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## The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Zayin The Light in the Darkness

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The seventh letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is Zayin. Through its association with the number seven, as well as by virtue of its name alone, Zayin symbolizes the presence of the divine within the seemingly ordinary, mundane world of daily existence. It also bespeaks a deep and penetrating form of harmony which differs in its structure and function

from those associated with the Triad or Pentad.

Of all the numbers within the Decad, the Heptad (7) is most closely associated with the Monad (1), which symbolizes the perfection and unity of God. Mathematically, there are several justifications for this association. The Heptad was anciently known as "Virgin", as no other number in the Decad

enters into it evenly (e.g., as 2 enters into 4, or as 3 enters into 6 and 9). It was also called "Childless", as it cannot produce any number within the Decad through multiplication (as 2 produces 4, or as 3 produces 6 and 9). Furthermore, neither 1 nor 7 can be expressed as a product of any two whole numbers except for itself

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## The Eleventh House: Spiritual Incubation

Margaret Dissinger

Just stop a moment before continuing to read the following and reflect on what we know about the 11<sup>th</sup> house. (Pause) That's how this article started for me, and so it seems appropriate to take you along on that same journey.

Friends, hopes, and wishes are literally what I see in my mind's eye. I see faces of those I call friends; I see dreams I have had that came to fruition or not, and I see a space there for dreams yet to be. I see wishes, but that's complicated and in the realm of, "I'm not talking about that yet." And then, I'm hoping that my readers are thinking about Aquarius as the natural ruler of the 11<sup>th</sup> house and by

extension Uranus and Saturn as having their place in this cosmic stew.

My charge here is what difference does it make spiritually, and, frankly, I am just now working that out. Honestly, I don't think very much about the 11<sup>th</sup> house and spirituality. It's not like that at all, but it must be important if it is there, right? The eleventh house is a public house, but our hopes and wishes are private. It gets a fair amount of energy as a succedent house, and it is certain that as a member of the Trinity of Association, our friends are clearly represented, but

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## Editorial

Christopher Gibson

*"A true friend freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably." – William Penn*

It has been said that we don't get to choose our families, but we get to choose our friends. And we choose our friends based on our similarities of interests, shared vocations or avocations, and our common backgrounds or circumstances. We are drawn in friendship to the company of those persons who give us pleasure, and we are repelled by those associates who cause us pain. Good friendships enhance our overall sense of well-being and contribute to our health. Research indicates that loneliness and a lack of social supports have been linked to higher mortality rates, an increased risk of infection, heart disease, and cancer.

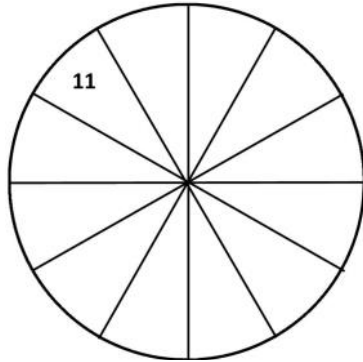
As delineated above, in the quote from Penn, we look to our friends for fairness, helpfulness, spontaneity, empathy, loyalty and trustworthiness. We generally feel pleasure from those qualities that we share in common with our friends, which in 360 BC, prompted Plato to write in his play Phaedrus, *"similarity begets friendship."* An idea to be echoed by Aristotle when he wrote, *"Some define it as a matter of similarity; they say that we love those who are like ourselves."* As astrologers we look for clues between charts to explain friendships. Compatibility often arises when we share a similarity of elements, such as fire and air, or earth and water. The positions of the social planets, Mars and Venus, also play a role as to whether or not we are attracted to or repelled by others.

Friendship presents a puzzle for evolutionary biologists because it can't be understood on the basis of genetic or reproductive interests, as the majority of friendships evolve between people who are not family members or sexual partners. Instead, researchers rely on a process known as reciprocal altruism to explain friendship. In other words: you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. However, unless Scorpio is the dominant sign in your chart, most of us just don't have the ability to maintain a tit-for-tat scorecard in our heads.

Friendships are governed by the sign of Aquarius and the Eleventh House (which in a natural chart is ruled by Aquarius). Aquarius has dual planetary rulers: Saturn, the ancient ruler, and Uranus, the contemporary ruler. Saturn is expert at systems, accounting, and in keeping the tit-for-tat scorecard in exact balance. On the other hand, Uranus is spontaneous and altruistic and believes that when one gives they set a cycle in motion where things can come back to you; just not always from the source you originally gave to.

The Church of Light straddles the dual influence of being a Ninth House congregation and an Eleventh House organization. Friendship is seminal to the work that we do and the most valued friendships are those between

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### ***Eleventh House Associations***

Friends, chums, pals, comrades, cronies, supporters, helpers, contacts, acquaintances, connections, associations, groups, clubs, organizations, social-networks, cliques, clutches, circles, factions, community, tribe, clan, hopes and wishes, social objectives, humanitarian goals, charities, altruistic and philanthropic activities.

