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The Two Paths

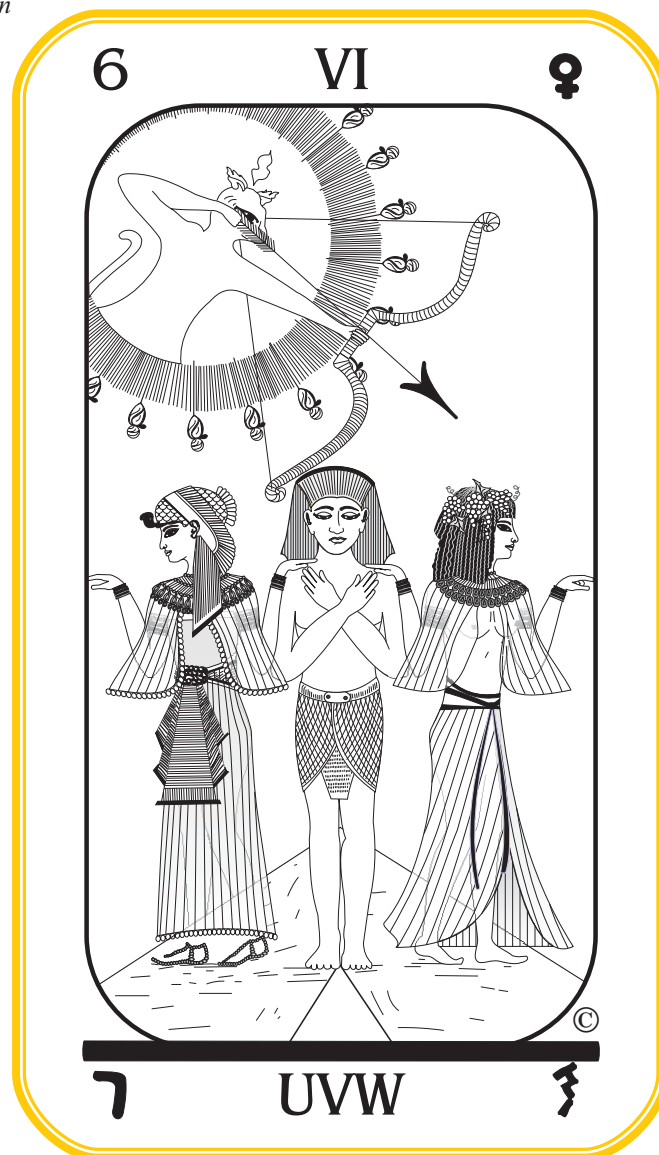
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part VII

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Looking to the Westward just after the sun had wearily dropped in slumber behind the evening rim of the earth, those of the ancient time saw a silvery white lamp hanging in the fast darkening sky. Sometimes it snuggled close to the horizon, as if it too had labored hard, and sought quick rest; and at other times it glowed and sparkled as if alive with merriment, far above that place of sleep. For some ten months it thus appeared, brighter even than Sirius, and more conspicuous than Jupiter, the planetary king. Venus thus was known as the Evening Star.

Then came a period of some ten months when its white radiance no longer shed soft blessings upon lovers who strolled arm in arm after the close of day. The sun no longer was followed in his declining by the fair and lovely Evening Star; but was preceded in his morning rising by one equally brilliant. It was, of course, the same attractive planet, and this the astrologers of old well knew. But something had happened to it; it had fallen from grace, banished from the



soft and charming vesper gardens, where peace and harmony gave beauty companionship.

It was known to these wise men of a day long past, as it is known to astrologers of the present time, that Venus, in its influence over human life, is the planet of least resistance. What it brings comes without effort, if it comes at all. The house of a birth chart occupied by it thus is said to map the department of life which most attracts gratuities. There is nothing strong, nothing violent, nothing forceful, about Venus, the planet of love. Wherever the affections lean, in that direction does the Venus person move. It therefore may exalt the soul, or under adversity lead it into vice. Through affections, which this planet rules, many a man and many a woman are made or broken.

Its rule over love is not merely that for the opposite sex. Its strength and

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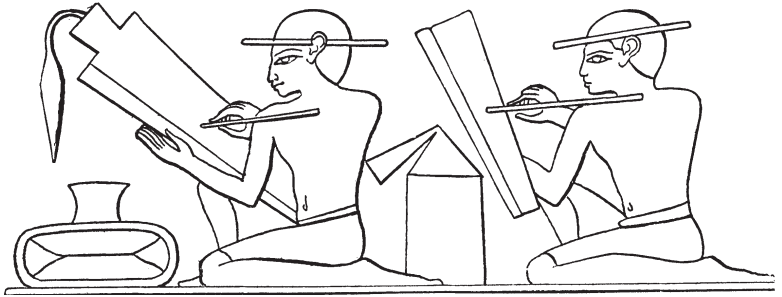
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Editorial

Comparing Notes in the Search of "Truth"



Paul Brewer

The following was submitted as a letter to the editor in the Summer AHA News and Views. For those of you who have not availed yourself of the excellent work by some very talented Hermetic astrologers in the land down under please go to the CofL website and click on the News & Views...a delightful and enlightening experience is in store for you.

I have read the March 2002 AHA News and Views with great interest, especially the letter to the editor regarding comments reprinted in the September 2001 AHA News and Views. Some strong statements were made that need to be addressed in open discussion.

First of all, the labeling as "anti-hermetic" the statements in the September 2001 issue regarding genetic behavior is, in my opinion, inappropriate and unfounded. This sounds a bit like the old Catholic Church accusing someone of heresy, and such accusations can create an atmosphere that makes free and constructive discourse more difficult. In the Church of Light, the custodian of the Brotherhood of Light Hermetic teachings, we like to encourage discourse, questioning and research.

There is often a tendency among those of us attracted to the Hermetic Philosophy to call everything we like Hermetic and everything else hogwash. A good topic for further discussion might be: "What do we really mean by Hermetic?" But, Hermetic or not, what we are really searching for is the Truth, and that Truth is not written in any single book or set of books, nor is it the exclusive property of any organization or that which someone chooses to call "Hermetic."

More to the point, however, the statements that "All human behaviour is learned ... not genetically coded and passed down ..." and that "the vague notion that behaviour is built into the genetic code ... is a desperate attempt by material science to explain behaviour" are, in my opinion, quite wrong. In addition to being at odds with the teachings of the Brotherhood of Light as defined by the writings of C C Zain,

these statements conflict with a large amount of evidence to the contrary, around which is formed the central theorem of Darwinian adaptation, which has, in our current body of scientific knowledge, as firm a foundation as Newtonian mechanics, Relativity and Quantum mechanics. That is, a significant amount of animal and human behavior is genetically determined. Sometimes this behavior is at odds with our spiritual nature and must be transformed. At other times, this instinctive behavior, electro-chemically induced, is what saves us. But in either case, it's there, and genetically-encoded behavior is a factor in all forms of life on this planet. In fact, how could it be otherwise? For the spirit to continue to express greater levels of intelligence, the form through which spirit expresses must evolve. This is no doubt true on all planes of existence.

On the physical, the means by which form evolves is primarily through Darwinian adaptation and genetically transmitted behavior. The mechanism by which these adaptations arise may not be limited only to the random genetic mutation proposed by current scientific thought, but might also include the influence of astral intelligence, through psychokinesis, as proposed by C C Zain. But whatever the mechanism, the result is the same – modified behavior that is genetically encoded! Of course, as was pointed out, behavior is a complex combination of several factors, including learned behavior. The trick for the occultist is to separate out the subtle differences between genetically-inherited behavioral components and learned behavior, which includes the inner nature, both animal and divine, which we call the soul. Much study and research needs to be done in this area to help us better sort this out.

