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Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XI ***The Wheel***

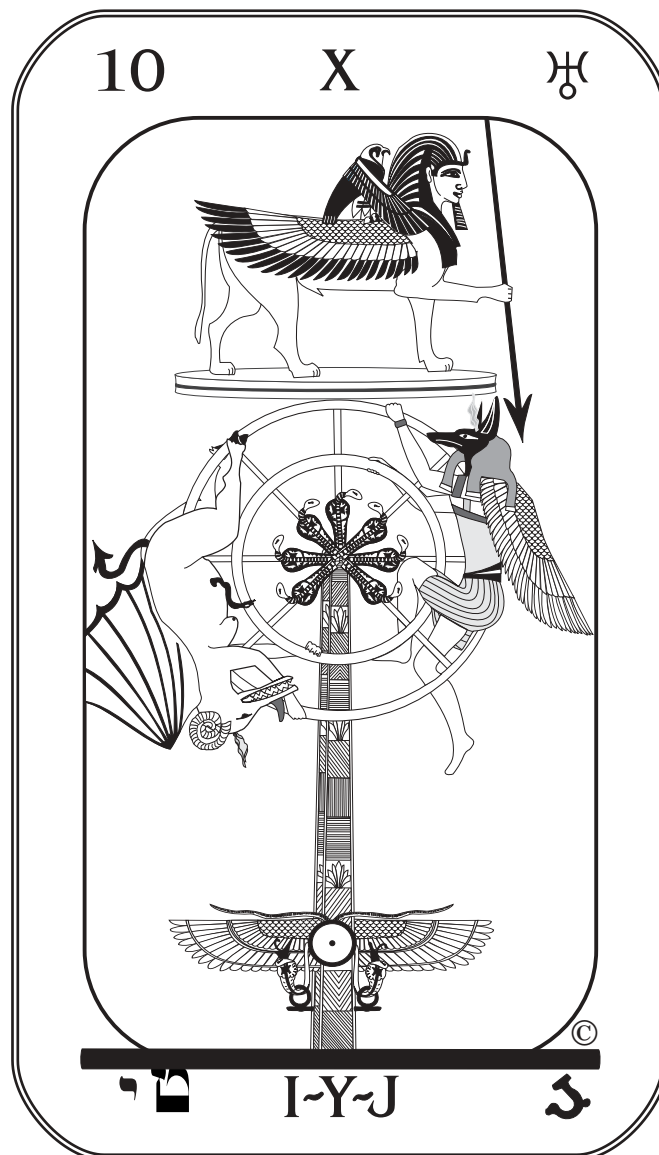
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To what extent the ancients were aware, even through psychic channels, of a planet beyond the orbit of Saturn is difficult at this time to determine. But that they knew there was a special principle and an influence, such as modern astrologers attribute to that planet, is quite certain from the fact that they portrayed the mythological character of Uranus as possessing the most outstanding characteristics of the planet of that name.

In birth chart analysis, the most commonly recognized influence of Uranus is that pertaining to the plane occupied by the department of life ruled by the planet. Relating to the things ruled by the house in the birth chart occupied by Uranus, the individual tends to have advanced ideas, or at least ideas that are quite different from those by whom he is surrounded.

As an illustration of what I mean: Both the Duke of Windsor and the American lady he recently made his bride, have Uranus in the house of religion.



The Church of England functioned on a mental level where it was considered immoral to marry a woman who had obtained a divorce; while the Duke and his bride functioned on a mental plane where such a marriage was considered consistent both with morality and the right of every man, king or commoner, to the pursuit of happiness. It was the clash of the more conservative view held by the Church with the more liberal view indicated by Uranus in the house of religion, which caused the King to relinquish his throne.

Those whose birth charts show Uranus unusually prominent function on a different level than other people do. They have original ideas in reference to whatever interests them. Roosevelt and Hitler, both with Uranus a rising planet, and Mussolini, with Uranus in the tenth house, are interested in politics; and each

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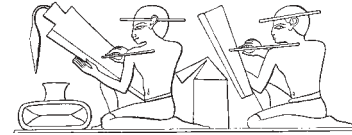
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Hermetic Astrology

Change of Fortune or Changing Fortune

Vicki Brewer



You will not find a reference to "Hermetic Astrology" in The BofL lessons. The notion of Hermetic Astrology evolved over time as CofL members grew to understand the distinction between the astrology taught by the CofL and other systems. It stuck because it effectively points to the "soul science" that forms the platform upon which astrology, alchemy and magic are integrated into a powerful trio of tools for building self awareness and orchestrating intelligent change.

The Hermetic Axiom says, "As Above, So Below." This simple statement of traditional knowledge affirms the dual nature of reality. It affirms that all forms of life are animated and directed by unseen energies that may be understood by observing their outward manifestation. Hermeticism emphasizes the power of the inner world to mold and influence the outer or material world.

Through the lens of astrology it is possible to not only observe these energies as they manifest, but it is possible to peek into the world of these archetypal energies that form the essence of existence.

Hermetic Astrology teaches that the soul, which occupies the formative inner world, is the medium through which experience is assimilated and character is constructed. It teaches that the birthchart is a map of the soul. It teaches that we are not alone and that each soul is called into existence to fulfill an important role in universal society. It teaches that human incarnation is not the first physical incarnation although it is the first time the soul has been conscious of itself. It teaches that each soul is filled with glorious possibility most of which is only glimpsed in small proportion (much like Bill's *Ninth House* iceberg).

