



Religion of the Stars

Avenues to Illumination

Excerpt from Course Book 21, Personal Alchemy

C.C. Zain

(From Chapter 3, "Avenues to Illumination")

OCCULT and mystical literature of all ages abounds with references to a state of inner knowledge, often mentioned as a state of absolute knowledge, in which the soul seems to identify itself with the object on which the mind dwells, or with the information sought, and from this mystical blend an undeniable conviction floods the consciousness as to facts, conditions and relations. As actually experienced it varies in degree of intensity. But in true illumination there is a flooding of the consciousness with new information which the individual, without analyzing it or reasoning about it, is unalterably convinced is the truth.

Long ago two things relative to the literature about this interior knowledge struck me. I was struck by the almost unbelievable number of books that have been written about it, and equally struck by the poverty of concrete information contained in the whole of them. This is not said in criticism of the authors of these books; Christian mystics, writers on ancient alchemy, yogis and modern orientlists. The vast literature they have issued has been prompted by personal experience with a certain form of knowledge. And they have felt that such experiences were so vital in their lives, and if experienced by others might be so helpful that, often at great sacrifice to themselves, they have written-down, and tried to explain

the reason of their experiences in the hope that others might through following their admonitions have and benefit by similar experiences.

Not only the mystical books of medieval times, and those early in the present century, have presented an account of this interior knowledge, but the latest and apparently most popular books among mystical students, as this is being written, are devoted to accounts of such higher states of consciousness and how they may be attained. And as is usual, while certain practices are advocated, and exaggerated claims are made as to the infallibility of the knowledge apprehended in this absolute identification with the essence of knowledge, these books are mostly words without much which is concrete and tangible for the student to grasp.

Nor should this be a source of wonder. All knowledge not gained through the physical senses or reason is now classified as extrasensory perception. And no one, thus far, has been able to employ extrasensory perception at will on all occasions when he desired to use it. It occurs spontaneously rather frequently. And there are methods of training which enable the individual to bring it into effective use much more frequently than had he not undergone such training. The Church of Light ESP Research Department since it was established in 1937 [chart in Course Book 4, *Ancient Masonry*, Chapter 13 (Serial Lesson No. 18) "Historical De-

grees," has learned considerable about how it operates, and is vigorously trying to find a way by which people can use it effectively on all desired occasions. But it is still quite elusive.

Extrasensory perception, as set forth in Serial Lesson No. 18 (*Ancient Masonry*), operates in three distinct ways. One is through mediumship, in which there is partial or complete control of the medium by some intelligence other than his own. The Church of Light does not advocate that anyone shall become a medium. One is through feeling ESP in which there is hypersensitivity of the nervous system which enables the individual to tune in on the astral counterpart of the object, person or thought about which information is desired. The nervous system, or some part of it, becomes a receiving set through which the electrical energies and astral energies associated with it pick up, radio fashion, the astral vibrations radiated by whatever is tuned in on. The individual then feels the condition of that which is contacted.

While the use of feeling extrasensory perception has its dangers and should be approached with caution, mystics in various lands have frequently used it. There is no objective reasoning or thought about the thing. In fact, if reason intrudes its processes it effectively prevents the interior knowledge from being experienced. The recognition of any particular process is a distraction and hindrance to it; for it is a feeling.

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Editorial Policy

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Thank you,

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The individual FEELS that he has identified himself with the knowledge. He feels it within himself. When one's body comes in contact with a rough surface, one is not conscious of reasoning about it. One feels that the surface is rough. And in a similar way one feels, without reason, but with absolute conviction, that one has contacted a certain truth or fact.

Through this process of interior feeling the mystics of various lands and ages have claimed to contact God. Meditation, prayer, fasting, and discipline were the means employed by many to aid them to develop this interior feeling. The yogis advocate postures, meditation, and concentration on the nerve centers, rhythmic breathing, saying mantras and an ascetic life in the effort to evoke the same union with God. And in this effort, both West and East, on occasions the consciousness is flooded, as by a light, with the conviction of some truth.

The third way in which extrasensory perception operates is through extension of consciousness. On the inner plane distance, time and gravitation are of a very different order than they are on the outer plane. The unconscious mind, or soul, is not limited in the same way the physical body is limited. It can acquire knowledge in the way that such things are accomplished on the inner plane about anything it contacts. Examine is not the right word for this process, for what really happens is that as soon as the soul contacts anything on the inner plane it knows all about it. By identifying itself with the object or condition, as mystics of old phrased it, all significant facts about it are immediately recognized.

I could here relate a dozen different explanations given for their extrasensory experiences by as many different sects, mystic orders, yogi teachers, and advocates of certain religions. Some say that they have communicated directly with God. Some claim that the voice of the soul has spoken. Others that truth in the abstract has been contacted. But in reality all have employed one or more of the three mentioned methods of extrasensory perception, and except in degree all illumination is the same in that there is the flooding of consciousness with the conviction that something is irrefutably true.

Truth

Yet truth is not an object floating about in space waiting to be grasped. Truth is merely some phase of the cosmos which in the past, present or future performs in a given way. Truth is a relation between some mind and something in nature. If the mind conceives some section of nature correctly, we say that is truth. If the mind conceives some section of nature incorrectly, that is error. Truth is a correct mental relation to some energy, law, or condition. It is the conformity of cognition to reality. It is, therefore, impossible to tune in on truth in the abstract; for truth is a correct perception of the relations existing between certain factors in nature. It is a re-

lation also between the mind and these factors in nature. But it is entirely possible to tune in on these factors in nature. And if this tuning in reveals correct information to the mind, that is truth.

When through any mystical or occult process an individual becomes convinced he has tuned in on truth, or has identified himself with it, as the condition usually is expressed, what he has done is to tune in on some relation existing in nature in such a way that he correctly perceives the relevant facts about it. Because, interiorly, he has thus grasped the knowledge he is apt to feel he has grasped truth. And as a matter of fact, because he does correctly realize certain relations that exist, he has a right to feel that, in so much, he possesses the truth. The only truth, however, which he can possess, is a correct conception of something, or some relation, in nature.

