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The Sacred Hebrew Alphabet: Raysh- Mercurial Magic

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The twentieth letter of the Hebrew Alefbayt (AB) is the letter Raysh. Raysh begins several Ancient Hebrew (AH) words, which can help us to penetrate and expose its meaning. It begins the word *ruach*, which means *wind, breath, or spirit*, as in the phrase “Ruach Ha-Kadosh”, or *The Holy Spirit*. It also begins the words *rafooah, healing*, as well as *rofah, healer*. Finally, it begins the very well-known Hebrew word, *rabbi*, which means *master*, but has taken on the more colloquial and accessible meaning of *teacher*. As disparate as all of these terms may appear at first blush, they actually unite

under a single archetype that is well known and understood by students of the occult: the symbolism and conceptualization of the planet Mercury.

Based on the original order established at the beginning of this treatise, the heavenly aspect with which Raysh is most closely associated is Mercury. Mercury is the swiftest of the planets, completing its revolution of the sun in a mere 88 days. It demonstrates extremes of temperature, varying at its coldest and hottest points from -280 °F

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Dancing in the T-Square

Margaret Dissinger

Remember when we first started learning to cast our horoscopes? Remember the anticipation when we first looked at the aspects in our own charts, and perhaps even comparing charts with other students? It seems clear to me that as we took a first long look at the aspect grid, there was both thrill and terror as we found answers to questions long asked: “Why am I the way I am? Why do I seem to be repeating patterns?” Our deeper examinations revealed patterns in angles and straight lines; and in many instances the answers became more questions. Mostly though we loved our trines and sextiles and often loathed our oppositions and squares. All of this and

more, especially we when may have discovered we had hit the astrological jackpot with one or more of the powerhouse aspects: the t-square, the grand-trine, and the grand-square/grand-cross. Experience shows us that each of these provides an incredible opportunity for growth and progression; yet at that time when our experience was limited, facing one of these grand aspects provoked great curiosity.

The t-square looks in the chart like a see-saw. The opposition forms the two ends of the board, and the focal point which squares

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Editorial: Get Involved

Christopher Gibson

"When you do nothing you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." — Maya Angelou

This editorial is my invitation to our membership to get more involved in our organization. Last November we celebrated two anniversaries; The Brotherhood of Light turned 100, and The Church of Light turned 86. Our organization has survived into a ripe old age through the effort of dedicated members who have devoted their time, skills and resources, helping The Church of Light grow. As of this spring, I have now served on the Board of Directors for 41 years, in various capacities as president, vice-president, secretary, board member and board member emeritus. We are rapidly approaching a time where I will need to step aside so that younger, more vibrant, relevant and technologically-savvy leadership can guide us into our new role in the future. The long-term survival of the Church demands this.

I have discharged my duties long enough, and I am eager for the next generation of leaders to move the organization forward with new talents and new enthusiasm. My board term will end in 2020, and after 42 years of service, I will not be seeking reelection. I am willing to help with the transition of leadership but since January 2018, have been informing the board that I will be retiring from my part-time staff position by February of 2022.

I am very excited to announce that at our last annual business meeting November 11, 2018, long-time Member Neil Cantwell was elected to fill the board position left vacant by the death of director, Donald Baker. Neil has been a presence at Church of Light conventions since the late 1970's and over the past decade he has been very active in the leadership of The Order of the Sphinx. We look forward to Neil's energy and enthusiasm that he will bring to the board.

Our next business meeting will be at our biennial conference on June 21, 2019. Your participation in the convention and especially the business meeting is one way you, the membership, can get involved and have a role in the future direction of our organization. I invite you to join us at this event where you can vote for directors and share your ideas to help envision the future of our beloved C of L.

As president, I encourage all of our membership to imagine the ways that you might want to get more involved. Donations (no matter how small) help pay for salaries, computer support, printing and postage. As a nonprofit, purchasing books, passing courses and making donations for exam processing all help us to grow. You can watch our online classes at www.churchoflight.tv. Dona-

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Dancing with T-Squares (Continued from page 1)

those two ends is the point of balance. Right away, let me make the disclaimer that while I was not born with one, I've got one now that is an incredible opportunity for learning. Everything I have read in preparation for writing this piece says that in order to function with this aspect in the natal horoscope, one must have, or will develop, courage, bravery, and other such words proving that this one will not just fade into the background. This aspect prevails and continues to send lessons to the native until said native is willing to take action, the t-square will prevail; the energy will dance all over its owner until the owner takes the lead.

It seems obvious to a serious student of astrology—that would be us—that from a spiritual perspective, the t-square is a potent tool for us to use in our building the spiritual body. This aspect is a powerhouse of energy that unless we've been asleep since we began our studies, we have learned to alchemize, harness, and transmute the energies involved for higher good and nobler purpose in our lives and in our work toward Universal Welfare. What a blessing it is for us to have this knowledge and these tools at our command.

We are able to SEE the beauty of the patterns and themes available in this aspect. We understand that the polar attraction/repulsion of the opposition is such that the events attracted return again and again until we learn to use the focal point to resolve the separation. It is a fascinating dynamic that the very obstacle presented by that focal point is the key to the resolution of the opposition, and that only by the aspect working in concert can the energies involved find their resolution. It takes bravery and courage to do this work. It takes heart and love to be persistent in overcoming the challenges to be faced. It is truly the Great Work to change these base metals into the golden energy which is neither harmonious nor discordant, but the fuel which burns bright in the alchemical furnace for the building of the spiritual body. With the t-square, is there really a choice? It is surrender and live, or rebel unto death. It is learning to harness the energies and live with love; or let the beasts run wild—no choice, really.

Coming to terms with the t-square means getting to know each of the players: elements, planets, houses, signs; all the commonalities in every way in which this aspect will manifest. We look for repetitive themes in our lives based on every nuance of delineation we have learned and applied. We define how each point acts by itself in its sign and house. We study each separately, then we begin to put them together in various combina-

tions and finally, we project the entirely complete picture with all its shades and flavors together. Considering the t-square as a three-dimensional object to be embraced in meditation can be a beautifully healing exercise. Be sure to look for those ameliorating aspects: the trines and the sextiles to any of the points in the t-square which may be further used to harmonize and calm those pesky challenges.

To further our knowledge of the t-square, let us apply the same process we have learned in our prior adventures with aspects. Many of us may not have a natal t-square but be sure to check your current and upcoming progressions in case one is coming along. Believe me when I say that for this Stellarian, having knowledge of how to work with this aspect has been invaluable when faced with the experience of having this new energy coming along by major and minor progression.

Let us begin this process by listing any t-square first in the natal horoscope, and then in the progressed chart. For this aspect write in the following information: Planet/sign/house/element/etc., for each point of the t-square, then also note which planet in the aspect is the stronger, as this will be the point where the aspect will most commonly express itself.

