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The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part X

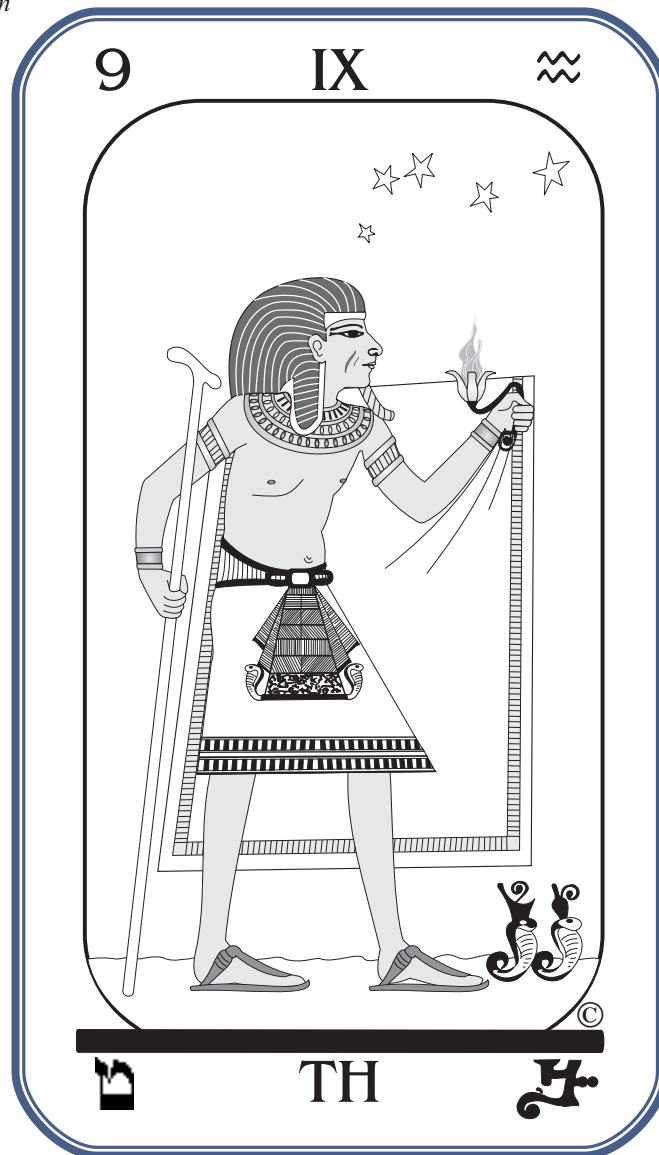
The Sage

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More closely associated with astrology than any other zodiacal sign is the section of the heavens which Uranus rules, Aquarius. To portray among the constellations the application of the stellar science to human life and its problems, it is pictured in the sky as a man, one who gives the impression of having a more than ordinary degree of intelligence. With his left hand he raises the 24 hour gauge to the vaulted dome above, measuring, in connection with time, the various relations or aspects between the heavenly bodies. With his right hand he pours down upon the children of the earth the influence of the stars, and the knowledge of their power, from an urn which rests against his shoulder.

Such is a clear symbolical pictograph which explains that all things here below are influenced by streams of energy flowing down upon us from the stars; and the wavy nature of this stellar tide, depicted as water flowing from an urn, suggests the influence that thus inundates man and other creatures, is of a vibratory nature. And the raised gauge, held by the



Man of the zodiac, gives most explicit instruction that the highest function of that intelligence which the Man is used to symbolize, is in measuring these vibratory forces, especially those from the stars, and from these measurements and compiled observations, formulating a science which shall be the surest guide of human conduct.

When those who thus traced the high significance of stellar wisdom in outline among the stars desired to indicate the same general thought in brief hieroglyphic, what more natural than that they should choose an emblem which at once suggests the means by which the orbs of heaven exert their influence! The wavy lines by which we indicate Aquarius, the astrological sign, is as definite a picture of vibrations as it would be possible for anyone to draw.

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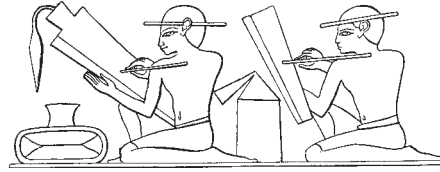
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Editorial

Wisdom



Vicki Brewer

As a child I was taught about the “Wisdom of Solomon”. One story was so horrifying to me that I vividly remember it to this day. The details of the story were that two mothers gave birth to babies at the same time and place. One mother (being crude of nature) unconsciously rolled onto her newborn in the middle of the night and smothered it to death. Waking during the night she discovered that her baby was dead. In the dark of night, she stole the living child from the other mother replacing it with her own dead baby. Waking and discovering the cold, dead body the refined mother immediately realized what had happened. Of course she challenged the other mother but it quickly became clear that outside assistance would be required.

It was the custom of the time to appear before the king to seek resolution to disputes. Upon hearing the two women’s stories and after consideration, King Solomon determined the best way for getting at the truth would be to cut the child in two. Both women would share the child equally. Of course the good king was banking on the “true” mother’s love manifesting as concern for the welfare of the child. Fortunately

the story had a happy ending because Solomon was wise.

Well, I don’t mind telling you that with a Pisces ascendant and corresponding sympathetic nature I was just a little irritated (Neptune conjunct Mars) and very pained over the possibility that this man would cut this child in half...I didn’t really care how wise he was. Observing my distress Sister Mary Monica quickly informed me that Solomon really wouldn’t have cut the child in half. However, the impact had been made! The story stuck and I’ve often thought of it. I suppose that’s the power of hearing these grimly emotional tales during childhood!

As I’ve grown older I’ve come to allow that the old guy may have had something on the ball! For Solomon’s

wisdom to work at the deeper levels where all parties gained something, the consequence had to be firmly fixed in the real world. It had to be grounded in the dynamics of human nature, the personal desires of the two women, the relationship between the two women and the culture that formed them. He had to instantaneously assess and integrate the various details (Uranus). He had to be willing to unflinchingly impose his verdict (Saturn). But, more importantly he had to be poised enough to observe in silence

and understand the feedback he received. As Sister Mary Monica said, he really wouldn’t have cut the child in half. Although Sr. MM was trying to comfort me, the underlying message is that he wouldn’t need to because he operated from the “serene region of infinite progress” where he knew and understood the energies at play.

Ultimately his wisdom resulted from understanding the only way to get to the truth of the situation was to find a way to test his theory against the environment. He didn’t arrive at the truth through fantasizing or sitting in an ivory tower somewhere and studying the issue...he tested...he observed...he rigorously sought reality and

as a result, he moved closer to the truth.

The Wisdom card of The Sacred Tarot tells a similar story. Depicted by an old wanderer we see the reality and impact of life’s many experiences. Bent but not broken, the wanderer carries a lamp half concealed by the cloak of material life. The lamp that lights his pathway symbolizes the wisdom he has earned from the material world. It is half concealed to suggest that wisdom is not always visible or apparent. The lamp shines on the forward path suggesting that the progressive future is informed by the knowledge gained from the past. Signified by Aquarius and ruled by Uranus and Saturn this card teaches that Wisdom is grounded in experience (Saturn) but only becomes Wisdom when applied in new and adaptive ways (Uranus).



