and the other side whose energies we can feel and accept as helpers on this path. As we raise our vibratory levels, we encounter more and more guides; we attract more and more information to help us on our walk of spirit. We feel more and more strongly that we are growing toward the Light of Spirit by our willingness to let go of the attachments which no longer serve us on our journey.

In this way we begin to really understand the dynamics of the eighth house in relationship to hidden treasures available to those who can let go. The gifts of the eighth house help us to grow spiritually and have a deep insight into others. If we are blessed with an active eighth house, it is likely that we have empathic insights into others that can be frightening and cause

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the past two decades, The Brotherhood of Light Lessons can be accessed for free from anywhere in the world, or purchased in print and various electronic media. Paul has contributed his utmost and been successful in translating his vision for the Church into reality. We all thank him from the bottom of our hearts.

Change does not come easily for any of us, yet change in leadership always opens up an organization to new

energy, ideas, talent, and direction. Just as we are saddened to see Paul leave, we are equally as excited about the new horizons that await both him and us. The 2015 convention and business meeting will mark a time of stimulating transitions in our organization, and we encourage you to attend in order to be a part of the process. Come help us translate a new vision into reality!

**(Hebrew Alphabet—Continued from page 1)**

bolism of the four elements. The same scheme is followed, but the elements are substituted for the various worlds. In this system, Fire represents the first world, Air the second, Water the third, and Earth the fourth. Indeed, these are deep and memorable teachings, lodging themselves deep in the consciousness of the learner.

And again, we see the same exact motif expressed arithmetically in the simple yet profound equation:  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$ . In this seemingly inane formula, the same principle of a four-stage manifestation is revealed. It takes no less than four discrete stages to complete a cycle (represented by the Decad). This single equation may well form the basis for our entire system of mathematics, but this topic has already been covered at length in my articles on the Tetrads and Decad.

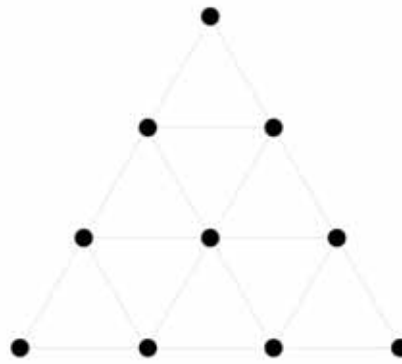
Finally, we observe the same formula geometrically in the famed Tetrakys of Pythagoras, an ancient visual representation of the inextricable link between 4 and 10 (shown below).

The Tetrakys is at once four (serially) and ten (cumulatively). It demonstrates pictographically the enduring link between the Tetrad as a symbol of an idea brought into being in four discrete stages, and the Decad as the symbol of the completion of a cycle of manifestation.

Linguistically, Dalet is classified by the ancient Kabbalists as a lingual, indicating that it is formed with the tongue. According to modern linguistic theory, it is classified as a voiced alveolar stop, which rather describes the placement of the tongue just behind the teeth at a portion of the mouth called the alveolar ridge. From my own observations and investigations, I believe that the tongue, in

making the sound /d/ moves downward, deepening, darkening tone, and perhaps even dying to its former high place. Whether through its motion or its association with the planet Mars, it begins the words for death, destruction, disease, damage, and a whole host of other words which indicate dismay. Dr. Margaret Magnus has performed extensive research on the relationship between sound and meaning in the English language, and many of my thoughts are authenticated by her work.

Hence, we have here a letter which simultaneously represents death and life, the end and a new beginning. For some, this might seem paradoxical, but if one is familiar with the concepts promulgated by the Ancients, then it could *only* be this way, as for them, as for so many of us now, every ending is a new beginning, every death a presage to a new life.



The Tetrakys

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## Tarot Correspondence — The Queen of Cups



### Divination

“The Queen of Cups signifies a person ruled by the sign Scorpio: active, selfish, proud, resentful, reserved and thoughtful. Right way up it denotes a Scorpio woman; reversed it indicates a Scorpio man. The dominant idea is I DESIRE.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

### Physical Description

SCORPIO: Middle height, thick set, corpulent, hooked nose, dark hair, ruddy or swarthy complexion.

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 Queen of Cups, Scorpio, corresponds to the Eighth House of death, the spirit world, unseen entities, other people's money, taxes, inheritances, gifts, grants and legacies.

