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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Waw: Symmetry & Physical Perfection

By Scenza

The sixth letter of the Alefbayt (AB) is the sacred sound “Waw”. Many people will know this letter by its more common modern name, “Vav”. However, it is crucial in our treatment of this letter from a phonosemantic point of view to make a correction right away.

Scholars agree that while the modern pronunciation of the

sixth letter of the Alefbayt is “Vav”, in biblical times it was pronounced “Waw” (1) Furthermore, Kaplan’s (1997) *Sefer Yetzirah*, an authoritative text on the subject, identifies the sixth letter as a *labial*, which is to say that it is pronounced at the lips. Other letters which share this classification include Mem, Peh, and Bayt. The hallmark of labial consonants is that they involve the use

of the lips to articulate the sound. By contrast, “Vav”, if it is pronounced as such, would rather be classified phonetically as a *dental*, which is a group of letters that anciently were considered to use the teeth to produce a sound. Other members of this articulatory group include Shin, Samech, Zayin, and Tzaddi. While it

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The Tenth House: Mirrors and Smoke

by Margaret Dissinger

Career, reputation, honor, and the parent of most influence are those things most commonly associated with the tenth house. Because this is the house of the midheaven (MC), the most elevated position in the horoscope above the horizon, because it is on the east side, and because of its position as an angular house, this house and its contents are out there for all to see and consider. The question to answer here as we consider the spiritual significance of the 10th house is, how much of the 10th house is real to us in our heart of hearts, and how much of it is the mirrors and smoke that our psyche creates to impress the outside world? The problem herein is to understand how to

divine the spiritual meaning from a house which is so clearly tied to activities of the physical world.

What will be my spiritual career? When people cast their own horoscopes their eyes go upward for guidance. It seems that for most of us, we have arrived at our career through a series of events taking one step at a time, following a plan of action based on opportunity and chance. We start this path generally with some ideas about where we are going; however, for many of us the path twists and turns until we hopefully find ourselves at

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!" – Benjamin Franklin

This issue of the Quarterly is dedicated to the Tenth House of goals, ambitions and leadership. Goal-setting is a means by which we can better imagine an ideal future and develop strategies for making that vision a reality. When we know what we want to achieve, we also know where to concentrate our efforts. Goal-setting also helps us to avoid potential distractions in order to remain focused on our intentions. Goal-setting allows us to organize our time and resources so that we can make the most of our efforts and assets.

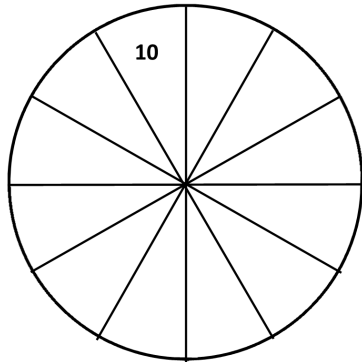
This last July, I was elected to be President of The Church of Light, a position I previously held from 1992 - 1994. As we all know from watching the political arena, every new administration, be they federal, state, county or municipal, all come in with a platform of what they hope to accomplish – I have done the same.

My primary goal must be to increase The Church of Light's income. As a religious non-profit, 80% of our financial support comes through donations and the other 20% through book and product sales. Year to date our income has dropped below our previous two years, and our budgeted expenses are currently exceeding our earnings. A curious fact is that 90% of our support and revenue is provided by only 10% of our membership. It will be my job as president to stimulate giving through quarterly fundraising reminders. Currently, The Church of Light is surviving; however, my vision is to see our organization thriving, and I hope that I can count on your support to make this vision a reality.

I have two additional key goals for the next few years that I believe will make a significant difference in how The Church of Light operates and ultimately thrives in an ever-changing world: the Mentor Program and the Online Curriculum.

Although the number of active members in our church has shrunk significantly since the time of our founder, during the last three years we have been graduating Hermeticians in record numbers. The mentor program seeks to pair Hermetician mentors with new students in order to provide personal contact and help guide them through the process of studying The Brotherhood of Light Lessons and passing exams. Our organizational goal is Universal Welfare, and I hope that each new Hermetician is inspired to share some of what they have learned with new aspirants. Currently, we have more new students seeking mentors than we have Hermeticians volunteering to be mentors. If you are a Hermetician not currently enrolled as a mentor, expect that I will be personally contacting you to ask your help in sharing your expertise with our newer members.

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Tenth House Associations

Career, business, vocation, occupation, calling, life goal, life's mission, honor, reputation, status, rank, prestige, awards, accolades, professional standing, bosses, superiors, managers, authority figures, and the mother.