Zain describes the color for Uranus as “Dazzling White”. I think of this Dazzling White as the lamp of the wanderer. As the upper octave of Mercury it imperceptibly gathers experience and then on the intuitive level, with the dazzling light of the astral, begins to see life and events from a higher or wiser perspective.

Like Solomon, whose wisdom derived from testing and observing the two women’s reactions to arrive at the truth, so can each of us learn to be wise.

As Stellanians we are familiar with the refrain.... Life, Light & Love. Aquarius represents the "Light" aspect of this trinity. Arcanum IX reminds us that the light of Wisdom is based upon altruism, patience, experience and objectivity. As the humanitarian sign of the Individual, Aquarius reminds us that wisdom recognizes that each path is unique. Herein lies the great gift of The Religion of the Stars which

is to teach that the astrological chart of birth is a roadmap for understanding the inner nature of the individual.

Progress along one's personal path requires release of emotional attachments to those things which do not belong to us...this requires wisdom. Committing to live in the dazzling light of Truth is to move into that “serene region of infinite progress” where life-sustaining freedom and progress are attainable...where truth and reality are one.

The admonition for Arcanum IX reads: “Remember, then, son of earth, prudence is the armor of the wise. Circumspection enables one to avoid snares and abysses and foresee treason. Take it for thy guide in all thy actions, even in the least. Nothing is indifferent here below. A pebble can overturn the chariot of the master of the world. If Arcanum IX should appear in the prophetic signs of thy horoscope, keep in mind that speech is silver and silence is gold.” ☾

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Yet there was more which was well worth explaining; which is not apparent in the constellation, as unusually informative as it is; and which is not more than suggested in the wavy-line hieroglyph. And to give expression to, and to perpetuate to a far later posterity, the most important of these thoughts, the old-time Masters designed Major Arcanum IX of the tarot cards. It is called THE SAGE.

It depicts a man of age, who has traveled widely and seen much. This wanderer, an old explorer of Nature’s mysteries, leans upon a staff. The staff, which presents the serpent’s form, is no less a symbol of vibration than are the wavy lines of the Aquarian hieroglyphic, for it is through an undulating movement that all such creatures travel. Thus do we have explained to us, that the Sage, at the end of all his researches, has learned to place sole reliance upon the science of vibration; and it is counseled that those who also wish to live in wisdom shall likewise lean upon it and employ it in all their knowledge-getting travels.

The cloak which this wise man wears is of square form, symbolizing the physical world in which man experiences that which he calls good and evil. The lamp which he holds is the emblem of intelligence, shedding its rays over the past, present and future. Being concealed by the mantle indicates the limitations which the physical three-dimensional plane places upon his powers of perception. To the extent he can lift his intelligence above these cloaking limitations, and observe the actions which take place in the four-dimensional realm, does his knowledge of the underlying reality of things increase.

Now let us see just what the ancients intended, when they thus gave counsel that wherever man’s footsteps might lead him in the search for knowledge, he should ally the

Aquarian knowledge of the stars with the science of vibration, on which the pictured Sage is wont to lean.

It is true that the planets in their courses influence man through the vibrations of four-dimensional astral substance. These planetary broadcasts are picked up by individuals according to the aspects which, in the birth chart or by progression, map aerials tuned specifically thus to gather particular vibratory rates. How the individual responds to the vibrations thus reaching him depends upon the thought-cell composition of his unconscious mind. And this, in turn, is mapped by the signs and planets in his chart of birth.

But planetary vibrations are not the only ones which when they reach the thought-cells within man’s unconscious mind give them the added energy which they need to work from the four-dimensional plane to attract some event of corresponding harmony or discord into the life. Events out of the ordinary, as has been demonstrated in thousands of lives where the birth chart is known and the progressions have been calculated, are only attracted into the life when additional energy of the required kind is added to the thought-cells responsible for attracting the specific type of event. Yet energies of somewhat less volume, but of greater persistence, are being added to the thought-cells at all times, from other than planetary sources. The character-vibrations of objects and the thoughts of people also are four-dimensional energies which affect those closely associated with them in precisely the way planetary vibrations do.

Thus can man, through associating with Mars thoughts, or with objects ruled by Mars, intensify the activity of the thought-cells within his astral body ruled by Mars. And this intensified activity of the Mars thought-cells will reflect itself in his own thinking, in his behavior, and in the

type of events which customarily are attracted to him. That is, through their influence upon the factors of his unconscious mind, the vibrations from objects and the vibrations from thoughts, affect an individual's fortune in a manner quite marked. But how a certain vibration will affect a given individual can not be determined from the vibratory rate alone. Additional Mars vibrations, for instance, may be just what one person needs to make him prosperous, while they may attract accident or death to another.

If we are to use the knowledge of vibratory influences as the staff upon which to lean in all our research and practical endeavors, we must understand the vibratory quality not merely of the energy added, but also the vibratory quality of that which is affected by it. And this is possible; even as the science of vibration as explained in the tarot is wedded to Aquarius, the sign of astrology; only by, in each instance, signifying the nature of the vibratory rates in astrological terms.

As an instance of what is meant take numerology: In most systems of numerology the name is used as a divinatory instrument. And because divination may be approached from so many angles and yet give good results, it does not follow that any of the different systems of numerology are valueless. No more so than that Horary Astrology, which is a method of using astrology for divination, is valueless. Divination of various orders has its proper function in giving otherwise inaccessible information.

But the use of the name as a vibratory influence that affects the individual wearing it in a particular way, is not related to divination. Nor can there be more than one interpretation which is correct, of the vibratory force exerted by a particular name as affecting a given individual. The vibration of a name, or of a number, is a positive thought-force of a definite quality; as much so as that light-vibrations of a certain frequency give rise to the color blue. You can not correctly call blue red, yellow, green or some other color.

You will note that I am here speaking not of the three-dimensional sound vibration of a name; for the name vibration is quite as potent when it is merely thought as when it is also spoken. When people think of us by name, whether that name is spoken, whether it is a matter of reading our signature at the bottom of a letter, or merely that our name flashes into their minds, they usually, at least vaguely, visualize us. Or if they do not know what we look like, the reading of a letter from us serves the similar purpose of focusing their minds so that their thoughts travel directly to us.

When speaking or reading our name, people think about us, either clearly or vaguely, and the vibratory rate of the name is radiated from their minds to our own. Thus we receive a thought-wave, coming directly, because at the moment their minds are trained on us. And whatever the

vibratory rate of the name thus wafted to us may be, the impact of it adds energy to thought-cells within our unconscious mind which have a similar vibratory key.

Thus, quite apart from its sound, a name has a definite four-dimensional vibration which is radiated to the individual by everyone who thinks of him by that name. If different people think of him by different names, they thus bombard him with different types of thought-vibration. But because an individual usually thinks of himself by the name he customarily uses as his signature, and because the thought-vibrations of the person wearing the name probably have more influence upon him than the combined thought-vibrations of all others who think about him, the way an individual signs his name becomes very important as a vibratory influence in his life.

If such a signature were something unalterable this would be an interesting, but not very useful, fact. But as a matter of observation, it is quite common for people in all walks of life to use a different signature at different periods in the life: using an initial instead of a given name, dropping the use of a middle name or initial, or even changing the spelling of the name. A woman when she marries, and therefore coincident with a marked change in her fortune, commonly changes her name. Others, also, who change the spelling of their names, or alter their signatures, are discerned to change in fortune coincidentally. A change in name is nearly always accompanied by a change in life.