By linking the body to the soul the individual is empowered with knowledge that all thoughts, actions and events form-

ing the measure of a life are manifestations of (mostly unconscious) energy and desires. The key to changing one's fortune is self awareness..." know thyself" (Socrates).

Hermeticism instructs that the natural world or material plane is the medium through which self awareness is gained. Nature teaches through the principles of pleasure and pain. Pleasure is denoted by harmonious aspects in a birthchart while pain is typically associated with discordant

aspects. The *Law of Compensation* consoles with the knowledge that the discordant energies we struggle with lead to the greatest character development and abilities. Hermetic Astrology teaches that applying alchemical principles and implementing magical principles result in a change of fortune..."Directed Thinking" and "Induced Emotion".

Hermetic Astrology goes beyond a description of the weather or energy interpenetrating an individual's life. It introduces a moral component...that is, if Will is something over which humans are able to exercise degrees of control, what determines the constructive or destructive manifestation of Will. For the Stellarian, morality is based on ability to contribute to the greater good

or "Universal Welfare". It has everything to do with using the Will to maximize capacity and capability for full expression of one's purpose for existence.

According to BofL soul science the key to leading a moral and therefore happy, successful and spiritual life, is understanding and mastering the science of Vibration. Vibratory rate determines where on the inner planes the soul resides. Just as the physical body occupies a specific home address on the planet, so the soul occupies a specific address in the astral world. This astral location is called the dominant vibratory rate. I have a home address but I can change it tem-



porarily or permanently. When seeking a new location to live in or to visit, an important feature to consider is the neighborhood. The neighborhood tends to collect people who express qualities that can make a person feel at ease or in dissonance. The neighborhood is the Dominant Vibratory Rate.

Most seek to have their spirits lifted by their surroundings. The same holds true on the inner planes. By learning how to lift and lower mental or emotional states the soul travels through the various levels of the astral world. Dominant vibratory rate determines where one's permanent residence is

located. By keeping the dominant vibratory rate at higher levels the amount of energy we have to create harmony is increased. Astrology is the most objective and powerful tool we have for knowing exactly where and what types of energies are available.

Adopting the moral code to, "Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare" is the surest way to raise the vibratory rate. Action imbued with the spirit of love will pay off in rich dividends. Astrology shows the way...Hermetic Astrology shows the how based upon a rich tradition of astrology, alchemy and magic. ♀♂

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has developed new and original ideas how the affairs of a country should be handled. William Randolph Hearst, with Uranus in his first house, was interested in newspaper circulation, and developed a type of news that could be presented dramatically. Through this original handling he became the most powerful publisher in our land.

O. O. McIntyre, with Uranus in the first house of his birth chart, was interested in journalism. He did not function on the same level as his fellow workers, but produced an original style and a volume of output which make him the highest paid individual in his profession today. Donald Wills Douglas, with Uranus outstanding in his seventh house, was interested in building planes that would fly. His original designs made possible the success of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation.

Dr. Charles Horace Mayo, with Uranus in the first house of his birth chart, was interested in surgery. Together with his brother he built up the famous Mayo Clinic, developing and applying new ideas to healing and surgery. And at a later date these brothers established and endowed the Mayo Foundation, where their methods could be taught to other surgeons, and where the most brilliant medical graduates of the land conduct constant and intensive research to find new and better methods by which the physical ills of humanity can be alleviated.

Both Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart are interested in flying. Lindbergh has Uranus in his first house, and Miss Earhart has it in her seventh. These outstanding positions of the planet which relates to a different level of existence, gave factors within their unconscious minds which enabled each to span the Atlantic in a record breaking flight. And these flights, in turn, placed aviation on a plane which never before had it occupied. They narrowed the world to far smaller dimensions.

One could mention outstanding people in every profession and almost every occupation who have broken from tradition, and have made unusual contributions to the line in which they were interested by some quite new method of

procedure, who have Uranus exceptionally prominent in their charts of birth. And one could also cite the charts of cranks, eccentric characters, and would-be reformers, as indicating the influence of a prominent Uranus in the chart of birth to impel the individual to seek a different mental level from that held by most; for the level on which the Uranian functions may be either above or below that occupied by the average.

Furthermore, it is common astrological observance that the progressed aspects to Uranus bring changes into the life which leave the individual, when the aspect has passed, on a quite different plane than he occupied before. Either in station or in mental attitude, after a strong progressed aspect to Uranus, one's life is never the same that it was previously.

Mrs. Wallace Simpson had Mars progressed to the opposition of Uranus in the house of religion when her betrothal to King Edward VIII became public. Her life, both in environment and in social station, is now far different than it was before this progressed aspect took place. She moves on a level quite different from that formerly occupied. Or, observe the life of the Duke. For twenty years he was honored and admired by his countrymen, worked hard to advance the interests of the British Empire, and was considered the greatest of all salesmen for British goodwill and British made goods. No one spoke an ill word, or expressed anything but the highest praise, regarding him. Then the Sun progressed to the square of Uranus in the house of religion. He lost his father, became king, and following this, incurred the opposition of the Church, marrying the woman of his choice. The life of the Duke of Windsor will be on a different level entirely than was the life of the Prince of Wales.

Donald Wills Douglas built planes for the navy, but had not contemplated entering the commercial transport field, until Mars in his house of business, by progression reached the square aspect to Uranus. Then, with the suddenness which also characterizes Uranian change, conditions developed which practically forced him at once to enter that field of production. Within a few days he had designed a new and revolutionary type of plane, capable of better performance

than any previously constructed. As a result, the Douglas Aircraft Corporation found itself from that time on chiefly occupied with building ships for commercial aviation; a type of work it previously had sedulously avoided.

