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## The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet He: Breath and Life

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The fifth letter of the Alefbayt (AB) is the sacred sound He (pronounced “hay”). It is classified by Modern Linguistics as a *voiceless glottal fricative*, indicating that it is produced deep in the throat (glottal) without the vibration of the vocal cords (voiceless), and that the air is made turbulent through the (mild) contraction of the glottis. The ancient classifica-

tion is not that different, being described by the Kabbalists as a guttural consonant. The sound He is essentially an audible breath, and this description coincides not only with its physical description, but also with its inner symbolism.

The fifth letter, He, shares much in common symbolically with the Pentad, the fifth number. The hallmark of the

Pentad, whether considered geometrically as a pentagon or a pentagram, is that it is *self-replicating*. That is, pentagons and pentagrams can be inscribed or circumscribed infinitely within or without each other (see Figure 1, pg. 5). The ability to reproduce more of oneself is a basic hallmark of life, and so the

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## The Ninth House: Gone Fishin’

by Margaret Dissinger

The ninth house is a special refuge. As a member of the Trinity of Life, it’s that quiet, special place we can go to recharge our own self, to dream fabulous dreams of life’s possibilities, to enter the rapture of our authenticity, to parse the meaning of our life, our highest mind, our ways of making the world as a whole make sense. The problem is that as a cadent house, transmitting energy weakly, all those plans we make in the ninth do not tend toward continued development; however, they certainly do help in the moment. This house rules advertising, publishing, dreams, long journeys, philosophy, religion, and the expression of ideas. (II, 84) As such the ninth house is the perfect place for

coming home in order to recharge. It serves as our spiritual fishing hole.

My current favorite resource for divining the houses is Dana Gerhardt. In *Astrodiest* she writes: “The 9th rules the literature of spirit, the metaphors, symbols and myths that bind a culture, its moral codes, its shared ideals and visions. No other house speaks so eloquently of the dignity and intelligence of the human spirit. The 9th is a decidedly human house. What other species builds temples and universities or courts of law?” Following this line of thought, it occurs that the ninth

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## Editorial

Christopher Gibson

*"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."*

Galileo Galilei

This issue of the Quarterly focuses on the Ninth House of religion, philosophy and higher learning. Religion refers to the belief in a god or a non-physical controlling force and defines systems of faith and worship. In other words, religion describes our belief in the Divine and the methods we use to connect to the supernatural. These ritual observances can take the form of worship: propitiating, petitioning or honoring a divinity through ceremony or rite. They may involve techniques for dialing one's consciousness in to the Supreme Being such as prayer, chanting, sacred dance, divination, meditation and contemplation. Religion almost invariably teaches a code of conduct by which we can live life ethically and morally.

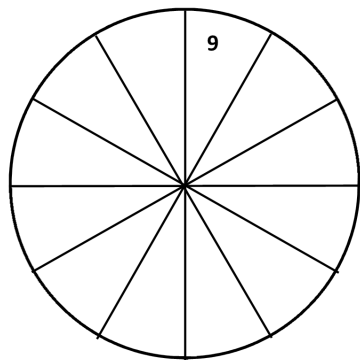
Philosophy is the rational investigation of truth, the study of the fundamental nature of things, including knowledge, reality and existence. Philosophy frequently explores metaphysics, the science of the immaterial, or the world beyond nature.

Both religion and philosophy seek to define ultimate reality or truth. The key difference is that philosophy uses intelligence, reason and logic to arrive at its conclusions, whereas the source of knowledge on which religion is based is usually belief or faith.

From an astrological perspective, both religion and philosophy are the dominion of the Ninth House, the natural home of Jupiter. Jupiter is the planet ruling both Pisces and Sagittarius. In Pisces, Jupiter expresses as religion, as signified in the key words "I Believe" and in Sagittarius, Jupiter represents philosophy, as symbolized by the key words "I See." Our human search for ultimate reality, or truth, involves both seeing and believing. Seeing engages the reports of our physical senses as they are engaged in physical reality. The non-physical can only be perceived with our non-physical senses and involves an act of faith, or belief. That belief is often an inner conviction that something is true – an inner-knowing. This type of belief is different than dogma, which is the belief that a set of principles laid down by an authority is incontrovertibly true.

