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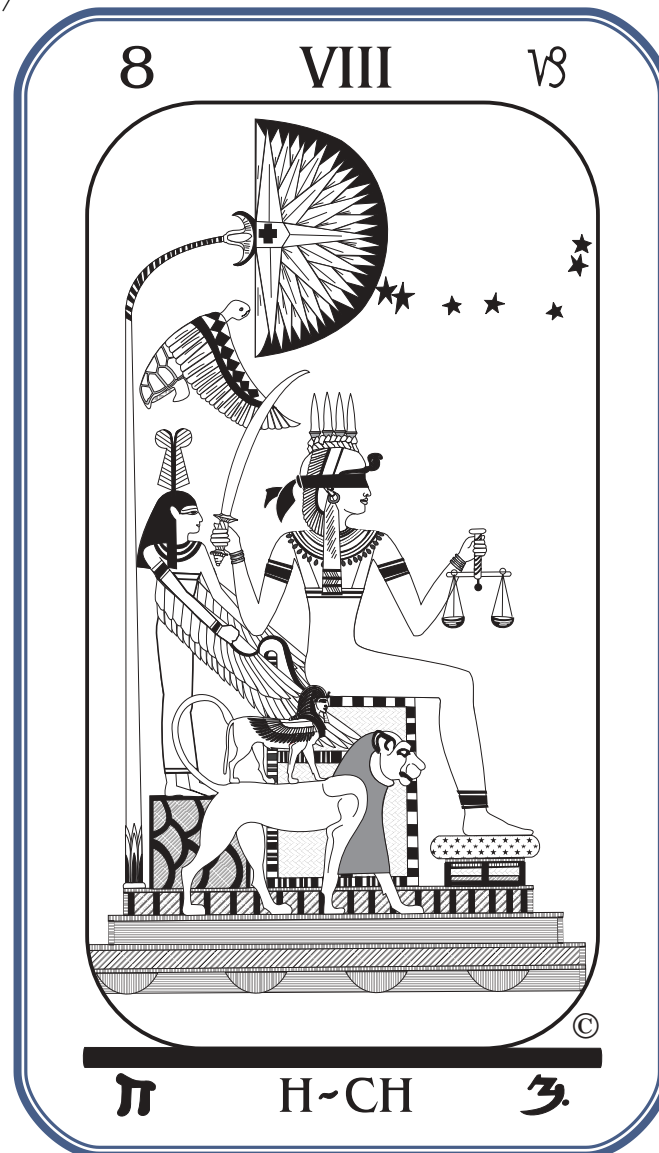
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part IX

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The science of astrology is based upon the Balance in Nature which provides that what is above has its equivalent on earth, and that the occurrences below have their equivalent in the sky. Therefore, correctly to judge that which is past, or that which will occur on earth in the future, requires that the astrologer weigh, one against another, the factors observed in the sky, and from them pass an unprejudiced judgment.

When the forces are equally balanced, one against the other, there is no movement. Such inertia, as well as the reflective powers to weigh such influences, is best expressed among the zodiacal signs by Capricorn, the sign which the sun enters when life's forces are lowest and the waters and vapors of earth crystallize into ice and snow. And thus when the masters of old sought to give a more complete explanation of the astrological significance of Capricorn, than that portrayed by the constellated goat which has a fish's tail, they designed Major Arcanum VIII, which commonly is called THE BALANCE.



The woman seated on a throne is blindfolded, and in her left hand she holds a balance, to indicate that those who weigh the influences of the stars to determine their effect upon life, should be absolutely impartial and free from prejudice. The sacred serpent thrusting its head from her brow shows that to be a capable astrologer, one must possess a high degree of intelligence. The sword, upraised in her right hand, reveals that what the stars foreshadow may be in the nature of an affliction, or as symbolized by the overshadowing protection seen above it, may be in the nature of a blessing. But whatever their nature, the lances of inflexibility which adorn the crown, demand that there be no warping of reason by desire when judgment shall be passed.

At her side is a lion, symbol of the power which can be used, once judgment is passed, to fit

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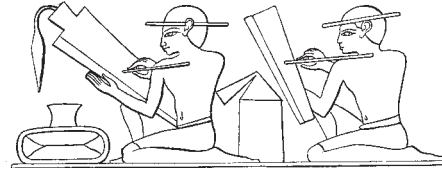
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Justice and Equilibrium

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“thou must establish equilibrium between the forces that thou hast brought into play”

That a major conflict is playing out in the Middle East is not surprising. That Saddam Hussein is a brutal dictator that most of the world would like to see deposed is not news. That the United States, who for the first time, without the support of The United Nations, was willing to declare war on Iraq is breathtaking...not necessarily surprising when considering the chemical, psychological and cultural make-up of its leadership and the psychology of the American people since September 11. These are some of the forces that have been brought into play.

Feelings around the world are mixed. “Firsts” are unsettling. It is human nature to be suspicious of those who have more health, more wealth, and more power. That a nation, to whom much as been given, is willing to unilaterally direct its forces against a weaker country feels destabilizing.

As this Quarterly goes to press we inevitably try to make sense out of this controversial war. It would be easier and far more comforting if there were transparent, simple answers...or, if the conflict could be placed cleanly in the context of the “good guys” vs “the bad guys”.

Everyone seems to agree that Saddam is the bad guy. He appears to be less human and more evil than we are. Certainly he seems responsible for many atrocities. Then comes the nagging thought...are we unblemished? No one believes the Iraqi people deserve the horrors that have been visited upon them and that war will surely visit at their door. How does one separate the Iraqi people from their leader? In a complex world, there is no simple way to sort out this conflict and those who try to make it simple make us uncomfortable because their solution is sure to be inadequate. Liberating the Iraqi people is a noble cause...but then...maybe it should be up to the Iraqi people to decide whether or not they want to be “liberated”.

It is possible to rationalize that the Iraqi people do want Saddam gone...at any cost. Perhaps they are afraid to voice their true voice...perhaps they have been so terrorized that the only thing occupying their hearts and minds is survival...survival at any cost.

What about the role of the United States in all this? Well, we know that it has Uranus and Mars in the first house. Certainly this country’s temperament and personality can validly be considered independent and “warrior-like”. With Mars trining the Moon in the 10th there is the inherent desire

to come to the political aid of the weak and the helpless. With a powerful and harmonious 2nd house it has resources to not only wage war but to temper the strife, disruption and destruction associated with Mars and Uranus. Fortunately the chart has dominant harmony and the US can probably be considered a good citizen of the world. However, with its weak and discordant Sun it is always trying to prove itself...its INTENTION seem suspect.

Now that action has been undertaken, what will be the result? The key around which all concern turns is whether Iraq minus Saddam will be a stable or safe home for its own citizens...the

world? Will the world be even more unstable? Where is the center? Can equilibrium be established?

The answers to these questions might best be considered from the perspective of Arcanum VIII because, ruled by Capricorn, it describes the archetypal energy associated with “balance of power”. The admonition reminds us:

“Remember, then, son of earth, that to be victorious over thyself and dominate obstacles is but a part of the human task. To accomplish it entirely thou must establish equilibrium between the forces that thou hast brought into play. All action produces reaction. The will should foresee the shock of opposite forces in order to temper or annul them. If the Balance should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, it signifies that the future is balanced between good



and evil, and warns that an unbalanced mind is like an abortive sun.”

If this is so, then as so many pundits and scholars of the region say...winning the war is only a small portion of the battle. The situation in the Middle East (as with most third world countries) is a matter of establishing an environment of equilibrium where each tribe feels vested in a future that is dependent upon the welfare of the region as a whole. We, as outsiders, must come to understand that our welfare (as Sept 11 so profoundly demonstrated) is integrally linked to the welfare of those who feel disenfranchised. We must remember that the weight against which their scale will be

measured may not be the same as ours...we must be willing to seek the higher principle of Justice that Arcanum VIII teaches is possible. We must be willing to wield the Sword of Justice and give ground until dignity for all can be discerned and obtained.

Deity’s interest is in the welfare of all life forms on this planet. Let us join our voices and energy to pray for peace in the world. Let’s bear in mind the dignity of all human beings. Let us visualize a world where the forces that have been brought into play can find voice and constructive expression. So Shall It Be! ✨

Hermetic Tradition of The Brotherhood of Light

Understanding the Ego, the Soul and the Conscious Mind

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This work is a simplified explanation of some of the material presented in the original 21 Brotherhood of Light lessons by C.C. Zain (Elbert Benjamine). It may serve as platform from whence the understanding of the original lessons is enhanced but in no way is meant to supplant those magnificent lessons.

The Spirituality of Man is always explained by a Trinity. In Christianity, there is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In Hinduism, there is Brama, Vishnu and Shiva. In Huna, the Amakua, the Uhane and the Unihipili. For our Hermetic purposes, the Trinity we will be considering consists of the Ego, the highest part of Man containing the Deific spark; the Soul, the unconscious mind of man; and the Conscious Mind, that keen, rational mind that deals with the Physical Plane or World.

