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The Easy Way to Judge Progressed Aspects

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Progressed aspects do not map SPECIFIC EVENTS. Instead they map ENERGY RELEASES of definite types during periods which can be predetermined, which thus accelerate the activity of the thought-cells within the finer form mapped by the planets involved in the aspect. Our chief interest in determining the most probable events attracted by each progressed aspect should be to gain information that will enable the individual to intelligently divert this thought-cell activity into channels that will attract events and conditions much more fortunate than had no such intelligent effort been made.

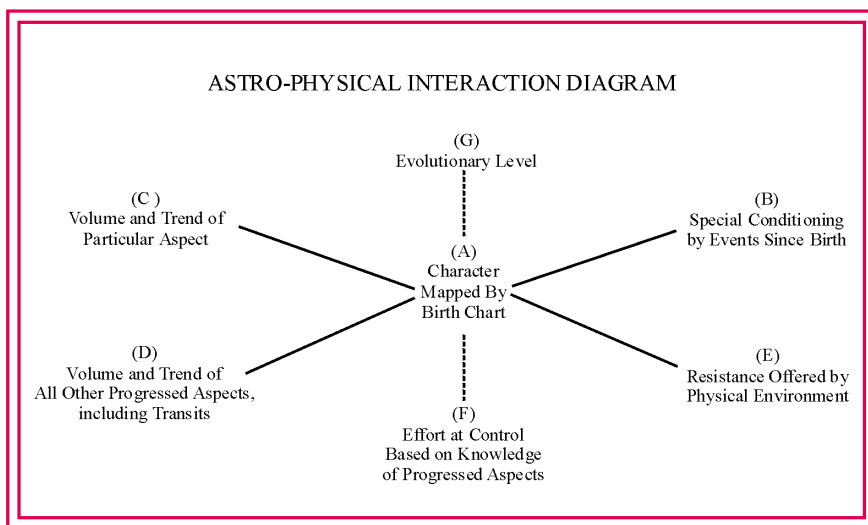
Of the influences which bring events into an individual's life there are only three important factors, and of these three *planetary energies* operate indirectly. The two immediate factors are the *physical environment* in which the individual lives and the *thought-cell activity* of his soul. Operating from the inner plane, the thought-cells of his soul work with whatever energy they acquire to bring about physical conditions and events corresponding to their desires.

These desires of the thought-cells are derived from the past experiences of the soul, and are temporarily given a more harmonious or more discordant trend by the energy of the progressed aspect. If the progressed aspect is harmonious, the energy the thought-cells mapped by the two planets receive gives the thought-cells more than their normal harmony; but if the progressed aspect is discordant the energy imparted to these thought-cells makes their desires more discordant than

they usually are. To the extent these desires are harmonious will the thought-cells work to bring into the life events and behavior which are fortunate; but to the extent these desires are discordant will the thought-cells work to bring into the life events and behavior which are unfortunate.

The planets in the birth chart merely map the volume of energy of each of the ten types of thought-cells and the trend of their desires derived from experi-

ences in lower forms of life. But these thought-cells also acquire more energy from experiences of the same planetary type which the soul has after human birth. By comparison with the general thought-cell trends derived from pre-human experiences, after human birth the thought cells acquire new and more specialized trends, consistent with their human environmental needs.



In all problems relating to the events which come into the life — and the practice of a given vocation is no exception — each of the above seven factors should receive attention as playing a significant part. However, in the selection of a vocation (G) is of no significance, and (F) is equally significant in all vocations.

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So, What does the CofL Chart Say?

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Responding to the *CofL Vision for the 21st Century*, members asked a frequent question, "What does the CofL chart say? Some of you suggested that the Church's chart become a regular feature in the Quarterly. Seems like a great idea!

In the Summer Quarterly a plan of action was proposed. The purpose of this editorial is to demonstrate how planning has been linked with the CofL chart.

△ "A dynamic and attractive web site that provides access, for both members and the public, to all the resources available at headquarters." (The idea here is two-fold: (1) to take advantage of the advertising capability of the internet by tapping into the 9th house harmony and linking it to the first house

Moon energy, and (2) to take advantage of the Uranus grand trine energy associated with Uranus in the 4th, Mars in the 8th and the Asc. The web site is the Church's electronic home. Stimulating this concentration of energy seems a very positive stellar structure to stimulate. Over time, all of the CofL's resources will become available to the membership. The Archives in the Saturn section is only just beginning to take shape (Saturn in the 1st trine Venus in the 9th). There are great resources that have lain dormant that will make their way to the light of day.

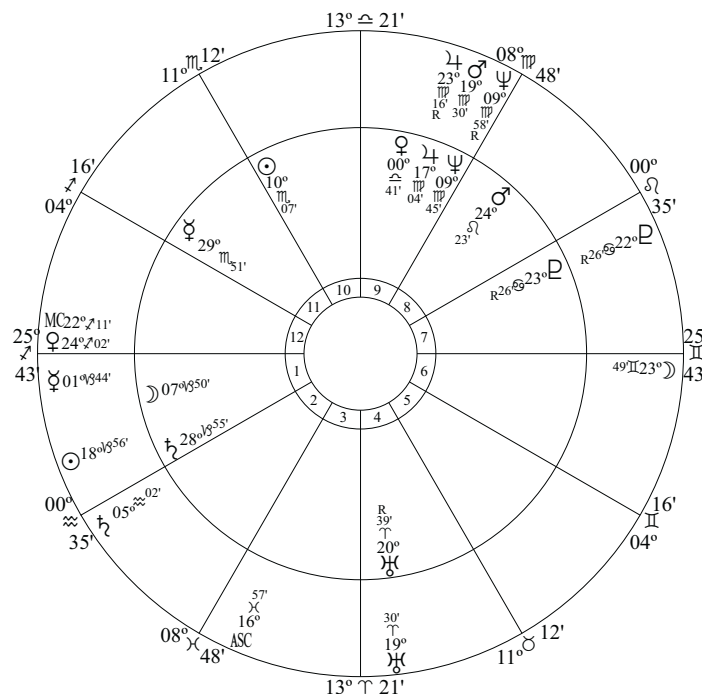
△ "An expanded advertising program that points people to the CofL web site where they can see in detail the benefits of the BofL Lessons by C. C. Zain. We

can now do this more cost effectively because all we have to do is get their attention and then point them to our web site". Here again, with the dominant and harmonious Moon in the 1st house, the CofL is fortunate to have a member who carefully donates (Moon in

PLANETS	Power	%	Harmony
☽	51.54	10.5	2.27
♂	50.72	10.3	2.90
♂	49.38	10.0	-14.64
☾	48.24	9.8	10.42
♀	46.98	9.5	6.16
♂	43.97	8.9	1.59
♂	39.24	8.0	-6.80
♂	39.12	7.9	-5.50
♀	34.26	7.0	8.14
♂	34.16	6.9	-13.86
♂	33.81	6.9	10.20
♂	20.85	4.2	3.83
	492.26	100.0	4.72

HOUSES	Power	%	Harmony
1	154.83	20.7	-1.10
9	112.41	15.0	25.25
10	99.53	13.3	0.64
7	85.76	11.5	-10.99
8	74.84	10.0	8.11
11	72.00	9.6	3.23
4	64.59	8.6	-5.35
6	23.49	3.1	3.08
2	19.59	2.6	-3.08
5	17.13	2.3	4.07
3	13.66	1.8	3.51
12	10.42	1.4	1.92

SIGNS	Power	%	Harmony
♈	120.24	16.1	13.65
♈	100.44	13.4	-4.60
♈	85.55	11.4	-1.65
♈	78.15	10.4	17.12
♈	74.84	10.0	8.11
♈	64.82	8.7	5.42
♈	64.59	8.6	-5.35
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	Natal	Major
☽	14S51	22S07
☾	27S56	28N14
♂	22S19	23S38
♀	01N06	22S34
♂	14N58	07N10
♂	06N03	03N52
♂	20S52	19S32
♂	07N28	07N04
♂	08N39	08N37
♂	22N14	22N30
♂	05S17	23S13
♂	23S23	05S09

Capricorn) to the CofL's advertising program (Moon trine Neptune). One of the requirements placed on this donation is that a web site be available.

△ *"A new logo (the one you now see on our stationary) that presents a bright, cheery face to the public. It is a stylized version of the Egyptian hieroglyph 'Akhet' (horizon of the rising Sun) designed by our brother Pharaoh Akhenaten. It is not meant to replace the BofL emblem, but merely be an attractive gateway to the wonders in store for those who look deeper."* The CofL seems to have a "heavy" vibration associated with it—probably the Saturn in the 1st opposition Pluto in the 2nd. By major progression, Venus is about to move into conjunction with the Asc and into the 1st house. This new "doorway" is one step among others, that will begin the process of creating a milder vibration that is more inviting to the general public (Moon in the 1st) Additionally, Venus is the natural antidote to the Saturn vibration...Venus with a little Sun of course. This new logo definitely adopts the Solar vibration.

△ *"Easy to understand pamphlets that explains BofL philosophy to the masses."* Of all the planets, our founder had greatest liberty in choosing the placement of the Moon. He chose the first house. The reason for this is that he believed that the soul uplifting teachings of the BofL were supposed to move from the dark and secret places that protected them into the light of the Aquarian Age where all people (the Moon rules the masses) could learn the message of true liberation. The actual 21 Courses will never change because there are levels of understanding built into them that cannot be replaced! However, it grows increasing more evident that introductory material must be developed. To truly serve, the lessons must be understandable by ALL people—not just an enlightened few!

△ *"A new program to promote study groups, CofL Centers and Branch Churches world wide including a starter package of materials, equipment and books to get them started. Stay tuned to the under-construction Building a Better World (Mars) page on the Church's web site for more details."* Mars is the second dominant planet in the Church's chart. Some might regard that as a negative but anyone who has studied the charts of the two greatest (at least the only two adepts we can claim—Zain and Burgoyne) teachers of our tradition will note that they both had Mars in the first house. To accomplish anything of worth requires Mars energy. We believe

that with proper instruction in the BofL lessons a great army of trained teachers and practitioners will help transform the planet. At least they will have the opportunity to contribute at a very real and practical level. Progressed Sun in the 1st is applying trine to progressed Mars in the 9th. Hopefully lots of Solar cells within the CofL membership will step forward to carry their banner forward under this progression. At any rate the basic foundation will be laid out in the "Building a Better World" section of the web site.

△ *"Trained Stellarian Practitioners that minister to people using our advanced techniques of astrology, alchemy and visualization/demonstration via directed thinking and induced emotion."* This item and the next (academy of astrology) focus on the 9th house teaching aspects of the CofL chart. Probably enough has been said about the merit of such a focus of energy.

△ *"An academy of astrology that provides the best curriculum available for students."* Here the CofL wishes to acknowledge the work of all those students and teachers out there who labor on their own. It is our strong desire that the CofL can become a medium through which energy can be exchanged between these groups and a true science of Hermetic Astrology will emerge.

