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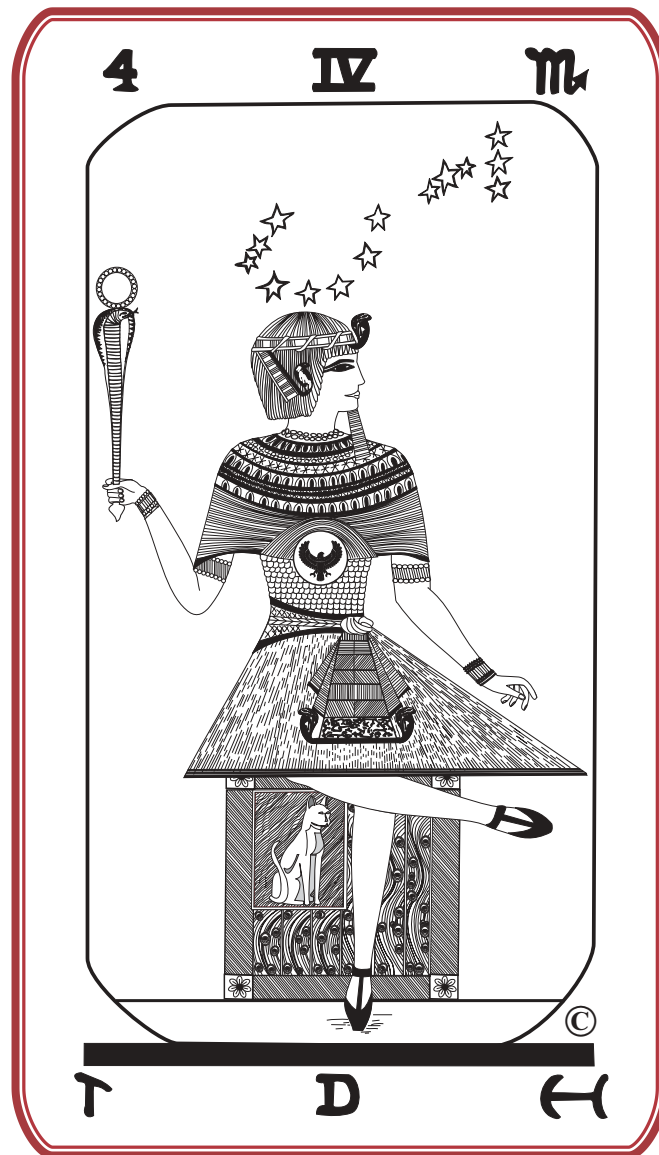
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part V

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Those who in an ancient day scanned the sky in the effort to determine the influence of each section on the affairs of earth, found in the thirty degrees along the annual journey of the Sun mapped by Scorpio a perplexing problem. This was a watery sign; plastic, emotional and receptive as all the watery signs should be; but those born under its influence also exhibited an aggressiveness and force far removed from the ordinary conception of water; quite suggestive, in fact, of fire. We of a later age, familiar with the tremendous force and aggressive quality of water when it has been converted into steam, water which having been sublimated is no longer a liquid, but a gas with properties quite distinct on that account, can consider this aggressive force paralleled by water which has been heated.

Water thus sublimated into gas is no longer rigidly bound to earth, but moves freely in the third dimension. Thus also does human life function freely on the fourth dimension instead of the third to which its physical form has bound it, when through



death, which Scorpio rules, it avails itself of its thought-built body, in turn a sublimation of three-dimensional experiences.

One can scarcely contemplate the sign without at once being brought face to face with the doctrine of transmutation, or as our modern psychologists prefer to designate it, sublimation; for from most ancient times to the present day, the sign has been associated with both the highest and the lowest. Those with this birth chart influence strong are never mild and insipid; instead, they are decidedly noble, or completely debased. Thus has it been pictured with an alternate influence; one represented by the eagle soaring into realms celestial, and the other as the crawling vermin of the desert floor.

The oldest seals and boundary stones of Mesopotamia, for instance, bear the picture of the

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Mixing It Up With Arcanum IV: Power, Purpose, Potency and a Little Bit of Religion...

Vicki Brewer

A Sovereign is commonly understood to be a supreme ruler—someone who exercises power or authority. Another meaning, less commonly held, is that it means to be effective or potent. Arcanum IV relates to both of these. In the Stellarian sense, to be a Sovereign is to exercise power over self and thereby become a more effective and powerful individual, able to attract greater happiness, success and spirituality.

Teaching people to become the sovereign power in their own life is the primary goal of The Stellarian Religion. To do this, a Stellarian's first work is to gain self knowledge. Being an effective manager of one's life-energy is dependent upon the ability to see Self objectively, with love and without judgment. An effective religion must be able to help its devotees do this.

To know, understand and accept one's DESIRE energy puts an individual squarely on the path to self knowledge. No matter how lofty or how warped a desire feels, it emanates from the Divine Spark of energy that animates the soul and is worthy of consideration. It is worthy of first "owning" it by applying the Will (I). Next, its merits must be examined (Science - II). If determined to be meritorious the next step is to take Action (III) which ultimately leads to Realization (IV). Of course, seeing the fruits of one's desire is the most potent tool for transmutation because it forms the experiential foundation for progress and the ultimate metamorphosis of the Soul.

In the Stellarian sense, an effective person must be able to stand in front of the mirror with unconditional love and a deep appreciation for the unique life within.

Many are not effective because it's very difficult to take that honest look in the mirror. When we do, we see things we don't particularly like or that may even frighten us. Some of

us (probably most of us) come into this world with prior experiences in lower forms of life or childhood where the yet unconscious, lower, animal desires have not yet found constructive and suitable expression. In such cases the individual is the slave of the desire energy rather than it's sovereign. The problem is not that desire exists, it is how to best express it. Denying desire weakens the energy reserves of the individual and consequently the efficacy of the Will is diminished. It is like being imprisoned by some unknown and "unowned" force.

The work of the Stellarian is to be able to fly freely, like the eagle, on the currents of desire energy, including those desires that go unwanted and unknown. This can only happen when it becomes safe to acknowledge them. For this reason C.C. Zain recommends that a journal of freely associated thoughts be kept. This process must be done in the spirit of Love. If it is, then it becomes a way of getting at the inner self that is not yet safe enough to come out and has felt the need to hide behind the cloak of another thought or feeling. It is in these moments that the lessons of Arcanum IV are most important. For it is a very powerful time during which desire can be acknowledged and recognized for what it is. Only then can the slow process of reconditioning with pleasure and love, in alignment with a more enlightened expression, be undertaken.

The Sovereign is represented by the fixed sign Scorpio. As with all fixed signs, there is a strong tendency to operate under the aura of the "perfectionist". Throughout the BofL lessons reference is made to "the true perfected human". What must be remembered is that perfection is a goal. To be human is about not being perfect. In fact, that each of us is imperfect increases our value in the Grand Scheme. Deity has need for all the lessons that our inherent imperfect state brings. So,



the next time you start to get down on yourself for not being perfect, chill out! It's part of the Divine Plan.

The Religion of the Stars does not pretend to know all there is to know about God's Will. It does offer an amazing body of traditional knowledge and the possibility of an ever unfolding universe that can be known by the sincere and true heart. For the Divine Plan to unfold, each person must become their own Sovereign. As fully integrated individuals we make greater progress as we come together to study The Book of Nature which bears the signature of God's Will. To the extent this Book is understood, each individual will be able to achieve real power as well as the peace of the free spirit that passes understanding. 🦋

As this Quarterly is going to press an important legal and moral issue has come to the forefront of America's consciousness. It comes in the form of Andrea Yates. So many questions have been raised by her behavior and trial. So far, the Piscean Age model of retribution seems to be winning the day. As a Stellarian I'm inviting each of you to think about this issue and see where it leads.

To be effective, religion must serve as a moral compass by which people can make decisions that help them to better adapt to this world and the next.

The world we live in today is not the same as it was 100 years ago and it certainly is not the same as the world of 2000+ years ago. The Arian and Piscean notions of crime and punishment are no longer valid. Just as C.C. Zain and Thomas H. Burgoyne said would happen, the universities are beginning to shed light on human behavior that can help transform the world if we only get beyond the paradigm of Piscean Age morality that is based on fear of what used to be the unknown.

Sometimes I find myself wanting to clap my hands and say, "Snap out of it!" It's as though our senses and thinking have been dulled with the notion that "Jesus will save you if you will just take him as your Lord and Savior". There's more to it than that and if we don't wake up we're going to keep paying a terrible price. It's important to understand that much of the morality about sin and punishment that played a formative role in developing our institutions evolved during a time when very little was known about human behavior. It happened during a time when the "church" exercised political and economic control over moral issues and heaven and hell became a powerful means for controlling people's loyalty and behavior. The Piscean Age was by its nature poetic, vague, idealistic, punitive, belief-based, beautiful and it needs to be transmuted! We've outgrown it.

The Book of Nature (the social sciences page) teaches us that punishment certainly plays an important role in conditioning a person's behavior. Punishment works to control behavior as long as the punitive agent is present or to the extent

that the individual has internalized the control. It is still a negative in the sense that the behavior has not yet been set free. There may be nothing wrong with that type of behavior control (in some instances it's desirable) but it is not as desirable as achieving the goal of "transmutation" which is the lesson of Arcanum IV. Punishment always has an aura of guilt associated with it. Punishment is far less desirable than trying to form a person's behavior using positive ideals toward which behavior is shaped.

Today's institutions are still mired in the Piscean Age, fear-based model. We're still working on the model of punishment rather than rehabilitation.

The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light tradition teaches that the chain is only as strong as its weakest link and that each individual person is a link in the chain. To the extent a soul loses its ability to express constructively do we all lose! In the long run everyone pays a terrible price for punishing and not rehabilitating.