The Ego

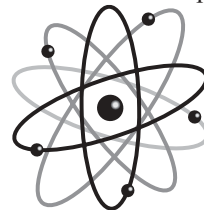
According to the Hermetic Teachings, the Ego of every person consists of a tiny atom or spark or portion of Divinity. By Divinity, we are referring to the Creator or Lord of the Universe, the Vast and the Mighty One, the Bornless One, Ruler of the Light and of the Darkness. Following the instructions of the Creator, Angelic parents occupying the Celestial Plane initiate specific activities by their love vibrations which give birth to the Ego. That is, they cause to differentiate this small spark of Divinity into an Ego, the Deific Center or core of a new being. Being a Part of Divinity, this new Ego is Elohim (a Hebrew word of the feminine nominative case with a plural male ending), both male and female together. This Ego, being Divine, resides on the Celestial Plane (see BOL Lessons by C.C. Zain) and can descend no closer to the Physical Plane than the lowest level of the Celestial Plane (more on this later).



The Angelic Parents of the Ego give it directions according to God’s Great Plan. This piece of Divinity is given a trend or set of directions which will lead it to develop Its full potential of self-conscious awareness. Another part of those directions involves the specific part It will play in Divinity’s Great Plan and instructions regarding how to best develop Itself to fulfill It’s part.



This Ego is the true “I” of every living creature. It is the basic, consistent, immortal, persisting portion of each living thing and human through all the changes imposed through time and the Cycle of Necessity.



The Cycle of Necessity

This is often referred to as “The Fall From Grace” or “Being Cast Out from Eden” or the “Original Sin.” That there was some transgression involved is almost assured since we have so many similar teachings from so many sources. There is evidence for this in the Bible, the Veda’s and the Buddhist teachings.

Our Founder, Elbert Benjamine, writing as C.C. Zain also refers to this when quoting the most ancient source in Book 6, The Sacred Tarot, From The Atma Bodha or Book of Soul Knowledge, Book III “The Aphoresmata of The Logos”:

“IV Parted from the Whole (GOD), with the Whole, yet external to the Whole, is a descended or fallen spirit.”

“V Parted from the Whole, with the Whole, yet conscious of the Whole and Knowing it has fallen away from, and that it should, and can, return to the whole, is the Law of Reascension”

“VI That which is parted from the Whole, turns again to the Whole, is the Law of True Repentance.”

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

Each experience adds to the consciousness which increases knowledge and eventually builds wisdom

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

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

If the Ego were to remain in the Celestial Plane, what could it learn of the conditions of death, disease, destruction and evilness? Therefore what could It learn of Life, Light and Love?

The Cycle of Necessity involves the experiences of involution and evolution, that is, experience with regression from perfection on the Celestial Plane, down through the Spiritual Planes, the Astral Planes to the state of Mineral Life on the Physical Plane (the path of Involution) and back again through those various levels or stages and Planes to the Celestial Plane (the path of Evolution). All the while having hopefully learned all the lessons presented to it.

The Soul or Unconscious Mind

After its “birth” the Ego comes into contact with its Celestial environment and It begins to have experiences. These experiences lead to development of consciousness. These states of consciousness constitute the Soul Sphere of the

Ego. The Soul Sphere bears exactly the same relation to the Ego as the seven physical senses to the Human brain. Another way to view the concept is to think of the mind; the mind itself is powerless to penetrate the physical world. The mind is something above and beyond the physical senses — however it is entirely dependent upon these senses to experience the reality of the world. It is exactly the same with the Ego and the Soul Sphere! In fact, by direct proportion, as the senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing, sight, Intuition and Thought Transference are to the human brain, so too is the Soul to the Ego. The Soul of each creature is in reality the sensory organ of its Divine Ego. Because the Ego is Divine, it cannot approach imperfection (the Planes below the Celestial) directly without causing great changes or even destruction of those imperfections.

However to gain experience with and to learn the lessons of these lower levels the Ego has to overcome this problem. Thus the Ego sends its “sensory organ” the Soul Sphere on the Involutionary path. The Ego, being Elohim (male and female together) develops twin souls, one female and the other male. This allows the Ego to be able to transmit energy between Itself and the Soul Sphere in the lower planes, by polarizing the Soul Sphere into two separate channels of flux; positive and negative, male and female, etc. This process can be likened to two magnets — when in contact with each other, they are in a state of equilibrium and no energy flows. However separate them and energy can be felt to flow between them. Furthermore, another reason for the separation is for the obtaining of addi-

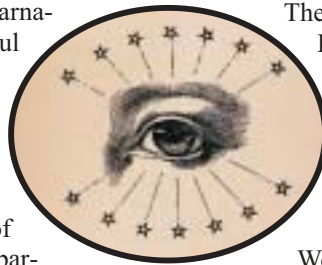


tional information, twice as much, gained from the opposite point of view; the opposite pole as you will. It will obtain two different viewpoints for all the lessons it learns and for all the information it records — male and female, positive and negative, light and dark, etc. This separation occurs just below the Celestial Plane, at the border between the 6th and the 7th Spiritual Planes. This is also the area where the twin souls, male and female, will reunite on the evolutionary path upwards.

The function of each soul now becomes the attracting, molding and repelling of various forms that provide for experience and the recording of all such experiences. The soul now descends through the Cycle of Necessity, from the Spiritual planes to the lower Astral planes.

Each soul with its Divine Ego standing behind it on the Celestial Plane, makes its way gradually down the involutory scale or path through the Last 6 Spiritual Plane levels, and then the 7 Astral Plane Levels. The Soul then resides on the Astral Plane while incarnating a physical body for existence on the Physical Plane — that of a Mineral (This does not have to be on Earth - see article in next issue of the Quarterly, “Understanding the Inner Planes”). After incarnation as a Mineral and subsequent death the soul rests a time in the Astral world where it assimilates and collates all the knowledge it obtained as a Mineral. When the astrological forces are right, another physical body is re-born at a higher stage of Mineral or goes to the next stage as a Vegetable under the direction of the Soul. The number of incarnations in each particular stage depends upon the challenges presented during each incarnation and the lessons learned. Sometimes great strides are made in evolution, sometimes small. Eventually, the Soul works its way through the Mineral, Vegetable, and Animal Stages (with intervening time spent on the Astral Plane) to that of the Human. At this stage it learns its most important lesson — that of Self-Conscious Awareness. Having learned this lesson, it never again incarnates in a physical body. From there all further development occurs on the Astral and then later on the Spiritual Planes.

The Soul functions throughout its existence not only as the sensory and recording apparatus for the Ego, but also as the controller and the regulator of the bodily functions, the residence of the memory, and the provider of insights and intuition for the physical organisms and the conscious mind (of the human). The scientific community calls it the Unconscious Mind and links its functioning through the right side of the brain — that is, the right side of the brain receives the information from the unconscious mind or Soul. The Soul dwells on the Astral Plane during the various incarnations into the Physical. The Soul or Unconscious Mind is able to perform all these functions because the Astral Plane is massless, has no gravity and hence is frictionless. This allows for infinite energy and for infinite storage capacity. The Soul communicates its messages as symbols, never having learned human speech which is a relatively new experience for it.



The Soul brings into the physical life of the human, that which is thought about with intense emotion, as will be explained in “Understanding The Inner Planes.” In the Astral Plane where the Soul habitually resides, all is thought-built and thought-motivated. Everything there is either created by thought or directed by thought. Also, what takes form on the Astral Plane is eventually manifested here on the Physical Plane (the basis for all Magic). One can therefore understand that to present thoughts (as symbols) to the Soul and to reinforce those symbols with strong emotions (the special energy required to “cross the River Jordan” i.e. to bridge the boundary between the Physical and the Astral Planes) causes the Soul to build those things thought about into the substance of the Astral Plane. The more energy that is provided, the sooner and the stronger will the manifestation into the physical life occur. Therefore if one continuously worries about a particular situation, going over it constantly in ones mind, visualizing intensely the dreaded outcome with fear, the more certainly will that outcome manifest.

The Conscious Mind

The Conscious mind is described by the Master Elbert Benjamine as “that small, keen, bright, clever reasoning peak of the soul.” In particular, it is that aspect of the Soul which is responsible for developing self-conscious awareness. It is the controlling mechanism responsible for dealing with the “realities and the responsibilities” of the Physical World. It is the collective and changing “I” that we are all familiar with from day to day life. It is rational (usually), subjective and deductive. According to modern science, it is linked to the functioning’s of the left side of the brain. There is some evidence that some of the higher animals such as some dogs, horses and apes have had a rudimentary conscious mind, but in the main only humans possess this capability and it is only in the human stage where this mind manifests. According to Hermetic teachings, this conscious mind resides also on the astral plane, but has instantaneous access to the left side of the brain.