△ *The new Order of the Sphinx™ to promote advanced studies for Hermeticians.* This is probably the most important feature of this plan. The reason I say this is because of its alchemical potential. Students of Hermetic Astrology are familiar with the power of a planet that drains an opposition. In the Church's chart the Saturn in the 1st opposition to Pluto in the 7th is drained by Mercury in the 11th. As a fraternal order, the Order of the Sphinx belongs to the 11th house. It will serve as a new communication medium for the CofL. It will serve as a "graduate" studies program for those persons who persevere through the Hermetician Degree program. Like Mercury it is neutral. It will become that which its members desire it to become. With Venus in the 11th house of the Orders chart, it is hoped that pleasant social discourse will be the glue that makes it work.

Members are most welcome to comment on these plans. Your comments are more than just welcome they are required as the CofL reaches toward its fullest potential. Comments, if any will be posted in the next issue of the Quarterly. ☸

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These experiences are both of the outer-plane and the inner-plane. The individual who lives in a physical environment where either strife or construction is a dominant factor has experiences which build energy into his Mars thought-cells and make them more active. The individual who persistently thinks aggressive thoughts, and those of combat, builds energy into his Mars thought-cells and makes them more active. Other potent inner-plane experiences are the release of planetary energy by progressed aspect. These add energies to the thought-cells only during the period the progressed aspect is within orb; but during this time their impact gives unusual activities to the thought-cells mapped by the planets forming the progressed aspect.

Even as in human life, souls while undergoing experiences in lower life-forms, have had experiences which in many respects were not identical. These experiences have been of the Mars type, the Saturn type, or of some other planetary type, and they have been brought together in certain intensities of harmony or discord, and relate more pronouncedly to definite departments of life. But they have not been human experiences. They have not been experiences in bookkeeping, in finances, in trading, in conventional relations, in driving automobiles, in cooking, in studying books, in writing, lecturing or science.

The Mars experiences may have been such that given a proper human environment they easily are developed to give mechanical ability, or ability as a surgeon or soldier. The Saturn experiences may be such that given a proper human environment they readily give aptitude in organizing and buying. The Jupiter experiences may have been such that given a proper human environment they develop salesmanship ability. But until conditioned (B) by physical environment after human birth they remain merely natural aptitudes and not abilities ready for exercise. And until conditioned (B) by environment after human birth, and thus given specific habit-systems of expression, the desires of the thought-cells may work to attract a wide variety of events characteristic of the planets mapping them and of the departments of life indicated by the houses of the birth chart which these planets rule.

The Planetary (P) Characteristic is a Constant—Yet while thought-cell activity mapped either by the birth chart position or by a progressed aspect of a given planet may find a wide variety of avenues for expression, because the thought-cell energy is derived from experiences of that planetary type, the expression of this thought-cell activity in attracting events or in influencing behavior remains always characteristic of the planet. Therefore the most certain and logical starting point for judging what may be expected from a given progressed aspect is the characteristic influence of each of two planets involved.

There are three ways in which a progressed aspect to a given planet in some measure affects the life. It does so because these are basic trends the desires for which were built into the thought-cells in lower life-forms. But immediately we move away from these three ways a planet's (P) influence in some measure affects the life we must take into consideration other basic thought-cell desires mapped in the birth chart (A), and how, due to events since birth, this birth chart thought-cell activity has developed special habit-systems (B) of expressing, how other progressed aspects (D) releasing energy at the same time influence thought-cell activity, and the facilities and resistances of physical environment (E) to specific events and conditions at the present time.

For instance, in a progressed aspect involving the Sun we may expect the vitality, the significance and the authority to be affected. But often only one of these is affected in an outstanding manner. An individual whose birth chart (A) insures ample vitality practically all his life will hardly notice the influence of a progressed aspect of the Sun on vitality. But a person who has had difficulty much of the time in maintaining vitality will notice the effect on vitality of practically all progressed aspects of the Sun.

If the individual has a prominent birth chart Sun, and the environment since birth has been such as to cultivate a habit-system (B) on the part of the Sun thought-cells of expressing in terms of authority, and at the time he has arrived at the head of some enterprise or in a political position (E), the probabilities are high that the progressed aspect of the Sun will markedly affect his authority. But if his birth chart (A) Sun is lacking in prominence, and he is working for someone who has no authority over him (E), such as an employer or boss, the effect on authority may be slight.

A House (H) Ruled by the Planets is a Constant—As the thought-cells were built by experiences relative to definite departments of life, their desires and their activities will express relative to the same departments of life. A vast amount of statistical work bears this out, and we know that the department of life chiefly influenced by a progressed aspect will be one of those mapped by the houses (H) ruled by the aspecting planets. But here again we are faced with alternatives; for usually more than one house is thus indicated, and sometimes a number of them. The houses actually occupied by the planets at the time the aspect is completed represent the thought-cells which are given most planetary energy. But this is of less significance than either conditioning (B) or physical environment (E).

There is no sure way of knowing from the progressed aspect alone which department of life will be chiefly influenced. Instead we must appraise the birth chart (A) tendencies, appraise the bearing of other progressed aspects (D) as influencing the trend of events indicated by the one under consideration, find out as much as possible what the individual has done (B) in the past, and as much as possible about the various factors of his present physical environ-

ment (E). Only by knowledge of these other four things can it be foretold with a high degree of probability which department of life will be chiefly affected.

The Importance (I) of the Event—The importance of the event is relative only to other events in the same individual's life, and not relative to events in other people's lives. It is measured by the amount of thought-cell activity—which is indicated by the birth chart (A) and the conditioning (B) since birth as well as influenced by this and other progressed aspects (D)—as modified by the resistance of environment (E) to the particular planetary (P) types of thought-cell activity operative.

We have learned from our Case History Studies of the events attracted under the same progressed aspects in almost identical charts, that the volume of thought-cell energy mapped by a planet occupying the same position and having exactly the same aspects in different birth charts, may be widely unequal. After all, an insect, a dog and an Australian Bushman may all have birth charts practically identical with that of an American statesman; and no one can tell merely by looking at one of these charts whether it belongs to an insect, a dog or a man. In order to judge the volume of thought-cell activity mapped by each planet in the chart, and the importance, viewed from the standpoint of society, of the events which will be attracted by the progressed aspects to these planets, it is necessary to know the evolutionary level (G) of the creature or person whose thought-cell relations are thus mapped. In the life of the insect, the dog and the Australian Bushman mentioned, the thought-cell activity and the events attracted by them will be parallel to those in the life of the statesman only if proper allowance be made for evolutionary level and environment.

This means in practical astrological work that one chart cannot be weighed against another relative to the amount of ability or the importance of the events that it indicates, unless the evolutionary level of the individuals are known. The volume of thought-cell activity of each of the ten different planetary types is accurately mapped relative to the total thought-cell activity which the individual possesses. But another individual with a similar chart may possess a total thought-cell activity far greater, and which in terms of importance to society, will carry him many times as far.

Nor can we gauge from the power of the progressed aspect alone how important even to the individual the events attracted will be. People at times get into ruts—conditioned to be fixed in certain respects—so thoroughly that only the most powerful progressed aspects give them thought-cell activity enough to blast them out. Other people become conditioned to be in a persistent state of flux relative to some one or more department of their lives, and almost any progressed aspect gives thought-cell activity enough to bring an event of some significance bearing on these affairs. All of which means that to judge the importance of the event, in addition to the progressed aspect itself, those other

four factors which I have indicated on the *Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram* by the letters A, B, D and E must be given due consideration.

The Benefit (F) of the Event—Harmonious thought-cells work to bring into the life behavior and events which are beneficial to the individual and discordant thought-cells work to bring into the life behavior and events which are detrimental to him. So far as the planetary energies are concerned, those planets which are in trine, sextile, or semi-sextile map harmonious conditions; those planets which are in opposition, square, sesquisquare and semi-square map discordant conditions; and those planets which are conjunction, parallel and inconjunct map conditions which depend on the planets forming the aspect to determine whether harmonious or discordant.

In judging the harmony or discord of thought-cells when influenced by a progressed aspect, however, the progressed aspect is not the only astrological influence that must receive due consideration. The progressed aspect merely modifies temporarily the harmony or discord of the thought-cells mapped by the same planets in the birth chart. Therefore, to get a true picture, the various aspects of these two planets in the birth chart (A) must first be appraised in relation to harmony or discord. If one of the planets involved in the progressed aspect is heavily aspected in the birth chart, almost any progressed aspect in which it is involved will tend to attract in some measure the type of event indicated by the keyword of the birth chart aspect.

We have made some statistical research on this matter, but much more needs to be done. So far as we have gone the indications are that about the same benefit may be expected when two planets in the birth chart are in a given discordant aspect, but form a given harmonious aspect by progression, as when they are in the same harmonious aspect in the birth chart and form the same discordant aspect by progression. However, in the birth chart a planet may have a number of heavy aspects all of which are either discordant or harmonious, and have only one progressed aspect which is opposite in tendency. In this case the approximate 50—50 relation between the influence of birth chart and progressed aspect to indicate harmony or discord is upset, and the events tend strongly in the direction of the more powerful birth chart harmony or discord.

In the appraisal of the astrological influence operative, the key-words of the aspects the planets involved in the progressed aspect make in the chart of birth, especially the keyword of the most powerful aspect, often can be combined to advantage with the keyword of the progressed aspect formed. The event will tend to take on the characteristic of the keyword of the aspect which at the time most influences the thought-cells. The degrees in the table below indicate how far apart each of the ten aspects is when perfect.

- ♌ Conjunction, 0°, expresses through PROMINENCE.
- ♍ Semi-Sextile, 30°, expresses through GROWTH.
- ♎ Sextile, 60°, expresses through OPPORTUNITY.
- ♏ Square, 90°, expresses through OBSTACLES.
- ♐ Trine, 120°, expresses through LUCK.
- ♑ Inconjunct, 150°, expresses through EXPANSION.
- ♒ Semi-Square, 45°, expresses through FRICTION.
- ♓ Opposition, 180°, expresses through SEPARATION.
- ♈ Sesqui-Square, 135°, expresses through AGITATION.
- || Parallel, 0°, declination, expresses through INTENSITY.

However, astrological energies are by no means the only influences which determine the harmony or discord of the thought-cells and what they desire to bring to pass. The habit-systems (B) formed for expressing thought-cell activities of a given planetary type may be even more powerful to influence how much good fortune or misfortune an individual will experience under a given progressed aspect. Even when the birth chart aspects to both planets involved in a given progressed aspect in different people's charts are similar, often the amount of benefit or harm widely varies. If the progressed aspect is discordant, one person may have a difficult time but overcome the difficulty and through the experience markedly gain in some manner, while another may have a difficult time and suffer permanent loss. As revealed by Case History studies of similar birth charts and the events which occurred when the same progressed aspect was operative, the manner in which the thought-cells are conditioned to express is tremendously important relative to the amount of benefit or detriment the individual receives from the events attracted by progressed aspects.

While the birth chart (A) thought-cell harmony or discord should be used as a starting point, conditioning (B) is fully as effective as the progressed aspect in determining how fortunate or unfortunate the event will be. The environment (E) also may have a powerful influence; and if there is another heavier progressed aspect (D) operative, it may have more power than the progressed aspect under consideration to determine the fortune of the event.