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Horary Astrology

Using Horary Astrology to Solve Everyday Problems

Florence L Fraser

October 1947

A gentleman writes: "I have been living with friends for a long time due to both health and financial difficulties brought on by worry and upsets in my former home life. I am feeling much better now and would like to start all over again in business for myself. My friends are willing to help me get started, and I feel also that I have imposed upon them too long. Would you please erect a horary chart and find out if with all the housing shortage I might be fortunate enough soon to find a place of business where I can live as well as work? I am a photographer and still have some of my equipment."

The question asked was, "Will I be able to locate a place of business where I can also reside?" The time when all facts became clear to me where was: 10:04 a.m., Feb. 22, 1946. 123:10 W. and 49:20 N.

As the significator of the querent is in the eleventh house, ruling friends, and Moon is in the sixth house, ruling work, indicating the question to relate to friends and work, I considered the chart to be radical and an analysis of it yield the desired information.

In questions of this nature where several distinct factors are involved, it is necessary to separate them carefully. Important houses to consider in questions of

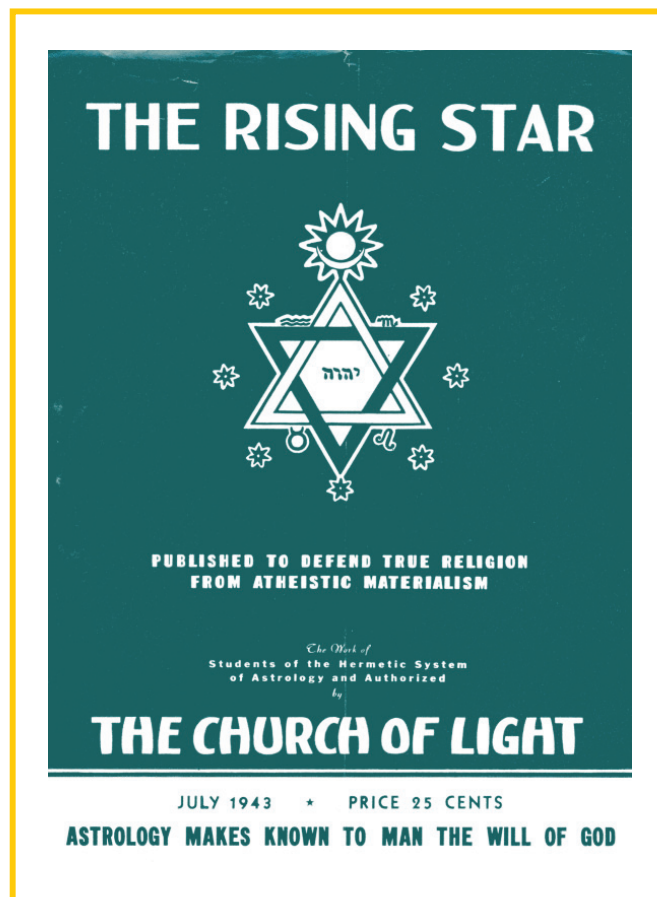
this kind are, first, ruling the querent; second, his finances and earning ability; fourth, ruling residence; sixth, his work; seventh, the public upon whom he depends for business; tenth, the business itself; and the eleventh ruling friends. Other houses may have some bearing on the outcome if planets in them are involved by aspects to the significators.

Two planets are in angular houses, three are in succedent houses, and five are in cadent houses, indicating a chart of only fair average power. There is not a great deal of energy for accomplishment, and unless matters are made fairly easy by others success is difficult.

Two planets in fixed signs, also the Asc., four in mutable signs and four in movable signs indicate willingness to adapt himself to new surroundings and attempt a fresh start.

Six planets in water signs, three in air, one in fire, the Asc. in earth indicates that a great deal of emotion influenced his thinking and planning.

As Uranus is located in the first house it describes the querent for he is unusually high-strung and nervous. With Taurus on the Asc. and Venus in the eleventh, this planet indicates that he is dependent upon his friends. The Moon also shares the



The Rising Star

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ruler ship of the querent and placed in the sixth, his thoughts center upon his work.

With Sun and Mercury ruling the fifth house, and also in the eleventh house, with Venus, it would seem that his friends had gone to considerable trouble to entertain him and make life pleasant for him. Note that Moon has separated from trine these planets. Mercury now is square Uranus, and this has brought about some unhappiness and less sympathy from friends, for he is extremely sensitive, indicated by Venus in Pisces. This has to a great extent influenced his decision to get back to work instead of imposing further upon their hospitality.

Jupiter in the sixth in Libra indicates one who works along professional lines. Neptune is also in Libra in the sixth and has rule over photography, Capricorn, the natural business sign, is on the M.C. and Moon is applying trine this point ruling future conditions encountered in the contemplated business.

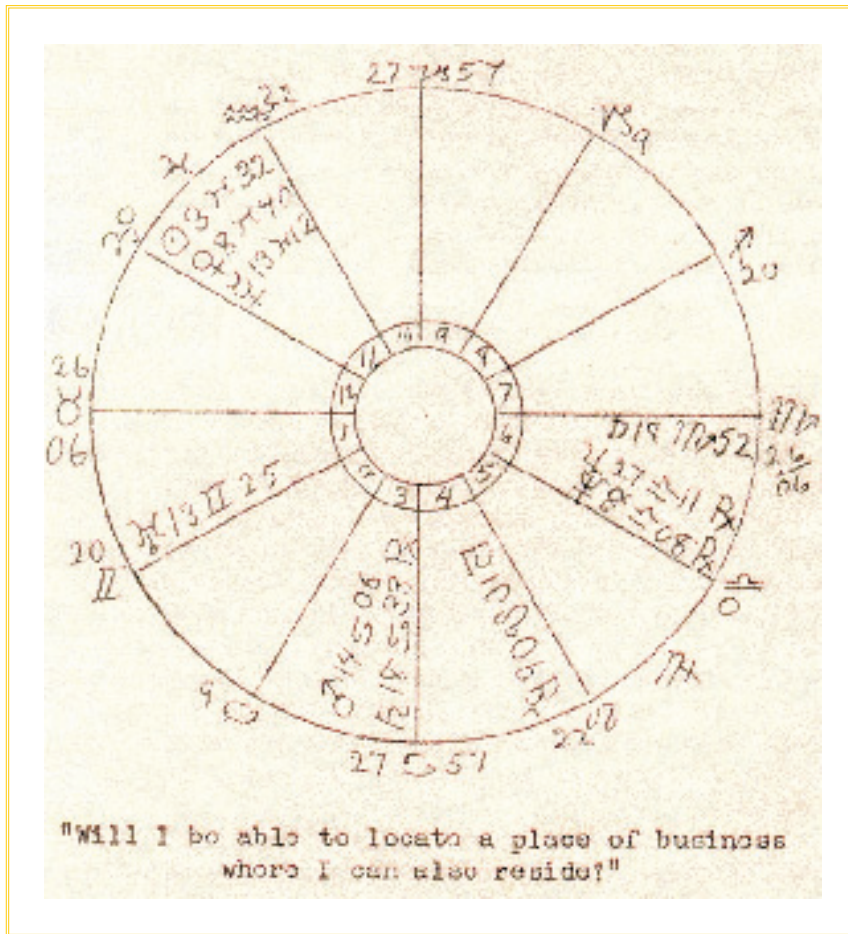
Saturn, ruler of the M.C. is in the third. Moon is closely trine this planet in the house ruling neighbors. This would indicate the possibility of an opportunity to go into business. Mars co-ruler of the seventh cusp, as Scorpio is here, is also placed in the third and just turned direct and will conjunct Saturn when that planet turns direct. This seems to indicate that a neighbor would in some way assist him. Mercury rules the second cusp and is applying trine Saturn, indicating that he would be rewarded according to effort.