At the Church of Light, we encourage our students to discover as much as they can about science, or outer-plane facts. We also encourage them to learn as much as they can about inner-plane facts, for optimum living requires a knowledge of both physical and non-physical realities and how they impact us. We do not want our members to accept our teachings based upon blind belief but to subject them to rigorous investigation of demonstrable facts. As Stellarians, we seek to employ our reason and intellect endowed to us by God, in the service of our religion.





### ***Ninth House Associations***

Religion, philosophy, the higher mind, higher education, academia, legal matters, publicly expressed opinions, teaching, advertising, marketing, public relations, publishing, media, adventures, travel, long-journeys, international matters, and import/export.

### ***Ninth House Environments***

Churches, cathedrals, basilicas, chapels, temples, shrines, sanctuaries, mosques, places of worship, schools, colleges, universities, seminaries, conservatories, classrooms, auditoriums, lecture halls, conference centers, courts of law, libraries, law libraries, publishing houses, printers, bookstores, advertising agencies, marketing firms, television stations, travel agencies, airports, train stations, marinas, shipyards, dockyards, consulates, embassies, customs agencies.

### ***Ninth House Occupations***

Clergy, cleric, priest, bishop, minister, vicar, rabbi, ritual specialist, guru, mentor, teacher, professor, tutor, instructor, coach, trainer, lecturer, speaker, orator, dean, librarian, attorney, barrister, lawyer, judge, magistrate, publisher, editor, journalist, writer, correspondent, broadcaster, spokesperson, advertiser, marketer, travel agent, ticketing agent, porter, pilot, tour guide, ambassador, diplomat, envoy, consul, customs agent.

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

house is the perfect place to begin our own Soul Journey, the place of long journeys, the place of archetypes, all the gods and goddesses, all the philosophies, all the dreams, all we learn, all the morality and ethics, all the potential of the Soul and Spirit.

Our trips around the sun, the events and days of our lives, and the experiences we draw to enable the potential of our Spirit to soar may well begin in the 9<sup>th</sup> house. Before we know, we must learn. Before we dare, we must dream. Before we do, we must believe in our potential. Before we actually manifest, we must meditate and live in the silence of our own potential. The ninth house is about what we believe at the very core of our being. As we develop into our most powerful and most authentic Self, we go to our ninth house for strength and inspiration. She is the gentle giant of our own potential of Spirit.

Those of us on this journey toward the spiritual life have to become students of our own ninth houses. This is the ultimate in Higher Education. In studying our charts, we look to occupying planets, the sign on the house cusp and any other signs contained in the ninth. All of these are sign posts for how our journey looks. Since we are dealing with cadent energy, we must be vigilant in making our notes, keeping our journals of Spiritual pursuits, using our Spiritual Tarot deck to divine our own meanings of the metaphors and symbols of our lives so that we do not forget what we learn. We utilize these tools in order to remind ourselves of what we are creating as we meditate and dream our spiritual life into existence.

For all the formative years of my spiritual life, I have used meditation in its many forms as my special place to recharge and renew, not even realizing at those times that it was my 9<sup>th</sup> house retreat. It occurs now that the real challenge of the ninth house is how to energize all our work there so that we may more readily manifest that cadent energy. It calls for serious consideration and work to be sure. It is often far too easy for me to dream away my ideas as I hang out fishing in my own lovely space. But the wonder of today is that I can easily pull up my personal horoscope with progressions and transits with a mind toward learning all the potential I have for making things real in the ninth house. We really do have all the potential at hand.

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

Pentad is also symbolic of the life which is possible only through the breath.

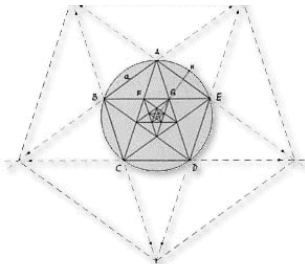


Figure 1: Pentagrams can be inscribed within pentagrams endlessly.

This symbolism of breath and life is reinforced in several interesting ways. First of all, He is the first elemental letter of the Alefbayt, and therefore corresponds to the first sign of the Zodiac, Aries. Aries is also curiously the sign of Life, the beginning of all things, the very first quintessence which distills

down as the mystery behind being.

The Kabbalists give further support to the association between He and life in their description of the constitution of a living thing. The first four elements (i.e., fire, air, water, earth) are said to make up the physical constitution of an organism, in that it takes no less than four discrete steps to move from a state of nothingness to a physically manifest being (see my articles on the Tetrad and the fourth letter, Dalet). However, a body without life, without breath, is inanimate. The fifth element, **life**, is what animates the physical body. It is only through the introduction of the breath, the spiritual animation of life, that existence becomes possible, and that living things develop, with their unique ability to adapt and respond to their environment.