## Tarot Card Example —The Magic Seven Spread

### Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, "What surrounds my new career as a tour group leader?"

#### Card Spread

**The Past** — Ace of Coins "The divinatory significance of the Ace of Coins is a short journey; its inner significance is POLICY."

**The Present** – Horseman of Cups "The Horseman of Cups denotes thoughts of love or affection. Right way up they are sincere and to the client's advantage; reversed they indicate deceit or opposition to the true affectional desires."

**The Future** — Seven of Cups (reversed) "The divinatory significance of the Seven of Cups is a successful change of home; its inner interpretation is VERITY."

**The Ability to Control** — Six of Coins (reversed) "The divinatory significance of the Six of Coins is a social event; its inner interpretation is REPRESSION."

**The Environment** — Ten of Cups (reversed) "The divinatory significance of the Ten of Cups is a decidedly unconventional affectional interest; its inner interpretation is EMOTION."

**The Opposition** — Nine of Cups (reversed) "The divinatory significance of the Nine of Cups is that the hopes will be realized; it is the WISH-CARD; its inner interpretation is VICISSITUDES."

**The Outcome** — Ace of Cups "The divinatory significance of the Ace of Cups is a letter from a loved one; its inner interpretation is MOODS."



### Summary

The Querent had been recently hired as a group leader by an organization specializing in educational travel programming. Although this had been a long-time career goal, he was uncertain at first as to whether or not he would be the right fit for this organization.

**The Past**, pictured by the Ace of Coins is interpreted as a short journey. This reveals both the nature of the industry and the fact that he had been hired for short-term local travel programs.

**The Present**, represented by the Horseman of Cups reveals the attitude of excitement and joy that he was currently experiencing in his new job.

**The Future**, pictured by the Seven of Cups (reversed), might indicate a week long stay at a hotel which became his home while away from home. Reversed showing a short-term move.

**The Ability to Control**, is revealed through the Six of Coins (reversed), which indicates that the Querent, an introvert, will have to work at being more social and gregarious to find success in this line of work.

**The Environment**, is dominated by the Ten of Cups (reversed), shows that there may be some emotional ups and downs that come from interacting with the public, however he will find an unusual love for the work.

**The Opposition** is symbolized by Nine of Cups (reversed), a card which normally indicates that one's wishes will be realized. In the opposition this might show that the Querent's expectations may not be completely realized.

**The Outcome**, as revealed by the Ace of Cups affirms that he will ultimately love his work, and in turn be loved by his participants and coworkers.


  
**Celebrating 100 Years of Brotherhood of Light Classes**  
**May 1915-May 2015**

**May 1915-May 2015:**  
**Celebrating 100 Years of Brotherhood of Light Classes**

DW Sutton & Christopher Gibson

When Elbert Benjamine gave his promise to bring The Brotherhood of Light teachings to Earth in 1910 there had never been an organized attempt to teach the teachings. Thomas Burgoyne's *The Light of Egypt* was a text-book of sorts, which students could study privately, but The Brotherhood of Light's astrological and other teachings weren't available in a format that permitted class room teaching. It was a problem that Elbert immediately addressed in 1914 with the writing of Course 8 and Course 10 and when he arrived in Los Angeles in May 1915 he commenced teaching The Hermetic System of Astrology on a Monday night to astrology students and a private psychic development class that was not opened to the public. It was a history making moment; for the first time, The Brotherhood of Light teachings were being taught in a classroom setting.

In November, 1928, Elbert explained: 'Since that time I have taught these weekly astrological classes continuously, with the exception of some two months during the war when I taught weekly classes elsewhere.' And he continued to teach his weekly classes till mid 1949 when his evangelical work saw him take The Brotherhood of Light's message 'to any group that was interested in learning about inner-plane facts.'

On November 11, 1918, Elbert held the first Brotherhood of Light Convention and opened the psychic development class to the public. Fred H Skinner, the Church of Light's first vice-president, and Elizabeth Dorris were soon attending the class and, in the autumn of 1919, Fred began teaching for The Brotherhood of Light. He taught students how to construct their birthcharts and, from then until his passing in 1940, he was the Brotherhood's principle astrology teacher. Elbert Benjamine acknowledged him as 'The Dean of Astrology.'