I think it is important to know this, because there are so many nonsensical ideas afloat about the matter. And if the neophyte fails to realize it, and persists in his effort to tune in on abstractions and misconceptions, he may become negative through the confusion set up by such fruitless endeavor. A clearly defined conception about something has a positive force to repel unwanted invasion. But a confused medley of notions, or a train of fleeting abstractions that have no definite significance, leaves the mind in a condition where it is unusually susceptible to having pernicious misconceptions injected into it by those of one plane or the other who hope to profit in some way by broadcasting such errors. (From Chapter 4, "Spiritual Hindrance by Family and Friends")

Opposition to Spiritual Development

... study and the development of extrasensory perception and psychokinesis will not of themselves lead to real spiritual progress. Spirituality is a method of life rather than an intellectual or psychic attainment. Spirituality implies the raising of the dominant vibratory rate through living a richer life. And because there are so many erroneous notions as to the nature of spirituality, the neophyte, ever so often, should review what is said about the subject in Serial Lessons No. 170, No. 171 and No. 172 (Course Book 17, *Cosmic Alchemy*).

One can hardly imagine an environment in which the neophyte struggling to develop spirituality—which is measured by the dominant vibratory rate—would be prevented from being helpful to others. The truly spiritual life is the life devoted at all times to such thoughts, feelings and actions as will most help others. This is not a life of self-abnegation. On the contrary, it is the exact opposite; for no person who permits the unworthy desires of those in his environment to dominate his existence can do much to help people. And while there are other ways of raising the dominant vibratory rate, the effort to contribute one's utmost to universal welfare is the most successful method. ❧

Money and the Hermetic Path

Purifying Tin

Excerpt from Course Book 3, Spiritual Alchemy

C.C. Zain

It is quite as difficult successfully to withstand undue prosperity as it is to contend with adversity. To be sure, prosperity is more pleasing to the physical senses; but if wrongfully viewed it is equally distressing to the soul. All too easily does wealth engender arrogance and pride. All too often it is taken as the symbol of some inherent superiority. Far too frequently does it permit time and energy to be spent in ways that are spiritually unprofitable. The dross is taken for the metal, and proves as great a hindrance to transmutation as does either corrupted lead or rusty scales of iron.

Yet the spiritual alchemist takes a far different view of tin than those who quote from the Bible that hardly shall a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven. He looks upon wealth as merely another ore of life. It is neither good nor bad, but a responsibility to be as energetically shouldered as those of lead and iron. It becomes good or bad for the soul only through retaining the tin or the dross. If the pure metal be discarded, if the opportunity to use it for the good of all is permitted to pass, there is nothing to transmute. Material opulence cannot be transported to the spiritual realm. But if wealth is used for the betterment of the race, instead of for reveling in luxury, the dross is discarded and the pure tin retained. Not only does this permanently affect the soul, but in such a manner that its substance is easily transmuted on the spiritual plane.

Nature has provided us with tools, such tools, as we require. These are abilities, including those qualities mapped in the birth-chart that tend to attract or repel wealth; and those relations mapped by progressed aspects that at times bring op-

portunities to acquire riches, or that at other times result in financial loss. It is Nature's part to furnish us with tools, but it is our part to use the tools she places in our hands to the best possible advantage.

If among the tools thus inherited we have the power to gain treasure, we are quite as accountable for the use we make of it as we are of the use we make of poverty and loss. The Bible parable of the men given for use a different number of talents is not without alchemical significance. We are responsible in proportion to our endowments. Riches are not to be shunned. They are to be made use of for the benefit of all. If a man is gifted as a writer, it is his privilege to use that tool for human uplift. If he is a structural engineer, civilization has need of bridges and tunnels. Likewise, if he has financial ability, he should use it to the utmost; but use it to advance the interests of mankind.

If losses come he should not wail and moan; for these also are ores for his furnace. He has not been injured by the departure of dollars and cents, except as he identifies himself with lucre. Neither is he really benefited by the possession of more than a competence. But he can be truly benefited by either loss or affluence if he but recognizes that their real value lies in his attitude toward them. If, like the holy beggars of the East, he shrinks from making money but permits others to support him, he becomes indigent also in his soul. If he gains money merely to feed his vanity and as an aid to riotous living, it is a detriment. But if he has money and uses it for truly philanthropic purposes, he has proved his skill in the use of one of Nature's tools, and from this ore of tin, known by the name of material wealth, he has extracted a pure metal that helps to glorify his soul. ❧❧

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Practical Magic

Anatomy of a Small Magic

Wm. H. Jeffrey, Hermetician

Of what are our lives woven? The warp and woof, the obvious parts, which many folk will assure us are the only parts, are the physicist's space/time and matter/energy. But, ah, the pattern of the weave, the organizing of the elements, is pure magic, pure psychokinesis. Without the magic, fire and earth, air and water, may blend, but only randomly and chaotically. Without the magic, the random blending comes to nothing, to stasis, to an entropic averaging out of all potential, to nothingness, to the heat death of the universe. Evolution can come only from magic.

Magic is the organizing principle emanating from all living beings. It can help transform chaos to order. It is a law that recognizes no privilege. It works whenever its conditions are met, whether or not there is conscious intention in the worker of the magic. Wisdom and love are needed to guide magic in the direction of progressive evolution, but they are not necessary for magic to work.

If we wish to see the results of magic, we need only look around us.

As a small and mundane example, let me tell you the story of my last two automobiles. One day in early December of last year, I found a large puddle of oil under my 1979 Datsun. After diagnosis, I found the repair bill would have been more than the car was worth. That meant buying another car, for which I did not have the money. What I did have was much overtime coming over the Christmas season, and the knowledge that the oil leak was not getting worse—although it was bad enough that I had to put in one or two quarts of oil every week. After thinking about my options, I realized I would have about \$1500 available by the second payday in February, which I hoped would be enough for my next vehicle. I knew the amount I had to spend, and I daydreamed about a small, inexpensive to run and maintain,

clean, white car. I asked Dennis M., who sometimes bought and sold cars, if he knew of any. He said, "no." I then went about my business, and the thought of the car only surfaced on paydays, when I put aside money for the car. On the second payday in February, about two hours before quitting time, a worker said Dennis had mentioned a Subaru Justy, but that he thought the price was \$3000. I asked Dennis anyway. To make this story short, the 1989 Subaru was mine at my price two hours later. The car has three cylinders, gets 32 miles per gallon, had 27,000 miles on it when I bought it, and is clean and easy to maintain. And it is white.