Tenth House Environments

Administrative offices, board-room, bureaucracies, business district, chamber of commerce, City Hall, commercial neighborhoods, corporate headquarters, courthouses, government buildings (federal, state, county, and municipal), offices, storerooms, the attic, basement, closets, safe, root-cellar, vault.

Tenth House Occupations

Accountant, administrator, alderman, bureaucrat, board of directors, board of supervisors, boss, C.E.O., chairperson, chief, city planner, collector, commissioner, commodities broker, controller, county assessor, economist, elected-representative, engineer, executive, governor, leader, manager, mayor, organizer, overseer, politician, president, protective services, record-keeper, superintendent, supervisor, warehouse worker, and wholesaler.

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a place where we have a career that not only supports our lifestyle but hopefully feeds our bliss. Unfortunately, there are way too many of us who have created a career in which we make a living rather than creating a life; but all is not lost. In our quest for spirituality, we need to strive to look deeply into our knowledge of who and what we are in order to create that career of Spirit, that thing or those things which cause us to smile as we move through our days, those things which feed our souls. Our lives are long enough to find a spiritual career.

I have come to realize that reputation is mostly a smoke screen. Who you believe I am is mostly a function of what I choose to show you about myself. We represent ourselves to show our best to the public for the most part. We dress for the part, we act the part, and while we are hopefully coming from a place of honesty and truth, we all know that there are those times where our hearts are not in the show. As a therapist and as a human being, it is my goal to teach and practice authenticity. If we aspire to a spiritual life, it is important for our outsides and insides to match as closely as possible. Tenth house reputation is shown by what's on the cusp and what's in the house; however, with alchemy we can bring in other forces to ameliorate discords and draw harmonies into play. Our spiritual reputations, however, are not to be fooled. This spiritual reputation is built from our truest and deepest knowledge of who we are at our very core of being. We might be able to play a part for others, but our ultimate quest is that we are pure of spirit, full of kindness and love, and that we are able to radiate these qualities into our own souls creating a beautiful light of being which cannot be denied. It doesn't matter if anyone else sees this. This is the truth of the Self which we take forever into eternity. Dare I call it a "Stellar Reputation?"

Honor is the one characteristic of the 10th house that cannot be fabricated. One is either a person of honor, or one is not. I have my personal list of what makes an honorable person. I cannot create a list for anyone else because my sense of honor is uniquely my own. Honor enables me to walk through my life without looking back. I did not arrive here without making mistakes; however, the honor is found not in the mistakes, but in the honorable acknowledgement of what

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may seem like a small point from a grammatic point of view, from a phonosemantic point of view, the two are completely distinct. Furthermore, as our argument is that there is a meaning and value attached to each letter based on its sound, it would be grossly in error not to make this correction immediately.

In my own investigations, having first detailed the numbers of the Decad, and then turned my attention to the letters of the Alefbayt, I have seen tremendous commonality between the symbolism of the letters and the numbers of the same value. For example, there was great semantic similarity between the Pentad and He, the fifth letter of the Alefbayt. The same has generally held true for all letters and numbers detailed so far. In fact, it has been an aid to examine the letters by investigating whether or not a link exists between the letter as occupying a certain placement in the Alefbayt (and therefore at least for the first nine letters, having a gematria which is equivalent to that same placement in the Alefbayt) and the numerical symbolism of the same number as examined through the lens of Sacred Geometry. In all cases thus far I have observed a correlation between the two. While the utility of this technique will be considerably challenged when we reach the 11th letter, thus far, it has been a light in the darkness of alphabetic interpretation.

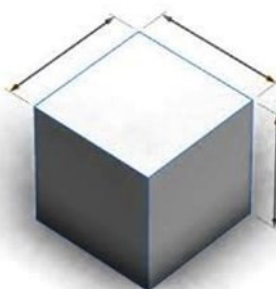
In this vein, I have investigated the sixth letter of the AB from a phonetic as well as mathematic point of view. And once again, I am pleased to say that I have not come up empty. The Hexad speaks of perfection of form, and this is also a theme in the letter “Waw”. The letter itself is symmetric, or at least it was in its earliest form:



when it was quite literally a pictograph of a tent stake, as its name “hook” or “peg” connotes (2). But our ancient brethren had a gift for seeing the divine in the mundane, and it would be an insulting underestimation of their genius to assume that simply because this letter started out as representing the completely mundane and even banal tent stake, that their interpretation and value of the object stopped at a purely literal level. As we have seen so far, every object, no matter how mundane, had a deeper, hidden, spiritual value to our ancient brethren. Indeed, it

may well be this deeper, hidden spiritual meaning which implores us to continue to investigate their alphabetic structure so many centuries later.