In February 1919 Lenora Conwell, who later became Elbert's working partner at The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department, joined his Monday night astrology class and in 1920 she opened the Hollywood Church of Light Center and commenced teaching astrology classes. And with teachers teaching the Hermetic system of astrology from student friendly textbooks it wasn't long before the astrological community in America became aware of the wonderful personal benefits of Elbert Benjamine's glorious system of astrology. By 1934, Church of Light Centers were teaching astrology classes throughout America. At Church of Light Headquarters in Los Angeles nine teachers were teaching classes on every day of the week except Sunday. And in Canada classes were being conducted by Cliff Barkley, Sue Starnaman and Henry W. Bowers at four Church of Light Centers.

On January 31, 1938 in Wichita, Kansas, Mildred Schuler published the first issue of *The Rising Star*, a monthly magazine devoted to teaching The Hermetic System of Astrology. And *The Rising Star*, which became the official organ for teaching students who did not have access to classroom learning, became a powerful resource for explaining the teachings and principles of Hermetic astrology. Mildred conducted a monthly feature on natal astrology explaining how to construct and interpret a natal chart. And *The Rising Star* presented and explained The Hermetic system of astrology to astrology students throughout America.

By 1950, Elbert had presented the science of Hermetic astrology, Church of Light teachers were teaching the science, and the Hermetic System of Astrology had become the most popular and widely used system of astrology in America.

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Following Elbert's departure to inner-plane work in November 1951, classes continued in Los Angeles under the direction of Ed and Doris Doane and throughout America at established Church of Light Centers, but the loss of the Church's dynamic leader was a difficult blow and without his push and enthusiasm the momentum to teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars slowly waned. But it is safe to say that at no stage did the teaching of Hermetic astrology cease.

Ed and Doris Doane continued in their leadership of the Church of Light from 1951 through 1967. The 1960's and 70's were a period of an "occult revival" in the United States and elsewhere as the younger generation sought to cast off the mantle of orthodoxy and

explore pre-Christian spiritual traditions. During the '50's and '60's, Ed and Doris were living "up on the hill" at the Coral Street address that had originally been the home of Elizabeth and Elbert Benjamine. Behind the house, the Doane's built a wood frame and metal-siding warehouse to store the vast inventory of B of L Lessons that were being printed. Classes were held at The Church of Light offices and storefront on 6th Street in Los Angeles near Western Boulevard. In addition to teaching classes at The Church of Light, Doris and Ed also taught Hermetic Astrology through Katalin B. Williams' Foundation for Scientific Spiritual Understanding (FOSSU) in Redondo Beach, California. Some of the other top-names teaching Brotherhood of Light courses during the late '60's and early '70's, at FOSSU, were King Keyes, JoAnne Poole, Lois Rodden and Mary Sample.

By the end of 1967, Ed Doane's health was failing, and on January 8, 1968, Vena S. Naughton replaced him as president. Naughton's eight-year tenure as president coincided with an era in which there was widespread interest in The Brotherhood of Light Lessons. During this time The Church of Light made an ambitious move from the 6<sup>th</sup> Street storefront into more spacious accommodations three blocks away on St. Andrews Place and Wilshire Boulevard. Many Church of Light members who were part of the local organization during these years fondly



Classroom Los Angeles, Early 20th Century

remember the St. Andrews Place property, which contained a large auditorium with stage that functioned as both classroom and chapel. The facility also contained a bookstore, library, offices, kitchen and print room. President Vena Naughton was an active teacher, and in September, 1970, she applied for copyright for a Teachers Manual for Beginner's Astrological Delineation. Although

The Church of Light was granted a copyright, the manual was never formally published, just distributed internally.

Ken Stone was elected president in 1976. In an optimistic move The Church expanded into additional offices and opened a well-appointed metaphysical bookstore called The Light of Egypt, when a Wilshire Boulevard storefront in the St. Andrews complex came available. During the meta-

physical heyday of the '70's four classes-a-week were being taught in the auditorium, on weekday evenings and Saturdays. During much of the '70's, the most popular course was Jesse Montoya's Tarot class, and Saturday afternoons would often see a packed auditorium of eager students. Other classes being taught during the late 70's ran the gamut from Beginning Chart Erection to Hermetic Progressions. The exciting roster of C. of L. trained instructors included, but was not limited to: Karl Berger, Paul Brewer, Lorraine Crost, Carleton Guellow, Wendall B. Haas, Maurice and Danielle LeCroy, Linden and Holly Leisge, Jesse Montoya, Marguerite Morin, Carol Peel, Phyllis Stanick, Ken Stone, and Forrest and Meg Teague.

