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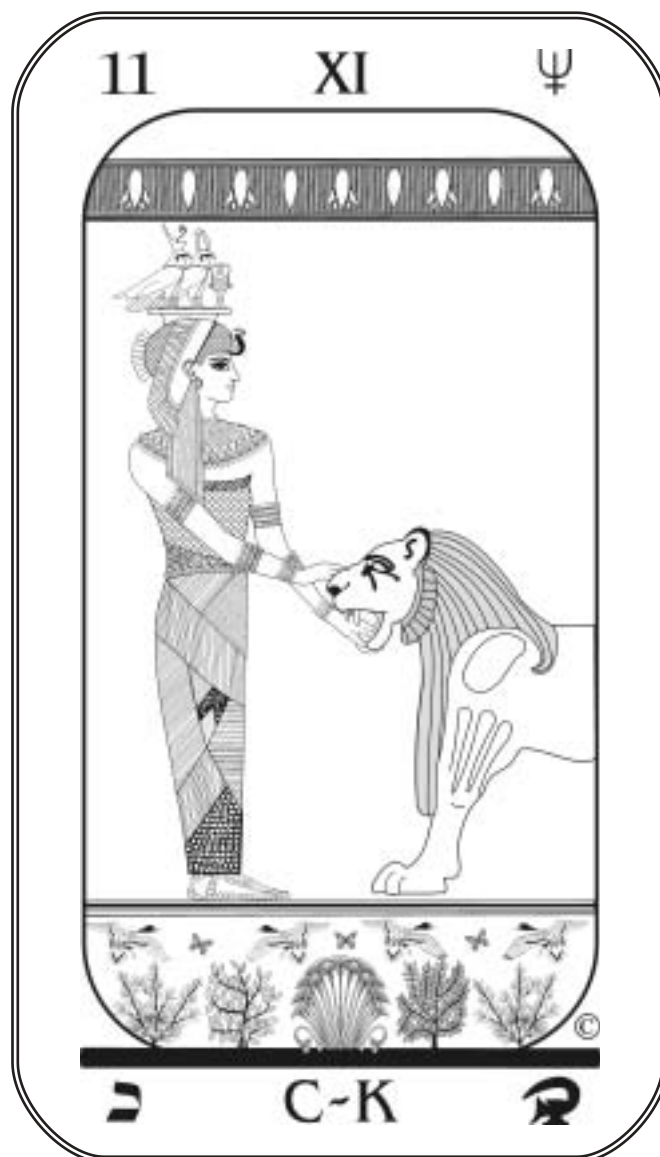
Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XII ***The Enchantress***

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Ideals are ruled by Neptune. They imply a use of the imagination. And no others can exercise their imaginations for weal [well-being] or for woe half so potently as those in whose birth charts the planet Neptune is unusually prominent. Such have the ability not merely to image things vividly in their own minds, but also possess an exceptional power to convey such images convincingly to the minds of others. By the power of mental images, so conceived as to give the proper suggestion, and otherwise unreinforced, Neptune minds are able to manipulate the desires of those they contact, and thus control their actions.

Uranus, which is prominent in the birth charts of all orators, as determined by The Brotherhood of Light in an analysis of the birth charts of jury lawyers, and politicians of the speech making type, whose hour of birth is known, sways people through the electromagnetic field of force such persons radiate from their high-tension nerve currents. These etheric energies invade the nervous systems



of those in their presence, generating similar electric currents in them, which for the time being dominate their thoughts. More subtle methods may, or may not be used, but the chief avenue by which an individual of the Uranian type influences the thoughts and conduct of others, is through magnetic control.

Pluto, when prominent in a birth chart, generates electrical energies of higher frequency and shorter wavelengths than either Uranus or Neptune. They are specially adapted to long distance transmission, or even to communication between the astral and the physical plane. But they rely on vigor and force to accomplish their result, rather than upon the infiltration of some image, such as Neptune commonly employs. And all too often, whether between planes or merely between those on the earth, the demands of Pluto are accompanied

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Paul Brewer

I had the opportunity recently to view parts of the scholarly PBS *Frontline* series on the life of Jesus and the early Christian era. This four hour series, "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians", tells the story of how a small Jewish sect grew to be one of the world's great religions. Drawing on the latest discoveries, theories and archeological evidence, and presented as a series of conversations with scholars including New Testament theologians, archaeologists, and historians, the series challenges many common notions about who Jesus was, where he came from and how Christianity evolved. (You can read and listen to most of the presentation at pbs.org.)

The new historical reconstructions are fascinating, and they give further insight into the socio-centric theme that runs through both Judaism and Christianity: the concept of a "chosen people" and the expectation of special favors from Deity. During the time of Jesus, the most prevalent "religion" in the Roman Empire was paganism, characterized by the Greco-Roman gods, whose whimsical and capricious nature seemed to them consistent with the unfathomable conditions that befall humanity. People spent a good deal of time trying to cajole favors from one god or another.

Even the monotheistic belief of the Jews was characterized by special conditions. They were the "chosen people."

"For thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that [are] upon the face of the earth." [[Deuteronomy 7:6](#)]

As the chosen ones, they were deserving of special favors. The Old Testament is apocalyptic and God's historical interventions are a common theme.

Initially, the Christians consisted of mostly Jews, but soon spread to include Gentiles from all areas of the Roman Empire. They evolved within the philosophical framework that embraced both the jealous and impulsive Greco-Roman gods and the vengeful, paternalistic god of the Jews. They took much of this heritage with them. Two-thousand years later, Evangelical Christians today preach that the one and only path is through Jesus Christ, believe that they are the chosen ones and regularly ask God to grant special favors.



The reflective person would ask why God would favor one people or religion over another. The answer is readily gleaned from the Book of Nature, which reveals a Cosmos of vast diversity. Evidently, God placed great value on diversity, which, among other things, is a catalyst for evolutionary progress. Still, we humans are strongly influenced by an ethnocentricity that very likely had survival benefits for the

species at some time in the past. The concept of a favored group with special permissions is a natural outgrowth of such ethos.