Piscean based morality sends a person to heaven or hell. Good for you if you make it to heaven but no skin off my back if you don't and end up in hell and besides, "you probably deserve it!". It doesn't work that way in the Hermetic tradition! Heaven and Hell are one system...they are states of mind/being or vibratory rate within God's Creation. The lowest vibratory rate limits the capacity for all to advance. Again, the weakest link determines the overall strength of the Whole.

One reason Andrea Yates is important is that she strikes fear in the heart of everyone. She did the unthinkable. She made us walk through the door of hell. Hell is exactly where she was residing and nobody was able to reach out to her because they didn't know how. Therein lies the problem. We don't know because we're still stuck in punishing the act rather than trying to understand the behavior so that we will be able to reach out in the future.

There is another moral issue that her trial brought to the forefront. Because her case was tried as a "capital" offense she faces the death penalty. It is not the business of the CoFL to tell people how they should think because one of our basic tenets is "freedom of expression" but it behooves all Stellarians to take a look at this issue. The Stellarian religion teaches that all life exists on a continuum. When you die you take your character with you and you set up housekeeping in another realm! Proponents of the death penalty seem to think that if you kill someone you've eliminated them as a potential threat. Is that true? Actually, all you've done is sent a dangerous character to a place where potentially more harm can be wreaked. Just because a person doesn't have a physical body doesn't mean they don't try and have experiences on the physical plane through someone else. If that character we prematurely release onto the astral is addicted to certain types of experiences that can only be had on the physical plane they will hang out in the lower astral hells

looking for opportunity to satisfy their untrained lower desires. Sure there are ministers on the inner planes that do missionary work but they're just as busy as we are here!

If the Stellarian religion teaches us nothing else it must teach us that each of us is responsible for those things that we can do something about. Andrea Yates came into most of our lives. We, as a group of people, can do something about how civilized people treat those among us who are in need of help and rehabilitation. We cannot necessarily do it as in-

dividuals but we can try and change the overall consciousness. There are countless ways to take action, not the least of these is to support the Religion of the Stars.

If we choose not to accept or "own" Andrea Yates as one of us then it's okay to simply judge her guilty and lock her away. We don't have to think about her anymore. The price is that we also don't increase our capacity to grow in Life, Light & Love. We lose the opportunity to create the New Civilization that C.C. Zain tells us is possible. 🐉

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constellated Scorpion; and it is one of the most prominent pictures on the Arkansas Astrological Stone. Yet in old-time zodiacs where the four fixed signs are used, each as representing one quadrant, it is the eagle which is used as emblem of the autumn and never the scorpion.

To know why the men of old used this desert creature to picture the vilest aspect of sex and death, which the sign had been recognized to rule, consider that no other animal, perhaps, exhibits such intensity in its love making, and none is more jealous and cruel once its desires are satisfied. The male and female scorpion, preceding the nuptial union, clasp hands in ecstasy, and each in rapt admiration of the other stands immobile for as much as a night and a day. The enthrallment of the other's touch seems, for the time being, to lift them to such heights of bliss that they are oblivious of the world and passing time. They are entranced. Desire so permeates their bodies as to render them motionless.

Yet when finally the spell is broken, and fertilization has taken place, a monstrous change in attitude occurs. In members of this and allied tribes, such as the spiders, the female is the larger. And it is as if, satiated by the long embrace, she were consumed with jealousy of a future rival, driven to frenzy that her mate might desert her for another. This, at any cost, and at any cruelty, she is determined to prevent. She therefore grasps her erstwhile lover, and despite his frenzied struggles, his mute entreaties, and his attempts to recall to her the beauties of their recent honeymoon, she tears him limb from limb and devours him completely.

Now consider the eagle, mating for life and maintaining throughout a fine solicitude for the one companion of his

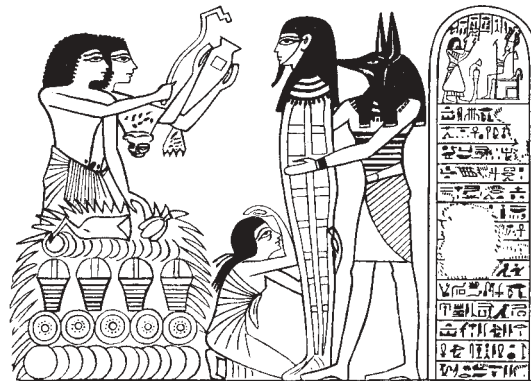
choice: a bird which it was believed flew higher than any other creature. At least, in its upward soaring it ascends until completely out of sight. Nor in its attack is it ever treacherous, but bold and vigorous; a bird of tremendous power, of a power and freedom of movement which is paralleled by that of steam when compared with earth-bound water. And thus fittingly has it been employed as the universal symbol of that sublimation by which alone the highest spiritually can be attained.

The scorpion, condensed and conventionalized into the hieroglyphic we yet use to designate the sign, conveyed information about the brutal and primitive impulses when their

energy was permitted to express in grosser ways. Astrologers give Scorpio the Key-phrase, I Desire. Yet when these desires which exemplify the scorpion traits, were sublimated, it was recognized that they became the source of those powers so well depicted by the soaring eagle. That is, the scorpion told the story graphically enough, of Desires basely gratified; while the eagle told the story equally well of Desires properly sublimated. But neither picture told how that sublimation

could be accomplished; how the scorpion could be converted into the eagle. It was this that the fourth Major Arcanum of the tarot was designed, through the language of symbolical pictograph, to explain.

Outstanding in this pictorial representation is the upraised scepter of peculiar design. It is chiefly in form a cobra, sacred to the virile sun, and when curled is used instead of the lion, as the hieroglyphic by which we represent the sign Leo. And quite intentionally is this Leo emblem here employed; for Leo is natural ruler of the fifth house of a chart of birth, the house that relates to children, love-affairs and



pleasures. And all the Desires, including those which Scorpio more specifically rules, are founded upon the principle of pleasure. They strain to release energies in the direction of enjoyment or in a direction to escape pain — this latter relatively considered also being in the direction of the greater pleasure.

But this emblem of both power and pleasure related to the dominating Leo sign is not thus held high before the view merely to show the source of Desires which are recognized to be so strong in those born under the influence of the sign Scorpio. For surmounting it is the emblem of spirit, the circle. Thus does it explain clearly in symbolical pictograph that Desires can, and should, be sublimated — as indicated by the circle which is the highest emblem in the picture, yet which is joined to the cobra — through the use of pleasure. In fact, that is the only way they can be transmuted; for efforts to change them through the use of force fail completely and result in inner conflicts.

The cube on which this sovereign sits is the emblem of matter and the physical world, the experience with which, little by little, has built into his unconscious the thought-elements and feeling energy which in their present organization constitute that character which his birth chart maps so perfectly. Whatever is now within his unconscious mind is derived from past experiences. Simple sensations have fused to become perceptions, perceptions have amalgamated to produce conceptions, and these in turn combine to express as intuition and reason.

Coincident with every experience, physical or mental, feeling energy, which is some degree of pleasure or pain, is also built into the unconscious mind along with the mental images of the experience. It is this feeling energy which conditions the desires, that is, which tends to cause the organism to act in a certain manner when again brought in contact with a similar situation. An amoebae moving in contact with a drop of acid retreats because of the pain. Next time it comes close to a similar drop of acid it retreats more quickly because it has built a desire thus to avoid the acid. An infant roughly handled by some person, soon learns to kick and cry when that person puts in an appearance. A desire has been built, through the pain associated with the image of that person, to escape from him. Yet an amoebae, a child, or other creature having felt the pleasure of satisfactory food gained through some specific action, because of the desire thus built up in association with that action, quickly learns to repeat it.

This process which the psychologists call Conditioning is not confined to human life, but is characteristic of all organic existence, and is the process through which all learning takes place, and through which all desires have been energized. The cat, as well as the lion, is associated with the house of pleasure, but not in so noble a manner. On the side of the cube here presented, it indicates that the vision of the soul penetrates the illusions of matter; but of greater signifi-

cance. It signifies that pleasure has organized the unconscious mind as it now exists, and that all the individual has to work with in attaining the spirituality to which he now aspires is the energies built into his unconscious in lower forms of life which now express as his desires.

The chart of birth maps the manner in which the thought-cells and organizations were conditioned at the time of birth: that is, the general trend and intensity of their desires. It does not indicate that they must remain conditioned in that particular way. In fact, even as the primitive desires characteristic of the snake, the scorpion, the badger and the fox, existing in the human astral form as derived from pre-human experiences, are usually conditioned during infancy into socially acceptable channels of expression, so should the primitive desires which now determine the individual's thoughts and conduct be reconditioned to express in a more spiritual manner.

The cat, because it is an emblem of the house of pleasure in the birth chart, represents the various desires within the unconscious mind as these have been conditioned by pleasure up to the present time. These are shown to be the foundation of the work of sublimation which the sovereign performs.

The apron above the legs which are bent presents the form of a trine above a cross; the symbol of mind dominating matter. Not only should the individual who seeks to lead a higher type of life use careful discrimination in selecting how to condition his desires so that they will release their energies, not as in the past, but in the new paths of his choosing, but he should use high intelligence in selecting that which is truly beneficial to desire. Many false notions of spirituality gain wide acceptance — notions which in practice injure the health and tend toward the disintegration of society.

