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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Chayt Death and Rebirth

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The eighth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is Chayt. The Hebrew meaning of this word is “fence”, and it is an apt moniker. Much as in music, the Octad stands at the crossroads between the completion, or death, of one cycle, and the initiation, or rebirth, of the next. In this sense, then, it can be associated dually with death as well as life.

We see this directly reflected linguistically in the fact that the Hebrew word for sin, Chayt, begins with this letter. Sin is a sort of metaphorical death, in that actions taken against the Will of God distance the actor from God, the ultimate source of Life, Light, and Love. However, much as the repentant sinner is forgiven and reintegrates into his or her spiritual community, the

minimization of wrongful actions leads to a deeper, richer celebration of life. The Hebrew word for life, Chaim, also begins with Chayt, indicating that it is only through the metaphorical death to a lower level that a higher level of life can be embraced.

Linguistically, Chayt is classified as a guttural, which plac-

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The Twelfth House: Freedom

by Margaret Dissinger

Take a moment now and breathe deeply. As you look away from this page, visualize what the 12th house governs. Take a few notes; see if you have any physical sensations relative to what you know or what you hope to learn. The twelfth house is a magical treasure of all we're hiding. Let's open it!

The 12th house is cadent, meaning that it is a room with no windows or doors; it is not receiving energy easily, nor is it transmitting energy without effort. It is not stagnant, in fact, within its cocoon there are many ideas percolating, many dreams taking form, many worries causing chaos, many secrets hiding in the corners; some of which are loathe to be discovered, others just waiting for the dawn.

Twelfth House is in the Trinity of Psychism, especially as it relates to unseen forces and the Collective Unconscious. It is a Personal House governing that which is private and belonging only to self, although since it is above the horizon those things may be (and mostly are) seen by others. Traditional meanings of the 12th house would be secret sorrows, secret enemies, disappointments, restrictions, limitations, imprisonment, unseen forces, and relations with astral entities.

More modern interpretations of the 12th house include a reframing in the way we look

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Editorial

Christopher Gibson

"Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens."

– Carl Gustav Jung

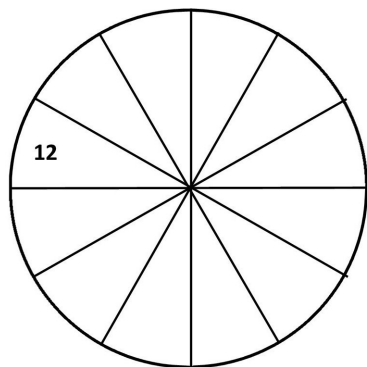
At the heart of every spiritual and psychological practice is the goal of illumination, awakening, and enlightenment. Different spiritual practices and different therapeutic practices use different, and on occasion, similar paths to achieve that goal. The majority of those paths encourage us to engage in a process of self-exploration and discovery of our inner landscapes. Rather than exploring outer space, a spiritual practice trains us go within, to discover inner space. This inner space might include establishing a rapport with one's Higher Self, an emphasis on discerning The Truth, or union with God.

In the tradition of Christian Mysticism, this was customarily achieved through prayer, meditation, contemplation and the recitation of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours. The Divine Office not only formed the structure of monastic life but was quite often used by the laity to enhance their devotional practices. This process was so important in medieval life that the most commonly discovered illuminated manuscripts are Books of Hours. Medieval Christian practice also included chant, or devotional music, as a technique for dialing one's consciousness into The Divine.

The word monk originates from the Greek *monos* meaning alone. Regardless of one's religion or culture, the core concept of monasticism is seclusion or withdrawal from the world of materialism. The object of this withdrawal is to achieve a life whose model is different from, and largely at variance with, the materialism pursued by the majority of humanity. Quite often monastic practice demands reclusiveness, solitude, and a practice of self-abnegation. Christian mysticism symbolically addresses the desert, which is not necessarily a landscape filled with sand and cactus, but an uninhabited place in nature that is conducive for the inner-journey, our reconnecting with The Divine.