1978 ushered in a time of transitions and adaptations for The Church of Light. The bubble burst on the market for occult and astrology books and The Church of Light, now financially over-extended, with leases on the auditorium, bookstore and offices, was faced with difficult choices. The Church leadership decided to let go of the Light of Egypt bookstore and auditorium and withdrew to an inner courtyard suite of offices with the print shop and a smaller inventory of books.

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During the last two years of his life, Jesse Montoya mentored a group of students in a class called “The Academy.” The Academy was limited to a set number of advanced Church of Light students who convened on Thursday evenings in the courtyard office on St. Andrews Place. Jesse privately taught a syncretism of Brotherhood of Light Psychic Development, Mexican “Curandismo,” and the “Los Misterios” traditions of the Dominican Republic. Although considered controversial by some, the majority of Academy members felt that they had received a very important education.

During 1978, Forrest Teague and Owen Mansfield opened a bookstore called Fantasy Meets Reality, in Santa Monica, California, and for the next couple of years Church of Light classes were taught out of the classroom in the rear of the bookstore. That same year was also when star instructor, Jesse Montoya, began a rapid decline due to a struggle with diabetes. Shortly before his demise in May, 1978, Jesse requested that Christopher Gibson replace him as tarot instructor.

In 1979, Vance Sargent held the position of president for a one-year period. The following year, in 1980, Linden Leisge commenced his four-year tenure as president. During Linden’s presidency, Church of Light Headquarters moved away from Los Angeles to an office building in Sunland, California. Around 1986, Headquarters returned to the Coral St. property, just east of Downtown Los Angeles, where it was housed through 1999. Neither Sunland nor Coral Street were conducive to attracting students. Commencing in 1980, Wendy Banks and Christopher Gibson began teaching Church of Light classes in Hermetic astrology and Egyptian Tarot through the Community Services program at Los Angeles City College and West Los Angeles College as a means of opening up the B of L teachings to a wider public audience. Christopher continued teaching two to four classes a week at LACC until 1996. The former Church of Light auditorium was



Albuquerque Classroom, 2009

now home to the Thomas Institute of Metaphysics where Christopher also taught Hermetic Astrology and Egyptian Tarot classes for several years as a means of keeping the attention of occult students already accustomed to that location for Church of Light classes.

In Sydney, Australia, in February 1984, Dennis Sutton began teaching Hermetic astrology and astrodynes to a class at the Sydney Astrological Research Society. For three years he was active teaching three astrology classes using textbooks he wrote and published. Later, in 1995 he

was involved in a grand venture – the establishment of the Academy of Hermetic Astrology in Canberra, Australia, with Julia Goldstein. The Academy provided a three-year course that taught students how to assess their birthcharts and progressed charts. At the height of its success the academy had over 30 students with a new course semester starting each year, but in the end the grand adventure

was short-lived due to an inability to attract new students.

Back in Los Angeles, Lea Riffle was president from 1984 until his death in November 1991. During these years and through the end of the 1990’s all of the Church of Light resources were being dedicated to the International organization and keeping the B of L lessons in print. Members were still active passing exams, but the only classes being held publicly were through Los Angeles City College.

Vicki Brewer served as interim-president from December 1991 – May 1992, when Christopher Gibson was elected President. Paul Brewer was elected president in 1994 and has served until the present time. In 1999, the Church of Light moved away from the Benjamine property on Coral St. and relocated to new offices in Brea, California, near the home of Paul and Vicki Brewer. In Brea, President

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### Friday June 26, 2015

Time	Event	Location
9 - 9:30 AM	Registration	Sandia Room
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	The Horoscope Program, Progressed Astrodynes and Aspectographs Paul Brewer	Sandia Room
12:30 PM - 4 PM	Lunch and free time —participants are on their own or with friends	Your Choice
4 - 5:30 PM	Business Meeting	Sandia Room
6:15 - 7:15 PM	Rehearsal for Initiation Principals (Sphinx Section Leaders, Triad, & Initiation Guides)	Sandia Room
7:15 PM	Initiates Gather	Sandia Entrance
7:30 - 9 PM	Initiation	Sandia Room
9 - 10 PM	Reception for Initiates and Guests	Sandia Room