The Trinity Revisited

We are possessed here of a Great Hermetic Secret. The Master Jesus claimed that “The Kingdom of God is Within” and later it was spoken that Heaven was ruled by “The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.” In the Huna Tradition, which is thought to be a direct remnant of the early Hermetic teachings from Egypt, there is referred to the three selves; the High self (Amakua), the low self (Unihipili), and the middle self (Uthane). These other religions reinforce our Hermetic teachings regarding the Ego (the Father, the High Self), the Soul or Unconscious Mind (the Holy Spirit, the Low Self) and the Conscious Mind (the Son, the Middle Self). 🐾

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one's life to a higher destiny by taking full advantage of what the stars reveal. And at her side also is a sphinx, the symbol of the passage of time and its recording; as it is for the moment a child is born, or the moment a question becomes clear in the mind, that the heavens are mapped, which provides the factors that must be weighed, one against another, to obtain the sought for knowledge.

This proper timing of the birth of an idea, the birth of a proposition, or the birth of a question, depends upon the sympathetic relation of the human mind to the astral world. That this balance between the positions of the signs and planets in the sky, and the factors stimulated at the time within the mind of man is quite dependable is evidenced by the results obtained through the use of horary astrology. Because horary astrology depends upon this mental balance to a condition existing in the unseen world, it is essentially not so much as exact science as a method of divination. Yet what it lacks in positiveness of method, it more than compensates for in wealth of detail.

The thoughts that enter, or reside within, the unconscious mind of man, are not mere nothings. They are real organizations of astral substance. They obey the well-known Law of Association, which controls all mental processes. They combine to form a plan, a question, an enterprise or an ideal, through definite attractions. That is, to state it in another way: the power of any thought to influence other thoughts, depends upon the amount of energy it possesses, and the completeness with which the lines of association have been formed between it and the other thoughts.

If we consider any given thought, then, and suppose that additional energy is supplied to it by a stream of force of like quality from some planet, it will be seen that its power, for the time being, is greatly increased. It, therefore, has greater ability to combine with other thoughts. And if several thoughts receive such additional energy from the planets at the same time, all will have additional combining power, and, due to their temporary strength, they will be likely to move together as a plan, a question, or an idea; that is, as Arcanum VIII portrays, there will be a perfect balance between forces below and forces above.

With so much energy at its command, this plan, question, or idea then probably will make itself prominent in the objective mind. But the important circumstance of this process, which the woman in the act of passing judgment explains in symbolical pictograph, is that by determining the quality and nature of the streams of force that give such a plan, question, or idea power enough to become a cause of serious consideration, we thereby determine the quality and nature of the thoughts so energized. And, in addition, by considering the relationship of these energies, that is, balancing one against another, we can also determine whether or not the plan, question, or idea is harmonious or discordant. In fact, the whole inner-plane relationship is laid bare.

Now while not all things in the four-dimensional world have physical counterparts, all thoughts, objects and conditions of the physical world have a duplicate in the four-dimensional realm. Furthermore, events and conditions that occur upon the four-dimensional plane, tend to reproduce themselves, in so far as the physical environment with which they are associated is capable of such reproduction, UNLESS, before the physical environment has time fully to respond, other and contradictory changes take place in the four-dimensional environment which annuls the first influence.

Those who delve deeply in occult subjects, whatever their other beliefs, are unanimous, because they have observed it so often, in asserting that events transpire first on the inner plane, and later on the physical. Due to its refinement of substance there is freer and quicker interaction between thoughts and entities upon the inner plane. If a serious question, or a proposition, or an event, arises on the physical plane, we may be sure, therefore, that the same question, or proposition, or event has first arisen on the inner plane.

This, then, is the first underlying factor in understanding how horary astrology operates; for if the proposition or question has arisen seriously in the unconscious mind, this has already, before the matter has reached the objective consciousness, directed the unconscious mind to all the factors and conditions related to it. And the unconscious mind, because it occupies the four-dimensional plane, and uses the senses and superior conditions of that plane to apprehend the various conditions, mirrors these various factors in detail, and in their correct relations.

The desire of the unconscious mind to know about the matter has focused its attention on all the factors, as they exist in the four-dimensional realm, and they are present in the unconscious mind in relationships that are proper, much as the image of a future picture is reflected in the "finder" of a camera. They have been brought to a focus all in their proper relation, but they only shadow the future picture; for the picture may never be taken, the exposure never made, and the film never developed.

Thus when we earnestly ask a question, we may know that already the unconscious mind has imaged the picture in its "finder." Unless there are compelling circumstances, if our inspection shows the light to be bad, the background poor, too much movement, or for any cause the composition to be unpleasing, we may decide not to make the exposure — not to do the thing which the horary chart has been erected about — because we recognize that the picture would be a poor one. How good it would be, or how bad, requires a careful weighing of the astrological factors in the chart, and the passing of judgment as to their relative value, as the woman in tarot Arcanum VIII is doing. If, however, the exposure is to be made in spite of the conditions, the "finder" of the unconscious mind, as accurately mirrored in the hora-

ry chart, shows just what the developed picture will look like; and the raised sword in the tarot woman's hand quite forcefully drives home the fact that no wish, no hoping it will be otherwise, can change the final picture, the actual event, if action is taken as contemplated when the matter was present in the mind.

The inexorable quality of a properly timed horary figure, explained here by the raised sword, which strikes without prejudice and with no consideration of station, and uninfluenced by sympathy, is still further emphasized by the winged turtle behind and above the seated woman. It is the emblem of repentance, and conveys the thought that those who fail to abide by the steel-cold judgment of the horary chart will live to rue their folly.

And this brings us to the yet remaining unexplained symbol, the crowned and winged being behind the woman; this is a Messenger of Light, a divine being, who represents the almost unlimited vision and the vast powers of the unconscious mind. It is because of its special abilities not only that the picture is properly seen in the "finder," but also that the question relating to the matter was asked just at the time when the planets in the sky map what the unconscious mind "finder" sees.

When two or more thoughts receive, at the same time, strong stimulation from planets prominently situated, there may be enough energy present to amalgamate them into a plan. If the relation between the planets thus stimulating the thoughts is harmonious, as shown by their aspect, this would favor a harmonious alliance between the thoughts; and a plan that is harmonious in all its part would result. But if the relation between the two planets thus stimulating the thoughts is discordant, through their being in bad aspect, a discordant condition would be present between the thoughts; for the energy received would be inharmonious and disintegrative.

When sets of thoughts thus amalgamate into a plan, or into a definite desire for specific knowledge, if there is sufficient energy present, they rise from the unconscious mind into the objective mind. In the objective mind they generate electrical charges in the gray matter of the brain; but except when there is accessory energy of a similar nature from the planets to intensify the electrical charges which make for objective thinking, the plan is not clear and there is no deep desire for a correct answer to a question.

Thus we may feel quite certain that whenever a plan has been completely formulated, or there is a deep desire for a correct answer to some question about our affairs, that the state of mind so stimulated is due to additional energy, received by the mental factors then brought to our attention, from their corresponding planets. The fact that these mental elements have the power to intrude themselves into objective consciousness so disturbingly, indicates that they have acquired, just at this time, an accessory energy supply.

And we may be sure of another and even more important thing: that the relation of the mental factors thus stimulated by planetary energy, is the relation of the planets thus stimulating them into activity. Consequently, by a study of the relationship between the planets at the time a question or proposition becomes clearly defined in the mind, we can learn the relation of the mental factors that are most active at the time.

To make this somewhat easier to understand, let me state the matter somewhat differently: A question, for instance, may be present in the mind in a hazy sort of way for days and weeks; but when the planets in the sky reach stations where they hold the same relation to each other that these mental factors do, these mental factors receive enough additional energy, each from its corresponding planet, to give it clear and precise form in the objective mind. If, therefore, a chart of the heavens be erected for the exact moment a serious question takes complete form, it pictures the relation of the various mental factors within the unconscious mind of the person asking the question. Such is the implication of the Messenger of Light standing behind the woman in the arcanum of The Balance.

The first factor that gives reliability to horary astrology, therefore, is that an earnest desire to know something indicates that the unconscious mind — the Messenger of Light — or the person asking the question has been focused upon the problem, and has perceived the various images relating to it, as they exist in the four-dimensional realm. These images, which are apprehended by means of the superior senses of the astral body, are of astral records of the past, of present interrelations, of past and present relations moving toward combination in the future, or having already combined on the inner plane, but having as yet had insufficient time to externalize.

The problem, however, does not present itself to the objective mind when the unconscious mind first turns itself to it, because it does not have enough energy to link up with the images in objective consciousness. Anything to get objective recognition must conform to the Law of Association, and connect itself through either Resemblance or Contiguity, with something already before objective attention. Thus, just as a photographer awaits the appearance of the sun from behind a cloud before attempting to see how a picture appears in the "finder," so likewise, the image of the factors shadowed in the unconscious mind at first lacks the power to make itself felt strongly in the unconscious mind. But when the sun shines brightly in the case of the photographer, and when the planets reach the proper positions in the case of one who unconsciously is pondering a question, energy of sufficient intensity then becomes available to give the image distinct objective form.