The desire for deific gratuities is, for example, inherent in the concept of asking for God's blessing. Implied in the thought that one has been blessed is the idea that one has been favored with good fortune and abundance. Visualize the American athlete who, after making a splendid scoring effort, points to the heavens as if to thank God for the athletic talent with which he or she has been blessed, as if by special favor.

When Americans, predominantly Christian, say "God Bless America", as they often do these days, they are asking God for a special dispensation. Is it wrong to do so? If we ask God to exclusively bless our particular group (country, state, school, etc.) without consideration for the common

good, then it is inappropriate because we are asking for a special advantage. Rather than a God of Diversity, it invokes a god of special interests. It sends a message to others, those who are not American and/or not Christian, that we are better than they are and deserve special consideration.

Praying for our favorite hockey team to be victorious is seeking special favor. Such activity would fall in the category of gray magic. This kind of thinking promotes exclusivity and is anathema to the perspective that seeks the greater good. As Stellanians, we understand that God does not have a favorite people, does not care what our religion is, and will not intervene on behalf of our favorite hockey team.

When, however, we say "God Bless You" to someone, we often feel a sense of spiritual power directed at that person, but coming from within ourselves. We are not actually asking God to intervene on that person's behalf, but rather we, ourselves, are providing the blessing, whether we know it or not. This spiritual power comes from within us by virtue of our own divinity. It radiates love and evokes the help of all manner of beings and things, to the benefit of that person who is the object of our blessing.

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by a threat. Too frequently there is the implication, You do this, or else!

Neptune, however, operates in a very different manner. He conveys, either to the conscious mind or to the unconscious mind, an image which by its power of suggestion shall enlist the desire-energies of the unconscious mind, and by diverting them toward the realization of this image, brings about that which has been decided. Neptune uses no violence and no display of force. It relies upon the quiet power of suggestion, which often is conveyed from one mind to another without the recipient being aware that his actions are being influenced.

The fifth house of the natural chart is the house of love affairs and pleasures, and it is ruled by the sign Leo, symbolized among the constellations as a Lion. Thus the Lion became a universal symbol of desire, and is so used repeatedly in the Bible. When the desire was spiritual the king of beasts was represented in his beneficial sense, as when Christ is termed a Lion of the tribe of Juda; but when the desire was gross, such as leads to destruction, the beast was shown antagonistic, as when the devil is mentioned as a roaring Lion.

When, therefore, Samson, in love with a girl, was met by a young lion which roared against him, it is to be inferred, especially as his parents disapproved, that he was beset by passions which raged within. But, as is set forth at considerable length, his life up to this time had been without blemish in thought or action, his mother being carefully instructed

Prayer and asking God for help are often beneficial and to be encouraged. Both conscious and unconscious beings are the agents of Deity, and it is through their initiative in responding to our pleas, that we are helped. That is why the Stellanian Closing Ritual asks

"...let ministers of Thine guard our footsteps and light our pathway that we may not stumble in our blindness."

and the Stellanian Grace Before Meals affirms

"Consecrate this food we are about to partake of, to our bodies, to our souls, and to ministers of Thine who may be present."

In the Hermetic tradition, which is the basis for our Stellanian beliefs, the blessing of Deity is inherent in each of us because our spirit is an emanation from Deity. No further blessing is required nor should we expect the Infinite One to grant us special favors. The Blessing of Deity is there for all of us to share through our own initiative and the initiative of others both here and hereafter. That Blessing is the Gift of Life – the One Miracle – the Amazing Grace. God blessed us all. 🐾

even before his birth. Thus was the young lion easily conquered; and Whatever his thoughts for the moment may have been, they were quickly vanquished by suggestive images of a more spiritual kind.

Whatever house of the birth chart Neptune occupies, the department of life thus ruled is in some manner dramatized; and dramatization is due chiefly to suggestive appeals to the imagination which enlist the desires and thus give rise to emotion. People who have Neptune in the house of business, for instance, have ability as promoters, because they can convey the images of hoped for results effectively to the minds of other people, and enlist their desires, symbolized by the Lion of Arcanum XI, sufficiently to cause them to invest money. For example, the birth chart of William T. Grant, founder and owner of the W. T. Grant and Co., Chain Department Stores, shows Neptune almost exactly on the cusp of the house of business (10th). The chain this man built up embraced 375 stores, which are reported to have sold over 75 million dollars worth of goods in 1929.

Or if we wish the chart of one who makes dramatic work his profession, and has been successful in promoting his own talents, Clark Gable has Neptune in the house of business (10th). Through his art he has been able to suggest to millions of women the ideal man; the kind in their imaginations they would like their husband or sweetheart to be.

Radio work is ruled by the ninth house. One, therefore, who does such work, and has Neptune in this house of his chart of birth, has ability to dramatize his performances, giving

them a suggestive power that will enlist the desires of his listeners. Such a chart has Ben Bernie, the orchestra leader whose radio programs have gained such wide popularity.

Billy Sunday had Mars conjunction Jupiter on the cusp of the house of personality (1st), in opposition to Pluto, old-time fog of the underworld. He was religious, as the rising Jupiter implies; and he was active and aggressive, as indicated by the rising Mars. The opposition aspect to Pluto gave him a great determination to vanquish the devil. At the same time, Neptune made the sextile to Pluto and the trine to both Jupiter and Mars, from the house of entertainment (5th). Sunday was able to dramatize his knockdown drag-out fights with Satan so vividly that people thronged to see the show; and so powerful was the suggestive power of his performance that thousands flocked down the sawdust trail to seek the salvation which he so dramatically offered.

Edith Cavell, the British war nurse who became a martyr and a heroine, had Neptune in the house of work and illness (6th). She dramatized the care of the afflicted so successfully that she became the head of a hospital training other nurses. And during the war she felt she had a special work, and did it, even though executed by German soldiers for so doing. This allegiance to her self-imposed task, in the face of almost certain death, made her one of the most dramatic figures of the World War.

Such men as Bernard Shaw and David Lloyd George, who constantly dramatize themselves, and keep before the public what they do, have Neptune in the house of personality (1st). And thus could one cite charts with Neptune in each of the other houses, all indicating that this planet works more powerfully than any other upon the imagination, and that the department of life shown by the house it occupies is in some manner dramatized and powerfully influenced by suggestion.