Very interestingly, the pentagram and pentagon are loaded with examples of the Golden Ratio, yet another sign and hallmark of living things. The Golden Ratio is not a number, but rather a relationship between numbers which also has the quality of being replicable at infinitely smaller and larger scales (see Figure 2 below). The Golden Ratio is found clandestinely all over nature, for example in the shell of a nautilus, the path of a hurricane, or even the shape of a galaxy (see Figure 3).

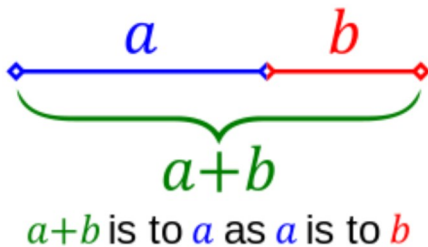


Figure 2: A line bisected according to the Golden Section.

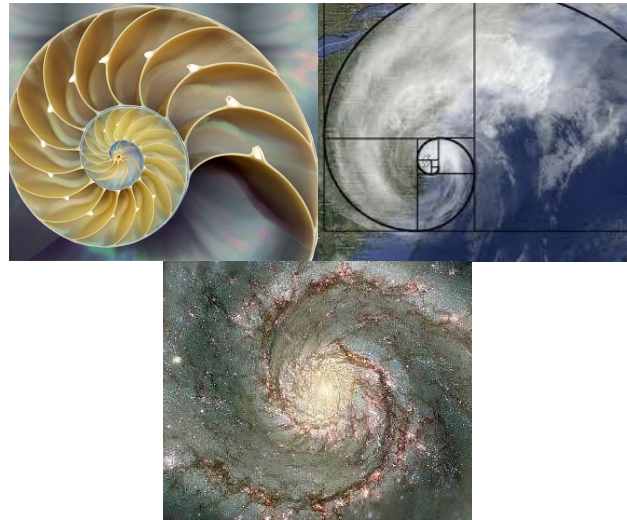


Figure 3: Some examples of the Golden Ratio in nature

What's more, the proportions of the human body are also replete with the significance of the Golden Ratio, or Phi, as it is currently called (see image 4 below). It seems that wherever life goes, there also walks Phi.

It would be a curious study indeed to try to understand all the myriad ways in which the sound He represents and links to other symbols associated with life, such as Phi. Is He somehow a phonological representation of the Golden Ratio? Is there a relationship between the lengths of the two distinct sounds (H and ay) which make it up?

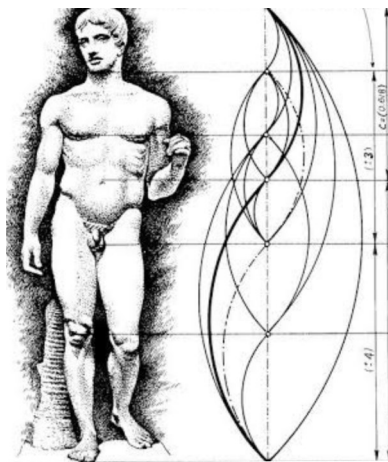


Figure 4: An example of Phi (the Golden Ratio) in the human body

Just how far does the common symbolism of He and Phi extend?

For now, it is very fair to say that the fifth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt is the subtle sound of the breath as it enters or exits the human body. As all other gutturals, it is produced mysteriously out of sight, and for this reason is more associated with the hidden nature of spirit, or life, than with the physical body. It is the sound of life

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## Tarot Correspondence — The Youth of Scepters



### Divination

“The Youth of Scepters signifies a person ruled by the sign Sagittarius: benevolent, free, jovial, quick tempered, energetic and fond of outdoor sports. Right way up it denotes a Sagittarius man; reversed it indicates a Sagittarius woman. The dominant idea is I SEE.”

### Physical Description

“SAGITTARIUS: Above middle height, high forehead, long nose, sanguine complexion, hair brown.”

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 Scepters corresponds to the Ninth House of religion, philosophy, the higher mind, teaching, academia, publically-expressed opinions, media, publishing, advertising, foreign countries and long-distance journeys.