### ***Eleventh House Environments***

Boardroom, chapter house, meeting-room, parliament, senate, house of representatives, sorority houses, fraternity houses, committee hall, fraternal halls, lodge-rooms, clubrooms, clubhouses, meeting-houses, convention centers, social clubs, social halls, lobbies, meeting halls, reception rooms, banquet halls, living rooms, parlors, salons, recreation rooms, rumpus rooms, places where Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or boys' and girls' clubs meet, women's clubs, Masonic Lodges, philanthropic organizations, charitable trusts, and humanitarian organizations.

### ***Eleventh House Occupations***

Board member, council member, senator, congressman, member parliament, committee member, assemblyman, alderman, event-planner, convention-planner, meeting coordinator, party-planner, group leader, camp counselor, social networking organizer, meetup host, club owner, philanthropist, maître d', humanitarian aid worker, humanitarian relief worker, convention and visitor's bureau aid, fundraiser, community chest organizer, scout leader, den-mother, activist, and reformer.

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almost everything about the eleventh house belongs to each of us in a profoundly personal way.

In my research I found several resources who discuss groups as belonging to this house, and in discussing this with a Church of Light colleague it seems to make sense. Almost all of our friends are folks with whom we share something: work, philosophy, commonalities, etc., so that works. My friend also points out that hopes and wishes often lead us to groups of like mind. Try this out with your own eleventh house to see how it fits.

The eleventh house is a sort of incubator. Before we make a commitment to an action, it usually begins as a desire or an idea. We know the importance of visualization to achieve manifestation. Now consider the metaphors of Aquarius, Uranus and Saturn in this process. That spark of intuition or inspiration comes through Uranus and then is accepted or rejected by Saturn until WE KNOW if it is worthy of further work. We meet someone, and we generally KNOW quickly if there is something there that can be developed into a friendship. We share our ideas and communicate more personally, and then we choose to commit more of ourselves. There is a great deal going on behind the scenes here, and all this occurs before we begin to apply the dynamics of our own individual horoscopes to the process of spiritual realization in the eleventh house.

Spiritually, hopes and wishes are fuzzy at their very best. It seems likely that this is where we can best apply the concepts of Uranus and Saturn to help us. We cannot know what lies beyond death, and that really doesn't matter anyway. Making the commitment to living a spiritual life here and preparing for what may come next forces us to live a life devoted to Universal Welfare. We can use our Uranian energies to wish and hope for a world where there is Universal Welfare. We can use our Saturnian energies to plan and build that world. We know that no energy spent is ever wasted. Even if that which we desire is not fully manifested in our lifetimes, the work remains and has value, and will be discovered by another.

Who are our spiritual friends? They are those people in our lives that inspire and encourage us. We know who they are at once. Many of these people we meet

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and 1 (i.e., they are prime). Finally, 7 is the only number between 1 and 10 that cannot enter evenly into 360, the number of degrees in a circle. *For this final reason, it is physically impossible to draw a perfect Heptagon, while it is possible to draw all other polygonal figures within the Decad.* The Ancients saw in these facts the symbolism of something that remains forever beyond the profane world of the here and now. They saw in it the light in the darkness; an eternal reminder of the pure, spiritual state which animates and perpetuates the physical world but which can never be completely replicated by it.

Analyzing the name Zayin phonosematically reveals a similar insight. In Hebrew, the word “Zayin” is composed of three consonants: Zayin (Z), Yud (Y), and Nun (N). *Notice that the Yud hides between the other two letters.* Numerically, Yud has a value of 10, or a Gematria of 1 ( $10 \div 10 = 1$ ). Here again, we see built into the name of the letter itself a reminder of the eternal presence of the divine within the mundane.

Phonosemantic analysis also reveals further insights. In the Ancient Hebrew classification system, the /z/ of Zayin is a Dental, indicating that it is articulated using the teeth. Other letters in this class include Shin, Tzaddi, and Samech. If you listen as you sound them, you will hear that they all involve the forceful flow of air through a small channel in the mouth. In modern terms, these sounds are known as fricatives, owing to the significant turbulence which is produced when they are sounded. In terms of the three mother letters, then, this puts Zayin in closest phonological relationship with Shin, as they are both Dentals. In fact, very interestingly, there is *no difference whatsoever* in the articulation of the /s/ of Shin or the /z/ of Zayin. The only distinction between them is that /s/ is unvoiced, while /z/ is voiced. These are linguistic terms which refer to whether or not the vocal cords vibrate as the letter is produced.

You can perform a neat little experiment to verify this for yourself. Place your thumb and forefinger lightly on your voice box and hum. You will feel the vibration of the vocal cords as you do so. Now stop humming. You can feel that the vocal cords stop moving. Do this a few times to get used to the feeling of voicing and to notice when it stops. Also, take a few seconds to develop the



ability to deliberately turn voicing on or off at will. This will come in handy in the second part of this experiment.