When the ancient masters of stellar science, recognizing this principle, which we now know to be mapped in a birth chart by the planet Neptune, decided to hand down some explanation of it to far distant posterity through the language of symbolical pictograph, to indicate the mildness of suggestions which have almost irresistible power, they pictured them as a maiden.

Neptune is the higher octave of Venus, the planet of love. Therefore is the crown which the maiden wears surmounted by a vase, which is a symbol of the affections. And as Neptune tends to idealize and to bring a renunciation of the lower aspects of sex, this vase of the affections is still further crowned by eagles, to indicate the trend which Neptune imparts toward spiritualizing love.

The eagles are two in number, to indicate the longing which a prominent Neptune stimulates, especially when in the house of love or the house of marriage, for an ideal mate. These inner longings which Neptune gives when his influence is felt in reference to affectional matters, often are not

fortunate in this practical workaday world; for such inner promptings give a feeling that somewhere is a true spiritual mate, and could he be found that soul would respond to soul in ecstatic harmony, and quite apart from expressions which are physical.

Yet we live in a physical world, and if we are to be successful in it we must adjust ourselves to its requirements. But regarding those things in our lives which Neptune by its house position in our chart of birth rules, we are apt to live in an imaginary and ideal world. If Neptune is in the house of marriage, for instance, we endow the partner-to-be with all the attributes which we desire he should possess; we build an ideal image, and worship at its shrine. And because we have expected so much, our disappointment is proportionally greater when harsh reality intrudes and we find that which we had deemed to be perfect, full of imperfections.

The world of physical reality, with its sharp corners and jarring contacts, often becomes too painful to the supersensitive nerves of those with Neptune unusually prominent in their birth charts. Weary of the conflict to adjust themselves to conditions which to them are full of pain, they flee from that which has become so disagreeable. The typical introvert always has Neptune prominent in his chart of birth. And when the mental planets also are afflicted, such an individual in his flight from reality may suffer a nervous breakdown, develop some peculiar phobia, or even live so completely in a world of his own creation that he becomes quite helpless and a burden on society.

Those who become nuns and monks, who renounce the world and its temptations for what they deem to be a spiritual life, usually have a prominent birth chart Neptune. Saint Therese, for instance, the latest saint to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, had Neptune in her seventh house, in opposition to Mars in her first, in square to Saturn in her fourth, and in sextile to Venus, which was the ruler of her rising sign. Not only must one have ideals to become a saint, but one must, through the suggestive power of those ideals, strongly influence the lives of many others.

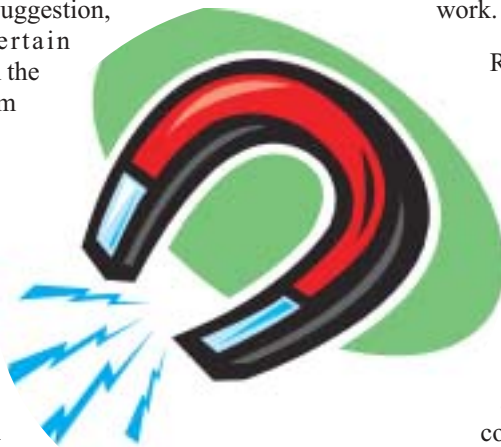
Progressed aspects to Neptune, even those considered harmonious, frequently bring some renunciation or separation. The individual, seeking some more ideal condition, or grown tired of the sensual and gross, leaves the environment he previously has occupied. Perhaps he separates from old-time friends, renounces love in its more physical aspects, retires from business, or makes something of a hermit of himself. It is seldom that a strong progressed aspect to Neptune passes without some renunciation. The new energy received by the thought-cells within his unconscious mind mapped by Neptune give them greater activity, and they express it through increasing the desires for that which is utopian in reference to the things which Neptune rules in the chart. To realize that which the individual at the time believes to be more ideal, he must relinquish less satisfactory things which he already has.

When the desire-energies are enlisted in a cause, as they are the motive force behind all organic activity, action for the cause necessarily follows. And nothing seems so potent to divert desire-energies into a decided upon channel as properly applied suggestions. The Lion pictured in Arcanum XI is the symbol of desires. And the maiden in this tarot picture called THE ENCHANTRESS, is portrayed as opening and closing without effort, with her hands, the jaws of this angry lion. Thus did those who designed the picture convey the information to those willing to read, that the power of Neptune, working through suggestion, lies in the proper manipulation of desires.

Let us consider this power in the light of recent investigations; for we now know that the desires of the thought-cells and thought organizations within the astral body are not merely the source of our three-dimensional behavior, but also of those four-dimensional activities which attract events into the life. To the extent they are energetic do they attract the attention of the unconscious mind and to the extent the attention is thus called to those images by which they can be realized, are their energies released in that direction.

For instance, a sensation arriving from the external environment, an emotion released by a thought, a statement received as a suggestion, associates with certain thought-groups already in the astral body, giving them temporarily new energy, and temporarily thus increasing the power of the desires in the group to such an extent that action, both three-dimensional and four-dimensional, results. That is, whatever desire is temporarily dominant determines what images shall be presented to the attention. Desires which at the time have less energy, perhaps through not connecting up with some external source such as an objective thought, or visual image, receive proportionately less attention.

Now let us consider that throughout its biologic past the unconscious mind has been conditioned, or trained, to release desire energy in the direction of the image, or thought, which was the focus of its attention. In fact, attention is the focusing of desire energies. To the extent past associations permit the thought-cells and thought organizations within the astral body to be connected up with the image then present, are there desire energies temporarily diverted into an attempt to fulfill that image.



Thus it is that whatever image is the subject of attention, both the three-dimensional activities and the four-dimensional activities tend in its direction. They strive for movement to make the picture a reality, whatever it may be, because throughout all its past the soul has given orders to its various parts and to its physical organs and functions by using the language of such pictures.

Few things are of greater importance than that which The Enchantress design teaches, not only in the application of suggestion, but in the use of thought for any purpose: than to realize that to the extent a given image is able to attract the attention of the unconscious mind, is there three-dimensional and four-dimensional movement toward that image.