The Three Factors Somewhat Under the Individual's Control—Seven factors are shown on the *Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram*, each of which may play a significant part in determining the specific event which comes into the life. Yet one, Effort at Control Based on Knowledge of Progressed Aspects, can only play a significant part through altering one of the three factors involved in every event: the planetary energy received by the thought-cells, the desires of the thought-cells, and the environment. The planetary energies reaching the thought-cells, which operate indirectly, can be manipulated through Rallying Forces. The thought-cells can further be trained through conditioning (B). And the physical environment (E) can be manipulated.

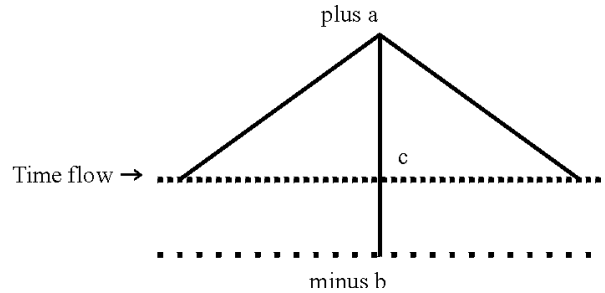


Diagram 2. Physical Resistance Equal to Thought-Cell Activity.

But whether deliberate effort at control is attempted or not, both (B) and (E) commonly play significant parts. Not only in reference to the house rulership of the event attracted, and its specific nature, but also relative to its importance (I) and its fortune (F) or misfortune.

To illustrate what is meant, turn from the *Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram* to diagrams 2, 3, 4, and 5. These diagrams indicate the possible influence over the event which happens of either conditioning (B) or environment (E).

In reference either to the importance (I) or the fortune (F) of the event attracted under a given aspect, let us first look at diagram 2. We do not have such instances in our files, but theoretically if a represents the maximum influence exerted by a progressed aspect of the Sun, and b represents an equal environmental (E) resistance, or an equal amount of opposite conditioning (B), at the time, nothing of consequence will happen. That is ac minus bc equals 0.

We do have the charts of those residing rather permanently on Alcatraz, however. When there is a strong progressed aspect to the ruler of the ninth house, which under different environmental (E) circumstances would signify a long journey, no such journey is taken. Yet we have been unable to learn the possible influence of religion in the life at the time, and thus cannot be positive no ninth house event has taken place. Furthermore, even on Alcatraz an event affecting the individual importantly at the time, but related to one of the other houses governed by one of the planets making the aspect, may take place.

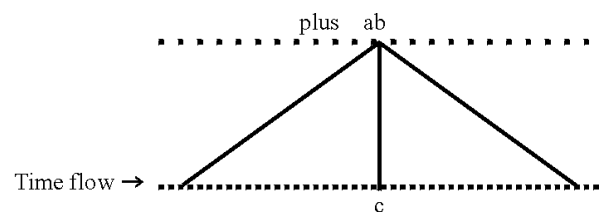


Diagram 3. Physical Facility Equal to Thought-Cell Activity.

Now if we let a represent the normal harmony to be expected from a given favorable aspect, and b an equal environment (E) resistance to harmony, or an equal amount of discordant condition (B), the normal harmony would be canceled out by the environmental or conditioned discord, and the event attracted would not prove beneficial. That is, again ac minus bc equals 0.

Now in reference to both the importance (I) and the fortune (F) of the event attracted under a given progressed aspect, let us look at diagram 3. If a represents the maximum influence exerted by a progressed aspect of the Sun, and b represents an equal environmental (E) or conditioned (B) pull in the same direction at the time, the event which will happen will be twice as important as would be expected if the environment and the conditioning were normal. That is, ac plus bc equals $2ac$.

Apparently to people within certain age limits at the present time, while World War II is raging, a progressed aspect of Mars thus attracts an event of double, or even treble, the importance that it would have attracted in normal times. And the facilities of environment to cause business disruption have enabled progressed aspects to the planets ruling their business to bring to automobile dealers and those in other lines suppressed by war requirements, events more than double in importance to those normally to be expected.

Furthermore, we all know people who have become so conditioned to express in anger that the event they attract under almost any aspect to Mars is out of proportion to what might normally be expected from the birth chart and progressed aspect; and other people conditioned so strongly to self-pity, that through their despondency they attract under almost any aspect to Saturn events quite out of proportion to that which normally would be indicated by the birth chart and progressed aspect.

Nor is the importance of the event all that often is doubled or trebled by the demands of the war. Under a progressed aspect to Mars that under normal conditions would have amounted to a slight cut or burn, many a brave soldier now gives up his life in battle. Under a progressed aspect affecting the business that in normal times would bring merely an annoyance, now many a business man must turn his attention to something else and take a disastrous financial loss. That is, the environmental (E) facilities for discord are such that the misfortune attracted under a discordant progressed aspect is greatly increased.

And in the lives of those most of us know who have become conditioned to express anger and violence, a progressed aspect to Mars not only tends to bring events of exaggerated importance, but of exaggerated affliction; and in the lives of those who have conditioned themselves by self-pity, a progressed aspect to Saturn not only brings conditions into the life more important than normally is to be expected, but conditions more detrimental.

Again in reference to both the importance (I) and the fortune (F) of the event attracted under a given progressed aspect,

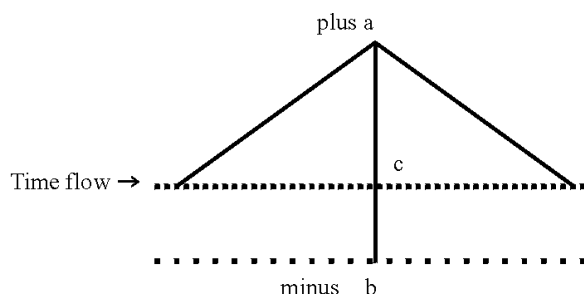


Diagram 4. Physical Resistance Equal to Half Thought-Cell Activity.

let us look at diagram 4. If a represents the maximum influence exerted by a progressed aspect of the Sun, and b represents half as much environmental (E) or conditioned (B) pull in the opposite direction at the time, the event which will happen at the time will be half as important as would be expected if the environment at the time, and the conditioning, were normal. That is, ac minus bc equals $\frac{1}{2}ac$.

In the years immediately following 1929 while the depression was so severe, there were many instances in which an aspect favorably affecting the second house merely enabled the individual to continue at the salary he had been receiving, when under normal environmental conditions it could safely have been predicted he would have had his salary markedly increased. And there are many instances that come to the notice of the astrologer in which, because the individual has developed a habit system in his thought-cells that resists change of any kind, nearly all the events are only about one-half as important as otherwise could be expected.

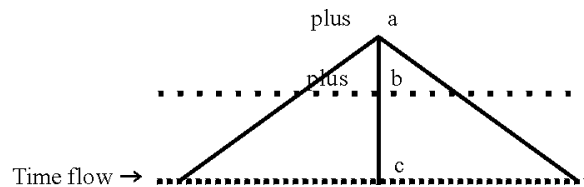


Diagram 5. Physical Facility Equal to Half Thought-Cell Activity.

And what has been said of the importance of events, can also be said of their fortune (F). The individual who got only half as much salary as under the same progressed aspect he would have received under normal environmental conditions (E); or who in normal times got only half as much sal-

ary as would have been expected had it not been that for years he had conditioned his money thought-cells to feel inferior, and to work to thwart any increase in pay; has been thus influenced due either to environment or conditioning.

Finally in reference to both the importance (I) and the fortune (F) of the event attracted under a given progressed aspect, let us look at diagram 5. If *a* represents the maximum influence exerted by a progressed aspect of the Sun, and *b* represents half as much environmental (E) or conditioned (B) pull in the same direction at the time, the event which will happen at the time will be half again as important as would be expected if the environment at the time were normal. That is *ac* plus *bc* equals $1\frac{1}{2}ac$.

Those who have been long in astrology will have witnessed many instances when, through the advice of the astrologer, some person has either selected an environment favorable to some beneficial aspect, or has started in on the development of certain trains of thought which would be of assistance to the aspect, and the event that happened was at least half again as important as could normally have been expected.

Not only so, but due either to the wise selection of the environment, or to the deliberately cultivated trains of thought and feeling which reconditioned otherwise discordant thought-cells, or to both, the event which happened was at least half again as fortunate as normally could have been expected.

The Chief Specific Event—When we endeavor to pick the chief event which probably will be attracted by a given progressed aspect we are dealing with a variety of alternatives most of which, in the process of analysis, may be eliminated. As the events which are attracted into the life are the result of thought-cell activity working on the physical environment, and as the type and volume of thought-cell activity associated with each of the twelve departments of life at any time represent only a modification of the thought-cell activity mapped relative to the corresponding house in the chart of birth, all readings of progressed aspects should start with the three ways a planet's (P) influence in some measure affects the life, and then immediately consider the birth chart (A); and only such events should be expected as the birth chart indicates to be probable during the life.

Then as the birth chart thought-cell activity is modified in its trend, in its volume, and in its harmony or discord, by events after birth, as much as possible should be learned how previous progressed aspects have influenced the life and what the individual's experiences (B) have been to date.

As what comes into the life is not due merely to thought-cell activity, but to the interaction between physical environment and thought-cell activity, also as much as possible should be learned about the physical conditions (E) surrounding the individual.

With these factors in mind an approach may be made to judging the significance of the progressed aspects which are releasing energy. Of these, the most powerful progressed aspect (D) releasing energy at the time will tend to dominate the period, and probably influence the fortune or misfortune of the events attracted by less powerful aspects during the same period of life.

We know that the chief event must relate to one of the departments of life mapped by a house in the birth chart whose ruling planet is making a progressed aspect. Which department of life, and which one of the several things belonging to that department of life, will thus chiefly be affected depends not merely on the planets involved in the aspect, but also on those factors I have designated as A, B, D and E on the *Astro-Physical Interaction Diagram*. The things thus ruled by each house which, if the other factors indicate it, may be affected are:

FIRST HOUSE: The physical body and its health, the quality of the personal magnetism, the temperament and disposition, and purely personal changes.

SECOND HOUSE: Money and other personal possessions.

THIRD HOUSE: Brethren, private thoughts and studies, education, neighbors, writing, including correspondence, short journeys.

FOURTH HOUSE: The home, hotels, restaurants, the father, real estate, mining, crops on the ground, and the condition at the end of life.

FIFTH HOUSE: Pleasures, love affairs, speculation, stocks and bonds, children and entertainment.

SIXTH HOUSE: Labor, the condition under which work is done, tenants, foods, small animals, employees and the quality of their services, and illness.

SEVENTH HOUSE: Marriage, partnership, the attitude of those met in public, open enemies, competitors and law suits.

EIGHTH HOUSE: Gifts and legacies, the public's money, ability of those owing one money to pay, death and the influence of those dead.

NINTH HOUSE: Teaching, publishing, advertising, lecturing, long journeys, religion and the court.

TENTH HOUSE: Honor, business, credit, profession and superiors.

ELEVENTH HOUSE: Friends, hopes and wishes.

TWELFTH HOUSE: Crime, sorrows, disappointments, restrictions, hidden enemies, large animals, unseen forces and astral entities.

Then as what comes into the life under the progressed aspect being appraised is due to thought-cell activity exerting

pressure upon, and receiving stimulation from, the physical environment, both the conscious thinking thus encouraged and the environmental factors involved are significant of the events which result. This is tremendously important; for if the trend of the conscious thinking and the environmental factors are deliberately changed, the events which transpire will be markedly different.

