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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Tayt - The Harmony of Harmonies

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The ninth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is Tayt, and as seems to have become the pattern, it is closely aligned with the symbolism of the Ennead. The Ennead is the highest single digit and represents the climax and completion of the journey which began with the Monad. The Monad represents the first inkling, the first impulse of an idea, which then moves through a

process of metamorphosis and development, finally culminating in the realization of that idea through the Ennead. There seems little room for doubt that the fact that a human being takes exactly nine months to gestate weighed in the minds of those who first conceived our decimal number system, but a proof of this appears well beyond possibility at this point.

The Ennead can also be considered a trinity of trinities, in that it is composed of 3 x 3. As such, it represents a state of harmony and balance on the spiritual, physical, and mental planes. Just as the Triad, of which the Ennead is a multiple, represented a state of balance between the Monad and Dyad, here again we see the same no-

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The Conjunction: Two Peas and Their Pod

by Margaret Dissinger

Note: This article introduces our next series in the Quarterly on aspects as they appear in our horoscopes and how we can look at these aspects from a spiritual perspective. There are ten types of aspects. Each type indicates a specific angular relationship between two planets. The angle of relationship shows if and how two planets will tend to interact with one another, as well as the associated astral energies that are generated to create specific dynamics affecting our lives. The kinds of astral weather produced by the energies meeting at these specific angles are called ASPECTS.

A Conjunction is formed when two planets occupy the same zodiacal degree. It has an Influence comparable to the Sun, being very powerful, convertible in nature, and either Harmonious or discordant according to the planets making it. It is the aspect of PROMINENCE. (Astrological Signatures 94)

In spite of weeks of preparation for this article, I'm still trying to figure out how to make profound the mundane work of looking at a conjunction as a spiritual quest. Repeatedly I'm instructed that the best way for us

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

“The Western day is indeed nearing when the inner science of self-control will be found as necessary as the outer conquest of nature. This new Atomic Age will see men's minds sobered and broadened by the now scientifically indisputable truth that matter is in reality a concentrate of energy.” – Paramahansa Yogananda

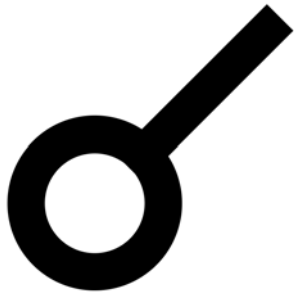
At the time of writing this editorial, the summer Olympics are being celebrated in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Every four years the world comes together in an effort at unity, with competing athletes representing their nations through their skill in sport. These athletes do not end up at the Olympics haphazardly, they do so by setting or surpassing world records and through having proven their ability in competitions against other top athletes. Although certain athletes may have been born with inherent predispositions towards certain sports and a desire for achievement, they can only compete in the Olympic Games through having proven ability, usually gained through a lifetime of achievement in a sport. In other words, they have exercised their abilities. For Olympic athletes, the long hours, days, weeks, months, and years of training culminate in achieving bronze, silver and gold medals – the emblems of discipline, will-power, ability, and self-control.

Likewise, in the world of spiritual development, across cultures and across the millennia, most spiritual traditions emphasize self-control as one of the greatest virtues. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the admonitions assigned to each of the Major Arcanum of the tarot in CS VI of “The Sacred Tarot,” which outlines the steps of initiation in the Hermetic tradition. Self-control, an exercise of the human will, expresses as the ability to manage one’s thoughts, feelings and actions. In the case of spiritual advancement, self-control is expressed in a purely constructive fashion for the advancement of the universe.

Those who achieve all the stages of Hermetic Initiation are called Adepts. To be adept is to be proficient, and in the case of a Hermetic Adept, it means to be proficient in the Hermetic sciences of astrology, alchemy and magic. Watching the Olympic Games on television will not turn you into an Olympic athlete any more than reading The Brotherhood of Light Lessons will turn you into an Adept. To be an Adept you must have the proficiency that comes from applying what you have learned through The Brotherhood of Light Lessons and the Not-Sold Manuscripts.