A consonant is considered *voiced* if the vocal cords vibrate while it is being sounded, and it is considered *unvoiced* if the vocal cords do not vibrate while it is being sounded. /s/ is an unvoiced consonant, while /z/ is a voiced consonant. Now onto the second part of our experiment: Place your thumb and forefinger lightly on your voice box again and create a continuous /s/ sound. You will notice that there is no vibration coming from your vocal cords. This is why /s/ is considered an unvoiced consonant; there is no vibration necessary at the vocal cords to produce it. *Now, while maintaining your fingers on your voice box, without changing anything whatsoever about the shape of your mouth, introduce the humming sound of the vocal cords.* What happened to the sound?

You probably noticed that the /s/ turned into a /z/ sound. In fact, the *only* difference between these two sounds is that /s/ is unvoiced, while /z/ is voiced. Nothing else about the mouth, tongue, teeth, or lips has to change to alternate between these two speech sounds. Neat, huh? There are several other letter pairs like this, such as /p/ and /b/, /f/ and /v/, /t/ and /d/, and /k/ and /g/, where the only difference between them is whether they are un-

voiced or voiced. You can try these out too by applying the same method. For your convenience, in all of the letter pairs above, the first sound is unvoiced, while the second sound is voiced.

Returning then to our discussion of Zayin, the /z/ of Zayin is a voiced dental consonant. As a Dental, it falls into a group of Hebrew letters including Tzaddi, Samech, and most importantly, Shin. Shin is a mother letter, and forms one of the three basic archetypes upon which the Hebrew Alefbayt is based. It is the third and final mother letter, and is therefore associated with the Triad, or the principle of Harmony. But what possible form of Harmony could stem from the Heptad? Well, probably the form of harmony you are most familiar with: musical harmony.

You can perform another fun and interesting experiment if you have a stringed instrument lying around (for this purposes an unfretted instrument will work best, but any stringed instrument can work). Begin by plucking any

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## Mundane Astrology 2016: Cycle Charts

Christopher Gibson

So often the word mundane implies that which is common, ordinary, unimaginative, or banal. However, when it comes to astrology, the word mundane has its origins in the Latin *mundus* meaning “world.” Therefore, mundane astrology is the study of worldly events. The Hermetic Axiom “As Above, So Below,” is of particular importance in this branch of astrology where we look for correlations in real time between the transiting movement of the planets and socio-political events on earth. This branch of worldly astrology researches the celestial influences impacting corporate entities such as countries, states, cities, and communities. By calculating the birth-chart of individual nations and analyzing their progressed aspects, we can determine what trends will be taking place within that particular country.

As far as we know, mundane astrology was born in Mesopotamia in the second millennia BC. The ancient stargazers used their mythologies to create stories in the sky, and from this, astrology was born. Ancient astrology was not so much horoscopic as it was mundane, concerned with the rise and fall of kings and empires. Over the millennia the city-states on the river plains between the Tigris and the Euphrates were overrun by Sumerians, Akkadians, Assyrians, Chaldeans and Babylonians. These Near-Eastern peoples learned that they needed to keep an eye on their neighbors and they searched the night skies for relationships between the planets (which they syncretized with their gods) and political events on earth. We get a picture of this in the New Testament account when the magi (Zoroastrian astrologers) travel from the east to honor the birth of the king of the Jews.

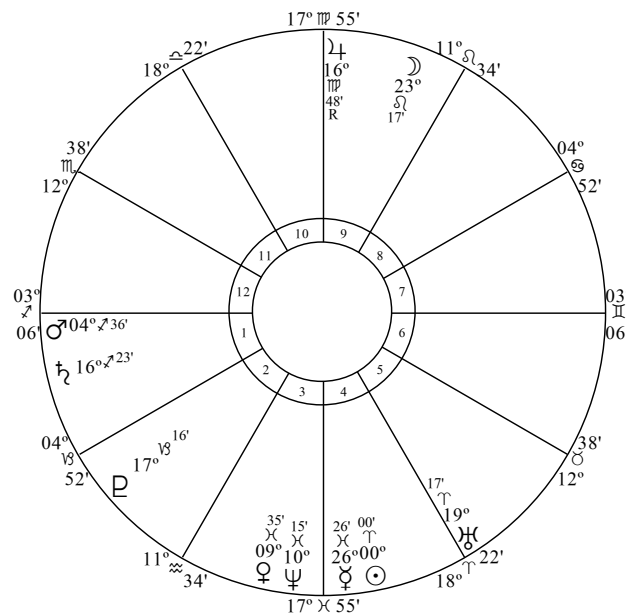
Cycle charts are an extremely important tool in Hermetic Astrology. Cycle charts are calculated for the moment a planet passes over the equator from south to north declination. A Cycle Chart is the birth chart representing the type of influence indicated by the planet for which it is erected. This cycle chart continues to be effective until the inauguration of the next cycle of the same planet, that is, when that planet, once again passes from south to north declination. For example, the Sun passes from south to north declination annually at the Vernal Equinox. The cycles of the other planets are not as readily visible and can be a little more erratic in their schedules.

Mars passed over the celestial equator on April 4, 2011, March 14, 2013, and most recently on February 21, 2015, that is approximately every two years.