It has even been taught in the Orient that to be spiritual one must kill out desire. Yet instead of being something inimical to human welfare, the teaching of modern psychology is that desire is the most essential asset possessed by any living thing. Without it there is no activity. Such activity as is expressed, is the expression of desire; and what is done, whether beneficial or the reverse, is determined by the manner in which desire has been conditioned. Therefore, there is but one possible avenue by which man can attain morality or live a life which is better in any respect, and that is not through eliminating desire, but through the proper use, or conditioning, of his desires. That is why this conditioning process is so carefully explained in the Scorpio tarot card.

Essential in this conditioning process is the use of pleasure, as signified by the upraised scepter. That is, it is possible to develop pleasure in almost anything through associating it with other things which already possess a high degree of pleasure. And it is through this process also, that the energy of primitive or anti-social desires can be diverted to flow through spiritual channels which are beneficial to the individual and to society at large.

But before he proceeds with this process of sublimation he must first aspire to make the change in his character which this implies. He must have the prompting to live a higher type of life; and this is portrayed in the picture by the hawk, symbol of aspirations, on the breast, the region where emotions dominate: This man felt high aspirations, and in response to them has decided to be more spiritual than in the past.

But to practice the sublimation which has become his task, he must be able to direct his thoughts. That is, instead of permitting them to wander as fancy dictates, he must be able to select the objects on which to train his attention. If he permits his thoughts to dwell on the pleasure to be derived from the old avenue of expression of desire, action will follow in that direction. Instead of sublimating, he will follow the old habit pattern, and be no more refined than before.

The trine over the cross made by the apron above the legs indicates that mind, symbolized by the trine, has made such a triumph over matter. Not only has this individual used discrimination in selecting the type of desires into which to divert the more primitive energies which seek release in action, but he has cultivated considerable ability to determine what shall and what shall not occupy the attention of his thoughts.

This ability is extremely valuable also in attainment other than sublimation; especially in handling the unseen influences relating to the eighth house which Scorpio naturally rules. Those therefore who designed this Scorpio tarot felt that specific instructions should be included in reference to the influences exerted by the dead; and for this purpose they placed upon the sovereign's head the helmet of Pluto. The significance of this is clarified through the story of Perseus, who after slaying the Gorgon Medusa, was able to escape reprisals from her two furious sisters through a helmet which made him invisible. This helmet like the one here shown, had been provided by Pluto, ruler of the underworld and of Scorpio.

Such as have difficulties of a psychic nature, who have tampered unwisely with the invisible world, are here instructed by the wisdom of the past, in the best method of escaping such persecution. When through strong desire, we tune ourselves quite completely to one frequency of vibratory rates, this automatically cuts off others. When the dial of a radio set is tuned to pick up the program broadcast by one station, this eliminates the reception of programs which are broadcast over frequencies quite dissimilar. Thus it is, as proved by the experience of many people, that the best way to escape an undesirable psychic influence is not to fight it, which tunes the finer body to receive its rates, but to wear the helmet of Pluto here depicted, and to become invisible and unaffected by its power, through completely and persistently tuning in on some dissimilar and constructive interest.

We cannot transform a Mars desire into a Saturn desire. Mars must always express destructively or constructively and with aggression and initiative. Saturn must always express in terms of safety, but such expressions may be related to fear and selfishness or to system, organization and persistent labor for the welfare of others. Thus it is that sublimation of any desires does not change the basic thought-elements which are striving through it to find expression. Instead it finds a new and better outlet for the energies of those same thought-elements; for the mental factors of the unconscious mind mapped by the same planets in the birth chart.

When the individual decides that some desire or propensity which is customary to himself is not such as to fit in with the high standard of conduct to which he aspires, his next step should be to ascertain through what avenue of expression that same planetary type of energy can express in a manner not in conflict with such standards. The reproductive desire, for instance, may express in gross dissipation, in the finer relations of family life, in engineering, or in any of the creative arts, such as musical composition, writing and painting. As a concrete example of such sublimation of this Scorpio desire consider that Michelangelo never married, yet his name marks the pages of history as a man of almost superhuman talent and energy, both of which were devoted to high accomplishment. He records in his own words how he sublimated his great passion for the one woman of his choice into energies that were expressed by him in his works of art:

“As a stone, when an intaglio is cut upon it, becomes more precious than in its natural state, so am I of greater worth since your image has been graven on my heart. When a sculptor would give shape to an idea, he makes a mold of it in some base material such as clay or wax; then he puts it into marble and secures its immortality. So I born but the model of my future self, have been reformed and made by you, O, lofty and noble lady, into a more perfect expression.”

Of course there are many other desires than the one here considered which can, and should be, sublimated. These other cannot be made to express through creative activities, but only through avenues which are of their own essential nature. The desire for significance, ruled by the Sun, for instance, often expresses as an undue tendency to show off, to boast, or to bully others. And its energies can only be made to express, because they essentially are Power energies, in something which will add to the feeling of significance. Yet this object is not difficult to attain through sublimating them to find satisfaction in some worthwhile accomplishment that gains the respect of others and thus heightens the esteem for self.

But to get the desires to release their energies in these sublimated channels, it must be devised, as indicated by the cobra held aloft on Arcanum IV, that the individual gains an

intenser pleasure from this new expression than from the old. Habit breaks a channel through which the energies flow with ease. To break a new channel, which must be accomplished in sublimation, is hard work, and therefore essentially painful. Yet the artificial association of something else which is highly pleasurable with this new method of expression lends pleasure to the whole, and thus because it then affords more joy, the new habit is established.

Whatever the nature of the desire to be sublimated, if you have Mars prominent in your birth chart, you can utilize the pleasure you normally feel in Mars expression to assist in that sublimation. You can look upon the old propensity as an enemy to be vanquished. And every time you are successful in diverting the energy of the primitive desire into a more spiritualized type of expression, you can feel the thrill of a victory and the glow of a hero who has vanquished his adversary. The more joy you get from the victory, the greater assurance you may have that similar victories will follow in the future.

Or if you have Jupiter, the religious planet, exceptionally prominent in your birth chart, you can utilize its energies to enable you to sublimate any desire. Think about the sublimated expression you have selected as aiding you to lead a

religious life, as something of which the Supreme Intelligence is sure to approve. And when you have succeeded at least temporarily in this task of sublimation, permit yourself to feel deeply thankful to the higher powers. Associate with this expression also the feeling of benevolence and joviality. Because the thought-cells mapped by Jupiter in your unconscious mind possess so much energy, by associating that energy pleasantly with the expression decided upon, it is able to do what no amount of stubborn will power could accomplish.

If you have been accustomed to get high pleasure from using intelligence (Mercury), think how intelligent it is to express the desire energy in a sublimated way. Associate it with the feeling of significance if the Sun is prominent in your chart. In some manner tie the new expression in as giving pleasure to as many other strong desires as can be recognized, such as those mapped by prominent planets in the chart of birth. As explained by THE SOVEREIGN of the tarot, in order to sublimate any desire, find a more acceptable channel that will permit the essential nature of the desire to express. Then guide its energies into this channel through associating the desire with this expression, and with the pleasant realization of as many other desires as possible. 🐉



Thought Forms Rule the World...

From Cs XVII, *Imponderable Forces*

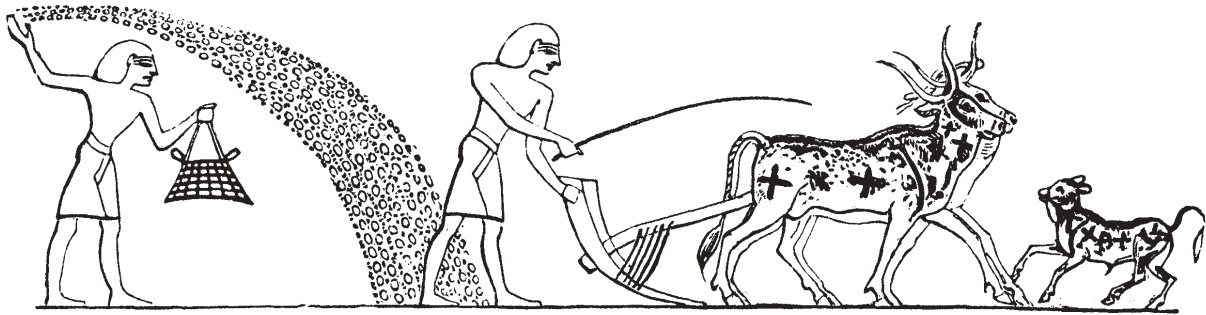
“...A strong and vivid thought sent out with a given work to perform not only possesses power to influence, but also a certain amount of intelligence to accomplish the purpose for which it was formulated....It is an automaton...A torpedo sent out to attack a ship travels directly toward the ship. Yet even if the ship changes its course and maneuvers about, it does not prevent the torpedo from finding its mark; for it is so constructed that it will follow the ship until it strikes it...In a very similar way a thought-form sent out to accomplish a definite mission exhibits quite an uncanny appearance of intelligence. It does not have the kind of intelligence possessed by a living thing, but the kind of intelligence that a torpedo has in finding its target...It is a mechanical device constructed of thought energy and endowed with the ability to accomplish a definite thing under almost any circumstance that may arise.”

Why is it important to learn to recognize thought-forms? Because thought-forms are used either by us or on us everyday. They are the powerful tools that cause us to go to the supermarket and buy a particular brand without knowing why. Thought-forms are the reason most government officials are elected because of the natural tendency to take the line of least resistance and not do the necessary research to thoroughly understand the issues.

To be truly free each person must learn how to recognize when a thought-form moves into their personal astral space. Thought-forms typically have an emotional component (source of energy) and tend to be associated with thinking that upon close examination has no foundation in either personally verifiable experience or rational laws.

The most dangerous and difficult to detect is the Inversive Thought-Form which takes a nucleus of truth and then twists it to make it appear a point has been proven or a fact established.