And thus do we come to the second factor which gives reliability to horary astrology; which is that a question or proposition that is present in the unconscious mind — that the

Messenger of Light carries — does not rise clearly into objective consciousness until the planets and signs are so situated that they correspond to the various elements of the matter, and thus add sufficient energy to them that the Being of Light pictured in the Arcanum is able to deliver his message, and the matter is thrust into the objective mind. Therefore is it that a proposition or serious question is never born in the objective mind until the planets correspond to its various elements and relations; no more so than that a child will be born and live until the astral vibrations set up by the planets correspond to the astral vibrations within its astral form.

We can consider a horary chart, then, as a map of three distinct, but sympathetically related things: It is a map of the heavens at the time and place a question is clearly formulated. It is a map of the most active mental factors within the mind of the person asking the question at the time the question is asked, just as a birth chart is a map of the more permanent and powerful mental factors which constitute the character. And, because these mirror the various conditions relating to the question as perceived on the four-dimensional plane by the unconscious mind, it is a map of the various factors involved in the question.

But if the picture in the “finder,” that is, the horary chart, is to be the sought-for view, instead of mirroring something else, the time must be precisely ascertained. Properly, this is the moment when a question or proposition first is clearly present in the mind. If a proposition of any kind is presented, either personally or through the mail, the moment its import becomes clear — as explained by the sphinx at the side of the weighing woman — is the time for which the chart should be erected.

In case this time can not be ascertained it is customary to use the time when the question first becomes clear to the astrologer. The experience of a host of astrologers indicates that this latter method is reliable in a general way; for at this time, also, the matter considered is supplied with energy sufficiently to make it manifest strongly. But when the time of its first clear formulation in the mind is known, this is the time that invariably should be used. It is the true birth of the question.

Thus precisely timed; for the sphinx contains within its complex form the lion, the eagle, the man and the bull, the quadrant constellations which mark time's passage; a horary chart becomes a map from which an astrologer, through a careful comparison of the harmony, discord and other relations, that exist between the factors, can discern the nature of the past, present and future developments of the matter asked about. This is what the woman in Arcanum VIII is doing, she is weighing each relation against the others.

As she holds the scales, so the astrologer has before him a map of the heavens; but this is also a map of certain related things as they exist on the four-dimensional plane. If he discerns, from this map, that several objects are moving toward a given point, he becomes aware from their rate of move-

ment that in about so long a time they will meet. And from the properties of these things, their velocities, and the angle of their approach, he discerns whether they will meet harmoniously or discordantly. From this he can predict, with much certainty, the various results.

Now it may be that the one making the inquiry is under obligation to take and develop the picture, so to speak. It may be necessary for him to embark upon a certain enterprise whether it is pleasant or not. Or it may be that he has an option in the matter, and need not take the picture unless it is apt to prove pleasing. Therefore, the astrologer should be able to give him an accurate preview, that he may know in advance just what the finished picture, or venture, will be like.

Furthermore, in case he is so situated that he cannot avoid taking and developing the picture, even if in the preview it appears distressing, the astrologer should be able to show him all the details that will help him get the best results from a poor view. The astrologer has watched the taking and developing of so many pictures that have been mapped by planetary positions, that he should be able to advise whether or not the venture is worth the attempt, if attempted what the result will be, and how to get the best result if the attempt be made.

The lion, which also is at the weighing woman's side in the tarot of The Balance, is the emblem of Will, or, to state it astrologically, the key-phrase of the sign Leo is, I Will. Placed as it is on this symbolic design, it signifies that some element of choice always is present, and that by using the will, rather than being blindly pushed about, an individual always in some respects can better his fortune. Not that he can warp the external circumstances which will develop, as revealed in a horary chart, if he persists in going ahead with some matter asked about. But usually, seeing what is ahead he can refuse to take a venture, or if he must take it, he can arrange his own affairs so that they will be less seriously damaged by such misfortune as is shown will befall the enterprise.

In other branches of astrology the same weighing of astrological positions, one against another, is required that is so essential to horary astrology. That is, the balances are needed just as much. But not so much dependence must be placed upon the Messenger of Light which, standing in the rear, spreads its wings until their tips enfold the weighing woman. For in horary astrology one must depend upon the prompting of the unconscious mind to get the proper timing of the matter to be studied.

In natal astrology, the birth of a child can be timed with a stop watch; and in mundane astrology, mathematics can be used with unerring precision to get the exact moment a heavenly conjunction takes place, or by declination a planet crosses from south to north of the celestial equator, thus starting a new cycle which will have its influence upon world affairs. But in horary astrology one must depend for

timing upon so evanescent a thing as recognizing when a thought first became clear in consciousness.

Yet when a chart is properly timed, be it relative to natal, mundane or horary astrology, the factors are there mapped which reveal what will transpire. But to interpret these fac-

tors, the Capricorn faculty of reason must be brought into play. When errors are made, the fault is not that of astrology, but the fault of not recognizing the full import of some factor, of not giving it the proper weight, when it has been placed in the scales, such as the woman in Arcanum VIII holds in her left hand. ♄

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The Tablets of Aeth Tablet The Fifth

Leo ♌

“A man's arm, bent, exceedingly muscular, a knife in the hand, a streak of lightning opposite the arm, which is defying the lightning.”

The Spirit of Fire moves forth in harmony with the Water, the Earth and the Air. The Light of the Spirit is Truth for all, not a hidden truth but Truth that reveals itself like a reflection in the mirror. The physical looks into the mirror, but it is the love and truth reflected back from the soul that lives on forever in the spiritual. In a flash, a brilliant moment of awe, it becomes so clear.

While attaining oneness with the Higher Mind, a balance with all manifests in the soul that is electric and elevates the soul to higher existence in the Light. The Spirit of Fire sparks this inspiration. It is like a grand play, a celebration of joy through the journey of life. It is a generous blessing brought forth blooming from your heart through your soul that is unique to you alone.

Persist therefore and endure all with this spark of hope in mind. Do not give up, but stand your ground to guard the sacredness of life towards the marriage of your own soul with your matching soul moving in harmonic motion along similar paths. You may not find each other on this Earth, but keep your sacred fire aglow. Will it to be so because one day you shall be looking as in a mirror and find each other.

—Patrick Ramsey



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....."



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*"A man's arm, bent, exceedingly muscular,
a knife in the hand, a streak of lightning opposite the arm,
which is defying the lightning"*

Leo

REFLECTION

Part II: TABLET THE FIFTH

"Here we have the symbol of the incarnate fire of the spirit defying the mere natural fire of the heavens. The woman sleeps and broods and dreams, but the man she has brought forth is awake, and bids defiance to the fiery forces of Nature. He has armed himself with the keen knife of action, and with it has conquered the forces of matter. He has harnessed the lightning, and made the electric fluid his obedient slave. And thus has he mastered all forces inferior to spirit—that spirit of conscious life which is his birthright.

The lesson to be gleaned from this is that, the kingdom of Nature must be taken by storm. Not for rest, but for work, has Mother Nature sent forth her man child; not for peace, but for battle; not for inertia, but for effort."

"O child of Adam! Arm yourself with the sword—mayhap the sword of affliction—and, gallantly raising the strong right arm aloft, hurl defiance at the chaos of Nature, sure that the fire from the Sun of the spirit is burning in every vein of that arm."





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Oh thou eternal Spirit in whom we live, move breathe and have our being!

We come before you to partake of the healing forces of the Legions of Light.

Each soul is struggling to fulfill its part in the Divine Plan.

Even as the Sun vitalizes all physical life, so do the healing rays of Divine Goodness vitalize and regenerate the Soul when illness of body and misfortune of life threaten to invade one's immortal soul.

Thus the soul grows in happiness, usefulness and spirituality and strives to take its rightful place in the Divine Plan.

May we all remain a few minutes in silence as we ask that all those listed and all those gathered here partake of Your Divine Goodness and Power.

May the Legions of Light direct these healing energies so that we may live in perfect health and fortune in all areas of life.

...pause

O thou eternal spirit, we thank you for the healing aid and the opportunity to live a more constructive life.

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Mundane Astrology

In These Uncertain Times

Christopher Gibson

*I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies,
but not the madness of people.*

– Sir Isaac Newton

At the time of this writing the media is filled with disturbing news stories; war in Iraq, an unknown but deadly respiratory ailment of epidemic proportions, and a troubled economy. There is an aura of uncertainty that crops up in conversations everywhere. We are all wondering how national and world events will unfold. Mundane is the branch of astrology which charts astral energies affecting corporate bodies such as nations, cities and companies.

The tools of mundane include a variety of charts such as birth charts for corporations, countries, and cities as well as cycle charts and charts of major conjunctions. An accurately timed birth chart for a nation is the best tool for mapping national and political trends, however cycle charts are an additional tool by which we can glean information about specific areas such as war (Mars cycle) and the economy (Jupiter and Saturn cycles). The rules of interpretation for cycle charts are distinctly different than other branches of astrology in that we restrict our focus to only those progressed aspects (transits) formed by the movement of the ruling planet through the chart and the influences of the houses in which they are found. The complete rules for mundane interpretation can be found in CS. XIII of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

A fun way to practice your mundane skills is by following news headlines and comparing them to the currently active aspects in the cycle charts. The

next step is to progress the chart out to the near future and compose your own headlines. By writing these captions down in advance you can compare your accuracy as world events unfold. As a more stimulating study aid, consider forming a study group in order to brainstorm on future events and headlines. This can be done in person or online with four or five individuals who share your interest in mundane. In *Mundane Astrology* C. C. Zain admits that an astrologer cannot predict with any accuracy precisely what will be happening in the world many years in the future. However, if an astrologer is cognizant of current societal and political modes as well as the upcoming aspects forming in the mundane cycles, he or she can have success with short-term prediction of trends.