Writers quite commonly use a pen name, and actors, more frequently than not, use a stage or screen name. And these names by which they are known to the public not only influence them according to the key of the name, but also from a divinatory standpoint often markedly differentiates their public life from the private life in which they are known by another name.

Thus, as Arcanum IX pictographically implies, the practical application of the knowledge of thought-vibrations, character-vibrations and astrological-vibrations is in selecting those invisible influences which assist to bring into the life the things which are desired, and which prevent attracting events and conditions which are undesirable.

Yet one cannot know, by a positive method, what types of astral vibrations will prove beneficial and what types detrimental, and in what way this benefit or detriment will manifest, without a map of the unconscious mind, such as is furnished by the astrological birth chart. But with the astrological birth chart at hand, it can at once be seen just what the effect will be upon the life of stimulating into unusual activity any particular section of the astral body, or any particular group of thought-cells within the astral body. Even the connecting arials, or aspects, between such groups of thought-cells are there clearly shown, so that the effect upon other departments of life through secondary influences can also be determined in advance.

A scrutiny of an astrological birth chart will reveal to anyone who has even a slight acquaintance with astrology just what zone of the astral body, or what thought structure, it is advisable to give added force. If the individual wishes to attract favorable conditions in some special line, a glance at the birth chart will reveal what influence there shown most pronouncedly is beneficial to it. Then by stimulating this influence, by using a name having the same key-tone, and by having things in the environment which radiate the same key-tone, the activities of this favorable influence can be built up in a manner that will markedly attract the condition desired into the life.

The changing of the name, it will thus be seen, if the change causes the name to vibrate to a different thought-key, adds the thought-energy of all those who think of this name in connection with the individual, to some different section or center in the astral body, and this causes a change in the fortune commensurate to the transfer of energy thus affected.

Unless the individual wishes especially to stimulate some one thing in his life in a favorable manner, the best plan in selecting a name or the objects and people of the environment, is first to find what influence in the birth chart is most fortunate. It may be desirable to give the added intensity to a section of the astral body not occupied by a planet because the department of life it rules may be deemed more important. When this is the case, the favor or disfavor that may be expected from such stimulation is determined by the strength and harmony of the planet ruling the sign governing the zone thus selected. Thus in seeking what influence will conduce most to the general good fortune, the best planet in the chart should be selected.

If possible the name should then be spelled, abbreviated, or otherwise altered, so as to have the same key as the best planet or zodiacal sign thus selected. If the sign is occupied by a planet, however, accentuating the sign chiefly increases the influence of the planet in the sign, and the influence of this planet should thus be given first consideration.

Usually without much alteration, a name may be given such spelling or abbreviation as to cause it to vibrate to the key which has been selected as most desirable. And while at first thought it may seem that using a name in business, for instance, different from that conferred at birth is exceptional other than in a few professions; yet a little reflection will indicate that most people in business abbreviate, or otherwise alter the name, in using it as a signature.

And because people become familiar with this signature, it becomes more strongly associated in their minds with the person using it than any other name. The person signing himself in a given way, because he writes his name thus, and both makes and sees the signature, comes to think of himself according to the signature as written. And the name by which an individual thinks of himself, because his own thoughts are more powerful to influence his life than the

thoughts of others, is commonly the most important name of all.

Therefore, because the business signature determines the thought-vibrations sent him by those who see this signature, and the thought-vibrations which he generates when he thinks of himself by name, it should be selected with an end in view of stimulating some department of life as desired, in a favorable manner. This is done by selecting for a business signature a name the vibratory key of which corresponds to the sign or planet in the birth chart most favorable to the department of life it is wished to strengthen.

The vibratory key of either an object or a thought is the same as the vibratory key of one of the twelve zodiacal signs or one of the ten planets. Although the ancients were unable to see the three upper-octave planets with their physical eyes, they nevertheless maintained, and fully recorded in the tarot and in their mythological stories left to us, that there were ten distinct influences in the planetary chain. The tenth planet, Pluto, however, closes the previous sphere of influence and commences a new gamut. Neglecting this transitional influence of Pluto, there are 9 root planets.

These 9 root planets express themselves also by virtue of overtone qualities, in keys that are denoted by the 12 zodiacal signs, in addition to the transition function of Pluto. Thus the principle expressed by Venus expresses also in a distinctive manner through two other key influences, the sign Taurus and the sign Libra, and the principle expressed by the Moon expresses in another key influence, through the sign Cancer. But the number of such key influences is not unlimited, as shown by the fact that all things which we are able to discern can readily be correlated to one of 22 distinctive keys. That is, everything we contact, including names, numbers, colors, birth stones, people and environments, correspond in vibratory rate to one of the ten planets or to one of the twelve zodiacal signs.

It is true that the vibration of a planet has some influence on the department of life mapped in the birth chart by the signs it rules, and that the vibration of a sign has some influence on the department of life mapped in the birth chart by the house containing its ruling planet. But the chief influence of either a thought or the vibration of an object which belongs to a definite astrological sign, is upon the section of the astral body mapped by that sign; and the chief influence of either a thought or the vibration of an object which is ruled by some planet, is upon the thought-cells mapped in the unconscious mind by that planet.

Therefore the ancient wise ones who designed the tarot pictures to explain how astrological forces operate, while recognizing 9 root influences, insisted that, due to what we call overtone effects, on the four-dimensional plane, which is the plane from which thought-vibrations, planetary-vibrations and the character — vibrations of objects exert their influence, there are 22 distinct keys.

Consequently, to determine how any four-dimensional vibration will affect a given individual, it must be determined to which one of these 22 vibratory keys it belongs. Then by an inspection of the birth chart it can be seen from the harmony or discord of the thought-cells of the same key within his astral body, as mapped by a sign or planet, what the effect will be of adding more of their own kind of energy to them.

This four-dimensional vibratory key, which is that of the sign or planet ruling them, is known for a great many things. Research is, from time to time, adding to such knowledge. We know, for instance, that the key of New York is 18 (the sign Cancer), that the manufacturing section of any city has a key of 13 (Aries), that the key of the country France is 19 (Leo), that banks, safes, vaults, cash registers, and places where money and securities are kept have a key of 14 (Taurus), and that land devoted to grain fields, orchards, or other crops has a key of 2 (Virgo).

Any definite train of thoughts, also, by one versed in astrology, can be allocated its particular key. Those of love, for instance, belong to the key of 6 (Venus), and those of war and destruction belong to the key of 16 (Mars).

But when we come to names of individuals and to such abstractions as numbers, we can determine their keys only by reducing their component parts, not to a number relation below 10, but to permit of the overtone effect on the four-dimensional plane, to a number relation below 23. The square formed letters of the Chaldeans and the square formed letters of the Egyptians were numbers as well as letters; and these numbers and letters had their vibratory key determined by those who first used them. In fact, the 22 letters of those alphabets were designed to form characters which should express in writing the influence of the 12 zodiacal signs and the 10 planets of the chain.

The letters of modern languages have their equivalents in these old square-formed letters and numbers, so that we can, without difficulty, determine to which sign or to which planet any letter belongs, and this gives us its vibratory influence.

Or in the case of a name, by adding the numerical equivalent of the letters, which due to the function of the decave is not so arbitrary as it appears, and perhaps adding the digits again, until a number is obtained below 23, the vibratory key of any name can be obtained. Or by repeatedly adding the digits of a number until a number is obtained below 23, the vibratory key of the number may be had.