While many thought-forms are harmless they can be powerful tools for inversions that slip their way into unconscious space. Thought-forms are the means by which inversive forces press their Will over others. With Pluto in the 9th house opposing Mercury in the 3rd house Americans are particularly susceptible to the unconscious impact of thought-forms. Interestingly, The CofL is also susceptible to the negative use of thought-forms. In the CofL it works through disgruntled factions (Pluto in the 7th) working in opposition to the CofL membership at large (Saturn in the 1st). This has been a pattern from the time of Elbert Benjamine and continues to be so today. True freedom means learning to be aware of when a thought-form comes knocking at your door! Bring your consciousness with you the next time one comes knocking at the door ...the freedom is worth it! 🐉



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The Tradition of The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light

CHAPTER XII, THE BOOK WHICH IS CALLED TABLETS OF AETH



Excerpt from the *Light of Egypt*, Vol. II. By T.H. Burgoyne

Introduction

“...The Tablets of AETH, ...constitute a spiritual astrology, a spiritual science of the stars, void of mathematics, yet possessing all the exactitude of figures, constructed on the principles of astronomy, yet expressed by the methods of the Kabbalah.

“The transmission of spiritual truth from inward to outward form, though differing according to the age in which it is expressed, is ever the same in principle. And in the same way that the sacred *clavicula* of Solomon became the Tarot of Bohemian gypsies, so did the Tablets of AETH manifest their mysteries in the starry science of Chaldean lore. But there is this sharp line of demarcation between them, namely the Tablets of AETH deal with universal human life and nature, with infinite principles from which all finite laws radiate. The Tablets of AETH express and symbolize the cause. All other mundane systems of occult study, astronomical or metaphysical, are spirito-natural effects, the individual intellectual fruits, gathered from the one universal tree of knowledge. Uncreated, Unlimited Potentiality, is the one impersonal truth shining forever in the Great White Light of God. All the laws, powers, and principalities, manifested in the moving Universe, are but the colored rays, blazing with glorious life through the prisms of matter.

“... The Tablets themselves constitute a grand arcane Tarot of man, God and the universe, and of all the powers that dwell therein. They may be studied singly, as, for instance, meditating upon some one great universal idea or principle; or they may be studied in trines, as they appear in each separate book, or chapter, or as squares, like two, five, eight, eleven or as the seal of two trines one, three, five seven, nine eleven, with number twelve in the center, as the revealer of the mystery. And, finally the may be contemplated as the Grand Oracle of Heaven...”

“...Long study and most reverent meditation will be required to master this mystery, and many errors of judgment will occur to the beginner.

“...Remember that all interpretation will be personal to each student. Of no one can it be affirmed, ‘thou hast said,’ and so endeth the matter. Not so. To each, according to his talent, shall the mysteries of the kingdom be revealed, to every one according to his humility, spiritual light and merit. But from the arrogant, the selfish and spiritually proud, shall all things be taken away, and truth shroud herself in the veil of delusion. In simplicity of mind, then, and purity of soul, approach the Holy of Holies. ‘Suffer little children to come unto Me.’ Saith a messenger of the Most High, ‘for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.’ Verily, therefore, I say until you you can look upon all the works of Nature — beauty in her nakedness or vice and crime in their repulsiveness, with pure thought and holy feeling, can you inherit eternal life”

Part I

Of The Book which is called THE TABLETS OF AETH OF THE TWELVE MANSIONS

Here beginneth Chapter I of the Book which is called “The Tablets of AETH,” wherein is transcribed the First Quadrant of the Twelve Mansions.

“I sent my soul through the invisible,
Some lesson of that after life to spell;
And by and by my soul returned to me
And answered, ‘I myself, am Heaven and Hell.’”

“The moving finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.”



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A deep blue Sky, a blaze, as if something were about to rise.

TABLET THE FIRST

Aries

REFLECTION

TABLET THE FIRST

The blush of dawn of a new life, all nature quivering with the sense of coming, conscious life; Isis, vibrant with love of the coming child, her bosom flushed in expectation of the little son soon to breathe on her yearning breast.

In this we trace the great lesson of preparation, of sending the light before the form, of the prophecy before the fulfillment. Dawn must precede sunrise. What you expect will be your destiny.

It is the longing of centuries that incarnates a god, a real Sun-God, whose vibrant love-life can thrill other lives into prayer—aspiration, the struggle for eternal life. The dawn represents the expectant maternity of Nature—God.

O child of Adam! See that thou expecteth much, and that thy aspirations are reflected in thy outward life.





Membership Minister

Patrick Ramsey

As a way of introducing the CofL's new membership minister, Pat Ramsey, the Quarterly is featuring a series of reflections that Pat wrote while meditating on the Tablets of AETH.

Performing his CofL work at home, Pat's wife Radine Ramsey helps with grading and mailing exams with the "not for sale award manuscripts". If you should have questions or need help with the course materials, you may either contact Pat through email at drpat@prodigy.net or by writing to him in care of CofL Headquarters.

Pat was inspired by The Sacred Scroll that is called the *Tablets of AETH* which is the esoteric tarot and is based upon the Hermetic law "As Above So Below". You may find an explanation of the Tablets of AETH at the end of Volume II of [The Light of Egypt](#) by Thomas H. Burgoyne (preceding pages). You may obtain these both volumes of these books through the Church of Light.

Pat says the series of meditations resulted from his extension of consciousness using the inspirational and intellectual ESP methods recommended by the Church of Light. As a way of promoting an exchange of ideas, he extends an invitation for you to do the same. If you write down and send in the creative work you bring back from the astral and spiritual planes, he will compile these meditations for the purpose of sharing them with the membership. ✨

Meditations on The Tablets of AETH

By Patrick Ramsey

Tablet The First

Aries ♈

"A deep blue Sky, a blaze, as if something were about to rise."

I have waited and longed to feel your bare feet moving through the morning dew of the springtime grass. Your eyes are aglow of expectation toward new discoveries of life. I am there caressing you in the newness of the morning breeze.

I am present there within in you. It is through you that I move my being and embrace my larger being continually present moving upon the Earth. I am continually new, fresh and alive in your actions. Take notice of me.

The Sun arises to greet you in the East. As the motion of the Sun arises so throughout all time will I remember you and never forget you. You have touched my heart and soul with your presence.

You are the celebration of life, the flower as it opens it pedals towards the Sun, so you open your arms toward me longing for greater meaning of truth and relishing in ever deeper expressions of love.

I am not one picture, but many continual pictures. I hold your hand as you walk alone at the seashore. I am in you, as you are in me. You gaze upon the waters of the sea and I answer your heart. I am that continual living movement of each new moment of life.

I am unique and special for each and for each a different picture will I paint upon the canvass of eternity. All desire to be in my presence and are. Nothing can prevent this unity as it always exists.

Move out upon the Earth and know that it is I who you are moving upon. When you see animals and others, you see me. When the Sun warms your radiant face, that is me fanning you hair to one side with the breeze. Know it. And know that I am with you always. ✨



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Before there were 21 BofL Courses...even before The Brotherhood of Light became the Church of Light...Elbert Benjamine began publishing an Annual Newsletter (these can be read in the Archive Section of the CofL web site). From that time the annual evolved into a Quarterly. Even during the times when the CofL could barely afford to keep the lessons in print, there was a Quarterly. Until the web site was activated it was the only means by which the far flung CofL membership could know anything at all about one another. It has always been the official means for sharing CofL news and information.

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Mundane Astrology

Considering the 2002 Sun Cycle Chart

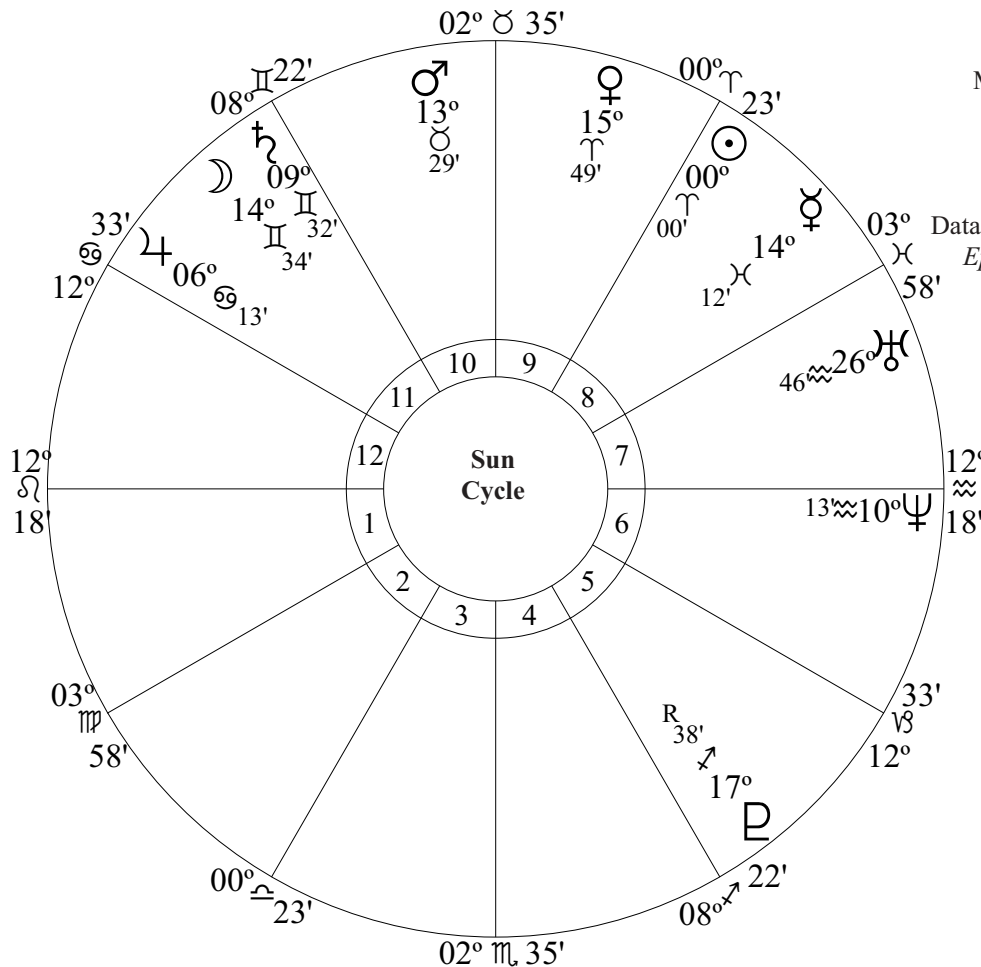
Vicki Brewer

A Sun Cycle Chart represents a map for all types of events for a given year. It signifies what the year holds in general in each of the twelve departments of life. In this case the Sun Cycle Chart is erected for Washington D.C. and represents a generalized picture of the year to come for the United States of America.