### Saturday June 27, 2015

Time	Event	Location
8 - 8:30 AM	Registration	Sandia Room
8:30 - 9 AM	Opening Ritual & Welcome Paul Brewer	Sandia Room
9 - 10:30 AM	The Role of Astro-Physical Interaction in Chart Interpretation Mikael Salter	Sandia Room
10:30 AM - 12 PM	Advanced Delineation Techniques: Planets in Aspect Wendy Banks	Sandia Room
12 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon Buffet	Sandia Room
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Announcements	Sandia Room
1:45 - 3 PM	Hermetic Progressions: Mapping Your Future—Part I Christopher Gibson	Sandia Room
3 - 3:30 PM	Break and Readings	Sandia Room
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Hermetic Progressions: Mapping Your Future—Part 2 Hands-on Workshop	Sandia Room
5 - 6 PM	Break (must clear room for setup)	Sandia Room
6 - 7:30 PM	Dinner Buffet and Awards	Sandia Room
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Entertainment: The Rogue Bindis	Sandia Room
8:30 - 10:00 PM	Arabian Nights Costume Party	Sandia Room

## Membership Room

### The Church of Light 2015 Convention—Speakers Roster

**Register online at [light.org](http://light.org)—2015 Convention page**



**Wendy Banks** was born in London, England, and is best known as the Astrological Editor for Starscrolls, a monthly astrological calendar, for whom she developed a 1-900 phone line. Wendy holds a degree in education from London University. In addition to her astrological practice, Wendy has a diverse profes-

sional background including stints as a teacher, legal secretary, real estate agent, theatre professional, a script supervisor for film and television; she currently works as a certified yoga instructor escorting students on yoga retreats around the world.

A recent Hermetician, Wendy began her Church of Light studies in 1976. She passed the professional level exam of the American Federation of Astrologers in 1981. A lively and inspiring teacher, Wendy taught astrology at The Church of Light in 1979 and through the College Community Services program at L.A. City College and West L.A. during the 1980's. In 1992, Wendy was ordained a Minister at the Church of Cosmic Consciousness, where she offered monthly talks on the spiritual symbolism of astrology.

Astrological aspects are determined by the angles at which planetary energies converge in a horoscope. Aspects contribute power, harmony or discord to a chart and represent the idiosyncrasies of our character and mental processes. Hermetic astrology uses a series of keywords for describing the planets, signs, houses and aspects which, when combined, can convey statements about who we are. In the hands of a skilled professional, the aspects provide profound insights into our personalities and the experiences we attract into our lives. The key to interpreting aspects is having a mastery of astrological

vocabulary. Wendy is a virtuoso of astrological language, and in her workshop she will help you to find a 'voice' for the planets and aspects in your chart.



**Paul Brewer** joined The Church of Light in 1969. He is a Hermetician, Minister, and President of the Church of Light. He developed the Horoscope © astrological software program for Windows that employs

the Hermetic system and Astrodynes. His professional affiliations include the NCGR, AFA and ISAR. His primary fields of interest are religion, philosophy, occult science and cosmology. Paul's formal education includes a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a Masters in Business Administration from California State University. Paul's professional background includes a 28-year career as an engineer and program manager at The Boeing Company in Southern California.

Paul will be offering a pre-conference intensive entitled "Using Horoscope 2015 and its New Features Including Progressed Astrodynes and Aspectographs". Bring your laptop with the Horoscope Program installed. (This is not a requirement for attendance. You can also purchase the program at specially discounted prices of \$145 for new users, or upgrades for \$35.) Paul will walk you through the program showing you tips and tricks for using the program, often-overlooked features, how to get the most out of progression and transit reports, and the many new features of the 2015 version including progressed astrodynes, aspectographs, and more.

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**Adriana Donofrio** is a Hermetician of the 6th Grade and 28 Degrees. She first joined The Church of Light in 1977, achieving Hermetician status in 1980. Adriana served on the board of directors for the Church of Light from 1980—1992. She currently lives in Claremont, California, and

has enjoyed a long career as a Realtor in the San Gabriel Valley.

In Jungian psychology, Individuation is the process by which each individual discovers the innate elements of his or her personality and how to integrate life experiences into a well functioning whole.

Adriana's presentation, "The Undiscovered Self: Using Natal Astrology in the Process of Individuation" will blend Jungian insights with Hermetic techniques and guide the participant along the path of self-discovery. Using astrology, Adriana will explore how each soul is undergoing a unique education, and how the curriculum of this training has been ordained by the Cosmos. She will also touch on the symbolism of the 12 Labors of Hercules and how to develop one's character through the application of Personal Alchemy.