Henry M. Stanley, a man of no outstanding accomplishment at that time, in 1865 had Mars, the adventurous planet, progress to the sesqui-square of Uranus. With dramatic suddenness he was assigned to go to Turkey as a newspaper correspondent. By one of those celestial relations that sometimes occur, Mars became almost stationary and held this progressed sesqui-square aspect to Uranus for thirty years. During the whole of this time he was engaged in hazardous exploits, including various expeditions for exploring, and opening up, the Dark Continent, which then was the popular name of Africa. When this period during which Mars energy was added to the thought-cells in his unconscious mind mapped by Uranus was over, he found his life moving on a markedly different level, for he ceased roaming about, received a British title, and sat in Parliament.

Until May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh was just an obscure mail pilot, with very little experience and no special accomplishment to recommend him. At that time Mercury, ruler of his house of journeys (3rd), progressed to the opportunity (sextile) aspect of Uranus, and he gained everlasting fame by being the first to make a New York to Paris airplane flight. Since then, the publicity he has received has been so insistent that he considers it an annoyance. He is rated as one of the greatest aviation experts in the world, and is repeatedly consulted in that capacity. Following that Uranian aspect ten years ago the life of Colonel Lindbergh has been on a plane which preceding that date he could hardly have imagined.

For 43 years Dr. Charles Horace Mayo had employed the surgeon's scalpel with consummate skill. Considered one of the most brilliant of surgeons living, thousands had gone to Rochester, Minnesota, to avail themselves of his exceptional technique. Over more than two score years, operations were a part of his daily routine; and multitudes live as a consequence, and bless his name. But in 1931 the Sun progressed to the square of Uranus. For many years he had held that, due to the inroads of age upon alertness and co-ordination, no surgeon should operate after he had reached the age of 65. Therefore, following his own precept, although himself hearty and vigorous, under this Uranian aspect he retired from surgical practice. From that time on, his life, of necessity, has moved along a very different level.

Observing a heavenly influence which gave rise to abrupt changes, after which life always functioned on either a higher or a lower plane of existence, the old time masters of astrological science designed Major Arcanum X of the tarot with intent to give it, in terms of symbolical pictograph which should not change with races or the passing of years, a rather complete explanation. This Arcanum, called The

Wheel, portrays the influence of the planet we know as Uranus, and the universal principle which that planet rules.

The four-fold sphinx, on a platform above the wheel of change, as embracing the Lion, the Eagle, the Man and the Bull, and thus the four revolving quadrants of heaven which measure duration, indicates the passing of time. The circular platform on which the sphinx is mounted represents the zodiac, through which the progressing planets move as time so passes. The javelin clasped in the paw of the sphinx makes an angle with the zodiac, and is poised in the attitude of being ready to strike, either to the right or to the left, much as the progressed aspects, consisting of angular relations between the planets, move events in our favor or in opposition to our wishes. Uranus, as has been determined by The Brotherhood of Light, in a study of the birth charts of 100 outstanding astrologers whose time of birth is known, more than any other planet, gives an interest in astrology. It was prominent in all the 100 charts.

The two serpents and the two wings at the base of the column supporting the wheel, imply polarity; a division into positive and negative. And more than any other planetary influence, Uranus tends toward one extreme or the other, often reversing the mental attitude, or the trend of life, when a progressed aspect to the planet forms. It rules electricity, and especially relates to the alternating current.

The platform of the zodiac on which stands the sphinx, quite definitely also is a plane, or level of existence. And as the javelin held by the sphinx makes new aspects, due to the passage of time, it impels the wheel to turn, lifting either the genie of light or the genie of evil, which are pictured on the circumference of the wheel, into supremacy, and thus placing the life on a new and entirely distinct level, represented by the zodiacal platform above. And this, as I have taken some pains to illustrate in connection with the lives of certain remarkable people, is precisely the influence a strong progressed aspect to Uranus has on human life.

But there is far more in the wheel than that. There is far more, as a matter of fact, explained in this Major Arcanum than we with our present knowledge of occult matters can comprehend; for much of that set forth in symbolical pictograph relates to the properties of things and forces on a higher, and four-dimensional, plane. People with the planet Uranus prominent, at times are able to see clairvoyantly, which is by means of four-dimensional sight; and they frequently become interested in the astral, or four-dimensional, plane. But our capacity for understanding four-dimensional existence, due to our restricted contact with any but the three-dimensional plane, is necessarily limited; and this Arcanum X goes far beyond such limits.

Even our most erudite electricians express ignorance of the explanation of some of the properties of the alternating electric current, which Uranus rules, and it is merely on the boundary between the three-dimensional and the four-dimensional plane. They can devise certain formulas which

permit them to predetermine what results will follow certain definite conditions, even as we can devise certain formulas which will permit us to determine, for instance, the effect upon an individual of a given number or a given name. But this is quite a different thing from understanding the details of the process involved.

A current of electricity flowing over a wire develops an electro-magnetic field of force at right angles to the direction the current is flowing. When the current ceases to flow, the field of force closes back on the wire. None of the energy is radiated into space. Nor with the alternating current, such as is used to carry power to distant points over wires, is any of the energy of the field of force lost by being radiated into space. It all folds back on the wire when the current ceases flowing. But increase the frequency of the alternating current sufficiently, and for some reason, which electricians do not attempt to explain, some of the energy of the field of force keeps on going, and assumes the form of waves such as are used in radio transmission.