In this place I am not attempting an explanation why this is true; merely pointing to the method which should be followed. Furthermore, tones, colors, minerals, and various other things also have an influence through their four-dimensional vibratory rates which can be determined by their vibratory keys.

And in addition to relating this unusually important matter of the vibratory key, through which human life is influenced, each one according to the vibratory factors already incorporated in his character, to the astrological sign Aquarius, these wise men who designed the picture of the Sage most appropriately also correlated it with the number 9. For, as will be explained in the next article, it is through the peculiar attributes of the number 9 that the key for such intangible things as names and numbers can be ascertained.



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The Inner Planes

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Planes of Existence - General Concepts

A plane of existence is a level or “area” where it is possible for an entity or being to dwell upon. These levels are separated from one another by differences in vibratory rate. A vibratory rate is set by the frequency or “speed” of vibrations of the thing, thought, being or level in question. The easiest way to understand vibratory rates is to think about the colors in the spectrum of white light as it passes through a prism. The lowest visible color at the lowest visible vibratory rate is red and the highest visible color at the highest visible vibratory rate is violet. The visible colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet would correspond to the levels of one plane. There are also colors or vibratory rates in the spectrum which we cannot see. Ultraviolet lies at a higher vibratory rate than our eyes can see. Ultraviolet would correspond to the next higher plane. Infrared lies at a lower vibratory rate than our eyes can see and would correspond to a lower plane.

Of course, the true differences in vibratory rates between the various planes of existence are much more complex. Einstein’s Special Theory of Relativity provides us with a means of understanding the difference between the Planes. The equation, $e=mc^2$ (e is energy = m is mass and c is a constant when squared gives the value for the speed of light) shows that mass is identical with energy when the speed of light is approached. Below the speed of light (the right side of Einstein’s equation), there is exhibited the properties of mass (solidness, tangibility by the physical senses, weight) — the Mundane Plane. Above the velocity of light (the left side of the equation) there is exhibited the properties of energy (masslessness, intangibility, weightlessness). Things vibrate at such a high rate of speed that they are beyond our physical senses and our daily experience. This level corresponds to the Astral Plane. The vibratory level at the speed of light corre-

sponds to what the Ancients called the River Jordan, the separation between the living and the dead.

In addition, there are two other major planes of existence — the Spiritual and the Celestial Planes. There are seven

levels or regions on each major plane. This can be understood by thinking of the colors of the visible spectrum as described above. The colors red through violet can be thought of as different levels on the Mundane Plane. This concept will be expanded upon when we consider each Plane separately.

The Mundane Plane (Also called the Physical Plane)

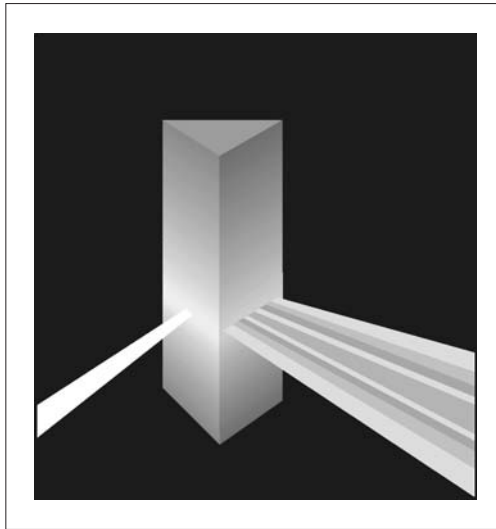
This is the area of physical existence where our conscious minds and our physical bodies dwell. Earth is the level of the Mundane Plane on which we Humans live

our day to day lives. The properties of this Plane are usually apparent to our five physical senses; vision, hearing, smell, taste and touch. The vibratory rates of matter on this plane are low (relative to the vibratory rates of the higher planes).

Distances are measured in miles or kilometers and weights in pounds or kilograms. Movement is by physical means and consumes Time. Time has meaning here only.

This is the most material of all the planes, the only plane on which physical possessions, money, jewels, cars etc. have any meaning whatsoever. It is the plane of lowest descent of the soul in its journey of Involution from Divinity in the Celestial Plane (Heaven) and from whence the journey of Evolution back to Heaven begins. It is considered to be the place of the Fall, from Eden to which we were cast out by original sin. It is the only place where mortal death can occur.

In reality, this plane, because it allows for just those properties mentioned, is where the Great Plan of Divinity pro-



vides for our souls to learn the most important lesson — that of self-conscious awareness. To become truly aware and in the most expeditious, positive, and optimum fashion we must be exposed to various experiences. To learn of Beauty, we must be exposed to ugliness, to learn Harmony, we must be exposed to disarray and inharmony, to learn Good, we must experience evil. To appreciate immortality, we must suffer death. As you can and will see, the Mundane Plane is the only Plane suitable for these lessons. It is the only Plane where you will be sufferable to these afflictions and where you lack (generally, the uninstructed or unenlightened average person) the means or understanding to correct these difficulties.

There are considered to be seven levels of the Mundane Plane as described by the Ancients. These levels correspond to places (not necessarily in our solar system) having the characteristics of the original seven planets of Astrology (i.e. Mars being hot, red agitated, Venus being cool, moist yellow and mellow, etc.). During the cycle of Necessity, the time spent in the various Physical Realms (Mineral, Vegetable, Animal) may include incarnation in one or more of those different planetary environments. The Only Human Incarnation is on the Earth however.

The Astral Plane

This plane is also divided into seven levels separated from each other based upon differences in vibratory rates. The basic vibratory rate of each level is that rate to which thoughts, beings, things or entities must vibrate to make contact or enter the level. Each level has a range of vibratory rates of its own. The lowest level — that with the lowest basic vibratory rate — lies closely adjacent to the Mundane Plane. On this level dwell the lowest forms of Astral life, the bestial souls, the underdeveloped souls, evil men, elementals, evil magicians and other loathsome creatures. It is considered to be the Astral Hell.

There are six other levels each consisting of a higher basic vibratory rate.

Distances on the Astral Planes are measurable by differences in the vibratory rate. That is, to visit another being or person on a level in the Astral Plane, one must think about the being to be contacted and raise or lower one's vibratory rate to match that of the person being contacted

(Law of Resonance). Travel is instantaneous, time is not a consideration. There are no miles or kilometers involved. Nothing has any weight (there is no gravitation). We are on the left side of Einstein's equation, the side of energy. All things are accomplished here by thought. Your "neighborhood" corresponds to an area of beings with similar basic vibratory rates. You thought-build your home, living conditions, and environment.

Because conditions on the Astral Plane are so responsive to thought, it is understandable how it alone would not be suitable for teaching all the lessons necessary for self-conscious awareness.

On this level you perform services by doing what you are most interested in and what you are best at doing. If, during life, you were a devout Christian, you will find yourself with other devout Christians (hopefully) in a Christian Heaven with an Astrally and Jointly created Christ. The Same concept for Jews, Moslems and Hindus.



This occurs after a while. For most of mankind, after making the initial transition to the Astral Plane, one must learn the ways of functioning on that Plane and is as an infant is here on Earth. Depending upon the level of Spiritual Development, one must learn to utilize psychokinesis to move about and to bring things to him, clairaudience to hear, thought transference to speak, clairvoyance to see and intuition to think. For this reason, it is impossible for most people, once they have accepted that they have passed on from the Mundane Plane to once again make contact with that Plane. As their astral minds progress, so does the astral body. On the Astral Planes there is eating, drinking, breathing and other physical activities.

