

Religion of the Stars

The Stellarian Religion Makes No Claim to Infallibility

C.C. Zain

Excerpt from Course 1, Laws of Occultism

Every science and every religion of the past which has claimed infallibility has lived to see such claim disproved. In the very nature of things, as I trust I have clearly shown, any claim to infallibility is absurd; because knowledge of the universe is endless and the evolution of intelligence is toward the acquisition of more and more knowledge.

Nor are we attempting to get our ideas accepted on faith. On the contrary, we indicate to the student just how to go about it to develop his own intelligence and his own psychic faculties, and earnestly advise him to disprove or verify every statement we make by experiments of his own.

Most religions teach that there is a life after death. But they discourage any attempt to prove such an existence. We, THE CHURCH OF LIGHT, however, believe that painstaking research should be carried out on every possible plane, and in all departments of nature, including those physical and those spiritual, to the end that man may not merely believe, but may know, the conditions under which he is required to live in each distinct realm, that he may utilize the laws and principles so discovered to be successful, in the larger sense, wherever he may function.

Physical life is but a fragment of that total life which is man's inheritance. The more knowledge we have of the laws of the physical plane, including occult laws, the surer our chances of physical success. Physical success is not to be ignored.

But we must also, if we are to have a basis for success in our life in its vaster scope, acquire a knowledge of the laws governing other planes. The more comprehensive our knowledge, the better we are fitted to adjust ourselves to the demands of this wider life. It is this knowledge that THE RELIGION OF THE STARS attempts to furnish.

These lessons make no claim to infallibility. They do, however, present the present views of those on various planes, including the physical, who anciently or in modern times, have been specially qualified for, and have carried out, research on every available plane. They are offered to students, therefore, not as the final word after which nothing more can be said; but drawing from high intelligences on various planes, as the best information available at the present moment of evolution.

From the C.C. Zain Forward to the Doris Chase Doane Index to the 210 BofL Lessons

It seems inevitable that The Religion of The Stars shall become the world religion of the future because it includes all significant demonstrated facts of both the outer plane and the inner plane. Not that these are as yet all known, or that we expect a day to come when all of them will be known. But as fast as they are discovered and properly verified, if they are sufficiently important facts, they will be integrated into The Religion of The Stars.

Mankind is becoming too well educated to be guided either in religion or in its political views by blind belief in propaganda. More and more it is demanding demonstrated facts from those who advocate some economic or political system. And in due time it will demand demonstrated facts on which to base its religion. In 210 Brotherhood of Light Lessons the writer has striven to set forth as many such significant outer-plane and inner-plane facts, and the logical inferences to be derived from them, as possible.

The writer believes The Religion of The Stars will be the world religion of the future not merely from the facts and logical inferences presented in these 210 Lessons, but because these facts will be supplemented by additional facts as fast as they are discovered and verified. The Religion of The Stars is not a static religion. It will progress as fast as there is progress in demonstrable knowledge.

This writer is not so foolish to believe that what has already been published in the 210 Brotherhood of Light Lessons is the last word, or that no errors have been made in them, or that new demonstrated facts may not make necessary some revision of the ideas there pre-*Continued Page 3* © **1999 Church of Light Inc**. Summer Issue, 1999 ISSN: 009–6520 Vol. 74. No.3

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One is that neither the Church of Light nor any of its publications may enter the political arena regarding specific issues, people, or parties. To violate this legal policy is to put the church's nonprofit status in jeopardy. (Recently the Internal Revenue Service revoked the nonprofit status of a Christian church because of its placing a series of political ads in the New York Times. The courts so far have upheld the IRS' right to do so.)

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While keeping in mind the church's support of the fullest expression of freedom of speech, the editorial staff must retain the right to edit anything submitted for publication. Remembering the second paragraph above, political statements will be removed from works before they are published in the Quarterly. Libelous statements against anyone or any organization will be removed. The Quarterly staff also must edit for the more usual reasons, such as grammar, readability, and length.

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Thank you,

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sented. He all too well remembers that when he went to college, the atom of each of the many chemical elements was indivisible, unchangeable, and indestructible. Einstein had not yet published his Theory of Relativity. And four things, which since his youth have so greatly changed civilization, as yet had no existence: automobiles, airplanes; the cinema and the radio.

While he is still on this earth he will do all in his power to acquire new significant facts and revise the Brotherhood of Light Lessons to include them. When he has passed to the next plane undoubtedly new significant facts will be discovered that should be included in The Religion of The Stars. However, as orthodoxy will certainly try to get sufficient control to slant them into conformity with orthodox opinion, he believes the Brotherhood of Light Lessons as he leaves them should remain unchanged.

It would be unethical for someone to insert opinions or discoveries in these lessons and not take both the credit and the blame for them. The. writer does not want the credit for the ideas or the errors of some other person. He asks that the printed pages of each lesson be left as he has last revised it.

However, in reprinting, it is easy to increase any lesson to 36 or 40 or any multiple of four pages. He suggests, therefore, that any errors he has made, or new discoveries, or logical opinions derived from these discoveries, be set forth and elaborated in an appendix following the 32 pages of the lesson which it is thought should be thus amended. Before this is done the writer of the appendix should submit what he has thus written to The Church of Light Board of Directors and secure their approval. And his name should appear in the appendix as the author of such commentary.

The author of the 210 Brotherhood of Light Lessons desires that they be permanently retained as the Stellarian Beliefs as he has written them up to the date of his physical demise, and that subsequent amendments should be credited to the persons who make them.

C. C. Zain (Elbert Benjamine, 1882-1951) Written in August, 1951, Los Angeles, California 🔫

Occultism Applied

Practical Money Magic

A basic concept in magic is that what one intensely visualizes tends to come true. This may cause problems. It is not that people are unable to work magic, but that they are working magic all the time without knowing it. They are drawn to and fro by desires and emotions and they automatically work a little magic here, a little there, often at cross purposes.

The truly frightening thing about magic is that it works whether or not a person is conscious of using it. If people regularly proclaim how difficult everything is, then they will become mired in difficulties. Other people, sometimes called "Pollyanna's" either glide through life without difficulty or at least deal with tribulations with grace and joy. What kind of magic are these Pollyannas working through their often unconscious proclamations about how good life is? What thoughts run through their heads, and what words come out of their mouths?