I mention radio waves here because, like a life which has experienced a powerful progressed aspect to Uranus, they occupy a plane, or level of existence, quite distinct from electrical fields which have not thus had the frequency of the currents which are responsible for them, intensified.

The levels of expression which relate to sound and the things more commonly contacted in three-dimensional life, repeat on a sequence of eight. That is, the gamut of physical existence seems to be complete in seven, the eighth note, or octave expression, merely sounding the same tone on a higher level. But this is not true on the mental or four-dimensional plane; as Arcanum X clearly sets forth. In that realm, where planetary energies and thoughts are the potent factors, the gamut consists of nine tones, the tenth, or decave, expressing the same tone on a higher level.

In the tarot design, we see the upright post representing the figure 1, and the wheel, which is circular in form, representing the 0, which by itself stands for nothing, but in proximity to the 1, gives the number significance of 10. That is, a four-dimensional root tone, such as is expressed by any one of the 9 digits, when sounded on the next higher level, represented by the platform on which stands the sphinx, is then indicated by adding to it the cyclic symbol, or 0.

According to the doctrine handed down in the tarot, for there are 22 Major Arcana, one explaining the influence of each sign and each planet, there are ten planets in the chain. One, however, exerts a transitional function; and neglecting this, represented by Pluto, there are 9 root planets, just as there are 9 numbers before the addition of the 0 shows the influence of one of them carried to the next higher decave.

That is, the system of numbers in common use is based upon ten fundamental principles, the tenth influence closing the cycle, and starting a new gamut of existence. The 0 shows the completion of the cycle, and the 1 indicates that the first

influence has been carried to a new plane, or phase of being. Thus either with planetary influences or with numbers, each essentially a four-dimensional vibration, we work with 10 separate characters, but there are only 9 root influences.

Any number above 9 is merely some root number, to which 9 has been added a given number of times. The number of times 9 thus has been added determines the plane, such as that occupied by the sphinx in the picture which stands above the post and the wheel, signifying number 10. This adding multiples of 9 to some number is called Theosophical Evolution, not because it derives from any particular group of people, but because Theosophy means Divine Wisdom, and because in its particular function the number 9 is the key to Divine Wisdom so far as numbers, cycles and four-dimensional influences are concerned.

Due to this particular function of the number 9, when a number higher than 9 is given, instead of dividing it by 9 repeatedly until a remainder less than 10 results, and thus obtaining its root, the same result may be obtained merely by repeatedly adding the digits of the number until there is but a single digit. Thus the process used by numerologists is not so arbitrary as it appears, but is based upon sound mathematics and the relations of four-dimensional vibrations. That is, the adding of the digits is but a short-cut method of dividing the number by 9.

Dealing thus with numbers, we are considering mere abstractions. But when man thinks of a number, a name, or anything else, his thought is not an abstraction, but a definite astral vibration radiating outward. The astral counterparts of objects also radiate definite astral vibrations. And astral vibrations, as well as physical vibrations, and those vibrations of the ether known as light and radiant heat, have an influence upon the things they contact.

The tones of musical instruments are other vibrations with which we are even more familiar, and which have many parallels to the astral vibrations of thought. For even as a musical composition has a key, so every train of thought has its key, and influences its surroundings according to this key vibration. And each simple thought is a definite vibratory rate of physical substance.

With physical tones, if the vibration is increased to a certain degree, the same sound repeats itself on a higher level. Raising the vibration still more causes the tone to be produced on each of many higher levels. We commonly call each of these higher levels an octave expression of the tone, because it was customary to use the diatonic scale in which the interval between one tone level and the next was divided into seven divisions, so that the eighth (octave meaning eight) repeated the tone on a higher level.

Now a thought has a vibratory quality very similar to a tone, except that it expresses in four-dimensional substance, that is, in astral substance; and a thought can be sounded on different levels, just as a tone can thus be sounded. But it has

been found convenient, and more in conformity with natural principles, as explained by Arcanum X, to divide the interval between one thought-tone level and the next, not into 7, but into 9 divisions, so that the 10th shall express the same tone on the next higher level. The Arabs, from whom we derive our numerals, were at one time the outstanding students of stellar science, as witnessed by most of the stars bearing Arabic names. And our system of numbers, based on ten, is the most convenient for handling stellar influences and thought vibrations. Therefore, following the instructions given on Arcanum X, instead of calling the interval between a fundamental thought and its expression on the next higher level an octave, we call it a decave (decave meaning ten).

In the notation, analysis, and charting of thoughts as vibratory tones which possess a power to influence human life, therefore, we have 9 root tones. But even as in music overtones play an important part both in composition and in the effect produced, so with thought-tones, there are peculiar overtone effects that make it necessary to employ not merely 9 fundamental characters to express accurately all thought-effects; but to consider as distinct factors certain dominant overtone effects that observation shows to occur in the levels just above the 9 root tones. Thus to chart a train of thoughts it may be necessary to employ as many as 22 different characters.

Because thought-tones are vibratory rates in the fourth-dimension, we can not follow the comparison with physical vibrations in too great detail. New properties are present in four-dimensional substance. But we can point out that with a thought-vibration the overtone quality is dominant from 1 up to tone 22, and that not only any one of the 9 root-tones,

but any one of the 22 types of thought-vibration, can express its individuality on a higher vibratory level, or Decave.