The desire energies are diverted into the image irrespective of whether it is something beneficial or destructive. It is not for the thought-cells and thought groups of the unconscious mind to discuss the merits of the matter. They have been trained to release their energies in the direction of whatever was before the attention, and this they do. Only to the extent other and contrary desires are able to capture some portion of the attention of the unconscious mind are they able to release their energies in activity. But if they are strong, they keep continually tugging to get some share of the attention, and thus enough supplementary energy to enable them to work.

Resemblance closely associates opposite images. Black is thus associated with white, sweet with sour, pain with pleasure, moving forward with running away. So that unless a suggestion is applied with some consideration for the manner in which the unconscious mind already has been conditioned, or trained, instead of bringing the suggested image, or course of activity, to the attention, the previous associations may readily bring before the attention the opposite image. Suggested bravery thus may bring to the attention of the unconscious mind the image of cowardly actions that have been taken in the past and still further condition the individual in the direction of cowardice. Suggested health may bring before the attention of the unconscious mind the various images of illness in the past, and Condition the individual still further in the direction of illness.

Therefore, in the application of suggestion, that it may not have the opposite effect from that intended, a technique must be employed that will insure that the attention is directed to the proper image. This technique should be such that little conflict is developed. And it should as completely as possible hold the image vividly and persistently before the attention of the unconscious mind. It is because people with Neptune prominent in their birth charts see such images more vividly than other people do that they respond more readily to suggestion, and have the power to influence others through the mental pictures they encourage.

The most satisfactory condition for getting the complete and undivided attention of the unconscious mind to an image or idea is when, through some process, the objective mind is placed in a state of quiescence so that the reasoning process is stopped. Reasoning brings a succession of images, the process requiring a weighing and comparing of different viewpoints. To the extent, therefore, that the critical faculties are thus active, is the attention moved from one image to another.

Furthermore, in reasoning, the energies of the unconscious mind — the desire-energies of the thought-cells and stellar organization pictured by the Lion whose mouth the maid in Arcanum XI manipulates — are connected by energies with the brain cells and flow strongly outward. This outward flowing of the energies, commonly called being positive, is unfavorable for permitting any image to impress itself upon the thought organization.

That is, when the energies are flowing strongly outward, as they tend to do in objective thinking, that activity hinders the reception of a thought or image by the unconscious mind. But when the objective mind is relaxed, the thought or image meets no such outward energy. The person then is said to be in a negative state, and the image or thought, meeting no resistance is able strongly to impress the unconscious mind. Thus it attracts a large amount of the unconscious attention.

It is not necessary that a person should be asleep or hypnotized to be open to suggestions. The hypnotist gives his commands, once his subject is asleep, in a positive and forceful tone of voice. And because they are thus positive and forceful, they the more surely register and attract the attention of the unconscious mind. Yet when a person speaks to himself in such a forceful manner he is almost sure to be exercising his objective mind. That is, his energies are radiating outward, and he is not in a state of reception.

Instead of being so vigorous, if the individual will relax and permit himself to become drowsy, or at least in a dreamy state of consciousness which is on the borderline of sleep, and repeat the suggestion to himself in a droning sing-song voice, or think it over and over with barely enough energy to keep the thought present, and thinking of nothing else in particular, just let the mind drift, he will be using the best method to cause the suggestion properly to register.

At night, just before going to sleep, while in that state when objective thought has almost entirely ceased, or in the morning while between the sleeping and the fully awakened state, is commonly the most convenient time to attain this negative condition in which the unconscious mind is most receptive to suggestion. As long as thoughts about the day's work flow through the mind, or as soon as they commence in the morning after waking, the energies are radiating outward, and the receptivity to that extent is hindered.

Clinics where suggestion is employed therapeutically have found that suggestion commonly can be applied quite as effectively without inducing the hypnotic sleep. And by observing the necessary conditions, such as avoiding statements that set up conflicts or such as encourage an image which is the opposite of the effect sought, and by applying the suggestion while the mind is free from radiating thoughts but instead is on the borderline toward the sleeping state, the individual can apply suggestion to himself quite as effectively as it can be applied by another.

Suggestion, to which Neptune people are peculiarly susceptible, and which they also most effectively can apply, gains its force through the age old habit of the unconscious mind to divert as many desire-energies — symbolized by the Lion in the picture — as possible into the performance of the act, or into the establishing of the condition, which is held before the attention.

To the extent other images or desires claim the attention of the unconscious mind, is energy drained from the one image into them. Thus the proper application of suggestion requires a technic in which the image decided upon is presented to the unconscious mind without connecting up, or bringing to the attention, images or desires which are opposed to its realization. The more completely the image is able to dominate the attention of the unconscious mind, the more desire-energy from non-opposing thought groups is made available for its use. Such are the teachings, set forth in a modern language, which the ancient sages sought to depict in reference to Neptune, by the Enchantress who so easily makes the Lion do her bidding.



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Divination

Apples and Oranges!

Comparing the Runes with The Brotherhood of Light Tarot Tradition

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Yes Indeed! Apples and oranges! Trying to compare the Runes and the Major Arcana of the Tarot, BofL Tradition, is like trying to compare apples and oranges.

I recently went through an exercise of trying to find correlations between the Runes and the Tarot Major Arcana. I hit upon the idea of using the phonetic sounds for the various runes and correlating them to the English letter and the Hebrew letter correspondences for each of the Major Arcana. The results of my work are shown in the following table. Please note that I ADVISE AGAINST MIXING THE TWO DIFFERENT DIVINATORY SYSTEMS. They are based upon different environmental, social, and cultural conditions, and incorporate different religious, ethical, philosophical and initiatory paradigms.