Elbert Benjamine, writing as C.C. Zain, stressed the importance of directing one's thinking and inducing emotions that one wants to have. One of the reasons is because of the magical effects caused by thoughts energized by emotions.

The title of this essay is *Practical Money magic*. One might ask about his or her relationship to money. How does one think about it? How does one feel about it? Does his or her

thoughts and feelings accurately reflect that person's financial status? Is it possible that thoughts and feelings have helped create that financial status? If so, is it possible that thoughts and feelings could help change that status?

To change beliefs, one must change character.

One way to make such a change is to "act as though it were so." That is, one can act in a way that mimics the desired future state. If the wish is to lift a depression, smiling and speaking only positive words can help. If the wish is to realize abundance in any area, acting as though one's cup is overflowing can help.

If the wish is for more money, then one can cultivate generosity by giving money away. Such an act tells the subconscious that the reality is abundance, not poverty. And what *t*he subconscious accepts as real, it works to make real. The action of giving proclaims one has more money than needed. Continued giving will create a new reality—a reality of always having more than enough. This principle can produce abundance wherever one seeks it.

One way to cultivate such generosity and abundance is to give financial support to the Church of Light.

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Organic Alchemy

Orthodoxy: Causes and Cures

(based on a talk given at the 1999 Annual Business Meeting)

By Wm. H. Jeffrey

Ask some people what they think of "religion." Not some specific religion, but the word or concept "religion." Ask yourself how you feel about "religion." I did that. I asked fundamentalist Christians and a Buddhist. I asked agnostics, an atheist, and go-to-church-twice-a-year Christians. I found not one person who was even comfortable with "religion," not even myself. Some reacted mildly negatively, others were more adamant in their dislike.

Why is that? The Hermetic Path and the Stellarian Religion teach that we have built into our souls religious urges. We have urges to act for universal welfare. We have urges to build a utopian society. And yet there is this widespread negativity involving "religion."

After pondering this for a while, I realized that it is not so much "religion" that we resist, but the orthodox philosophical baggage that accompanies it. "Religion" drags a train of rigid orthodox thought, of Inquisitions, of repression masquerading as sainthood.

Is this orthodoxy really part of "religion?" Probably not. Orthodoxy and its manifestations seem to be crystallized accretions of time-distorted concepts that come from other ages, other cultures, other ways of seeing the world. One thing these accretions share is their rigid adherence to form. Another is their seeming irrelevance to so much in our lives. They may provide the questionable comfort of believing one is one of the chosen of God, but many of the practices and beliefs tend to derange the modern psyche. We are twentieth, almost twenty-first century people. We are not living in the middle ages or in a preliterate culture. Our lives and problems are different.

Should we walk away from "religion" and toward rational empiricism, which tells us that only what we can see and measure is real? Or is there a way to approach "religion" that will allow us to live religiously without all the irrelevant baggage of orthodoxy?

Before we can answer that, it is necessary to examine the causes of the baggage.

Let's examine three causes. There may be more, but three will give us a good start. Let's call them the "meaning drift cause," the "closed system cause," and the "uncritical reliance on experts cause."

First, we know the meanings of words change with time. In the King James Bible, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Today, "meek" evokes the feeling of being a human doormat. However, at the time the KJB was written, "meek" described the quality of a war-horse who followed faithfully the commands of its master, even in the worst chaos of battle. The KJB "meek" describes a different kind of person than today's "meek" describes. (What would we call a person who faithfully follows the guidance of the Inner Master, the Spiritual Ego? Illuminated? An adept?)

So, even if some disciple faithfully recorded the words and deeds of his or her teacher, those words may have come to mean something completely different than when they were recorded. Even if today's followers are immaculately orthodox ("orthodox" does mean the "straight or true teaching"), they may be following a path vastly different from the one the founder intended. And this can come about just from the drift of word meanings.

Second, the "closed system cause," occurs (and this is guaranteed) when a system stops allowing new ideas, new experiences, new energy to enter. Using a concept from physics, "entropy" increases in a closed system. When a system becomes closed, every difference tends to level out. In a closed group of people, everybody begins to think the same, and feel the same, and act the same. This obviously does not conduce to growth, adaptation, or evolution.

To make this scenario worse, in a closed system, the original information, structure, energy level, must degenerate. There is heat leakage from imperfect insulation. We cannot remember everything we once knew. Our machines, our systems, our bodies become less efficient.

Contrast this to an open system, also called a "complex adaptive system." Such a system is open because it accepts new ideas, energy, and experiences from outside itself. Such a system is adaptive because it changes to better deal with and utilize the newness it has encountered. It is complex because, in the meaning of the budding science of "Complexity Studies," the product of the parts interacting is greater that the simple sum of the parts. (Think about Jod He Vau He in this context.) When a system is open, it has the greatest possibility of adapting and evolving, of staying alive.

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Lisa Teems & Paul Brewer ask the question... How many Stellarians will it take to change Earth's light bulb?



Sandra Mayo and Ana, the youngest attendee

My Thoughts on Conference '99



Donald & Barbara Baker with their niece Barbara Sibley



Allan Curthoys



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The 1999 conference in College Park, Maryland was a great opportunity to examine a related subject thereby adding another dimension for understanding and expanding the concepts in the BofL lessons. Angelo Chirban's presentation (see article on p. 8,) provided some historical perspective by addressing common origins and highlighting differences and similarities between the BofL Hermetic tradition and the Huna tradition.

Primarily from discussions at the conference, and from reading I have done I've discovered that within the Huna tradition are potentially powerful techniques for taming those "submundane atoms of life" referred to in the CofL matram. These complex thought structures in the unconscious mind, or lower self, need to be harmonized and integrated with the higher self, or divine soul. Huna seems to provide a process (which, for example, might supplement those techniques discussed in C. C. Zain Cs. 5, Esoteric Psychology) for communicating with the lower self in a manner that can heal old psychological wounds by renouncing self-deprecation and relying on constructive, positive reinforcement to build self-esteem. Additionally, some of the Huna techniques, such as the pendulum, hold the potential for developing or expanding one's psychic ability.