Beyond its physical symmetry, its name, “Waw” is also the first of the letter names to demonstrate symmetry, and when it is pronounced, it also produces a perfectly symmetric articulation in the mouth. The lips are first pursed, then the mouth is extended to permit the vowel, and then the lips are once again pursed to complete the name of the letter. In the expression of the letter, as in the value of the Hexad, one of the main themes of the letter Waw is Symmetry.



Cube demonstrating how the three dimensions of space yield six directions.

Other examples of the connection between the number six and the concept of symmetry and perfection of physical form abound, as Munk (1983) relates in *The Wisdom of in the Hebrew Alphabet*: God created the world in six days; the census of the Jewish Nation at the Exodus was 600,000; and there are exactly 600,000 letters in the Torah.

There are compelling mathematic reasons why the number six may be so strongly associated with symmetry and perfection of form. First and most simply, any object which occupies physical space must have exactly three dimensions: length, width, and breadth. If we imagine a line moving off towards infinity in either direction for each of these three dimensions, then that will create exactly six directions of physical space (see above illustration).

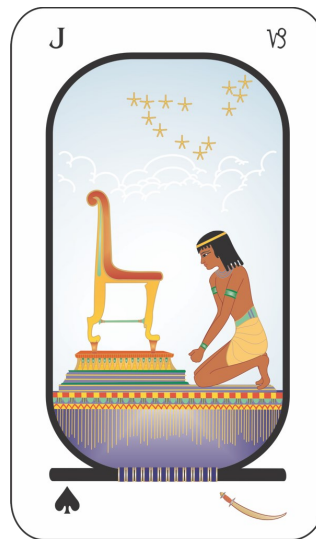
Furthermore, the number six is the *first perfect number*, which is a number that is equal to the sum of its factors. To state this mathematically, $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$. However, the number six has other, even more peculiar properties. It is also one of the very few numbers that is equal to the product of its factors: $1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6$. Since it is equal to its factors additively and multiplicatively, it can also be treated intriguingly with the opposite operations, namely subtraction and division, respectively: $6 - 3 - 2 = 1$ and $6 \div 3 \div 2 = 1$. Therefore, the number six demonstrates fascinating properties of equality and symmetry. This may be why the ancients so strongly associated it with the concept of physical perfection and symmetry.

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Tarot Correspondence — The Youth of Swords



Divination

“The Youth of Swords signifies a person ruled by the sign Capricorn: crafty, subtle, reserved and avaricious. Right way up it denotes a Capricorn man; reversed it indicates a Capricorn woman. The dominant idea is I USE.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

Physical Description

“CAPRICORN: Slender rather than stout, thin face, black hair, dark 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; therefore, 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 Youth of Swords corresponds to the Tenth House of career, honor, reputation, professional standing, status, awards, accolades, business, vocation, occupation, calling, life goals, life's mission, bosses, superiors, managers, authority figures, and the mother.

Tarot Card Example —The Magic Seven Spread

Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, “What surrounds my Godson finding his direction in life?”

Card Spread

The Past — Arcanum XII—The Martyr “In Divination, **Arcanum XII** may be read as **Sacrifice** or **Expiation**.”

The Present – Trey of Scepters— “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Scepters is a business partnership; its inner interpretation is **PROPAGANDA**.”

The Future — Deuce of Cups (reversed) — “The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Cups is a work of love; its inner interpretation is **REVELATION**.”

The Ability to Control — Trey of Swords— “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Swords is a lawsuit or a divorce; its inner interpretation is **IDEALISM**.”

The Environment — Four of Swords (reversed) - “The divinatory significance of the Four of Swords is remorse for past action; its inner interpretation is **DETERMINATION**.”

The Opposition — Four of Scepters (reversed) - “The divinatory significance of the Four of Scepters is a legacy; its inner interpretation is **RULERSHIP**.”

The Outcome — Trey of Cups— “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Cups is a marriage for love; its inner interpretation is **RESEARCH**.”