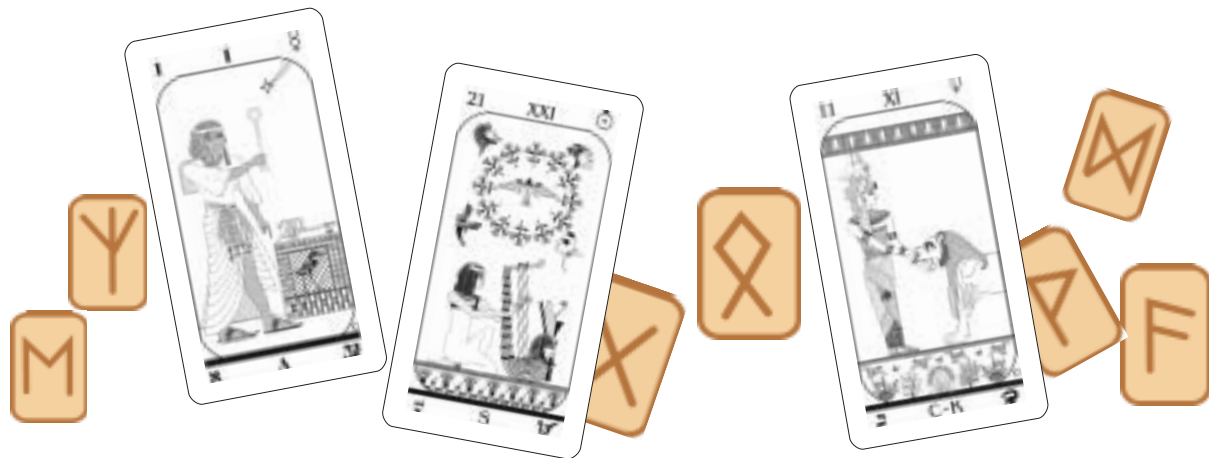
Each system is associated with the symbolic cultural archetypes; which may have a few actual cross correlations. However, keep in mind that symbols have both evocative and invocative capabilities. It is best to keep the divinatory process clear and free of extraneous, conflicting, confusing and spurious imagery.

The Runes are reflective of the cultural myths and initiatory process of early historic north and central Europe. They are very “earthy”, simple (only a symbol), made from clay or wood, and frequently copper, and, modernly, etched stones.

The Tarot Arcana are more “airy”. They are, archaically, made out of thin slices of painted wood, and, modernly, printed on hard paper cardstock. In addition to alphabetical, astrological, and numerological symbology, they contain complete scenes of archetypical human endeavor, and religious, philosophical, ethical and occult concepts having their roots in ancient Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilization.

Neither system is “better” than the other. They are merely different. Some people get good results with the Runes. Others get good results with the Tarot. Still others get good results with either. If one is a down-to-earth, right from the heart, shamanistically disposed, earth magic Wicca type, or Pagan type, the Runes are probably one’s forte. On the other hand, if one is a more esoterically inclined occultist with star-craft, alchemy, and ceremonial magic among one’s abiding interests, the Tarot is most likely one’s divinatory tool of choice.

I find that the country and climate I am in, and my dominant mood of the moment, will affect the method I choose. It is like the situationally adaptive eclecticism, “When in Rome, do as the Romans do”. 🐾



Runes - Compiled From R. Blum, S. Knight & E. Thorsson							Tarot Major Arcana The Brotherhood of Light Tradition				
Hebrew	Numerical Value	Name	Rune	Sound	Name	Divinatory Association	English	Number	Astrol. Corresp.	Name	Divinatory Association
א	1	Aleph	ᚠ	"aa"	Ansuz 4	Signals, consciousness, communication, reason	A	1	♄	The Magus	Will, Dexterity
ב	2	Beth Bheth	ᚢ	"b"	Berkana 18	Growth, nurturing, concealment, protection	B	2	♁	Veiled Isis	Science
ג	3	Gimmel	ᚦ	"g"	Gebo 7	Partnership, gift, mystical union, ecstasy	G	3	♁	Isis Unveiled	Marriage, Action
ד	4	Daleth	ᚩ	"d" "th"	Dagaz 23	Breakthrough (of light) enlightenment, well-being	D	4	♆	The Sovereign	Realization
ה	5	Hē	ᚱ	"e"	Ehwaz 19	Movement (between realms) journey in consciousness	E	5	♃	The Hierophant	Religion, Law
ו	6	Waw	ᚹ	"u" or "oo"	Uruz 2	Strength, growth gained by overcoming obstacles	U	6	♀	The Two Paths	Temptation;
"	"	"	ᚰ	"v"			V	"	"	"	The balance between liberty & necessity;
"	"	"	ᚷ	"w"	Wunjo 8	Joy, good fortune, reward, happiness	W	"	"	"	The knowledge of good & evil
ז	7	Zayin	ᚵ	"s"	Sowilo 16	The Sun; journey; power; wholeness; Victory (latertimes)	Z	7	♂	The Conqueror	Victory
"	"	"	ᚶ	"z"	Algiz 15	Protection, spirit, movement towards divine	"	"	"	"	"
ח	8	Heth	ᚨ	"h"	Hogalaz 9	Disruption, transformation, change, the past, hail.	CH H	8	♁	The Balance	Justice or Equilibrium
ט	9	Teth	ᚥ	"th"	Thurisaz 3	Gateway; breaks down barriers setting stage for new beginnings	TH	9	♁	The Sage	Wisdom or Prudence
"	"	"	ᚩ	"d" "th"	Dagaz 23	Breakthrough (of light), enlightenment, well-being	"	"	"	"	"
י	10	Yod	ᚱ	"i"	Isa 11	Stasis, constraint, standstill, gradual integration	I	10	♁	The Wheel	Change of Fortune, Indicates transition to a new phase or plane of existence
"	"	"	ᚱ	"e&i"	Eihwaz 13	Communication, knowledge, death, regeneration	"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	ᚱ	"i" or "y"			J	"	"	"	
"	"	"	ᚱ	"y"	Jera 12	Life cycle, or yearly cycle of the Sun; harvest	Y	"	"	"	
כ	20	Kaph Khaph	ᚫ	"k"	Kenaz 6	Opening the fire of spirit that lights the darkness, as the inner light, the emotional root of creativity, related to Dutch word, "kunst"	K C	11	♁	The Enchantress	Spiritual Power or Fortitude
ל	30	Lamed	ᚲ	"l"	Laguz 21	Flow, fluidity, life energy, the tidal ebb & flow of energy	L	12	♁	The Martyr	Sacrifice or Expiation
מ	40	Mem	ᚴ	"m"	Mannaz 20	The Self; the complete human being; body & soul	M	13	♁	The Reaper	Death or Transformation
נ	50	Nun	ᚵ	"n"	Naudhiz 10	Constraint, transformative necessity; mend, restore, redress	N	14	♁	The Alchemist	Regeneration or Temperance
ס	60	Samekh	ᚶ	"k+s"	Kenaz + Sowilo	Knowledge of form and pattern and relationship	X	15	♁	The Black Magician	Fatality, Black Magic
ע	70	'Ayin	ᚷ	"o"	Othala 24	Separation or Oneness; all or nothing; "own land"	O	16	♁	The Lightning	Accident or Catastrophe
פ	80	Pē	ᚸ	"p"	Perdhro 14	Chances; interaction of free will & destiny; luck; balance	P PH	17	♁	The Star	Truth, Hope or Faith
צ	"	Phē	ᚹ	"f"	Fehu 1	Directed, expansive power; mobile wealth; nourishment; cattle	F	"	"	"	"
ק	90	Şade	ᚺ	"t+s" "t+z"	Tiwaz + Sowilo or Algiz	Spirit warrior; self sacrifice + journey or + movement towards divine	TS, TZ (SH)	18	♁	The Moon	Deception, False Friends, Secret Foes
ר	100	Qof	ᚫ	"k"	Kenaz 6	Opening, the fire of spirit that lights the darkness	Q	19	♁	The Sun	Happiness and Joy
ש	200	Resh	ᚱ	"r"	Raidho 5	A journey, the ultimate reunion that comes at the end of it.	R	20	♁	The Sarcophagus	Awakening or Resurrection
ת	300	Shin	ᚱ	"s+h"	Sowilo + Hagalaz	Wholeness, lifes forces, self-realization, Sun's energy + Transformation	SH	21	♁	The Adept	Success or Attainment
"	"	Sin	ᚵ	"s"	Sowilo 16	The Sun, journey, power, wholeness	S	"	"	"	"
ת	400	Taw	ᚱ	"t"	Tiwaz 17	Spiritual warrior; self-sacrifice; victory over self	T or L	22 0	♁	The Materialist	Failure, Folly & Mistake (or Spirituality)
"	"	Thaw	ᚥ	"th"; "d.th"	Thurisaz; Dagaz	Gateway + Breakthrough (of light); enlightenment	TH or TH	"	"	The Fool	
			ᚫ	"ng"	Ingwaz 22	The unknowable; your own true destiny; undiluted potential; at the same time pregnant and empty; all that is to be actualized; the source from which flows the energy for self change; self transformation; dark of the moon					<i>by Jonathan 2003</i>