Engage in a specific activity, as in writing, sculpture, collage, drama, to help see how they all manifest in your life. It seems that in the case of the t-square a great activity would be to create an actual dialogue between the planets in the signs and houses in which they describe themselves and how they feel being in relationship with their partners in this aspect. Write this dialogue down, or at least record it in your spiritual journal.

Meditate carefully on the t-square(s) for more inspiration as to how it is useful in your spiritual growth.

Repeat this process for each t-square in the natal and progressed horoscopes.

We all understand that the t-square is a difficult aspect; however, with our knowledge and experience we fully comprehend that it is through adversity and challenge and yes, discord, that we grow strong. Each aspect of our chart and our lives brings our spiritual bodies into a more concrete form. It is my greatest hope for all who read this article that we use these principles and apply the knowledge and skills we have acquired to make our planet a better and safer place to live. Review Zain's plan for the world which appears in Course II, *Astrologi-*

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to 800 °F, a difference of over 1,000°F! These characteristics (and many more) worked their way into the anthropomorphic representation of the planet as the god Mercury. Mercury is the swift-footed messenger god depicted with winged sandals that carry him on the wind. Perhaps through his association with the intellect and mind, he is the god of medicine and healing. Finally, Mercury is known as the most changeable of the gods, which also shows through in an analysis of the planet's characteristics.

The symbols of the planets are typically formed from three basic shapes: the circle, representing spirit, the crescent, representing the mind, and the cross, representing the body. The symbol of Mercury is depicted as follows:



This ancient symbol clearly shows that in the case of Mercury, the intellect dominates the spirit and body. While all three elements are depicted, there is a distinct imbalance between them, with mind overriding the rightful place of spirit. Hence, those associated with the planet Mercury are thought to be intellectual, probing, scientific, and penetrating, but must guard against the pitfall of missing the bigger picture of the role of investigation and study in the overall scheme of nature. Those with Mercury prominent may analyze very well, but must take special care to *synthesize* in order to properly place the intellectual process into its spiritual context.

The letter Raysh corresponds in language to the energy and character of Mercury. In at least one of its forms, it is produced through a rapid alteration of the tongue, creating the familiar trilled /r/ of romance languages such as Spanish or Italian. Linguistically, the English /r/ is classified as a *palato-alveolar approximant*, meaning that it is produced through narrowing but not stopping the air flow between the tongue and the roof of the mouth just behind the teeth (the alveolar ridge). Very interestingly, while Raysh is often pronounced in modern Hebrew as a guttural deep in the throat, the ancient Kabbalists classified it as a *dental*, indicating a much more forward placement than is contemporarily employed. I will leave it to pro-

fessional linguists to explore and expose this intricacy of the language. It does, however, beg the question as to whether the pronunciation of the Hebrew letter Raysh has changed over time. The Kabbalistic classification of the letter as a dental brings it much closer into line with the modern description of the English /r/ than that of contemporary Hebrew speech.

Even in its interpretation, the letter Raysh demonstrates a dual nature that aligns well with the energy and concepts associated with Mercury. While Raysh begins many words that are associated with enlightenment, learning, and light, it also begins words such as *rasha*, *wickedness*. Munk (1986) elaborates that for the first time in the exploration of the Alefbayt (AB), a letter is denoted as having not only a positive message which expounds upon the existence and nature of God, but a negative manifestation which explores what happens to the person who steps away from God. This dual nature is fitting of a letter most closely associated with the changeable, malleable, mercurial nature of the closest planet to the sun.



Munk's message is ultimately positive, however, for even in hardship and suffering, God does not leave the sinner astray, but rather celebrates his return. Munk shares this heartwarming, inspiring proclamation of God: "My children, make Me [just] a single opening of repentance the size of a needle point, and I will provide you with entrances through which wagons and carriages can pass" (Munk, 1986, p. 202). Truly, a God who can love and embrace the fallen like that is a God who ultimately loves and directs the lives not only of the saints, but the sinners as well.

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Mundane Astrology 2019: The US Chart and Cycle Charts

Christopher Gibson

Mundane astrology is the astrological study of world events. The word mundane derives from mundus, Latin for “world”. This branch of Astrology which explores the connections between the movement of the planets and corporate entities such as countries, states, and cities, originated in the Ancient Near East.

By calculating the birth-chart of nations and their progressed aspects, we can determine what trends will transpire country by country. Of crucial significance are the Mundane Cycle Charts which are calculated for the precise moment a planet passes over the equator from south to north declination. What makes a Cycle Chart unique is that they are calculated for each nation using the capital city of that country. A Cycle Chart represents a specific type of mass-influence (based on the nature of the planet for which the chart is erected) dominating social, political and cultural trends.

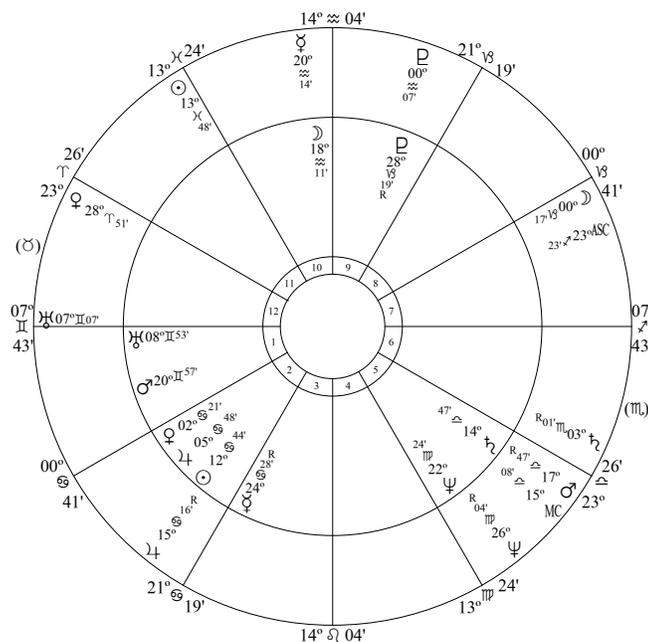
The Mars and Sun Cycle charts are the only ones that change with much frequency, whereas the cycles of the slower-moving planets are in effect for scores, if not hundreds of years. Church of Light students who are studying for the CS XIII, Mundane Astrology exam, will find the Cycle Charts that they need for the exam every year in the Spring issue of the Quarterly.

The USA Progressed Chart

The most significant progressed aspect in the USA chart is the MC conjunct natal Saturn in the 5th House. This “prominence compound” remains in orb until mid-November of this year. In the language of Mundane Astrology, the Midheaven (MC) represents persons in power positions such as bosses, superiors, and ruling

authorities. Saturn, referred to as the “major malefic,” naturally attracts downfalls, losses, restrictions and hardships. Saturn is sometimes also referred to as the “great teacher,” and Saturn progressions hold the potential for “teachable moments.” The 5th House, where Saturn is found, rules matters related to the arts, entertainment, love, romance, sexuality and children.