Visualize, energize, release. That has been said to be the essence of a work of magic. To put it another way, we must see clearly what the outcome is to be. In my case, it was the replacement vehicle at a certain time at a certain price. The thoughts and emotions that result from necessity are as focused and unequivocal as any can be. The energy that conforms to those thoughts and emotions act maximally to power the psycho kinetic effect and bring about what is needed. I needed the car. Then there is the time needed to allow the inner to affect the outer reality. I had to wait anyway, so my usual habit of worrying went into abeyance.

The combination of these elements C.C.Zain refers to as "straw." As in the Bible story about Pharaoh commanding the Hebrew slaves to make bricks without straw, magic will be thwarted if sufficient materials and conditions are not available. This may mean money, our willingness to earn the new reality we desire, waiting patiently for the appropriate time or season, or a thousand other elements without which the magical mud will have no straw to bind it. Is it possible to do this magic? Yes. I'm driving an example.

Visualize. Energize, Release. And be prepared to work and produce the needed straw. 🍷

Making a Better World

Jupiter House ***A Jovial Work in Progress***

Staff

For those Stellanians who know Shirley Hall, the following will not be a surprise—much of a surprise, anyway. For those who have not met Shirley, she is a Stellanian and member of the Clinton Astrological Association, who hosted the church's 1999 convention in Maryland. Shirley also is a person who makes things happen. If you have a copy of C.C.Zain's *Spiritual Astrology* on cassette tape, Shirley was one of the prime movers for that project. Shirley has been nurturing the cassette version of C.C. Zain's *Sacred Tarot*, which will be born into this world in due season.

If Shirley has negative thoughts, they seem to be in the minority. She exudes a contagious enthusiasm which has people wondering why they can't be part of her projects. Be warned; if you wish to avoid active participation in wonderful universal welfare projects, avoid her. If you do not avoid her, you will find yourself either begging to join her, or will find yourself vaguely uncomfortable until you are doing

something for the universe.

Shirley's biggest ongoing project, aside from living positively and evolving, is *Jupiter House*. The Jupiter House project sprang from one of those audacious thoughts that few of us allow ourselves to entertain, which may be why we so often find ourselves playing with low denomination chips rather than gold Doubloons. After Shirley and her husband, Bob,



moved into the historic district of Leesburg, Virginia, Shirley noticed a huge old house on huge grounds. The house, like everything else in the area has a venerable history, and is being used to help heal and retrain displaced executives. (Yes, CEO's and other corporate officers do bleed when cut.)

The house has many rooms, thought Shirley. Those rooms could be filled with people teaching and learning the Hermetic way of living. There are enough rooms for Stellar Healing to be practiced. There are enough rooms for astrology and alchemy classes and research. There is room for a library. There are rooms for visiting teachers and students to stay. There are rooms that could be made available to groups in the community, both for worthy causes and to help meld the community into an organic whole. This building can house a school that embodies the principles of the Hermetic Path, and makes them available to any who wish to participate.

Can this happen? No, it will not *happen*. However, it will be *made* to happen. And Shirley Hall will be a prime mover in this project.

What is she doing? We know the basic magic formula of "visualize, energize, and release." We also know "straw" is needed to make bricks. Not only is Shirley visualizing the end result of a functioning *Jupiter House*, but she is showing every one who visits her and Bob the building which will become *Jupiter House*. Her vivid imagery evokes pictures in the minds of the visitors. Her desire ignites and focuses the energy of the people who are exposed to her vision. Is she patient? Yes. Shirley knows it will take time for the donations and other funding to become fully manifest. She knows *Jupiter House* will be both a Hermetic power place and a center point for a healthy community. Shirley is practical. One thing she can do now is to help the community surrounding the future *Jupiter House* become a cohesive unit. To help this process, Shirley has been giving parties—very special parties to which all of her neighbors are invited. Very few do not attend. Who would want to miss out on a Jovial Shirley party? Who wants to miss out on working for the benefit of the universe? ☸



*Visiting & Vitalizing Jupiter House
during Conference 1999
Top: Steve Carrothers, Vicki Brewer
Bottom: Bill Jeffrey, Shirley Hall*

Stellarian Convention 2000

Angel Eyes—or Angel I's



Are angels outside us, watching us and helping us along?
Are they parts of ourselves?
Are they our destined selves?

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We need Saturn.

Will there be fun and socializing? Partly.
We need Venus to balance the Saturn.

Will our thoughts be provoked?
Yes; Mercury will not be lacking.

Will the Stellarian Religion shine through the convention's goings on?
We hope so, because that will be our aim, and Jupiter must balance the Mercury.

Will we nurture one another and help build a better church and a better world?
Surely the Moon and Mars will attend us.

Can Solar gold be left out of such a gathering?
Hardly.

Please begin working the magic to join the merry and serious band of
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From the Archives:

Astrology: Science of Energies

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Ken Stone

We live in a world of scientific endeavor, and it has often been said that Astrology must have a scientific foundation or not be accepted. Much statistical research is being done today. When well founded and thorough, these researches are of utmost importance. Like science the past two hundred years, this research is the only way to link cause and effect when all that is known is the effects.

But this empirical approach must give us only a foundation of facts with which we apply our intellect to the solution of a chart. Unlike science, Astrology has not had a scientific theory proposed drawn from these accumulated facts which can explain Astrology. That is, it seems no theory based on scientific laws in accordance with facts has been advanced – with one exception mentioned later.

One of the most important things for people, Astrologers included, to realize is that Astrology is a study and evaluation of energy relationships – not static ideas. Since matter is composed of energy, we can safely say that everything in this Universe, physical or otherwise, is in an energy relationship with something else. Astrology, through the law of natural correspondences, is the study of these energy relationships.

The second basic fact is a difficult one for many scientists to accept. This fact is that the earth is not the only plane of existence. Einstein's well-proved Special Theory of Relativity provides a description of the limit of physical matter (the speed of light). It did not, however, limit all existence to velocities below this.