Thus, as Arcanum X teaches us, in considering not merely thought-vibrations, but character vibrations and astrological-vibrations, because these are all four-dimensional vibrations, we can not confine ourselves merely to 9 root tones, but, due to the peculiar overtone properties of astral vibratory rates, we must give full tone value to 22 different qualities, which properly can be called four-dimensional Keys.

Every thought, every train of thought, every individual, every influence from the firmament and every force in nature, therefore, because its astral nature is thus tuned, vibrates to one of these 22 four-dimensional keys. And because each of the 22 key-tones may sound on various higher vibratory levels, or Decaves, in order to find the key to which the thought of a number, for instance, vibrates, it is necessary to reduce, or involve it, by subtracting multiples of 9. This may conveniently be done by adding the digits together until a number is obtained which is less than 23. This number is the Key of the number considered, and in turn is allied to one of the 22 astrological vibratory rates, from which may be determined the kind of influence it will exert upon anything associated with it. ☸

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Convention 2003



“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is...”

By Wm. H. Jeffrey

“...for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalms 133:1

For three days in June 2003, sixty Stellarians and friends of the Church of Light dwelt together in unity in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We met and interacted at the Wyndham Hotel for the annual business meeting and the various presentations given by our speakers.

We enjoyed an outdoor banquet at Arturo and Christopher Gibson’s home and spacious garden (which has the ambience and hospitality of a Hobbit dwelling except it is above ground).

We met concurrently in the hotel with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.), and their presence reminded us our freedom of religion and freedom of expression was bought with a price—a price paid by those veterans and their colleagues.

In my experience, this convention was unique in both attendance and in the interconnectedness of the attendees. The “energy,” which can arise when a group is gathered and attuned to the same level, was palpable. Some of us were a bit giddy; others just felt “at home in the universe.” “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

The Annual Business Meeting was well attended and required sending out for extra chairs at least twice. (Historically, the business meetings have been sparsely attended.)

It is clear the Church of Light rapidly is approaching the transition from a time of building a foundation, to building on that foundation.

The new Brotherhood of Light Tarot cards are being printed, and attendees were given copies on parchment paper of the major Arcana, and crayons for any who wished to color them.

Plans are progressing to make the BofL books available on a “print on demand” basis through an internet-based publisher,

whereby a buyer can order one book and it will be printed, bound, and shipped within a day or two.

The basic version of the BofL lessons on searchable CD-ROM was introduced and made available to members. As this is refined a little more, it will be made available to the general public. Even now, it is an excellent study, research, and writing aid.

Much of the CofL web page is complete, and more will be added and refined as time and resources permit. However, it is fully functional now, and anyone visiting it can gain knowledge from the introductory level to more in depth information.

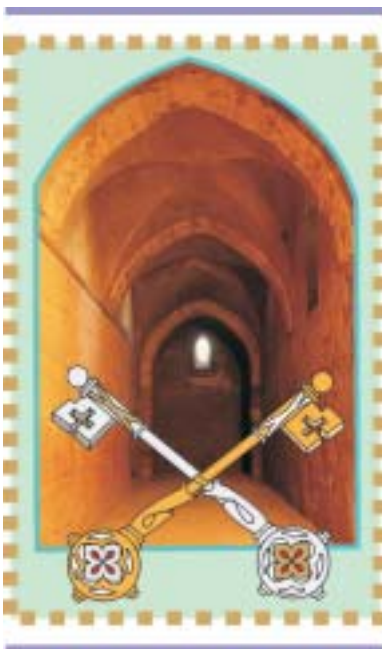
Several Russian-language translations of the BofL books now are available, thanks largely to the work of Izabella Suleymonova. This effort will continue until all the BofL books are in print in Russian. (At the awards banquet, Izabella was formally recognized for her excellent work.)

In short, this level of the tool-making and refining phase is coming to a close, with the next level soon to open of using those tools to teach, practice and disseminate the Stellarian Religion.

The Starstuck Boutique, conceived and consummated by Dorothy and Roland Wissler, and aided by Radine Ramsey and other volunteers, had a successful time trading the boutique’s wonderful things for money.

Alicia Saucedo applied her chi stirring expertise to guide us from being after-lunch sloths to alert and energetic human beings.

During the presentations, we learned so much it is not possible to cover here, but edited videotapes will be available as soon as possible. What was amazing was that the presentations meshed, that is, they seemed to be part of a larger whole. Each added to and reinforced the others.



A brief note that could help many of us was from Paul Bergner's presentation on vitalist medicine, which pointed out that most of us are sleep-deprived, lacking in relaxation and recuperation, either overdoing or under doing exercise, and are lacking in protein (as well as overdosing on carbohydrates and being afraid of fats—even the healthy ones).

Shanti Gomez was welcomed into the ranks of Hermeticians.

Michala Perreault took us on a photographed tour of ancient Egypt, with the offer to guide members on a tour especially designed with the BofL's heritage in mind.

From beginning to end, the convention went smoothly, due to the outer plane efforts of Christopher Gibson, Vicki Brewer, and happy volunteers, and due to the inner plane help from the Legions of Light.

This convention can be seen in light of the church's 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."

Note particularly the last item. ☸



The Ladder to Heaven.....?

*the angels go up
and down....*



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Exploring The Land of Enchantment



Kiva adventurers Dorothy Wissler (left) & Claudia Clark (above) begin their descent into another dimension of time...when the natural world and the spirit world were one.....



Navigating the Land of Enchantment is good training for navigating some parts of the inner planes.....