The System to be Followed in Judging Progressed Aspects— In selecting the most probable events, after starting with the three things which are always affected in some measure by a progressed aspect to each of the planets involved, our next step should be to make an appraisal of the events which the birth chart indicates as probable during the individual's life. Moving on from this appraisal we may consider the alternative ways in which the behavior may be affected by the thoughts stimulated, and the alternative factors of the environment which may contribute importantly to the event. And should the birth chart together with the progressed aspects indicate probable health difficulties, the more common alternative diseases for which the planets involved in the progressed aspect are the constants should be given consideration.

SUN: Any progressed aspect of the Sun affects the vitality, the significance, and the authority.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of pride, firmness, approbation, conscientiousness or self-esteem.

The influencing environmental factor may be gold, the government, politics, persons of authority, persons of the male sex, or an employer.

When health difficulties are indicated, heart trouble, high blood pressure, infantile paralysis, pneumonia, or diseases of the spine may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

MOON: Any progressed aspect of the Moon affects the mental attitude, the domestic life, and the everyday affairs.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of the domestic life, women, the offspring, the weak and helpless, or of music.

The influencing environmental factor may be silver, liquids, the common people, commodities, hotels, the home, food, the female sex, or rhythmic music.

When health difficulties are indicated, dropsy, stomach trouble, mental complaints, or afflictions to the eye or ear may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

MERCURY: Any progressed aspect of Mercury affects the mental interests, the facility or accuracy of expression, and increases the cerebral activity.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts about time, written or verbal expression, calculation, travel, the recognition of size, weight, form and color, or the solution of perplexities.

The influencing environmental factor may be books, railroads, vehicles of travel, periodicals, telephone, telegraph, agents, or people who are literary or studious.

When health difficulties are indicated, nervousness, neuritis, neuralgia, sciatica, hay fever, asthma, mental trouble, or some bowel complaint may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

VENUS: Any progressed aspect of Venus affects the emotions, the social relations, and the artistic appreciation.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of affection, friendship, beauty, art, mirth, conjugality, or inhabitiveness.

The influencing environmental factor may be flowers, an artistic object, dancing, wearing apparel, fancy goods, confectionary, pastry, toilet articles, jewelry, harmonious music, or people of a social turn.

When health difficulties are indicated, trouble with the kidneys, skin, veins, venous blood stream, thyroid gland, female organs or the so-called social diseases may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

MARS: Any progressed aspect of Mars brings strife, haste, and increased expenditure of energy.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of construction, destruction, initiative, aggression, combat, sex, eating, or drinking.

The influencing environmental factor may be war, soldiers, surgeons, mechanics, cooks, machinery, steel, implements of construction or destruction, or intoxicating drink.

When health difficulties are indicated, an operation, accident, infection, inflammation, burn, or blood poison, rheumatism, kidney trouble, urinary complaint, or contagious disease such as smallpox, influenza, measles, pneumonia, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis, or chicken-pox, may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

JUPITER: Any progressed aspect of Jupiter affects the individual through abundance, increased optimism, and joviality.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of benevolence, veneration, hope, devotion, selling, good-will and generosity.

The influencing environmental factor may be merchandise, ships, judges, church, clergymen, bankers or professional men of some kind, or persons of wealth.

When health difficulties are indicated there is always an over abundance of something, and the ketosis type of acidosis, diabetes, liver trouble, biliousness, catarrh, auto-intoxication, carbuncles, or a fatty tumor may threaten if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

SATURN: Any progressed aspect of Saturn brings work, responsibility, and economy or loss.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of safety, secrecy, acquisitiveness, covetousness, buying, trading, casualty, comparison, worry, fear, greed, selfishness system, order, or persistence.

The influencing environmental factor may be basic utilities such as minerals, hay, grain, coal and building material, or mines, real estate, the land, the weather, business methods, sedate people or elderly people.

When health difficulties are indicated, there is always a deficiency, and cancer, fibrous tumor, acidosis, tuberculosis, pellagra, atrophy or constipation may threaten if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

URANUS: Any progressed aspect of Uranus affects through something sudden, through a human agency, and brings change into the life.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of independence, originality, inventions, the unconventional, methods unusual, or methods quite new.

The influencing environmental factor may be inventions, automobiles, electricity, late mechanical devices, antiques, astrology, the occult, orators, lawyers, electricians, astrologers, or psychologists.

When health difficulties are indicated paralysis, appendicitis, arthritis, infantile paralysis or nervous disorders may be threatened if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

NEPTUNE: Any progressed aspect of Neptune increases the imagination, increases the sensitivity, and attracts schemes.

The behavior is influenced by wishful thinking, fantasy thinking, day-dreaming, apprehension, idealistic visions, living in the imagination, or by thoughts of easy wealth, or promotion.

The influencing environmental factor may be a promoter, a confidence man, a colonizing scheme, a scheme requiring incorporation or profit-sharing of a number of people, feeling extra-sensory perception, oil, gas, drugs, the drama, moving pictures, aviation, mediums, mystics, psychic people or a psychic energy.

When health difficulties are indicated, there is a negativity which encourages invasion by bacteria and to the formation of moist pockets of infection which may be quite hidden, and poisoning, or psychic difficulty due to negativity or oversensitiveness, may threaten if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

PLUTO: Any progressed aspect of Pluto affects through groups, through subtle force, and brings coercion or co-operation.

The behavior is influenced by thoughts of groups, statistics, inner-plane conditions, drastic events, the inside of things, gang methods, cooperation, coercion, or universal welfare. The influencing environmental factor may be the radio, television, chemistry, inner-plane forces, intellectual or feeling extra sensory perception, racketeers, gangsters, the coercive thoughts of others, or highly spiritual people working for the benefit of society.

When health difficulties are indicated, there is a high degree of sensitiveness which encourages invasion by other organisms, and hives, hay fever, asthma or psychic control by another entity may threaten if the other astrological constants predispose toward it.

Eliminating Less Probable Events—Events and conditions which the birth chart (A) show to be improbable in the individual's life will enable us to eliminate some of the many alternatives listed under the aspect, planets and houses involved. Knowledge of the individual's past experiences will indicate the habit-systems (B) which the thought-cells have formed for their usual expression and this will enable us to eliminate other alternatives which depart too markedly from these habit-systems. Knowledge of the individual's environment (E) will indicate there are facilities for some of the alternative events, and great resistance to others. This will enable us to eliminate those for which the environment affords little or no opportunity.

The keyword of the most powerful birth chart aspect to one of the planets involved, as modified or dominated by the keyword of the progressed aspect, will indicate something of the nature of the event and will permit still more elimination to be made, until we have left a specific (5) event or events characteristic of one or more of the planets involved in the aspect, belonging to one of the houses these planets rule, and whose nature is further described by the keyword of an aspect. In other words, through relating the factors designated as A, B, D and E to a combination of the nature of the aspect and the things indicated by the houses involved and the things characteristic of the planets making the progressed aspect, it often is possible to predetermine the specific (5) event.

Yet we should recognize that thus starting with the three things affected by each of the two planets (P) involved in the progressed aspect, and next making an appraisal of birth chart (A) thought-cell activity, as we move through the department of life (H) most affected, the importance (I) of the event, and the fortune (F) of the event, to the specific (5) event, more and more must we depend on how the individual has been conditioned (B), and what his environment (E) is, to determine what will happen. Also, which is tremendously important, and justifies whatever work is necessary to become familiar with progressed aspects, the farther re-

moved from (P) toward (S) we thus move, the less effort the individual must make to change the event in the direction of his choice.

Statistical Aids in Selecting the Specific Event—The Brotherhood of Light Astrological Research Department has not yet made a statistical study of the progressed aspects present when all significant events of human life occur. But in addition to the seven different diseases, and length of life, so far analyzed in preparing the book, *DISEASE AND ITS STELLAR TREATMENT*¹, it has thus analyzed, from 2,000 timed birth charts with the progressed positions of the planets, Asc. and M.C. around the outside of the charts for the time of the event, 20 different important events, analyzing thus 100 charts for each event. These 20 events were selected not only as those commonly important in life, but through one or more being under the ruler-ship of each of the twelve houses, as also typical of events affecting each of the twelve departments of life.

The tables, analyses, deductions and the Progressed Constants of each of these 20 different events will be found in the book, *WHEN AND WHAT EVENTS WILL HAPPEN*¹. Our subsequent experience with the Progressed Constants derived from these analyses of the progressed aspects at the time a given event entered 100 different lives, convinces us they are quite reliable, and that the percentages thus obtained will be changed but slightly by employing a much larger number of charts. These Progressed Constants, therefore, are a valuable aid not only in eliminating events for which the Progressed Constants are not present, but in selecting the most probable event to be attracted under a given progressed aspect.

It can be relied upon that the Progressed Constants of the event or the disease will be present in anyone's chart at the time the event enters his life or the disease develops. But this certainly does NOT mean that because the Progressed Constants are present a given individual will experience the event. As a matter of fact, at different times in their lives all have the Progressed Constants of various diseases and various events which they then do not experience, and often never experience. In addition to the Progressed Constant, those that do experience the given disease or event, have at birth (A) the Predisposition, and at the time also have been conditioned (B), have other progressed aspects (D), or are in a physical environment (E), or perhaps all three of these, so that facilities for the given event are present.

Physical Environment—Probably little need be said about (E) more than has already been mentioned as the alternative influencing environmental factors under the heading of each planet. It should be apparent that a farmer with growing crops has environmental facilities for being influenced by Saturn through the weather, that if an individual has no

money or property the facilities for financial loss under an affliction to the ruler of the second house are much less than if he has money invested in some business or speculation, that the individual following a hazardous occupation provides facilities for Mars energies to attract accident, that a person handling drugs or chemicals affords facilities for afflictions to Neptune to attract poisoning, that one who writes or signs papers affords facilities for the Mercury thought-cells to attract events, or that contact with an astrologer or psychologist affords facilities for some of the events that the Uranus thought-cells may attract.

As previously implied, in time of a world war almost any little progressed aspect to Mars may take the individual into military service, and the progressed afflictions need not be powerful to get him killed. And in time of a national business boom, the man in business may make more money under progressed aspects which are somewhat discordant, than in time of a national business depression he is able to make under the most highly harmonious progressed aspects. These conclusions are not theoretical; but derived from a study of people's progressed aspects during both World War I and World War II, and during the business boom period climaxing in 1929, and in the depression period that followed November, 1929.

Furthermore, if an individual is already married, the environmental facilities oppose another marriage, whatever the progressed aspects may be, until he has first obtained a divorce. If he is not married, the facilities for a divorce are lacking. If his parents are dead, no progressed aspect can bring the death of a parent.

Conditioning—A great deal needs to be said about conditioning (B), for through deliberate conditioning the thought-cells can be taught to express in much more fortunate events. But in this place I will speak only of age and education. How best to handle progressed aspects must be reserved for the next chapter.

A progressed aspect that will bring marriage to a 19-year old unmarried girl will not bring marriage to a 5-year old girl. A progressed aspect that will attract to a man of 25 an aviation pilot's job will not attract it to a man of 65.