The Astral Plane is that area where the soul (or unconscious mind) of man dwells during the sojourn of the conscious mind and physical body in the Mundane Plane. It is from whence the unconscious mind or soul directs the "automatic" functioning of the body and from whence it sends intuition. It is also the level that one usually visits during dreams. It is the level where basic Magic is formulated — things generated by thought are formed in the Astral World, take shape there and if properly energized,

manifest in the Mundane World. This is the basis for the Hermetic saying, “As Above, So Below”.

The Soul, dwelling on the Astral Plane, is not affected by Mundane weather or cataclysms. It is affected by Astrological conditions however. The make-up of the Soul, after rebirth on the Astral Plan is delineated by the New Birthchart (different from the birthchart of Earthly birth) which incorporates all the experiences of the previous Mundane life. This birthchart will delineate all the trines, squares, parallels, conjuncts etc. of the basic character and the progressions will forecast the coming events on the Astral Planes.

After a period, one will experience the “second death.” That is, the astral body will be left behind and if one has labored constructively, giving his utmost to universal welfare, he will be born again into a fully-functional Spiritual Body on the Spiritual Plane.

The Spiritual Plane

Much less is known regarding the Spiritual Planes. Again there are seven in number. Upon entering the Spiritual Plane, many of the characteristics of the Astral existence are lost to be replaced with the even finer characteristics of the new level. On these planes dwell immortal beings in immortal Spiritual Bodies. These spiritual bodies have been built by the individual over the course of its involu-

tion and evolution by actions and thoughts of the finest spiritual substance.

Ascended beings give guidance, supervision and directions to recipients on the Mundane and Astral Planes from here. Angels dwell here also.

On the border between the sixth and seventh level of the Spiritual Plane, the twin souls, one male and one female unite again — the Union of the Soul Mates — and become as one. They share their experiences together on the seventh Spiritual Plane then ascend to the Celestial Plane.

The Celestial Plane

Even less is known of this Plane. This is the Plane where Divinity Dwells. Divinity comes no closer to the Mundane Plane than the lowest Celestial because to do so would cause destruction of the Mundane Plane. Angelic, Creative Beings also dwell in the Celestial Realms. Here, the combined Soul, now Elohim (male and female together) unites with the Ego, the specially directed Spark or Atom of Divinity, after having become self-aware and having learned the lessons of Mundane, Astral and Spiritual existence becomes an Angel and takes its place in God’s Great Plan. ☸



Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister

The Tablets of AETH

Tablet The Sixth

Virgo ♍

*“A Lotus, rising from the water, coiled around its stem a snake,
whose efforts fail to reach the flower.”*

Knowledge is not evil or bad and neither are people evil or bad, but with knowledge comes responsibility. Sex is not evil or bad, but as all things begin as thoughts, build in strength and once given enough energy manifest into matter. Therefore make sure the intention is life giving, nurturing, grace filled with goodness and kindness and positive in nature. Stand guard in your consciousness against other thoughts and do not allow them by redirecting your thoughts towards good. The bottom line is you are responsible.

The marriage of creativity and logic, like the unity of the heart and mind requires constant centering between the person as a whole and the Cosmic Mind. It is through unity between the Higher Mind and the person that balance co-creates Cosmic Consciousness. A group of people together attaining Cosmic Consciousness realizes the Kingdom of Heaven. Love unites with truth and lives in bliss, blessing and harmony.

All things in order to fulfill their best purpose must be shared with the Universe as a whole. We work hard, but not for ourselves alone. ☸



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....."



"A Lotus, rising from the water, coiled around its stem a snake, whose efforts fail to reach the flower"

Virgo

REFLECTION

Part II: TABLET THE SIXTH

"Here we have the sacred flower, symbol of the virgin soul, uncontaminated by the snake of passion, which can only enfold the body—the stem; the snake of matter—of lust—of evil. But the flower of the spirit—the soul—lifts its pure white petals upward as an incense cup to the Sun of the Spirit.

In this symbol read the great lesson of the experience of evil. If, the flower of the soul, blossoms; the mud of the soil and the snake of the passions are but the surroundings of its roots and stem. Both are necessary for the perfection of the flower. The roots sink deep into Mother Earth, and draw nourishment and life, lifting matter upward, while the snake of passion becomes, under another aspect, the serpent of wisdom. Coiled around the stem of this life, it gives the incarnated soul that wisdom which later blossoms in the Seraph of the Sun spheres."

"O child of Adam! Take suffering, if it forge the sword of the spirit. Take evil and passion, and turn them into deep lessons of life, blossoming the evil into good, changing passion into wisdom. Only the pure in heart can see God."



Religion of the Stars

Aquarian Age Occult Scientist

Doris Chase Doane

The caveman who discovered how to tell time at night must have been considered a genius by his contemporaries. A length of rope with knots spaced evenly along it could be burned at night to tell the time in the darkness. Technological know-how was only a potential in those days.

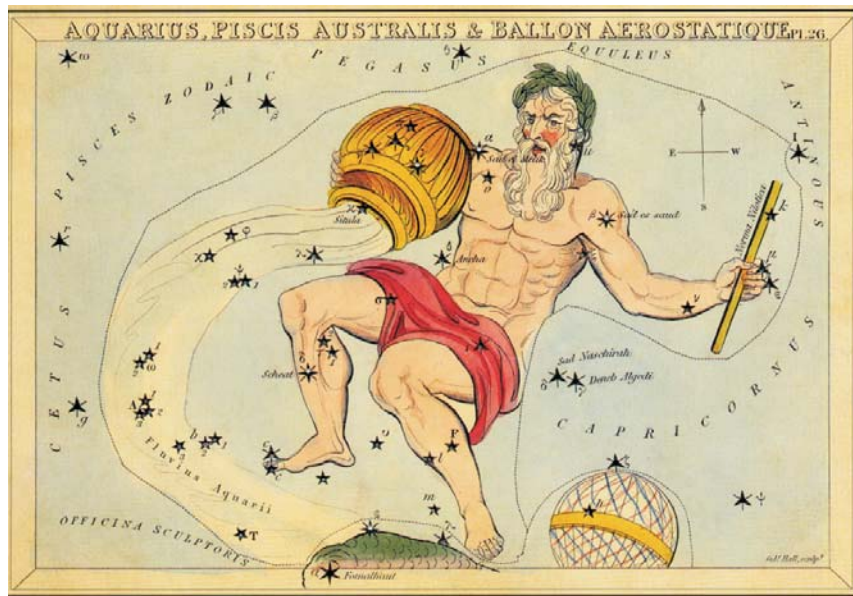
Today burning a rope in this fashion would be considered child's play...especially when compared to alarm clocks, such as the cesium-beam clock, which keeps time to the accuracy of 24 millionths of a second.

That testifies to man's wide material progress. But what about man's evolution which can not be seen on the physical plane? If the old adage "As above, so below" holds, then the inner man must have undergone parallel changes in that long period of time.

A study of the impress upon mental processes during the astrological ages gives a clue to the spiraling and ever-widening change of mental concepts. For instance, over the past 2,000 years the impress was of a Piscean nature. The basic nature of this sign marked most of the motivation which prompted man to adapt to his environment, the only road to success.