Summary

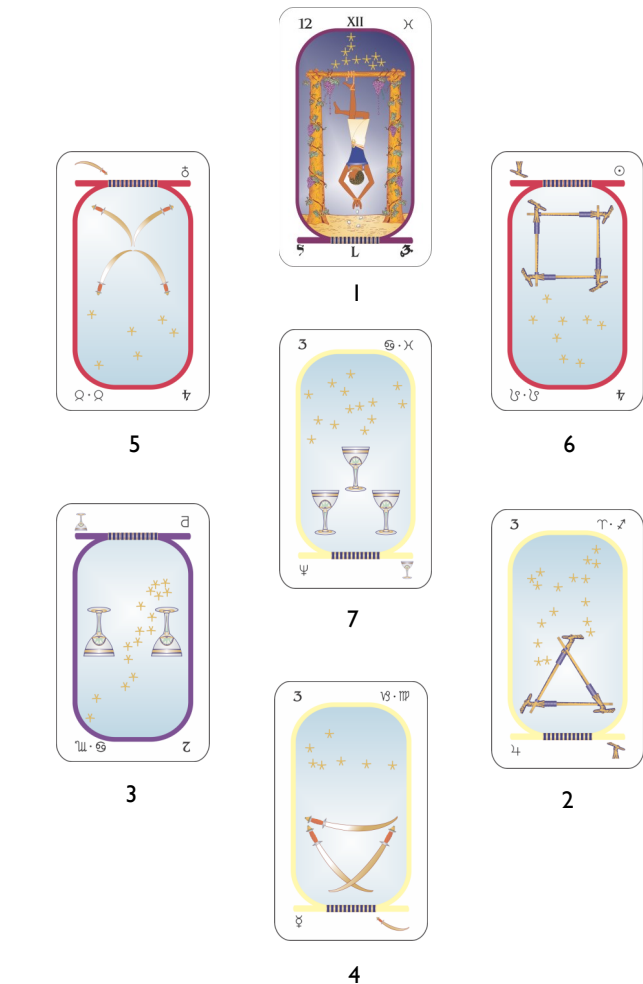
The Past — As the only major Arcanum in the spread, The Martyr indicates the querent’s concern for his 26-year-old godson who is wrestling with depression as he struggles to find work and gain entrance to a university.

The Present – the Trey of Scepters shows that filling out employment applications and forming professional alliances is the first step to altering past conditions.

The Future — although reversed, the Deuce of Cups promises that the future holds a work of love, something creative or purposeful.

The Ability to Control — the Trey of Swords shows a need to cut personal ties that may be holding him back and to push forward confidently with idealism.

The Environment — the Four of swords shows a tough environment that must be surmounted if success is to be achieved and that his current surroundings may be a hindrance to achievement.



The Opposition — Four of Scepters reversed reveals that the young man may not have a clear idea of what he wants, nor the developed will to change his condition.

The Outcome — the Trey of Cups holds the hope that there can be a happy outcome. Traditionally it is interpreted as a marriage for love—in the parameters of this question it might indicate that caring relations might be the deciding factor in his ability to realize his goals.

Summary

This spread shows repeated numbers, threes and fours. The three Treys show the importance of relationships in either helping or hindering the young man. The fours are the number of realization and indicate the importance of having a clear idea of what one wants and moving persistently and steadfastly in its direction. The overall tone of the spread indicates that he may have to break out of a rut and solicit the assistance of key relationships who might be in a position to help or direct him.



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The online curriculum is a long-term project that will ultimately be available on the internet under the aegis of the Academy of Hermetic Science. This online school of Hermeticism, will be devoted to making The Brotherhood of Light teachings a relevant and contemporary source of metaphysical education. We are committed to evolving this inspiring body of knowledge into a language, media and format that can be easily understood in the 21st Century.

Regardless of how long you have been a member, I hope that your association with The Brotherhood of Light teachings has enabled you to grow in happiness, spirituality and purposefulness, and bring you closer to understanding your role in God's Great Plan.

Over the last century, The Brotherhood of Light has managed to survive. My goal is for it to thrive, and I thank you in advance for your support in making this a reality.



Wanted: Hermetician Mentors

We are excited to announce that Doug Heimbichner is the new coordinator of the Mentorship Program. We offer special thanks to Peter Tourian for the many years that he has committed to initiating this program.

We need Hermeticians who are willing to pair up with new Church of Light students and share their enthusiasm and knowledge of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

If you are a Hermetician with good communication skills, are naturally encouraging and have a strong desire to see

others benefit, then you are the right person to become a mentor. The program requires approximately 30—60 minutes of phone time or email correspondence per month.

Send an email to Doug at Churchoflight@light.org and he'll get you enrolled in the process of helping new students. There is no better way to learn Hermeticism than by teaching it to others.

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was done and how it was rectified. Honor is one of those things that, if I tell you about it, I'm not honoring myself, I'm seeking approbation. Honor is probably the most inside of the inside jobs. Without honor there can be no real spiritual life.