There is an ever accumulating mass of documented evidence to the fact that there is life after death, and therefore another plane of existence. The subconscious mind, in its function, has velocities which are of this plane. Since the conscious mind is considered to express one-tenth of total mind power and the subconscious the other nine-tenths, to ignore the effect of astrological energies on the astral form of the individual would be to ignore at least half the picture. Every action is preceded by thought, either conscious or subconscious. If you don't believe it, try to do something that you don't think about or can't be traced to the involuntary function of the subconscious (submerged thinking) mind.

Consequently, astrological energies on these inner planes stimulate the subconscious mind which functions on this plane. This stimulation produces a reaction which prods the individual to be in an environment where this reaction will take place. On the material plane (Earth), the astrological energies have their effect in their expression through various objects and environments, as well as the people who transform and radiate them.

If we recognize the fact that here is energy in some form or quantity pervading the whole universe, visible or invisible, we are in possession of enough information to construct our scientific basis. We must, therefore, account for the four factors of scientific Astrology: planets, signs, houses, and aspects. We will consider them separately, although to do so is difficult, since they are all so interdependent.

Matter is concentrated energy in a state of motion. Consequently, everything in the universe radiates energy. It must be said then that stars radiate energy. By referring to texts on astronomy, one quickly realizes *that the component stars of any sign or constellation are not in the same distance in space. The influence of these stars could, at best, be somewhat individual and very scattered, since in one sign there may be stars so far across the galaxy as to stagger the imagination.* These stars have their functions but not necessarily on our star system.

If one were to set up a model of the motions of our solar system, he should quickly come to the conclusion that the position of any planet in any section of the Zodiac depends upon the relationship of the Sun to the earth. The "Astrology" of any planet would depend upon its relationship to the Sun and not to our planet. Here is why.

The earth has its own field of force. It is divided into two polarities, north and south, divided by the equator. The relationship of the Sun to this division of polarity determines the Sun's position in this field of force. We can see this in that the beginning of the Zodiac – Aries – is measured at the point where the Sun enters the northern polarity – the vernal equinox. Half the signs must have elapsed by the time the Sun enters the southern polarity at the autumnal equinox.

Consequently, the signs owe their particular vibratory qualities to the section of the field of force of earth in which they

are located in relation to the Sun and earth. If there is any question why the earth isn't included in a chart – opposite the Sun – this is the reason. The field of force is divided into sections determined by the relationship of the Sun and the earth, producing the characteristics of the signs. The earth supplies this field of force known as the signs from the energy received from the Sun; and also performs another function – that of the houses.

One can also see that those who would say that the constellations (fixed zodiac) is the true Astrology are not taking into account that which produces energy. The stars seem to have relatively little influence, mainly picturing the signs they have been the background for. The same thing is true with the extra-zodiacal constellations as they *picture* the 36 decanates. In order to reach the earth, the energies radiated by the planets must pass through this field of force in some place. Which section determines the sign and its effect. Since any one planet's energy can flow through and be colored by any one of the 12 different vibrations, we can well say that the signs determine the motivation, or specific direction, which the planetary energies will take. This motivation is that which the earth has to offer, and few will dispute that most of our activity is confined to earth. "As above, So below" – the law of correspondence – would dictate that the influence of the twelve signs is universal, at least to our solar system. Each planet, however, would give this "sign" influence the coloring suited to that planet.

Sometimes the field of force will harmonize with the incoming planetary energy. This happens in the case of exaltation, home, harmony. Sometimes the field will hinder the passage, as in the case of fall, detriment, inharmony.

The signs are so sensitively keyed to some planets – each sign varies as to the planet – that they emit a tone even if the planet isn't in the sign. This is the law of sympathetic vibratory response.

The planetary energies are external to the field of force in origin. They represent the dynamic factors, the activating forces in each person.

As astronomy text will tell us that the planets do not radiate their own light or heat in any quantity capable of affecting other bodies. They reflect the light from the Sun. In a similar manner, the planets do not originate their planetaries from within themselves. The Sun is the source of their energy "power supply." This last fact is shown even in terms of heat, the farther the planet is from the Sun, the less heat the planet has.

The Sun is a giant electromagnet whose lines of force are cut by the planets. The planets absorb the energy of the Sun and transmit or reflect only the energy which is characteristic of its composition. In this manner the planets determine the energies they radiate.

As example, when you look at a colored object, you don't see an object giving off its own light (unless it is like a can-

dle). You see the portion of the white light ray that has been reflected. All of the other colors in the "white" light have been absorbed. This principle works from the smallest atom to the largest planet.

Each planet receives in the Sun's radiation a portion of the other planetary energies (like the colors) which it absorbs for its use and the use of its life forms. However, the Sun's direct energies act primarily as a unit of Sun energies. That is, white light acts like white light and not a group of colors. Each planet, by the same token, receives less of other planetary influences from the Sun's rays than from the radiation of the planets. It is also the electromagnetic energy from the Sun that the earth transforms into the energy of the zodiacal signs. Quite further even, it is probable that the Sun is a transformer cutting through the lines of a larger and grander field of force, and so on.

As an additional insight into planetary energies, the following might be noted. It was related in a small magazine once that a scientist had discovered a new method of sensitivity pickup with a microphone. He was able to hear grass growing and certain tone patterns emanating from apparently mute objects, such as statues. He found that the simpler the form, the simpler the tone; the more complex, the more complex the tone.

Applying this to the planets is enlightening. The oblate spheroid (a near circle and the shape of most planets because of their rotation) is a simple form which makes for the unity of a planet's overall influence. That is, there is one principle expressed. The compositions of the planets are so complex, however, that the over-all tone could have many sub-tones. This indicates the many outlets of expression each principle (planetary influence) has.

It is just as in music. A symphony may be written in one key. You also have the complexity of all the individual tones in the piece subservient to the key in which it is written. These tones are the many outlets which go to make up the whole of expression of the symphony. Another interesting thought is to observe that some of the notes in one key appear as the same notes in another; but the dominant influence of the key is such in each case that the same note in each key bears a different characteristic. That is to say, one quality may be the expression of more than one planet; but each planet's influence provides a different means to stimulate the quality.