But this contemplated move includes living quarters, and for this we note planets in the fourth house, and the ruler of the cusp of this house and their aspects. Neptune is within orb of sextile Pluto in the fourth, thus connecting work with the home, and as Pluto is co-ruler of the seventh it has some influ-

ence over the public who will come to do business with the querent. Venus is applying to the inconjunct of Pluto. As Cancer is the natural sign of home and on the fourth cusp, the Moon its ruler in favorable aspect with Saturn and the M.C. it would seem there is some possibility of realizing his hopes and wishes. Pluto is retrograde, Moon is in Scorpio and Saturn is in Cancer; this will likely affect the environment to some extent.

He is not very practical, and inconvenient surroundings

would prove somewhat of a hardship to him as considerable outlay and effort would be required to fix up a place to his liking. He is very artistic and fond of luxurious surroundings. For some considerable time he would have to work under difficulties, but even this would be better than to remain unhappy with nothing to do. With Venus his ruler in a mutable sign, and Pluto in a fixed sign in the fourth nearly two degrees from aspect, I told him he might hear of something within two months.



Six weeks later he was in the city and called to tell me the good news. He met a neighbor while walking who mentioned that a small store with living quarters had become vacant only the same morning. He lost no time in contacting the owner, and managed to get a lease for a year. It was badly in need of repair and redecorating, but he decided to take it anyway in spite of the drawbacks which could be remedied in time. He considered it only temporary until he could locate something better.



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harmony in the birth chart show the success or failure of the affections in general; those where husband or wife are concerned, those relating to the offspring, those which have to do with friends, those involving the kindred, and of course, those aroused through love affairs. That is, from the position and aspects of Venus in the chart of birth, can be determined how much success in general the affections will have, and how much loss; but to determine their satisfaction in reference to any one of the mentioned departments of life, the house ruling it also must be taken into consideration. Thus a person with a good fifth house and a badly afflicted seventh, would find little satisfaction for affections through the marital partner, but would, if Venus was not too badly afflicted, find affectional joy in the companionship of his children.

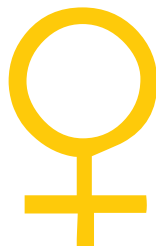
There is a kind of vice which is malicious, which is planned well ahead, and then carried out with brutal determination. But it has nothing to do with fair Venus. When Venus falls into sin it is not because she plots to do so, but because she is too weak to offer the required resistance. After all, it takes mental power to resist the attractions of the senses, and it requires intelligence to build up a love for those things which are high and pure, which are harmonious and healthful, and which, could it but be perceived, yield a higher harvest of pleasure and happiness than the coarser joys of dissonance and sin.

But Venus has to do with feeling, and not with intellect; a fact well portrayed, though limited as to its further explanation, by the brief hieroglyphic used to denote the planet. The circle of spirit is superimposed on the cross of matter, indicating that, left uninfluenced, the trend is toward refinement and spirituality rather than toward the physical and gross. Yet no place in the emblem is the crescent to be found. Intellect plays no part in the promptings either of Venus or Mars. In so far as the energies of these two planets stimulate the thought-cells within the unconscious mind to action, those actions are directed by feeling alone.

And, for that matter, as psychologists have been at great pains to prove, all action is prompted by feeling. Past feelings have conditioned all desires; and it is the release of the desire energy thus built into the thought-cells of the unconscious mind, which determines the direction in which action will be taken. But this conditioned response, as the psychologists call it, may have been cultivated in such a manner that it is influenced by more remote considerations, such as require some intellect to apprehend. Or it may have been cultivated so that it responds merely to the immediate sensation with no consideration of ultimate pain to follow.

When it is said, as so often it is, that love is blind, this implies that the attributes of Venus tend to be little influenced by considerations far removed in time. It implies that which astrologers recognize, that Venus is the planet of least resistance, and therefore, not through desire of iniquity, but through weakness, the thought-cells within the unconscious mind it maps open the individual to temptation.

At many points in his journey through life the individual is called upon to make a choice. Before him lies a parting of the way, such as is pictured in Major Arcanum VI. Virtue points to the path of rectitude, and vice brings to his attention the highway of sin. What his choice will be depends upon the things he has trained himself to love. If his feelings are more strongly and pleasantly stimulated by thoughts of debasing conduct, he will follow down the left-hand path. But if his affections have been cultivated to find higher pleasures in noble actions and things refined, he will turn up the highway to his right.



This function of feeling, and the power of love to mold the endeavors, was recognized by the masters of the past, and properly associated with the most beautiful and the most brilliant planet in the sky. Its loveliness in the evening suggested to them that it was on the right-hand path which led to spirituality. Yet they had also witnessed the degrading process by which affections, misled in their object, took the left-hand downward leading path which ended in dissolution. And thus comes down to us the old Semitic myth, referred to in Isaiah XIV:12, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!"

Yes! It is true that the mental factors within the unconscious mind ruled by Venus may lead us to the heights, or sink us in the depths. And to explain this, and the retribution which inevitably befalls those who follow the path of vice, the ancient sages designed a symbolical pictograph, showing a man standing motionless at the angle formed by the conjunction of two roads. In indecision, his looks are fixed upon the ground, and his arms are crossed upon his chest. Two women, one at his right, and the other at his left, each place a hand upon his shoulder, showing him one of two roads. The woman at his right is modestly clothed, and has the sacred serpent, indicating enlightenment, at her brow. She thus personified that virtue which so well was symbolized by Venus as the kind and affectionate Evening Star.

But the woman at his left wears less clothing, and is crowned with the leaves of the grape, the fruit from which is pressed the accomplice of debauchery. She points to the left-hand road; she is vice, the temptress, the fallen woman, the one who loved not wisely, but too well, and who so ap-

propriately was symbolized by the archangel fallen from heaven to become Lucifer, the Morning Star.

Truly enough, man is reached and most strongly tempted through appeals to his emotions. But the temptation of one is the fortitude of another. Things appeal in different strengths to those whose birth charts show diverse positions. That which tempts the Aries person most forcefully may be a matter of utter indifference to the person most strongly influenced by Cancer. Each sign has its own best quality and its own worst quality, has its own particular strength and weakness, that which most readily enables the person born under it to express the high attributes of his divine soul, or which with most difficulty resists the temptation of the animal soul to take possession.

Of course, as a matter of hard fact, man has only one soul, which embraces all those experiences of the past that have registered in his astral body, and have there built psychoplasm and stellar-cells, and thus constitutes the organization of his unconscious mind. But some of the desires thus built by past experiences have been conditioned to release their energies, not in the direction beneficial to society as a whole, but at the expense of society to benefit the individual. These more primitive desires, existing as energies under tension within the unconscious mind, because they tend to express on the plane of life of the animal world, are said to belong to the animal soul.

But within the unconscious mind there are other desires, conditioned by later experiences, desires often times which derive their energy from a sublimation of the more primitive urges of the animal soul, which seek the welfare of society, and are willing to sacrifice personal comfort and to undergo hardship to that end. These more socially beneficial desires, because they tend to express on the plane of life of the spiritual world, are said to belong to the divine soul,



This idea of man's good angel and his bad angel, each of which pulled him in the opposite direction, which we now know is in truth the power of desire energies within his unconscious mind thus pulling him, was prevalent in ancient tradition, as was also the inevitable punishment of each transgression, that we now recognize

as the operation of natural law. And thus to explain that each zodiacal sign has its own tendency to some special virtue and to some special vice, those who designed the tarot arcana called THE TWO PATHS, placed above and back of the man being influenced by virtue and by vice, a flashing aureole of twelve rays, and in it the genie of justice, who draws his bow and directs toward vice the arrow of punishment.