Enjoying the healing waters after the Summer Solstice Snake Dance..left to right, top row Dorothy Wissler, Claudia Clark, Roland Wissler. Bottom: unknown companion, Alicia Saucedo, Bob Hall, Robbie Gray, Vicki Brewer and Christopher Gibson.

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A Garden Party.....

Hosts...Christopher and Arturo



Christine Brydon



Michael Dean



Janet Taylor & Gail Carswell



Barbara Sibley



Meg Dissinger



Bob Hall



Izabella Suleymanova



Teresa Fitzgerald



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The Conference...



Hugs for Peg Joscher & Barbara Baker



*Masters of the Boutique
Dorothy & Roland Wissler*



Paul Brewer



*New Hermetician
Shanti Gomez*



Happy Birthday Sylvia



Paul Bergner



*Izabella Suleymanova receiving
award from Paul Brewer*



*Taking care of busi-
ness... Vicki Brewer*



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Part I

(continued)

Here beginneth Chapter 3 of the Book which is called "The Tablets of Aeth,"
wherein is transcribed the Third Quadrant of the Twelve Mansions



"To know what really exists, one must cultivate silence with oneself, for it is in silence that the eternal and unexpected flowers open, which change their form and color according to the soul in which they grow. Souls are weighed in silence, as gold and silver are weighed in pure water."

"The worldly hope men set their hearts upon turns to ashes;
or it prospers and anon, like snow upon the desert's dusty
face, lighting a little hour or two, is gone."

The Tablets of Aeth

Tablet The Seventh

Libra ♎

*"A crowned king, with a scythe raised in the air,
looks closely at two boys wrestling beneath him in a field of grain,
a red poppy below them."*



Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister

Beauty, fairness and balance you say? But who is to decide, you?

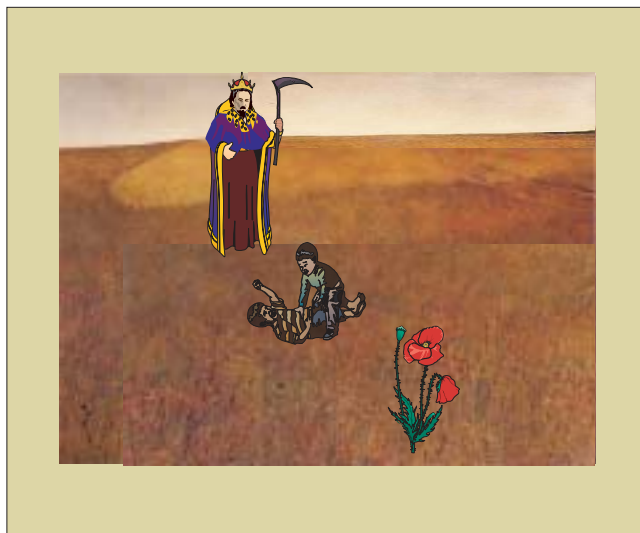
Time decides so much. At the journey's end the experiences of life in retrospect are part of the teaching, but it is our response to those experiences that attain for the soul the greatest blessing or the greatest lesson.

Why is it that it is easily accepted that the Higher Mind, God, or King of the Cosmos is over there, up there or everywhere, but fail to see this same Divine presence is within our very being seeking unique expression? One day this will not be so.

The night stars shine in their vast unlimitedness while the winds make clear their viewing, like pulling away a dark mist hovering to conceal the truth. Therefore make your partnership with God, not out of arrogance, but as a matter of truth and love. Be clear therefore that it is in this balanced relationship that the greatest blessings can manifest for the benefit of all. Persist in truth and love through your Cosmic Oneness. ☸



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 crowned king, with a scythe raised in the air, looks closely at two boys wrestling beneath him in a field of grain, a red poppy below them."

Libra

REFLECTION

TABLET THE SEVENTH

"The symbol of Nature's eternal war for the impossible equilibrium between spirit and matter; the symbol, also of Time, which is but the illusion in which eternity clothes itself; forever putting on and forever putting off new garments of matter. The crowned king is the victorious soul, waiting with the scythe of Time, to reap the harvest of the world; while incarnated man, as represented in the wrestling youths, is struggling for that which he did not produce, and which only death can reap. The poppy reveals the secret of the illusions of Nature's master-showman. All earthly things are unreal to the spirit, which is the only real thing. Man's effort to hoard and save the things of this world *is injustice to others*. The struggle is eternal, and no matter how careful or cunning man is to monopolize either power, truth or wealth, swift-footed time will readjust all things without error."

O child of Adam! "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal."



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The Next Life

#10. Education



funeral boat or Baris, with shrine

Anonymous

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When arrival on the physical plane as a human being begins our last appearance on the stage of physical existence, we begin to acquire a certain education. We learn to adjust to environment by the system of trial and error. When we leave here to sojourn finally on the next plane of existence, our education continues. We must learn the requirements of that plane, just as we become familiar to a greater or lesser extent with the requirements of this one.

We were prepared for physical life, although many folk never learn this truth, by being able to breathe, to assimilate food, to move the body. This knowledge came to the soul through our lower life experiences and we were GRADUATES from the animal instincts of evolution. Had we retained too many instincts our faculty of reason would have been hampered. Human life has as its purpose the development of reason and intellect.

The education for the next life can begin here and now. Just the physical plane education common here is not enough, but the requirements for successful next plane living can be practiced here. There is a difference between schooling and education. A theoretical knowledge of any subject is not education. A working knowledge of any subject is the educational factor required. Education is practical experience in any field. We can learn by thinking, but it must be supplemented by doing. This factor is very essential in turning our education into progress.