No progressed aspect will bring an editor's job to an illiterate. Nor will it bring a man with no previous training a job as a skilled mechanic. Opportunities often are open to people at the time they have progressed aspects which are favorable, but for which they have not the background of experience, education or training. Or a man may be otherwise qualified but be a drunkard, have a record of quarrelsomeness, or have had illness which incapacitates him.

His Sun thought-cells may have been conditioned toward making him egotistical and overbearing, or toward making him a good executive; his Moon thought-cells may have been conditioned toward mental and emotional instability, or toward a liking for common people and caring for the weak; his Mercury thought-cells may have been conditioned toward voluble but unimportant conversation, or toward gaining knowledge; his Venus thought-cells may have been conditioned toward undue interest in the opposite sex and pleasure or toward good taste and appreciation of art; his Mars thought-cells may have been conditioned toward accident and strife, or toward constructive effort; his Jupiter thought-cells may have been conditioned toward self-indulgence and extravagance or toward religion and good will; his Saturn thought-cells may have been

conditioned toward worry and self-pity or toward system and organization; his Uranus thought-cells may have been conditioned toward radicalism or toward inventiveness; his Neptune thought-cells may have been conditioned toward wishful thinking or constructive imagination; his Pluto thought-cells may have been conditioned toward being coerced by others, or toward co-operation with group activity.

In some small degree, at least, everyone's experiences have encouraged each of the ten types of thought-cells to express in one of the directions indicated more than is signified alone by the birth chart aspects of the planets; and their habit-systems so formed help determine the behavior and the event which is attracted under any given progressed aspect.



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Zealots of the Zodiac©

by Christine Brydon



Aries

Impetuous, like a volcano wild and frenzied
I hurry to plight my troth with the world.
Unheeding, for the most part, of dangers
that are lurking headlong into life I am hurled.

To sew the seeds for future generations
is the task that spurs me on,
No care have I for sentiments or feelings,
no ties can bind me, until the battle is won.

Cancer

Secure the doors and batten down the hatches
in case some brigand would oust me from my plot.
Gather up supplies of every food and potion
in readiness for winter, though the season is still hot.
I hear the thoughts of those who stand around me
and feel emotions as if they were my own.
I need to nurture almost everything in nature
so please don't leave me all forsaken and alone.



Taurus

I embrace the thoughts of those that go before me
and patiently shape them into form.
Through siege and tempest I smother them with devotion,
holding on tight and riding the storm.
My eye beholds the beauty of every creature,
capturing their essence in picture and in song.
But ask me not to relinquish my perceptions
for I am steadfast even when I am wrong.



Leo

Oh glorious Sun, who graciously shines upon us
whose golden rays keep us glad and in good health.
There are times when I feel that I'm above you
So great am I, I can hardly contain myself

Nevertheless my heart is good and cheerful
to romp and revel are the things that I like best,
Chastise me not for my keen and ardent fervour
for I overflow *with* spirit and with zest.

Gemini



I must converse to give my life a meaning,
or pangs of boredom would surely take their toll.
An agile mind that needs constant stimulation,
and dextrous fingers never ceasing in their goal.
I have no time for those who plod and dawdle,

as if tomorrow was soon enough to act.
My time is precious, filled with endless investigation
as I ponder upon fiction and on fact.

Virgo

At all times I endeavour to attain perfection
in everything that I attempt to do,
And no matter how precise the task or duty
I struggle and strive to see it through.
All affairs to do with health and hygiene
are inspirations to my tidy mind,
But if others don't fulfil my expectations
I tend to criticise, which can often sound unkind.





Libra

I hold the scales of justice
and of reason
with which the facts I balance and I weigh.
I'll consider all the evidence before me
and be absorbed with everything you say.
My manner, although

pleasant and endearing,
will travel to and fro with the tide.
But remember that in the final altercation
the scales might just be weighted on my side.

Capricorn

I always look before I leap to action
So I know beyond all doubt just where I'll land.
I act cool and unperturbed in the face of danger
and won't gamble with a less than certain hand.
But I'm really quite ambitious on the quiet
never missing opportunities that arise.
I have panache when it comes to brass and business.
You'll not doubt my determination if you're wise.



Scorpio

My earnest passions run so very deeply
that I often find it difficult to detach.
I keep secrets under lock and key inside me
and my sense of intrigue is virtually unmatched.
When I love it is with great intensity
and I am always faithful, even to the extreme,
but if I'm ever spurned or disregarded
watch out for fireworks, brimstone and steam.



Aquarius

Being totally independent and original,
although some would say I'm really just perverse,
I'll lead a revolution against tyrants
or instigate a riot, which is worse.
All gadgets, devices and

contraptions
draw my interest and my esteem.
But I have hopes and visions of the future
and for Planet Earth 'I have a dream'.



Sagittarius

The liberty to roam free and unencumbered
is more precious to me than any words could say.
Though at times I can be lavish and extravagant
not thinking that tomorrow's on its way.
But to explore the uni-

verse and all its wonders
is the very thing that really turns me on.
And if my quest for the Holy Grail is thwarted
I will pack my bags and soon be on the run,

Pisces

Although I overflow with human kindness
there are times when I feel blue.
But just how my temperament flows or fluctuates
will really all depend on you.
My deepest desire is to transcend this world
and to break these earthly chains that bind.
But my head is often in the clouds
as I struggle to keep a sane mind.



—The End—

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AFA Conference 2000 Las Vegas, Nevada —Some of the players captured on camera—



Gregory Taylor and Vicki Brewer...hanging out at the StarStruck Boutique during a session break



Front Row: Peg Joscher demonstrating Astrodynes to one of the many visitors. Behind the monitor Paul Brewer prepares for his next class.

The AFA conference in Las Vegas was great fun as well as a successful experience for the CofL.

The CofL trained speakers did a stellar job of representing the Hermetic System of Astrology. By the end of the conference people stopped by the CofL booth with comments like the CofL speakers were among the best prepared and most informative speakers....we knew that! Speakers were: Marelene Anderson, Paul Brewer, Doris Chase Doane, Christopher Gibson, Victoria Hill, Lynne Palmer, Joan Titsworth and Dee Wynne.

Between session breaks the StarStruck Boutique bustled with activity of answering questions as well as selling books, boutique items and doing lots and lots and lots of astrodynes! It was great fun sharing the Astrodyne System with the rest of the astrological world. Now that computers make calculations convenient, astrodynes are sure to grow in practical application as a valuable chart assessment tool.

Not pictured here are Dorothy and Roland Wissler who as usual were the backbone of the traveling show! Many thanks to them for all their generous spirits and beautiful work.

As the conference drew to a close some of us finally had time to share a parting meal. Seeing good friends and meeting new ones was a very satisfying experience!

Sharing good stories, good friends and good food at the end of a long and pleasant conference journey.



From left: Joan Titsworth, Joan's grandson Terrance Disman, Gregory Taylor and Kimberly Magnussen.



Vicki Brewer and Joan Titsworth



From left: Dee Wynne (who kindly contributed these pictures), Paul Brewer, Lynne Palmer, Syd (Lynne's husband) and Christopher Gibson



PS—Would you believe that of the many astrodynes we did about 95% of the people had dominant Suns...Interesting!

Sure would like to study the meaning of this little observation.

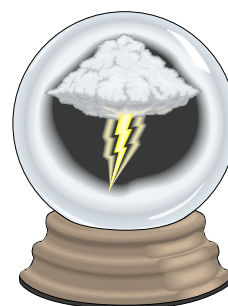


Standing, from left: Paul Brewer, Marlene Anderson and Christopher Gibson. Seated, in front Christine Brydon and Victoria Hill

Hermetic Perspective

Just How to Regard Major Progressed Aspects

C.C. Zain



Excerpt from Course 18, *Imponderable Forces*.

—Now if you will regard the birth chart as a map of yourself, as an accurate map of your aptitudes and of your character, and therefore, of your tendency to attract certain conditions into your life, you will have the right conception of it.

Then, if you consider every progressed aspect and position as a definite weather condition—not a general weather condition, but as a weather condition affecting only specific departments of your particular life—you will have as clear a picture of their method of influence as can be obtained. They are, of course, truly astral storms and astral sunshine; but because of the high-velocity properties of the astral world, they affect you in a way they do not affect others, and they affect you only through certain departments of life, and not through other departments...

What To Do In An Astral Storm

—If there are storm signals from a certain house, unless sunshine is present from some RALLYING FORCE you may be sure of a storm in that department of life. But that does not signify you cannot receive help, even in this matter, from some other house where there is sunshine. But if you are to get assistance from this other department of your life to help you weather the storm in the one department, that help must come through the other department; it cannot come through the department where the storm is raging.

Here is a common example of what I mean: A man runs for some political office at a time when the ruler of his 10th

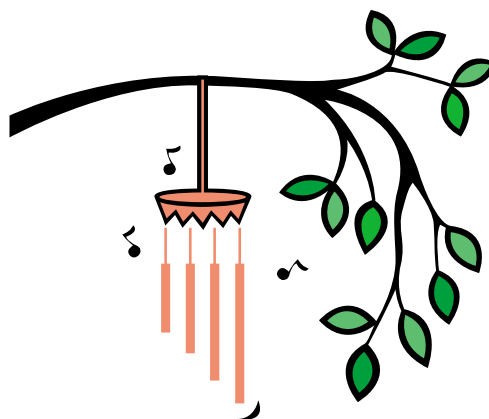
(honor and credit) is afflicted by major progression. Now all the difficulties shown by this aspect will arrive; that is, bad weather will set in so far as his honor is concerned. No matter how bright and shining some other department of life may be by reason of favorable aspects, the storm shown will strike him in the matter of his honor.

But if, at the same time, his chart shows a fine sunshiny spell where his 11th house is concerned (his friends), he may look

for great help from his friends. Now a friend may lend one an umbrella, a friend may come out in a boat and rescue one from drowning, or a friend may be of various kinds of assistance in a storm or deluge. So while the storm rages, as indicated by the affliction in his house of honor; his friends may be loyal enough, and have ability enough, to rescue him from what otherwise would be a 10th house disaster. And many a man has obtained political office when by progression his 10th was badly afflicted, by at the same time having strong benefic aspects from the house of friends, or from the house of

money. These aspects have not been to the ruler of the 10th, but he obtained money enough to buy his way, or his friends were good enough to carry him, through the storm in his 10th.

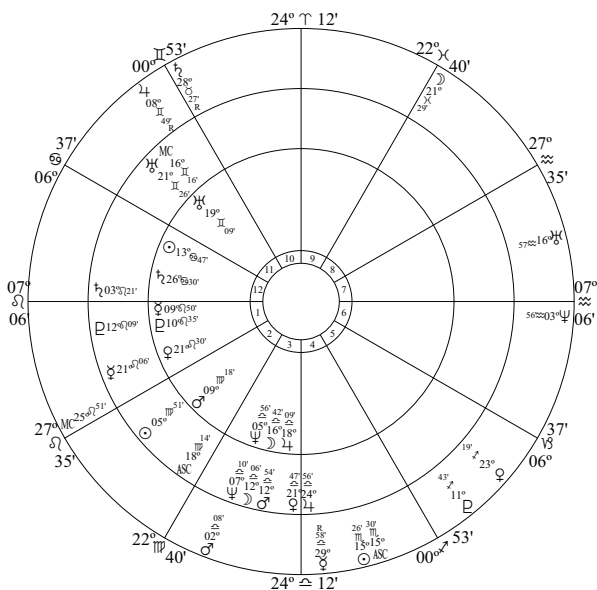
I do not think that any person, no matter whom he may be, can get the utmost out of life without the astro-weather map furnished by his birth-chart and major progressed aspects. If you are discerning, even though you are no expert in astrology, you quickly come to know just about how hard it is, on the average, to make satisfactory progress in each field of your interest. ☸



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Can we use the Golden & Silver Key to Predict the Outcome of an Election?