The ancient teaching embodied in this Venus tarot card is very plainly pictured. Venus is the planet of feeling, and the

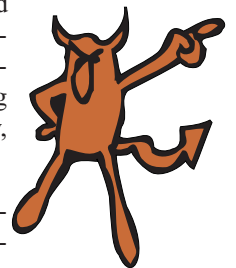
outstanding psychologists of our day state that, when all is analyzed, man is led by his feeling alone. And the picture explains, for there are twelve rays to the aureole, that for each sign two easily traveled roads are open. These roads are not the same for different signs; but nevertheless there is a pulling for each in different directions. Yet, as shown by the genie of justice aiming the arrow at vice, if the individual follows the path which for his sign is the one of least resistance, misfortune surely will come to him.

Usually the two paths open to those under the influence of each sign are the expression of much the same essential attributes, except that in one they are used in such a manner that they are more highly advantageous to others, and thus ultimately also to the one expressing them. The best quality or the worst quality of a zodiacal sign often largely lies in where the emphasis is placed. Or an over eagerness to express the characteristic quality right, may easily turn the expression from harmony and construction into discord and ruin.

Yet when an individual realizes the line of demarcation that divides the constructive and socially beneficial expression from that which is destructive and socially detrimental, this knowledge makes it far easier to choose the right-hand upward path; for as is suggested in the picture, it requires no tremendous change in the basic energies within the individual, which ever of the two roads he takes instead, it but requires a choice of the right direction along which those energies shall express.

Therefore, that what the ancients taught by Major Arcanum VI may not remain in the vague and nebulous clouds of mere theory, let us consider briefly the two roads open to each of the signs:

ARIES — The Aries person to be at his best requires the zest of competition. He feels the need of combat in some form, and ever strives for personal leadership. His enthusiasm often leads him to rush into controversy before he has had time to examine the justice of the matter. And at once he takes up arms in behalf of a cause he is very difficult to dissuade. The channel through which he most naturally strives to attain significance is that of Leadership. In fact, we can say that Leadership is his best quality, and indicates the proper path. In his zeal and enthusiasm, however, he easily may forsake this constructive road, to unduly interfere in the affairs of others, then taking the way expressing his worst quality, which is Officiousness.



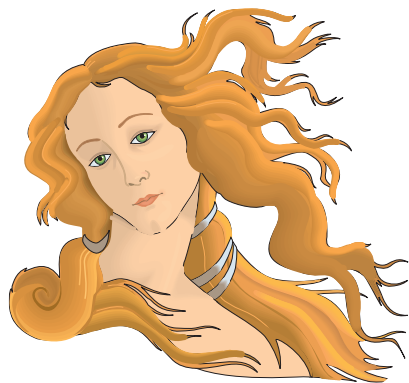
TAURUS — The Taurus person is steadfast in mind and in habit. He follows a certain routine in, the performance of his tasks, and very much dislikes to change his methods in any way. He is thorough in all he undertakes, given to perfecting the small details, and can not be hurried, pushed or frightened out of his rather de-

liberate pace. When his characteristic quality follows the destructive path it expresses as **Obstinacy**. But if early in life he forms the habit of being steadfast toward truth and justice, so that this attitude becomes firmly entrenched, it then will not be difficult for him to give way in smaller things, that he may maintain his original purpose. Thus will he follow the proper path, which is that of **Stability**.

GEMINI — The Gemini person has a very active brain and is at his best when his intellect has full scope for work. He is restless and must constantly express himself in some way. Not only is he restless, but he can do so many things well that he will not endure disagreeable conditions in one occupation because he can always get work to do in another. In expressing along the constructive path he exhibits his best quality, which is **Versatility**. Yet this quality, expressing along the adverse road, becomes **Changeableness**. Not merely changing his point of view, but also changing his occupation so frequently he falls far short of success. To keep on the upward, right-hand road, he should realize that any task can be made worthy of all his ingenuity and talent, and that instead of changing occupations he should change his methods in the one he has chosen.

CANCER — The Cancer person is exceptionally emotional, and above all else craves sympathy. He becomes greatly upset on hearing unpleasant news, or when he fancies he has been slighted. The fear of ridicule is torture to him, and prevents him from asserting himself to advantage; yet when he has a friend or an idea or a purpose to cling to he does so with utmost patience and perseverance. By absorbing the idea that people in general are sympathetic and friendly, and that those who are otherwise are not worth bothering about, he can turn from the destructive path of **Touchiness**, which is his worst quality, and take the constructive way of **Tenacity**, whereon his talent for finest expression lies.

LEO — The Leo person has great faith and trust in other people. And they usually respond to this faith by endeavoring to live up to his expectations. Yet he also tends to have a thirst for personal glory, and craves a position of authority. When on the right-hand path, he does not demand of subordinates that which is impossible of fulfillment. And in all his contacts with them, and with others, he expresses his best quality, which is **Kindness**. Yet if he takes the opposite path, his desire for significance becomes overpowering, and he feels he should have a position of importance even when in reality he is quite incapable of efficiently filling it. It is then impossible for him to realize that kindness may often best be expressed through work rather than through issuing orders, and that the highest glory obtains to him who best serves. Thus he treads the obnoxious path of his worst quality, which is **Domination**.



VIRGO — The Virgo person loves to deal with facts rather than with theories. He inclines to statistics, and often is a walking encyclopedia of information. His powers of discrimination and his practicality instantly discern the flaws of other people and their plans. Thus is it easy for him to follow the roadway of his worst quality, which is **destructive Criticism**. But if he takes the pains to realize that it requires just as keen discrimination to find the good points in people and things as to find those objectionable, he then turns up the path of his best expression, which is **Analysis**.

LIBRA — The Libra person is a lover of perfection. He is courteous and kind, and greatly craves understanding and companionship. As a rule he should not live an isolated life, but follow his social inclinations. He is a lover of harmony, and so dislikes to hurt another's feelings that he can seldom say no. Thus in his desire to give pleasure to them he may take the path of least resistance, forsaking virtue and honesty for the sake of his love of **Approbation**. Yet if he realizes that he will be better liked by others in the long run if he manifests enough character to render a firm decision and to be uninfluenced by flattery, he then turns on to the road of his best quality, which is **Affability**.

SCORPIO — The Scorpio person is very intense in his likes and dislikes, and whatever he finds to do he does with his whole might. Unlike Libra, he can be trusted to grapple with the most difficult and disagreeable tasks, in which he exercises his best quality, which is **Resourcefulness**. Yet he early should learn to realize that his advantage is in concentrating his energies on the solution of his own problems, and in overcoming the obstacles to his success, rather than in insisting upon the proper conduct of others. For he believes strongly in duty, and often takes special pains to see that others fulfill all their obligations to society. In this he easily turns down the detrimental path of his worst quality, which is **Troublesomeness**.

SAGITTARIUS — The Sagittarius person can both give and take orders. He is naturally an executive, and in both thinking and deed goes straight to the mark, caring more for effectiveness than for elegance. His love of games and good fellowship makes it easy for him to follow the downward path of his worst quality, which is **Sportiveness**. Yet when the attraction of good fellowship is permitted to express in the higher and more constructive manner, and he finds a work in life so interesting to him that it becomes a game in which success is the hazard, he with equal ease turns up the road expressing his best quality, which is **Loyalty**.