So far, we have been talking about energy sources – signs and planets. To have a dynamic working science, we must have a measure of the energy relationships which *are* present. Everything that is seen is composed of a positive and a negative energy and their point of union. This point of union maps the effect of the combination of two energies. Without these factors, the Universe would be static, as would Astrology.

The planetary energies closely correspond to the energy makeup of the soul at birth. The aspects show the manner in

which these energies have united – harmoniously, discordantly or neutrally. It has been experimentally determined that energies having their point of union at a division of a trinity ($1/3$ of a circle) react harmoniously. Those which have their point of union in a division of a square ($1/4$ of a circle) react discordantly.

When there is a reaction between two centers of energy in one's astral form (which are of the same nature as the planetary energies), there is an aerial formed. The length of this aerial determines whether the planetary energies react harmoniously or discordantly, and by how much. This is similar to the principal of the lengths of aeriels needed to tune in a short wave radio.

The planetary energies are received by the astral form and transmitted to the nervous system. We think, feel and react to the things indicated by the planets. The different lengths of aeriels indicate the method.

In the case of a conjunction or parallel, the aerial forms as it would when opposite poles (north and south) of magnets are brought together. The lines of force are formed around the magnet in a circular, spiral manner; that is, the two energies are focused in the same channel. In the case of a planet without aspects, there is a short-loop antenna which allows only the reception of that planetary energy as it strikes the short-loop directly. With no aspects to it, a planet's harmony or discord depends upon its nature and the section of the zodiacal field of force through which it passes.

To some, it may seem unreasonable to think that stimulating the nervous system will produce activity – especially astrological stimulation. In such case, let the person visualize doing something – anything – voluntary or involuntary – without having the nervous system convey the command. Can't be done.

Since the planets are continually moving, the astrological energies impinging on people and causing reactions are constantly changing. Each person acts in a manner consistent with his internal nature. How, then, can anyone say the birth-chart is immutable and cannot be changed? It is continually being modified.

It remains, in our four factors, for each planetary energy to express through an area of life consistent with previous experiences. (We are all bundles of habitual expressions, down to a single heartbeat.) These areas are shown by the houses.

When any individual is born on this planet, his earthly form is polarized – should we say crystallized? – at his very moment of birth *and* at the place he is born. Planetary energies traveling through the earth's astral atmosphere encounter more resistance at certain angles to the place of birth. Therefore, the time and place of birth in its relation to the field of force (signs) determines which part of the "astral

auditorium" a sign will express. The same holds true for the planetary energies reaching the earth.

The density and location of any particular section of the astral atmosphere (house) or physical atmosphere determines the area of life through which the planetary and sign energies will express. That is, the section with the least density will allow expression in the strongest department of life. The more resistance of the atmosphere, the less planetary and sign energies are able to express.

It probably seems fantastic to some that the thickness of an atmosphere can cause mundane expression of such a magnitude as some area of life (in job and business, etc.). Yet the same people will not scoff at the idea that the body is made up of moving, vibrating particles. They will admit that it is the rate of vibration that determines the body shape and form – would a solid body be the same as a higher vibrating gas?

The astral atmosphere is composed of what we know as thought. That is, the natural state of consciousness on the inner planes is the same state we know as thought. That variations in the thickness of this "thought atmosphere" should produce different areas of thought should not be a difficult idea to grasp. Through stimulating thought, these variations manifest in human action as affinities for various environments from which physical events occur when reaction is made to the environment.

Because we wish to determine the resulting placement of all planetary and sign energies in the house as accurately as possible in order to map a person's nature most accurately, the exact time and exact place of birth are of utmost importance. It is certainly a sad state of affairs that many Astrologers care so little about defining a person's character as correctly as possible that they use approximate or no times, approximate latitudes and longitudes of birth. The most important function of the planet a soul is born upon is to provide the conditions (heredity and environment = house) through and in which the soul will function, to provide the polarization of the soul's material form.

We cannot stress too strongly that Astrology is the study of non-static energy relationships. Energy is continually being added to each person by astrological energies, by the thoughts and emotions of the individual. The masses of matter which reflect the energies are not static. The unalterable conclusion must be that Astrology – the individual's birth-chart – can be changed. It can be changed by the use of the right psychological principles, such as those in the Brotherhood of Light Courses, Esoteric Psychology and Mental Alchemy.

How does Astrology work if the indications can always be changed? Most of the people of the world follow the line of least resistance, making practically no effort to change the fortune of anything that comes to them.

The thoughts and emotions are equally as important as astrological energies. The conditioning and experience of everyday life provide a big source of thought and emotion – about equal to that of astrological energies. Thoughts and emotions wisely directed are the tool with which an Astrologer works to take best advantage of the energies represented in the birth-chart.

All through history and evolution, life forms of all sizes, shapes and intelligence's have changed their *apparent* destiny in order to survive. This is the heritage left to each one of us: to make the most of our lives as we can best discern

how. The most accurate way yet known is through Astrology.

A final note. For those who scoff at Astrology, is it unnatural to assume human thought and action are governed by the same laws that govern the entire Universe? Egotists resent the idea; I think it is a great compliment.☞☛

– Ken Stone

This article originally appeared in Horoscope Magazine, March 1984, with minor changes made in this presentation.

Book Review

IS YOUR NAME LUCKY FOR YOU?

By Lynne Palmer

Radine Ramsey

Lynne Palmer has proven to me that she is an excellent Astrologer because I have had my chart done by her with excellent results.

She uses Zain's Hermetic system of astrology, is a Church of Light member, has authored 17 books, and has been a guest of Johnny Carson on the Tonight Show.

Lynne has put much time and research into developing her book *Is Your Name Lucky for You?*

Her research goes as far back as Akhenaton of Egypt and as far forward as Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Jesse "the Body" Ventura.

This book teaches the reader how to calculate the vibratory number for any name. After calculating the vibratory number, the astrological significance of each vibratory number is then explained.

One person may vibrate well to a certain vibratory number, and another person's name could add up to the same vibratory number and that name might not be lucky for them. Lynne gives tips on changing names to ones that might be more lucky.

Celebrities have been changing their names for many years. Would John Wayne have been as famous if he had kept his original name, Marion Michael Morrison?