Through these years, communications were crude, and the language barrier barred the accelerated speed of new, improved methods of thinking feeling and acting. Evolution is a result of education. Education means progress, and without communication, a wide spread educational advance is difficult to come by.

Pisces is a water sign, the element of emotion. With the dawning of the Piscean Age, the Nazarene's teachings came to earth. His keyword to living a better life was love, the heart. Now in the Aquarian Age, which commenced January 19, 1881, a new tenet has been added. Aquarius is an air sign, the element of the mind. C. C. Zain in the Brotherhood of Light Lessons teaches that wisdom should be added to love. Here we see the heart joined to the head.



Just as man's evolution of the time-measurement devices has spanned a wide swath, so has his spiritual approach to life. In the past astrological age there was a tendency to encourage blind belief and look to authority for the tenets by which life should be lived. Due to the mental and physical environment surrounding it, the Piscean Age soul gained evolution almost exclusively through emotions.

But the Aquarian Age soul has a broader viewpoint. The shift expands feeling to embrace knowing. C. C. Zain wrote, "As evolution continues, consciousness expands; and as evolution advances toward infinity, the perceptions increase, until absolute consciousness is approached."

Those of us striving to become occult scientists today face a constant trouble. This is because the Aquarian Age has only recently become polarized. Added to the event of our birth at this particular moment on the eternal world line, we have to contend with the backward souls in our midst who resist changing their character to keep abreast of the life waves emanating from spirit. Every backward soul

detracts that much from the progressive evolution of God's Great Plan.

In this Aquarian Age man does not look to authority as the last word. Rather, he is called upon to use his own mind as well as his heart. Thus he needs to analyze the thoughts propounded by authority and test them for himself to learn if they hold true. In other words, evolving in the present age demands that each soul rely on its own ability to control the powers and forces by which he is environed so that he may make his own decisions as to what particular thoughts, feelings and actions he should take to further universal welfare. The altruism associated with the sign Aquarius should never be lost to sight.

To unlock the secrets of nature which he must employ to accomplishing this task, he has been given two keys. The Religion of The Stars presents the information as to how these two keys can be manipulated to bring success. The Golden Key of Astrology and the Silver Key of the Sacred Tarot, in the hands of an adept, provide him with the necessary know-how to build a higher character so that he may control his destiny and thus advance in his cosmic mission while here on earth.

His personal index of God-given energies will be found in his natal horoscope. Knowing beforehand the times when certain energies will be available to him, he can apply the teachings of the Tarot to fulfill his part in the Divine plan while at the same time expressing these potent energies harmoniously and in such a way that not only he, but society as a whole will be benefitted.

As the history of man's tenure on earth unfolded, more and more mystics appeared, until in the Piscean Age they flourished on every hand, especially at the end of that cyclic age. During the past century alone, they mushroomed to such a peak that reason and practicality were thrown to the winds by some of the so-called spiritual leaders.

In 1848, the spiritualistic movement gained momentum. Negative mediumship took an upsurge. Disintegrative as it was, it served as a prod for the investigation of life after death and the existence of the astral plane. However, its side effects parallel the gruesome and dangerous occurrences of the modern drugs. Cases of obsession were frequent, and the materialists dubbed the whole business

witchcraft. All of this activity was motivated by the Piscean impact.

Nevertheless, neither the mystic nor the spiritualist should be condemned for holding such viewpoints in those days. The uprising of mystical thought was merely a part of evolution. In effect, it was the divine teaching technique that swung the mental pendulum in such a manner that man on earth was forced to raise his sights and recognize that there was something else in the universe besides the things he could see, hear, touch, smell or taste with his physical senses.

Through the efforts of the mystic and the spiritualist, the truth about the persistence of life after physical death was revealed. That, combined with man's material progress, laid the foundation for the Aquarian Age environment in which the occult scientist will flourish.

The materialist looks to the physical sense only. The mystic looks to the psychic senses only. Whereas the occult scientist determines for himself, through experimenting with both senses, physical and psychic, which is more accurate? He tests everything in the laboratory in his own life, which he recognizes as a two-plane existence, physical and astral.

Imagination is important to all three types. The materialist needs imagination to progress in his area, but he rejects anything that does not follow the physical senses. The mystic relies entirely on his imagination, ignoring the facts of the objective world about him. On the other hand, the occult scientist does not accept as facts what he imagines until he has devised means of checking them. He blends the practical with the ideal.

In the last century of man's progress, we read that the United States assault on the Moon was space budgeted at \$22 plus billion. Would that the spiritual advance of man were so well financed! However, as the Aquarian Age unfolds, doors will open to the occult scientist, and he will advance more rapidly than he has at any time since man has been on earth. ✨

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Book Review

Power vs Force

The Hidden Determinants of Human Behavior

By David R. Hawkins, MD, Ph.D.

Reviewed by Michael Dean

For someone who experienced self-consciousness at the age of three, cosmic consciousness in high school and divine consciousness on his death bed at 38, Dr. Hawkins is uniquely qualified to write about this subject. After his near-death experience he was constantly aware of God's Infinite Presence which revealed itself in the perception of the immeasurable beauty and perfection of all life. Eventually his nerves improved and a sweet delicious band of energy started to flow continuously up his spine into his brain where it created an intense sensation of continual ecstasy. His consciousness expanded to where routinely the individuality of events, people and time would disappear into a motionless silence and he was aware of the universality of all things. In this blissful state he no longer felt the need for money, fame, or success. But he discovered that he could perceive the reality that underlay the personalities and that the origin of emotional sickness laid in people's belief that they were their personalities. With the application of this knowledge, his psychiatric practice grew huge. He was able to see his patients' inner selves and love them for who they were. This love, communicated non-verbally, would precipitate "miraculous" healings. The hospital with which he was affiliated had to build an extra wing to accommodate his patients. Yet he could still encounter patients only one at a time. Eventually the work became overwhelming and he began to look for a way to end human suffering and spiritual distress on a larger scale.

Kinesiology (the testing of an all-or-none muscle response to stimuli) proved to have the potential he was looking for. It is the "wormhole" between the universes—between the physical body and the universal mind. It is every individual's direct line to truth. And that is the essential message of this book:

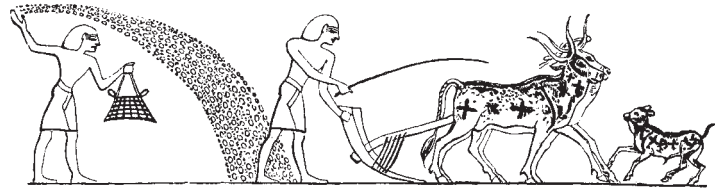
The individual human mind is like a computer terminal connected to a giant database. The database is human consciousness itself, of which our own cognizance is merely an individual expression, but with its roots in the common consciousness of all mankind. This database is the realm of genius. The unlimited information contained in the database has now been shown to be readily available to any-

one in a few seconds, at any time and in any place. This is indeed an astonishing discovery, bearing the power to change lives, both individually and collectively, to a degree never yet anticipated.