In Australian Aboriginal culture, young men who are making the passage to adulthood go on a spiritual journey in the wilderness called a Walkabout. Sometimes this personal pilgrimage can last up to six months. There is a similar yet shorter process among the Lakota Sioux and other American Indian tribes called the Vision Quest. The Vision Quest is usually structured around a four-day fast and four nights of seclusion in a sacred space that is chosen by Tribal Elders and serves the same purpose of spiritual awakening. During the Vision Quest, the seeker prays and calls out to Spirit that he or she may have a vision that helps them find their life purpose. The questing individual may have visions that include their animal totem or have dreams that guide them spiritually.

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Twelfth House Associations

Secrets, mysteries, detective work, sorrows, disappointments, blind spots, self-sabotaging behaviors, the subconscious, hidden potential, hidden enemies, places of confinement, prisons, jails, asylums, monasteries, ashrams, zoos, hospitals, social work, social-welfare, the occult, visions, epiphanies, insights, intuitive abilities, and unseen psychic forces.

Twelfth House Environments

Prison, jail, penitentiary, penal colony, labor camp, concentration camp, reformatory, asylum, research department, top-secret laboratory, CIA, FBI, detective office, ashram, monastery, cloister, hermitage, convent, refuge, safe haven, sanctuary, retreat center, hideaway, safe-house, zoo, psychologist's office, psychiatrist's office, psychic's office, parapsychology department, hospital, infirmary, sanatorium, psychiatric ward, hospice, and all places of confinement.

Twelfth House Occupations

Detective, investigator, sleuth, private eye, intelligence agent, secret agent, spy, investigative reporter, warden, correctional officer, psychiatrist, psychologist, parapsychologist, psychic, intuitive, spiritual counselor, meditation instructor, medium, therapist, counselor, analyst, social worker, rehabilitation counselor, nurse, doctor, orderly, physical therapist, clinician, researcher, and laboratory researcher.

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at the traditional definitions. Especially as we look for the spiritual context of the 12th house in our lives, it is important that we see that which causes us pain makes us stronger. Our secret sorrows become our internal strengths as we move from victim to survivor. Our secret enemies become powerless as we recognize that the most secret enemy we have is our own shadow material. Our disappointments are our enlightened tools we use to fuel our success. Restrictions and limitations are often self-imposed, and when they are not, then they can be used as secret strengths. Imprisonment is a reality to be addressed.

Think for a moment of all our members over the years who are studying the courses of The Religion of the Stars. These members are amazing examples of how incarceration does not define them. Mentoring these members is a certain way to understand how important your service to the Church can be. We know that unseen forces and astral entities are real. The more we know, the more practice we have, the more we share with others then the more available these brothers and sisters of the Church of Light are to us as guides and helpers as we advance toward our life in Spirit. Think about the last time you asked for help and it came on wings.

The 12th house has been likened to conception and to the moments before dawn. My vision of the 12th as a tool for Spiritual Realization is seeing the 12th house as the womb for our next birth. Think about this: many of us have spent our time as students of astrology being puzzled by the 12th house and often just procrastinating trying to figure out all that dark stuff. It's the Scarlett O'Hara, "I'll think about that tomorrow" mindset that keeps pieces of our 12th house unavailable to us. What if we consciously begin to treat our 12th house as the womb of our next life? What if we take that unknown material of the 12th house as the very core of what we need in order to transition? What if we embrace the Shadow material as we walk the hero's journey, using the planets and signs in our 12th house as the archetypes to follow? What if we see the 12th house as the secret room to our initiation? What if we increase our knowledge of the Esoteric to include more sharing of what we know with others on the path? What if we begin to reveal all our secrets as a means to reveal our authentic Selves?

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es it in closest relationship with the mother letter Aleph. Recall that as the first letter of the entire AB, Aleph symbolizes the Creative Force of God. However, here the principle is not precisely about creation so much as *re-creation*. Hence, in Chayt, we see first the dissolution of the old system and then the re-birth of a new system. This symbolism is strikingly and fastidiously retained in the structure of the word Chayt itself. The Hebrew word “Chayt” is composed of three letters: Chayt, Yud, and Tav. Each letter appears to bear an important role in expressing the symbolism of the overall word.

Chayt is a fricative, guttural sound. It has no English equivalent, but is rather pronounced as the “ch” in the German word “Bach”. The sound is turbulent and disorganized, and is therefore well representative of the disorganization and chaos which results from dissolution and death. The second letter, Yud, is the tenth letter of the Hebrew AB, and therefore well represents the rebirth of a new level of action. In fact, there is perhaps no greater representation of the movement from one plane to the next than 10, in that the number itself is composed of the number of beginnings, the Monad (1), as well as a 0, in this case indicating the completion of one round of action. Finally, Tav is the final letter of the entire AB, perhaps indicating that this new mode of action is itself moving towards a state of completion.

As the eighth letter of the AB, Chayt is also strongly associated with the number 8, or the Octad. The Octad was known as “promiscuous”, in direct contrast to its neighbor, the Heptad, in that it has more divisors than any other number in the Decad (i.e., 1, 2, 4). It was also called “justice”, as it is an “evenly even” number, in that it can be halved all the way down to unity (i.e., $8/2 = 4$; $4/2 = 2$; $2/2 = 1$). Furthermore, the Octad is the only number besides the Monad composed of three identical divisors ($8 = 2 \times 2 \times 2$) making it the only other cubed number in the Decad. For these reasons, it was also known as

“mother” indicating its feminine, even fertile aspects, as well as its strong association with the material world.

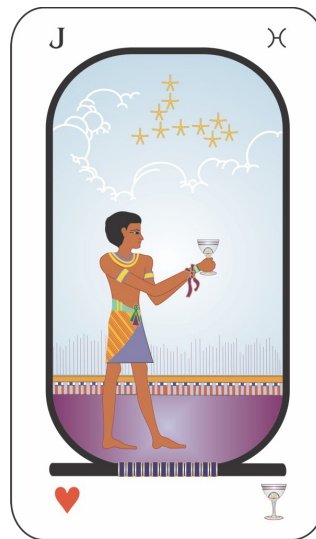
Of all of these various epithets, the one that connects most directly with the symbolism of the Hebrew letter Chayt seems to be “justice”, as it is so often seen as a weighing in of all forces involved, an impartial reckoning and accounting of all possible factors. A point of equilibrium is reached; a point where all old factors are taken into account, and a new course is charted. In much the same way that the Octad stands at the crossroads between old action and new, the letter Chayt represents a transition point between that which was and that which will be.

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Tarot Correspondence — The Youth of Cups



Divination

“The Youth of Cups signifies a person ruled by the sign Pisces: idealistic, sensitive, mediumistic, worrying, peaceable, sympathetic, prudent, modest, dreamy, mystical, romantic, adaptable, visionary, receptive, timid, loving, trusting, and influenced by those about him. Right way up it denotes a Pisces man; reversed it indicates a Pisces woman.

The dominant idea is I BELIEVE.”

Physical Description

“PISCES: Tending to shortness, fleshy, pale face, brown or dark hair, fishy eyes..”

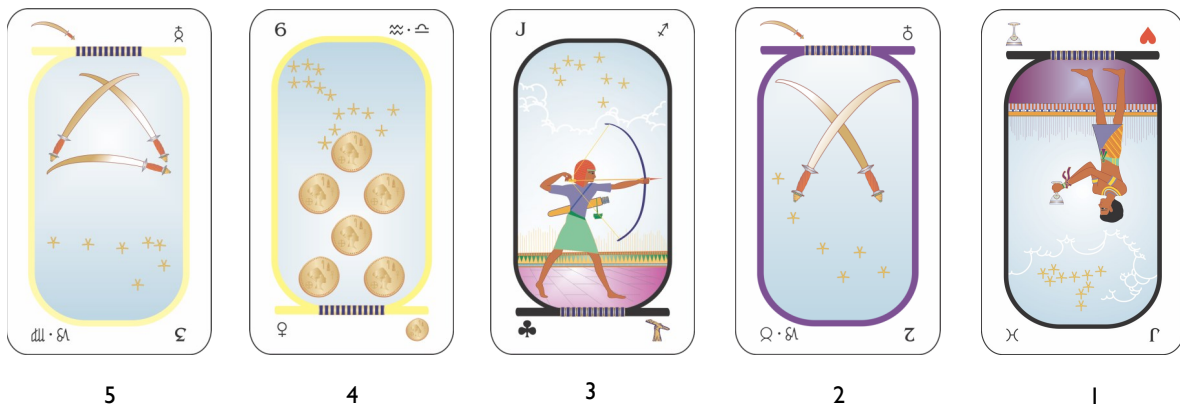
From Horary Astrology by C. C. Zain

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 Cups corresponds to the Twelfth House of secrets, mysteries, detective work, sorrows, disappointments, blind spots, self-sabotaging behaviors, hidden enemies, places of confinement, prisons, jails, asylums, monasteries, ashrams, zoos, hospitals, social work, welfare, the occult, intuitive abilities, and unseen psychic forces.

The Yes or No Spread



Tarot Spread Interpretation

The question was asked, "Will _____ be able to travel to attend his father's birthday party?"

Card Spread

The Distant Past: Youth of Cups (reversed). "The Youth of Cups signifies a person ruled by the sign Pisces: negative, timid, listless, harmless, and much influenced by those about him. Right way up it denotes a Pisces man; reversed it indicates a Pisces woman. The dominant idea is I BELIEVE."

The Recent Past: Deuce of Swords (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Deuce of Swords is sickness through overwork; its inner interpretation is MARTYRDOM."

The Present: Youth of Scepters. "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."

The Near Future: Six of Coins. "The divinatory significance of the Six of Coins is a social event; its inner interpretation is REPRESSION."

The Distant Future: Trey of Swords (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Trey of Swords is a lawsuit or a divorce; its inner interpretation is IDEALISM."

Summary

The querent was inquiring about a friend who was planning to travel out of state for an important family birthday party. The friend has a life-threatening illness, and in recent months his health had been wavering. The querent was eager to know if the trip would take place as planned.

The Distant Past: Youth of Cups (reversed). This card might represent both the hopes and wishes of the traveler desiring to attend the party and his sister who had previously purchased airfare for him as a gift.

The Recent Past: Deuce of Swords (reversed). The martyrdom aspect of this card could indicate that the individual inquired about might choose to travel even if it negatively impacted his health. It could also represent working long hours to complete a commission prior to travel.

The Present: Youth of Scepters. This card is governed by Sagittarius and can show a positive desire to travel.

The Near Future: Six of Coins. This card promises a social event and the perfect occasion to connect with family and friends.

The Distant Future: Trey of Swords (reversed). Normally this card is interpreted as a lawsuit or a divorce, however, in this case it might represent the anguish of separation that the traveler feels whenever he has to leave home for any length of time, as well as the pain of being separated from family at the end of the trip.

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 traveler, represented by the center card, the Youth of Scepters, made arrangements to attend his father's birthday party held over a holiday weekend. The Deuce of Swords in the recent past reflects his health status. The Six of Coins in the near future refers to catering expenses to be shared by family members. And the Trey of Swords (reversed) as the outcome shows that he returned home exhausted and missing his family.



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Professor McGonagall would suggest we practice, practice, practice.

The first lines of the book, *Dune*, by Frank Herbert are: "I must not fear. Fear is the mind killer." Fear is one of the unruly children that live in the dismal abyss of an unenlightened and unexamined 12th house. Those children: Shame, Judgement, Anger, Doubt, Fear, are not in charge. By nature the 12th house can be a psychic dump, or that room in all our homes that really needs someone to come clean it out. Coming to terms with our 12th house is doing the work it takes to take a hard honest look at what is in that room using our TOOLS, and fearlessly accepting and embracing what we find that is of value. Honest self-inventory and using the tools we have here at the Church of Light are invaluable. So much of that which is hidden in the 12th house is revealed by vigilant attention to that which resides within. Take what you need and leave the rest.

I hope we fill our 12th house wombs with love. I hope we see the 12th house as the repository for all of our strengths. I hope we all work to recognize our major and minor progressions, the Tarot, our knowledge of magic and alchemy, as gifts we have received on our spiritual

journey to advance Spiritual Progression. I hope we embrace all the unseen forces coming our way as that which

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will feed the soul with knowledge and unconditional love of self, rather than that which will chip away at confidence and security. I hope we might all commit ourselves to taking a new look at our 12th houses from a place of enlightened opportunity to remake our secrets into the strengths they are.

In the book, *Astrological Signatures* on pages 152-157, C.C. Zain outlines the "Nine Point Plan of The Religion of the Stars." Please read this. If it strikes a chord for you, then I'd like to make a challenge you to begin to apply more of this plan in your daily lives. Become engaged in life by sharing what we know with others. Give your knowledge away! We must practice supporting our own growth toward the Light of Spirit. We must practice by risking taking a firm hold on our strengths. We must practice in order to become more.

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It is not uncommon among the Buddhist cultures of Southeast Asia for young men to voluntarily become monks and spend time in monasteries learning meditation, prayer, chant, and having to rely upon the compassion of strangers for their meals. Some men may remain as monks for up to several years before taking up a career or getting married. In Hinduism, holy men and women who live a life of asceticism are called Sadhus. Owning few possessions, Sadhus wander the forests and riverbanks as they meditate, pray and seek liberation.

Regardless of one's faith, the process of learning to go within is considered an essential component of the life experience. This issue of the Church of Light Quarterly is dedicated to the Twelfth House, that no-man's land which can be a minefield of secrets, sorrows, addictions, and hidden enemies, or that peaceful, internal, quiet place, the mystical desert, where we intuitively connect with spirit.

The Brotherhood of Light teachings inform us that we live in two environments, one physical, and the other non-physical. A first-hand knowledge of both those

realms is necessary for successful living. Many of us have been attracted to Hermeticism because it offers tools and insights by which we can glean understandings about who we are, why we are here, and where we are heading.

Hermetic Astrology, the Golden Key for unlocking the Sanctuary of the Soul, offers marvelous insights into the depths of our psychological character, and our personal motivations and impulses. Hermetic Alchemy provides the tools by which we can refine our character and raise our vibrations to those noble levels wherein we build a spiritual body. Part of that character refinement comes through an honest self-assessment of our ignoble qualities or dross, which stand in the way of our self-improvement. Hermetic Magic is perhaps the least understood of the Hermetic Sciences. Hermetic Magic trains us to connect with our intuition and develop levels of higher consciousness in order to perceive the Divine Plan. It also develops techniques by which we learn to direct our consciousness on the Inner Plane, the regions that our soul will occupy after the death of the physical body. Within the symbolism of the tarot

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and its links to the varying degrees of initiation, is the pictorial path to Adeptship known as the Silver Key.

Each of us is a unique composition, and based on our preferences, prejudices and other key components of character, we are individually drawn to different features of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons. Some members will concentrate on astrology and perfecting their math skills in the belief that it holds all the answers. There are others who are only interested in E.S.P. and psychic self-development. There are others who believe that learning how to direct their thoughts and feelings will bring them

the greatest benefits in life. In reality, Astrology, E.S.P. and Alchemy each offer different insights into our “inner space” landscape and are equally important. Each book in The Brotherhood of Light series represents a different step on the path of initiation, and when combined with the Not-Sold Manuscripts we are better equipped to look within, and to awaken.

In the process of becoming an Adept, one must master all three areas of Hermetic study which aids them in the process of looking inside and awakening.



Membership Room

Save the Date: Convention 2017—Magic



Dates: June 21-25, 2017

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 view-point 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
- ◆ 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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Theodore King



Branch Church - Fort Worth, Texas Activities



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

A schedule for the upcoming month is available on their website at: owlswebnest.com

All classes and services are held at:

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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

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.



Radine Ramsey



Veiga O'Sickey

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: June—November 2016

Date	Event	Officiant
June 19, 2016	Cancer Service	Radine Ramsey
July 17, 2016	Leo Service	Christopher Gibson
August 21, 2016	Virgo Service	Pat Ramsey
September 18, 2016	Libra—Autumnal Equinox Service	Margaret Dissinger
October 16, 2016	Scorpio Service	Christopher Gibson
November 20, 2016	Sagittarius Service	Veiga O'Sickey

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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.

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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;

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