As part of your research create a chronology with headlines that refer to the cycle chart and aspects involved. Be especially attentive to those periods which show activity in more than one of the cycle charts. Check the newspaper or online news service and search for corresponding headlines. In *Hermetic* astrology we generally allow a one degree orb of aspect; however, keep in mind that the headline can appear a day or two on either side of the aspect date. Slower moving planets create longer periods during which the event can transpire. According to Zain: "In our extensive statistical studies we have found that when Mars or the Sun is involved, and at the same time there are other heavy progressed aspects which act as Rallying Forces,

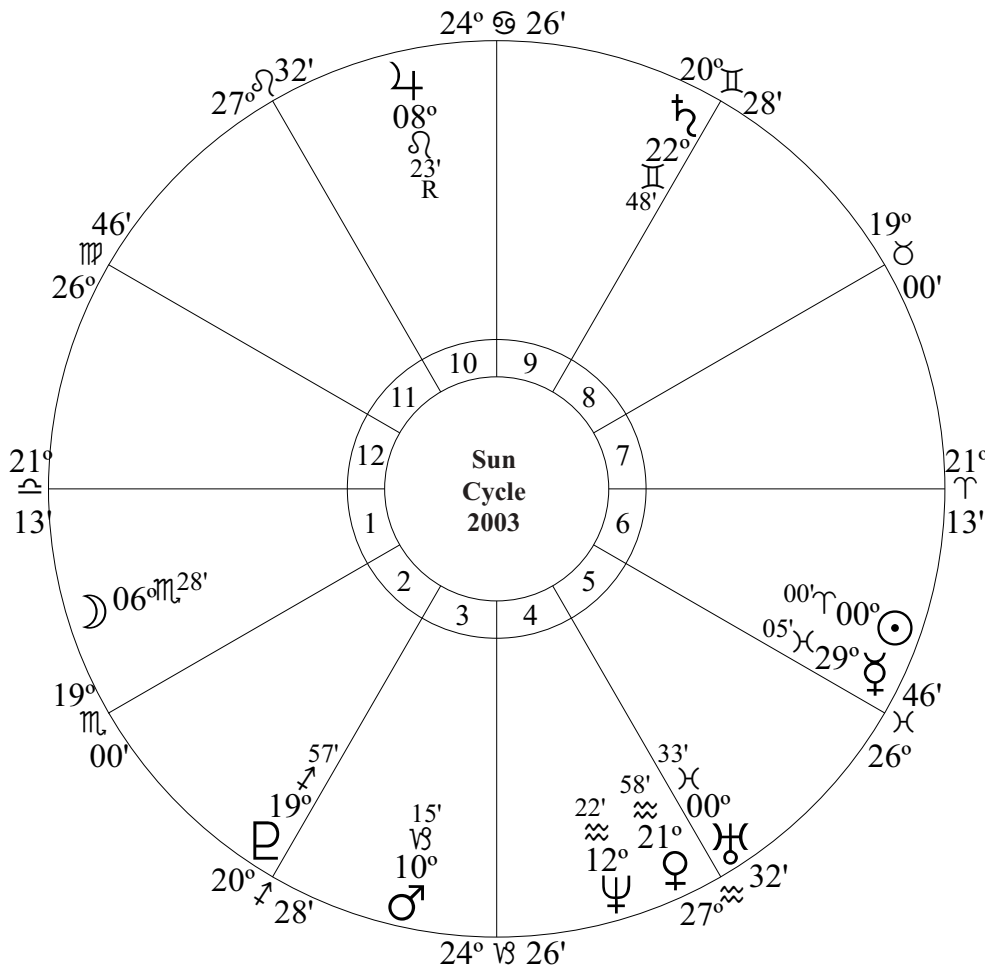
the indicated events may occur when the progressed aspect is as much as a degree and a half from perfect." In some examples in the Mars cycle charts in CS. XIII, *Mundane Astrology* he allows three degree orbs of aspect.

I will create some samples of headlines using key aspects from the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn cycle charts for this year. Any number of headlines could be fashioned for each aspect using a combination of keywords for the planets, signs, houses and aspects involved. Unfortunately, time and space does not allow for a detailed report of each aspect in each of the cycle charts. This is intended as a study aid to stimulate creative thinking and does not represent an official Church of Light policy on what will happen.

Sun Cycle Chart

In 2003 the Sun Cycle for Washington D. C. falls in the 6th house in a close conjunction with Mercury. Emphasis this year could be on civil service, the armed forces and public health. Labor and the minimum wage might come into question. The Sun rules Leo which is found on the cusp of the 11th house indicating a sub-influence of matters pertaining to congress, ambassadors to foreign countries, relationships with 'friendly' nations and our participation in groups such as the United Nations.

2003	Aspect	HEADLINE EXAMPLES
04/28	☉☐♃(10 th)	UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES AS MAJOR US BUSINESSES REPORT LOW 1 ST QUARTER EARNINGS
06/09	☉♁♃(2 nd)	MARKETS WAVER AS CONGRESS DISCUSSES COSTS OF IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION
06/12	☉♁♃(9 th)	CONQUEST OF BAGHDAD DECLARED COMPLETE; U.N. DEBATES WHO WILL OCCUPY
07/01	☉♁♁(3 rd)	CAR-BOMBING KILLS US CITIZENS; DENOUNCED AS ACT OF TERRORISM
07/16	☉♁MC	HAIL TO THE CHIEF; CONGRESS APPLAUDS PRESIDENT FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE
07/31	☉♁♃(10 th)	MARKETS RALLY AS FIRST OF US TROOPS RETURN HOME
08/04	☉♁♓(4 th)	AS IRAQ'S OIL IS LOADED ON FOREIGN TANKERS ADVOCACY GROUPS DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
08/23	☉♁♁(5 th)	PRESIDENT CHASTISES HOLLYWOOD RADICALS FOR OPPOSING OCCUPATION EFFORTS STOCK MARKET SURGES BAFFLE PUNDITS
09/29	☉♁♁(6 th)	WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REVEALS SARS DEATHS GREATER THAN ESTIMATED



Sun Cycle

March 21, 2003
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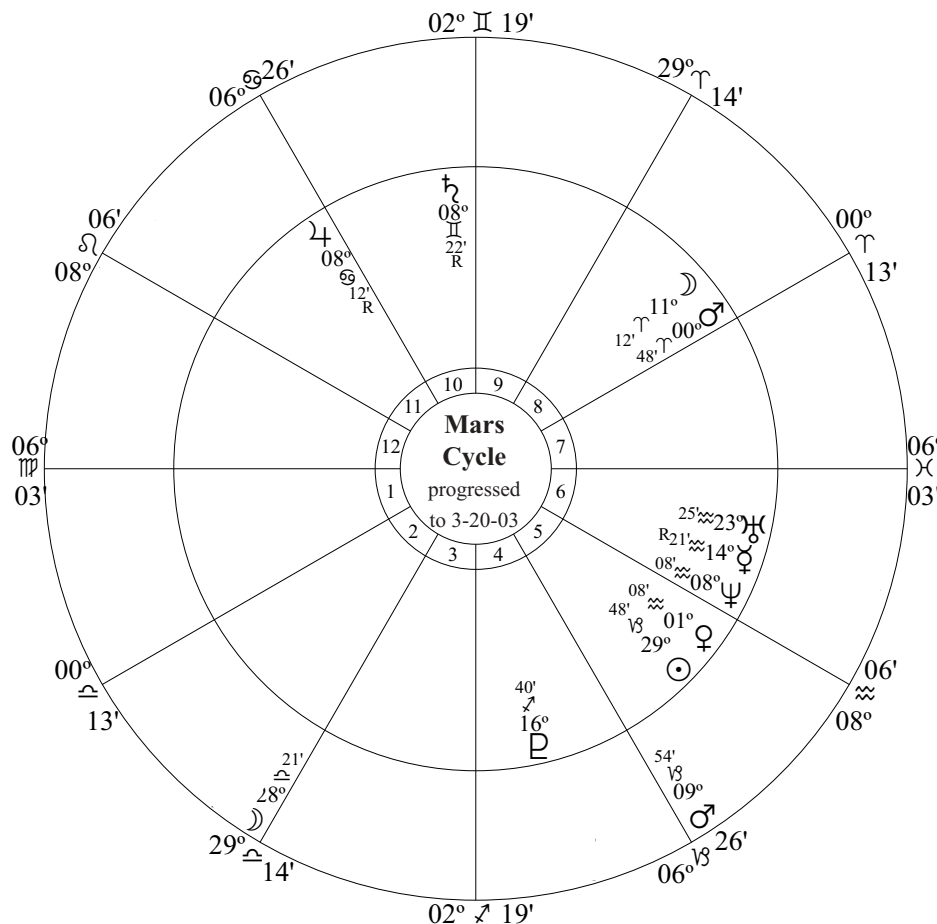
Mars Cycle Chart

In 2003 we will come under the influence of two Mars Cycles. The one currently in effect dates from January 19, 2002 and has Mars ruling the 8th house of Presidential advisors, death, taxes,

tariffs, and foreign debt. Since we are currently engaged in war, Coalition casualties might be greater than expected. As Mars rules Scorpio (intercepted in the 3rd house) there will be minor emphasis on militarizing our borders with neighboring countries.