Conclusion to CofL Staff Members Wanting to Have Some Fun!

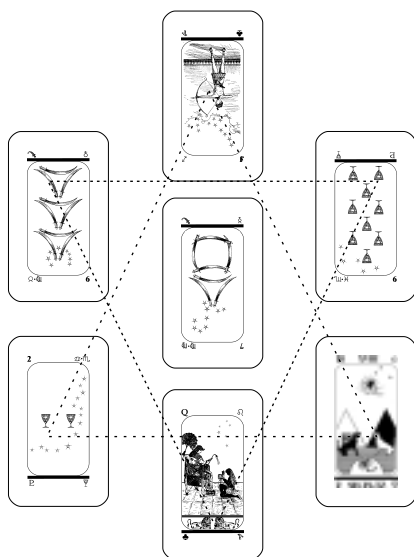


George W. Bush

Tarot Question:

Please give insight into the winner of the year 2000 United States of America presidential election.

Magic Seven spread, *Sacred Tarot*, Chapter 4



"My prediction for the "winner" of the 2000 U.S. Presidential election is: George W. Bush.

"To come to that conclusion I first used the candidates' birth charts to gain insight into their characters.

"Then I asked a question of the Tarot phrased in such a way that I would have to use my interpretations of the birth charts to see which candidate the cards indicated.

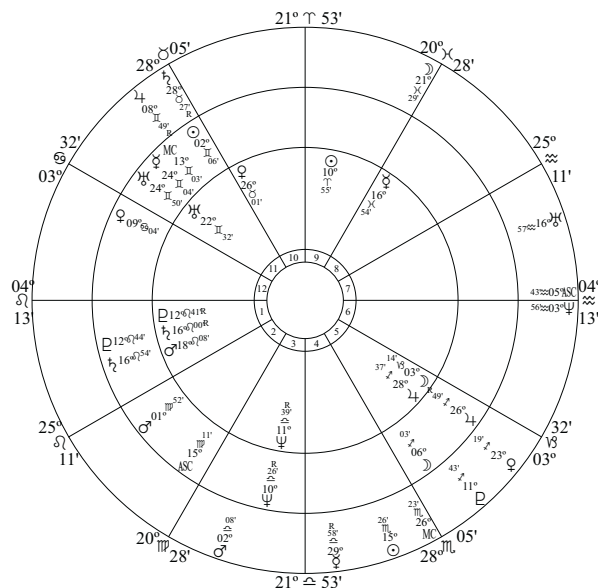
"In my opinion, Mr. Bush seems to fit the spread I threw. The spread seems to show a decided "dark" cast, which Mr. Bush's chart has more of than Mr. Gore's. I particularly noted the candidates' twelfth houses. —Bill Jeffrey"

Many thanks to Bill!

For another perspective and approach see the article by Dennis Sutton in the AHA Newsletter which is available on-line at www.light.org. Dennis' article applies the principles of Hermetic Astrology using the natal and progressed chart within the context of the Sun Cycle chart for Washington D.C.

Also, we received a letter from member Victor Bobo. See his comments in the Membership Room.

Given the similarity of their first houses...is it any wonder this race is so close?! ♀♂



Al Gore

Managing Personal Energy

Sympathies And Antipathies ...Where You Are in the Big Picture!

C.C. Zain

Excerpt from Course 18, Imponderable Forces

I SUPPOSE that no one will be so hardy as to deny that a given environment affects different people in markedly different ways. Most of us know those who become chilled and so devitalized that their lips begin to turn blue after a few hours on the seashore. And we know other people who find no better tonic than the cold salt sea wind. Those who suffer asthma here along the coast are advised to move to the high, dry desert of Arizona, and those of the desert region suffering from the same complaint frequently get relief by a journey to the coast. A Colorado rheumatism, likewise, sometimes disappears when the patient gets to sea level, and a sea level rheumatism sometimes vanishes in the high mountains of Colorado. People are different in the makeup of their astral bodies, and consequently do not offer the same response to identical external conditions.

Many of your own responses to conditions are so easily noted that they require no more than mention. You know it if wearing a wool garment next the skin causes the appearance of a rash, and you probably have learned, long before now, that certain articles of diet that other people eat with impunity, do not agree with you. But there are numerous other subtle surrounding conditions that are well worth some attention.

And of quite as much importance as knowing that they should be given some attention, is to determine just how much attention their importance warrants. To burden ourselves needlessly with a multitude of observances is so to expend our energies upon unessentials that we have none left with which to meet the real and vital issues of life.

The most important of all imponderable forces to influence our lives are our own thoughts. But because in other courses I have discussed their use and influence in great detail, here I shall consider only their employment to recondition discordant thought-cells. Next to our own thoughts as having great power to influence us I consider astrological forces. As third in power to affect our lives I should place the thoughts of other people, our acquaintances and immediate associates in particular. Fourth in importance, I believe, are the objects, animate and inanimate, of our environment. And finally, as the fifth, and under ordinary circumstances

the least important power in most persons lives, are to be considered entities and intelligences of the astral world.

Relative Importance of Imponderable Forces

—This means, in its practical application, that the person with a limited amount of energy to devote to such things should use about one-half of it learning intelligently to direct his own thoughts. If he neglects this, the aid he gets from other imponderable forces will be correspondingly small; but if he gives time in full measure to cultivating proper mental attitudes, the aid he gets from other imponderable forces will be very great.

Of the energy at his command to devote to occult pursuits, he will do well to devote about one-fourth of the total to learning about himself astrologically. One-eighth of the total can advantageously be devoted to a consideration of other people's thoughts as influencing agents. Ordinarily he is warranted in devoting perhaps but one-sixteenth of the energy set aside for occult pursuits in reference to selecting suitable objects, or situations, for his environment. And there is then left to him, of the total devoted to occult pursuits, another one-sixteenth which he can use in the study of, and adjustments to, all other imponderable forces, including the spirits of the dead, and various denizens of the astral world.

Now I am well aware that this ratio of 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/16 is quite arbitrary, and certainly would not be applicable in all instances. But it seems to me better to have even such an arbitrary scale, open as it is to controversy, than to have no gauge at all. New thought enthusiasts and metaphysicians will deem that 1/2 is far too small a portion to allow for the development of proper thinking. The astrological fan will be sure that astrology should receive even more attention than thought. And the spiritualist will feel slighted to note that the influences from the next life are allocated an importance in our everyday affairs that warrants only 1/16 of our energy spent in occult pursuits being devoted to understanding and using them.

I shall find no fault with anyone who thinks I have underrated or overrated the importance of some particular type of imponderable force. But human time and energy are lim-

ited, and there is great need of some standard of values, so that they will not, in ignorance, be frittered away. As a practical occultist, interested in all imponderable forces, and somewhat familiar with the various types, I have attempted to give a ratio based upon my experience of the relative importance of each in the average run of people's lives.

Some may be surprised that I advocate so much energy spent in learning about thoughts and emotions and in directing them. But the object of the study of imponderable forces is to learn how to take advantage of such of them as coincide with our ambitions, and how to escape the obstructing influence of those which oppose us. In some few instances this object can be attained through knowledge alone. But mostly, in spite of mere knowledge of their existence and just what they are doing, imponderable forces reach and influence us.

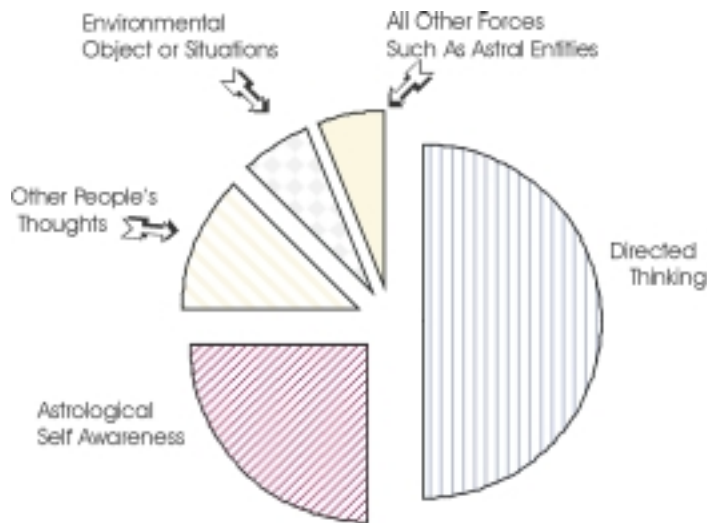
To prevent them reaching us we must be able to tune in on some other wave-frequency; and we can only do this through properly directed thoughts and emotions. And there are others, such as astrological forces, which, due to responsive thought-cells within our finer body, we cannot tune off and break the connection. They reach us, wherever we are, and in spite of ourselves. Yet even so, we can prevent them, in large measure, from influencing us in adverse ways. We can do this in a minor extent through intelligent control of our environment. But really to control them and make them serve our purpose, we must be able to change the desires of the thought-cells they reach so that these will use the energies thus acquired in activities which are beneficial. This we can do only by cultivating proper mental and emotional attitudes.

Even where planetary influences are concerned, while not being able completely to tune off the energies from birth-chart or major progressed aspects, we can tune the nervous system, through intense feeling of a selected type to pick up, radio fashion, other more harmonious planetary energies in great volume; and these will then be fed to all the thought-cells reached by any major progressed aspect then operative. Even as Rallying Forces not consciously selected often change the desires of the thought-cells and cause them to bring events into the life of a fortune or misfortune not in-

dictated by the progressed aspect directly reaching them, so Rallying Forces also can be deliberately utilized to change thought-cell desires, and the consequent event attracted, in the direction selected.

But in addition to tuning in on some more harmonious energy, the desires of the thought-cells may also be altered in the direction selected through either Conversion or the use of a proper Mental Antidote.

Relative Importance of Imponderable Forces



As the feeling of pleasure or pain at the time these thought-cells were formed is entirely responsible for their desires before they are given unusual activity through the energy fed into them by a progressed aspect or by the character vibrations of an object or some other person's thoughts, their desires can be altered in the direction of harmony by adding pleasant feeling

energy to them in as much intensity and volume as possible. This process does not add thought-elements of a different planetary family to the thought-cells, but it does rearrange in a more harmonious compound the thought-elements of which they already are composed.

Rallying Forces change the desires of the thought cells by delivering to them energies of a selected type. Conversion changes the desires of the thought-cells by a rearrangement of the thought-elements in the compound of which they are formed. A third way of changing thought-cell desires is through the use of Mental Antidotes.