CAPRICORN — The Capricorn person is methodical and highly ambitious. He has a faculty for bringing together dissenting factions, for synthesis and economy. He is at his best, and on the right road, when given responsibility and

permitted to exercise the quality of Diplomacy. He is a good manager, but ever tends to keep an eye on his own advantage. Thus should he early realize that the greatest advantage a person can have is integrity of character and devotion to the welfare of others. Unless he gains this conception it is not difficult for him to turn down the highway of his worst quality, which is Deception.

AQUARIUS — The Aquarius person understands human nature better than those born under any other sign. He knows just what to say and just what to do to produce a given effect upon those with whom he is associated. Merely for the sake of discussion he often will take the opposite side of an issue, thus following the road of his worst quality, which is Argumentation. Yet because he knows so well how to influence people, and has tendencies which are progressive, with equal facility he can turn up the bright trail of his best quality, which is Altruism.


PISCES — The Pisces person is inclined to be plastic, and thus much influenced by environment. He has high ideals, and loves harmony. And because he is so sensitive to discords and to the thoughts of others, he is inclined to magnify the importance of slight adversity, or imagine adversity that never comes to pass; and thus he turns down the left-hand path expressing his worst quality, which is Worry. Yet if he encourages a greater trust in Deity to handle the details of life, and permits his feelings for the welfare of others to displace fear, he then turns up the right-hand road of his best quality, which is Sympathy. ♃

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Meditations

Venus, Vice and Virtue

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 Our Hermetic studies teach us that the more delightful aspects of life generally come wafting in on a wave of lithesome Venusian energy. When Lady Venus visits in the form of natal or progressed energy she skips into our lives delightfully cloaked with qualities like mirth, gaiety, mildness, beauty and harmony.

In short, she's a heck of a lot of fun and makes us feel really good. However, the very quality of pliability that enables her to be enjoyed by everyone is also the quality that may also lead to her greatest downfall. Arcanum VI suggests that the aspect of "taking the line of least resistance" can lead to bad habits or vice.

Of course, that darned path to self-conscious awareness eventually reveals itself and conscious decision-making is required for successful living. This is the time that Venus demures with a lovely smile. Desiring to merrily skip along, opting for a difficult path is not her inclination. However, to prevent her surface beauty from tarnishing and turning into verdigris the alchemists of old discovered that she must learn to apply Saturn and Sun energy. Only then will her choices be touched with depth and vitality and her energy transformed into Gold.

Without effort, Saturn naturally comes in the form of experience with hard work and loss. Alchemy teaches that a good jolt of lead energy can leave one feeling a little down or depressed. For example, choosing not to buy that beautiful new dress that makes you feel so good may be the right

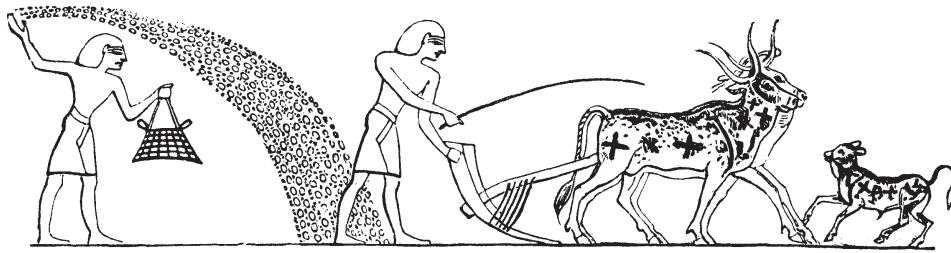
choice for your pocketbook but...this loss can leave you feeling a little down. However if you are able to flux the decision with vital energy, your spirit will be buoyed to the point that there is sufficient energy for hanging in there long enough to realize the "virtuous" CHOICE.

Sun energy is pure Gold. A good shot of solar energy leaves us feeling good about ourselves and our relationship to others. It helps us form the "big picture". When the decision is made not to buy that dress and you're feeling a little down you can remember how good you'll be feeling a few months from now when you can afford to take that vacation you've been promising yourself. A potentially depressing decision suddenly becomes a part of a great plan to give you an even better gift. Learning to combine a good plan (Saturn) with a personal goal (Sun) can be more fun than a fleeting pleasure.

Increased solar energy is the goal of the alchemist...it is pure Gold! In Hermetic Alchemy, virtue is not about "deprivation". Rather, virtue relates to the process of making balanced choices that result in increased solar energy for engaging in the big picture of life.

Not all decisions are simple but, in principle, the same energies are applied. In the beginning the power comes from perspective or ATTITUDE. Ultimately being virtuous is learning to feel good about yourself for the deeper, spiritual values you learn to cultivate! ♃





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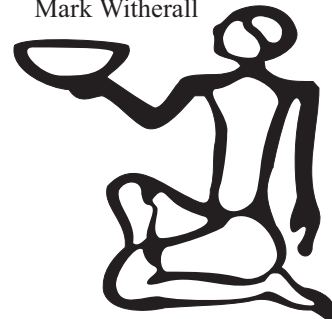
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An important message to our readers!

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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.

There is one thing you may be sure of ...the Quarterly is here to stay. Although there have been many lovely and generous contributions to the Quarterly Fund, many of our readers have never made a contribution.

The CofL is a non-profit religious corporation and does not charge fees...however, we do find that donations keep the energy flowing! If you have enjoyed the Quarterly please consider sending a donation ...it doesn't have to be large, every dollar is appreciated. Whatever is in your heart and your means is exactly the right amount! Those who make only small contributions, but make the effort to do so, reap the greatest benefits from giving.

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The Tablets of AETH

Tablet The Third

Gemini (Gemini The Symbol)

*“Two stars are rising at angles to each other and to the Polar star,
while eight stars shine faintly in the black space of background.”*

The soul materializes into human embodiment. I feel your movement and your thoughts as you move about in your seemingly separate existence. In this level you are not aware of me until you seek love and truth. You are quite active, alarmingly so in your busyness, but it is not until you still yourself to control your thoughts that you have your first awareness that I am.

First the awareness of the lower mind rises in consciousness, but you are much more than just a thinking thing. What you conceive in your mind you experience. Be cautious then to conceive goodness, kindness, grace, and the more noble things of Earthly domain. Learn from your mistakes to create harmony in your life.

Second the higher mind rises in consciousness. No longer make your mistakes of separate realities. You are in this world, but in truth you exist in a greater reality. Your will to experience physical life and your reaction towards your own thoughts in reality strengthens and builds your soul.

Third the lower mind and the higher mind form unity with cosmic consciousness to form a much brighter star. It is a marriage of what was once a separate reality back toward the truth of existence, a universal reality. Live therefore to experience the richness of each experience. Interact with creation, but remember to make your con-

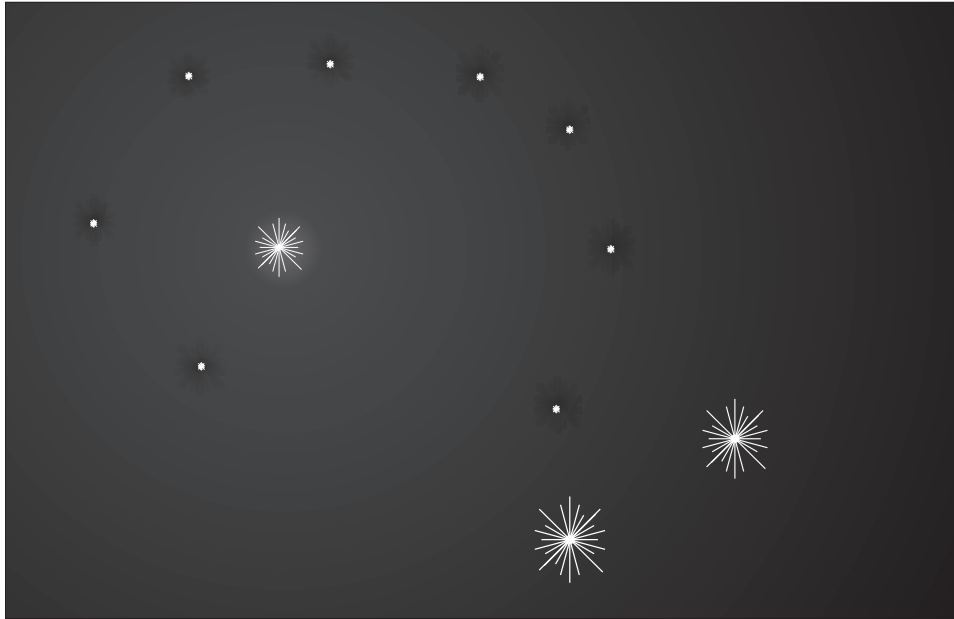
tribution of yourself toward the whole so that when you are here no more, the Earth is a better place in love and in truth. Thus you add your eternal spark to all.