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The Tablets of Aeth

**Tablet The Eighth
Scorpio ♏**

“A wide, arid plain, on it a skeleton; a dull, gray sky, in which an Eagle soars, full-fed, it seems, from the flesh of the skeleton.”



*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

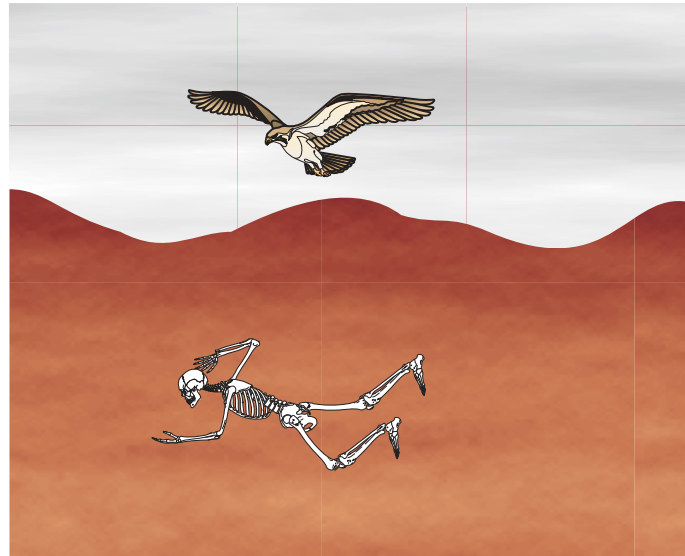
At the end of physical life we find we are actually spiritual beings, this knowledge given us in our relationship with the Higher Mind. The treasures or gold we bring with us are that of love and truth. The seemingly insignificant gesture of kindness created and put into motion eternally spirals into divine inspirations of pleasure and joy for all.

There is a Higher creative love that endures the hazards of physical life to surmount difficulties, agitation, intensity, obstacles, and conflicts that could have caused separations that in its accomplishment speaks louder than words or acts and says something of the quality of the soul. This is the creative love that finds and plots even secret ways for other’s spiritual development. This is the enduring love that does that extra chore and provides that extra secure hand to provide wholeness where perhaps there was none before so that the soul may grow enough in significance that a balance may be individually achieved. This is the love that enables another soul to know that no matter what, this other soul knows “someone loves and thinks highly of me”. This is the love that goes beyond the physical sexual relationship to love, hold, and embrace the soul forever and ever.

It is that same creative force that created light out of darkness that enables your creativity. You are both the skeleton and the Eagle. Enable your Higher Mind and create therefore drawing from your continually growing basis of truth and love, ways to help and love one another. In the end it is not the struggle or the fight itself but the loving persistence with which your soul soared into the sky to help others soar with you.. ✨



From the Light of Egypt, Vol. II by T.H. Burgoyne "...The Tablets of AETH, ...constitute a spiritual astrology, a spiritual science of the stars, void of mathematics, yet possessing all the exactitude of figures, constructed on the principles of astronomy, yet expressed by the methods of the Kabbalah...."



"A wide, arid plain, on it a skeleton; a dull, grey sky, in which an Eagle soars, full-fed, it seems, from the flesh of the skeleton"

VIII

Scorpio

REFLECTION

TABLET THE EIGHTH

"A significant symbol to the seer, showing forth the two ultimates of life and death, of earthly things and sex. Scorpio is both the eagle of the spirit, soaring aloft, well-fed with all that is worth carrying away from the earth; and also the scorpion, whose natural home is the desert.

In sex, either way, life is given. Shall it be to your spirit making fat and full your immortal self, or will the other interpretation be yours? And will you leave yourself dead and annihilated, a skeleton, to the Ego, the Divine spirit?