In this book he chronicles his research and methodology of kinesiology. Beginning where Zain left off with the Special Theory of Relativity, he describes a model of the universe with the latest scientific theories. Dr. Hawkins uses concepts from chaos, non-linear dynamics, and morphogenetic field theory to build a construct of the universe that is an infinite continuum of energy, vibration and consciousness that mirrors the Hermetic model. He constructs a map of consciousness in which each level is assigned a name, emotion and exponential power. The bulk of the book is dedicated to showing how "true-false" muscle testing can be used at arriving at the truth in any discipline of life, i.e.: commerce, criminal justice, art, health research, education, politics, and spirituality.

However, it came as a shock to this reader to learn that the average advance in the level of consciousness for an individual is a mere 5 points. (out of 1000 potential points) Apparently, even though we undergo millions of experiences in a lifetime most are repetitive and only a few lessons are ever learned. While Dr. Hawkins gives generalities about what thoughts and feelings will raise the consciousness, we have heard it all before from Jesus, Zain and Buddha. I would have liked to have seen, in great detail, a methodology for raising one's consciousness step by step. Even with this minor oversight, I would wholeheartedly recommend this work to anyone interested in raising their level of consciousness. I will leave you with this quote from his final chapter: "To become more conscious is the greatest gift anyone can give to the world..."





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Hermetic Astrology

Astrodynes

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Astro” means Star and “Dyna” means Power. Astrodynes, therefore, afford us a mathematical means by which the power, harmony and discord of any Planet, Sign, House or Aspect can be measured. The system of Astrodynes as taught by the Church of Light was developed by the independent research of many Brotherhood of Light students around the world during the 1930s and 1940s. Elbert Benjamine coordinated, tested and evaluated this material with the assistance of local students in Los Angeles until he discovered a satisfactory system for measuring the power, harmony and discord within a chart.

As an astrological counselor in practice for the last 14 years, I found early on in my career that the use of Astrodynes removes a lot of the “guesswork” from astrology, and reveals the measurable energies operating with the personality of the client. A common response from clients who have come to see me after previously visiting other astrologers has been, “You have pinned down my character better than anyone else ever has!” or, “You have been more thorough and complete than any of my previous readings!” I do not include this here to “toot my own horn” but to indicate that if one fully utilizes the Hermetic System of Astrology as taught by the Church of Light and including the use of Astrodynes, one can become an exceptional astrologer. I attribute my skill to following a system superior to any other that I have ever encountered.

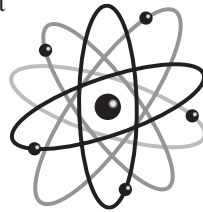
In the use of Astrodynes, we are concerned with the measurement of three things: Power, Harmony and Discord. Power is the amount of energy available to the individual through the chart. We need energy for accomplishment, as it expresses through us as desire, passion, attention, interest and enthusiasm. The areas of power in our charts show where our consciousness is focused. Harmony and discord are the conditioning compounds within the chart that determine whether or not the power expresses in ways that bring us pleasure or pain. Harmony in a chart brings the personality into expression and brings events to pass in ways that reflect ease, comfort, joy, pleasure, growth and luck. Discord brings personality traits into expression and brings events to pass in a manner that is problematic, filled with tension, pain, conflict, obstacles, and nothing is gained without concerted effort

In applying Astrodynes in chart interpretation, we stick with the four factors of standard astrology: the Planets, Signs, Houses and Aspects. I encourage all students to become fully familiar with these four factors, as all events can be explained through them. If an astrologer is truly skilled in their understanding of the Planets, Signs, Houses and Aspects, they need not turn to such extraneous factors as Fixed Stars, Nodes, Arabic Points, Mid-points, Asteroids and unknown planets to explain the energies expressing through an individual’s chart. First, become expert in standard astrology; then study other things and draw your own conclusions.

I consider the Planets to be the most important factor in the chart, especially the Dominant Planet as measured by Astrodynes. The Dominant Planet becomes the key to the individual’s personality and character, as all other planets will bow themselves to express through the urges ruled by this Dominant Planet. For example, if the Sun is the most powerful planet in the individual’s chart, their soul strives to express it-self through the Power Urges, which can sometimes be the double-edged sword of superiority-inferiority. Their need is to find self-esteem in all that they do. Interacting with such a person, you will find out that what they really want from life is the respect of others. Honors and recognition can be of great importance to these individuals. In a classroom setting, if broken down into groups, they will assume the role of authority and become the spokesperson for their group.

We can apply this technique of analysis to the Domestic Urges ruled by the Moon, the Intellectual Urges of Mercury, The Social Urges of Venus, and soon. All of this information on character traits can be found in Course IX of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons, *Mental Alchemy*. The importance of understanding the Dominant Planet is to understand the dominant motivating force in the individual’s subconscious that guides and colors all their thoughts, feelings and activities.

I consider the Houses to be next in importance, as they indicate the area or department of life where our attention is focused. The Dominant House in a chart will indicate what things we think about most and the area of life for which our soul has chosen to gain specialization. If the 7th house is prominent in an individual’s chart, they will specialize in the area of relationships—be they personal or business partnerships—or in dealing with the public. Often they will put the needs of others above their own, because as the chart indicates, they live for their relationships. This same method of



interpretation can be applied to the other houses of the chart. The matters ruled by the houses can be found in Course II *Astrological Signatures* and Course VIII *Horary Astrology*.

The Aspects contribute to the power in a chart, and they are primarily responsible for the conditioning energy that we will refer to later in this article as harmony and discord. In Hermetic Astrology we look upon the Aspects as "Thought-Cell Compounds" formed in the astral substance—creating the painful, pleasurable and neutral feelings that we have toward the experiences governed by the Planets and Houses involved. I read Aspects as being the "idiosyncrasies" of a person's behavior or how the urges ruled by the planets combine to create the details of our personalities. Aspects are dynamic and add to the power found in any chart. The Most Powerful Aspect in a chart will indicate an operative mental compound that can strongly dominate an individual's thinking. The Urges of the Planets involved and the type of Aspect formed are all taken into consideration in our interpretation.

The Signs of the Zodiac, we will find, are not nearly as important as Sun-Sign Astrology columns in the newspapers would have us think. Often one's dominant sign has nothing to do with their Sun-Sign. The Signs operate as the instruments or sounding boards off of which the tones of the Planets are played. They tend to have a modifying effect on the way in which the Planets in the Signs express themselves.

The Dominant Sign in a chart will indicate prominent series of thinking as well as environments to which the native may be attracted. For example, a person born under the Sun-Sign of Cancer might possibly have Sagittarius as the strongest sign in their chart. They would then be attracted to un-crab-like activities, such as travel, foreign countries, education, philosophy, outdoor sports and nature. Without the use of Astrodynes, an astrologer might not be able to fully access the personality and temperament in a chart.

Personality, character and temperament are factors revealed in the natal chart that can color all of our activities, from relationships to career—even health! Having an accurate picture of the character and temperament of an individual is something that can be provided through the use of Astrodynes and can remove conjecture from astrological delineation.

The process of calculating Astrodynes by hand is lengthy and based on accumulative mathematics, taking anywhere from 12 to 16 hours. This process is described in Course XVI, *Stellar Healing* by C.C. Zain. It is available by mail order from the Church of Light. Other books that I highly recommend for the study of Astrodynes are *Astrodynes* by Ken Stone, past president of the Church of Light, available through our mail order department. Another "must have" for every Stellarian library is the classic *Astrodyne Manual* by Elbert Benjamine.