There is a strict balance to physical life that weights a separate existence as if it were separate from the rest of existence. In reality there is no separation. It is a thought really, perhaps an inner desire for the cosmic mind to experience that one which was once separated and apart desires utmost to seek oneness again to experience a higher meaning and depth of love in reunification. Do not choose a separate reality therefore to experience the greatest love of all.

It is an illusion that there are two separate minds, the lower mind and the higher mind; in reality there is only one real mind. Move about therefore and have your experience, but know in reality that I am there with you. I am in creation, speaking to you perhaps from a cloud. I am both the thunder and lightning. I am that separate reality next to you that when you recognize me, I recognize you. In the end I am that which is in the mirror staring back at you. I am that still small voice, that inner spark within you that is you. ♃



From the Light of Egypt, Vol. II by T.H. Burgoyne "...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....."



II

"Two stars are rising at angles to each other and to the Polar star, while eight stars shine faintly in the black space of background."

Gemini

REFLECTION

Part I: TABLET THE THIRD

The Divine symbol of soul-matehood is here signified in the two stars rising in the foreground; not only the soul-affinities of humanity, but the eternal father-mother forces manifested in the biune spirit of universal life and nature, the two great creative powers, Life and Light, whose harmony creates love, attraction and repulsion, and the straight lines of law and justice, which blend in the spiral of mercy.

The two stars are rising at an oblique angle to the pole-star, the center around which, material things revolve. So, too, life and love are balanced by the star of wisdom. Love in the spirit is adaptation to the environment in matter and providence in universal life. The eight stars reveal the mystery of the tablet—universal death, present with life, the final end of all discord glimmers faintly afar off, and man questions the love of God, seeing that all things pass away, not realizing that death is the germinal promise of life, of transformation, of the realization of unrealized hopes, of the union of loving hearts in their starry pilgrimage back to the Father's home.

O child of Adam! Listen unto the words of the Teacher: "I and the Father are one.... Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Hermetic Point of View

Keeping Spiritually Fit With Personal Alchemy

July 1943 - The Rising Star

Phyllis Stanick



Thoth

“TRUTH — yet truth is not an object floating about in space waiting to be grasped. Truth is merely some phase of the cosmos which in past, present or future, performs in a given way. TRUTH is a relation between some mind and something in nature. If the mind conceives some section of nature correctly, we say that is truth. If the mind conceives some section of nature incorrectly, that is error. TRUTH is a correct mental relation to some energy, law, or condition in nature. It is, therefore, impossible to tune in on truth in the abstract; for truth is a relation between some mind and some thing which the mind considers. But it is entirely possible to tune in on some phase of nature. And if this tuning in reveals correct information to the mind, that is truth.”

Eliphas Levi, the great mystic, tells us that in order to manifest Truth, GOD permitted the possibility of doubt. And it is this possibility of doubt that makes many of us wonder how so many and varied are the ways of Truth.

Each religion has its own conception of TRUTH. And each in its separate way is correct. But the trouble usually is that they have just taken a partial truth and tried to make a whole of it. One cannot isolate certain fundamentals and ex-

pect to make a complete whole. It is necessary to gather all the fundamentals into one; then the whole can be made complete.

Manifold are the signs along the highway of life, that point to truth. And each sign post has its own special advocates. All of them are not wholly in error, but all of them are not wholly correct either. So as one makes his life revolve around this everlasting search for truth, one must learn to discern for one a self the correctness of the teachings of truth.

We must remember that we cannot possibly accept everything that is said and done in the name of truth, for although we may be seeking truth in the same school, each and every one has a tendency to understand it just a little differently than his fellow student.

But one must also avoid getting too smug and self-satisfied with the truth teachings that we are interested in, for others are able to find truth in other teachings, and to them it is as real as our truth is to us.

This is why so many schools of truth flourish; all individuals cannot grasp

truth in the same way. Just as all of us do not make good nurses, musicians or mechanics.

Truth is a pathway to complete illumination, a pathway to complete clearness, the clearness of spirituality.

In order to comprehend this clearness it is necessary for us to understand and fully control both our physical and spiritual senses. For it is through these senses that we are able to identify ourselves with truth. It is mainly through the spiritual senses that we are able to gain illumination.

But here again the neophyte must be warned that when using the psychic senses to gain knowledge of truth, he must be positive that the things he gains are accurate. For one should keep an accurate account of the development of these psychic senses in order to know to what extent reliance may be placed upon them.

These psychic senses need proper cultivation just as do our physical senses. If one will study the new born babe, he will see how it finally learns it has five senses and then learns to use and control them. So it is with us who are seeking to use our psychic senses, to aid us along the path of illumination.

We must learn much as the baby does to see; we must learn first to focus our spiritual eyes. When we are cultivating our psychic sense of feeling, we must learn how all things feel, and just like the baby, our fingers may get burned, but through this burn, we remember that which needs special handling. So our spiritual ears must learn to discern between sounds that are worldly and sounds that are not audible to human ears. We must gradually learn to distinguish the difference in spiritual aromas.

Then we must also learn that thought is the spiritual language.

As we start along this path of illumination, we are as babes in our spiritual knowledge. Then as we proceed we grow, much as the infant. Then it is time for our schooling to begin. We must systematically study these lines of spiritual illumination, and find the truth or the error in our progress. If we keep a record of these things, as we go along, then every once in a while we can check this record for its percentage of accuracy. For it is from this percentage that we are able to judge our true progress.

While development of the psychic senses will aid one along the path of illumination, they in themselves are not complete illumination. The intuition must also be very well and dependably developed. For intuition, when trained along proper channels can lead us through all manner of earthly experiences. It can become our beacon light in good times as well as in times of trouble. For it is through the intuition that we are guided, but our intuition must be correct.

So we should heed our hunches, the inner voice, our premonitions, or what ever we term this intuition. We should watch them closely and see if by following them we are



guided aright or are misguided. Then we should make every effort to get to the bottom of the matter if our intuition is incorrect. Thus it needs reconditioning, in order to make it dependable.

But we must also remember that even when the psychic senses are fully developed, and the intuition most reliable, this does not bring complete illumination. For in order to have this illumination we must live a truly spiritual life, and try to build up a spiritual body. We must ever keep before us the thought that whatever we do, say or think has some reaction upon us. It is this reaction that builds up or tears down the spiritual vehicle.

As we follow the teachings of The Church of Light we strive to keep its precept, to do all that we can, in as many ways as we can, as long as we can, and to Contribute Our Utmost to Universal Welfare. For unless we are really doing all we can, we allow ourselves to fall into idleness. This is just the opportunity that the Forces of the Shadow need, for just one little shady thought needs to register and many months or sometimes even years of spiritual work is undermined.