The cycles of the slower-moving planets vary according to their speed of travel and occasionally we can experience two cycle charts in a short period as the planet goes retrograde or wobbles back and forth over the

equator. An example of this can be found in the most recent Jupiter cycle chart. Normally Jupiter cycles occur every twelve years. A Jupiter cycle began on March 13, 1987, February 24, 1999, and July 8, 2010. However Jupiter moved south of the equator on July 31, 2010 and moved north again just six months later on February 5, 2011. This is the chart for the current Jupiter cycle. The next Jupiter Cycle will begin May 25, 2022.

Saturn can vary. The last Saturn cycle began March 30, 1981, and the current cycle on February 16, 1997 – a period of sixteen years. The next Saturn cycle begins on



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March 26, 2026, just a little over nineteen years from the commencement of the current cycle.

A good source for data is, **Tables of Planetary Phenomena** by Neil F. Michelsen, and published by ACS. Unfortunately, for you younger astrologers, the table of declinations ends in 2050.

By studying major progressions active in the birth charts of countries and comparing them with the transits found in cycle charts, we can combine their influences to map trends of societal thought and action. However, birth charts are not always readily available for specific countries, and the cycle charts are often the only means we have for forecasting broader trends in society. A great way to do this is to follow the mundane charts and compare them to the daily news reports and headlines. An important rule to remember for those persons just beginning their studies of Mundane Astrology is to narrow interpretations to those subject matters specifically governed by the planet for which the cycle chart has been erected. Equally important to remember is that for each cycle chart we only progress (by transit) the planet for which the cycle has been erected. Although all aspects can provide some insights, it is usually only the conjunction and opposition to the natal planets in the cycle chart that are powerful enough to stimulate newsworthy events.

We publish the cycle charts annually in the Spring Quarterly for those members who require them for completing their Course XIII exam in Mundane Astrology.

The **SUN** governs politics in general, especially the ruling authorities such as president, monarch, dictator, prime minister, etc. In the business world, the Sun rules executives and administrators like CEO's, boards of directors and department chairs. In politics the ruling party and the ruling class. The Sun Cycle chart is also called the Vernal Ingress and is calculated for the capital of any country for the spring equinox, when the Sun moves from south to north declination.

The **MOON** governs housing, family and the domestic life. In business, the moon rules groceries, food service, foodstuffs and other commodities, as well as the hospitality industry. In social arena the Moon governs women and the masses. The Moon Cycle chart is called a Lunation and is calculated monthly for the exact moment of the New Moon at any locality.

**MERCURY** rules science, technology, education and all communications. In business, Mercury governs all literary works, the publishing industry, and in part the internet. In the political sphere, Mercury represents the power of the

press and instantaneous social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

**VENUS** governs the social life and the elements of beauty: music, arts and drama. In business Venus impacts fashion, beauty, style and art. In the social arena, Venus rules cultured society and the fashionable as well as whatever is trending in clubs, bars and gathering places.

**MARS** rules the military, manufacturing, industry, and all things mechanical. Martial careers include all armed forces, police, firemen, paramedics, surgeons and all emergency responders. The Mars Cycle chart can show indicators for war, rebellion, natural disasters and the rise of militarism.

**JUPITER** governs religion, philosophy, law and business in general. Jupiter is the planet of capitalism, merchants, retail trade and salesmanship. In the social world Jupiter rules both commerce and philanthropy. The Jupiter Cycle often represents progressive attitudes, confidence in the economy, spending, and expanding markets.

**SATURN** rules orthodoxy and all things conservative. In the business world, Saturn influences land, real-estate, farming, mining and basic utilities. Saturn is cautious and prefers saving over spending. In the social realm Saturn rules senior citizens, geriatric populations, and the ultra-conservative.

**URANUS** rules the unconventional such as the occult and ultra-progressive movements. In business, Uranus influences labor-saving devices, technology, computers, inventions and all innovative methods. Socially-speaking, Uranus embodies the trendsetters in fashion or technology. Politically, Uranus can represent the radical element, be it extremely-progressive or the radically conservative.

**NEPTUNE** embodies the mystical and the intuitive. In business, Neptune has influence over film, television, marketing and commercials. Socially, Neptune is at the vanguard of all visionary and idealistic movements.

**PLUTO** can express as either spirituality or inversion, as well as the influence of invisible intelligences that seek to advance or hinder human progress. In business, Pluto is behind all lobbying, unions and group activity, either for special interest or the advancement of society. Socially, Pluto can rule movements for social welfare, or invasive activities such as mobs, racketeering and gangs.

The cycle charts indicate the topics that appear in the news as either key events or topics of public interest stories. There is not sufficient space in this article to discuss each and every cycle chart and aspect in detail, however

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I'll point out a few key aspects and hopefully this will stimulate the reader to do further research.