For sex is indeed the foundation of all. Raised to the region of Libra, it is power and magnetism. To the bosom it is love; to the brain it is enthusiasm. It is the Promethean fire of life, the creative force, giving vigor to whatever region to which it is raised; or lowered, to be spent with no returns, it debases and renders life a desert of dry bones."

O child of Adam! Reflect on the fall of man from spirit to matter, and combine the wisdom of the serpent with the purity of the dove, and "lest ye partake of the tree of life ye shall surely die."



The Golden Key

America Though the Lens of Astrology....

Vicki Brewer

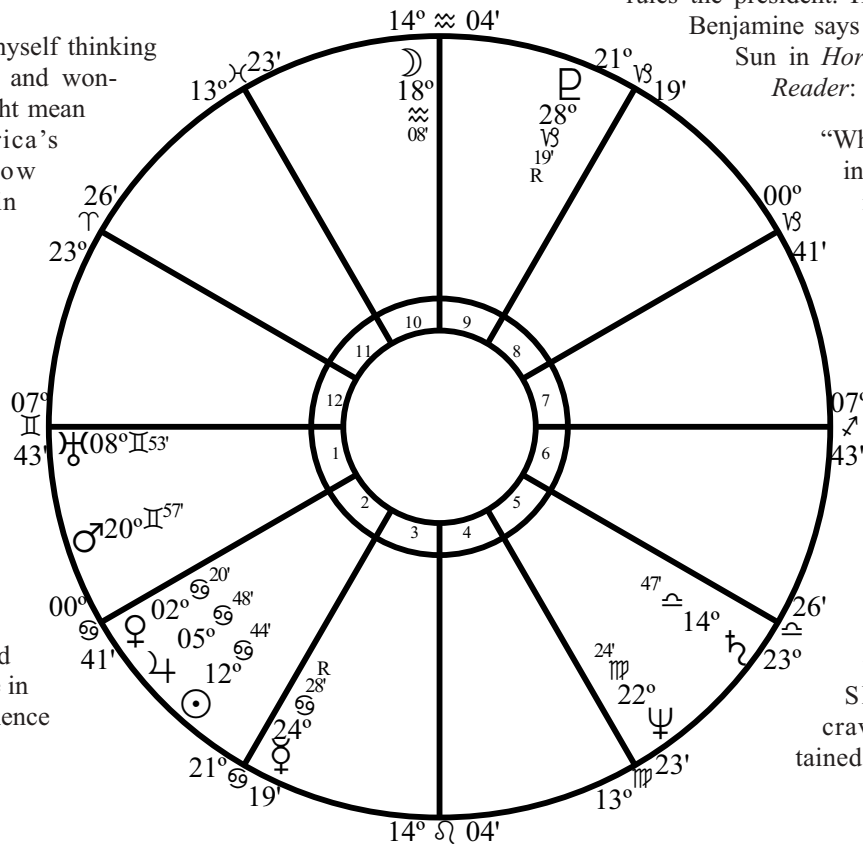
A few years ago, Dennis Sutton of Australia remarked about the USA's chart, "You know America has a discordant Sun...and that means it has an inferiority complex". I laughed a little, thought to myself it made some sense, and then let it go.

Lately, I've found myself thinking about what he said and wondered what that might mean in terms of America's character and how America behaves in the world.

Its birthchart reflects a Sun that is not powerful by *Astrodynes* (7.64% power) but, because it is the Sun and therefore relates to the **POWER URGES** it cannot be ignored. Additionally, because the Sun occupies the 2nd most powerful house in the chart, it's prominence is accentuated.

The Sun's position in the birthchart and the aspects it makes indicate the seat of individuality, drive for significance, vitality, relations with those in power and those over whom the nation has power. In general the Sun rules the president. Here is what Elbert Benjamine says about a discordant Sun in *Horoscope Maker and Reader*:

"When the Sun is prominent and afflicted the individual may think he is entitled to exercise authority for which he is completely unsuited. And to increase his feeling of significance, he may brag and be egotistical. Therefore, as early as possible he should realize that the **RULERSHIP** which he craves cannot be attained through bragging



PLANETS		
	Power	% Harmony
♂	72.73	12.1 -1.51
☽	68.12	11.3 14.97
MC	62.60	10.4 14.16
♀	55.99	9.3 8.86
♃	53.99	9.0 24.84
♆	53.01	8.8 7.64
ASC	49.51	8.2 5.68
♄	47.31	7.8 2.79
☉	44.63	7.4 -4.36
♁	41.19	6.8 -3.12
♀	28.59	4.7 -5.87
♃	<u>25.43</u>	<u>4.2 -8.39</u>
	603.10	100.0 55.69

HOUSES		
	Power	% Harmony
1	189.54	20.3 8.88
2	188.67	20.2 36.83
10	155.80	16.7 31.73
5	87.03	9.3 -8.54
9	64.85	6.9 -1.73
3	62.65	6.7 1.61
12	50.36	5.4 1.46
6	42.23	4.5 3.85
7	27.00	2.9 12.42
8	23.65	2.5 1.39
4	22.32	2.4 -2.18
11	19.86	2.1 4.11

SIGNS		
	Power	% Harmony
♁	251.32	26.9 38.44
♈	189.54	20.3 8.88
♊	155.80	16.7 31.73
♋	88.50	9.5 -0.34
♌	75.30	8.1 7.22
♍	39.72	4.3 -11.32
♎	36.37	3.9 -0.75
♏	27.00	2.9 12.42
♐	22.32	2.4 -2.18
♑	19.86	2.1 4.11
♒	14.24	1.5 -0.58
♓	14.00	1.5 2.22

or DICTATIVENESS. It can only be attained through acquiring and using abilities that command admiration, and gaining the cooperation of others through a sympathetic consideration of their views and problems.”

The Sun is in the 2nd house. *Horoscope Maker and Reader* says “with the Power thought cells expressing through possessions, desire to attain significance through money is shown. It should be realized that true significance comes through benefitting society.”