## Tarot Card Example —The Magic Seven Spread

### Tarot Spread Interpretation

The Querent asked, “What surrounds the upcoming release of Pope Francis’ encyclical on climate change?”

Card Spread

**The Past** — Arcanum II—Veiled Isis “In Divination, **Arcanum II** may briefly be read as **Science**.”

**The Present** – Four of Coins (reversed) “The divinatory significance of the Four of Coins is money received through a partner; its inner significance is ORIGINALITY.”

**The Future** — Trey of Scepters (reversed) “The divinatory significance of the Trey of Scepters is a business partnership; its inner interpretation is PROPAGANDA.”

**The Ability to Control** — Deuce of Scepters “The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Scepters is a business depending upon scientific methods; its inner interpretation is EXALTATION.”

**The Environment** — Arcanum XIX—The Sun “In Divination, **Arcanum XIX** may be read as **Happiness and Joy**.”

**The Opposition** — Youth of Swords “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.”

**The Outcome** — Horseman of Scepters (reversed) “The Horseman of Scepters denotes thoughts concerning business. Right way up, it indicates thoughts advantageous to the client; reversed it signifies thoughts opposed to his business interests.”

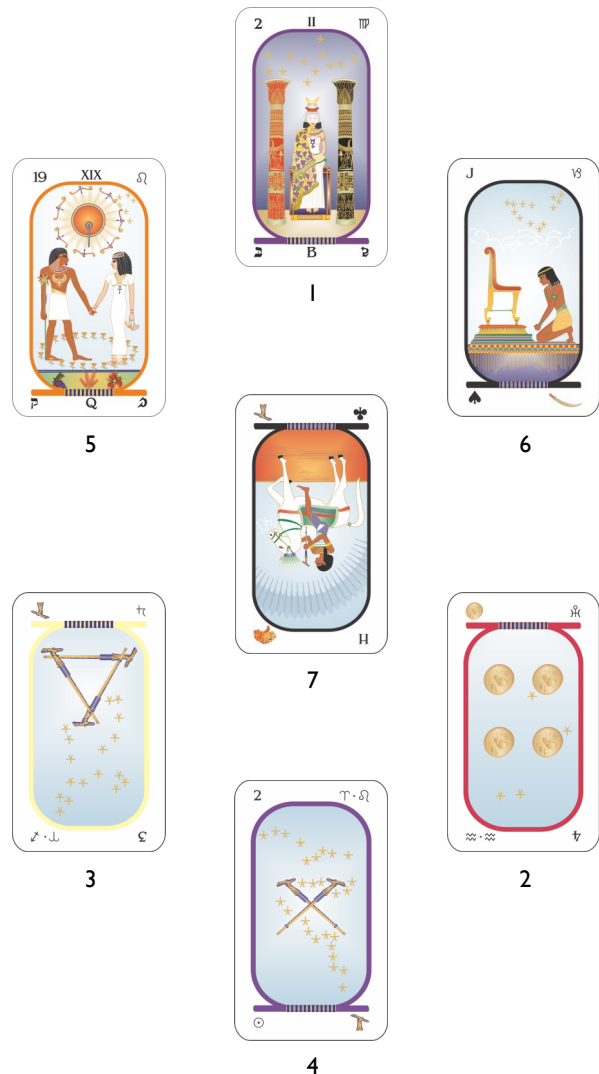
### Summary

At the time of writing, Pope Francis (named for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology) is preparing to release an encyclical titled *Laudato Si*, or “Praised Be” which will discuss the effects of climate change on human life and Catholic moral responsibility in the realms of environmental stewardship.

**The Past** — Arcanum II—Veiled Isis, indicates that a lot of thought and research will have gone into the preparation of this document.

**The Present** – Four of Coins (reversed) might show that that the Pope’s emphasis on moral responsibility might be interpreted as a personal attack on Capitalism.

**The Future** — Trey of Scepters (reversed) reveals that some business leaders will want to become partners in environmental protection; however, the press may treat the message as propaganda.



**The Ability to Control** — Deuce of Scepters indicates that scientific support and facts could be at the foundation of the Pope’s message.

**The Environment** — Arcanum XIX—The Sun promises that certain segments of the population will rejoice and celebrate the efforts towards the protection of the natural world.

**The Opposition** — Youth of Swords warns that opposition will come from the more avaricious elements of industry who believe the environment should be exploited.