Lynne states,

"Many books have been written on the various systems of Numerology. With the exception of The Sacred Tarot by C C. Zain, this is the first complete book which combines both astrology and numbers. The ancient Hermetic System set forth in The Sacred Tarot, and my book, have not been altered as many present-day systems in Numerology have; it dates back to the Jewish Kabbala, Moses, Abraham and Adam. This Hermetic System definitely works! I've seen it happen time and again. It's amazing to watch people change their personalities and attract luck just because they acquire a new name."*

This informative, interesting, and easy-to-read book can be purchased from the Church of Light for \$18, plus \$6 shipping and handling. California residents only need to add \$1.48 sales tax.

Other books by Lynne Palmer available from the Church of Light include her latest *Astrological Almanac* for the year 2000, *Astrological Compatibility*, *Money Magic and Astro-Guide to Nutrition and Vitamins*. These books are all listed in the catalog, and anyone in need of a new catalog please contact the Church of Light, and we would be happy to mail you one.☞☛



**Doris Chase Doane has written an excellent book entitled Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot which is compatible with the Hermetic work of C.C. Zain.*

The Religion of the Stars

Stellarian Question Box



Lloyd Matthiesen, Hermetician

PHILOSOPHY

Q. Time has always seemed such a spooky thing to me. How does it relate to a given individual's *life*?

A. I like to think of time as a commodity. Not a physical, but a spiritual, commodity. We are all given a certain amount of it to spend; sometimes wisely, sometimes foolishly. We can save it in order to have more to spend on something more worthwhile later.

Rev. Edward Doane always illustrated the point with the story of the person who was always telling him "Someday when I get enough time, I will study the Brotherhood of Light Lessons." Edward [Doane] replied, "We all have the same number of hours in a day; it's what we do with the time we have that counts."

Time is one of the Leaden (Saturn) ores of life. Zain tells us in *COSMIC ALCHEMY* there are three dimensions of human life: breadth (richness and variety of experiences), height (dominant vibratory rate or spirituality), and length of life. Some who live a long life have not contributed to the height or breadth of their life, so fall short on those two dimensions. Another, living a much shorter length of time, has had a greater number of experiences and contributed more to Universal Welfare, in that life span, and so has progressed further in soul development, in the height and breadth dimensions of life.

Q. Is the Brotherhood of Light the same as the "Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor"? Is it Masonic or Rosicrucian?

A. The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was the predecessor of The Brotherhood of Light, which in turn was incorporated as The Church of Light in 1932.

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor had a separate lineage from either the Rosicrucians or the Masonic Lodge. It is distinct as an organization, although there are many similar principles in the teachings. Its lineage can be traced back to 2440 B.C., when a group separated from the theocracy of ancient Egypt. This group persisted under a name, which translated into English means, The Brotherhood of Light. M. Theon was its head in Europe

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor was established in Denver, which had as one of its primary goals the publishing of the teachings to make them available for the dawning Aquarian Age. Two books published by Emma Hardinge Britten, *ART MAGIC* and *GHOSTLAND*, appeared around 1876. T.H. Burgoyne wrote *THE LIGHT OF EGYPT VOL. I*, originally in manuscript lesson form, then later published as a book.

The affairs of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor were conducted by a governing council of three. In 1909, Elbert Benjamine was elected to fill a vacancy on this board as the astrologer. The other two members of the council tried to persuade him to write an entire series of lessons, and in the Spring of 1910 he gave his promise to do this. In 1913, the council voted to close down The Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, whereupon Benjamine moved to Los Angeles, established the Brotherhood of Light there, and began to write the Lessons. For more details, see *THE CHURCH OF LIGHT: Its History and Principles*.

Q. What does the word "Hermetic" mean as Zain uses it?

A. The word is derived from the Greek Hermes and thus has magical and occult connotations. It is used to signify the airtight closing of a vessel by fusion.

Elbert [Benjamine] uses the word in two different ways that I can discern: 1) pertaining to a system of philosophy, art and science as perpetuated by certain secret societies throughout the ages. This includes teachings of the Rosicrucians, Masons, Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor, The Brotherhood of Light, and others. 2) denoting the specific system of astrology or other occult procedures presented in The Brotherhood of Light Courses. In this manner, we have the Hermetic System of Horary Astrology, the Hermetic System of Weather Predicting, the Hermetic System of Names and Numbers, etc.

Hermes¹ was the ancient Greek name for Mercury, who had winged feet (understanding) and was called the "messenger of the gods." The "forever sealed or closed" meaning of the word also shows its relationship to eternal principles.

¹ Editors Note: "Hermes Trismegistus" also is the Greek name of "Thoth."

A. QUESTION FROM THE PAST

The following question was asked of Headquarters March, 1953. Rev. Edward Doane's response follows.

Q. In Course Book 3 (*Spiritual Alchemy*), it is mentioned to have the courage to wrestle with the Dweller on the Threshold. Is this the accumulated misinformation from the material world, which causes one to scream mentally and flee back to the physical body because he is afraid of his own mental creation?

A. You are right. The Dweller on the Threshold is one's own creation. It is an Astral picture brought about by one's own thought and feeling.

Since few people are ready and willing to face SELF—as self actually is, the fear actually is—Fear of Self.

Whenever one is ready and willing to face the facts of Life, including the individual state of being, and is imbued with the Desire to go to work to recognize one's thoughts and feelings in order to become a Constructive Part of the Divine Plan, then the Dweller on the Threshold holds no terrors for the individual.

It has been said "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." It could be better said "There is nothing to fear but SELF" for the roadblocks erected on the Highway to Spirituality and Divine Consciousness are those erected by SELF. ❧❧

Imponderable Forces

According to C.C. Zain the ratio of importance for viewing the impact of Imponderable Forces is: ½ one's own thoughts; ¼ astrological energies; 1/8 thoughts of others; 1/16 objects of the environment and 1/16th entities and intelligences of the astral world.

Relative Importance of Imponderable Forces...

In its practical application, this means that a person with a limited amount of energy to devote to such things should use about one-half of their energy learning to intelligently direct his/her own thoughts. Neglecting this aspect one's development, means the aid gained from other imponderable forces will be correspondingly small. Conversely, if one gives time in full measure to cultivating proper mental attitudes, aid from other imponderable forces will be very great.