Current modern divination says that the parent who influenced us the most is in the 10th house. Our relationships with our parents have created a lifetime of issues both negative and positive. The older we get, the more realizations we have about those people who gave us life, sustained us, taught us, and worked to the best of their abilities no matter what that was. For our spiritual lives, I believe we are now the parent of most influence. We are the nurturers of this spark of divinity that lives within us. We are the guiding force for this soul, this unbearable lightness of being. We take all that we have learned through our lives of quests and searches toward the divine and apply this to lead ourselves into the Light of Love and Spirit. We are so blessed that we have all the tools available to us through our studies, our classes, and the enlightened people living and dead to guide us for-

ward. If it is true (and I believe it to be true) that it takes a village to raise a child, imagine then the forces of being that it takes to raise a soul into the spiritual realm.

I started this 10th house journey not very sure about where it would go. As this process unfolds each time I write, I am constantly surprised at the insights available to me as I just think it through with all of you in my mind. Each of us has so many gifts, so much to share and yet we allow the negativity of doubt and fear to interrupt and halt our progress. One of the great joys of life is that each day is a new beginning. It is in the doing that we create the spiritual gifts of the 10th house. We do our best each moment in time, not for what others will believe or think, but because we care what we believe and think about ourselves and our own spiritual growth and development, our own honor.

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Save the Date: Convention 2017—“Magic”

Dates: June 21 – 25,

Topic: “Magic”

Location: Best Western Rio Grande Inn,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Objective: For participants to gain a greater understanding of the larger role of ceremony, ritual and magic in world culture and religion, and The Brotherhood of Light viewpoint on how unseen (occult) forces can be utilized to influence and alter the course of events.

Tentative Schedule of Topics

- ◆ Religion and Magic: An Anthropological Viewpoint
- ◆ Timing is Everything: the Astrological Planning of Rituals
- ◆ Mental Magic: The Importance of Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion
- ◆ Ceremony, Ritual Magic and Paraphernalia
- ◆ Rhythmic Breathing: Vitalizing the Magical Act
- ◆ Rallying Forces: Magnetizing Talismans, Amulets and Charms
- ◆ Defense Against the Dark Arts: What Harry Potter can Teach Us About Psychic Self-defense
- ◆ The Path of White Magic: Radiating Life, Light and Love in the World

Sponsorship Program Discontinued

We regret to announce that due to a lack of financial and staffing resources, our Sponsorship Program will be discontinued effective December 31, 2015. Students currently being sponsored will continue to receive support until that date. It is our hope that they will have the time and resources to complete their studies. Some discounted books in an older format are available at \$9.00 per book plus shipping and handling. Please contact Church of

Light Headquarters to receive a list of available discounted books.

The Church continues to make the study of The Brotherhood of Light lessons available to those experiencing financial hardship. To read The Brotherhood of Light Lessons online for free, visit:

<https://www.light.org/brotherhood-of-light-lessons.cfm>

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 website at: owlswebnest.com

All classes and services are held at:

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Welcome New Hermetician

Sister Patty



In Memoriam

Gary Mann

September 29, 1949—September 8, 2015

Gary was a Hermetician, 6th Grade, who joined The Church of Light in 1978. In 2005, he helped revitalize The Order Of The Sphinx and for six years served as the Scribe of The Order. He will be missed by all those who had the opportunity to work alongside him.

John Molfese

June 24, 1942—September 16, 2015

John joined The Church of Light in 1973. He is best remembered for the annual Rocky Mountain Church of Light Conferences that he organized in the 1980's and 1990's, and for introducing Headquarters to its first computer.

John will be remembered by his family and friends.



Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



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Participate with us live at Church of Light Headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico

First Sunday Roundtable Discussions

11 a.m.—12 noon

Yvette Fortin facilitates monthly discussions on the topic of "Understanding Good and Evil" based on the book "Imponderable Forces" by C.C. Zain

Due to the holidays there will be no roundtable on Sunday January 3, discussions resume February 7, March 6, and April 3.

Third Sunday Religious Services

Join our ministerial team consisting of Paul Brewer, Vicki Brewer, Margaret 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



Patrick Ramsey



Yvette Fortin



Radine Ramsey



Veiga O'Sickey

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: December 2015—May 2016

Date	Event	Officiant
December 20, 2015	Capricorn (Winter Solstice) Service	Christopher Gibson
January 17, 2016	Aquarius Service	Veiga O'Sickey
February 21, 2016	Pisces Service	Christopher Gibson
March 20, 2016	Aries: Vernal Equinox Service	Pat Ramsey
April 17, 2016	Taurus Service	Margaret Dissinger
May 15, 2016	Gemini Service	Veiga O'Sickey

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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.