It is important to note that significant events of a specific nature must be examined within the context of the particular cycle chart signified by the appropriate progressed aspect in each of the cycles. For example, for greater detail, anything related to war should be viewed within the context of the Mars Cycle Chart. Anything related to the law and business should be viewed from the Jupiter chart etc.

This year Americans, more than usual, will be preoccupied with themselves and their issues (dominant ASC.). They begin to show signs of frustration with the war (ASC square Mars). With the eleventh house receiving significant stimulation, congressional issues will figure prominently, particularly as issues relate to domestic concerns, common people and women (Moon in the 11th and second dominant planet). With Pluto in the 5th (corporate corruption in the stock market) opposing the Moon, a standoff between the two is very likely.

There are two planets in angles in this chart. First Mars is in Taurus in the 10th house. This suggests what we all know to be true — the USA is in a state of war and its president has become a warrior. Taurus places an unnatural restraint on



Sun Cycle
 March 20, 2002 19:17 GMT
 Washington D.C.
 Capitol Building
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Data from *21st Century Rosicrucian Ephemerides & ACS PC Atlas*

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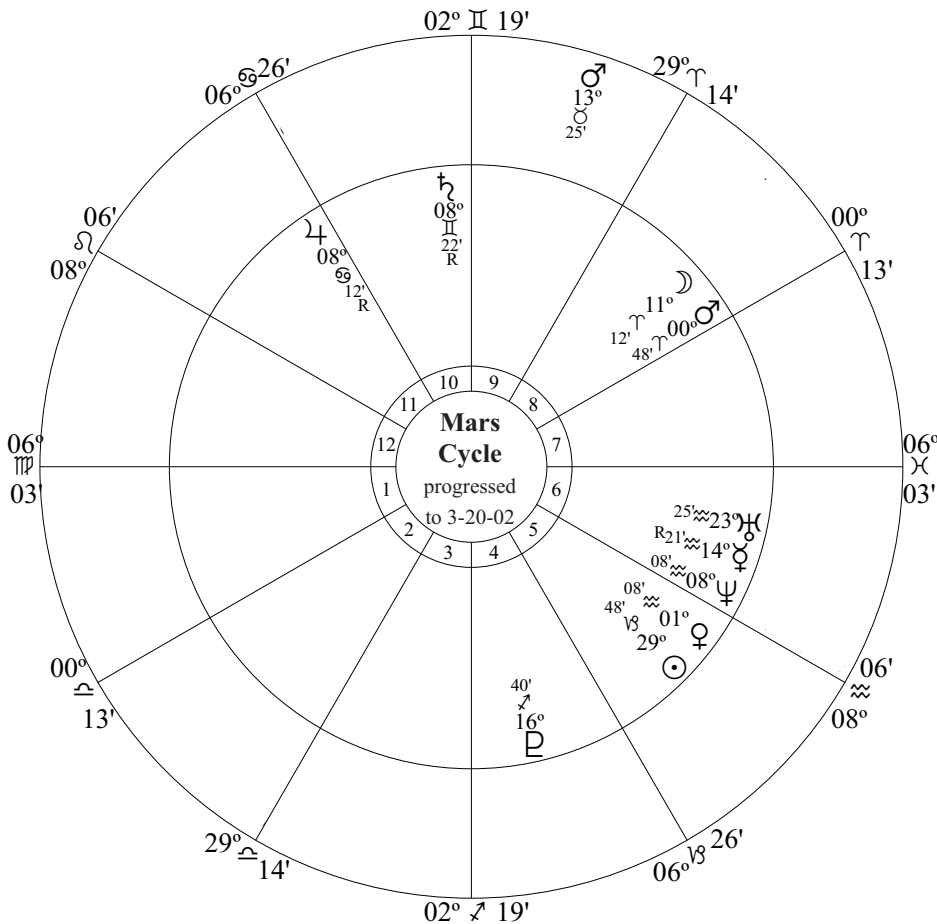
the normally explosive and rash Mars. Taurus implies firm, steady determination and a long memory for these presidential (10th) thought cells. Mr. Bush's enemy is cunning and unconventional. Mr. Bush is discovering that terrorists reside in 2nd house (natural Taurus environment) pockets of poverty among the innocent and the guilty alike. Warrior Bush has defined the far reaching goal to pursue, thwart and eliminate terrorists and terrorism around the world. Whether this is possible remains to be seen but it would be safe to bet that for as long as this Cycle lasts President Bush will not relent! A constructive thought-form to build is for all to realize that true healing and real power lies in ministering to the domestic and emotional needs of those in need (Moon natural antidote to Mars).

Mars is separating from the square aspect to Neptune in the 6th. The Bush administration (10th) continues to be on high alert for the very real possibilities that the people's health (6th) will be impacted by illness resulting from a gas or airborne (Neptune) attack. Also, with 6th house involvement, there exists heightened vulnerability to these types of attack for the armed forces. The fact that Neptune is involved suggests that if such an attack does occur it will be very difficult to pin down because of Neptune's tendency to vagueness and mystery. In this case a little Saturn precaution and Sun courage and confidence will go a long way.

Mars semi-square the Sun in the 8th suggests friction between the President and the authority figure in his cabinet. That Mars is also sextile Mercury in the 8th suggests opportunity for harmonious resolution.

The 8th house is relatively powerful and it can be expected that the US will face important issues related to debt due from foreign countries, tariffs & taxes as well as insurance. This is probably an indication of the after effects of 9-11. The death of so many people and the government attempts to provide financial support to the families will play out through this house. The effects of 9-11 will be in the hearts (Sun) and minds (Mercury) of America. With Mercury square Moon in the 11th there will be significant obstacles to a harmonious resolution to tax, insurance and debt issues between the president, his appointees and congress.

The other planet in an angle is Uranus in Aquarius in the 7th. This position portends unusual alliances with foreign nations. America is at war with radicalism. Sudden and drastic changes as a result of human intervention can be expected. The radical element will be stimulated to act against the USA. Uranus is discordant but isn't very powerful in this chart. That it is in an angle suggests its energy should be heeded. The better part of wisdom would be for the USA to apply a little Jupiterian *Good Will* in its relations with others. However, since the president probably doesn't have a



Mars Cycle Washington D.C.

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MC	20N37
ASC	09N18



good astrologer he's more likely to keep his wild west "gun-totin", wanted dead or alive attitude which is likely to make some American alliances uneasy while stimulating other vibrationally similar energy. That this energy is weak is probably fortunate for the USA...the long term results will be minimized.

Saturn, Moon and Jupiter in the 11th suggest the congress will be focused on keeping the financial/business house of the people in order. That Sun is square Jupiter suggests the president, his cabinet and congress will be obstacles to one another's efforts to achieve solutions to America's economic/business concerns.

The US stock market continues to be a dramatic and intense story with Pluto in the 5th. Pluto is the third dominant planet in this chart so it will tend to occupy a large portion of the psychic energy and physical resources of the USA. Pluto is in a T-Square to Mercury in the 8th and opposition Saturn and the Moon in the 11th. Astrologically one would probably be safe in concluding there will continue to be fallout from, as well as corporate, criminal activities revealed, as the Enron debacle continues to unravel. The Saturn-opposition suggests criminal accounting practices aimed at manipulating speculative investment in Enron (and probably others). We now know these practices separated the common people (Moon) from their investments—well, actually we are learning that investment in a 401K program can be a

real gamble (5th house)—particularly when those in charge are manipulating the figures. Astrologically, criminal liability lies somewhere in the 11th, 8th and 5th houses. That would suggest it could go as far as the congress, the president's cabinet and the market itself. It's a big deal folks! But, as with all corruption it's better to get it into the light of day so we can see ourselves a little better. In the end all of us have a little greed and it's good to recognize it. The good news in all this is that the opposition between Pluto and the 11th house planets is drained by two planets...first by the ASC which means that more than likely the American people will be outraged and will then cut their losses and move on. Also, Venus in the 9th drains the opposition which probably means that interstate and international commerce and the courts will keep the matter moving forward thereby draining the energy. In the end the line of least resistance (Venus does deplore hard work!) will prevail in the courts. Hopefully, the pain from all this will be instructive enough to keep us from repeating the same mistakes...at least for another generation!