—Course Book 18, *Imponderable Forces*

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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 Fall. Though you can download a copy of the Quarterly for free...donations are still appreciated and needed.

Hardcopy editions of the Quarterly are mailed to those persons who have indicated a desire to receive the hardcopy version by sending a contribution to the Quarterly Fund. Anyone wishing to receive a hardcopy version may do so by completing the Donation Form below and returning to CofL.

New Beginnings

Mildred Schuler

August 25, 1890-June 1, 1999

Mildred Schuler, longtime member of the Church of Light, entered the next life on June 1st of this year, in Wichita, Kansas. She was born August 25, 1890 in Englewood, Kansas. Services were held at the First Christian Church.

Though Mildred kept her own personal chart a mystery for the ages she did drop hints from time to time. Though the CofL cannot confirm the exact time of birth, a long time friend of Mildred's, Jewell Richman did say that Mildred once admitted to having Venus in the first house with Libra Rising. That would put her birth time somewhere between 8:16 am and 10:30 am CST.

Mildred's artwork and writings graced the pages of many of the church's publications.

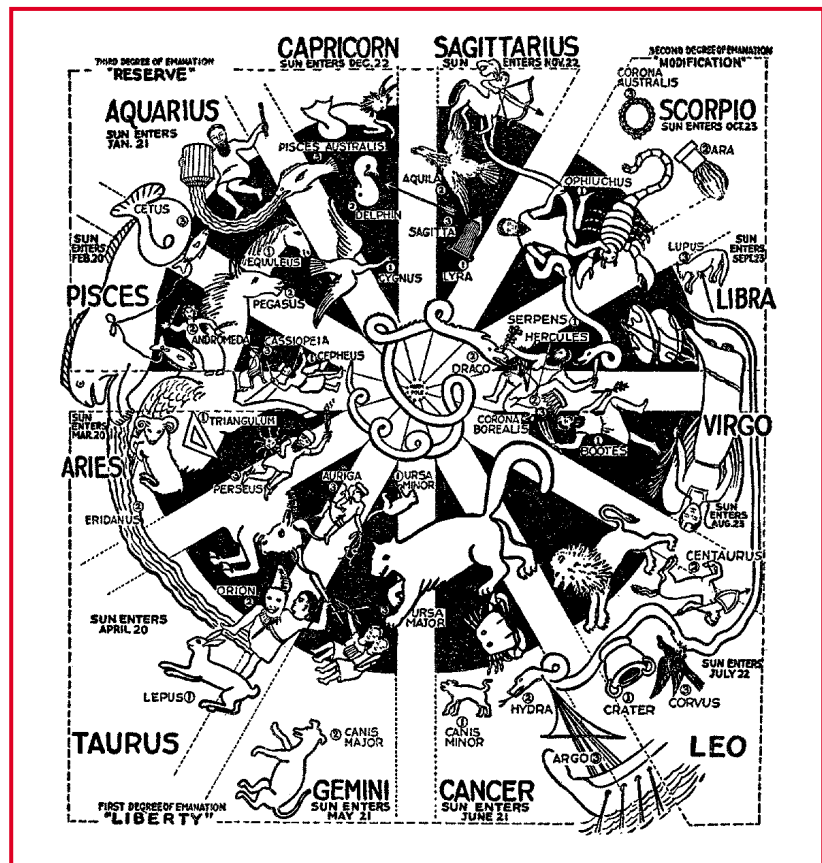
Perhaps one of Mildred's greatest contributions to the Hermetic work of the BofL was her "Rising Star" magazine. In this publication she creatively placed the Hermetic arts into the hands of the everyday person with stories told by CofL members of their personal experiences with astrology, alchemy and magic. Mildred did her best to walk the Hermetic Path. If you meet Mildred on your inner plane travels, send her love, but do not mourn.

Ken Stone

This Spring, Ken Stone, a former president of the Church of Light, suddenly passed away as the result of a heart attack. He spent the past several years as a teacher in the Moreno Valley School system.

Ken served as president of the CofL from 1976 to 1978. He wrote several books based upon the Hermetic system of Astrology and Tarot. Many of his works continue to be sold through the CofL catalog. One of his articles appears in this Quarterly.

We wish Ken well in his new life and ask for kind thoughts to be directed toward his family that they may be supported in their adaptation to Ken's sudden passing.



Decanate Chart drawn and published by Mildred Schuler in 1932
Course Book 12-2, *Evolution of Religion*

From Allan Curthoys:

For your information and possibly updating. I have obtained the program called Multiyear Interactive Computer Almanac 1900 to 2005 called MICA 15 created by the US Naval Observatory, a duplicate of the Astronomical Almanac and sold retail by Willmann-Bell, Richmond, VA 23235. Since the declination of any planet can be had in degrees, minutes, and seconds, it is extremely useful in determining clock time for Cycle Charts in strict accordance with C.C. Zain's instructions in Mundane Astrology ...the time for any planet can be determined from MICA 15, if you plug in the correct options, and I do highly recommend that program be used to determine the time to erect any Cycle Chart.

There is a free program on the Internet [HTTP://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/](http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/) which is not so accurate giving values in seconds but giving very accurate longitude and latitude. I do recommend it for that purpose and is useable when extreme accuracy is not needed.
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Washington77W00 33.138N53 51.0
Yours,
Allan Curthoys

Archiving Thanks to:

Barbara Kniffen for her continuing work in scanning and doing all the work necessary to make the Church of Light archives available. Two examples of Barbara's work can be seen at the end of this and the last Quarterly. Soon the materials will be available on the Church's web site.

Proofreading Thanks to:

Enid, for her accuracy and stamina in working with the church's proofreading tasks and bulk mailing. If you ever detect any errors, it is because Enid didn't see the work before it went to press or to the Post Office.

Comments on Orthodoxy

I enjoyed your Quarterly article on causes of orthodoxy.