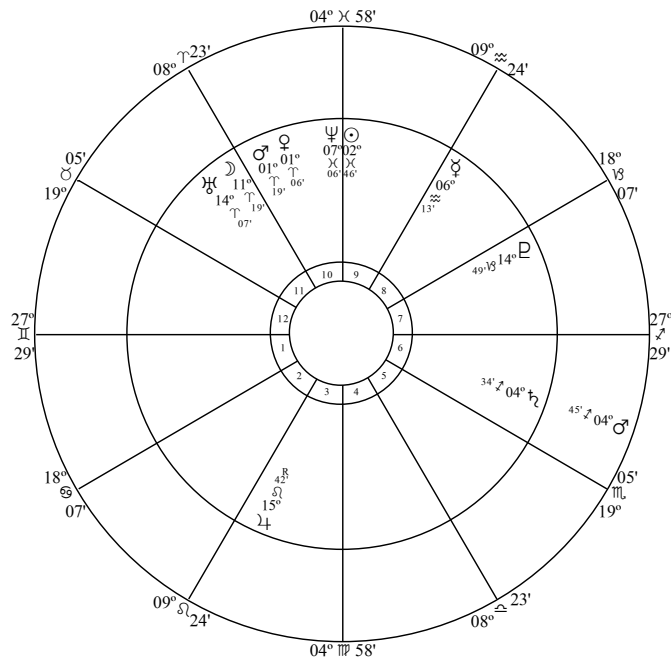
**Examples in reading cycle charts**

In the 2016 Sun cycle chart, the Sun is in the Fourth House of land, housing, agriculture, the climate and the political party that opposes the party currently in power. This could be a year where we might expect the headlines to report unusually high temperatures, or advances in the housing market. As this is an election year, the Fourth House position of the Sun makes it very likely that a Republican might replace the incumbent party.

In the Sun cycle chart we progress only the Sun by transit motion, paying close attention to the dates involving conjunctions and oppositions. Transiting aspects of the Sun last only two days. Since there are a total of 24 conjunctions and oppositions of the Sun that transpire any given year, we'll look at a couple of key examples. September 7—10 the Sun will form conjunctions to Jupiter in the Ninth House of international commerce and the courts, before passing over the Mid-heaven and entering the Tenth House. Perhaps a Supreme Court Justice will be sworn in at that time. November 23—27, the Sun successively conjuncts Ascendant and Mars in the First House. The President's Thanksgiving might figure in the news. Perhaps an uninvited guest will try and scale the wrought-iron fence surrounding the White House.

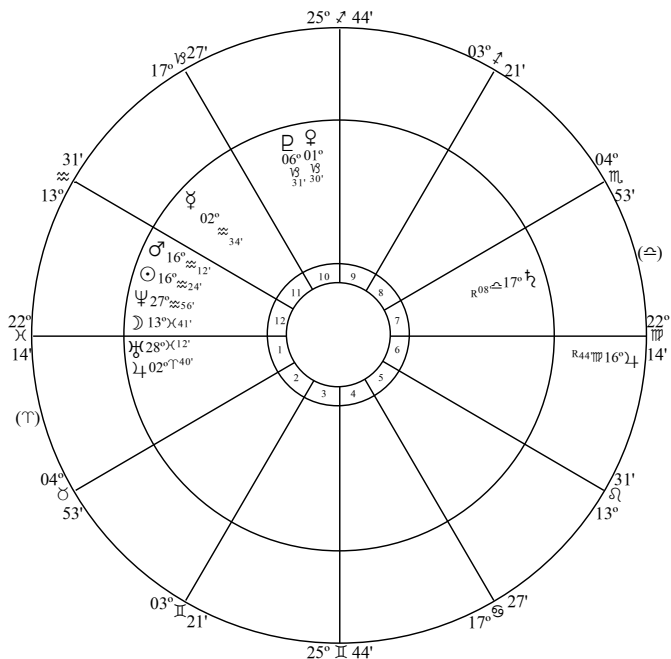
Mars is slower-moving than the Sun, and conjunctions and oppositions of Mars by transit normally last 3—4 days. In the Mars cycle chart that commenced February of 2015, Mars is in the Tenth House of the administration and famous persons. This year, Mars will conjunct Saturn in the Sixth House of armed forces, public safety and public health on three occasions. The first of these conjunctions is unusually long, from March 16—23, Mars then goes retrograde April 18—June 29 and makes another two conjunctions with Saturn on May 10—16, and again on August 11—15.

Each of these aforementioned dates might represent individual headlines, or they could represent a storyline that evolves in the news over time. Because of the Sixth House emphasis, some areas to be attentive to are, public health, health insurance and epidemiology, and any trends involving the armed forces and police forces.