For those of you who may lack the time and patience for calculating Astrodynes by hand, there are two software programs available to you that are designed by Hermetic Astrologers. One is the *Horoscope Program* designed by Paul Brewer for The Church of Light. The other is a separate astrodyne module designed by Hermetic Astrologer, John Molfese and is attached to John Halloran's *AstroDeluxe* software. Both are available through the CoTL mail order department.

Once you have your Astrodynes calculated, you'll want to know how to interpret them. Two of my favorite books are *How to Read Cosmodynes*, written by Doris Chase Doane, past Secretary of the Church of Light and current President of the American Federation of Astrologers and *Delineation with Astrodynes*, by Ken Stone. See the CoFL catalog for both of these books.

Happy Reading! ☾



Happy Summer Solstice!

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HQ Chat....

It's summer look to the stars! You never know what they're going to say! For example:

Membership Room

"Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" asked Holmes.

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically I observe that Saturn is in Leo.

Horologically I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke: "Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent!"

Some things are blessedly simple...We just have to remember to see it that way!

Hermeticism



From the inward doth the outward glow!

Weather Predicting

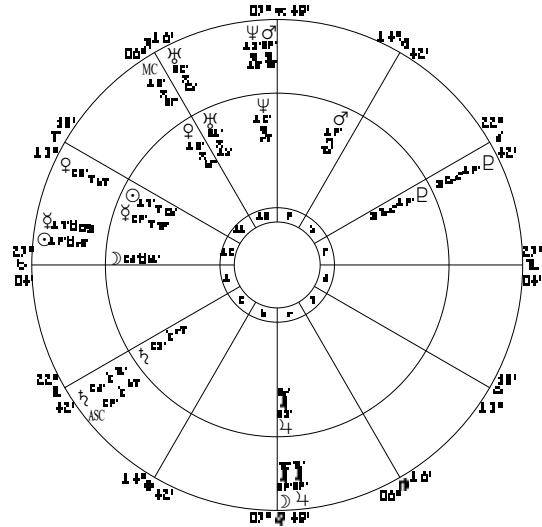
Lloyd Matthiesen of Luverne MN writes to let us know that the recent weather patterns that manifested as tornadoes in the US Midwest are mapped in the spring weather charts. A June 10, CNN headline read: "Worst week of tornadoes ends with more storms. More tornado warnings were issued Saturday as the United States nears the end of the most active week of tornadoes on record....Nearly 300 tornadoes have occurred during the past week in the United States, according to the National Weather Service. States from Kansas to Georgia have suffered storm damage, injuries and deaths."

One of these tornadoes occurred at approximately 4:30 pm in south Oklahoma City on May 8, 2003. This particular region is one of the hot spots for tonado activity suggesting there is an environmental predisposition. The weather data is as follows: 3-21-03 00:45 GMT Temperature; 4-5-03 14:17 GMT Air Movement; 5-1-03 12:17GMT Moisture. The charts to the right were erected for Moore, Oklahoma. Anyone wishing to try their hand at delineating these charts is invited to do so and we'll publish the results in the next Quarterly. It's okay if you're a novice because this is a learning experience for all of us. What better way to learn than to try? What better way to test our theories than to try? Two other locations you may wish to examine are Pearce City, MO and Jackson TN.

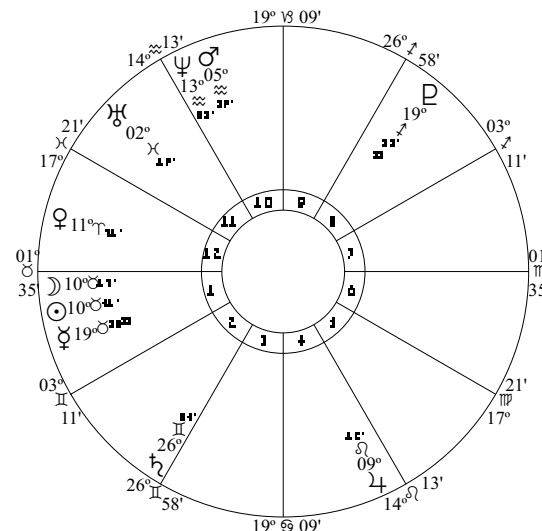
*An Astrologers Prayer
by Sue Starnaman*

O thou Eternal Spirit in whom I live, move, breathe and have my being. It is my desire that all my thoughts, feelings and actions be directed from the realms of Thy spirit, so that I may perceive the correct pathway of my soul.

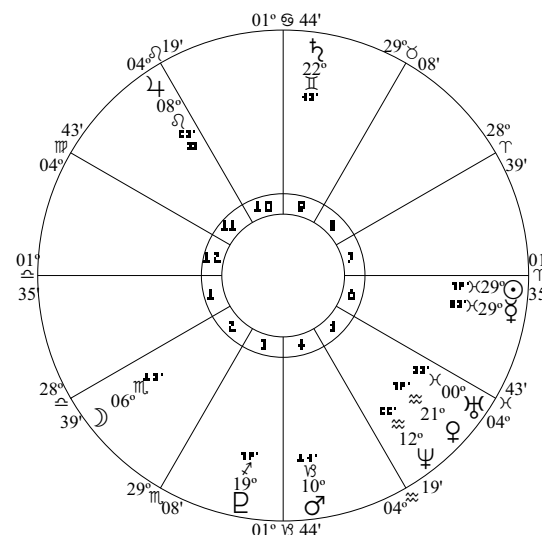
Let Truth show itself and good come to me, so that I may correct my errors and understand Thy desire for the part of creation which I am. Long have I known there is but one God, one Law, one Agent, one Truth exemplified in evolving creation, yet the ramifications are many and the understanding of detail small. Therefore I



Air Movement: 4-05-03 14:17 GMT



Moisture: 5-1-03 12:17 GMT



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seek light, ever more light from the one infallible source, my God who is all in one and one in all, Eternal Life Light and Love.

Thou Eternal Spirit art without boundaries or limitations, excepting the ordinance of Thy will, unchanging in eternal law and justice, through which all creation continues to evolve in the never ending and ever unfolding plan of Thy divine mind. Lead me toward Thy light, so the finite I achieve in consciousness is complete and continuous union with the infinite God, who is all in one and one in all.

My footsteps at times may falter and attention be directed to the flickering shadows of illusions. Yet, I ever return to the pathway down which shines the gracious light of Thy love and desire for the welfare and progress of each part of Thy creation. And wherein, Thy voice eternally calls to look on and upward. O thou faint and struggling soul God is, and thou must be.

I know God of my being, that my hungry soul will be nourished, for in Thy plan of creation abundance of food for the soul is provided. If in my blindness, I mistake food for the soul as punishment, it is because at the time I do not see Thy law meting out justice, love and opportunity for soul progression.

If for a time I see some other soul as bad, because it does not conform to my desires, then understanding is lacking for all are one and one is all. Thou Eternal Spirit in whom and of whom is the finite and the infinite, the Life, the Law, the Love of all being.

Above all Thou Eternal Spirit, I seek the Truth for without reality, consciousness is beclouded and understanding van-

ished from my ken. With the Truth of Thy Being, Thy unswerving Law, Thy unending Creation, the unity of my finite soul with the infinite universe, and my spirit with Thee, Thou Eternal Spirit I am free from all limitations. For Thine is the power and the glory for ever and ever, and in Thee and of Thee I am. I pray and my soul sings, Lead me ever closer to Thy Eternal Light.

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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.