We know that the Christ teachings are truth teachings, just as we know that the teachings of Buddha, Confucius, Mahomet, the Lamas, Moses and many other wise men were also teachings of truth. Each according to his understanding of TRUTH, and in keeping with the day and age in which he lived. Truth is ageless, and changeless, it is just humanity that changes in its attitude toward truth and its teachings.

So let us learn diligently of this Truth, that through this knowledge we can gain the courage that is so necessary to the neophyte on the path of right knowledge. It is the courage of his right convictions.

These are but a few abstract thoughts from a most wonderful lesson. This lesson is number 219 in our Course No. 21 on Personal Alchemy. Be sure to read it through this month and quietly meditate upon the marvelous truths written therein. If studied seriously there are many hours of thought-provoking meditation in its nine pages. Why not read it for your own satisfaction? I am sure you will find it answers many of the questions upon which we often ponder.

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Book Review

BET TO WIN

by **Lynne Palmer**

Rev. Radine Ramsey

Lynne Palmer, author of 20 books, and a guest on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, has written yet another book entitled "Bet to Win". This book was copyrighted in 2002 and has wonderful information for the gamblers among us who would like to try their luck in the Las Vegas casinos.

What I enjoyed about the book is the fact that she warns the reader not to get carried away. Gambling can become an addiction. If one cannot afford to lose the money, do not make the bet! Being a resident of Las Vegas, Lynne has seen many a person bet more than they could afford to lose. A person can get carried away and lose everything over the roll of the dice.

The most fascinating and useful advice I found included which slot machine to play for the best chances of winning (of course if I told you which one it was, you might not feel the urge to buy the book). I had recently been to Las Vegas in June of 2002 for a metaphysical ministers convention. I had no idea which slot machine to play and chose the one with the cute pigs on the side. I had no luck.

Another time I went to Las Vegas with my husband and Richard Lau. Richard had given me \$25 of his winnings and told me to have some fun. My husband had been watching a certain machine that had not yet paid off. He had seen someone else put quite a bit of money into the machine with no luck. My husband, Patrick Ramsey, suggested that I try that machine. I listened to my husband and he was right! (It should be noted that my husband is not right about everything, but there are times when it really pays to listen to him). My slot machine winnings paid about \$30-\$40, and I immediately cashed in on my good fortune and ran away from the slot machines. My astrological sign is Cancer, and there are times when I would rather lose a claw than my money.

Lynne gives excellent astrological advice for all the different signs of the zodiac. The book offers advice to every sign of the zodiac. You can look through the book to see if you tend to gamble like your sun sign and try to use this advice to your advantage. Each sign can do well, but each sign can also fall into the money pit and drown.

I asked Lynne about her experiences gambling, and she gave me some advice that had me laughing. She prefers to spend her husband, Sidney's, money when gambling. A woman after my own heart! It is much more fun to spend my husband's money when I gamble!

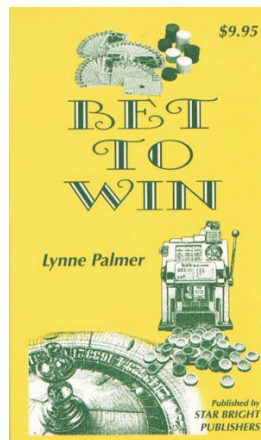
Lynne is a Sagittarius and on her birthday won \$1,600 in an hour playing craps. Her husband Sidney is a Pisces and uses his ESP to his benefit.

There was one time when Lynne could have kicked herself. She had seen a slot machine she had a good feeling about.

Before she could come back and put her money into the machine, she saw someone else win \$5,000. She waited too long to ask for the husband's money! Oh, well. Life goes on.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend Lynne Palmer's book "Bet to Win" to anyone who would like to try their luck gambling. Rules for playing the games are also explained in case you have no idea what is happening in a casino.

If you would like to purchase this book, it is sold by the Church of Light for a cost of \$9.95 plus shipping. If you live in the state of California, you will also have to pay California state sales tax.



Lynne's other books include: The Astrological Almanac (an annual book that comes out new each year); Money Magic; Is Your Name Lucky for You?; Prosperity; Are you Compatible with your Boss, Partner, Co-Worker, Clients, and Employees?; and Special Report – The USA under Attack. Any of these books can be purchased from the Church of Light. ☞

Editors' Note:

This article is for FUN. The CofL certainly does not encourage gambling or the support of the gambling industry. Most of us are lucky enough to be able to enjoy an occasional venture into this realm. For others, however, there is danger. Those who would try to profit from such ventures should recall C.C. Zain's admonition that gambling plays to the pernicious trait of trying to get something for nothing!



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Happy
Autumn Equinox!

A dialogue with the president...

Q: Does your tradition allow divination and/or prophecy? If so, what kinds of divination are usually practiced? And who is qualified to be a prophet?

A: The western occult tradition certainly includes both divination and prophecy. The CofL does not directly address prophecy but the Brotherhood of Light lessons do address the principles involved, which, as you might expect, are the same for any practice employing extra-sensory perception (ESP). The only difference between “everyday” ESP and “prophecy” is the time scale. We usually think of prophecy as prediction on a large time scale - over years, decades or centuries. The prophecies of Nostradamus and the Book of Revelation are among the most well known examples. An individual, who merely has a dream or premonition about an event that transpires the next day, is exercising the same principles of information processing that the prophet does, but over a shorter time scale. It seems reasonable that we should assess the credibility of the prophet based on his or her ability to retrieve short-term information that we can verify, before placing reliance on long-term visions that are difficult to verify or so nebulous that any interpretation is possible. Divination is the practice of gaining information by non-physical means - ESP again. Divination often employs special instruments and methods such as tea leaves (tea cup divination), divining rods for water location, phrenology, etc. The Brotherhood of Light Course 11, *Divination and Character Reading*, covers the principles and practices in detail. The most common instruments of divination are tarot cards and horoscopes. The CofL, however, teaches repeatable methods for gaining information from tarot cards and horoscopes as opposed to “fortune telling” which is defined as a more haphazard, ESP-only method.

“Just because someone is dead doesn't make them accurate...”

The CofL teaches that accurate information, however gained, about the future can be of great benefit to individuals

and groups. Thus, people are encouraged to use any method (except possibly channeling) with which they are comfortable. Furthermore, the CofL encourages the development of extra-sensory perception and provides detail about the various kinds of ESP, and which methods are the safest. In fact, CofL members who pass written exams covering one of the 21 BofL lessons, receive special award manuscripts, which provide more detail on developing the intellectual and transition techniques of ESP.

I think that it is important that we do more research and study into the nature of extra-sensory perception, how it can be cultivated and used for the greatest good. I do not know anyone who is “qualified” to be a prophet. We need people trained in methods that can help people to achieve the most success and happiness in life.

Sharing LOVE & LIGHT



Margrit Morin passes these thoughts along...

“If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.

“There would be:

“57 Asians

“21 Europeans

“14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north & south

“8 would be Africans

“52 would be female; 48 would be male

“70 would be non-white

30 would be white

“70 would be non-Christian

30 would be Christian

“89 would be heterosexual

11 would be homosexual

“6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States

“80 would live in substandard housing

“70 would be unable to read

“50 would suffer from malnutrition

“(ONE) 1 would be near death; (ONE) 1 would be near birth;

“(ONE) 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education;

“(ONE) 1yes, only 1) would own a computer.

“When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.”



Vicki Brewer writes...