Here's another cause: triumphalism. This is the idea that when everything is all sorted out, our group will be demonstrated to be right, and everyone else's group will be proven to be wrong, (and the other poor suckers will end up in Hell at worst, or, if we're thinking progressively, maybe in some astral reeducation camp). So the Christian thinks that on Judgment Day all the other religions will be proven to be wrong and the unsanctified will burn. But the Hindus think the same things about their religion, and so to the Muslims and the Jews.

Triumphalism is a more subtle enemy than outright orthodoxy, because you can just as well have a secular triumphalist, an atheist triumphalist, or even (oh no, not that!) a Hermetic triumphalist.

Wherever it appears, triumphalism is a state of narrow consciousness, a form of egoism. This egoism loses its grasp somewhat in the face of Truth, when the individual sees rays of that Truth shining out of all the various paths, poking its bright rays incessantly through the obscuring clouds, (or maybe even upon perceiving that what initially seemed like blind convention is actually a divine container

for individual protection and growth.)
With love and respect,
Paul Bergner

Building a Better World

Member Graham Lincoln, beaming with pride in his community, sent an article from his local newspaper to the CofL office. The article tells the story of his community's response to attempts by the Ku Klux Klan to organize membership in his town. Residents of Corydon, Indian took positive measures by signing a petition which was then published with signatures in the local paper. The resolution, with over 2000 signatures read:

"To the Citizens of Our Community:

"Differences between people including race, gender, age, culture, religious or political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and economic or social status, often cause fear, discrimination, hatred, or violence.

"We choose to affirm the value and dignity of ALL people, regardless of these or other differences.

"We will broaden our understanding of those who are different from us, and through example show greater courtesy and respect toward all people in our speech and in our lives.

"We will teach our youth to uphold the dignity of all.

"We will encourage our schools and other organizations to teach the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

"We will show through our words and actions our commitment to peace making whenever conflicts arise.

"We will not support any group that does not respect and uphold the human rights of ALL people, and we will not attend or observe meetings or rallies of such groups period."



Dorothy Wissler (left) with her dear friend, Enid

Quotes:

"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers."
— Pablo Picasso

"The important thing is not to stop questioning."
—Albert Einstein

Calendar:

Astrology Class Series on "7 Steps in Judging" is taught by Paul Brewer. Class location is the Church of Light office at 111 So. Kraemer Blvd. Suite A, Brea CA. Phone 714 255-9218.

Class 4: Saturday, August 7, 1999

Money, Job and Vocational Selection

Class 5: Saturday Sept. 18, 1999

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Class 6: Saturday Sept. 25, 1999

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Class 7: Saturday Oct. 16, 1999

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Jean Mathews & Cheryl Cannou

Astrology 101...

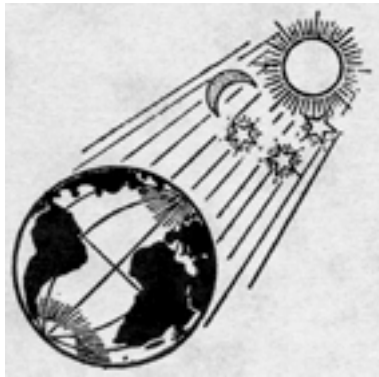
Some of the faces captured by Radine Ramsey during and after the astrology class ...look for more to come



From left to right: Cay Loftus, Veronica Felczak and John Felczak.



*Roland Wissler
The Force
Behind the StarStruck Boutique*



Astrology Class Schedule

The Seven Steps of Judging Any Horoscope

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9-25-99	2 PM	Class 6: Love Marriage & Partnership
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Radine Ramsey & pals



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From left to right: Radine Ramsey, Paul Brewer and Vicki Brewer



*Paul Brewer celebrating a
Leonine birthday*

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.

Now, for the first time, the original Church of Light's marriage research has been validated and verified by new research. The book, ***When Will People Marry?*** by D.W. Sutton presents 100 birth charts progressed to the time of a marriage event and proves that people only marry when a common (astrological) causal factor is in operation at the time of the marriage event. The 100 charts (50 women and 50 men) have a AA rating - 100 US personalities whose birth certificate recorded birth times can be considered authentic for research purposes. Each computer calculated chart is individually assessed and the astrological activity taking place in the chart at the time of the marriage event is explained. The research findings are then analysed and logical conclusions drawn. Elbert Benjamine's comments on the original Church of Light's marriage research are also included.

WHEN WILL PEOPLE MARRY? - D.W. Sutton

Preliminary comments and explanations - 100 birth charts - plus appendices - 157 pages - A4 format

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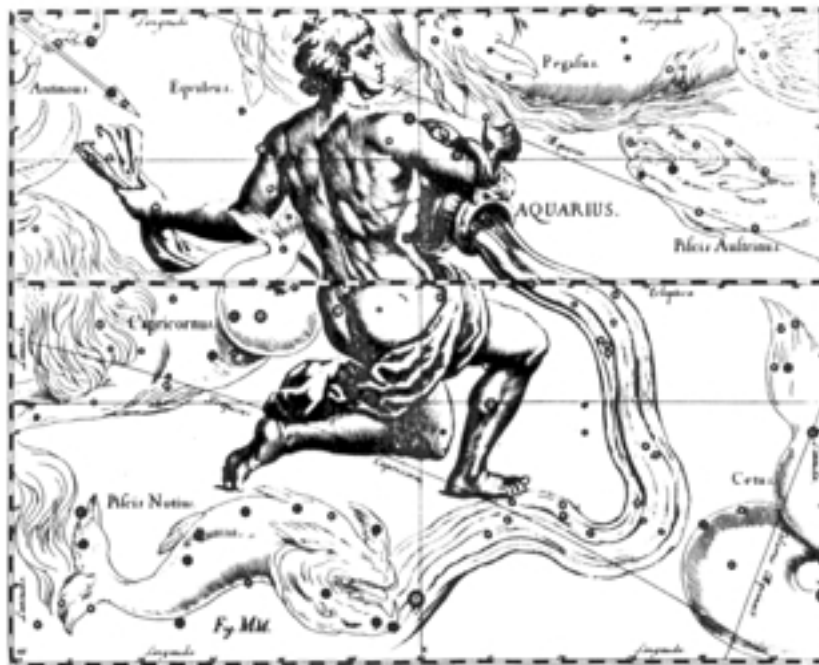
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