When the two planets which are mental antidotes do not heavily afflict each other in the chart of birth, it is usually easier to substitute thoughts and feelings ruled by the antidote planet, than merely to think constructive thoughts and have constructive feelings ruled by the planet whose thought-cells are to be made more harmonious. When thinking and experiences of the nature of the antidote are substituted for the old type of habitual thinking and feeling, there is apt to be less resistance to developing pleasant thoughts. If Mars is heavily afflicted at birth, for instance, it may be difficult to think of the departments of life it rules in terms of initiative and constructive endeavor without at the same time thinking of the irritation, anger and antagonism

which has been experienced in the past relative to the events and conditions of these departments of life. It may be easier, in reconditioning the Mars thought-cells more harmoniously, to substitute for belligerent and destructive thoughts their mental antidote, constructive thoughts and feelings about domestic life and assisting the weak and helpless, ruled by the Moon.

Unseen energies ruled by the Sun need no mental antidote, and any constructive thoughts of the other planetary families added to Sun thought-cells are beneficial to them.

Constructive thoughts ruled by the Moon or Pluto are the mental antidote for Mars energies, and constructive Mars thoughts are the mental antidote for Moon or Pluto energies.

Constructive thoughts ruled by Jupiter are the mental antidote for Mercury or Uranus energies, and constructive Mercury thoughts are the mental antidote for Jupiter energies.

Constructive thoughts ruled by Venus or Neptune are the mental antidote for Saturn energies, and constructive Saturn thoughts are the mental antidote for Venus or Neptune energies.

In applying mental antidotes, only the constructive thoughts and feelings of the antidote should be used. They should be substituted for thoughts which arise belonging to the planetary family of the thought-cells to be reconditioned, and used whenever there is close association with the thoughts of others, or with an environment, belonging to this planetary family, and whenever there is a progressed aspect involving the indicated planet.

The most important factor in employing either conversion or mental antidotes is to give the thoughts substituted for those undesirable as high a harmonious emotional content as possible. And at first to make them thus highly pleasurable it may be necessary to associate them with as many other pleasant desires as possible. Thus at first artificially conditioned by association, in not too long a time these new thoughts will develop a highly pleasant content of their own.

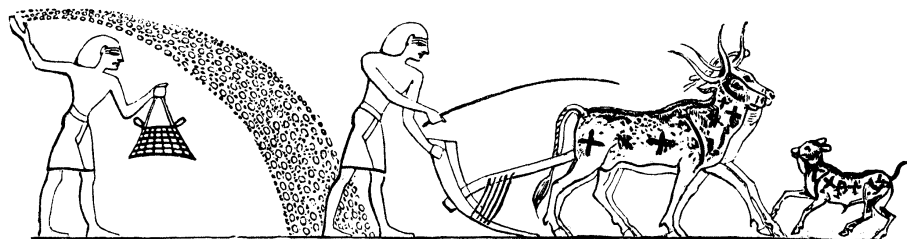
I place so much stress upon the cultivation of thoughts and emotions because they are the most effective agents for the control of all the other types of imponderable forces. ❧❧

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Hermetic Voices

Letters to Share

Is It "Daath" or "Death"?

Church of Light Members



Amazing how much interesting discussion can be generated from one little typo. The steady steps of the Seeker lead to the conclusion that "perfection" is illusory and that it is the path or the process that is REAL and instructive. Without that little typo we wouldn't be having this discussion!

"...I am writing concerning the comments made by Blanchard on p. 21 of the recent [Summer 2000] Quarterly. Though I have not read the parts of Prier Wintle's monograph that were published in previous issues I would like to make a few comments myself concerning Daath and Wintle's calling it Death".....

"In any serious working with, or study of, the Kabbala, the sephira (Sphere or Power Zone. Sephira is singular, while Sephiroth is plural — denoting all of the spheres on the Tree.) Daath must be understood and dealt with. It cannot simply be passed over. It is generally taught that it is "the sephira that is not a sephira" mainly because it does not fit in the one thru ten numerical sequence, which to the kabbalists denotes wholeness, completeness, as it is a complete one thru ten series of numbers, etc. Each number of course symbolizes various ideas and laws of Nature and the Cosmos. Since 1 starts with the sephira Kether and 10 ends with the sephira Malkuth, Daath did not have a place in the 1 thru 10 series, subsequently it was ascribed the number 11 — and what is important to note is that 11 begins a whole new series of numbers (Ideas, laws and so forth). [Editors note: See Mantram of the Will and Course 6 Chapter on "Doctrine of Kabalism].

"Daath is the Gateway in the midst of the Abyss. It is a doorway that leads to the other side of the Tree of Life, and this other, or opposite, counterbalancing side, has indeed been referred to as the Tree of Death. This may be why Wintle referred to Daath as such. It must be made clear that this Gateway does not refer to the Crossing to the Supernals, but a crossing to the aversive side of the Tree, which Daath is the crossing point to. Daath takes the

Initiate from the phenomenal to the noumenon source, or from what we call Universe A (Our world of sense, etc.) to Universe B (The world of senselessness, etc.) This other Tree is not really a separate tree by any means, it is only one part of the total Tree as a whole, of which the front—Tree of Life—and the aversive side—Tree of Death or Daath—make up, like a coin with the two sides.

"The aversive side of the Tree the Initiate reaches thru Daath is the opposite of that of the front. Hence instead of the Tree of Life, it is called the Tree of Death. An all concepts found on the front of the Tree are reversed or inverted in the aversive side of it. Thus if Kether is referred to as The Crown, and symbolizes unit and is 1 (Esoterically), then the aversive Kether of the Tree of Death (Daath) is confusion, disorganization, and instead of being 1, it is divided. Just as the left

hand Pillar of Severity and the right hand Pillar of Mercy counterbalance one another on the front of the Tree, the aversive side of the Tree takes this counterbalance to an even greater level. So where one may find angelic forces on the front of the Tree, one will find demonic or what are termed Qliphoth on the planes of the back of the Tree.

"Daath is referred to in English as Knowledge as Blanchard has indicated. With what I have said above the eating of the "Forbidden Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" found I Genesis takes on a deeper meaning."—Christopher Dendy, Huntsville Texas

Space does not permit Christopher's entire letter. The CofL would like to encourage this discussion. Anyone who is

interested in further discussion of this topic may write to CofL HQ & their correspondence will be forwarded to Mr. Dendy. We also encourage discussions related to this topic or others on the CofL's web site at. The "Discussion Forum" is located in the Membership Room of the home page.

[For the Record: Prier Wintle confirms that "Death" is a typo and that the article should have read "Daath".] ❧

"...The **Force** (11), of man, sanctified by **Sacrifice** (12), which is the voluntary offer of himself upon the altar of devotion or expiation, triumphs over death. This divine **Transformation** (13), raises him beyond the tomb into the serene region of infinite progress and opposes the reality of **Initiative** (14), to the eternal falsehood of **Fatality** (15). The course of time is marked by **Ruins** (16), but beyond every ruin one sees reappear the dawn of **Hope** (17), or the twilight of **Deception** (18)."

—The Mantram of the Will



Membership Room

Yeah & Hurray!:

The Church of Light's web site is up and running! www.light.org



So far the web site has been more successful than we thought it would be at first. While this remark may sound negative, it is more a marveling at the fact that so far nothing has been done to advertise it—other than CofL members who have linked their sites. A rigorous advertising effort will commence after the Mars & Uranus sections are complete.

Every weekend the site generates book sales....this is good for many reasons but mostly because we're always searching for a way to get the BofL Word out there! New members are generated. It is responding to lots of Literature Requests.

A few people have used the Membership Forum but it is a bit disappointing because we thought more people would want to interact if they had the opportunity. Remember, this is your site! Feel free to use the Forum to ask study questions about the lessons you are studying or the charts you are doing. It is a great resource for you to use.

So far not too many people are using the option of making their donation on line. Not sure of why this is. Unless it is the old nemesis FEAR. The CofL has made every effort to make

certain that all financial transactions are secure.

If you have an event you wish to see on the Calendar please let HQ know.

When the Mars (Building a Better World) and Uranus (Astrological Research) sections of the site are developed (which we hope will be soon) our web masters will make our application to be listed on Yahoo. We understand Yahoo is very selective. Our web masters have a very good success rate for getting their sites listed on Yahoo and say we have an excellent chance!

As the work load increases around here all we need are more hands, fingers, toes, elementals and lots and lots of LIFE, LIGHT & LOVE!

Please give your feedback. It's your siteit must work for you!

Quarterly on the Web:

Look for the Quarterly on the CofL web site at <http://www.light.org>. Although you can download a copy of the Quarterly for free, donations are appreciated and needed. To read the Quarterly from the Internet, you will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader, version 3 or newer. You can download the Adobe Acrobat Reader free from Adobe Systems <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html>

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

Something New!

The Academy of Hermetic Astrology in Canberra ACT Australia is working with CofL Headquarters to publish their newsletter on the CofL web site....a few e-mails back and forth and voila! You get to have access to what's happening down under.

Be sure to check it out. AHA is dedicated to the study of Hermetic Astrology and they are producing some great Hermetic astrologers. Their articles are quite good and many of you will find them instructive on how you can apply the knowledge you gain from reading The Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

Like the CofL Quarterly their newsletter is a pdf file and will require Adobe Acrobat Reader. It's link is located on the CofL Home Pagein the stardust ✨ next to the CofL Quarterly.



Welcome:

What is 19 inches tall, weighs 8.2 pounds and has some hair? The answer is Nebo Ezekiel Paul, the newest member of the CofL family. He was born on June 14 at 6:59 p.m. in Holland MI. His proud parents are David & Allison Paul.

The Paul's are moving to Southern California so we're very excited that we'll get to be a closer part of Nebo's life.

PS: Nebo is the name of David's grandfather.



Thanks to:

EVERYONE who adds their healing energy to the NOON Healing Service....it works!

Angelo Chirban for his work with The Order of the Sphinx and for grading math exams.

Dee Wynne for taking photos at the AFA conference so we could share them with you.

Aurora for all of her work to promote Hermetic Astrology on the internet down under.

Barbara Baker for her compassionate, appropriate, and prompt answering of members' letters.

Margarita Wodarczyk for helping us translate the Spanish letters and inquiries we receive...Patrick Ramsey ditto!

Donald Baker for grading exams and staying up late for the Board Meeting conference calls!

Steve Carrothers for taking on Ventura Publisher!

Donald & Barbara Baker and Jewell & William Richman for more Archive Quarterlys.

Lynne Palmer has quite a collection of Rising Stars that Mildred Schuler gave to her. She and her husband Syd photocopied them for the CofL....they spent many hours at Kinkos in this

work of love. We are deeply appreciative! They will gradually appear in the Archives in the Saturn Section of the web site.

Barbara Kniffen for her continued work to put the "Archive" Quarterlys and other articles on the web for YOU!

All the members who write with their comments. This is how YOU will build your own community of kindred spirits.

Reaching the CofL is just an e-mail away!

ChurchOfLight@light.org

Thank you very much for the feedback!

★ "Hector Morales a prisoner in Stormville NY says of the postcards: "I would like to extend my gratitude for your generous consideration expressed in your thought by sending me a postcard picturing Centaurus as the 2nd decanate of Leo.