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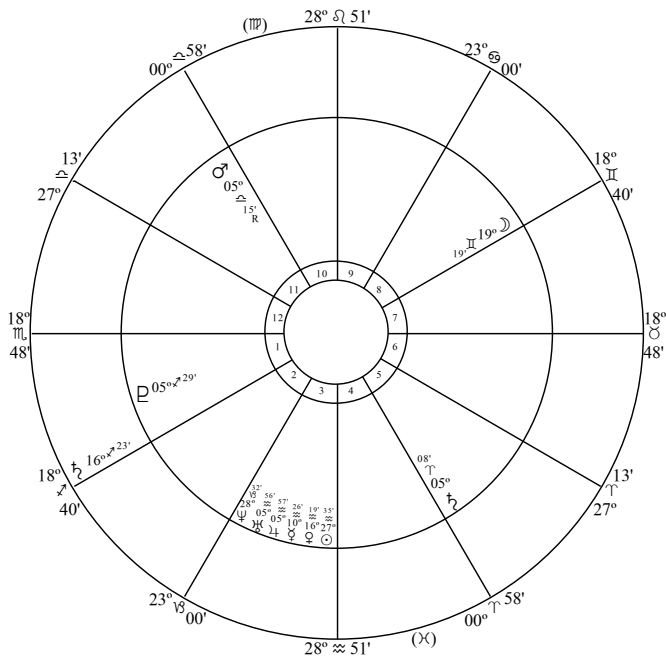
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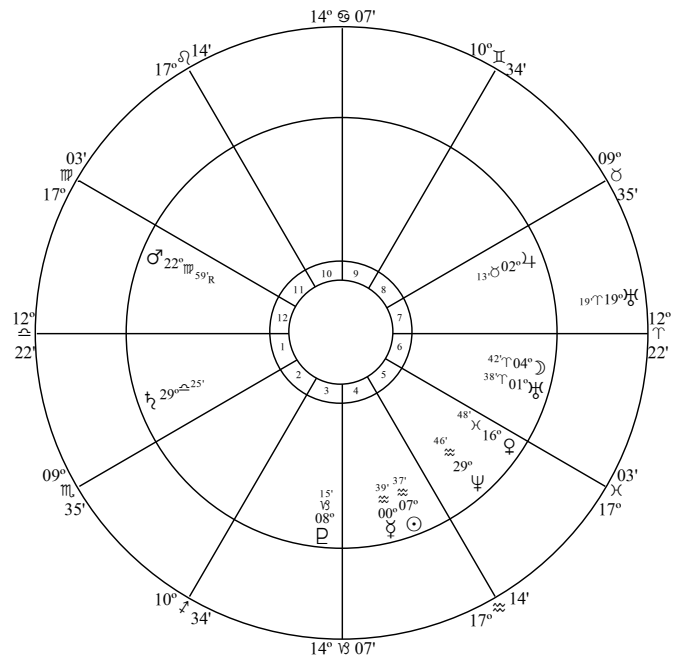
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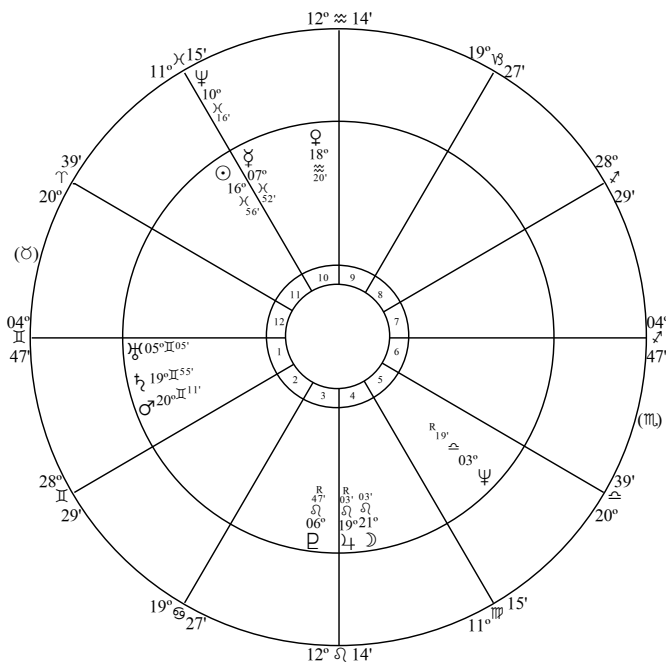
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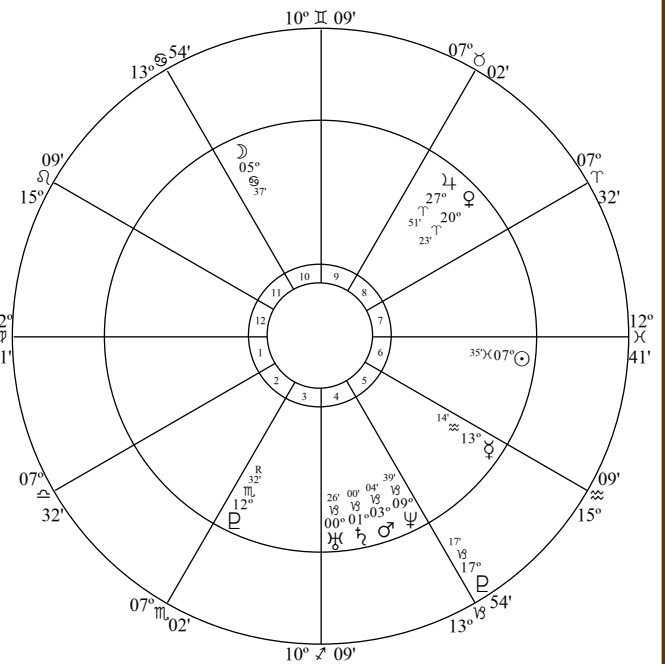
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**Pluto Cycle, Washington DC**

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## Tarot Correspondence — The Youth of Coins



### Divination

“The Youth of Coins signifies a person ruled by the sign Aquarius: witty, argumentative yet amiable, artistic, humanitarian and fond of refined society. Right way up it denotes an Aquarian man; reversed it indicates an Aquarian woman. The dominant idea is I KNOW.”