The phases of next life education are based on cosmic welfare. It is the only yardstick of measurement, for the welfare of others is paramount. There are three chief educational divisions: mental, emotional and spiritual. They interlock and are relative, simply different ways of viewing a single reality.

We will first consider the mental phase. The mental category on any plane is gauged by the information you have at your command, plus your ability to use it for some worthy

end. Your experiences will have to be harmoniously organized if you want to be really useful.

All people do not enter the next life as adults. Many pass on as children. Such do not stay in a state of undevelopment, for they grow to adult form, and according to their capacity they receive an education. There are schools of great beauty serving as places of instruction for the children and they are much superior to our earthly schools.

No harshness is evident. Teachers are fond and patient, the children are NOT angels, but their teachers can cope with them, for they have special abilities for their jobs. People who, run factories or can give legal advice best, do not become teachers. The object of education is to give the child its special trend. They are educated to live the fullest life possible for them. Their natural aptitudes and abilities are considered.

Inner plane instructors KNOW that the universe is a living organism, that souls are cells in that organism, and that each soul must fill its proper place. They assist in educating people to fill that place. Astrology and other means are employed to serve this end; a liberal education, training of whatever sort is needed, with full development of abilities is the ground work. Youngsters have great latitude. Individual requirements, capacities and leanings are deeply considered.

The desire to learn is ingrained by the pleasure technique. Field excursions, play and harmonious expression are used as practical application of knowledge. Special teachers handle backward students. The astral schools have problem children. I can remember during a morning nap becoming conscious in an educational place devoted to children learning chemistry, or its equivalent there.

A beautiful laboratory was before me, with children busily engaged in experiments. My eye caught one little mischief mixing industriously and then holding the tube aloft to drop it. Warning cries came from the others and the instructor leaped forward. My momentary thrill of

shock at what might happen tuned me out. I never did find out, but I know that child enjoyed the situation, was deliberately naughty.

The failure to mature here on earth is rather a handicap. Stability, rigid resistance, a power to endure adversity is developed by a full earth life. However as all do not require the same training, not all go through a long physical life.

Many think that work ends with earth life, that all they over need will come to them in heaven, and they have no inclination to work anyway. With no idea where they belong in the scheme of things, no idea that EFFORT must go along with consciousness and progress, they remain idle for a time. But adjustment to the next life and sightseeing cannot go on forever.

Hoodlums in the astral slums resist any constructive effort, and they stay there until they try to do something. Missionaries ever assist when such people decide to progress. Criminals in the astral hells desire to satisfy their base desires at the expense of others. Cold, cruel selfishness animates them. Astral criminals do not come only from the ranks of earthly criminals. Astral criminals may have been respected on earth, but were criminals in reality. Such types often influence the weak on earth and add to the crime manifest on this plane. Viciousness must be left behind in the dregs of the astral world. When such souls start to progress they are given their work and the proper instructors.

Cosmic work found here is continued there. Material and technique may change, more will have to be learned, for work is imperishable, eternally progressive.

Folks who do nothing to benefit others make no noticeable spiritual progress. Such people do not need technical teaching, but teaching which makes plain the meaning and object of life. The desire to be of service is directed on the next plane into channels of usefulness. To locate cosmic work on any plane one must have deep desire to be of greatest service.

Technical training is given on the next level. We will move there with people of similar interests and desires for knowledge. Schools, laboratories and shops are close to earth. Here the designs are built which, through impression of thought, contact an earth worker and inspire him to invent. Working models which seem to have life for the time being, models which speed up slow processes, or slow down fast ones, models in which inner and outer workings are seen, and the mental atmosphere felt, make up the super visual education. It uses all the senses, and can present technicalities, or generalities with equal success.

The soul ever progresses and on each plane it must fulfill educational demands inherent in its own nature, relative to its cosmic position in the universal scheme.

The moment we search to be of service, the moment we are willing to step out of our realm of self-interest and significance into the realm of interest in others and the significance of LIFE, we put forth energy which will draw to us the beginning phases of OUR REAL JOB. ❖



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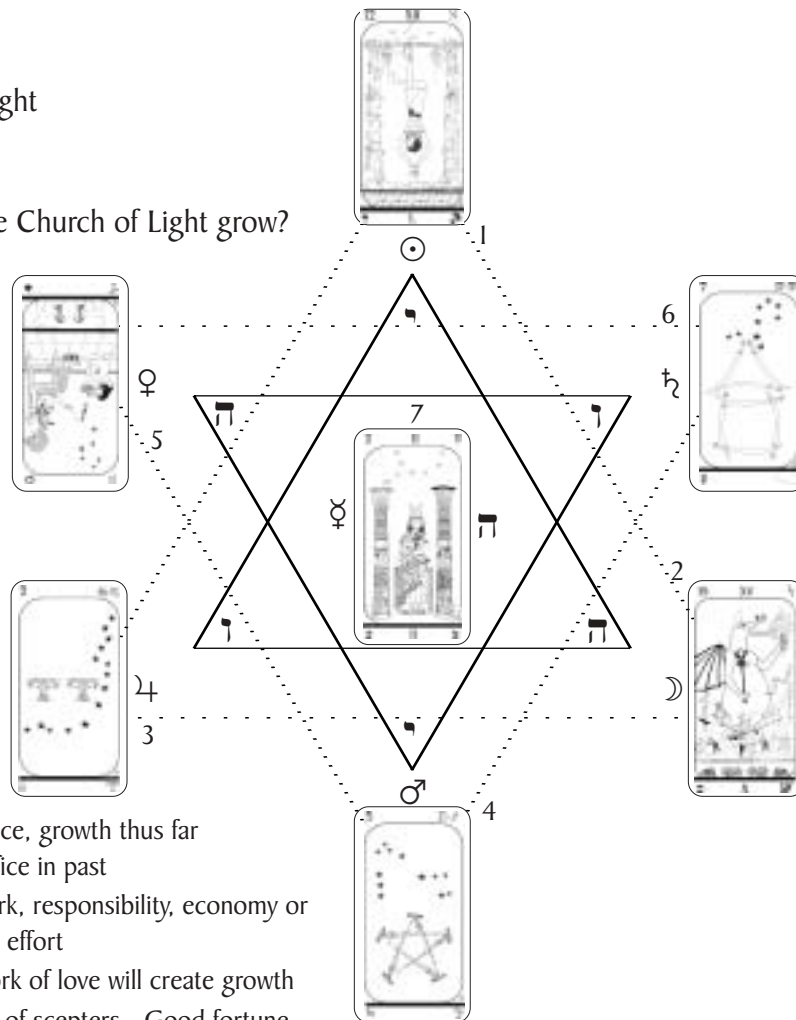