Since this conjunction first entered mid-November of 2017, we have seen news stories about the sexual misconduct of powerful men in television, the motion picture industry and politics. In the USA chart, the 8th House is unoccupied with Capricorn on the cusp making Saturn the ruler of taxation and other people’s resources. Both the POTUS and his children could come under scrutiny for their financial dealings or tax reporting. The 9th House of foreign relations is also an unoccupied house with Aquarius on the cusp. The MC/Saturn conjunction might continue strained diplomatic relations with key nations through November of this year.



USA Chart

July 4, 1776, 2:14:43 a.m. LMT
Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 39N57 08; 75W09 51
Progressed to March 20, 2019

At the end of August, the progressed Sun will enter a Trine Aspect with progressed Jupiter. As both planets are found in the natal chart in the 2nd House of finances, the ruling elite might be favored by two years of financial growth – or in the worse-case scenario, the nation might experience two years of inflation.

The Sun Cycle Chart

The Sun Cycle Chart, often referred to as the Vernal Ingress Chart, commences every year on the first day of spring. This Cycle Chart is calculated when the Sun an-

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nually transits into the sign of Aries, moving northwards over the equator from 0 degrees south to 0 degrees north declination. In most Cycle Charts, we focus only on the matters of the planet ruling the cycle, however, C. C. Zain describes the Sun Cycle chart as being equivalent to a natal chart for the year, revealing what the year holds in general as determined by each of the twelve houses.

In the 2019 Sun Cycle Chart calculated for Washington DC, the Sun falls in the 7th House. According to Zain, the 7th House rules “Foreign nations and their attitude, war and international disputes, marriage and divorce.”

The most powerful planet in the Vernal Ingress Chart is Mercury found in the 7th House in Conjunction with Neptune. The 7th House Mercury might motivate the current Administration to rethink their war on immigrants

The greatest harmony in the Sun Cycle chart is Venus in the 6th House of the labor force, civil service, and the harvest. This year we might witness movements that show appreciation for laborers, perhaps an increase in the national minimum wage. This position of Venus could also signify bumper crops for export. However, with Venus in the 6th House forming a Square to Mars in the 9th House of international trade, recently-imposed tariffs might negatively impact the potential buyers of our surplus crops.

The greatest discord in the Sun Cycle chart is the Ascendant, which receives oppositions from both Neptune and Mercury. In a Mundane chart, the Ascendant represents the populace and the health of the nation. The afflictions to the Ascendant might express as a virulent flu season, new statistics on addiction or a poor status report on the general state of health of the nation.

The most powerful (and discordant) aspect in the Sun Cycle Chart is the opposition of the Sun in the 7th House to the Moon in the 1st House. This could contin-

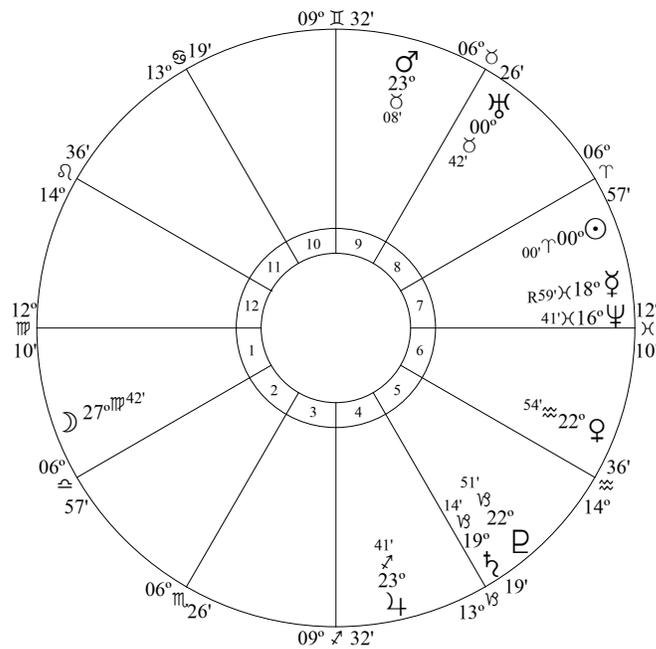
ue to express as a growing divide in the nation along the lines of gender, race and political party.

From April 19 – 21, the transiting Sun will conjunct Uranus in the 8th House of debts and taxes. This could place the spotlight on the national debt, new tax laws and the anomalies that might arise in the electronic reporting and recording of taxes.

May 12 – 14, the Sun will pass over Mars in the 9th House, possibly sparking international tensions or domestic acts of aggression against houses of worship.

May 29-June 1, the Sun enters conjunction with the MC, placing the inhabitants of the White House in the spotlight. From September 3 – 5 the Sun moves over the Ascendant into the 1st House, which might prompt the president to reach out to the nation through a public address.

September 19 – 21, the Sun will conjunct the Moon in the Sun Cycle Chart. A populist movement or public demonstrations could make the news.



Sun Cycle, Washington DC
 March 20, 2019 5:47 p.m. EDT
 Capitol Building, 38N53 24; 77W00 34

The Mars Cycle Chart

A new Mars Cycle Chart formed this year on January 1, 2019 at 7:58 p.m. EST (= 12:58 a.m. GMT, January 2, 2019). This Cycle Chart will remain in force until September 17, 2021. The Mars Cycle informs us to the general influences surrounding the aggression, violence, police force, military action, and war. However, it is important to remember that for war to be declared, it must be reflected, not just in the Mars Cycle Chart, but also in the progressed aspects of nations or world leaders.

In the current Mars Cycle Chart, Mars is in the 8th House. In Mundane Astrology C.C. Zain describes the influence of the 8th House as: “The death rate and the

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kind of deaths suffered by the people; the debts due from foreign countries; tariffs, taxes, insurance, pensions; the cabinet of the president or prime minister and the chief appointees of the mayor of a city or governor of a state.” This position of Mars might reflect tensions in the President’s Cabinet.

Typically speaking, Mars is the planet of catastrophe, violence and strife and the 8th House is the house of death. Perhaps a higher incidence of violent death could figure prominently in the news. According to 2017 statistics, the US average of deaths due to gun violence was 4.43 per 100,000 people. Although this is lower than most of Latin American nations, we rank at the 28th highest in the world for gun violence.