From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain

### Physical Description

“AQUARIUS: Stout, well set, fair hair, sanguine complexion, pleasant.”

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 Coins corresponds to the Eleventh House of Friends, acquaintances, associations, groups, clubs, organizations, hopes and wishes, social objectives, and humanitarian goals.

## From Our Tarot Spread Archives —The Magic Seven Spread

### Tarot Spread Interpretation

In a tarot presentation at the June 2003 Convention, Christopher Gibson answered the following question, "Will The Church of Light grow?"

#### Card Spread

**The Past:** Arcanum XII, The Martyr. "In Divination, **Arcanum XII** may be read as **Sacrifice** or **Expiation**."

**The Present:** Arcanum XV, The Black Magician. "In Divination, **Arcanum XV** may be read as **Fatality** or **Black Magic**."

**The Future:** Deuce of Cups. "The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Cups is a work of love; its inner interpretation is **REVELATION**."

**The Ability to Control:** Five of Scepters. "The divinatory significance of the Five of Scepters is good fortune in business; its inner interpretation is **REFORMATION**."

**The Environment:** Queen of Scepters (reversed). "The Queen of Scepters signifies a person ruled by the sign Leo: haughty, high spirited, ambitious and resolute. Right way up it denotes a Leo woman; reversed it indicates a Leo man. The dominant idea is **WILL**."

**The Opposition:** Seven of Swords. "The divinatory significance of the Seven of Swords is danger through travel or sport; its inner interpretation is **ACHIEVEMENT**."

**The Outcome:** Arcanum II, Veiled Isis. "In Divination, **Arcanum II** may briefly be read as **Science**."

### Summary

**The Past:** Arcanum XII — The Martyr could indicate that for many years as the membership in The Church of Light had been decreasing, a few key members made sacrifices to keep the organization going.

**The Present:** Arcanum XV — The Black Magician indicates current slow growth, responsibilities and obstacles.

**The Future:** Deuce of Cups — promises a brighter future as members apply their talents, skills and abilities as a work of love for the organization.

**The Ability to Control:** Five of Scepters — shows that a positive outlook brings good fortune in business and expansion.

**The Environment:** Queen of Scepters (reversed) — Leo persons will shape the environment. A Leo environment can be described as a hot, dry climate, tending to desert conditions.

**The Opposition:** Seven of Swords — concerns were expressed regarding the publishing aspect of the business, especially in regard to order size and print formats.



**The Outcome:** Arcanum II — Veiled Isis pictures the threshold of the Occult Sanctuary. It suggests that growth will be slow.

#### Summary

The 2003 convention was the best-attended conference in decades with 85 participants. The organization had been atrophying in Southern California as an aging membership became resistant to travelling in traffic to participate in programming. In 2005, the Board of Directors approved the sale of the Church property in Los Angeles. A building was purchased in Albuquerque, New Mexico in an environment often described as high desert.

Over the last 12 years, the publishing arm of the church has managed to design a new deck of colored tarot cards and have all of the lessons printed in a uniform format. The Church has also grown financially with an endowment in the form of a permanent fund. Although the overall membership has not grown, since the time this question was asked, 85 students have achieved Hermetician status — an all-time record. We have grown in quality, if not in quantity.

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open string. It will produce a certain tone, based on its length and thickness. This represents the Monad, or the basic fundamental unit of our investigation.

Now place your finger exactly in the middle of the same string and pluck half its length. If you are in the exact center, you will notice that the same note is produced, only one register higher. As the string is being divided in two, this action represents the introduction of the Dyad. And just as the Monad and Dyad give rise to all other numbers, all of the infinite possible musical tones are encompassed within the distance between full string and half string.

Music would be quite boring indeed, though, if all we did all day was pluck a string in its full and half length, but how can we move forward to introduce new tones to a musical scale while still retaining the underlying principle of harmony? For that, we will need to introduce the Triad. In order to do so, divide the string *unequally* in such a way that the long part of the string produces the same tone as the short part of the string. If you have done so correctly, you will divide the string into 2/3 and 1/3 portions, and the note that will be produced is what we call in music the fifth. This explains why the fifth is such an important musical interval, and even why it is termed perfect. *It is not a forced imposition of sound on the string, but rather a natural harmony which emanates from it.* Therefore, it stands in perfect relationship to the original tone produced by the full and half string.