Magic Seven Tarot Card Spread

Name: The Church of Light

Date: 6-29-03

Question Asked: Will The Church of Light grow?



Cards Indicated:

1. Past: Arc XII - Sacrifice, growth thus far is the result of great sacrifice in past
2. Present: Arc XV - Work, responsibility, economy or loss surrounds present growth effort
3. Future: 2 of cups - work of love will create growth
4. Ability to Control: 5 of scepters - Good fortune in business will contribute to growth
5. Environment: Leo male - Leo personality will affect growth
6. Opposition: 7 swords - Danger thru travel or sport.....Sagittarian (7 - Arc VII) sub-influence suggests exercising caution with publishing.
7. Result: Arc II - Science..."the harvest of experiences that have become assimilated as knowledge.

Brief Interpretation: Cards are right side up indicating slightly better fortune than commonly signified. Growth for The CoFL is indicated because of personal sacrifice, hard work/economy and good fortune with business practices. The impact of fate and the environment is found in a Leo male. The opposition card suggests that care should be exercised with publishing concerns. The result card, Veiled Isis, "...sits in the doorway of the temple of Nature veiling the knowledge that can only be gained through union...she becomes mother through the union with the Holy Spirit". The CoFL, like Veiled Isis, sits in the doorway nurturing the union of the true seeker with the inner sanctum of their own soul. By keeping true to its "spirit" The CoFL's will continue to grow.

Reading Given By: spread thrown by Christopher Gibson & interpreted as a group process at the 2003 CoFL Conference in Albuquerque.



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9-4-03 "...I fortunately received your correspondence on the 23rd. It was truly great hearing from you. At first I thought that CoL had blew me off due to my financial situation. I unfortunately have no relatives, even if I did, they wouldn't pay for this kind of education... I've been on locked-down since 1990 and by this time, my relatives ended up fading away (that's nature)...Thanks a trillion for your faith/confidence in me, considerations & charity in this endeavor of mine. Until then I'll be eagerly awaiting your response. May the Blessings Be! Life, Light & Love

Something About The Church of Light

The Church of Light teaches and disseminates the occult sciences. There are 21 branches in all, covering the following groups.

Astrology teaches: the science of determining the effects of hidden energies and laws as well as the cyclic releases of energies and their correspondence to the soul and external surroundings; explains character by means of the Law of Correspondences as well adds meaning to the relationship of the universe to the individual.

Alchemy teaches: the method of changing fortune; how to change thinking therefore destiny; the astrologer the means by which energy indicated by the chart may be changed to express constructively; assists in changing habit systems needed to live a happier and more spiritual life.

Magic teaches: how to demonstrate circumstances that make for increased usefulness; how to react to and/or use the vari-

ous forces in the environment to advantage; how to avoid the undesirable forces.

When all three branches are assimilated, the student begins to see an overall scheme of things – the laws of the universe seem to make more sense– the spiritual science is revealed. A picture of the universe and one's role in it yields esoteric knowledge that is so sought after and so little found.

Questions at HQ: Reincarnation

Reincarnation is a theory that is discussed in CSII. There are two chapters dedicated to the topic. You will find that Zain has a dim view of the reincarnation theory. This point of view is a position difficult for many to hear because the theory of human reincarnation has become so readily accepted. When one compares the alternative most of us in the west have learned, heaven and hell, it seems a much more evolved way of viewing the progression of the soul. My recommendation is that you read the material with an open mind and apply the principle Zain exhorts us all to follow which is to accept nothing he says as true until we have proven or disproven it for ourselves. Having some background may create a better context for the strength of the position he expounds. Reincarnation made its first appearance into Western Esoteric or Mystery school tradition when H. P. Blavatsky traveled into India. There she was introduced to the idea of human reincarnation and when she came back to the west she made a break with The Hermetic Brotherhood and founded the Theosophical order. It was not an amicable split. This is partly because the principles of reincarnation seem to be in direct contradiction to the concept of "progressive evolution" whereby the material plane is one of many planes where the soul evolves its spiritual capability. In many ways the theory of HR ties the soul to this plane rather than expands the awesome potential of the soul to recover from the mistakes made in the human form while occupying a more highly evolved form...in other words we don't have to be perfect to move on...the divine plan is forgiving with many opportunities for redemption beyond the human form.

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