**Yvette Fortin** first joined the Church of Light in 2008. A Hermetician and Certified Teacher, Yvette teaches workshops and facilitates informal Sunday study groups at Church of Light Headquarters. Yvette feels that her life's purpose is to teach esoteric and metaphysical principals, and she made her debut at our 2011 Convention. Yvette holds a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from

Metropolitan State College of Denver. During her six-year stint in the Air Force, she was trained as a

Weather Observer. Since 2007 she has worked full-time as a weather observer at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque.

Throughout the millennia, there is a single thread that binds ancient Egypt with the Hellenistic world, the Arabian empire, India, the European Renaissance, and continues to touch the present. That thread is the Decanates, a division of the earth's sky into 36 sections. These 36 "Faces of Heaven" are more than just a curious footnote in the history of archaeo-astronomy. First emerging in ancient Egypt, they have moved with the corpus of Hermetic material, reincarnating in the starry wisdom of culture after culture.

Since ancient times, all across the world, humanity has looked at these 36 faces staring back at them, The 36 decanates continue to relate their truths for all to see, but alas, few have understood because this system of truth has remained a mystery for so long. In *The Decanates: 36 Faces of Heaven*, Yvette will explore the decanates drawing upon historic, and personal spiritual perspectives.

**Christopher Gibson** is familiar to many through his national television appearances on NBC, FOX, and CNN. He has been featured in *Who's Who in America*, *LA Inside Out*, and *Faces of Faith*.



Christopher joined the Church of Light in 1976, and upon achieving Hermetician status in 1978, he was elected to the Board of Directors. Over the years he has served in varying capacities as president, vice-president, corporate secretary, and director emeritus.

On Saturday afternoon, Christopher will be offering a two-part workshop entitled *Hermetic Progressions: Mapping Your Future*. In this two-hour workshop, participants will learn how to analyze a pro-

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### Sunday June 28, 2015

Time	Event	Location
8:45 - 9 AM	Announcements & Orientation Emcee	Sandia Room
9 - 10:30 AM	The Decanates: 36 Faces of Heaven Yvette Fortin	Sandia Room
10:30 - 11 AM	Break and Readings	Sandia Room
11: AM - 12 PM	Church of Light Summer Solstice Service Rev. Pat Ramsey and Rev. Radine Ramsey	Sandia Room
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch Buffet	Sandia Room
1:30 - 2:45 PM	The Undiscovered Self: Using Natal Astrology in the Process of Individuation Adriana Donofrio	Sandia Room
2:45 - 3:15 PM	Break and Readings	Sandia Room
3:15 - 4:30 PM	Creating a Better Life With Astrology Gale Gorman	Sandia Room
4:30 - 5 PM	Hands-on Workshop : Astrological Strategies Using Your Chart (TBA)	Sandia Room
5 PM	Closing Ritual Vicki Brewer	Sandia Room
5:30 PM	Bookstore Closes	Sandia Room

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gression report in order to determine upcoming life trends. The participant will evaluate his or her chart from the perspective of what patterns in consciousness might be stimulated under particular progressed aspects. Special attention will be placed on applying mental antidotes to harmonize discordant planets and aspects in order to attract desirable events and activities into one's life. Topics covered will be affirmations, visualizations, behavioral changes, and the use of environmental factors such as colors, talismans, gemstones, and locations.

**Gale Gorman** is a Church of Light member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 21<sup>st</sup> Degree. He joined The



Church of Light in 1981 and rapidly achieved Hermetician status by 1984. Gale's fascination with astrology began in March of 1976. Shortly thereafter he discovered Course VIII, Horary Astrology, on a bookshelf. This book piqued his interest in Astrodynes, a means of measuring the power and harmony in a horo-

scope. It was not long before he ended up owning all 21 of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons. Gale spent several years exploring different astrological systems before settling on the Hermetic System.

Gale has held memberships in the National Council for Geocosmic Research and the American Federation of Astrologers, where he has maintained Professional Member status. Gale had the good fortune to study astrology directly under the guidance of Doris Chase Doane. It was through her mentorship that he proctored exams for the AFA and chaired a committee to rewrite the AFA Code of Ethics. Gale's professional life has been spent working in nearly all facets of the structural steel industry.