On April 19th, 1995 my cousin was sitting at her desk in front of a window in the Journal Record Building, overlooking the Murrah Building parking lot in Oklahoma City. At 9:03am her world shattered in an explosion of glass, brick and dust. She remembers the powerful thought that if she didn't keep her hands on her desk she would die. And that is exactly how her rescuer was able to discern a body in the midst of the debris and smoke...her fingers were clinging to her desk. Hundreds of stitches later she began the hardest part of her recovery...the emotional part. For several years being with her was painful...it was painful because she was definitely not the same person. There was lingering doubt and concern that she would be able to make the tough journey back. Always there was the reminder that she had to make the journey alone...at least someone like me who had never been through that experience could not extend a bridge she recognized as safe. As time, the great healer, moved forward she struggled and made her journey back to wholeness. In fact, she is better than before. When she speaks of compassion her words come from a deep space that most of us cannot understand. As September 11th approached, those of us who love her wondered how she would cope. This is what she sent to us:

“There Is Always Room for Life

“Some people despair
from having seen too much,
heard too much,
and felt too much.
The mind has become crowded
with sorrow and fear.
There is no more room
for hopes and dreams.

“But the sage is always releasing things,
releasing thoughts,
releasing fears,
releasing expectations.
In the sage's mind there is always room for life.

“Let your memories, good and bad,
come and go without lingering.
These are not you.
They are merely images

projected on the screen of your mind.
Don't be trapped in this dark theater.
Go outside and meet the life
set before you in this moment.

“From the Sage's Tao Te Ching”



Randahl Lloyd Purchase sends these thoughts:

“The Co-Creative Power of Love

“The great Oneness...The great Dreamer in whom our dreams exist...All that is, is thought and that great thought is love and love energy. Love must be free and so we are free to co-create our dream of life using the love energy of GOD in any way we want. We are motivated by love and desire. The mind does not start to think except it is motivated by love or desire. The will is not moved into action except by love or desire. Please realize that we are in control of this love energy and that means that we can use it negatively. We are co-creating with GOD.

“We experience life, and grow through pleasure and pain. It is the co-creative use of God's love energy that makes our life beautiful or sad. So if our life is happy or sad we really must ask ourselves what part I played in it. If you have achieved health, wealth and happiness give yourself a pat on the back and remember its O.K. to give yourself a pat on the back.

“If things are not so good in your life, why is it important to ask yourself what part did I play in it? First of all if you are just a poor victim and you did not do a thing, you are giving away your power. There is nothing to learn and nothing to change in the future. But if you can, honestly look at what part did you play in it. The first and most important part is that you can forgive. Forgive others, and forgive yourself. Why is this important, because it turns negative love energy in to positive love energy, which can heal, bring back wealth and happiness. Life is not made up of just all positive or just all negative; it's made up of both. If you find yourself repeating the same old circles again, it's time to ask yourself what part I am playing in this. The beauty and the glory of love energy is that it can turn all negative life experiences into something positive. You can turn your sorrow and sadness into a ministry to help others. You stop being a victim and become a river of love.

“Existing in the river of love energy that flows through time and space...existing in the Milky Way forever, I can play so many parts. I can be the wizard. I can be the clown. But most of all I can feel how it feels. I can experience it. I can learn. I can feel what it feels like to be a victim, and I can take my power back again. I ride the river of love energy that flows through my life for good or bad. But is there really good or bad? Or is it just an opportunity to change how you perceive it. How about if you do what you love and love what you do. How bout if you just say: I am so tired of this war, I am will-

ing to look at my part in it and say let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. What it comes down to is — how are you going to let life opportunity affect your thinking? After all you are a child of the most high GOD. You can change how you think about anything. When you look a God as love, and love energy you can see it's not a matter of begging God for what you want. Love can do miracles through you...the co-creative power of love.

“1 John 4:7-8 – Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of GOD, and everyone that loveth is born of GOD and knoweth GOD. He that loveth not knoweth not GOD; for GOD is LOVE.”



Widow's Mite in Action....

As most of you are aware the CofL looks to the generosity of its members and friends for its continued growth and prosperity. Sometimes the generosity expressed by members is so moving that we all feel a warm breeze of generosity filled with light and love moving through our space. One such gift comes from a member who truly seems to understand the power of the widow's mite. This person receives \$18 per month income out of which he regularly donates \$1.80. Each time that check comes to the CofL office we get a big lift and smile...THANKS!

Another person earns 25 cents an hour. The donation he sent with his exam represented two months savings!!!!

The Power of Keywords...

For students studying nature's hidden secrets there appear to be competing systems of astrology and divination. Heads swim with confusion over the possibilities. In reality each system is trying to reach the same place. Rather than telling an individual how to think, C.C. Zain challenges each individual to explore and conduct research such that he or she can stand on their own opinions/conclusions rather than those of someone else. He also teaches there is a core tradition that stands the test of time and holds the key to universal application. This body of work is preserved in the key-words taught in The BofL lessons. Properly used, key-words are a potent learning and teaching technique. Each key-word (or archetype) carries with it the seed of an idea or image vibrating with the potential to resonate within the unconscious mind of the reader/practitioner. With study and practice the individual, using key-words, will build and later develop their own nuanced symbol set based upon personal experience/imagery. However, each practitioner is encouraged to continue to keep the image or ideal of the

key-word because it will serve as the "pole star", assisting the individual to maintain alignment with universal "truth". Keeping delineations/readings closely keyed to their classic interpretations also helps maintain a common language upon which a cohesive body of work can support reaching out to our more mainstream brothers and sisters. Imagine the possibility for happiness, success and spirituality if the wisdom of the ages gains greater credibility.

Building a Better World

A priceless gift at no cost....a member sends this one:

“Many of you have wanted to give a priceless gift to someone but thought that you lacked the means to do so. This is your opportunity!

“By the simple means of saving your canceled first class postal stamps and putting them into a collection jar you can give hope, mental and medical assistance to your fellow man in need.

“On the tiny Scottish isle of Jura, in the Inner Hebrides, lives Carol Wright, widow of the recently deceased Gordon Wright, the Bard of Jura. Carol gathers canceled stamps from all parts of the world and sends them to a leper mission which sells them for the support of a leper colony.

“The canceled stamps of the United States of America can be sold at a premium, and the profits are put to good use.

“American support of this project is the spark of generosity of Frank R. Shaw, himself a Jura Scot.

“You may send your collection of canceled stamps directly to Frank R. Shaw, 1320 Twelve Oaks Circle N.W, Atlanta GA 30327-1862.”

Mark Your Calendar!

Weekend beginning Friday June 27, 2003, 3:05 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting and Conference.

Quarterly on the Web:

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

AHA News & Views, published by The Academy of Hermetic Astrology in Canberra ACT Australia. Remember to look for their newsletter on the CofL Home Page: <http://www.light.org>. 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 herself, each must learn to take pleasure in “**Contributing Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.**”

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

Building a Better World with a Better Vision!

The Church of Light Vision for the 21st Century



OUR MISSION

To teach, practice and disseminate the Religion of the Stars, a way of life for the Aquarian Age, outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

WHAT WE TEACH

There is a loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness expresses through undeviating natural law.

- There is a Divine Plan in which each person has a unique and important role.
- The Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution.
- There is a universal moral code - Contribute Your Utmost To Universal Welfare - which, to the extent adopted by each individual, will make the world a better place to live.
- The Religion of the Stars will evolve by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.
- Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.
- The safe development of extrasensory perception (extension of consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan

and for verifying the after-life and the survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Our vision is to become a significant world religion in the 21st Century, and a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment, by:

- Providing reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;
- Seeking out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death, and the nature of the next life;
- Developing increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion, toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;
- Promoting the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;
- Building a sense of community and spiritual purpose which uplifts and inspires our members to Contribute Their Utmost To Universal Welfare.