We currently live in a culture of instant gratification. This has been exacerbated by the advance of the internet, email, cellphones, Facebook and texting. We expect to have contact with others immediately, and we want all information to be available at our fingertips. This leads some young people to think that pursuing a topic on a search engine actually ranks as a form of scholarship. This desire for immediacy has contributed to a generation of people who would rather pursue health by popping a pill than bring about a more permanent healing by cultivating new habit systems in diet and exercise.

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The Conjunction Aspect

Measurement

Conjunction, 0° Zodiacal Longitude

The Conjunction is formed when two planets are close to the same zodiacal degree. Although the Conjunction is listed as 0 degrees, the orb of aspect can range from as narrow as 8 degrees for planets in a Cadent House (3, 6, 9 & 12) to as wide as 15 degrees for a Luminary in an Angular House (1, 4, 7 & 10). The waves of astral energy that are radiated by planets in a Conjunction aspect travel along the same trajectory, and inextricably combine with one another. The Conjunction aspect is one of the three most potent aspects, the other two aspects being the Opposition and Parallel.

Keyword

The keyword is Prominence, as the areas of the chart where the Conjunction is present attract distinction and conspicuousness. In Natal Astrology, these are often areas where an individual displays some outstanding traits or characteristics.

Planetary Comparison

C. C. Zain compares the Conjunction aspect to the influence of the Sun, in that it is powerful and neutral in nature. The Conjunction becomes either harmonious or discordant depending upon the planets engaged in the aspect.

Application

To gain full advantage of the Conjunction aspect, the individual must discover outlets in the environment to express these planetary energies, while seeking an ever-increasing control over one's abilities.

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to do this is to set it up as a sort of workshop where I tell you what to do, and you do it.

A conjunction brings two or more energies together usually in the same sign at the same degree, although conjunctions will sometimes occur with planets at the end of one sign and the beginning of another sign. Since the conjunction itself is a neutral aspect, any harmony or discord of the aspect comes from the planets themselves using the standard formula of $\frac{1}{2}$ harmony for Jupiter, $\frac{1}{2}$ discord for Saturn, $\frac{1}{4}$ harmony for Venus, and $\frac{1}{4}$ discord for Mars. All other planets/luminaries are neutral. As the conjunct planets travel nearly identical paths, each makes it easier for the energy of the other to manifest more fully. A conjunction creates prominence for all those traits signified by the planets involved.

Get out your chart and take a look at your aspect grid. Conjunctions typically have wide orbs, so look at the aspect grid to make sure you have them all.

As you note the conjunction, please view and make note of the astrodyne power of each planet/luminary involved in the aspect. For example: Scorpio Sun (37.45) conjunct Scorpio Venus (25.78). Do this for each conjunction in your horoscope.

Since this is a spiritual quest, let us keep this as simple as possible. All we must do at this time is to consider how the conjunctions in this chart bring PROMINENCE to our life of spirit. These are energies that are fully committed to one another as building blocks of our spiritual journey. These energies act in concert to bring life to our progression in the divine journey of the soul. These energies working together create a certain path for us to follow in our soul's journey. Christopher Gibson says, "They are features of character that really stand out. They are forces that are so inextricably intertwined that they look like one organism. Usually the more powerful of the planets is the tree that the weaker planet uses as scaffolding. Both plants may produce uniquely individual leaf, flower, and fruit; but to all appearances they grow as one organism." Using this example, it makes it easier to understand how a particular conjunction takes shape in the psyche. If we are visual, we can draw a picture of each aspect including colors, shades, and forms provided by our horoscopes. If we are verbal, we can

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Letter Grouping	First Position in Triad	Second Position in Triad	Third Position in Triad	Third Position is a Point of Compromise between First and Second Positions?
Mother	Aleph (guttural)	Mem (labial)	Shin (dental)	Y
Spiritual Triad	Aleph (guttural)	Bayt (labial)	Gimel (palatal)	Y
Physical Triad	Dalet (lingual)	Heh (guttural)	Waw (labial)	N
Mental Triad	Zayin (dental)	Chet (guttural)	Tayt (lingual)	Y
Triad of Triads (3, 6, 9)	Gimel (palatal)	Waw (labial)	Tayt (lingual)	Y

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tion of balance, in this case applied to all three triads between the monad and enead. In this sense, if we logically extend the pattern established by the initial three archetypes, we will proceed from the Spiritual (Monad), to the Physical (Dyad), through the bridge of the Mental (Triad). Logically, then, it would seem that the First Triad (i.e., Monad, Dyad, Triad) pertains to the Spiritual dimension, the Second Triad (Tetrad, Pentad, Hexad) relates to the Physical dimension, and the Third Triad (Heptad, Octad, Enead) comprehends the Mental dimension.

The Enead occupies a singular and even spectacular position as The Harmony of Harmonies. Not only is it a harmony within the Third Triad which relates to mind, but it is also a point of balance between the other points of balance within the Decad. Even more astonishingly, this design of nested harmonies is reflected linguistically in the point of articulation of the letter associated with the Enead, Tayt.

In the Kabbalistic system, Tayt is classified as a lingual. This is to say that the letter is formed through the use of the tongue. Of the 5 points of articulation expounded by the ancient Kabbalists (i.e., guttural, palatal, *lingual*, dental, and labial), lingual consonants are quite literally the most central sounds produced within the human vocal tract. This coincides well with our conception of the Enead and Tayt as representative of the state of balance, harmony, and order which is produced through the resolution of opposites.

However, still more amazing is the fact that the sound Tayt not only occupies a point of compromise when considered solely according to its linguistic class, but also occupies a point of harmony against all the other points of harmony within the Decad. That is to say, according to my analysis, Tayt occupies a point of harmony between Gimel (as representative of the Triad), and Waw (as representative of the Hexad). Thus, Tayt is quite literally a Harmony of Harmonies; not only in its placement in

number, but also in its point of articulation within the mouth during speech formation. Perhaps the table above will help to clarify my meaning:

In 4 of the 5 classes listed, the articulation of the third letter in the triad occupies a position which is intermediate to the articulations of the first two letters. Not only does this occur in the Mother Letter Triad, the Spiritual Triad, and the Mental Triad, but it is even true when we consider a Triad of Triads, inclusive of the numbers 3, 6, and 9, as the natural Triads which occur within the Decad.

Perhaps I am guilty of seeing patterns where none exist, but if this result were in fact planned in the design and creation of the Hebrew Alefbayt, then it paints those creators as nothing short of geniuses of language formation. So many exciting discoveries have already come to bear in our journey through the first nine letters of the Alefbayt. I can only hope that our sojourn through the remainder is as revelatory.

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Tarot Correspondence — The Horseman of Scepters



Divination

“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.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

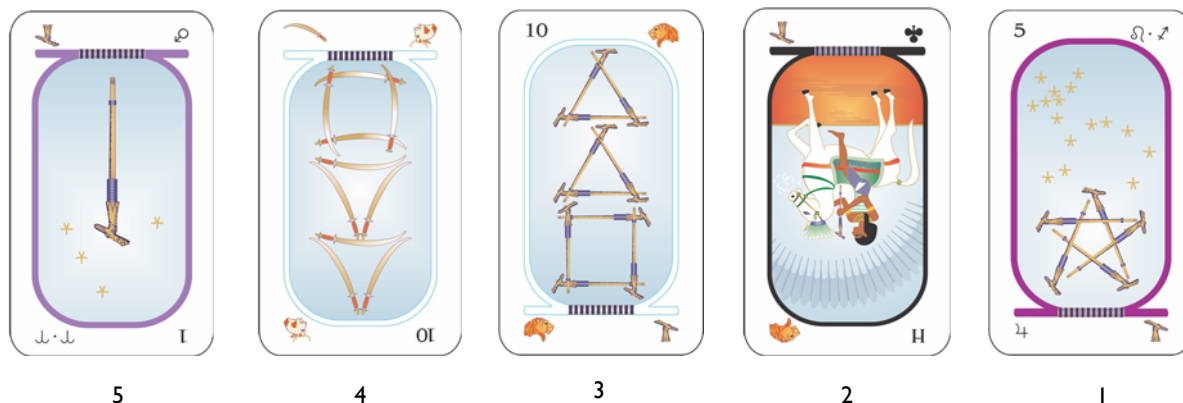
Interpretive Notes

In the Hermetic System, the tarot represents a synthesis of the universe based on astrological symbolism.

“The Horsemen do not represent people, but thoughts or unseen intelligences. As thoughts are ruled by Arcanum I, each Horseman has a numerical value of 1. In divination they are read as thoughts or intelligences that have an influence upon the life of the client. The one who thinks the thoughts is indicated by the Court Card nearest whom the Horseman is found in the spread.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

The Yes or No Spread



Tarot Spread Interpretation

The question was asked, "Will I be able to retire in 2021?"

Card Spread

The Distant Past: Five of Scepters. "The divinatory significance of the Five of Scepters is good fortune in business; its inner interpretation is REFORMATION."

The Recent Past: 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."

The Present: Ten of Scepters. "The divinatory significance of the Ten of Scepters is an invention or discovery; its inner interpretation is ENTHUSIASM."

The Near Future: Ten of Swords (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Ten of Swords is sudden loss of employment; its inner interpretation is PRACTICALITY."

The Distant Future: Ace of Scepters (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Ace of Scepters is news of a business opportunity; its inner interpretation is ACTIVITY."

Summary

The querent, eager for a time when he might have a more leisurely existence, asked the question, "Will I be able to retire in 2021?"

The Distant Past: The Five of Scepters indicates that the querent has enjoyed multiple and varied careers and overall good fortune in business.

The Recent Past: The Horseman of Scepters (reversed) denotes thoughts concerning business; as it is reversed it signifies thoughts opposed to his interests. He could be worried as to whether or not he is financially equipped for retirement.

The Present: Ten of Scepters shows that the querent desires a change in his routine, yet will always need a new project to be excited about.

The Near Future: The Ten of Swords (reversed) usually promises a sudden loss of employment. Perhaps he could retire in an unexpected way, or once retired decide that it doesn't agree with him.

The Distant Future: The Ace of Scepters (reversed) indicates that the querent prefers an active life and after a period of retirement he may engage in a new business opportunity.

Summary

This spread has five cards that are dealt in a row from right to left. The middle card is valued at 2 points, and the other cards each have the value of 1 point. A majority of the cards right side up indicate a yes answer, or if the majority of the cards are reversed, it is a no answer. When the points are evenly divided, as in the case of this reading, the answer is undecided.

The presence of two Tens in this spread reveals the strong desire for change that the querent is currently experiencing. He wants things to be different. Four out of five cards in the spread are scepters, which pertain to the element fire or enthusiasm. The preponderance of scepters also indicate that the burning issue behind the querent's question might not be financial, as he thought, but whether he might remain engaged and excited about life. There is nothing in the spread to indicate whether or not the querent will have the finances in place to make retirement a reality. The only sword in the spread is the Ten of Swords, which usually represents sudden disruption and loss of employment. Unexpected events in the near future could determine the timing of his retirement.



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make this into a story; if we're kinetic, we can create a sculpture.

Make comments on how each conjunction in your chart manifests in your spiritual life. Make an illustration, a story, a song, a sculpture, or a basket, a piece of jewelry which represents this aspect in your spiritual life.

The energies in each conjunction function together so completely that sometimes we cannot separate them in our own character, and make no mistake; our conjunctions are the building blocks of our characters. Consider how the components of each conjunction come together to create a single focus point of character, how these energies have blended over the years until they are truly acting in total concert, regardless of harmony or discord. Then looking back see how we have managed to use our alchemical tools to pull the most from each of these blended forces.

For each conjunction meditate on how each of the planets involved work together and what kind of new energy is created and how this new energy contributes to your spiritual development.

Now if you are anything like me, you will have done a mental job on the three steps listed above, which is well

enough, but creating a physical manifestation is most effective in this process. The most important step, though, is to now reflect on all that has been learned. Take the time to really assimilate the knowledge of the power and prominence of conjunctions alone in our Lives of Spirit before going forward with the next steps.

Our lives are not static. Investigating the conjunctions in our progressed horoscopes will give us invaluable insights as to how far we have come and the new places we have to go. As with all of our discoveries, please share what has been learned with others as we mentor and assist them on their journeys. Breaking down our charts in this way is certain to open many new doors for us in our search for Self-Conscious Immortality.

Follow steps one through four using the conjunctions in your progressed horoscope.

Suggested Reading: *Laws of Occultism*, pages 91-95; and *Horary Astrology* pages 45-63

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For thousands of years, shamanistic traditions have used entheogens such as ayahuasca, peyote and psilocybin to induce rapid psychological or spiritual shifts in consciousness. These psychoactive drugs can offer an immediacy of transcendental experience, but that experience is not the same as someone who has highly-developed soul senses built up through years of spiritual discipline such as meditation, contemplation or the practice of mental and spiritual alchemy. Immediate results are generally not to be trusted. Much like the Olympiads, The Brotherhood of Light Teachings emphasize the development of skill, ability and proficiency - talents that are built up through endurance and effort.

This issue of the Quarterly is focused on the conjunction, an aspect in astrology where two planets are conjoined – their energies moving down the same line of

force. The area of a chart where planets are found in conjunction is an area where the individual can show exceptional ability. The effects of the conjunction are naturally powerful, and they reflect a region of consciousness where there is a readily-available concentration of energy. However, for that ability to be realized, the individual's efforts must be concentrated on developing skill and ability through ever-increasing degrees of self-control.

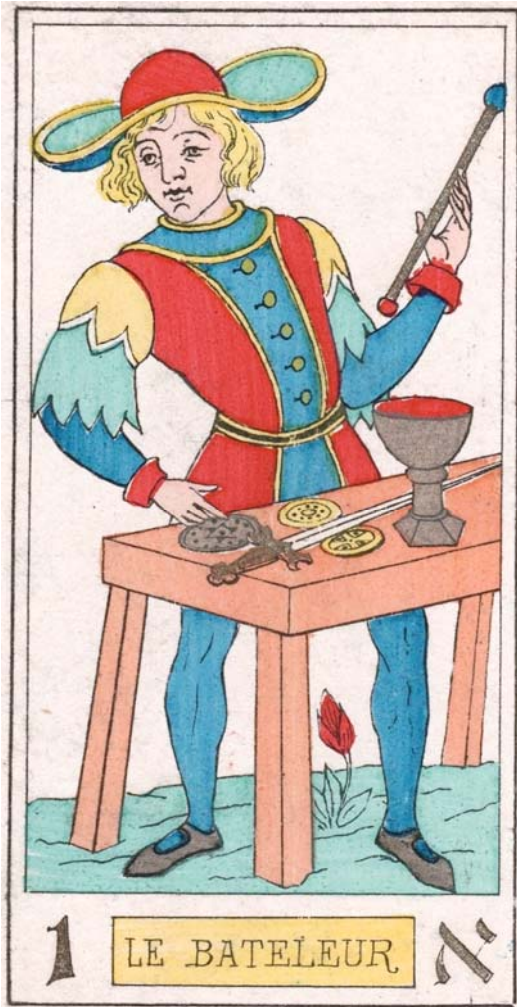
If you are reading this Quarterly, then chances are, you have enlisted in The Brotherhood of Light training camp, an equivalent of the Spiritual Olympics. Your ability may not come immediately; however, through concentration, hard work and self-control your rewards will be enduring.



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- ◆ Ceremony, Ritual Magic and Magical Paraphernalia
- ◆ Rhythmic Breathing: Vitalizing the Magical Act
- ◆ Timing is Everything: Astrological Planning of Rituals
- ◆ Rallying Forces: Magnetizing Talismans, Amulets and Charms
- ◆ Mental Magic: The Importance of Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion
- ◆ 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



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11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Yvette Fortin and Veiga O’Sickey offer roundtable discussions on the topics of “Magic in Modern Times,” and “Beginning Astrology” on the first Sunday of the month.



Yvette Fortin



Radine Ramsey

There will be no class New Year’s Day, Sunday January 1, 2017.

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.



Veiga O’Sickey

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: September 2016—February 2017

Date	Event	Officiant
September 18, 2016	Libra—Autumnal Equinox Service	Christopher Gibson
October 16, 2016	Scorpio Service	Christopher Gibson
November 20, 2016	Sagittarius Service	Veiga O’Sickey
December 18, 2016	Capricorn—Winter Solstice Service	Pat Ramsey

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Date: Saturday November 19, 2016

Time: 10 a.m. MST

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