Astrology promises to bring us a happier, more successful, and meaningful life: Gale's presentation, *Creating a Better Life With Astrology*, will draw from his 30-plus years of personal experience of applying what he gleaned from The Brotherhood of Light teachings

**Mikael Salter** is a Church of Light member of the 5th Grade and 21st Degree. He joined The Church of Light in 1981 achieving Hermetician status in 2014. Born in London, England, Mikael spent five of his childhood years in Canada. After returning to the United Kingdom, Mikael began his formal astrological education at The Faculty of Astrological Studies. In February, 1965, at age 16, he was awarded the Intermediate Certificate; at that time he was their youngest student on record to achieve certification. Soon thereafter, Mikael discovered The Brotherhood of Light Lessons and Hermetic Astrology which became his all-consuming passion. Although he has studied a wide variety of approaches to astrology, both western and eastern, Michael feels that Hermetic Astrology follows a scientific method of exhaustive research that sets it apart from the other methods. Mikael makes his home in Swindon, Wiltshire, England



A horoscope calculated for the moment of birth maps the energy centers of the incarnating soul. The Hermetic System of Astrology is one of the few systems that offers insights as to how astrolo-

gy operates through an interrelationship between the astral and physical planes. Mikael's presentation, *The Role of Astro-Physical Interaction in Chart Interpretation*, will explore the Astro-Physical Matrix of the soul, drawing heavily from works of Elbert Benjamine published in the 1940's. Mikael will systematically lead participants through the seven factors that unite to create our characters and manifest as the events in our lives. He will also disclose how to give a Complete Astrological Reading that reveals what energies will be active during any period under consideration and what precautionary actions can be taken to avoid discordant conditions and to attract harmonious ones.

**Patrick Ramsey** first joined the Church of Light in 1995. He is a Hermetician, Minister, and long-time Membership Minister for The Church of Light. Patrick also holds a ministerial degree and a Masters Degree in Metaphysics from the University of Metaphysics in Sedona, Arizona.



**Radine Ramsey** is a Hermetician, Minister and the Section Leader for Body of the Bull in The Order of the Sphinx. She first joined the Church of Light in 1997, and worked at Headquarters from 1998 to 2000. She currently volunteers as a Copy Editor for the Church of Light Quarterly. Radine graduated with a ministerial degree and a



Masters Degree in Metaphysics from the University of Metaphysics in Sedona, Arizona. Pat and Radine Ramsey will be ministerial co-celebrants at the Summer Solstice Service The topic of the service is: *The Evolution of the Soul is a Wondrous and Glorious Thing.*

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Paul Brewer and other local members continued to offer workshops focused on different topics from the Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

In 1997, Christopher Gibson relocated to New Mexico, and in June, 2003, he hosted the Church of Light Convention in Albuquerque. The interest stimulated at that conference motivated Christopher Gibson and Meg Dissinger (formerly Teague) to combine their efforts for the next two years creating a series of weekend intensives/retreats featuring Brotherhood of Light topics. The Church of Light relocated its headquarters to Albuquerque in August, 2005, and in February, 2006, opened its doors to local students. Since that time there have been ongoing formal classes and informal discussion groups on a variety of Hermetic topics. Instructors have included Paul Bergner, Paul Brewer, Vicki Brewer, Yvette Fortin, Christopher Gibson, Allyn McCray, Veiga O'Sickey, Lynne Palmer, and Brother Well. Since 2009, the classes have been offered with an online component and remote students can now attend live streaming classes, or watch archived videos of classes in the comfort of their own homes on [www.churchoflight.tv](http://www.churchoflight.tv). Since 2014, long-distance learners have been able to enjoy greater par-

ticipation in classes using GoToWebinar.com. The online courses allow a greater number of students to attend classes which previously would have been accessible only to local students. Since 2009, a curriculum committee has been working on the creation of The Academy of Hermetic Studies which will offer an updated version of the Brotherhood of Light Courses as an interactive online learning module.

In June, 2015, the 7th Biennial Convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This conference will offer three days of classes completely dedicated to The Hermetic System of Astrology.

So May, 2015 commemorated 100 years of teaching by Brotherhood of Light classes. From a small classroom in Los Angeles in 1915 to the electronic on-line learning that augments 21st-century teaching, the Brotherhood of Light has continuously taught students the fundamentals of The Hermetic System of Astrology, Alchemy, Tarot and Psychic Development.