**The Outcome** — Horseman of Scepters (reversed) reveals that the final outcome may be a concerted campaign against the Pope by those opposed to his message of social responsibility and respect for the natural world.

## Membership Room

### Recap Convention 2015



*Church of Light members visit Old Town Albuquerque*



*Yvonne, Pat & Susan*

Convention 2015 was a huge success. Of those persons completing our participant's survey, 100% rated the speakers as "excellent," and 90% would like to attend another Church of Light conference and would recommend it to others. When asked "Do you feel that conferences are an important part of your relationship with our organization?" 100% of the respondents answered, Yes!

Convention-goers cited the following reasons they enjoy attending convention:

*"Brings people together who are of like mind;" "It makes my lessons more concrete;" "Learn so much, make friendships;" "Bonding, fellowship & fun. Getting to know new people and seeing old friends;" "Associations/connections;" "Wish it was yearly;" "Contacting other members and getting information and knowledge."*



*Shirley & Bob*



*David & Rachael*





Paul, Daniel & Johnathon



Albuquerque Museum Tour



Yvette



Renee



Audrey



Barb



Pat & Radine



Wendy



Gale



Barbara



Veiga & Phil



Alicemarie & Mikael



Bob



Colleen



Adriana & Blanchard



Evee



Nancy & Renee



Ivan



Daphne



Lara & Norma



Peg, Adriana & Neil



Margaret



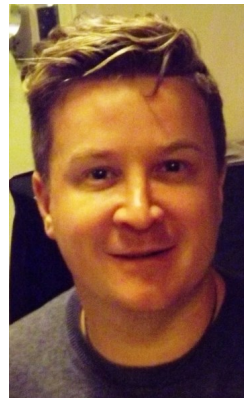
Daniel, Shirley & Johnathon



Janet



Ryan



Steven



Claudia



Christopher & Wendy



Paul & vicki



Tyrone & Renee

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itself, for if the body is devoid of breath, it is also bereft of life.

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## Congratulations: We Have a New Director and a New President



At the June 26 Business Meeting, the membership elected Veiga O'Sickey to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by Paul Brewer's retirement. Congratulations Veiga, and thank you for your willingness to serve The Church of Light.

At the July 16 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors elected Christopher Gibson to serve as President, effective July 26, 2015 at 12:50 p.m..

Christopher has served on The Board of Directors since March of 1978 and last held the position as President from May 1992—June 1994.

**(Astrology—Ninth House continued from page 4)**

Alchemy teaches us how to bring energy potential into physical manifestation. At this particular stage of our work, we are looking at pure energy for all that we care to manifest. We have the tools, we have the knowledge, we have the faith, we know the laws, and we have the dreams. We use every planet, every sign, every house, and every aspect in order to move forward in our eternal progression. Our search for the Authentic Self is our search for a more spiritual life. We have the certain knowledge that our personal growth and development depend upon our continuing Contributions to Universal Welfare. We are not alone, and so as we join with others in order to advance in our spiritual quests, we do create a larger sphere of energy toward advancing the

ninth house pursuits of our planet: enlarging the creative unconscious toward the healing of the planet, toward the Aquarian principles, toward responsible stewardship of Earth, toward education for all, toward whatever it is that we as individuals believe will advance our age and time for the welfare of all.

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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 for free to those experiencing financial hardship on its website at:

**The Brotherhood of Light Lessons by C.C. Zain**  
<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 web-site at: [owlswebnest.com](http://owlswebnest.com)

All classes and services are held at:

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## Welcome New Hermeticians

Daphne Moore



## In Memoriam

Roland Wissler  
26 February 1928 -  
15 May 2015  
A devoted friend to  
The Church of Light



Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



Margaret 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**

Veiga O’Sickey facilitates monthly discussions on the topic of  
Stellar Healing



Yvette Fortin



Patrick Ramsey

**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)



Veiga O’Sickey



Radine Ramsey

**Calendar of Third Sunday Services: September 2015—February 2016**

Date	Event	Officiant
September 20, 2015	Libra (Fall Equinox) Service	Pat Ramsey
October 18, 2015	Scorpio Service	Paul Brewer
November 15, 2015	Sagittarius Service	Veiga O’Sickey
December 20, 2015	Capricorn (Winter Solstice) Service	Christopher Gibson
January 17, 2016	Aquarius Service	Veiga O’Sickey
February 21, 2016	Pisces Service	Christopher Gibson

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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.