Sun in Cancer: “...worst quality is TOUCHINESS... best quality is TENACITY. Rather than becoming upset and touchy when others do not agree with our policies we might want to cultivate the qualities of tenaciously holding onto ideals and goals that benefit the wider, world community such as: world peace; nurturing a healthy environment; nurturing healthy children and families; dignity in work; leisure time to express individuality and spirituality; recognizing the opportunity to nurture the less fortunate among us; choosing to use resources for the benefit of all. ♁



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MB from Attica, NY says:

"...the lessons have greatly improved my vision and quality of life. Applying the lessons in my everyday people experiences is rewarding and quite an adventure. I am actually enjoying life and I have never experienced the degree of control over myself and my circumstances as I now possess. Each day is a good day, for it is the first day of the rest of my life."

Question...

"I have a question that I would like your reply. Of all the courses that I have read, the book of Nature has been mentioned in the majority of them and also in one or two of the Church of Light Quarterlies. Is it possible for you to send me some information about this book and how I can go about buying this book. I deeply feel that the knowledge contained in the Book of Nature will help me understand more of what I'm searching for."

Answer...

In fact, the Book of Nature is not a bound book with a cover and printed pages that can be purchased or acquired...it is the natural world. The Hermetic Tradition teaches that to understand Divine intention one must study Nature.

The assumption is that all of creation is a reflection of God's Great Plan. If one wishes to understand this plan then they must study nature. This is why all of the BofL courses make reference to physics, chemistry, psychology and physiology including an entire volume dedicated to *The Evolution of Life*.

The Stellarian Religion teaches that the only laws that God gives us to live by are the natural laws that are discerned through observation and testing. These natural laws bind all of nature into an integrated, intelligent package or plan. Because the laws that govern all life are undeviating and universal they offer the promise of justice, inclusion and reward for effort.

Above all, the BofL lessons teach about the perils of orthodoxy which relies upon "Divine Authority" or a Holy Book for instruction on how to live and have a relationship with Deity. Rather than placing power in tradition alone (or bible) Stellarians are empowered to observe Nature and prove for themselves what is God's Will and what is their unique role in the Divine Plan.

Zain places emphasis on the "scientific" method as the means by which Nature may be studied. There are many

who say, "God told me" and because of this they claim certain powers etc. The Stellarian approach is to listen to one's inner voice and to also balance this information with an examination of the objective world to determine if a particular line of thinking makes sense. In its purest sense, the role of science is to investigate or "read" the book of nature.

Question....

I recently came across an article on a religious site which was refuting Astrology, based on the way it performs calculations. I've included an excerpt below:

"Astrology came from Babylonia over 4,000 years ago. It was based on the astronomical system-that the sun revolves around the earth, not the earth revolves around the sun. The Babylonian calendar year was divided into 12 months, 6 having 30 days, 6 twenty nine thus making 354 days. So once in a while they would add a 13th month. So: a person born in April called Aries in our Gregorian calendar, in their calendar, should be a Pisces, and an Aquarian you see we are a month ahead. So all of that which you have been reading about yourself is wrong, because you were in the wrong month. The Babylonian Astrological Calendar is a month behind ours."..... Is there any truth to this? If so, that would certainly throw off everything involving any kind of accuracy in calculations.

Answer...

This is one of those cases where a little information is a dangerous thing. It's even more dangerous in the mind of a biased thinker. More than likely the author of the article has never studied astrology or astronomy.

First, astrological calculations are not based on whether the sun revolves around the earth or visa versa. It is based upon the relationship of the planets in the sky to a specific point on the earth at a specific time. So you can see the so called "astronomical system" to which this person bases his/her argument is bogus and has absolutely nothing to do with how an astrological chart is calculated. Even if we still "believed" the sun revolved around the earth it wouldn't matter because the sun isn't the astrological/astronomical point of reference. The issue of the calendar is also bogus. The calendar is a convenient means of tracking the positions of the planets in an ephemeris. The calendar does not determine them.

As to the Pisces/Aries issue he/she mentions..a person's "sign" is based on which 30 degree segment the sun is in starting from the point in space called the Vernal Equinox. This is unaffected by any calendar.

Educational Seminars Commence in New Mexico



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Saturday April 3—9 am—5 pm: Practical Mysticism: This combined astrology and tarot workshop is a repeat of the program offered on January 17. We will focus on the basics of chart interpretation and gaining greater understanding of each participant's chart. The tarot section will guide students to a deeper understanding of tarot archetypes and how to choose the right spread for the right question.

Alameda, New Mexico

Saturday June 26—9 am—5 pm: A Tarot Journey: This day-long retreat is dedicated entirely to the practical application of tarot cards to our daily lives. Comparisons will be made between the Egyptian tarot and other popular decks. We will explore the history of the tarot, its use in divination and how to apply tarot symbolism to dream analysis.

Saturday September 25—9 am—5 pm: Astrodynes and Progressions: Astrodynes help the astrologer to quantify the amount of power, harmony and discord in a chart. Progressions allow us to map the timing of events. This seminar will feature the Church of Light Horoscope© program and emphasize how these two techniques are essential to a Hermetic astrological practice.

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In 2440 BC, a young Egyptian queen, Nitocris, took vengeance upon the murderers of her brother the Pharaoh by inviting all the priests and their co-conspirators to banquet in a special subterranean hall built just for the occasion.

As her guests gorged themselves upon the feast, she opened a sluice gate and flooded the chamber, leaving every last one of them to his death.

—Herodotus' Histories, Book Two, 101-103

Thus began the schism that forced Nitocris' supporters underground and gave birth to the Brotherhood of Light.



1100 years later, two members of the Brotherhood ascended to the throne of Egypt. The second dared to bring the practices of the Brotherhood out of secrecy and desired to reshape an entire nation around them. His name was Amenhotep IV. He adopted a new name to honor his specific awareness of the true nature of the Divine, which he called the "Aten." He called himself Akhen-aten.

The responses to our survey for a Church of Light tour to Egypt continue to flow in. The preferred dates appear to be split between November 2004 and March 2005, leaning somewhat toward the March date.

By special arrangement, our group will have an unprecedented opportunity to spend more time at the site of Tell El-Amarna, the capital of Akhenaten, than any other group has before. Not only will we be able to visit the remains of the temples, but will also be able to see the place believed to be the site of the royal tombs.

Complete the enclosed reply card today with your choice of dates and return to the Church of Light offices. Final dates and arrangements for our Return to Spirit Tour to Egypt will be announced soon!



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Exploring Ancient Egypt...

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- 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.