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us to feel isolated and separate. As we practice alchemy in our eighth houses we have the opportunity to transform these energies into feelings of empathy with others which brings us closer to unconditional love for all. When joined with others of like mind in the Church of Light, this moves us as a spiritual force toward Universal Welfare.

Elizabeth Rose Campbell writes in *Intuitive Astrology*: "In the eighth house, we discover that archetypal purpose is a living power. Like a force of nature, it can shift the group dream almost instantaneously as awareness reaches critical mass on some level... People with planets in the

eighth house often set that shift in motion, whether knowingly or unknowingly." Consider then how what has been often perceived as the dark force of the eighth house is actually a magical key to the reality of Universal Welfare. In so many ways the 8<sup>th</sup> IS the shadow of the horoscope, and once we unlock its secrets, surrender them, and then transform ourselves, we are truly walking the walk and talking the talk of our life of Spirit.

So Shall It Be



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## The Annual Church of Light Annual Business Meeting

Date: Friday June 26

Time: 4 PM MDT

Place: Best Western Rio Grande Inn

1015 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

We encourage you to join the Annual Church of Light Business Meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone using the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/650588285>

There is no cost to you to attend the meeting using GoToMeeting; however you will need a USB headset on your computer, otherwise you must call-in via telephone for voice communications. You may also just call-in by phone; however you will be unable to see the presentation unless you also join the meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Calling in to the meeting by phone does not require a computer or headset, but a phone headset is highly recommended to avoid background noise, and the phone call will incur applicable telecommunication charges. Dial in using your phone by calling one of the following numbers and entering the access code. You can also enter an audio PIN once you have joined the meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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Canada (647) 497-9379

United Kingdom (0) 330 221 0099

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This information can be found on the Members page of our website once you have logged in. The agenda, 2014 annual meeting minutes and financial documents for 2014 and 2015 will be updated by June 2 to allow inclusion as well as the 2015 financial statements through May 31st.

## Sponsorship Program

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

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

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

If you are interested in anonymously sponsoring a member in need, please contact our Membership Minister, Rev. Patrick Ramsey at: [drpat@prodigy.net](mailto:drpat@prodigy.net)

or call the office Monday, Tuesday or Thursday  
from 9:30 AM –5:30 PM Mountain Time  
at 505-247-1338.



Patrick Ramsey (and assistant Tigger)

## Branch Church - Fort Worth, Texas Activities



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

Religious services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 11 AM

A schedule for the upcoming month is available on their web-site at: [owlswebnest.com](http://owlswebnest.com)

All classes and services are held at:

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

817-921-5809

### Welcome New Hermeticians

Steven Frampton

Wendy Banks

Barrington Bowen



### In Memoriam

Paul Klammer

October 18, 1936 to April 23, 2015

Past President,  
The Church of Light of Canada



Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



Meg Dissinger



Christopher Gibson

Participate with us live at Church of Light Headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Third Sunday Services are streamed live at:  
[ChurchofLight.TV](http://ChurchofLight.TV)

**First Sunday Roundtable Discussions**

There will be no First Sunday Roundtable in June and July. Veiga O'Sickey will continue monthly discussions on the topic of Stellar Healing August 2.



Patrick Ramsey



Yvette Fortin

**Third Sunday Religious Services**

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

Third Sunday Religious Services are streamed live at:  
[ChurchofLight.TV](http://ChurchofLight.TV)



Radine Ramsey



Veiga O'Sickey

Please note that our Summer Solstice Service which would normally be held on Sunday June 21, has been moved to June 28 in order to coincide with the Biennial Convention.

The location will be The Best Western Rio Grande Inn  
1015 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

**Calendar of Third Sunday Services: June 2015—November 2015**

Date	Event	Officiant
June 28, 2015	Cancer (Summer Solstice) Service	Pat & Radine Ramsey
July 19, 2015	Leo Service	Veiga O'Sickey
August 16, 2015	Virgo Service	Christopher Gibson
September 20, 2015	Libra (Fall Equinox) Service	Pat Ramsey
October 18, 2015	Scorpio Service	Paul Brewer
November 15, 2015	Sagittarius Service	Veiga O'Sickey

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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 human-kind through the teaching and practices of the Religion of the Stars as outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:**

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

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

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

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

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

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