The new cycle chart commencing in December indicates a 12th house rulership of Mars sparking possible news of covert military operations, terrorist reprisals and revelations of torture over the following two years.

2003	Aspect	HEADLINE EXAMPLES
04/09	♂ ♃♃ (6 th)	COALITION FORCES TAKE OUT INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
04/20	♂ ♂⊙ (5 th)	EXPLOSION ROCKS THEATRE; DEATH TOLL UNCERTAIN
04/21	♂ ♂ ♀ (5 th) * ♂	COALITION FORCES GAIN TERRITORY IN URBAN BATTLEGROUND
05/04	♂ ♂ ♄ (6 th)	REPORTS OF SERVICEMEN WITH MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS DENIED
06/01	♂ ♂♃ (6 th)	HEAVY NIGHT OF FIGHTING REPORTED IN BAGHDAD; TROOPS THOUGHT LOST TO FRIENDLY FIRE
07/08	♂ □ ♃ (10 th) ♂ △ ♃ (11 th)	REMAINS OF MILITARY ELITE FOUND IN BUNKER CONGRESS VOTES APPROPRIATIONS FOR OCCUPYING FORCES

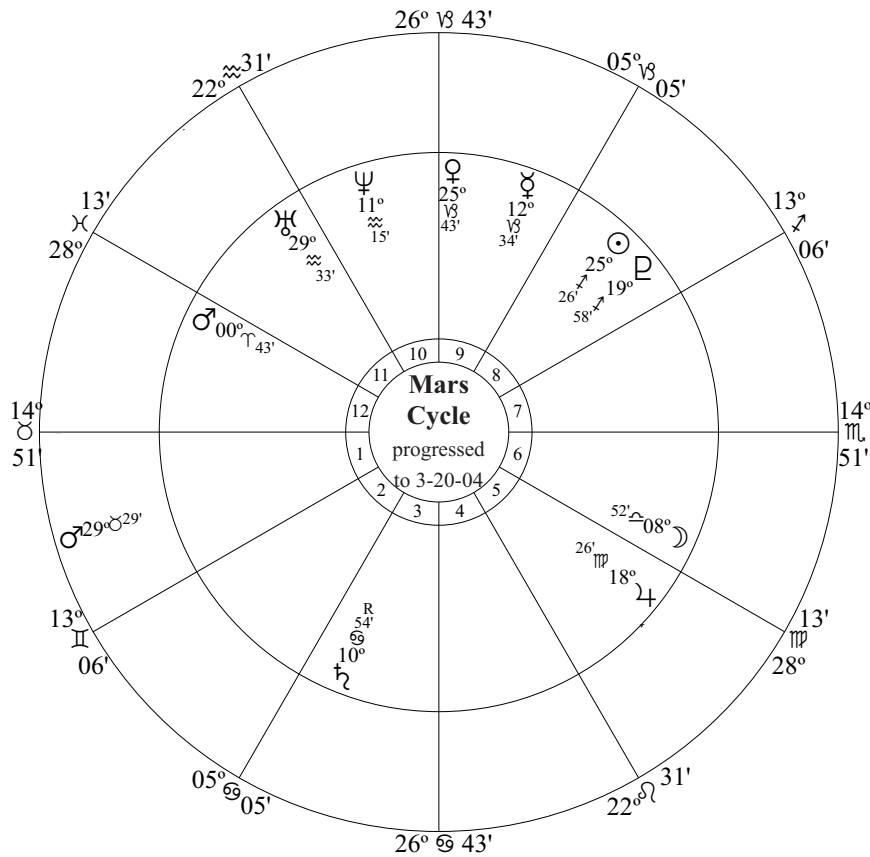


Mars Cycle Washington D.C.

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**Mars Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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Jupiter Cycle Chart

Jupiter is a slow-moving planet forming a new cycle chart approximately every twelve years. Jupiter's influence tends towards expansion and good-will and has a pronounced influence on finance, commerce, and religion. Financial markets are emotionally responsive and Jupiter creates optimism among the populace which then stimulates economic peaks

of prosperity. Jupiter's position in Aries falls in the first house of the current cycle chart representing national self-identity, perhaps a type of 'militant' Christianity. Elsewhere in the world, it is expressing as militant Islam. A good example of this was in a news segment today featuring a Baptist minister who makes bombs. Ironically, we have attracted high level leadership of Christian Fundamentalists who are caught in a war against Islamic Funda-

mentalists. During this cycle the use of the word 'God' in the pledge of allegiance has been identified by the higher courts as a conflict in the separation of state and religion. At the same time we have a president who believes in taking money away from federal programs in order to have these public services replaced by 'faith-based' initiatives.

2003	Aspect	HEADLINE EXAMPLES
04/20	♅□♂(8 th)	PROPOSED TAX CUTS INCOMPATIBLE WITH INCREASED MILITARY SPENDING
05/04	♅△♁(9 th)	BILLIONS PROMISED IN FOREIGN AID
06/06	♅♁♁(12 th)	WHISTLE-BLOWER REVEALS FALSIFICATION OF CORPORATE EARNINGS RADICAL RELIGIOUS CELL EXPOSED BY INSIDER
07/23	♅✳️☽(4 th)	HOUSING MARKET INDICATORS AT ALL-TIME HIGH IMMIGRATION QUOTAS RELAXED FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
08/20	♅△♆(2 nd)	MARKETS RALLY WITH NEWS OF LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
09/17	♅♁☉(1 st)	MARKETS RISE AND FALL WITH ERRATIC CONSUMER OPTIMISM

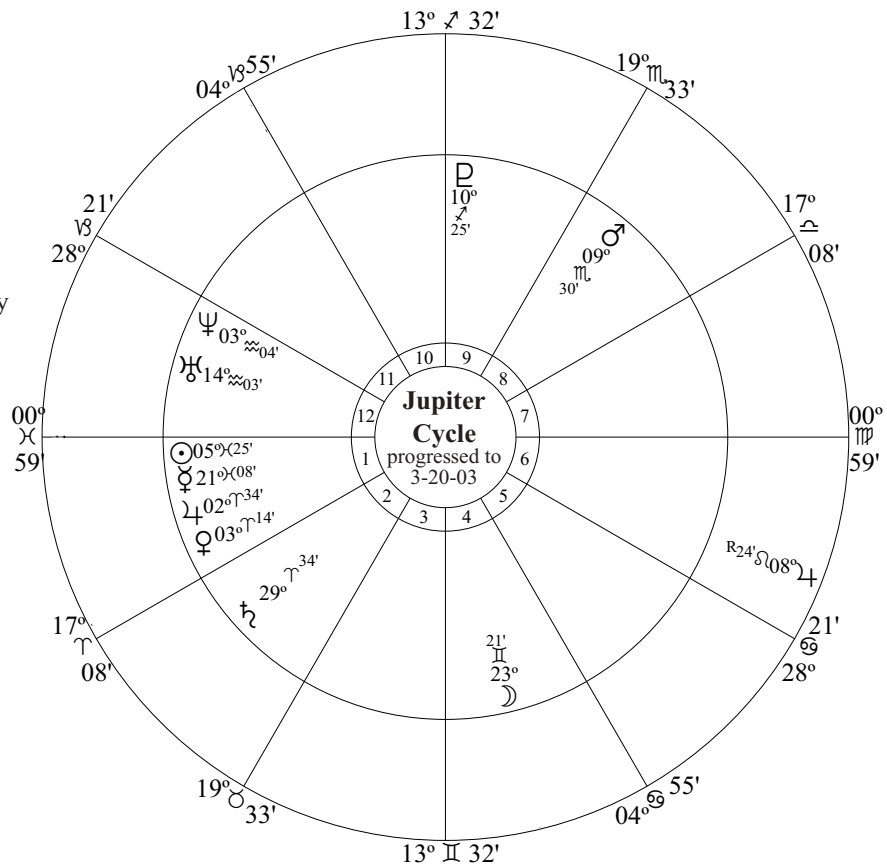
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MC	22S25	
ASC	11S08	



Saturn Cycle Chart

Saturn is the most conservative of planets, expressing as orthodox and resistance to change. He is overly-cautious, constricting, and desires to preserve wealth through low-risk investing. Economically speaking, Saturn creates the mass emotionalism that foments recessions and financial depressions. This heavy planet is often an indicator of both debilitating illness as well as the measures taken to control the spread of disease. Saturn holds a 5th house position in the current cycle

chart which commenced February 16, 1997. The stock market, governed by the 5th house has experienced record drops since the beginning of this cycle. The Center for Disease Control reports that the infant (5th house) mortality rate has dropped three percent from 1998-1999. Only Cuba with universal health coverage has an IMR lower than the US. The film industry also ruled by the 5th house has experienced both record box office sales as well as a move to increase filming in Canada where the exchange rate allows for lowered production costs.