Venus in Aries in the 9th house suggests that foreign commerce, travel, treaties, court proceedings in general and the Supreme Court will be touched by a degree of grace...well, Venus is in Aries, so don't expect too much. It will be a little like making a gift of a prickly pear...it's sweet when and if you can get to the center. 🐉

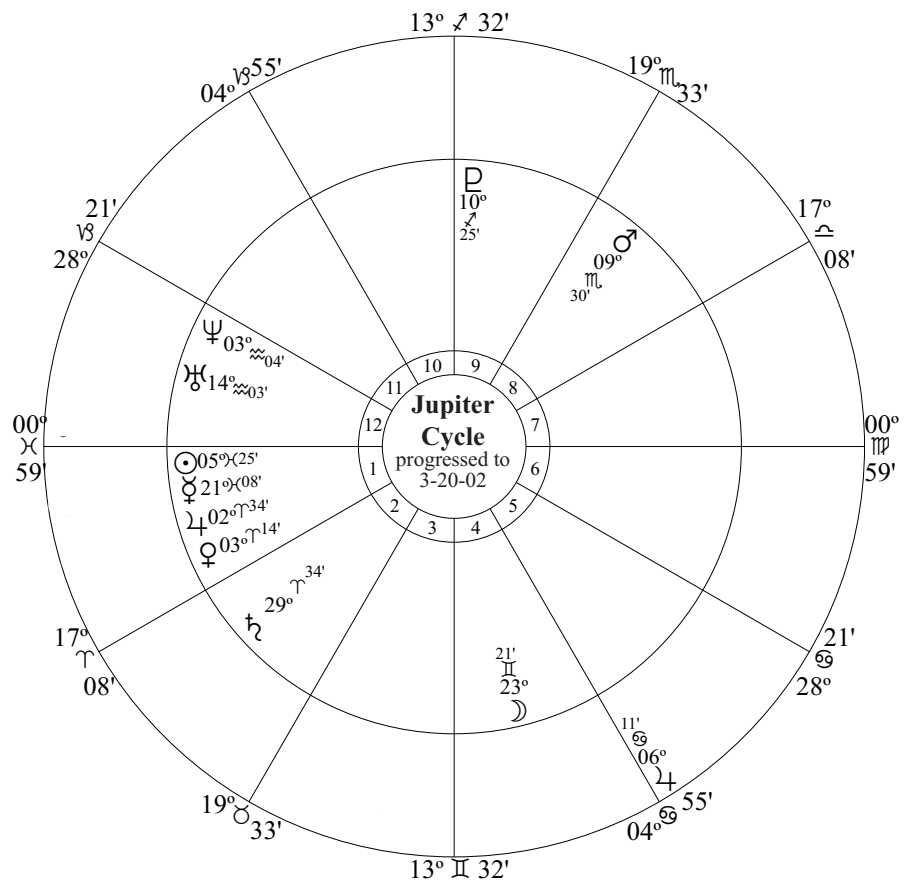
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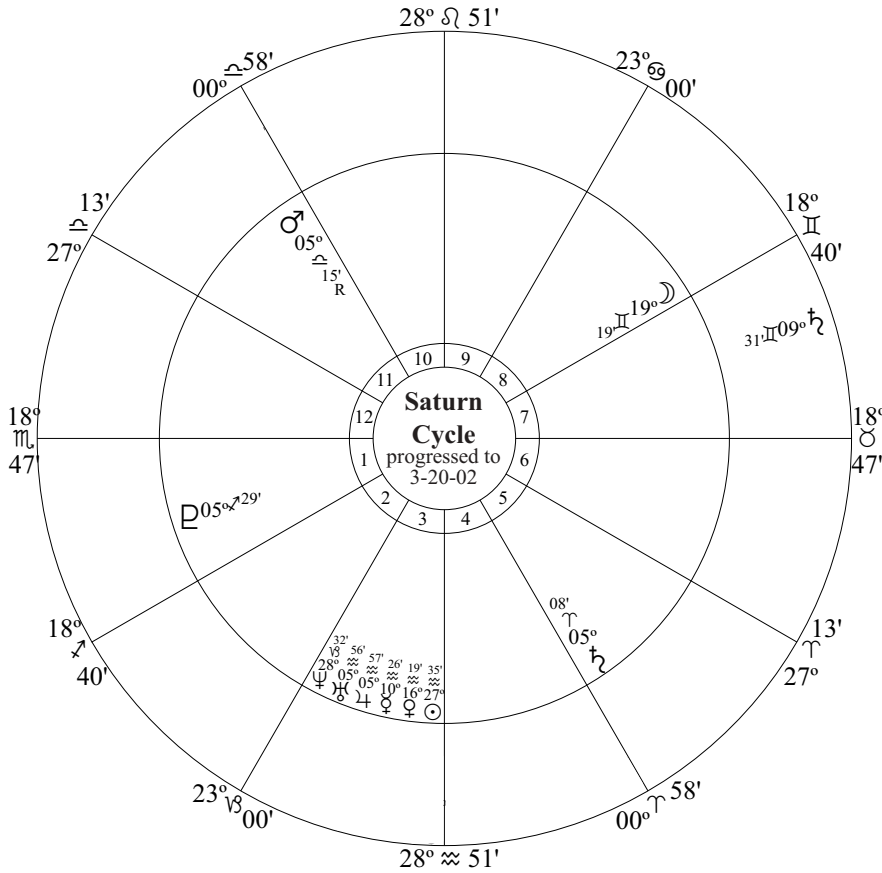
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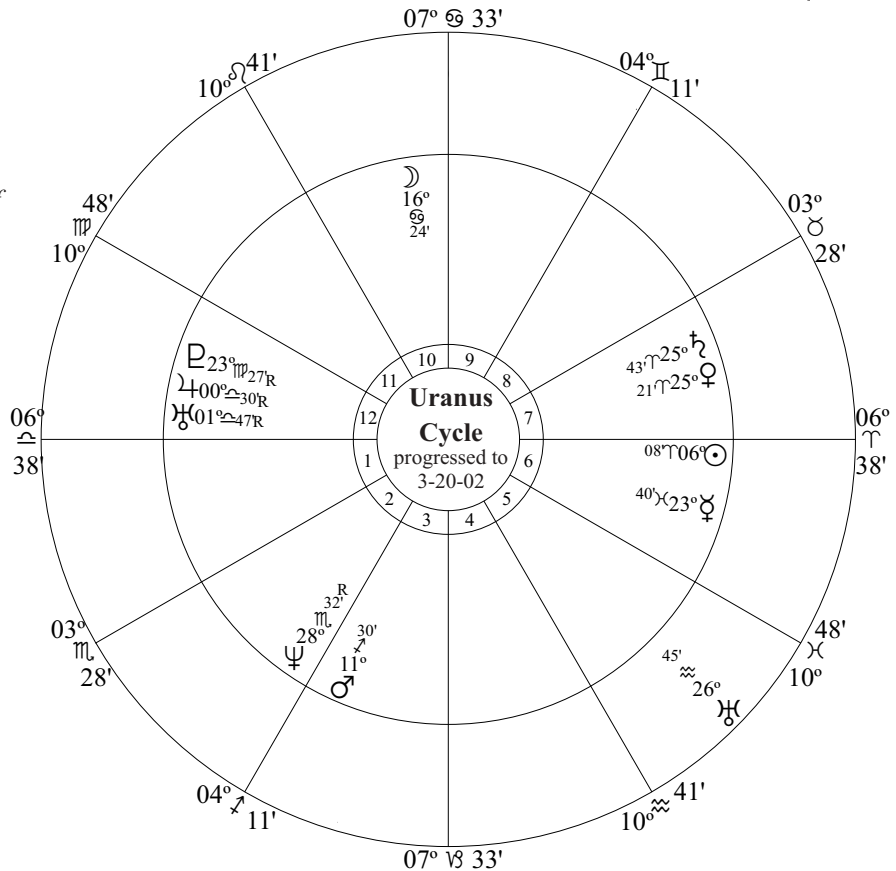
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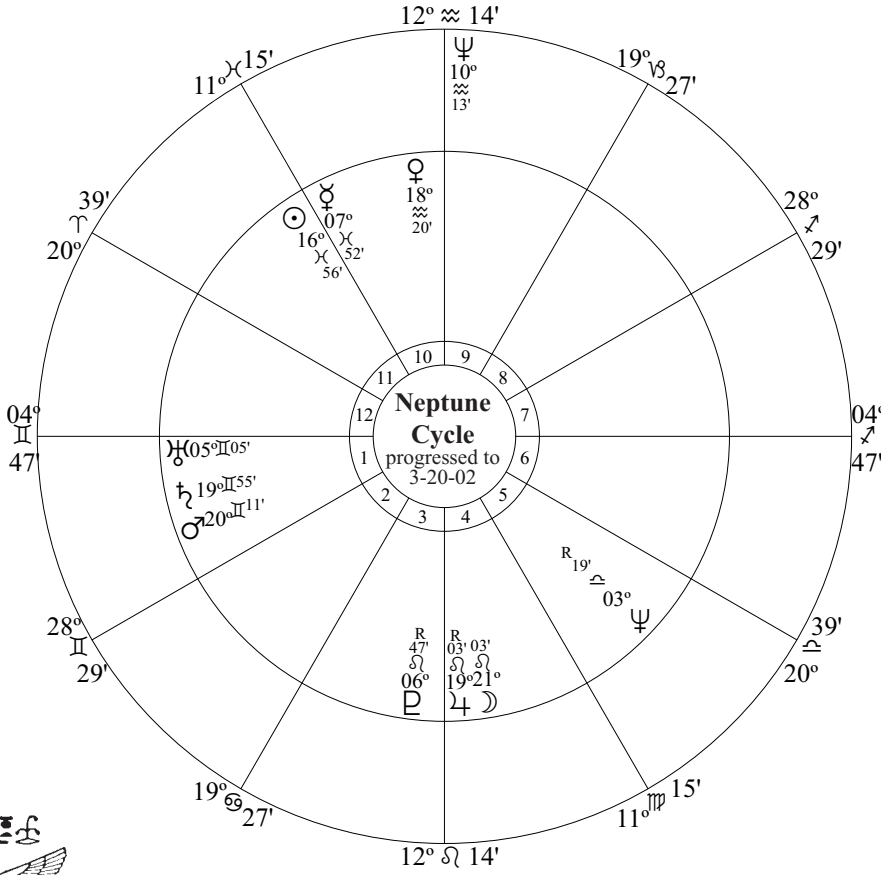