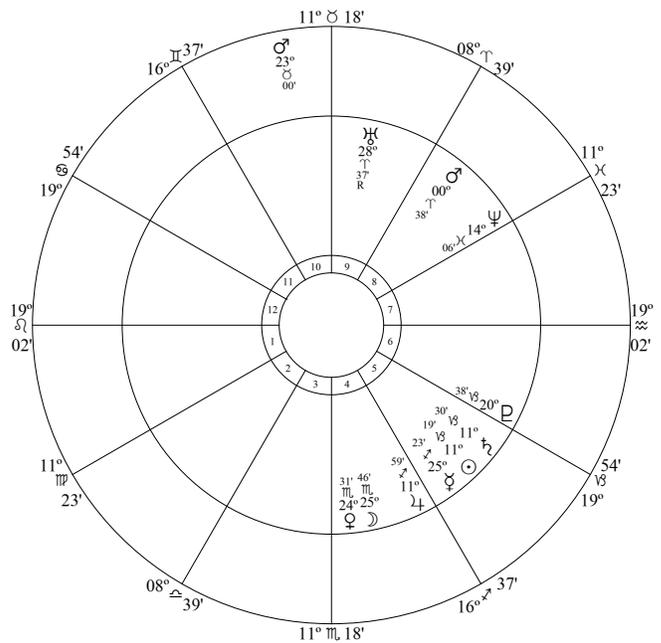
Despite having some of the highest spending on health care per capita than other nations, the U.S. has the highest Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) among the 27 most developed countries. Concerns about the IMR, gun violence or multiple fatality accidents could be featured in the news July 30 – August 2, when transiting Mars conjuncts the Ascendant in the Cycle Chart and again on December 24 – 29 when Mars passes over the Venus/Moon conjunction in the 4th House of the Mars Cycle Chart.

Jupiter Cycle

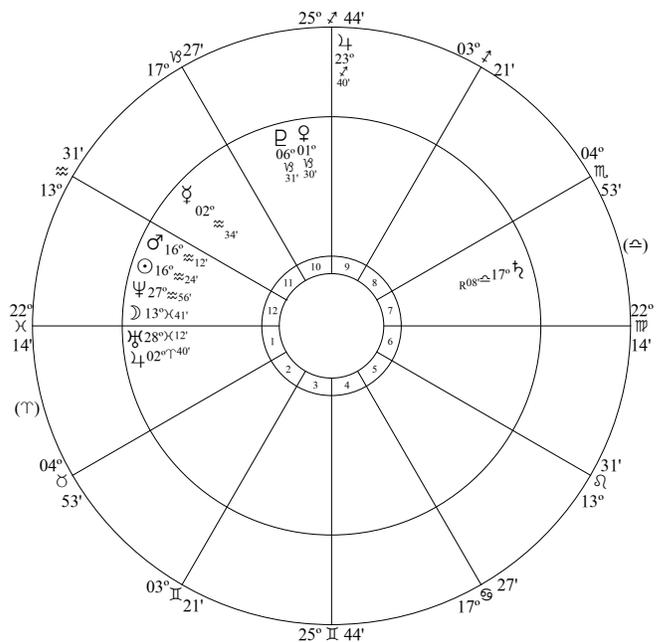
Jupiter cycles normally last 9 to 12 years. The current Jupiter Cycle Chart commenced on February 5, 2011 and goes through May 25, 2022. Financial trends, retail sales, treaties, religion, court decisions and matters of trade all come under the influence of Jupiter. In the current Cycle Chart Jupiter is in the 1st House governing the nation’s health and influencing public optimism. We will continue to see the fate of the Medicare system, the Affordable Care Act, along with other public health issues debated in the news.

Since November 24 of 2018, transiting Jupiter has been progressing through the 9th house of the cycle chart representing interstate and international trade and travel, imports and exports, the radio, cable messages, air traffic, the navy and coast guard, the courts of law, lawyers, the supreme court, institutes of higher learning, religion, places of worship, books, publishing, publicity and the media, advertising, preachers, teachers, lecturers, lectures, and all places where opinions are publicly announced. During 2019, Jupiter remains in the 9th house going retrograde from April 10 to August 10. Jupiter enters conjunction with the MC November 7 through 17, and on November

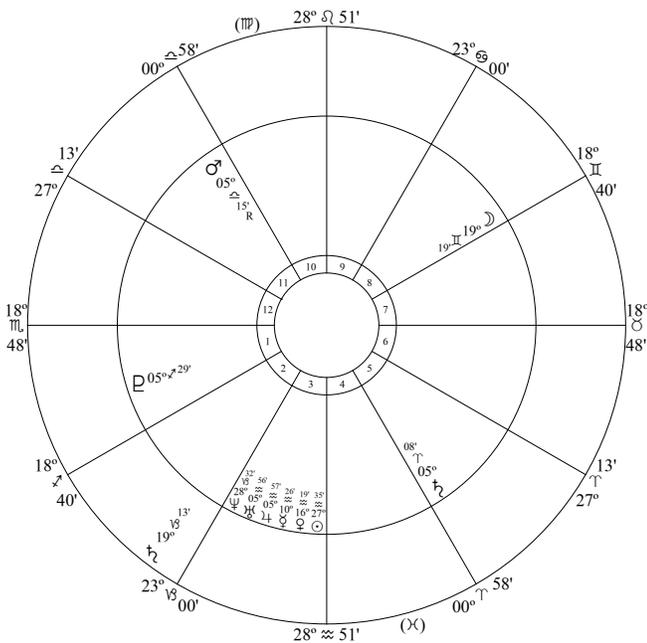
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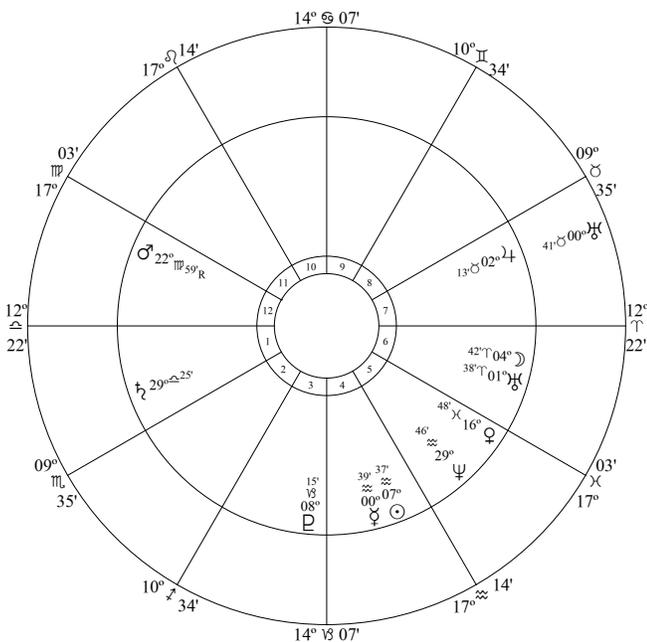
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Jupiter Cycle, Washington DC
 February 5, 2011, 8:48 AM EST (13:48 GMT)
 Progressed to March 20, 2019
 Capitol Building, 38N53 24; 77W00 34



Saturn Cycle, Washington DC
 February 16, 1997, 12:27 AM EST (5:27 GMT)
 Progressed to March 20, 2019
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Uranus Cycle, Washington DC
 January 27, 2012, 10:42 PM EST (3:42 GMT, January 28, 2012)
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12, moves into the 10th House favoring the national reputation, leaders and administrators.

December 4 – 19, Jupiter will conjunct Venus in the 10th House of the Jupiter Cycle Chart and December 26-January 4, Jupiter will be in conjunction with Pluto. This concentration of dates in the last two months of the year can place our national leaders in the world spotlight during the holiday season.

Saturn Cycle

Saturn governs both the orthodoxy and the most conservative elements of society. Saturn Cycles usually last around 29 years. The current Saturn Cycle began January 16, 1997, the next Saturn Cycle commences March 26, 2026 (3:27 p.m. EDT). The Saturn Cycle Chart currently in operation has Saturn placed in the 5th house governing the birthrate, stock market, entertainment and the motion picture industry. Saturn, which is at 5° Aries, is directly opposed by Mars in the 11th House at 5° Libra. By transit progression, Saturn is passing through Capricorn in the 2nd House representing the nation’s wealth, financial transactions, banks, the Federal Reserve and the Treasury. One of Zain’s keywords for Saturn is “Poverty” and Saturn’s position in the 2nd House could precipitate a fall in our Gross Domestic Product throughout 2019.

On January 15 of 2020, Saturn transits into the 3rd House of local transportation and traffic (both automotive and air), and neighboring nations. February 23 – March 16th Saturn forms a conjunction with Neptune in the 3rd House and might open more visionary and idealistic relationships with Canada or Mexico.

Uranus Cycle

Uranus trends towards the ultra-progressive in social ideals and the latest discoveries in science and technology. The current Uranus Cycle Chart for the US, which recently began in 2012, has Uranus placed in the 6th House of labor, health, medicine and food service. The last Uranus Cycle commenced in 1969. It takes Uranus approximately seven years to transit through each house in a Cycle Chart. Currently Uranus is transiting through the 7th House of allies, enemies and international disputes. From March 30 – May 4, Uranus will enter conjunction with Jupiter in the 7th House sparking favorable diplomacy with foreign nations. Uranus goes retrograde August 11 and returns to a conjunction with Jupiter December 4 – February 15 and could feature a favorable U.S. presence in international talks.

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Neptune Cycle

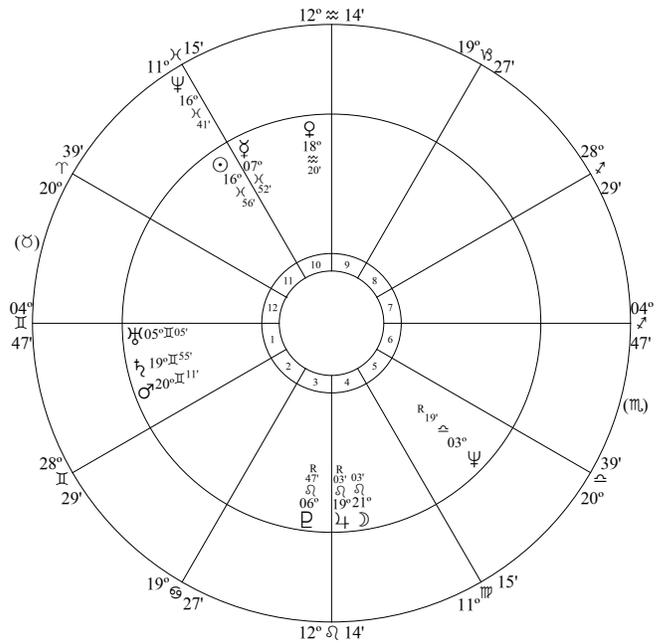
Along with political idealism, Utopian Neptune governs magical thinking, schemes and promotions. The current Neptune cycle, began in 1944, and the next Neptune Cycle will commence February 26, 2027. In the current Cycle Chart Neptune can be found in the 5th House of children, entertainment, motion pictures and television. This year as Neptune continues to progress by transit through the 11th House of the Legislative Branch of Government he will form three conjunctions to the Sun, (February 28 - April 27, August 17 – November 21 and December 2 - February 25). During these periods, there can be an emphasis on activities among the Senate and Congress related to the entertainment industry or possibly children’s welfare and education. It is possible key industry figures will speak before legislation on those days.

Pluto Cycle

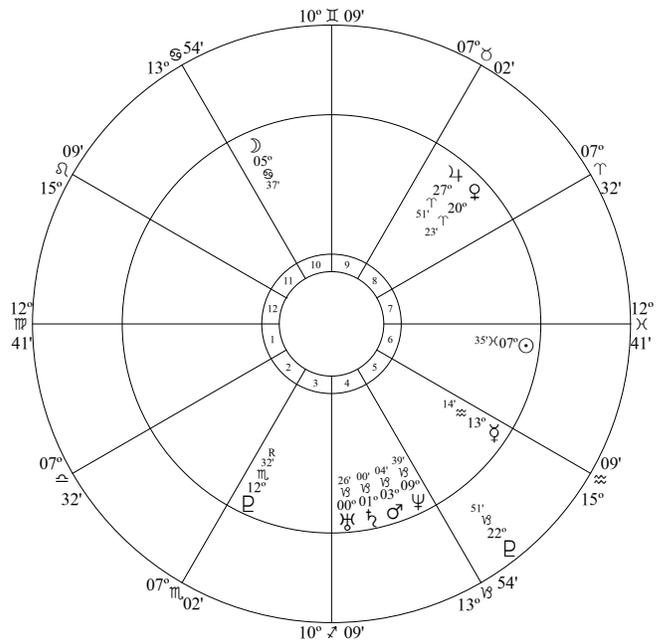
The current Pluto Cycle chart began on February 26, 1988. Pluto’s placement is in the 3rd House of communications, mail, newspapers, periodicals and telephones triggering the communications revolution of the last three decades, which has ushered in the internet, email and mobile phones. Pluto always impacts mass destiny by lobbying for social welfare, or for the special interests of a Plutocracy. By Progression, Pluto has transited into the 5th House of the Cycle Chart, which governs love, entertainment, children, the classroom environment, speculation and the stock market.

In 2019, slow-moving Pluto forms no conjunctions or oppositions; however, from August 4 – November 28, Pluto will be engaged in a Square aspect with the planet Venus in the Eighth House of debt, credit, taxes and pensions. The first of these Squares is currently in orb at the time of writing and continues through August. The nature of the square is violent and discordant. Pluto is transiting through the Fifth House of the Cycle Chart. Some newsworthy topics might include human trafficking and border crossings. This Pluto/Venus Square might prompt scrutiny in the media around standardized testing and common-core curriculum in public education. There may also continue to be concerns about the safety of children in schools.

Mundane astrology has similarities to all other branches of astrology, as it uses the Four Factors of Astrology (Planets, Signs, Houses and Aspects). However, this branch of astrology has a highly-specialized vocabulary and narrow focus on the interpretation of the four factors. With a little time and practice, you, too can become proficient in this discipline. 



Neptune Cycle, Washington DC
 March 7, 1944, 11:06 AM EWT (15:06 GMT)
 Progressed to March 20, 2019
 Capitol Building, 38N53 24; 77W00 34



Pluto Cycle, Washington DC
 February 26, 1988, 6:18 PM EST (23:18 GMT)
 Progressed to March 20, 2019
 Capitol Building, 38N53 24; 77W00 34

The Church of Light (Archive from December 1932)

Anonymous (attributed to Elbert Benjamine)

In the September Quarterly I pointed out in some detail that the planet Pluto rules (in addition to having a fine spiritual side) Gangsters and Racketeers. And as Uranus rules astrology, we need not be surprised that those interested in astrology have been severely affected by the square of Uranus to Pluto.

Apr. 21, 1932, Uranus came square Pluto, and at this time a deep plot was hatched to persecute those who believe in astrology and to make the practice of astrology and any distribution of astrological literature illegal.

Sept. 3, 1932, Uranus, now retrograde, again made the square to Pluto; and under this aspect the Council of the City of Los Angeles gave the first reading to a new ordinance which was part of the plot to abolish interest in astrology.

Sept. 19, 1932, the ordinance was given its second reading, and was passed by the Council by a vote of 10 to 2.

Oct. 3, 1932, in spite of the organized protest of those in Los Angeles who are interested in astrology, the Mayor signed the ordinance and it became a law. Such a law becomes effective 30 days after publication.

According to the interpretation of the best legal talent obtainable this ordinance makes it illegal for a person to give an astrological reading free of charge even to a member of his own family; and also prohibits either the sale or free distribution of astrological books and astrological literature such as this Quarterly "provided, that nothing in this ordinance contained shall apply to any ordained or duly accredited minister of any form of religious belief, or to the faith, practice or teaching of any religious body; pro-

vided that fees, gratuities, emoluments or profits therefore shall be paid solely to or for the benefit of said religious body."

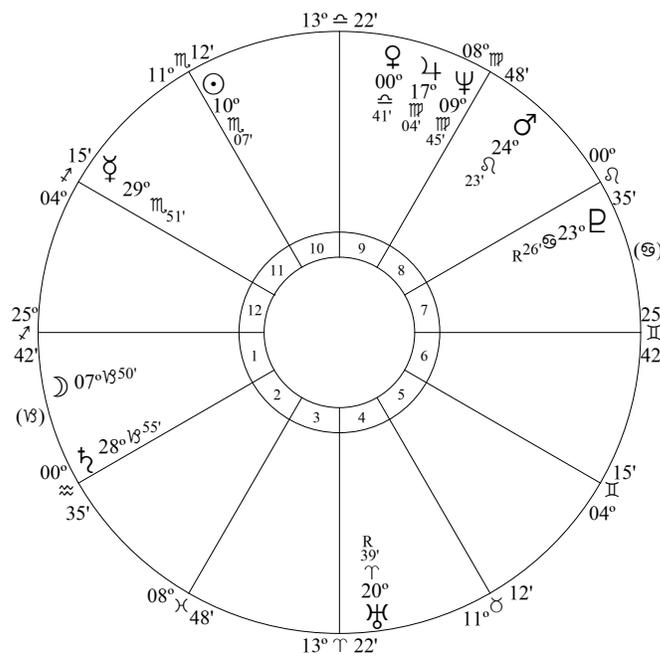
Various attorneys consulted advised us that our only protection against this ordinance, and similar ordinances which have been passed! or are to be passed, in other cities, is to become incorporated as a church. And within less than 24 hours after the Council had signed the ordinance we had taken steps toward the formation of such a corporation.

Jupiter was exactly conjunction Neptune on Sept. 19. Jupiter rules religion, and Neptune rules altruistic associations such as The Brotherhood of Light always has been. Furthermore, The Brotherhood of Light already was a religious organization, as set forth in The Declaration of Principles, which each member reads before signing the application for membership. This Declaration of Principles, which was issued in May, 1915, and which has been used ever since, states in no uncertain terms that The Brotherhood of Light offers a course of lessons on each of the 21 branches of occult science, and that, "They are issued with the definite purpose

of reviving THE RELIGION OF THE STARS."

As a religious organization, wherever our classes and meetings have been held during the last seventeen and a half years, these classes and meetings have always been opened and closed with a religious ceremony.

Although we are already a religious body, in view of almost certain persecution for our astrological religious



The Church of Light
November 2, 1932, 9:55 AM PST
Los Angeles, CA 34N03 08; 118W 14 34

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beliefs, it was the unanimous opinion of the lawyers consulted that it would be far better to incorporate, and use the word CHURCH instead of BROTHERHOOD, so that no question might arise as to whether or not we are a religious organization.

That those holding astrological beliefs will be persecuted further in the near future needs only the recognition that Uranus, turning direct, again makes the square to Pluto, March 7, 1933; turns retrograde and makes the square to Pluto again Nov. 7, 1933; and then turns direct and makes the final square to Pluto in January, 1934. Astrology is ruled by Uranus, and Pluto rules racketeers, there-

fore, the astrologers should be prepared to defend their religious beliefs and their constitutional rights.

One would not choose to start a new organization while the T of Uranus, Saturn and Pluto is operative. Yet when war is declared, one can not wait until the planets have fine positions before starting to defend oneself. THE CHURCH OF LIGHT, is, of course, merely the continuation of The Brotherhood of Light. The birth-chart of the CHURCH, as such, is given above.



The Church of Light Mantram

C. C. Zain

The easiest way for the neophyte to gain cosmic mindedness is through using The Church of Light Mantram. It should be repeated every night at least once after getting into bed and before going to sleep, and every morning after waking and before arising. It should be made as much a habit as undressing at night and dressing in the morning.

Such an ideal as this, based upon Truth, held in the mind and vivified by The Church of Light Mantram given below, will produce a mental and spiritual state in which the individual will tune in on the all-pervading Super-Intelligence of the universe at a high vibratory level. And, in the course of time, it will be spiritually assimilated and then will evolve outward and become the dominant idea of Truth, which will result in Spiritual Power.

1. My Soul is One with the Universe, and my Spirit is an emanation from Deity.
2. I am commissioned by the Infinite One to assist in the scheme of His Creation.
3. I am assisting in the progressive evolution of creation, and in so doing my soul and its infinite possibilities are progressing in proportion to my desire to



use all my powers and possibilities in Spirit and in Truth.

4. My physical organism is my natural universe, over which I alone will rule. It is my material cloak, or garment, through which I will manifest the powers of my Divine Nature.
5. I am progressing rapidly toward the subjugation of matter and the complete lordship over all sub-mundane atoms of life, which exist only by my permission, as peaceful and obedient servants within the lower animal realms of my dominion.
6. They exist by virtue of their functions in the work of creation, which I am now assisting; but they are, and ever must be, subservient to the higher realms of Spirit to which I by right belong.
7. I am eternal Spirit. My Soul is Immortal. No power in this infinite universe can alter my immortal nature, nor control my Soul's glorious destiny of eternal progression; because My Soul is One with the Universe and My Spirit is an emanation from Deity.

(excerpt from CS XXI - *Personal Alchemy*)



Convention 2019: A Hermetic Sampler

The 2019 Church of Light Conference will be held June 19—23 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Church of Light Conferences are a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded people who share your interest in The Brotherhood of Light teachings. At this year's conference, you will discover how to live happier, more successful and spiritual lives through the study and application of The Brotherhood of Light Teachings. This inspirational and instructive conference includes two days of preconference tours, a preconference intensive on the Astley/Burgoyne/Zanoni Mystery, and two full days of speakers focused on the subject of Hermetic Sampler.

Our speakers' roster and some of the inspiring topics they will be presenting in June 2019 are: Paul Johnson, Neil Cantwell and Christopher Gibson - The Astley/Burgoyne/Zanoni Mystery; Paul Brewer - The Horoscope Program; 2019; Paul Bergner - Medical Astrology; Steven Frampton - The Real Secret—How to Get What You Want; Margaret Dissinger - Diary of an Aging Stellarian; Mark Doubleday - King Solomon's Lodge; Alan Gatlin - Planetary Cycles; and Yvette Fortin - The Seven Principles of Hermeticism. For conference attendees who want to make New Mexico their summer vacation destination, we will be organizing two days of pre-conference tours and a Friday morning intensive. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the Indigenous arts, history and culture of New Mexico.

Wednesday June 19, 2019, Walking Tour: Church of Light Headquarters, UNM Campus and Museums

On Wednesday, Convention preconference participants will have the opportunity to briefly visit Church of Light

Headquarters in the University District of Albuquerque. We will travel on foot to The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology on the UNM campus, the oldest public museum in Albuquerque. The Museum's primary emphasis is on the American Southwest, yet the Maxwell Museum offers fascinating permanent and temporary exhibits in Anthropology, Archeology and Ethnography. After a 1.5 - 2 hour visit, we will walk off campus to enjoy lunch at a local eatery. After lunch we return to campus to visit The University of New Mexico Art Museum, which frequently features the painting, photography, prints and sculpture of the



Transcendental Painting Group, the estate collection of Raymond Jonson and the Tamarind Institute lithography archives. (This is a moderately active tour. Participants must be able to walk over the course of a five-hour tour a total of two miles at 5,200 feet above sea level and stand for up to two-hours at a time). Admission to both museums is by donation.

Thursday June 20, 2019, Acoma Sky City and Haak'u Cultural Center



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Located 60-miles west of Albuquerque, Acoma, or Sky City, boasts of being the oldest, continuously occupied community in the United States. We last made this tour twelve years ago in 2007. Built on a mesa-top 6,460 feet above sea level, and 300 feet above the desert floor, you'll experience breathtaking views and amazing rock formations. As one of New Mexico's most scenic and historic Native villages, the Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum preserve Pueblo traditions and provide education concerning the unique history of the Acoma People. We will take a Native-guided tour, visit the ancient village and meet local artisans selling their Native American pottery, jewelry and other crafts. Due to high elevation and low humidity we recommend that you wear a hat, sunscreen, and comfortable walking shoes, and bring plenty of water to drink. During summer, the temperature can top 95 degrees. The tour is 1.5 hours and involves ¾ of a mile walking on uneven rock surfaces. In deference to the Village Elders who live on the mesa year-round, dress modestly as you might when visiting a church in Europe. Haak'u Cultural Center, guided tour and camera permit is \$25.00 (\$22 for seniors). Following the tour, we will have lunch at Yaa-k'a, the cultural center restaurant. Lunch will be approximately \$15.

Hotel/Lodging

By popular demand we have again chosen the Best Western Rio Grande Inn to host our 2019 Conference. Located in Albuquerque's historic Old Town district, the Inn is walking distance to numerous unique shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums. This classic Southwestern inn is known for its warm hospitality, excellent regional cuisine, and refreshing beverages. A complimentary shuttle is available to transport you to and from the Albuquerque Sunport, Old Town Plaza, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the Albuquerque Biopark and numerous museums. Our special conference 2019 rate is \$93 a night (plus tax). These rates are valid for rooms reserved from June 17—25, should you want to attend the preconference tours or

stay on after the conference. We strongly recommend making your reservation in advance as the group rate expires May 18, 2019. **To make your reservation and receive our special group rate call: (505) 843-9500.** Please identify yourself as a member of The Church of Light.

Awards Banquet and Cellicion Zuni Dancers

On Saturday night we will have a plated banquet in our meeting room. Dinner is followed by a Native dance troupe from Zuni Pueblo. This group will give examples of Native American ritual and social dances to tie in with our visit to Acoma Pueblo and the Maxwell Museum.

Conference Schedule

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Friday June 21, 2019

9 - 9:30 AM Registration

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Astley/Burgoyne/Zanoni Mystery - Paul Johnson, Neil Cantwell & Christopher Gibson

12:30 PM - 4 PM: Lunch and free time - participants are on their own or with friends -

4 - 5:30 PM: Business Meeting

5:30—7 PM: Break (must clear room for setup)

7:00 PM: Initiates Gather

7:30 - 9 PM: Initiation

9 - 10 PM: Reception for Initiates and Guests

Saturday June 22, 2019

8 - 8:30 AM: Registration

8:30 - 9 AM: Opening Ritual & Welcome - Christopher Gibson

9 - 10: 25 AM: Christopher Gibson - Tarot: Conversing with the Court Arcana

10: 35 AM - 12 PM: Paul Brewer - Using Horoscope 2019

12 - 1:30 PM: Luncheon Buffet

1:30 - 1:45 PM: Announcements

1:45 - 3 PM: Paul Bergner - Medical Astrology

3 - 3:30 PM: Break and Readings

3:30 - 4:30 PM: Steven Frampton - Alchemy: The Real Secret: How to Get What You Want

5 - 6:30 PM: Break (must clear room for setup)

6:30 - 8 PM: Dinner Buffet and Awards

8 - 9:30 PM: Entertainment: Zuni Pueblo Dancers

9:30 - 10 PM: (Dance Party)

Sunday June 23, 2019

8:45 - 9 AM: Announcements & Orientation

9 - 10 AM: Margaret Dissinger - Diary of an Aging Stellarian

10—10:30 AM: Break and Readings

10:30 AM - 12 PM: Mark Doubleday - King Solomon's Lodge

12 - 1:30 PM: Lunch Buffet

1:30 - 2:45 PM: Alan Gatlin - Planetary Cycles

2:45 - 3:15 PM: Break and Readings

3:15 - 4:30 PM: Yvette Fortin - The Seven Principles of Hermeticism

4:30 - 5 PM: Q & A

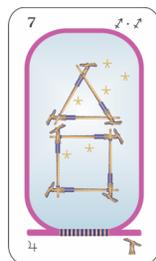
5 PM: Closing Ritual

5:30 PM: Bookstore Closes



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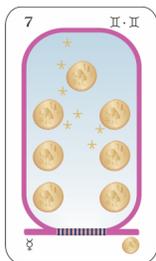
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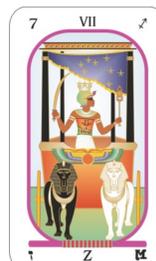
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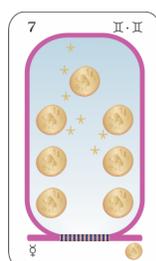
The divinatory significance of the Seven of Scepters is success in teaching or publishing; its inner interpretation is DEVOTION.



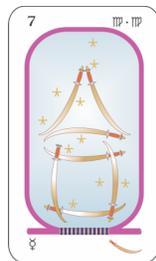
The divinatory significance of the Seven of Cups is a successful change of home; its inner interpretation is VERITY.



The divinatory significance of the Seven of Coins is money earned through a journey; its inner interpretation is INTUITION.



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



From The Sacred Tarot by C. C. Zain



The Beacon

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Sample Tarot Spread—The “Yes or No” Spread

The Yes or No spread is comprised of five cards laid out from left to right. Cards 1 and 2 represent the past of the matter, the center card represents the present, and cards 4 and 5 symbolize the future. Right-side-up cards represent a yes answer, and reversed cards no. Each card is worth the value of one point for yes or no, with the exception of the center card, which has the value of two points.



Question

Will the lawsuit be settled out of court?

Querent's father was involved in a minor auto accident a couple years before his death. The litigant is claiming injuries beyond the scope of the accident and is asking for the maximum amount that the driver's liability policy covers. The insurance company does not believe that the injuries claimed substantiate the award the litigant is seeking to engage the estate in probate.

Card Spread

The Distant Past: The Ten of Cups - "The divinatory significance of the Ten of Cups is a decidedly unconventional affectional interest; its inner interpretation is EMOTION."

The Recent Past: Horseman of Scepters - "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: Arcanum XVI - The Lightning - "In Divination, **Arcanum XVI** may be read as **Accident** or **Catastrophe**."

The Near Future: Eight of Coins (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Eight of Coins is a costly law suit; its inner interpretation is FIDELITY."F

Future: Nine of Coins (reversed). "The divinatory significance of the Nine of Coins is money spent on associates; its inner interpretation is REASON."

Summary

The Distant Past: The Ten of Cups shows that in the past both the plaintiff and deceased defendant had strong emotions about the accident and injuries claimed.

The Recent Past: Horseman of Scepters shows that the insurance company has good advocates assigned to the case and that in the recent past it has been moving in their favor.

The Present: Arcanum XVI - The Lightning reveals that presently litigants and their attorneys want to push this case to its limits.

The Near Future: Eight of Coins (reversed) is read as "a costly lawsuit". The insurance company has already spent a lot on hiring three lawyers defending this case.

The Distant Future: Nine of Coins (reversed) does promise that the litigants will be awarded a judgement, just probably not as large as they hoped for.

Interpretation

In this spread, the first three cards indicating the past and present are right-side-up. The last two cards symbolizing the future are reversed indicating an "yes" answer. The last two cards in this spread are coins which represent the financial goals of the litigants. Although the spread says "yes" that the matter will settle out of court, the nature of the center card, Arcanum XVI, The Lightning, shows that the litigants and their legal representatives will want to put up a good fight and may settle only after a trial has begun. 

The Church of Light Needs You

Over the next three years we are considering expanding the size of the board of directors to benefit from the skill and expertise of our membership.

The only requirement for being on the board is to be a Hermetician in good standing. However, it is always beneficial if you have had some experience working with groups or nonprofits or have a special skill you would like to use in the benefit of the Church of Light.

Board positions are elected by the membership at the annual business meetings. On odd-numbered years this occurs at our biennial convention, which this year will be Friday June 21 at 4 p.m. On the even-numbered non-convention years, the business meeting takes place in

November on the same weekend that we host The Order of the Sphinx.

Board duties include meeting by conference call four times a year, generally on the third Thursday of January, April, July and October. If you might be interested in getting more involved, contact Headquarters at: churchoflight@light.org if you would like to be on the ballot for this year's business meeting, or if you would like us to start grooming you for a future position.

"Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare."



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tions for online classes help us to afford a webmaster and server storage costs that make our web-presence possible.

Members in the Albuquerque area can attend the thrice-monthly Sunday meetings to share learning and fellowship. International and Out of State members should consider attending our biennial conventions to connect in fellowship with other members.

If you are a Hermetician and feel you have benefitted from your Church of Light studies, consider volunteering for the Mentor Program, to help new students gain a greater understanding of the Brotherhood of Light teachings. Hermeticians are also eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Elections are held at the business meeting in

June of convention years and at the November business meeting held on even-numbered years.

Our Quarterly magazine is an all-volunteer effort; writers and proof-readers all donate their time and expertise to make this publication possible. If you are a skilled writer and have an area of expertise in the Brotherhood of Light Lessons, consider writing articles that can be published in the Quarterly or on our website. If you are an artist, graphic artist or illustrator, you can create special images for our Quarterly Publication or webpage.

I invite you to get involved according to your level of skill, talent, time and resources. Your efforts will help to make our organization better.



Dancing with T-Squares (Continued from page 4)

cal Signatures; Chapter 6, "Physiology and Correspondence," and above all recall that it is our job here to Contribute Our Utmost to Universal Welfare, building our own spiritual bodies and helping others along the way to find a better life in the Aquarian Age.

So Shall It Be

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Thanks to: Tim Prichard and Lynne Palmer for sharing their experiences and vast knowledge in correspondence

about the t-square; and to Christopher Gibson for his inspiring pep talk.

Correction: I had mentioned in the article on Parallels that I had not found much written on this topic. Apologies to Lynne Palmer for overlooking her description of the parallel aspect in her book, *ABC Basic Chart Reading* published by AFA. Her description of the parallel is included in the chapter, "Aspects".





Paul Brewer



Vicki Brewer



Margaret Dissinger



Christopher Gibson

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

First Sunday Astrology Roundtable Discussions

11 a.m.-12 noon

Join Yvette Fortin and Veiga O'Sickey as they facilitate monthly roundtable Astrology discussions based on the Brotherhood of Light Lessons by C.C. Zain



Yvette Fortin



Patrick Ramsey

Second Sunday Healing Arts Roundtable Discussions

11 a.m.-12:30 noon

Join Yvette Fortin and Veiga O'Sickey as they facilitate monthly roundtable Astrology discussions based on energy medicine and esoteric healing traditions



Veiga O'Sickey



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.

Calendar of Third Sunday Services: March - August, 2019

Date	Event	Presented by
March 17	Aries-Vernal Equinox Service	Christopher Gibson
April 21	Taurus Service	Patrick Ramsey
May 19	Gemini Service	Yvette Fortin
June	No Service	Convention 2019
July 21	Leo Service	Veiga
August 18	Virgo Service	Christopher Gibson

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

A loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness guides us through undeviating natural law.

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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.

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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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