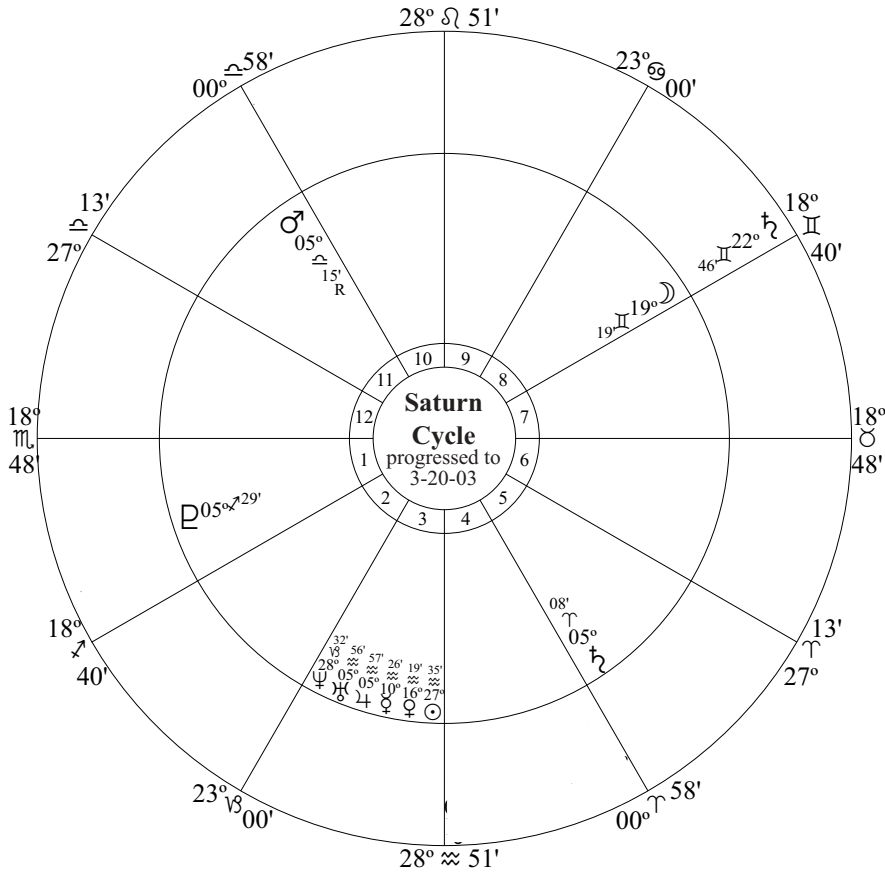
2003	Aspect	HEADLINE EXAMPLES
04/15	♄ □ ♀ (3rd)	LAST-MINUTE TAX FILING CREATES TRAFFIC JAMS IN MANY NEIGHBORHOODS; LONG LINES EXPECTED AT POST OFFICE
05/05	♄ △ ☉ (3rd)	TOP LEADERS SAY 'NO' TO INVESTING SOCIAL SECURITY IN STOCK MARKET PRESIDENT APPROVES MEASURE TO REVITALIZE AMERICA'S ROADWAYS
05/14	♄ ♀ ♄ (3rd) ♄ ✱ MC	SLIGHT INCREASE IN OIL PRICES FAVOR LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES GAS LEAK EVACUATES HOUSING PROJECT BABY-BOOMERS DEMAND INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS
07/08	♄ ♀ ♁ ♄ □ ♄ ♄ ♀ ♃ (3rd) ♄ ♄ ♁ (3rd)	INSIDER THREATS OF TERRORISM TAKEN SERIOUSLY NATIONAL SECURITY HIGH DURING INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES PUBLIC FEARS COPYCAT CAR-BOMBERS

**Saturn Cycle
Washington D.C.**

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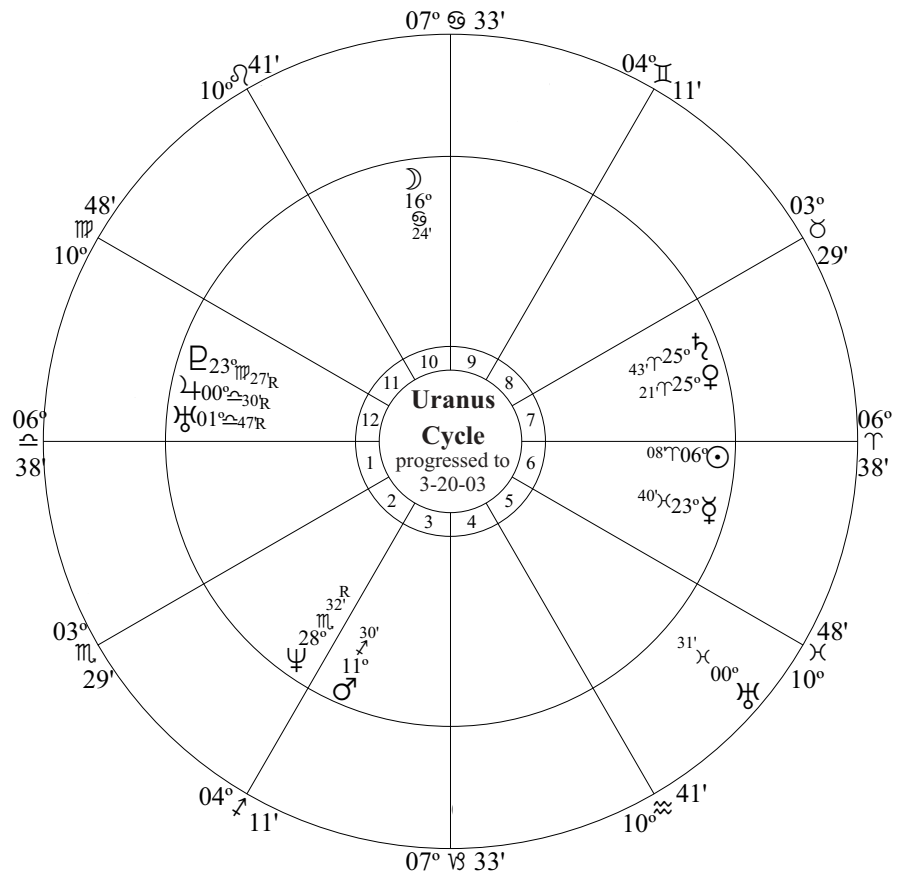
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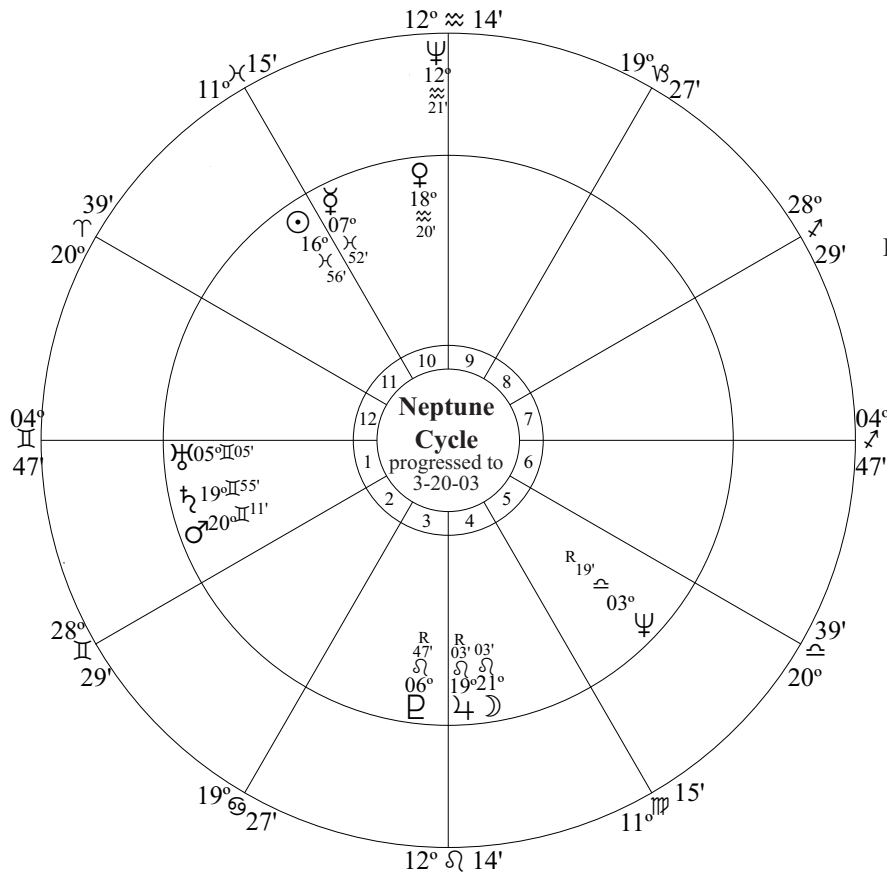
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**Neptune Cycle
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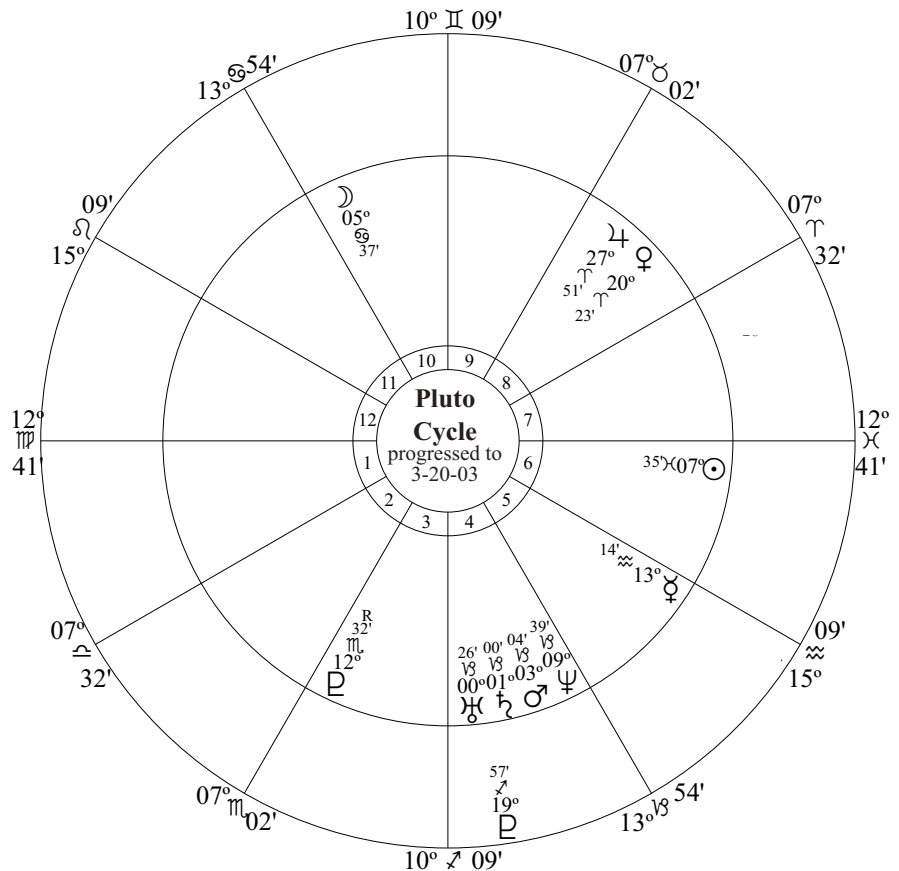
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HQ Chat...