"Enclosed you will find an institutional check or money order of the exact amount of \$10.00 that I'm donating to you as I also strongly believe in your goals for Universal Oneness. Thank you for letting me know where to find you."

★ Delilah Cooper: "I really enjoy those postcards!"

Building a Better World

Cay Loftus is teaching a class on Esoteric Astrology. Cay is a Seven Rays student who is out there working to expand consciousness. Hooray for Cay! Classes are in Laguna Woods, CA. contact at 714.968.4116.



From the Membership Files:

Over the past year new member LeRoy Williams has been a frequent phone visitor. We've enjoyed getting to know LeRoy and thought you might too. Dorothy asked him to send in a little bio and picture.

LeRoy says he is 62 years of age and was born on March 15th, 1938. As a child he was interested in magic. At the age of 18 he followed the information in an occult book that was given to him and drew a pentagram on his parents roof. Needless to say he made contact but quickly had to dismiss the entity.

Approximately age 32 he began contacting many spiritual groups which he found beneficial to his spiritual growth.

Around age 33 he became a New York State Corrections Officer. He recently retired after 25 years of service.

At 56 he became a mason until present. A masonic brother gave him a book entitled *Ancient Masonry* by C.C. Zain. As LeRoy (and so many others) say, the rest is history. He's happy to say, another piece of the puzzle has been allotted to him by his contact with The Church of Light.

We've been tracking his move from New York to South Carolina where he is reveling in his natural surroundings. He's especially enjoying his new telescope and the the dark night sky. We wish him much joy!

Words of Wisdom To Live By

"The ultimate lesson all of us have is unconditional love, which includes not only others but ourselves as well."
—Elizabeth Kubler Ross

More Letters:

Two letters were received from Benito Ramous. Because members are geographically scattered one of the few means we have of communicating with one another is through this column. Benito has been through a very troubling year but with the grace of God and the BofL teachings he has managed to turn lead into gold. He expresses the desire to participate in God's Great Work. Perhaps sharing his story will help him do this.

★ "Stormville NY

7-10-2000

"Enclosed with this letter is my written exam of Course #5, Esoteric Psychology. I started this exam since April...but due to the unrest in this prison and the death of my wife in March I was in psychological wreck.

I am now beginning to get myself together. I know I have to pick up my cross and move on with life even though my captivity and restrictions limit my ambition. My chief goal is to understand to the best of my ability the twenty one course subjects of this correspondence course.

Thanks for the information within the courses of 1, 2 and 3. I used all the discipline I learned from these three courses to help me calm my aching spirit and accept the responsibility of my situation. I learned to make the best of a bad situation and to accept all trials and tribulations as a blessing instead of a curse in that trial and tribulations become the tools to enlighten and strengthen one's spiritual condition.

I look back at my life in 21 years in the Belly of the Beast—prison—and after serving 20 years with discipline of an excellent institutional record I was hit

at the parole board with two years and eight months after I was hit at the board my wife died of breast cancer. I learn not to hate the powers that may be because I will only deteriorate my spiritual growth. I learn to accept these unfortunate circumstances in my life as calmly as I can. It is not easy, but at least I know the correct way I have to live and that I thank you for. I have been exercising these divine qualities everyday of my life and I know that I am growing in spiritual oneness with God's Universal Plan. I do not have much to donate to your very precious work of distributing this quality information to the world, because I am captivated and this limits my situation. So I can only send \$5.00 now to help with the postage for posting my exam back to me. I will donate what I can until I can do better. This process of donation will take a few days in here so this exam will reach you before the donation but it is on the way to you. Thank you for your time and sincerity in dealing with me in this prison setting. —Yours Respectfully Benito Ramous

★ "Stormville NY

8-16-2000

"This letter is to thank you for the gift—a copy of *The Next Life* that you sent me. Thanks also for placing my name permanently on your noon healing list, and a special thanks to all the students who repeat the Healing Prayer at Noon time.

"I read your letter over and over because I felt the vibration of concern, compassion and love through your lines as I read the words. I apply Zain Pleasure Principle in my life every day because as I learn in my studies I allow them to transport me to other glorious places in my mind. I didn't know about the Pleasure Principle, I knew that I always felt happy with what I learn during the course of studying. The information excites me. The more I study, the more I want to learn and continue the joy and pleasure. I also deal with my trials and tribulations not as such, but as situations to strengthen my courage so I

can achieve spiritual attainment. It's not easy but I try in every circumstances that manifest in my life.

"Sir, thanks again, for the information in your various courses of study. This information—this quality of teachings has really helped me to cope with the dehumanizing conditions and brutality imposed on me during these past 21 years in prison. Lately, I have one special goal and that is to learn about the various principles in your 21 study course and apply them every day in my life as long as I live to the best of my ability.

"I try to help others around me by letting them know that they have the power within themselves to create their own feelings thus, hate, vengeance, violence, sadness and all negative feelings are creations of our own. I let them know that in spite of all the tribulations in here with us there is always a positive approach to all circumstances and I search for that approach. I give them an example that I demonstrate myself—I cannot get out until the system wants to release me, I can't be with my children and loved ones and I can't do anything about that. However, I refuse to lay down and cry, I refuse to hate or become violent because the end result is not beneficial to me, So! I go to school and learn everything this prison has to offer me in the sense of programs and I refuse to think negative. So because of this attitude I was able to fortunately to come in contact with The Church of Light and now I am strengthened even more so.

"Sir, the work of The Church of Light is very important to Universal Awareness of our purpose in God's Great Plan. I wish I were in a suitable financial position to help this work continue in full force but since I am captivated in this condition for the past 21 years all I have is my life that has not yet been taken away from me. Nevertheless, enclosed with this letter of thanks is a little money order for \$10 as donation to help out with postage or what little way it can help. So! I close this letter with gratefulness and success on your journey towards the contribution of Universal Oneness—God's Great Plan. Yours Respectfully Benito Ramous"

★Chicago IL

"Enclosed find a check for \$20 as a donation. I live on a fixed income, but I was able to send a check this quarter. I've finished course 11 and am working, at least trying to get to course 12 —my course of study stopped a few years ago due to a lot of family illnesses.

"Thank you for keeping me on the mailing list.

—Member Grade 3, 10th degree"

★Columbus Ohio

Donna McCarthy loved the charts (astrology) and the tarot spread of who will win. Said she'd never seen the two mixed...Loved It! Also, will really miss Lloyd. [Ditto!]

Classes:

Longmont, Colorado

Donna Deatheridge is holding classes in astrology and various BofL courses. To be put in touch with Donna, please call or write International Headquarters.

Canberra AUSTRALIA

Hermetic Academy of Astrology; Julia Goldstein. Three year course work in Hermetic Astrology.

If you are conducting classes or study groups and wish to have it announced in the Quarterly, please let CofL HQ know. ChurchofLight@light.org.

Mark your calendar...

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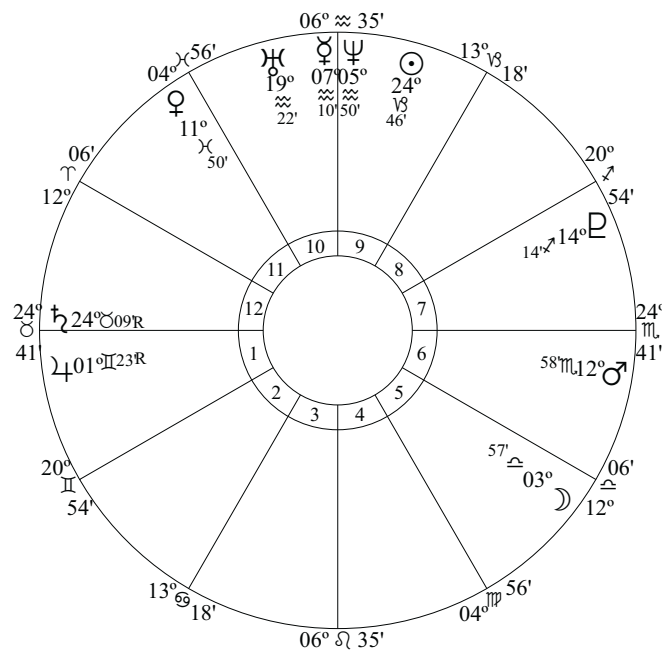


That whimsical wizard is frolicking through the pages of this Quarterly. Though he appears several times, one of his appearances has been transformed. If you discover which page he's on, what's different about him and then drop the CofL a postcard telling us on which page he's located, what's different about him and your card is the first, you'll win a lovely prize...have fun!

Regarding the Election

"My explanation with respect to Mr. Jeffrey's divining work I would say that Mr. Bush is the next U.S. President....I note that transitive Moon in (mutable) Pisces (8th house placement) forms an inconjunctin with Pluto (octave planet) major and perfect inconjunction with both Mercury (maj.) and venus (natal) in Leo (leadership) all first house placements with Leo on the Ascendant. Most importantly perhaps is the trigger effect of transiting Moon (8th) is inconjunct MC in Leo (1st). Also there is an opposition between transitive Moon and Ascendant (major) 8th to 2nd, indicting a re-coil of the separation.

Having taken all this into consideration I would describe these configurations as Bush will inherit (8th) through legacy from his father the high or expanded (inconjunction) leadership (Leo) position. Most illuminating is that the Magic 7 spread reveals the 9 of cups (Good Fortune) which corresponds to the Pisces decanate of Scorpio. LLL-Victor Bobo.



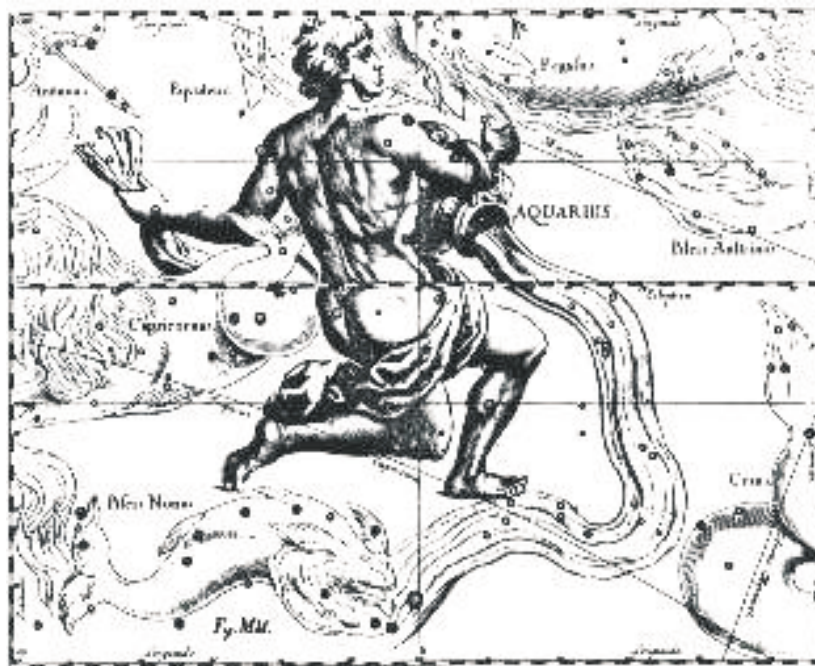
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