If we then take the 2/3 of the string as our new length and proceed to derive fifths from it, we will arrive at the foundational “circle of fifths”. After exactly seven such

divisions, the original tone repeats, only one half-tone higher (e.g., C becomes C#). After exactly twelve such divisions, the musical scale comes back on itself, and the original tone is reproduced. By finally taking all of the natural harmonies so produced, and clustering them all in one octave, we arrive at the modern day diatonic (7 tone) and chromatic (12 tone) scales.

Hence, we find in Zayin, the seventh letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt, a reminder of the light in the darkness, the eternal presence of the spiritual in the material. Additionally, we discover the basis for what has come to be known as the “music of the spheres”, the creation of a musical scale which is based on the natural, innate harmonies of a simple string vibrating with limitless capacities.

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only briefly, but their impact on our authentic self is so profound that we never forget them. These are the ones we want to spend time with when we want to talk about the truth. These are the ones that challenge us to live our lives as contributors and makers. These are the folks with whom we laugh from deep down and cry from the same place. These friends help us not only to hope and to wish, but then they pray for us or help us physically or emotionally to manifest those desires.

Consider as well that there are others for whom we are chosen as their spiritual friends. We must take special care that all we receive, we have a duty to return.

We pay forward by example. We live lives in which we are kind and good friends, good listeners, and active positive participants with our friends. We pay forward by mentoring others on this path and by accepting the responsibility to share what we know. We pay forward by accepting our friends for exactly who they are at that moment with no judgment and no impatience. Most important, we pay forward with unconditional love for our friends. To this end we are actively contributing to Universal Welfare and to the very special friendships, hopes, and wishes that contribute to all of our spiritual lives.

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mentee and mentor or student and instructor. When an instructor or mentor gives to a student, they are rarely expecting that anything will come back to them directly. It is, instead, that their giving is done out of a type of altruism, with the hopes that their gift will eventually be passed on by the student to others in their world. The teacher lives with the hope that the student will be in a position to contribute his or her utmost to universal welfare.

We currently have 180 Hermeticians listed as active in the organization of whom 13 or 7% are participating as mentors in the Mentor Program. If you are a Hermetician not currently enrolled in the Mentor Program and would like to be a true friend to the Church of Light and participate in the joys of passing on your knowledge and expertise to the next generation of Stelarians, please drop us a note or email us at [churchoflight@light.org](mailto:churchoflight@light.org).



## Membership Room

### 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 courses 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

## In Memoriam

**Allan Curthoys** September 3, 1924—June 13, 2015

Allan, a Hermetician of 6th Grade and 30 Degrees, joined The Church of Light in 1968. Alan is best known for coordinating several East Coast Church of Light Conventions during the 1980's, and for authoring *How to Calculate the Horoscope Using a Hand-Held Calculator*. He was an Ordained Minister and served as an Honorary Board Member for many years.

**Jacquelyn Judd** October 9, 1946—October 23, 2015

Jacquelyn was a Hermetician and Missionary Teacher, from St. Louis, Missouri, who joined the Church of Light in 1980.

**Nancy Val Verde** August 18, 1954—December 2015

Nancy was a recent Hermetician from Knoxville, Tennessee. She joined the Church of Light in 2013 and attended the 2013 and 2015 Conventions.



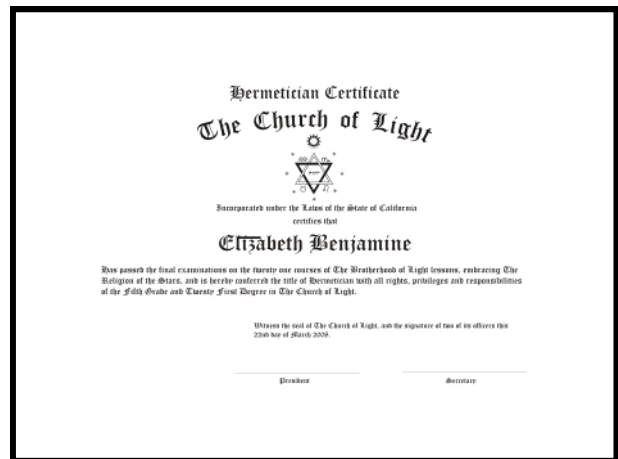
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## Welcome New Hermeticians

Deborah Parker  
 Michael El Arizpe  
 Theodore Robinson Jr.



## 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](http://owlswebnest.com)

All classes and services are held at:

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

817-921-5809



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**

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



Patrick Ramsey



Yvette Fortin



Radine 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

**Calendar of Third Sunday Services: March—August 2016**

Date	Event	Officiant
March 20, 2016	Aries: Vernal Equinox Service	Pat Ramsey
April 17, 2016	Taurus Service	Margaret Dissinger
May 15, 2016	Gemini Service	Veiga O'Sickey
June 19, 2016	Cancer Service	Margaret Dissinger
July 17, 2016	Leo Service	Christopher Gibson
August 21, 2016	Virgo Service	Pat Ramsey

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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.