Five months ago CofL HQ added another part-time staff member, Christopher Gibson. Christopher is a past president of The CofL as well as lecturer and teacher. We look forward to enjoying Christopher's many talents and his rich experience.

One of his first projects is spearheading efforts to "clean-up" the sometimes confusing array of information about the BofL books as they are recognized in the publishing world. Many BofL books are listed "out-of-print" or not available in the book trade papers as well as on web book-seller sites such as Amazon.com. This is due partly to the fact that our titles have been around since the 1930's...a rarity in an industry centered around transitioning inventory. Keeping current with the publishing industry has overwhelmed our core staff members. For the first time (that we're aware of) we have someone to look after this very critical piece of "disseminating the ROS". In addition to improving BofL presence in the Book World, Christopher is coordinating this year's conference in Albuquerque and will be writing for the Quarterly. Welcome Christopher!

Questions from the past that are still asked today

1944 Q: "Will you kindly explain why you feel it is better to spread Brotherhood of Light teachings as a church rather than as a lodge?"

1944 A: "There were two distinct reasons in the past that made it advisable to perpetuate Brotherhood of Light teachings through a secret organization: 1.) The lack of education of the masses; 2.) The dominant position of hierarchies which determined such teachings should not be perpetuated....As The Religion of the Stars is for all, as most people have education enough to be able to study it understand-

ingly, and as its primary objective is to become widely disseminated rather than to acquire wealth, it would seem this best can be accomplished through church organization, church classes and church services to which all may come, rather than through lodges."

Creation by a her & not a him...

Director, Dorothy Fast Wissler, Ph.D. recently participated in a symposium on Christianity. As an exercise, attendees were asked to keep private journals and then later to share what they had written. In keeping with her Aquarian spirit, she rewrote the creation story as a woman would have written it. I begged her to share with us...she reluctantly agreed...

DO NOT: I seldom welcome the words DO NOT. Perhaps the only person enjoying these words is the one saying them. The command DO NOT issues from, or out of, a patriarchal, hierarchical organizational structure—the most popular one in our culture today. Such a structure is found in our family, schools, business, army and churches.

Some versions of the Bible report that "DO NOT" were the second words out of God's mouth in the Garden of Eden. The first were "It is good." What God judged and reported as good was the first Hierarchy. Of course God would report it as good. Why not? It was a structure with a CEO (usually viewed as male) at the tip top.

There were rules and regulations made by that same CEO. Those rules were passed down from layer to layer in the garden. There was no union for the inhabitants of the garden. The rules were to be followed without question. AND, for good measure, those who disobeyed were to be punished. Then, as CEO's must make rules, GOD said "DO NOT EAT OF THAT TREE."

So, like all hierarchies that were to follow, the first one, the Garden of Eden, failed. The occupants, because they were not considered equals or peers, broke the rules.

We may well wonder why the story of the Garden was written as it was? Perhaps because it was written by a Guy author? Whoever wrote Genesis knew only a DO NOT society of patriarchy and hierarchy so he (?) could not even imagine/image/vision the story in any other mode.

If I, a woman of today, were writing (making up—creating) the story of creation, I would leave out all the DO NOTS. I would say, as any enlightened CEO of today would say, "Adam and Eve we've got a great place here.

But it is the only place you have been so far. So if you are yearning to engage in research and development you will need tools. I would love to have you two stay here with me—but if you want to become wiser, to become more like me, so that we can work together more easily on future projects—there is a special tree over there with those red delicious apples. If you want to eat those, they are the tools to help you hone your judgment about what is best and what is not so good for your development. Feel free to eat the apples. And by the way, since I have not had time to create any ladders as yet, ask your good friend, Snake, to pick a couple of ripe ones for you. If Snake has time to do this, it probably would be well to give him a big thanks before you leave on your adventures, as Snake will have performed a great service for you."

Then I would have God continue. "I really doubt that you will have the courage so soon (you both are so new) to eat of the Red Delicious and go traveling off on your own. But, know that you go with my blessings when and if you leave the Garden. We will meet many times again in the future as you explore what is best and condemn for yourself (and usually to yourself only) what is not the best for you. There is much we will happily accomplish over the ages together."

Had the story of the Garden of Eden been written in that way without DO NOTS what a different world we may know today. I am not the only person dreaming of rewriting Genesis. Celtic theologians, who are not women, are now rewriting the Garden story with the idea that we were born in Original Blessing. That is rewriting the story in a most glorious fashion. DO NOTs are so limiting that they are almost crippling in many cases. So, as often as possible I want to remember to think of a more enabling, a less crippling way to offer what I "May Know" without any DO NOTS included. And, the last sentence may always be: "Go with blessings." In that sense I will always be rewriting my own part in the story of creation!

.....thanks Dorothy!

Dee Wynne shares her victory...

Press Release: New York, January 23, 2003—Sources at StarChild Enterprises have learned that the powers that be at Clairol decided to accommodate the whining astrologer [Dee Wynne] in New Jersey who would not or could not stop complaining about the Clairol ad she felt was offensive to astrologers.

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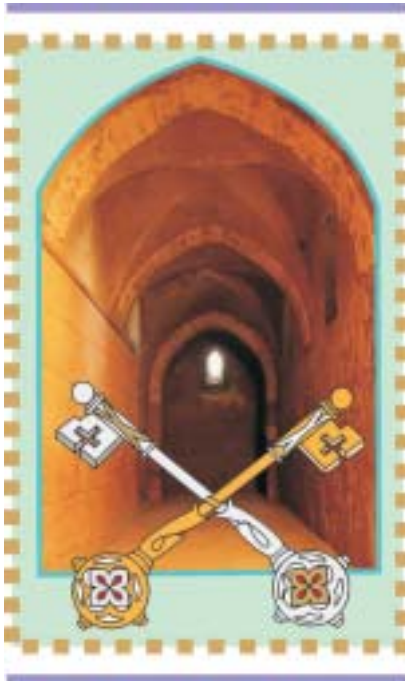
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