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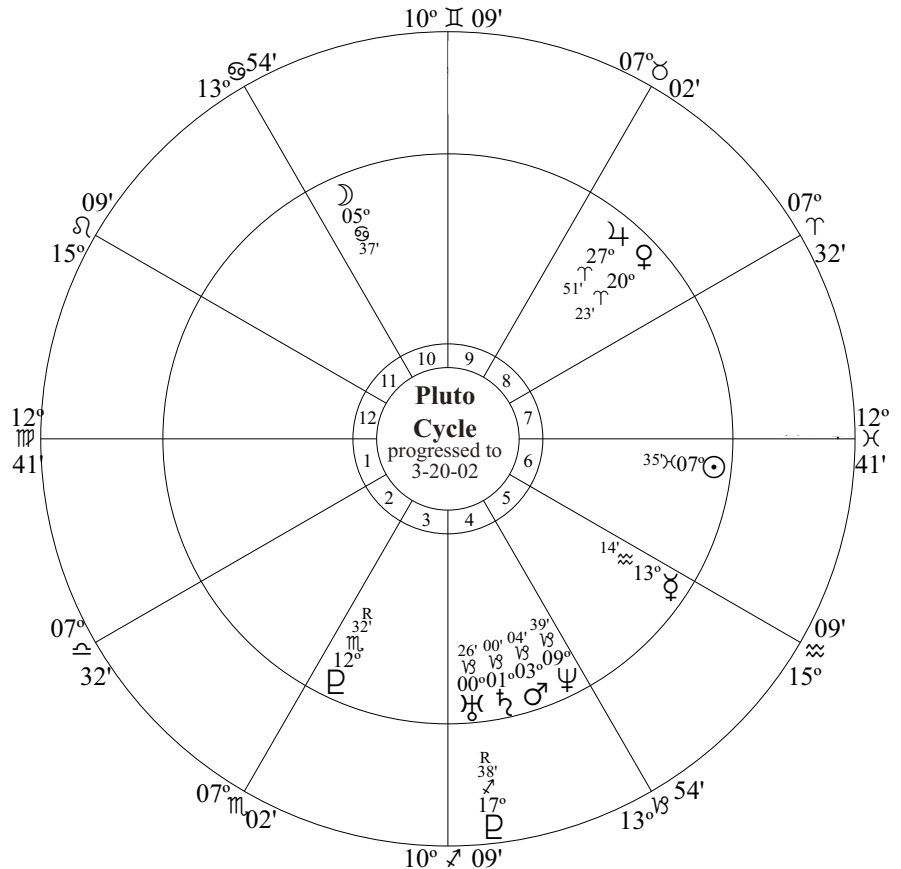


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MC	21N59
ASC	06N48



Hermetic Tradition

Hypatia of Alexandria

Born: about 370 in Alexandria, Egypt

Died: March 415 in Alexandria, Egypt

Staff

Many students of the CofL teachings are curious to know more about the Hermetic Tradition. As neophytes there is a tendency to think the lineage of the Hermetic Tradition is tied up into a neat little package. The truth is that while the substance of the tradition remains consistent and whole, how it got here is a fragmented story because the characters of its past have had to go underground for protection. Sometimes the threads of the tradition are barely intelligible but always, with the keys, both Silver and Gold, the doors are unlocked and the mysteries revealed. The framework of the tradition has been described as a fisherman's net (like the net used by Hermes the fisherman). It is a tradition that has managed to weave its message into whatever social context it could find. During the dark ages it was camouflaged in the architecture of the great cathedrals. Every major religion on this planet had its beginnings from the same font. All religions are related...though for the more modern religions the connection is frail. The great task is for us to recognize the roots and begin the process of reconciliation ...all people are connected. The great Hermetic Tradition can help us know ourselves and our fellow humans in a way we never thought possible. Let us get on with the great work by getting to know our past. (This information on Hypatia of Alexandria is from the web site of the School of Mathematical and Computational Sciences University of St Andrews <http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk>)

“Hypatia of Alexandria was the first woman to make a substantial contribution to the development of mathematics.

“Hypatia was the daughter of the mathematician and philosopher Theon of Alexandria and it is fairly certain that she studied mathematics under the guidance and instruction of her father. It is rather remarkable that Hypatia became head of the Platonist school at Alexandria in about 400 AD. There she lectured on mathematics and philosophy, in particular teaching the philosophy of Neoplatonism. Hypatia based her teachings on those of Plotinus, the founder of Neoplatonism, and Iamblichus who was a developer of Neoplatonism around 300 AD.



“Plotinus taught that there is an ultimate reality which is beyond the reach of thought or language. The object of life was to aim at this ultimate reality which could never be precisely described. Plotinus stressed that people did not have the mental capacity to fully understand both the ultimate reality itself or the consequences of its existence. Iamblichus distinguished further levels of reality in a hierarchy of levels beneath the ultimate reality. There was a level of reality corresponding to every distinct thought of which the human mind was capable. Hypatia taught these philosophical ideas with a greater scientific emphasis than earlier followers of Neoplatonism. She is described by all commentators as a charismatic teacher.

“Hypatia came to symbolise learning and science which the early Christians identified with paganism. However, among the pupils who she taught in Alexandria there were many prominent Christians. One of the most famous is Synesius of Cyrene who was later to become the Bishop of Ptolemais. Many of the letters that Synesius wrote to Hypatia have been preserved and we see someone who was filled with admiration and reverence for Hypatia’s learning and scientific abilities.

“In 412 Cyril (later St Cyril) became patriarch of Alexandria. However the Roman prefect of Alexandria was Orestes and Cyril and Orestes became bitter political rivals as church and state fought for control. Hypatia was a friend of Orestes and this, together with prejudice against her philosophical views which were seen by Christians to be pagan, led to Hypatia becoming the focal point of riots between Christians and non-Christians. Hypatia, writes, T L Heath [*A History of Greek Mathematics* (2 Vols.) (Oxford, 1921)]

... by her eloquence and authority ... attained such influence that Christianity considered itself threatened ...

“A few years later, according to one report, Hypatia was brutally murdered by the Nitrian monks who were a fanatical sect of Christians who were supporters of Cyril. According to another account (by Socrates Scholasticus) she was

killed by an Alexandrian mob under the leadership of the reader Peter. What certainly seems indisputable is that she was murdered by Christians who felt threatened by her scholarship, learning, and depth of scientific knowledge. This event seems to be a turning point as described in Biography in *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

“‘Whatever the precise motivation for the murder, the departure soon afterward of many scholars marked the beginning of the decline of Alexandria as a major centre of ancient learning’. ...”

The above is excerpted from an article by J.J. O’Coner and E.F. Robertson.

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Working With Pluto Charts

Paul Brewer

Addendum to the Pluto Cycle Chart on page 16.

Caution should be exercised when referencing any Pluto cycle chart. Several issues address the validity of the Pluto cycle chart. (1) Astronomers do not yet have a complete orbital theory for the planet (it has yet to make one complete orbit since discovery in 1932). (2) *The Astronomical Almanac* (which Zain references in Cs XIII, *Mundane Astrology*) does not publish “apparent” position, but rather astrometric, which is more convenient for use by astronomers for comparison with fixed star positions. Zain says to interpolate the tables in *The Astronomical Almanac*. Interpolation would be problematical whether using apparent or astrometric because Pluto is such a slow moving planet. Recourse must be made to electronic computing methods. (3) There is some debate over how Pluto’s position should be calculated for astrological use. The Church of Light uses apparent position for the Pluto chart published in the Quarterly, as it does, and always has done, for all cycle charts. The position is taken from the ACS publication, *Tables of Planetary Phenomena*. ACS uses the JPL DE200/LE200 export ephemerides, which is the authoritative source. The CofL has not, however, verified the ACS calculation using these ephemerides.

Research, conforming to scholarly principles, is welcome for review in the Quarterly. ✎



Pluto

Pluto is farther from the sun than the other planets in the solar system, although it occasionally moves in closer than Neptune due to an irregular orbit. The small, rocky, and cold planet takes 247.7 years to revolve around the sun. This artist's rendition depicts Pluto, foreground; its moon, Charon, background; and the distant sun, upper right.

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Since December CofL staff has been wrangling with web woes. Seems the host for our site experienced a bit of a "meltdown". Repercussions for us have been that online orders, donations and the archives have not been functioning properly. We think it's fixed but the aspect these problems are occurring under (natal Sun square progressed Uranus in the fourth [perfect April 2001] and natal Sun square natal Uranus in the fourth [perfect May 2002] can still attract more chaos...Being the good Stellarians that we are, we're applying an abundance of Jupiterian thought cells ... in other words, we're praying a lot! On a more serious note, the problems have probably been worse for our president (those Solar cells) who has the responsibility of tracking down and implementing the corrections. With the Sun progressed into the 1st house, staff is aware of how the membership confidence may be impacted. We apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced and look forward to getting through to the other side of this wacky ride. If you have a little extra Jupiterian energy in reserve, pass it along!