In many ways this conference stretched the limits of past conferences by venturing to explore something outside our own little backyard...in an expanding universe this seems to be a good thing to do.

P. Brewer



Angelo Louis Chirban M.D., speaking on the common roots of Stellarianism and Huna



Front Row: Ana Perez Chisti, Paul Brewer & Sandra Mayo. Standing: Lisa Teems



Ana Perez Chisti representing the Huna Perspective



Jeff Harding...



Bob Hall There is reason to call it "The Work," rather than "The Play."



Shirley Hall, enthusing



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Evolution of Religion

THE STELLARIAN RELIGION AND HUNA:

Common Hermetic Origins and Correspondences

Angelo Louis Chirban, M.D., Hermetician

Hermetic tradition holds that the sacred knowledge can be traced as far back as ancient Mu in the Pacific and from there to Atlantis in the Atlantic Ocean.

The keepers of the sacred knowledge by use of astrological portents foretold of natural disasters which were to befall Atlantis. They established colonies in several dispersed locations to preserve their knowledge. These colonies were the original seven centers of civilization as recorded in history: Chaldea/Mesopotamia, China, India, Crete, Mexico, Peru, and Egypt. We have evidence that each of these outposts was a center for the sacred knowledge.

According to Brotherhood of Light tradition, the Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was established on this plane in 2440 BC at that time separating itself from the theocracy of Egypt. One of the fundamental characteristics or strengths of the Brotherhood of Light is contact and the communication of knowledge with the Brothers on the inner planes. It can safely be assumed that these early Brethren were in such contact with these inner plane resources.

Next in descent was Amenhotep IV who ascended the throne of Egypt in 1375 BC He was 19 when he contacted the Brotherhood on the inner plane. (It is interesting to note that Elbert Benjamine was in contact with the same spiritual source from the inner plane as Amenhotep IV and that they were both only 19 when such contact occurred.) He decided to oppose the orthodoxy which kept the minds of the people confused as to reality, kept them steeped in fear, kept them servile to the priests and kept from the knowledge which leads to true spirituality, progress and happiness. When Amenhotep IV became one of the Brethren, he denounced his name of Amen, which was associated with the orthodox religion, and took the name of Akhenaten which means living in the light. His death was brought about after only 10 years by the orthodox priests.

The next major historical figure was Moses. Moses was raised by Magi. He was also in communication with higher intelligence during his wanderings in the wilderness. It is said that when Moses died, the Israelites lost the Golden Key of Astrological Knowledge.

The dissemination from Egypt, or the Diaspora, in reality involves several different causes, times, and even different places from whence the 12 tribes made their escape. We have references to major climatic changes in the Sahara (these occurred 12,000 - 14,000 years ago dating to the time the Sphinx was erected) precipitating the escape. We also have other references dating to the time of Moses (approximately 1000 BC) precipitated by religious persecution. I propose that what is meant by these legends regarding the 12 tribes escaping from danger in reality refers to the preservation of the 12 signs of the Zodiac - the sacred Stellar wisdom - from being lost either by natural disaster or the persecutions of orthodoxy.

The evidence for the correspondences between the Brotherhood of Light teachings and the Huna are of several different forms. There is etymological commonality; for example, the words Cohanim (a Hebrew word for high priest), Quahine (a Berber word for high priest) and Kahuna (a Hawaiian word high priest). There is also similarity between Egyptian glyph writing and the paddle-board writing of the natives of Easter Island. There is similarity of legends and teachings. There is similarity of Genetic material.

The first case I'd like to mention involves a tribe of Berbers living in the Atlas Mountain region of North Africa. A Mr. Reginald Steward lived amongst them and befriended a Quahine, a high priest, who proceeded to teach him of the ancient wisdom including the magic, words and history. He claims he watched her blow a door off its hinges with the power of her magic. Her history was that her tribe had once been one of the 12 tribes of Israel and that they had known and practiced the sacred wisdom and magic and lived in the Sahara area when it was fertile and green. When the climate began to change, they used their knowledge of the sacred science of astrology to find a place of safety for themselves and their beliefs. According to her, the different tribes left Egypt in large, double canoes and traveled down the Red sea to the Indian Ocean and thence to the Pacific Islands. The tribe of this Quahine stayed behind in a rear - guard action to protect the escape of the others and went West to the mountains.

Another tribe traveled down along the East coast of Africa to Madagascar. These people have light-brown skin and speak Malagasy, a language which is one of the major Polynesian dialects.

Another tribe, the Lemba, is a Bantu - speaking people who have a legend that they came out of Judea. They practice cir-

cumcision, keep one day a week holy and avoid pork and pork-like animals. Their priests are called Cohanim, and, remarkably, share a common genetic marker on the Ychromosome of the males with the priest castes of the

Sephardic, Ashkenazy and general Jewish population. The Sephardic and Ashkenazy Jews were separated many hundreds of years ago. The priests are all descendants of Moses elder brother, Aaron.

Other tribes migrated through Arabia into India and China. Although mostly they were absorbed by these equally ancient cultures, some evidence remains in the forms of the breathing exercises of yoga, the concepts of pranayama and certain of their visualization techniques.

Some tribes settled in Polynesia and Oceana. These people speak a similar dialect and knew of stories from the Old Testament of the Bible such as Adam and Eve and the Garden, Noah and the Great Flood, Jonah and the Whale - stories which came from Chaldea and Babylonia while the Jews were still in captivity. Early Christian missionaries documented all this and also found no knowledge of Jesus or the New Testament.

Hawaii was the most isolated of the islands and the last to be molested by the white man. Traditions there were kept the most pure. They were passed down Kahuna to Kahuna by mouth to ear. The young Kahunas were trained to memorize and recite exactly long chants covering the history of the people and their genealogy.

Hermetic Knowledge holds that each Ego starts as an undifferentiated spark or atom of Divinity, a Potentiality. Angelic parents occupying the celestial plane initiate specific activities by their love vibrations which give birth to the Ego. That is, the piece of Divinity is given a trend or set of directions which will lead it to develop Its full potential of self - conscious awareness.

After this "birth" the Ego comes into contact with its celestial environment and It begins to have experiences. These experiences lead to development of consciousness. These states of consciousness constitute the Soul Sphere of the Ego. The Soul Sphere bears exactly the same relation to the Ego as the seven physical senses to the Human brain. Another way to view the concept is to think of the mind; the mind itself is powerless to penetrate the physical world. The mind is something above and beyond the physical senses however it is entirely dependent upon these senses to experience the reality of the world. It is exactly the same with the Ego and the Soul Sphere!

The celestial realms however do not provide enough experience to satisfy the trends of activity or directions given to the Ego by Its Angelic parents. It has been directed to penetrate and conquer the lower realms of existence known as the Spiritual, Astral and Material (Physical) planes so it could develop fully Its Deific attributes and self - conscious awareness. By contacting the regions of substance, it contacts conditions that provide for comparison - experience with various grades or conditions of substance. Consciousness, knowledge and wisdom are gained through experience with form and substance and comparison of those experiences. Experience with forms that have varying qualities leads to perception of relations. These perceptions lead to feelings of attraction and repulsion. These feelings of attraction when sufficiently complex lead to an understanding of Love. Each experience adds to the consciousness which increases knowledge and eventually builds wisdom.

Light cannot be perceived except by having experience with varying degrees of intensity of light. And if there is some experience with darkness, the more readily appreciated is the light.

Knowledge of good cannot be had except through experience with that which is less good. And if there is experience with evil, the good is more appreciated.

If the Ego were to remain in the celestial plane, what could it learn of the conditions of death, disease, destruction and evilness? Therefore what could It learn of Life, Light and Love. Being a piece of Divinity, it must be omniscient. However, being Divine, It cannot itself descend closer to the more substantial planes than that of the highest (or seventh level) of the spiritual plane. To overcome this problem, the Ego sends its "sensory organ" the Soul Sphere. Now to be able to transmit energy between Itself and the Soul Sphere in the lower realms of matter, it becomes necessary to polarize the Soul Sphere into two separate channels of flux; + and -, male and female, etc. This process can be likened to two magnets in contact with each other - they are in a state of equilibrium and no energy flows. However separate them and energy can be felt to flow between them. Another reason for the separation is for the obtaining of additional information, twice as much, gained from the opposite point of view; the opposite pole if you will.

The function of each soul now becomes the attracting, molding and repelling of various forms that provide for experience and the recording of all such experiences. The soul now descends through the Cycle of Necessity, from the spiritual planes to the lowest physical state – that of the mineral – and back again through the vegetable, animal and human before returning to the astral and then spiritual, all for the reason of gaining experience as described above. When the twin souls have made this journey, separately of each other they are reunited with each other on the seventh spiritual level and with the Divine Ego and become an Angelic Being.

Both the Brotherhood of Light and the Kahuna teachings consider the formation of a human to consist of three parts with similar functions. Perhaps the best way to show these similarities is in tabular form. The similarities are in regular type, the differences are in italic type. Thus:

	B.O.L	HUNA
<u>High Self</u>	Ego	Aumakua
	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel
	Possesses Divine Knowledge	Possesses Divine Knowledge
	Piece of the One Divine Being	Male and Female Middle Selves join to make High Self of Another Person
	Each Ego a Consistent Unique Being	Personal Divinity Has Power to Create and Perform magic
	Resides in 7th Spiritual Plane	Resides several feet above Head
<u>Middle Self</u>	Conscious Mind	<u>Uhane</u>
	Power of Speech	Power of Speech
	Inductive Reasoning	Inductive Reasoning
	Objective Consciousness	Objective Consciousness
	Short Term Memory	Short Term Memory
	Rationalization	Rationalization
	Thought to be the small keen, bright, clever, reasoning peak of the Soul	Thought to be an evolved Low Self
	Often Controlled by Low Self	Controls Low Self
	Resides on the Astral Plane with ability to influence Brain instantaneously	Resides in the Brain
Low Self	<u>Unconscious Mind</u>	<u>Unihipili</u>
	Long Term Memory	Long Term Memory
	Most recently evolved from animal state	Most recently evolved from animal state
	Controls all various processes of physical body	Controls all various processes of physical body
	Seat of Emotions	Seat of Emotions
	Uses Symbolism not Language	Uses Symbolism not Language
	Deductive Reasoning	Deductive Reasoning
	Resides on Astral Plane	Resides in Solar Plexus
	Power to Create and to Perform magic	
	Possesses 7 Astral Senses	

The most important differences between the two being the concept of the Ego being an individual, consistent entity throughout eternity associated with its own twin souls in the Hermetic teachings and the Aumakua being composed of a mated pair of middle souls from different people making the high self of still yet another person. Another important difference is the Hermetic belief that the Unconscious mind has the ability to exert psychokinetic power to mold the physical environment to bring into the life the conditions one desires (i.e. the ability to perform magic) while the Huna tradition relegates this ability to the Aumakua.

Finally, the performance of magic by the two traditions is almost identical. Both consist of Visualization, followed by Vitalization or Energization and then by Realization. While the Hermetic system holds that emotional energy, especially that of intense feelings of love, are the most potent sources of energy, it also admits to the energy developed by breathing techniques. In the Huna system of magic, breathing techniques supply all the energy or mana necessary for performance.

In my opinion, Huna is a degenerate form of the Hermetic Knowledge. I base this mainly upon two facts. The first and most important is that they have lost all knowledge of the Sacred Golden Key - Astrology. The second fact is more complicated and has to do with the Huna view of the spiritual composition of the individual. In the Huna view, the low self (unihipili) is most recently evolved from the animal state; the middle self (uhane) has already been through a lifetime and has had experience as a lower self. The high self (amakua) has been through lifetimes as lower and middle selves. Thus, each living individual is composed of mixed spiritual parts from different individuals! Our Hermetic teachings however reinforce the unity, constancy and continuity of one's spiritual being - One divine Ego that is the "I" or "self" and its own twin Souls that gather experience in matter for it. I do feel however that the Huna Tradition reinforces much of the Hermetic teachings. I especially feel that we should investigate further the concept of praying to or seeking aid from our own spark of Divinity or Ego when we need help. The Huna concept that the Ego is utterly trustworthy and infinitely knowledgeable is also supported by the work of the Golden Dawn, the Kabala and the Abramelin systems of magic - all of which have developed the concept of the Ego being the Holy Guardian Angel dwelling in Tippereth.

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Personal Alchemy

Book Review :

The Power of Will By Frank Channing Haddock

By Wm. H. Jeffrey

"The third habit to adopt is that of an Invincible Will."

C.C. Zain, Personal Alchemy

"Will Power." The phrase brings visions of grunting and sweating, of bearing fardels, of suffering the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. It seems a gritty, dirt-under-the fingernails concept, something that has no relation to joie de vivre, the joy that comes in living well.

That exclusively teeth-gritting denotation apparently may be very modern, because Frank Channing Haddock, the author, sees will power in a quite different way. In the first few pages, Haddock writes, "The Will is the Soul Itself Exercising Self-direction." It is the ability to choose a course and stay that course.

He does not show Will in terms of whipping oneself into line. He shows Will as the power to choose one's course in life. His book, which sold 600,000 hardcover copies early in this century, and which now is available in paperback, presents a systematic program for understanding and cultivating the potentials and facets of the Will. He claims, as does C.C. Zain, that a strong, mature, and freed will is a crucial key that can unlock almost any door.

His book starts by defining his terms and moves through examining the allies and enemies residing in our psyches. From there he presents many practical and simple exercises for strengthening and healing those parts of the soul that need it. This is a book that requires participation by the reader. The many exercises will only have effect if the reader does them.

Haddock writes that true education is not to master books, but to discover and master our latent powers. His is a book that gives the reader methods to do that. But, at the end of the preface, the author fairly warns the reader; "All now rests with you." So it is with all personal accomplishments.

Should Stellarians read the book and work with the exercises? Anyone with a fully realized Will need not do so. As for the rest of us....

Availability:

The Power of Will by Frank Channing is available in paperback edition in most large bookstores. (Be cautious because there is another book with the same title, but by a different author.) It is available through the Internet via Barnesandnoble.com. Many fine used hardcovers are available due to the book's huge success early this century. These are beautifully bound and often can be purchased for less than the price of the current paperback.

"Thank you" to Sandra Mayo and Shirley Hall, both of the Clinton Astrological Association. Sandra rediscovered and recommended the book, and Shirley's enthusiastic description of the work forced me to seek it.



The Religion of the Stars

Stellarian Question Box



Lloyd Matthiesen, Hermetician

ASTROLOGY

Q. Does the millennium begin January 1, 2000 or January 1, 2001?

A. There seems to be considerable confusion on this point. If we follow standard scientific practice, a decade is considered to end with the year ending 00. A new one begins January 1 of the succeeding year, the one ending in 01. So it seems technically correct to say the millennium begins January 1,2001.

The issue is beclouded by the numerous millennium celebrations scheduled during the year 2000, most of them in the summer. Our attention has also been strongly directed to the looming Y2K computer problem, which could occur when the "odometer of time" turns all the digits over. I believe these two circumstances have led many to think the millennium will start with the year 2000.

Meanwhile, you can take your pick: if you are a big party person, pick both years!

Q. Why is there so much differing opinion as to when the Aquarian Age begins, and why should Zain's January 19, 1881 date be the correct one?

A. We know the Aquarian Age begins when the Vernal Equinox appears 30 degrees from the correspondence of the First of Aries among the constellations. But no one knows precisely where this point is, because there is no exact record of the boundaries of the constellations. Some constellations are larger than others; for example, Cancer covers 15 degrees and Virgo 50 degrees. Each Age lasts the time it takes the Vernal Equinox to precess 30 degrees, which equates to 2,156 years. There is a problem in finding the time the Vernal Equinox is positioned at 0 degrees Aries of the constellations (not signs), when the 25,868 year trek of the Equinox begins.

Zain selected as the starting point the most brilliant and conspicuous star in the constellation Aries, Alpha Arietis. He went 30 degrees along the ecliptic west of the meridian of this star to determine the starting point of the constellation Aquarius. In 1881 the Vernal Equinox was at this point. There is also traditional evidence supporting 1881, such as the 1881 pyramidal inches in the Great Pyramid, the double nine, or 18, by which the ancients designated the larger cycles, and various prophecies.

We may verify this year by a process resembling rectification in Natal Astrology. When we examine the actual course of world events, we find the trend shifting from Pisces to Aquarius at that time in many ways: the rapid advance of science and the stressing of positive knowledge over blind belief, the advent of invention, electricity, psychology and other Uranus-ruled trends, the birth of the New Thought movement, Christian Science, Theosophy and spiritualism close to this year, and many other corroborating circumstances and events.

Zain arrived at the precise chart for the Aquarian Age by erecting it for the exact moment the Sun entered the sign Aquarius is 1881, which was 3 hours, 48 minutes, 24 seconds L.M.T. for Washington, D.C., on January 19, 1881. A similar chart could be erected for any other country's capital by adjusting the house cusps for its latitude and longitude.

Q. I have found, through studying several hundred charts, there seems to be a progressed aspect within one degree of orb to any given planet most of the time. If this is true, how can progressions be used to accurately predict probability of events?

A. It is very important not to consider aspects from slowmoving planets (Jupiter through Pluto) when timing progressions. These map long-term trends lasting many years, possibly the entire lifetime. They should be considered to map conditions rather than specific events. They can color events attracted by aspects from the faster moving orbs, and the faster moving ones can show developments relating to the general long-term trend mapped by a slower moving planet.

This will eliminate many of the progressed aspects you find; also, finding the times they are re-enforced by minor progressed aspects, and released by transit aspects, will further narrow down the efficacious aspects.

Editors Note: There is much more to be said and learned about this topic so stay tuned.

A QUESTION FROM THE PAST

The following two questions appeared in the August 23, 1938 issue of THE RISING STAR:

Q. I was told a child had to have the ascendant of either the father or the mother or it would not mature. Is this true? I have four children and it does not hold true with a single one.

A. This is just another of the innumerable theories that do not stand up under test. It is not true.

Q. Do children having Saturn in the first house conjunction the Ascendant pass out very early in life? I have been told they do.

A. Those with Saturn conjunction the Ascendant usually have a hard struggle to advance themselves during the first thirty years of life. After that they often forge ahead rapidly.

Many persons who have lived useful lives, yet who have Saturn conjunction the Ascendant, can be cited. Alan Leo is one. This position does not signify an early death. \ll

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Continued from Page 3 Orthodoxy

In complexity studies, groups of people are considered systems. So are the neurons that comprise the brain and nervous system. So is the biosphere of Planet Earth. If any becomes closed, it becomes rigid, degenerates, and eventually dies.

The third cause comes from relying uncritically on experts. In such a case, we "put another person's head on our shoulders." There is no doubt we need experts. In fact, we seek our own areas in which to develop expertise. Where the problem may enter is the point at which the experts becomes closed systems, and are (temporarily) so good at defending their viewpoints that their views become enshrined and followed blindly. Such experts can be described as "orthodox."

CC Zain tells us to read directly the Book of Nature, the reality that surrounds us and is in us. He did not tell us to memorize his works and parrot them. He offered tools we can apply to help us evolve and clearly read and appropriately follow the Book of Nature.

His expertise was of a different kind. This kind of expertise is the characteristic of a person who may know much, but realizes his or her vast areas of not-knowing, of ignorance. This kind of expertise is open and humble before the myriad facets of the infinite universe. This expertise can more safely be followed. These are three causes of orthodoxy. From them, we can extrapolate that orthodoxy is a guaranteed result of all processes unless there is appropriate intervention. We also can see that we can stop orthodoxy from overtaking us, or we can remove it from our midst if it already is there.

The cures are simple. To avoid the trap which comes from the drift of meanings, we can make the efforts to be sure we know that what we intend to communicate is what we actually communicate. Do the words we speak mean the same to us as to the people for whom they are intended? Stopping a speaker to ask for clarification is not boorish; it is a requirement for sane interchange.

To avoid the degeneration of the closed system, we must remain open; we must keep our systems open. We must seek new ideas, new experiences. We must learn to apply what we know in new ways.

To prevent our falling under the spell of orthodox experts, we need to examine their openness or closedness. We need to be open to advice, but advice is just advice. We are not required to accept or adhere to a non-verified idea or ideal. Ultimately, we must become our own experts, growing and evolving as we read the Book of Nature.

New Books on Research in Hermetic Astrology

Personal success in the 21st Century will be enhanced by easy access to reliable astrological information. Vague astrological theories and incomprehensible occult notions are no longer options; and authentic astrological research often invalidates vague astrological beliefs. The findings of the Church of Light's Astrological Research Department have been integrated into the Hermetic System of (personal) Astrology. The system thus claims scientific status.

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Astrology and Religion

Astrology Makes Known to Man the Will of God

Excerpt from Church of Light Quarterly Vol. 17, No 3 Sep 1943

Elbert Benjamine/Anonymous

A strology is an essential part of our religion because it reveals the will of God. We believe that God speaks to man through the Bible, and that He also speaks to man through the positions of the heavenly bodies. But we hold that the true meaning of the Word of God as set down by man in the Bible over which violent controversies have raged for ages – can best be ascertained by a study of the Word of God as written by Deity Himself among the stars.

In their beliefs, Catholics do not agree in some respects with Protestants; nor do the various Protestant denominations agree with one-another. Yet all believe, as do we, that the Bible is the Word of God. But in addition to speaking through the Bible, we believe that God reveals His will to man through the Laws of Nature. We hold that there is no antagonism between true science and true religion, and that in addition to the Bible mankind needs astrology to interpret the will of Deity.

Those who believe in the Bible and hold to certain other tenets call themselves Catholics. Those who believe in the Bible and hold still different tenets call themselves Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc. We who believe in the Bible and also hold to the Religion of the Stars call ourselves Stellarians.

No doubt those who make the interpretation of the Bible their profession are needed, and no doubt the practice of astrology may be made a valuable and equally honorable profession. But whether or not he occasionally is counseled by such professionals, we hold that everyone should become personally familiar with his Bible, and that everyone also should learn to erect and read his own chart of birth.

There is no essential reason why any good Christian, to whatever denomination he belongs may not also be a Stellarian. In fact, many good Christians are also Stellarians. But whether he thus embraces The Religion of the Stars or not, because we believe in FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, we have no quarrel with any Christian or Jew.

God spoke to man through the ancient prophets; and through the same faculty of EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEP-TION employed by those prophets He reveals His allpervading presence and speaks to other men of the present day. But with still greater clearness He speaks to man through the symbolical pictographs that constitute the 48 ancient constellations. Each of these carries a message relative to the Divine Will traced in the heavens with fiery characters that can never be erased, and which, because the language of universal symbolism is employed, cannot be corrupted or twisted by evil men who try to give other scriptures an interpretation that will enable them to exploit their fellowman and gain unjust power and wealth and other selfish advantages.

Each of the 48 constellations of old, whose characters were traced where all may see by the hand of Deity, sets forth its own spiritual text, from which a sermon of great enlightenment may be preached, a sermon which is based upon God's Great Evolutionary Plan, and the part He asks mankind to take in realizing it. These 48 spiritual texts urge every person to CONTRIBUTE HIS UTMOST TO UNIVERSAL WELFARE, and each reveals information designed to assist him to that end.

These constellations in which the Word of God has been set forth for all to see, also clearly indicate the true meaning of the various stories and points of controversy in other scriptures, including the Bible. Astrology does not discount the Bible as the Word of God. Instead, spiritual astrology shows just what the Word of God as set forth in the Bible truly means.

The Bible, no doubt, was amply adequate for the illiteracy and lack of scientific knowledge that marked the Piscean Age. But for the more enlightened age of Aquarius, Spiritual Astrology is sorely needed to reveal the will of God as it applies to all mankind.

It is said by some that astrology is a business. There is no more denying this than to deny that to some people the Bible is a business. There are publishing houses that publish nothing but Bibles and literature explaining and advocating the Christian religion, whose sole interest in the Bible is to make money through these publications. To those thus engaged, who even almost never go to church, the Bible is merely a business. And such men do exist.

To some the Bible and the Christian religion are a business. But from this it would be erroneous to conclude that business is the most valuable use of the Bible and the Christian religion. And in a strictly parallel way, it may be said that while there are people who use astrology merely as a business, its most valuable function is to reveal to man the will of God.

There is no intention here to disparage the efforts of those who make the Bible and the distribution of literature relating to its teachings a business. These people are not to be condemned for their efforts. Through their energy the Bible and its teachings reach a vast number of people that otherwise would not be reached. Through their efforts, even though their interest may be solely to make money for themselves, a vast amount of good is done in the world. Purely commercial motives exercise a valuable function in the distribution of Bibles and the spread of the Christian religion. But business is neither the only function nor the most valuable function of the Bible and the Christian religion.

There is a Commercial Astrology and a Religious Astrology, just as there is a Commercial Christianity and a Religious Christianity. We Stellarians believe in FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. Consequently we have no intention of disparaging the efforts of those who make the practice of astrology or the distribution of its literature merely a business. Commercial astrologers should not be condemned for their efforts; for through the practice of astrology innumerable people are benefited. Neither should the Commercial publication of periodical astrological literature and books on astrology be condemned; for through these publications great numbers of people are made aware of facts which are helpful to them. Commercial astrology exercises a valuable function. But business is not the only use, nor the highest use, of astrology. Its most valuable use is to reveal to man the Will of God.

Spiritual astrology explains in the language of symbolical pictograph that the universe is an organic whole permeated with the consciousness of God, and is not, as materialists would have us believe, just an aimless collection of material particles obeying blind physical laws. It explains that this organic whole, in response to the mental design of God, is marching endlessly toward greater and greater perfection. And it further explains that the soul of man, both on earth and in the hereafter, is not just a robot, but is called upon to employ initiative, and intelligently to assist in carrying forward the work necessary to the realization of God's Great Plan.

The nature of this Great Evolutionary Plan is clearly revealed by a study of God's Word which in tile language of symbolical pictograph has been traced among the stars as the constellations.

That God takes an interest in the affairs of nations is evidenced innumerable times in the Bible. We Stellarians do not dispute the claim of Christian and Jew that God often counseled the people of a nation what steps they should take. The Bible, as the Word of God, reveals the repeated counseling of Israel. We believe that God is still interested in the fate of nations. We believe that He continues to counsel groups of people at this day, and that thus to counsel them He employs the language of astrology.

Astrological energies, through which God makes known His will to groups of people on earth, have affected the course of evolution at every step. Invisible streams from the planets exert pressures not only on all living things, but also upon inanimate objects. They are influencing the course of history at this moment, and they will influence it during every period of the future. Through them God guides progress toward the realization of His aims. And often only by understanding Mundane Astrology, through which God counsels groups of people and nations, can it be determined what actions are, and what actions are not, apt to bring FREEDOM FROM FEAR and apt to aid in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Instances without number are related in the Bible where God took an interest in some individual and advised him what not to do and what to do. And we believe He still speaks to individual man, and that for this purpose Natal Astrology is the Word of God.

In the parable of the talents, set forth in Matthew 25, the Bible indicates that whatever abilities man possesses God expects them to be used in the interest of the Lord. Or, as we Stellarians state it, the natural aptitudes should be developed and used, both to benefit the individual and to benefit all, and thus assist in the realization of God's Great Plan.

Each individual has some natural aptitudes more pronounced than others. The natural aptitudes which are strongest are those which directed into proper channels will enable the individual to be of greatest use to society. And the counsel of God which natal astrology affords the individual provides not only the best method of vocational selection, but when the individual has still more pronounced natural aptitudes which cannot be used in a business or a profession, it indicates how these can be, and should be, utilized to benefit society through some avocation.

Both the Word of God in the stars and the Word of God in the Bible indicate that people should have FREEDOM FROM WANT. II Kings, 4:7. "Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest."

Every individual who fails in business, deprives society of the product of his efforts which if they had been directed into other channels would have yielded something of value. Astrology should not be used by one man to take advantage of another, but this personal counsel of God can and should be used to indicate the nature of such enterprises, when they should be undertaken, and the steps that should be taken in conducting them, to make them yield highest values both to the individual engaged in them and to the public as a whole. Both the Word of God in the stars, and the Word of God in the Bible also are quite convincing that God desires peoples to have good health. How else, for instance, can we interpret the various healings accomplished by Jesus? Astrology, of course, does not heal disease. But it does give God's counsel as to the type of diseases toward which the individual is most predisposed, during what periods there is slight danger the disease will develop, and during what periods there is much danger of the disease. And it gives this divine counsel far enough in advance that by heeding it and taking proper precautionary actions the individual usually can avoid the diseases that otherwise would afflict him.

The Word of God in the Bible, over and over again, eulogizes peace and the Word of God in the stars shows how through better understanding of each other, people can attain such peace. Harmony in the domestic relations, as well as harmony with people outside the home, is an advantage to the individual and the race. Through astrology God gives counsel how best to get along with another individual, either in the home or elsewhere. It enables each to understand the temperament and viewpoint of the other, and thus the more easily to reconcile their differences and take those actions which are likely to please.

The duties of children are mentioned in various places in the Bible, and Christian and Jew alike consider it essential to their religion that their offspring should be reared to reverence God, to deal justly, to be honest, and to have other virtues which shall make of them valuable members of society. But both Christian and Jew also at times have great difficulty in bringing up their children in such a manner that when grown they actually possess these various virtues.

But in the Word of God which is astrology, God not only advocates these various virtues, but He offers counsel to parents as to the best manner in which to handle each child to condition it to possess the desired virtues. Through natal astrology He indicates the character, the natural aptitudes, and the broad tendencies of the child. Through the progressed aspects at a given time He reveals the nature of the stresses or stimulation's which, at given periods tend to affect the child in a given way. The character of a child at birth is neither good nor bad. Instead, it embraces energies of given types and given harmonies and discords which may be channeled by environmental conditions into either beneficial or detrimental thoughts and behavior. And through natal astrology God reveals not only what these types of energy and their harmonies and discords are, with which a given child is born, but also counsels how they may be conditioned by those who have the child's training in charge to yield the desired virtues, and to yield other values which shall be of benefit both to the individual and to the public as a whole.

But cultivation of the virtues should not be confined to childhood years. Both the Bible and the Word of God in the stars keep before man the thought that he constantly should work to improve his character and become more spiritual. Spirituality depends upon character; and progress toward spirituality and the religious life depends upon characterbuilding. For either the child or the adult astrology cannot reform the character. But it can afford a map of the various factors within the soul which form the character, and indicate the special line of effort that must be made if these are to be changed to improve the character.

Through astrology God does not compel people to become more spiritual, but through astrology He does counsel them to become more spiritual. He does show them what factors within their souls need changing for them to become more spiritual and He does counsel them how best to apply DI-RECTED THINKING and INDUCED EMOTION to recondition these factors within their souls so that they shall become more spiritual. And He does indicate through astrology how INDUCED EMOTION may be employed most effectively in the case of particular child to divert that child's soul energies into channels which are constructive and will enable it to lead a better life.

But God's interest in the individual is not limited to reforming the individual's character. The Bible relates that God counseled Jacob, Samuel, David and various other persons relative to their personal problems. And when they have a serious personal problem God also will counsel individuals at the present day. Life is a succession of problems, of situations where the individual is called upon to decide what is the best thing to do. And in making decisions of importance God counsels the individual through Horary astrology. Through such counsel the individual can receive aid in the solution of the various perplexities with which he is faced.

The Religion of the Stars holds that God did not cease His interest in man soon after the commencement of the Christian era. The Religion of the Stars holds that, in the furtherance of His Great Progressive Plan, God still speaks to people on the earth. The Religion of the Stars holds that God counsels mankind as a whole through spiritual astrology, counsels groups and nations through mundane astrology, counsels individuals relative to their broader endeavors through natal astrology, and counsels individuals relative to special perplexities through horary astrology. Astrology can be used for a wide variety of purposes, but its most valuable function is to reveal the Will of God, to give detailed information about the structure and potentialities of the human soul, and to instruct individual man at each step of life's journey how best he can develop his own character and most effectively assist in the realization of God's Great Plan. THUS IS ASTROLOGY ESSENTIAL TO OUR RE-LIGION. Question 🗮

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Membership Room

Quarterly Announcement:

In the future, look for the Quarterly on the CofL website at http: //www.light.org. The website is not yet fully functional so please be patient. It should be very soon! Temporarily, for the very curious, you may access the Quarterly at www. light.org/pdf and then double click on 1999 Summer 3 0.pdf. Even though you can down load a copy of the Quarterly for free...donations are still appreciated and needed.

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Internet Channels C.C. Zain!

Contact has been made with C.C. Zain via e-mail. However, old C.C. Is apparently not the astrologer he once was, having incorrectly constructed one of the two charts presented in the e-mail document distributed among CofL members. This has led to comments from some members that the e-mail might be fraudulent. Stay tuned...

Attitude is Everything!

The following is by an unknown author given to Bishop Muzorewa, a clergyman and political leader who advocated a peaceful transition from the white minority government of Rhodesia to an independently ruled Zimbabwe and served as Zimbabwe's prime minister, 1979-80.

"People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

☆"Love them anyway!

"If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

☆"Do good anyway!

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"If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

★"Succeed anyway!

"The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

★"Do good anyway!

"Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

☆"Be honest and frank anyway!

"The biggest (people) with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest (people) with the smallest minds.

☆"Think big anyway!

"People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

★"Fight for some underdog anyway!

"What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight."

☆"Build anyway!

"People really need help but may attack you if you help them.

☆"Help people anyway!

"Give the world the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

☆"Give the world the best you've got anyway!"

Elbert Benjamine Answers

excerpt from 1961 Quarterly sent to CofL office by Doris Chase Doane

When an earnest neophyte asked our Founder how he could help spread the Light, Elbert Benjamine answered:

- By prayer.
- By attending Church of Light classes, or by home study becoming a Student hermetician; and through the knowledge so gained making new Stellarians.
- By telling others of the benefits to be derived from attending these classes, and studying the Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

William and Jewell Richman, members of the Church of Light since 1932 and 1933 celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 9, 1998.

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- By distributing Church of Light literature among your acquaintances.
- By placing The Church of Light in your tithing account.
- By remembering The Church of Light with a bequest in a last will and testament.

This and That...From 1961 column

Here at the CofL office, we receive letters from all over the world. Many of them contain questions relative to almost every subject under the sun. Due to very limited funds we are unable to employ necessary staff to answer in detail. From time to time we can answer your questions via the Membership Room

Why don't more people study the BofL Lessons?

There are two reasons. One is that most people are quite satisfied with what they know or believe relative to life in general and religion in particular. Consequently, they have no desire to look for something else. The other reason is that our teachings have not, as yet, been brought to the attention of many who are still searching for some teaching that will satisfy both the mind and the emotions. We can only advertise as funds are available for that purpose.

A Church of Light Internet Resource

Because many members of The Church of Light live in areas far from other members, and because of the ubiquity of the Internet. I thought that it might be beneficial to have an e-mail service available to answer questions regarding the Lessons or the Church. Also, I possess a large occult library a n d would be happy to help other members with ques-



tions that may develop during the course of their studies. The e-mail address is: BrotherhoodofLight@mailcity.com.
Angelo L. Chirban, M.D. Hermetician

HAPPY SUMMER SOLSTICE!



The Religion of the Stars teaches that every person in the world should have Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion. And, to obtain these in proper measure, each must become familiar with the Facts of Astrology, the Facts of Extra-Sensory Perception, the Facts of Induced Emotion and the Facts of Directed Thinking. Rather than working to accumulate all that one can for himself or herself, each must learn to take pleasure in "Contributing Your Utmost to Universal Welfare."

The Church of Light was incorporated to teach, practice and disseminate The Religion of the Stars, as set forth in the 21 lessons covering each of the 3 branches of occult science, as written by C.C. Zain under the auspices of The Brotherhood of Light.