Letters to the Editor

I just wanted to let you know I enjoyed reading your article on good and evil. It is nice to see it from an Aquarian point of view. It reminds me of the analogy of the human body which has a negative feedback system to keep it in homeostasis, which is a dynamic equilibrium state of being. When something is under or over its natural state of being, then something else kicks in to right the condition. If things are really out of balance and the body can no longer right itself, then a serious disease sets in. This is what we are seeing in various pockets of our humanity. We fail to recognize the needs of certain areas and make the necessary adjustments when things are minor. We then wait until something drastic happens and then we try to fix it our way not really under-

standing why it happened. Until we can get to the core of the problem, we have not really solved it. Dynamic equilibrium is a Libra thing, bringing justice and right relationship to any given focus. That 3rd aspect of Libra is needed to see the greater picture. It is the apex point. Not always an easy task, but something worth striving for. Those of us who are devoted to work with the light through love and understanding have a great responsibility to help educate the ignorant. Just wanted to say thank you for doing such a good job. I say this also to Paul. Blessings of love, health, and joy. Happy New Year.

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Ninth House

CofL has a new monthly publication. Along with the monthly postcard you will receive the *Ninth House*. Bill Jeffrey, its author, is working on a personal alchemy project and makes this undertaking part of his program. The topic for the first issue is Mission Statement Magic and is a new take on the first stage of the magical process. Everyone who knows Bill is looking forward to his creative input to CofL culture.

Q & A

Q: What are modes of motion referenced in *Astrological Signatures*?

A: Modes of motion are similar to the vibratory waves in a plucked violin string. Vibrations in a string, fixed at both ends, are a function of the wave velocity (determined by the material in the string and its stress or tautness) and the length of the string. Given a particular violin string and a given length, the string can resonate at vibrational frequencies (or vibrational modes) given by $f=Nv/2l$ (f is frequency, v is velocity, l is length and $N=1,2,3,\dots$). N corresponds to the various modes where $N=1$ is the fundamental and the rest are called overtones or harmonics. Usually, when a string is plucked or bowed, it will produce a combination of the fundamental frequency and various overtones. This combination, which produces a particular tonal quality, is similar to a "mode of motion". On the physical plane, these modes of motion will quickly die out due to loss of the energy of motion to heat (friction.) On the astral plane, which is essentially frictionless, the mode of motion is long-lived unless acted on by some other event.—Paul Brewer

Member Letters

🦋 Brandi Bernoski, member from Holmdel, NJ sent a note to CofL HQ asking if there is anything she can do to help out. She is a university student studying theater, physics and anthropology with the intention to pursue a graduate degree in religion... great combination! We asked her to pass along any interesting reading material she comes across. So, we're passing along this one, with her comments "... There is a wonderful book that I am currently reading by Paul Davies entitled *God and the New Physics*. For anyone who has a scientific mind as I do, it's a really innovative look at the old debate between scientists and theologians. The author, however, repeatedly points out that the world's greatest scientists (such as Einstein) were also deeply religious men."

🦋 Dear CofL, I am writing to share a poem I wrote as I was writing some music. I feel uplifted by it and thought others may feel the same. I hope it conveys the point clearly.

This Dance

Dancing firelights you number the skies
My thoughts and my dreams all filled with tries,
Two by two do they enter – One they become,
As they rise to the center – Now it is done.

Leaving this world in Union for Life,
Looking back through the trouble & all of its strife
A journey begun for two stars colliding
Shared vision and purpose all things abiding.

Return to – from where you began,
A motto for those sharing their light,
Call forth your strength – Give will all of your might.
This lesson holds true – Oh do you hear me?
The gift that I gave you perfect & free.

I am calling you home to report your adventure,
Adding each piece of the whole, all you can mention.
This One is the All. We all are the One,
Take your place by my throne Moon and the Sun!

Jason-Corey Bullard, Cap/Delphin 2002 copyright

🦋 Charles Dugger passes along the following comment to Membership Minister, Patrick Ramsey: "... Thank you for your timely, and helpful, response to my question. I would especially like to send my thanks to all the volunteers at CofL who give of their time and energy to assist prisoners like myself in learning these noble truths. Although she left for a higher plane nearly four years ago, I would not have made it as far as I have without the kindness and dedication of Lucile Truitt, I am sure there are many CofL volunteers who have done the same for others, and I'd like them to

know that those they have assisted along the path do not forget. Light, Life, Love, Charles E. Dugger, 3rd Grade and 10th Degree."

🦋 1-26-02 Justin S. writes, "I am halfway through Course One, and I am loving it. I can tell that Zain was a true Ad-apt... I appreciate all the help, and I regret not having the time and ability to join the Church earlier. I am really glad that, in this world of marketing schemes and monetary manipulation, there is still a true guardian of the Great Work in the world. Thanks.

Happy Birthday!

The Church of Light will be 70 years old this year!!

We'll celebrate during the 2003 Membership Conference, the weekend of June 27th.

Building a Better World

🦋 **The Divine Plan!** The following excerpt appeared in the NY Times 5-16-01. It is from an article Donald Baker sent to HQ about a project called, the 2-Degree Field Galaxy Red Shift Survey, or 2dF, entitled, "Scientists Detect the Traces of the Seeds of Cosmic Structures" by James Glanz

"A telescope in eastern Australia has seen what appear to be the faint imprint of waves, much like sound waves, that may have rippled through the gases of the young universe. Scientists have long theorized such waves were the seeds for all structures glittering in the heavens today.

"The imprints were revealed within the clumps and filamentary patterns formed by tens of thousands of galaxies that the telescope observed in Earth's cosmic neighborhood.

"...scientists found that hidden in the irregular clumps and filaments were imprints of waves of particular sizes, or wavelengths, that cosmologists believe were generated in the explosive birth of the universe. The waves are thought to have seeded the primordial gases with slight irregularities that later grew into galaxies and clusters.

"If confirmed, the observations would be scientist's first direct glimpse of what amounts to a blueprint for the structure of the universe.

"We're seeing the big picture — cosmology in the early universe and in the local universe coming together for the first time," said Dr. Karl Glazebrook, an astronomer at Johns Hopkins University...

"...emissions from the early universe called the cosmic microwave background, had provided strong evidence that the waves existed ... but the span of billions of years of cosmic

history since then has erased all but slight traces of the original waves, or wiggles, in structures today, Dr. (Max) Tegmark said.

“None of the earlier surveys had the sheer brute size that was needed to see them...not only are the wiggles there, but they’re in the right size.

“The 2dF finding ‘holds out the promise that when we have an even larger sample, we’ll be able to use this as another cosmological tool,’ said Dr. (Joshua) Frieman.

“...measurements of the radiation have turned up a series of discrete ‘tones,’ or wavelengths, that theorists have predicted should have been generated in the explosion. But while those waves are thought to have been the seeds that allowed galaxies and other structure to coalesce, no direct evidence for the waves had until this point turned up in the confusion of the present-day heavens.

“...The intensity of the features seen by the survey give an accounting of all the matter in the universe. The results confirm studies that have concluded that a vast majority of the cosmos is not ordinary matter but dark matter, whose gravity is felt but which has not been detected directly.

“But Dr. Carlos Frenk, an astrophysicist at the University of Durham in Britain and a member of the 2dF team, said the importance of the findings were to be found in the grand perspective they provided.

“For the first time, we have a convincing connection between the initial state as probed by the microwave background and the present universe as probed by the galaxies,” Dr. Frenk said. ‘The microwave background tells us about the seeds, and what we are doing now is reaping the fruit that’s been growing through 10 billion years of cosmic evolution.’”

Hmmmm...do I hear shades of C.C. Zain?

Transitions:

Fred Buse

April 2001 saw the passing of a dear friend and member Fred Buse. Fred was one of the last remaining CofL members who knew and studied under C.C. Zain. Fred was never at a loss for words and his lively contribution to our CofL family will be missed. Our warm wishes go to Alice, his lovely wife.

William Richman

Many of you may remember Jewell and William Richman from the 1999 Summer issue of the Quarterly. In that issue, we announced in the Membership Room that they were celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Both Jewell and William have been members of the CofL since the 1930’s. Both of them have been long and loyal supporters of the CofL mission and Jewell has been a constant and dear friend with her friendly and newsy letters to those of us working at



HQ. We are sad to report that William passed away in December after a long illness. We know that Jewell is comforted by our uplifting teachings but it must also be very difficult to say good-bye to a life long friend and partner. Our loving thoughts and warm wishes are with William for his transition and Jewell and her daughter that they may find comfort and love in his rich legacy of love and a beautifully shared life.

Canberra AUSTRALIA

Hermetic Academy of Astrology; Julia Goldstein. Three-year course work in Hermetic Astrology. See AHA Newsletter on the CofL website or contact CofL HQ for information.

Publishing

Thanks to Andriy Kostenko, publisher and Izabella Suleymanova, editor (both CofL members) *Laws of Occultism* and *Astrological Signatures* are available to readers in the Russian Language. Both of them worked very hard to make this work happen! May the Light shine on their efforts!

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, June 29, 2002, 4 pm:

Annual Business at CofL Headquarters in Brea, California.

Friday June 27, 2003, 3:05 pm

Annual Business Meeting and Conference.

Quarterly on the Web:

Look for the Quarterly on the CofL web site at <http://www.light.org>.

The Academy of Hermetic Astrology in Canberra ACT Australia : Remember to look for their Quarterly Newsletter on the CofL Home Page: <http://www.light.org>. Like the CofL Quarterly their newsletter is a pdf file and will require Adobe Acrobat Reader. Its link is located on the CofL Home Pagein the stardust next to the CofL Quarterly. ✨



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

self, each must learn to take pleasure in “**Contributing Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.**”

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

What is life but the angle of
vision?

A man is measured by the angle
at which he looks at objects.

What is life but what a man is
thinking of all day?

This is his fate and his
employer.

Knowing is the measure of the
man.

By how much we know, so we
are.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson