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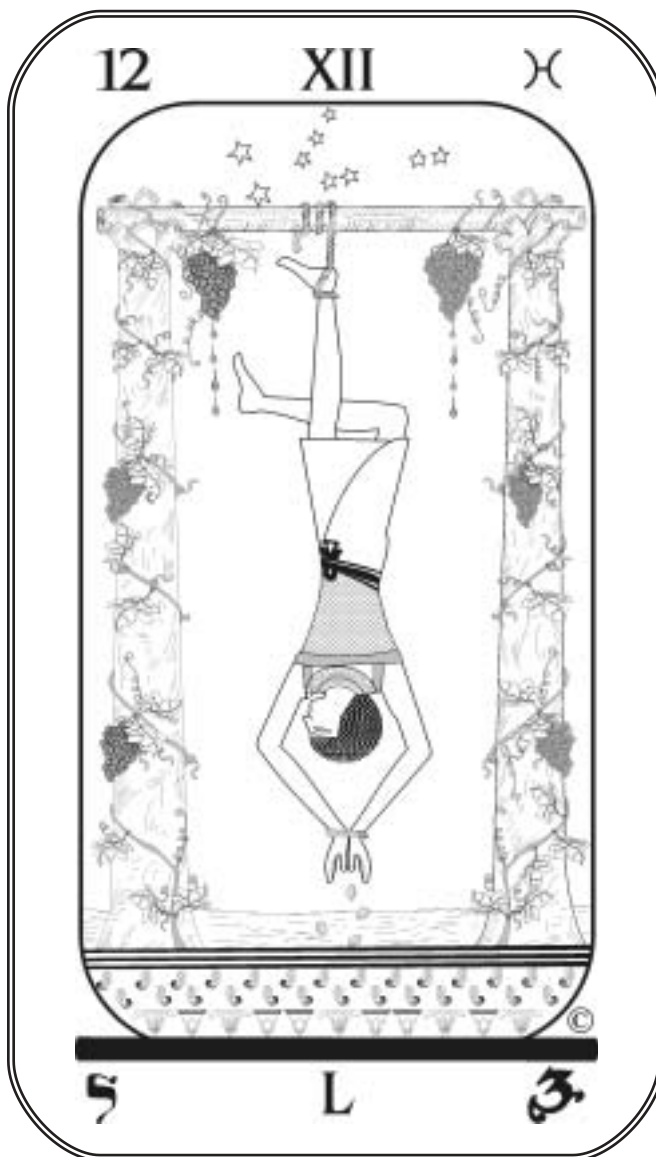
The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XIII The Martyr

Elbert Benjamine

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Other things than the prominence of the sign Pisces undoubtedly are involved when a birth chart shows unmistakable signs that the individual to whom it belongs will have many sorrows and disappointments, will suffer through the influence of secret enemies, or will be persecuted for living according to his own high ideals. For such indications we must chiefly look to heavy afflictions in the twelfth house. Yet so far as signs and planets are concerned, because Pisces is the ruler of this twelfth house in a natural birth chart, none other is so closely associated with these particular afflictions.

In some measure, everyone has experiences of this sort; they mark one distinct and important department of human life. And had the ancient Masters who passed on to us the Wisdom of the Stars neglected to comment on these secret influences which beset our lives, that admirable work which we call the tarot would have been less instructive than it is. But in-



stead of such neglect, they designed Major Arcanum XII, called The Martyr, specifically to explain this twelfth house association of the zodiacal sign Pisces, and the manner in which secret influences work remorselessly not merely against those with Pisces dominant in their charts of birth, but against the welfare of the human race.

In some manner it is probably true that Pisces people, when they take a stand to uphold some high ideal, tend more than do others to attract persecution. One can not read the biography of George Washington, who had the Sun in this Pisces sign, without being struck by the long series of disappointments which attended his efforts to free his countrymen from what he considered a burden of oppression, the bitter denunciations from many of those he sought to help,

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Sacrifice, Martyrdom and Expiation



Christopher Gibson

The mere sound of the keywords used in the above heading can create in our bodies' feelings of tension and discomfort. These are the keywords associated with number twelve of the Major Arcanum aptly titled *The Martyr* or in some decks *The Hanged Man*. In the reprint of the 1938 article by Elbert Benjamine featured in this Quarterly, the author aligns the qualities of sacrifice, sorrow, loss and affliction with the astrological sign of Pisces. In the Christian tradition Pisces roughly corresponds to Lent the forty day period of the liturgical calendar dedicated to voluntary sacrifice and the commemoration of the martyrdom of Christ.

Suffering and pain are a natural part of life, yet are antipathetic to most living creatures. As children we do anything to avoid pain, including lying to evade punishment. As adults part of the maturation process is facing the disagreeable and learning to sacrifice our own needs for those persons or ideals we hold important. Parents sacrifice their own wants and desires to provide what they perceive to be best for their children. Adult children sometimes must look after their aging parents when infirmity may have them dependant and behaving like children again. There are other times when we resign to having our sleep disturbed in order to accommodate the needs of a beloved but aging pet. For some reason to selflessly care for another living creature always requires some sacrifice or discomfort to ourselves.

The conundrum that is represented both in the symbolism of Tarot Arcanum XII and the sign of Pisces is that caring, loving and feeling almost always attract sorrow, loss and anguish. Empathy brings suffering. Loving brings loss. Being fearless and not trying to avoid suffering can be one of the most important steps in developing spiritual maturity. The Brotherhood of Light Lesson on Spiritual Alchemy teaches us that those experiences which appear to be fortunate or unfortunate must be viewed not externally but internally in terms of the impact of the event and the accompanying emotions on the Soul.

The admonition for Arcanum XII in part reads as, "Remember, then, son of earth, that sacrifice is a divine law from which none is exempt..." and reminds us that no one gets off this planet without suffering. From another tradition it was Buddha who said "all of life is suffering." That suffering however, is not equally distributed. We all receive greater or

lesser shares of pain. The conditioning in the form of harmony or discord in one's birth chart as well as progressed aspects can be indicators of the degree of suffering one might experience in the course of their life.

We cannot exclude the power of our mental attitude and outlook to add conditioning energy to any experience thus determining what we record as painful and pleasurable experiences. Probably the most important thing to remember in living a spiritual life is that we can choose to act, rather than react to our experiences. Two individuals can undergo the same experience and describe it differently as it is interpreted through the filters of their consciousness.

Every faith seeks to explain the purpose of suffering in this world. The Religion of the Stars has its own unique perspective. One of the Brotherhood of Light lessons I continue to find to be profoundly insightful is CS XIX *Organic Alchemy*. In one chapter of this book titled *The Uses of Pleasure and Pain*, Zain states;

"Disregarding, for the moment, the question of justice and injustice, anyone can learn from observation that education is only acquired through pleasurable and painful experiences, and that every painful experience and every pleasurable experience contributes to the education of the intelligence experiencing them. That is, by observing living things you can prove for yourself that they are being educated by success and failure, by gain and loss, by wealth and poverty, and by the other various forms of pleasure and pain."

I can remember an occasion where I was complaining about the unfairness of life. A mentor of mine responded with "life isn't fair – it's just." However, when we look at the exoteric or outer experiences of men and women life appears to be neither fair nor just. A corporate executive may get rich by polluting the environment or by refusing to pay a living wage to workers who struggle to feed their families. A philanthropist might contribute years working with the less fortunate and spend the last year of her life with her body wracked by a terrible illness. An elder who has worked forty years in anticipation of the joys of retiring may discover that all his retirement has been lost by having been coerced into buying junk bonds.

From all appearances life isn't fair. From the viewpoint of the spiritual alchemist it is just, because life is a training ground through which we attract all the specific lessons we need for the evolution of our Soul. Unlike some faiths which promote and sometimes even glorify the mortification of the flesh, the Religion of the Stars teaches that life in and of itself, will, to most persons, bring a sufficient amount of suffering. We don't need to seek it out. It is how we face that suffering that determines whether or not we benefit from the educational lessons it brings and can incorporate it into our spiritual development.

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and the ingratitude which while he lived was so largely his reward for shouldering this responsibility and carrying it to a successful end.

Perhaps it is also true that those unscrupulous more often pick Pisces people to use in the attainment of their ends, recognizing in them those to whom a tale of distress, or an appeal to ideals will most readily find a sympathetic response. Even those with no other thought than to relieve themselves of pent up emotions, tell their troubles more readily to those of the Pisces sign.

As the Teapot Dome oil scandal, involving a member of his cabinet, broke shortly after his death, it seems likely that Warren G. Harding, a president who had Pisces on the house of his personality (first), found the realization of his ideals impossible because of the power of those who wished to use him for their own selfish ends. And as at the time the Sun had progressed to the obstacle (square) aspect of Neptune, the ruler of Pisces, the worry which accompanied his realization of this condition of affairs undoubtedly lowered his resistance to the ptomaine poison, of which he died while still in office.

One swallow does not make a summer, nor do a few birth charts picked at random prove a point. But those who designed the tarot pictures clearly gave instructions relative to the sorrows caused by others in connection with this Pisces sign. Two trees are shown, even as the constellation in the heavens is pictured by two fishes; and as the two fishes are tied together by the ribbon of love, to express the fortunate side of Pisces, in which the ideals are realized, the two trees are joined by a cross-bar, running from the branches of one to the branches of the other; but the vines climbing thereon have not yet joined, ideals have not yet been attained.

It was not that they thought of Pisces only in connection with certain difficulties that they devoted the tarot picture to explaining how these might be recognized and avoided. It was because already in the symbolical pictograph of the constellation they had explained the advantages and the blessings of the sign.

Arcanum XII, the Martyr is one of the steps along the *Royal Road to Adeptship* and instructs us that pain, loss, suffering and sorrow all have their place as part of our spiritual evolution. If the card is reversed the image no longer indicates a loss of energy and expiation, symbolized by the coins dropping from the bound hands of the Martyr. Rather it shows that through sacrifice we can receive manna from heaven in the form of the spiritual fruits of increased compassion, understanding, empathy and a greater sympathetic connectedness to all of life. ✨

Virgo, as was set forth in the article on Veiled Isis in the March issue of AMERICAN ASTROLOGY MAGAZINE, represents the Garden of Eden, which contains the Tree of Good and Evil. Yet information alone, no matter how comprehensive, is not sufficient to attain everlasting life, as is clearly implied in Genesis 3:22:

“And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.”

Just where this Tree of Life is located the Bible does not say, but the tarot picture shows it in association with Pisces, the sign wherein is exalted Venus, the planet of love. That is, as Love and Wisdom are polar opposites, so in Pisces, the polar opposite of Virgo, may be found that principle of ideal Love which is the complement of the knowledge gained through partaking of the Tree of Good and Evil.

That this is the Tree of Life may be recognized by the grapes that hang from the vine which about each bole spirally reaches upward, the juice of which since time long ago has symbolized the vital forces. In the constellation of the sky, because more clearly it pictures the process by which eternal life is gained, and because a tree would not be a suitable emblem in the water where the Fishes swim, no tree is shown. Yet the Pisces-decanate of the sign presents a scepter made from the branch of a tree, held in a ruler's hand, signifying he is king over life and death. And the last decanate of the sign is pictured by a queen, who holds a branch of a palm tree in her hand, very much as Virgo does.

That Pisces is the sign where the physical cycle of life must end is indicated in the tarot picture by all twelve branches, one for each house of the horoscope which maps a distinct department of life, being cut off. If there is to be still further life, as given promise by the vine and grapes, such as indicated by the new cycle commenced in Aries, those processes which lead to revitalization should be commenced before the time of transition thus indicated. These are the processes so clearly indicated by the ribbon which binds the two Fishes of Pisces into an indissoluble union.

We are familiar with the fact that two elements united often produce a chemical compound with possibilities tremendously more significant than the same two chemical elements possess when not so united. And we are aware that through specialization of parts, which cooperate each with the others, well illustrated by the mechanics, statesmen, farmers, writers, artists, etc., which make possible that complex organization which we call our social system, that advantages are acquired which the separate parts could never possess without such cooperative union.

And the designers of the constellations, when they pictured the two Fishes of Pisces united into a single system by a flexible line, had more in mind than merely to suggest that this line could be used to bridge the way from the end of one cycle into the next. Even the bar across the tarot picture, uniting the six branches of one tree with the six branches of the other, implies a possible bridging across of life's forces from one half the zodiac to the other, although the vine of those forces has not yet closed the space along the avenue which the more rigid physical had made easily available.

In the sky, the Fishes are not thus united rigidly, but by a long ribbon which permits each Fish to move about without undue restriction from the other. Each thus seems to be permitted the exercise of its own initiative; but belongs to a system from which it can not separate. They are really Cupid and Venus, according to Greek legend, who were placed in the sky to commemorate their escape from Typhon. They unexpectedly met this selfish monster, typical of Saturn, as one day they were strolling along the bank of the river Euphrates, and to avoid his clutches leaped into the water and transformed themselves into the two Fishes now seen in the sky.

Venus and Cupid are personifications of love. The Fishes into which they were transformed are denizens of the water, and thus represent the emotions. Yet while love has a binding power, the ribbon by which the two Fishes are united, to be true to the rulership of Neptune, must represent an actual invisible energy which unites them, but which does not greatly hamper the movements of either.

The conditions which are most favorable, when the natural requirements are present, for strengthening this endless belt of finer energies between those who are deeply in love, are the desire to be as helpful and beneficial to all creatures as possible, having a common work by which this is chiefly accomplished, and the cultivation of tenderness and sympathy one for the other.

Those who cultivate this highest expression of love on earth, such as the united Fishes depict, find it advantageous to idealize all they do. Whatever is undertaken which they feel is worthy, in its accomplishment they keep the image of their loved one before them and feel that they are doing that thing, not because of duty, but for the sake of the other one.

All that is accomplished is thus done for love. And the love motive, under such cultivation, becomes so powerful that hardships are not recognized as such, the life is filled with joy, and there is high accomplishment.

Furthermore, the energies engendered by such devotion to ideals have a spiritual power that makes Faith, even of the size of a mustard seed, able to move mountains; and bridges without a gap in consciousness or any lessening of initiative, the transition from the physical plane to the next realm of existence.

Thus does the Pisces constellation explain fully the successful maturity of the Tree of Life; but in the tarot picture the life forces as yet have not joined, and the man hanging from the cross-bar has his hands tied together to show his bondage, and coins are dropping from them upon the ground.

The means by which advantage has been taken of him is clearly set forth, as the foot is not merely related to the sign Pisces, but is the old time symbol of the understanding; and he is shown hoisted to his uncomfortable position by one foot. Thus is explained in the language of symbolical pictograph that his understanding has been used to ensnare and imprison him; a thought given further amplification by The Brotherhood of Light Key-phrase for Pisces, which is, I Believe. Obviously his hands are tied, he suffers persecution, and he loses things of value, represented by the coins dropping from his hands, because he is led to believe that which those who thus deprive him desire him to believe.

Then the picture goes on to explain the methods by which he is led into such erroneous belief. The trine, such as made by his hands, is the symbol of spirit, and it should point upward, even as the head of the Martyr, indicating his intelligence, should be up, and not down. The cross, such as is made by one leg bent at the knee and crossing the other is the symbol of material motives and matter. Thus spirituality and intelligence should rule; but in the picture this proper order is inverted; revealing that the predicament of the one thus suspended is due to an inversion of facts in such a manner as to cause misunderstanding.

This has been the favorite method of controlling human conduct for selfish aims throughout all time; not to tell an unadorned lie, because unless such is very cunningly concealed amid much truth, or given wide repetition, it is too easily proved untrue; but to resort to inversion, the success of which depends chiefly upon three factors:

1. It must present facts that are widely recognized to be true, or which can easily be proved to be true; and if they have a strong emotional appeal, so much the better.
2. The inversive twist — the misinformation or misinterpretation so well represented in the tarot picture by the twist of rope about the bar by which the Martyr is hoisted — through which the whole matter is made to have a meaning

exactly the opposite of its true purport, must occupy so small a part of the whole presentation, or be so cunningly concealed by sophisticated handling, that it escapes the notice of all except those with critical faculties highly developed.

3. This inversive twist — the misinformation or misinterpretation — must be so worded that it can be subjected to no direct and simple test of accuracy. In fact, the more loopholes left by which to sidestep any direct test of its truth the more it fulfills its object.

To give the necessary plausibility, and therefore confidence that it is not a lie, a common method used both by those on the physical plane and those in the astral slums, is to use truth, and just as obvious a truth as can be employed, and within it to insert a very small and inconspicuous distortion of the truth, which cleverly makes the meaning of the whole just the opposite of its true significance.

In the accomplishment of this, for instance, no direct accusations are made against an opponent; for these could be brought to trial. But instead, insinuations are published, which if brought to trial could be said to have meant something entirely different, and to have no derogatory import. Or, in setting forth some matter, so many alternatives are left, any one of which seemingly supports the inversion, that as fast as one is traced down and proved to be a lie, another can be substituted; so that the number of such substitute lies becomes so great that the public has not the patience to follow the efforts of anyone who has the diligence to hunt them down, one after another.

Also words are used which have come to mean those things which are highly desirable to society, and because of the desirability of the things thus generalized come to possess strong emotional power. The unconscious minds of people are so accustomed to responding either favorably or unfavorably to the things designated by these words, that the words themselves have come to be symbols that arouse a special type of emotion, regardless of their association at the particular time.

Honest, unselfish, patriotic, benign, high-minded, good, true, noble, divine and charming are words such as may be counted on to bring a favorable response; while selfish, cruel, coward, murder, avaricious, bully, yellow, tyrant, grafter, seditious, crafty and mean are such as may be counted on to incite instant antagonism.

And those who exploit the weakness of the public have learned that if some person, some-cause, or some object can adroitly be coupled with one of these words; due to the habit of emotionally associating only things of a definite kind with the words, the unconscious reaction to the person, cause or object thus associated, is that habitually aroused by

the word. The emotional reaction, because of the power of habit, is so spontaneous as to lull reason. Before the critical faculties have time to question whether the association between the person, cause or object and the word is warranted, the habitual emotion aroused by the word has taken charge and embraced the whole phrase or sentence in its customary or unpleasant feeling.

This principle too frequently is applied in politics and in selling widely advertised products. If you desire prosperity, you are told to vote for Mr. Windbags. Yet a little analysis of the position which Mr. Windbags will hold if elected would reveal it has no particular influence for or against prosperity.

Or an attractive picture of an athlete is presented from a billboard, with the suggestion that smoking a certain kind of tobacco or drinking a certain brand of liquor tends to build up lung power and stamina. People in general would like to have these qualities, and the association of some product with the well known fact that the individual pictured has them, gives rise to a feeling, on the part of the unconscious mind at least, that the product has assisted in the athlete's success.

The most resolute people in the world are those who believe they are serving some righteous cause, or are directly guided by the voice of Deity. If such can be convinced, therefore, by a clever inversion, that some act, however atrocious or anti-social it may be, is their duty to perform, they become most effective tools in the hands of those with ulterior motives. It seems likely, for instance, that before Booth assassinated Lincoln, he was brought to believe he was thus rendering a fine service to society.

Russia today is a land where religion is not tolerated¹ because those now in power believe that religion was inverted to take advantage of the people. It is but natural that when the pendulum has been at one extreme, its return swing should carry it to the opposite side far past the central truth.

Pisces, through its co-ruler, Jupiter, is interested in religion. Yet the Pisces religion of the past has suffered many an inversion. The inquisition, the persecution of witches, and the doctrine that to be happy is a sin, are but random examples which well exemplify the tarot picture of the Martyr suspended by one foot.

Also, the inversive forces represented by the twelfth house of a horoscope had wreaked their iniquitous power on America before the arrival of the white man. The ancient religion of Mexico was singularly pure, fruits and flowers being offered to the higher powers as emblems of thankfulness; but gradually the Priests of the Shadow gained dominion over the religious observances of the land.

1 Of course this is not true in 2004.

After a battle it seemed quite appropriate that prisoners of war should be offered as sacrifices instead of inanimate things, especially as the priests told the people they would thus inherit the strength of the victims and could use it against future enemies.

When the custom of making human sacrifices had thus been established, it was then easy to extend it to imply a demand by the gods for more and more victims. Should prisoners of war not be at hand, individuals from the populace must be selected, otherwise the anger of the gods would be visited upon the nation. And when a national crisis arose, still more victims must be had, in order to avert the threatened peril.

Through the inverted twist given by the Aztec Priests of Darkness when after long years they came into power, the populace was made to believe that the efficacy of the involuntary Martyrdom depended upon a particularly horrible method of sacrifice. The victim was spread-eagled, face up, on the altar-stone, each hand and leg held by a priest. Another priest, after appropriate invocation to the gods (blood-thirsty elementals of the twelfth house), with a single slash of a stone knife ripped open the victim's breast, and with the other hand tore the living, palpitating heart from the shrieking man or woman. He then held aloft the bloody trophy as an offering to invisible beings and for the assembled populace to see. Should it so happen that the victim died before his heart was jerked from his agonized body, the sacrifice was considered ineffectual.

In early Mayan times the offering of fruits and flowers in thanksgiving was a symbolical rite expressing the desire to devote the creative energies, which the flowers represent, to higher, or spiritual purposes, and to make the fruits of life acceptable to the Great Spirit who presided over all. But with the coming of the Toltec invaders, a different type of priestly authority gained control, and the older doctrines were inverted to sanction human sacrifice.

And so far had this process of twelfth house inversion gone among the Aztecs, that just previous to the Spanish conquest several thousand living human sacrifices were made each year, no day passing without its orgy of pain and blood, so that Cortez after the capture of what is now Mexico City, and was the Aztec capital, could with some justification boast that he had put an end to impious practices.

Yet these involuntary Martyrdoms, and the massacre of 40,000 starving Indians by which Cortez ended them, and claimed thus to have contributed glory both to king and God, were made possible because the populace was made to believe they had divine sanction. As Arcanum XII so ably explains, no method of making advantage of others is so effective as to invert the facts, and thus gain acceptance for a well selected erroneous belief.



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Self-Understanding

The Stuff that Dreams Are Made Of

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Up the pathway of evolution from the lowest mineral to the highest form on earth, MAN, the soul has reacted to conditions in its environment. The oldest language of all is the language of feeling. Through use of this language the soul stored information which conditioned its future conduct. The mental images within the domain of the soul are symbols of physical and mental experiences.

Man's reason would make him hold still under pain, would enable him to hold anger in abeyance. His "feelings" however would tend to make him flinch away from an object that is painful; and releasing adrenalin into the blood stream would get him ready to fight when angry. In spite of reason the body reacts to gland stimulus; and the glandular system reacts to the language of feeling.

Sight and hearing are recent evolutionary acquisition and now we have visual and auditory images associated with feeling. "Feeling" is ability to FEEL etheric vibrations reflected from objects, and in this way define them. "Hearing" is ability to find molecular vibrations set in motion in range of vibrations called "sound." The organs of the body are so developed that they gain information from the environment, and they do this by specializing in some process of feeling. Man and beast react from the image, "snake"; they have gland reactions at sight of food; every thought brings some change into the physical body; and a definite change in the astral form tends to produce physical change.

The unconscious mind uses symbols to communicate with its form, the physical body. Our sense impressions have definite meaning; they are the symbol of a condition. A language of any type, whether it be rudimentary or highly developed, is a means of communication between individuals. Animals have a rudimentary language set off by emotions. Our frowns, smiles and tears, which are also set off by emotion, are recognized by all humans. As evolution advanced, to the rudimentary language were added the

imitative symbols. There is a complete chain of associations between primitive emotional and imitative sounds and our languages of today. Through the use of universal symbols two people of different languages can talk together.

An object acquired a name and by sound, form or color (resemblance) there is a relation to an already named object. Time and space (contiguity) may relate it to an already named object. Our written languages are built on imitative foundations. Written language is effective as a tool for precise information. It is very difficult as an instrument for the unconscious mind. When feeling alone is not sufficient a symbolic picture is used, that is universally understood. The ancients used the same methods to convey spiritual and occult laws.

In dreams the unconscious does not use our modern language to give information, for it is more familiar with the more ancient language of pictograph. The effect of desire is a very important dream factor which needs to be understood. Desires under tension in the astral body seek release, and in so doing attract the attention spontaneously. When desire energy is released we act, physically or mentally. When our mental images are uncurbed by critical faculties, we do fantasy thinking. When our mental images are directed by volition, we do directed thinking. Then there is natural relationship of images, no distortion, and a reproduction of reality. The fantasy type of thought needs little effort; the directed type is hard work.

Our day dreams and sleep dreams are very similar. In the former we have some consciousness of outer conditions. Trains of thought pass constantly through the mind, and all of us dream continuously during sleep. When we realize our desires during daily life they have little influence over our dreams. Our civilized type of living demands that biological urges be inhibited. When awake we conform to civilized standards, and the primitive expression is repressed. Restraint of some type or another governs most of our physical actions. The desire energy within is still strong, and gains some release through imagination.

If we day dream too much we dissipate energy for accomplishment. Every desire we possess, no matter how primitive, is energy that can be used toward accomplishment. A creative imagination is useful, for it brings various mental images into combination. Ideas and plans are thus formulated and one creates and builds them on the astral plane and so sets a correct pattern for physical action.

We must understand mental censorship. We have very strong standards of civilized conduct. Our primitive desires are curbed even in imagination, in daydreams and in the sleeping state. Yet the energy is strong in spite of the civilized censor. UNFULFILLED desires are instigators of fantasy thinking and so influence dreams. To gain release and get by the censor, they disguise themselves in symbolic pictograph, the language of the unconscious mind.

Another important dream factor is the previous waking state. We do not jump into sleep, but start with some thought in the mind when awake, and through association link it with the sleep thoughts.

The last dream factor is the soul experiences on the astral plane. The astral body can contact higher planes and move from plane to plane, tune in and communicate intelligently during sleep. What is gained in information is limited only by individual ability. Mostly the mind remains with the daily problems, and attention that is riveted to the material realm only prohibits any soul activity on the astral plane during sleep. We are trained on earth to fix our attention on physical knowledge only. This last factor affecting our dreams is the least likely factor until we direct our attention to gaining knowledge during sleep. Then it becomes increasingly possible to bring astral happenings into the waking consciousness.

The little item of fulfillment must be considered in gauging the value of dreams. In the relaxation just before sleep the unfulfilled desires can capture the attention. Such desires create a disturbance and thoughts are then led to the desire. The physical environment, (noise, cold, heat, light, etc.) has

an influence on the fantasy thinking of dream states. The unfulfilled desires, usually primitive and not permitted expression at all, sneak past the censor clad in symbols, condensed, displaced and so en.

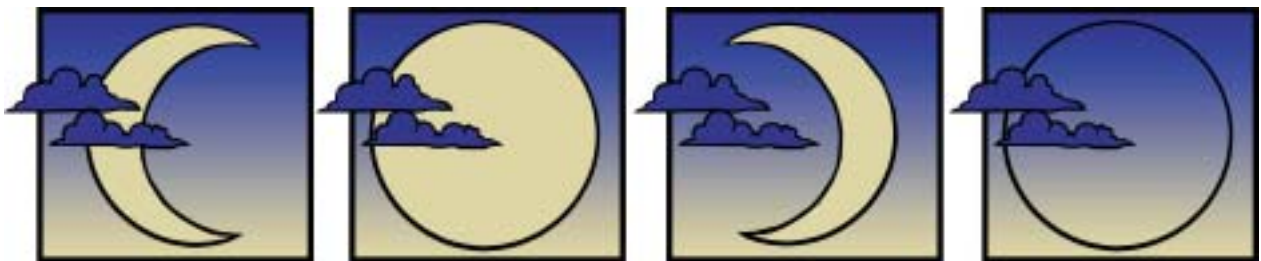
To interpret our dreams, we separate and work with the three factors mentioned. The first is the link with the previous waking state, the second, the desires, and the third the soul. We should try to remember our dreams and relate them to events, and in this way check our soul activity. We do gain information in the sleep state if our souls are trained to be active then.

If we write down our dreams on waking, and later write them over again without reading the first version, we find that they alter. The second edition will have forgotten portions left out. These indicate the complexes and unfulfilled desires in the unconscious mind, and self-understanding demands that we get to know about the desires which through conditioning have not been permitted to express normally and so give each one of us kinks in our energy releases.

It helps to know that we respond very deeply through the language of feeling, that the soul in dreams speaks in this language. Our individual feeling trends are clearly indicated in our birth charts; they are maps of the unconscious mind factors we started out with in the human state. Since then it has been loaded up with added feelings due to our pleasure and pain reactions in dealing with the environment. Clearing up painful conditioning that may have warped our energy expression since birth, and developing the powers of the soul in the dream state and releasing inner energies for universal welfare should be the basis of self-understanding.



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**Tablet The Ninth
Sagittarius ♐**

"A child in a shell, holding in its hand a feathered lance, is drawn by five stars, grouped in an under arc"

For those on Earth whose spiritual senses are in oneness with the physical senses and who desire more than anything else to elevate the Earth into spiritual oneness, and who silently suffer and are angered when on a daily basis they are confronted with the seeming slowness of spiritual development on this planet, who suffer from, endure and rise above the multitude of lies already accepted as fact in societies by those who would manipulate the masses to achieve power and physical wealth, know that your efforts are victorious in more ways than you can ever know.



*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

It is you who uses your senses most wisely to build such spiritual wealth that when you one day leave this Earth the power of this love and truth will leave with you. Know now therefore that the power of the law necessarily manifests through you. Your endeavors to help others and your successes in doing this work manifest like inspirational shock waves throughout the various cosmic dimensions and have such positive ramifications.

Your unseen, but very real, Divine protection will help you in ways you will not always be aware of. You move among the angels and they move with you towards Cosmic strategies that will provide life giving graces, Divine Inspirations and leadership that make key differences in people's daily life. You are in this world, but as an eternal spiritual being you realize more and more that you do not really belong here. It is your embodiment of truth and love that enables spiritual growth towards the highest levels.

Finally you realize that your blessings are not yours, but are to be given to others in exchange for a better life on the planet and into the next existence. You give and withhold information on the basis of this growth, holding most Sacred the other souls that you touch and that in turn touch yours. Then one day the other souls will realize what you have done on their behalf and why you did what you did and the resulting love will be with out end. ✨



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 child in a shell, holding in its hand a feathered lance, is drawn by five stars, grouped in an under arc"

IX

Sagittarius

REFLECTION

TABLET THE NINTH

"The symbol of the conscious soul. The shell is the body, drawn by the five senses—stars—which form an under arc, to represent the world of material things and our relation thereto. The child, armed with the feathered lance, is the soul; riding thus, fully armed, in the shell of the body, it realizes the duality of truth; that all things are changeable; and that each thing is true upon the plane of its manifestation, while an illusion to that which is interior to its life, while the soul is in its dream state. Sagittarius represents conservatism and the permanence of crystallized institutions; but, when the spirit awakes and bursts the shell of matter, the senses, instead of being the guardians and jailors of its environment, become its servants, and the means by which, united as the one Ego, sense-perception, it races o'er the fields of AETH—a being of life and beauty, shining in the empyrean of God."

O child of Adam! Ever remember that temperament and environment constitute the north and south poles of human possibility, and that ability, combined with opportunity, is the measure of responsibility."



The Rising Star

What's The Use Of Worrying?

Doris Chase Doane

October 1947

The song lyrics say, "It never was worthwhile." We agree and feel sure you will too after reading this page.

What is worry? J. Stanley Gray, professor of psychology at the University of Denver puts it this way: "If a person should accidentally step on a tack, or sit on a pin, or touch his hand against a hot stove, and then should remain in that position without moving except to talk about it to anyone who would listen, he would be worrying."

It is an indication of ignorance and usually occurs when a person does not know how to make successful adjustment. For people do not worry about problems concerning which they have knowledge. If Prof. Gray's person would step off the tack, get off the pin, or take his hand from the stove, he would achieve successful adjustment.

Many doctors class worry along with fear and overwork, calling them the "civilized diseases," which result from stress and strain of our hurried lives. Normally our bodies adapt to temporary emotional or physical strain. When it occurs the shock troops of the body get to work by increasing the glandular secretions to bolster us up to meet the crisis.

But if the strain is prolonged, the overworked glandular system starts a biological chain reaction that is felt throughout the body. Thus we see that the body signal which started out as a protective agent becomes damaging so long as worry or strain continues.

The chain reaction works somewhat in this manner: The pituitary gland automatically increases its secretion, which causes the adrenal glands to increase their flow. The adrenal secretion then enters the bloodstream and increases the blood pressure. At this point the body is fortified against emergency.

But under continual worry or stress, the pituitary continues its secretion and sustained chain reaction results. The increased blood pressure injures the inner walls of the blood vessels, including those that feed the kidneys. To protect themselves the walls thicken. This cuts down the supply of blood to the kidneys.

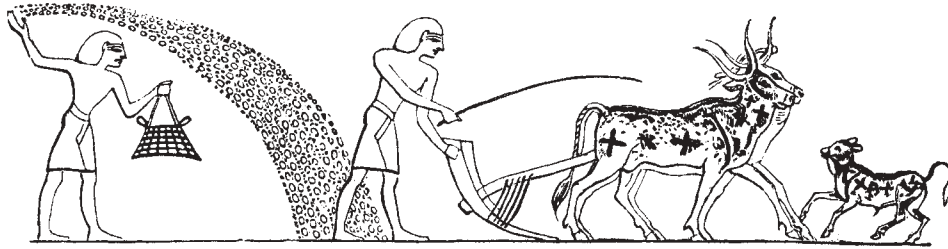
Lacking sufficient blood to function properly, the kidneys set up their own protective system by throwing off a defensive secretion, which also increases the blood pressure. Continued stress keeps the cycle operating. The intense emotion and tension, which accompanies worry, can bring about severe and lasting changes in the sympathetic nervous system, which operates and controls breathing, heart-beat, circulation and other unconscious but vital activities of the body. Under this influence, the heart beats faster, circulation is disturbed, and blood vessels go into spasm. Then the digestive system is upset and all the nutritive processes suffer.

The result may be hardening of the arteries, arthritis, rheumatic fever, weakened heart, kidney troubles, stomach upsets, hemorrhages of the brain or heart, to name but a few. All of which may be started by undue stress or strain, such as worry, fear, overwork, or emotional shock. Worry is a symptom of mental ills.

Healthy people do not worry easily. Good mental health and good physical health go together. With the birth chart as a key, we are able to look ahead by means of progressed aspects to the times when stress will likely occur. The basic nature of the trouble will be mapped, and through this knowledge we can fortify ourselves to meet the situation. Adjustment will be possible. Any fixation of worry-habits, which might continue even after the progressed aspects have passed out of the orb of influence, will be avoided. It is through facing and solving problems that we are able to keep pace with our years. So — "what's the use of worrying?"



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The Golden Key

Mundane: The Astrology of Worldly Affairs

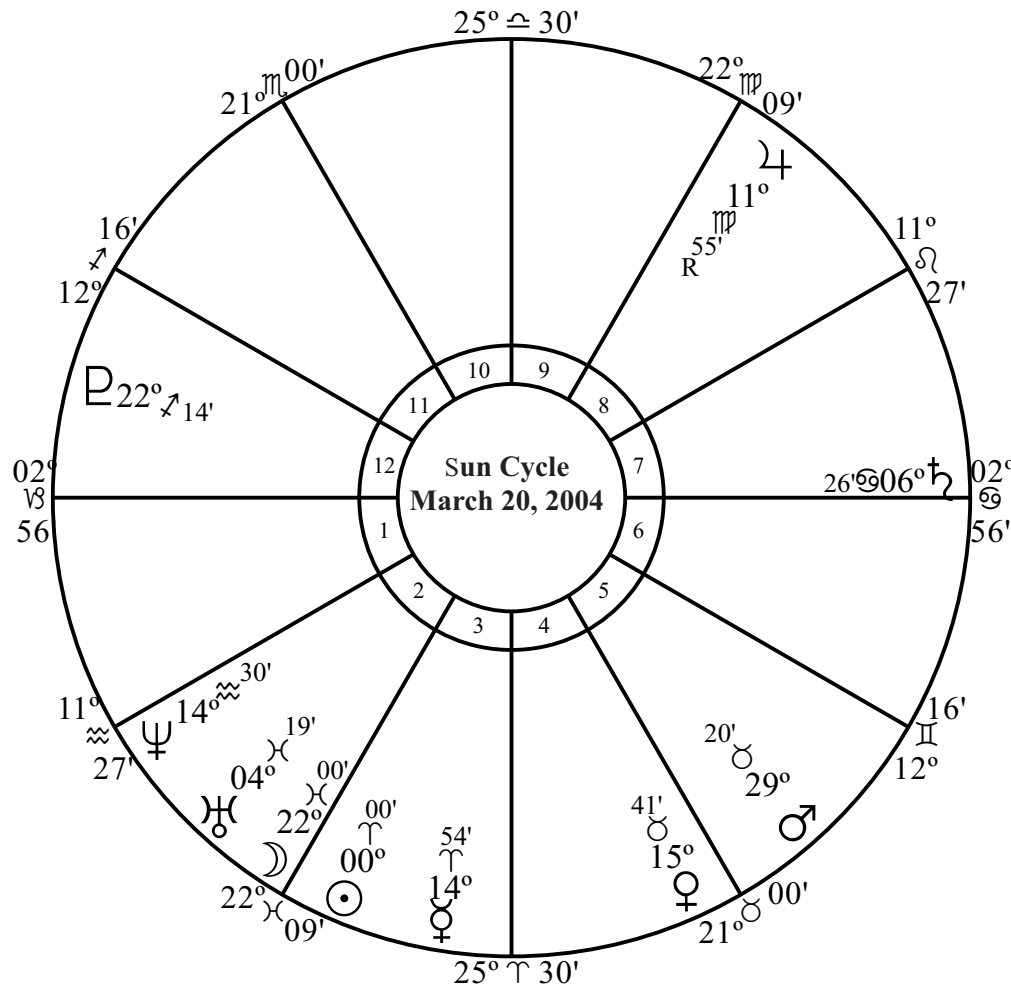


Christopher Gibson

Most contemporary men and women are unaware of the pervasive influence of astrology on our culture. Its affects can be perceived through the divisions of our clocks and calendars, the origins of our holidays and even in the etymology of our language. For instance, the word influenza came into use during the Italian Renaissance to describe epidemic illnesses which were believed to come about through the “influence” of the stars. You can clearly see the root words astro and aster (meaning star) in catastrophe and disaster both which refer to “ill-starred” events. Even the word consider means to be “aligned with a star.” A

Yiddish toast often heard at joyous occasions is Mazel-tov meaning “may your stars be favorable.” The opposite of that is the individual referred to as a schlimmm Mazel or an “ill-starred” person.

In the Hermetic system there are many branches of astrology which investigate the influence of the stars. Mundane is the study which charts the astral energies affecting corporate bodies such as nations, cities and companies. Cycle charts are cast for a locality and time that a planet crosses the Celestial Equator and are one of the key tools we use in



Sun Cycle
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☉	00N00
☽	06S47
♀	06N33
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♂	21N04
♃	08N25
♄	22N48
♅	10S36
♆	16S31
♁	14S26
MC	09S52
ASC	23S24

determining upcoming world trends. The rules of interpretation for cycle charts are distinctly different than other branches of astrology. We restrict our focus to only those progressed aspects (transits) formed by the planet ruling the cycle chart. The complete rules for mundane interpretation can be found in Mundane Astrology CS. XIII of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons.

A method to fine tune your mundane skills is by following headlines in the news and comparing them to the currently active aspects in the cycle charts. Practice by progressing the chart forward to the near future and composing your own headlines. One can fashion any number of captions using a combination of keywords for the planets, signs, houses and aspects involved. Write these captions down in advance and compare your accuracy as world events unfold. Be especially attentive to those periods which show activity in more than one of the cycle charts. The astrologer who is aware of current societal and political modes as well as the upcoming aspects forming in the mundane cycles can have success with short-term prediction of trends.

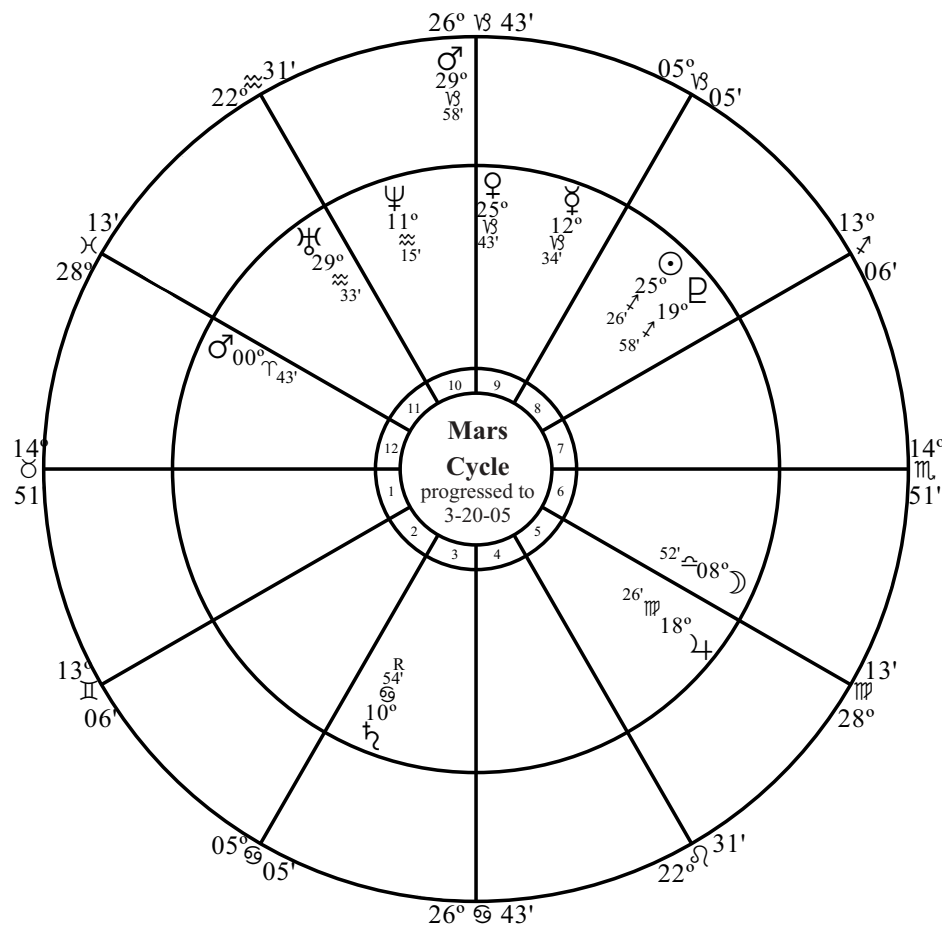
I will create some sample headlines using key aspects from the Sun, Mars, Uranus, and Neptune cycle charts that are in effect for this year. This is intended as a study aid to stimulate creative thinking and does not represent an official Church of Light predictions on what will happen.

Sun Cycle Chart

In the 2004 Vernal Ingress or Sun Cycle cast for Washington D. C. the Sun and Mercury both fall in the 3rd house of transportation, roads, highways, railroads, busses, automobiles, traffic in general, air traffic, telecommunications and postal service, printing, journalism, news, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, e-mail and internet, the thoughts of the people, and neighboring countries.

As this is an election year, controlling the thoughts of the people through the news will probably have the greatest impact on who is elected president of the United States. We might see an even more visible commercial campaign than in previous years. With Neptune, Uranus and the Moon in the 2nd House we can expect continued fluctuations in the financial markets affecting gasoline and energy prices. The most powerful and discordant planet in this chart is Saturn in Cancer in the 7th House, opposing the Ascendant. Perhaps the most significant event nationally might be a conservative administration ignoring the separation of church and state in an attempt to ramrod congress into signing a "sanctity of marriage" act into the constitution.

2004	Aspect	SAMPLE SUN CYCLE HEADLINE
04/04	☉♁♃ (3 rd)	PRESIDENT MEETS WITH NAFTA PARTNERS TO DISCUSS IMMIGRANT LABOR QUOTAS
04/10	☉△♁(12 th)	INTELLIGENCE SOURCES QUESTIONED ABOUT WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
04/14	☉♁♁MC	PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS CAUSE HIM TO SINK IN POLLS
05/05	☉♁♀(4 th)	CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR NEW MONUMENT
05/18	☉♁♂	BORDER PROTESTS SWELL AFTER DEATH OF MINOR
06/11	☉♁♁(12 th)	TERRORIST ASSASSINATION PLOT DISCOVERED
06/27	☉♁♃(7 th)	PRESIDENT PREVAILS UPON CONGRESS TO SIGN "SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE" INTO CONSTITUTION
08/05	☉♁♁♁ (2 nd)	MARKET LOSSES TRIGGERED BY REVELATIONS OF PRICE-GOUGING AT THE PUMPS
09/29	☉♁♃ (8 th)	SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES INCREASED BENEFITS
09/13	☉♁♁ (2 nd)	FAMILY CRISIS CREATES DETOUR ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL
10/17	☉♁MC	PRESIDENT SHOWS SURGE OF POPULARITY IN THE POLLS
11/03	☉♁♃ (8 th)	NATION CELEBRATES A NARROW VICTORY
11/22	☉♁♁♁	RASH OF CAR BOMBINGS DELAYS IRAQ'S MOVEMENT TO SELF-RULE
12/24	☉♁ Asc	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS CHEERS NATION



Mars Cycle
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☾	00S22	
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♄	22S44	
♅	00N00	21S03
♆	05N38	
♇	22N18	
♈	12S20	
♉	17S25	
♊	14S27	
♋	20S49	
♌	16N17	

Mars Cycle Chart

In December 2003 we commenced a new Mars Cycle Chart. For the next two years the chart indicates a 12th house influence of Mars sparking possible reports of covert military operations, terrorist reprisals and revelations of torture. Prison and or nursing home abuses might also be featured in the news. Heated debates could arise over the issue of the death penalty.

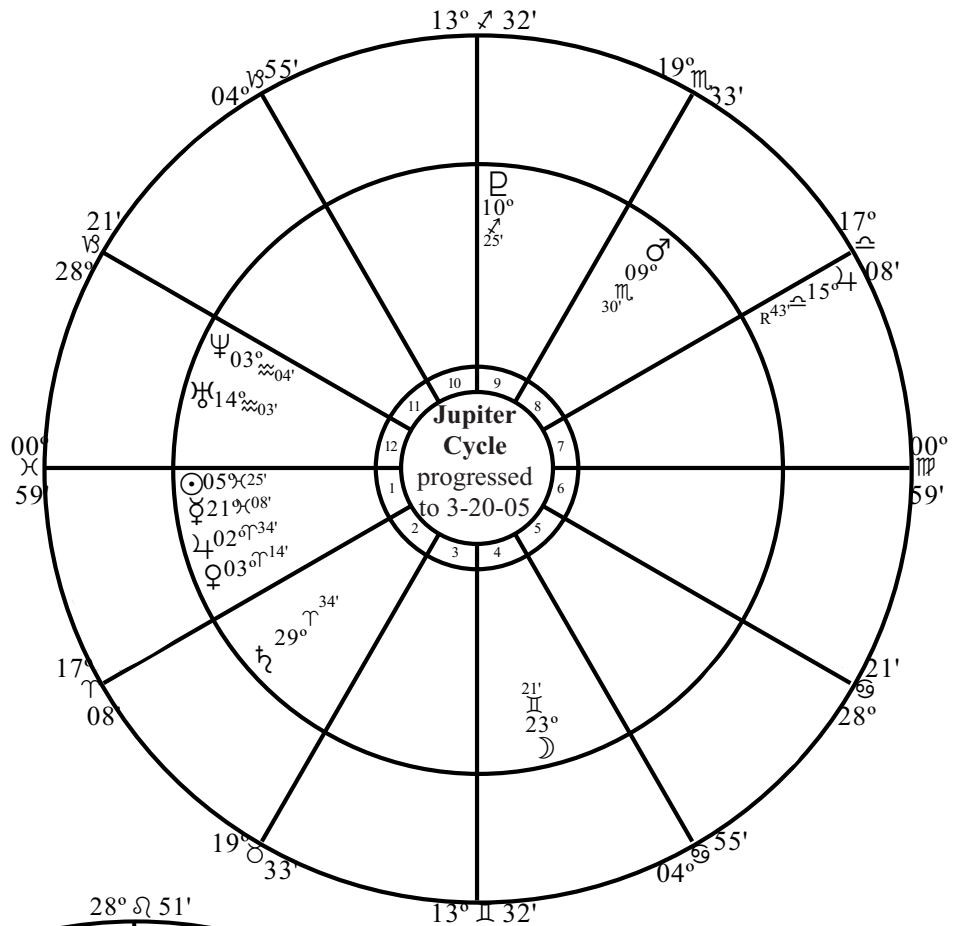
2004	Aspect	SAMPLE MARS CYCLE HEADLINE
04/02	♅△☾ (6 th)	FIRST WAVE OF ARMY RESERVISTS RETURN HOME
04/20	♅♂♂ (8 th)	DEATH TOLLS OF IRAQ OPERATIONS REVEALED
05/23	♅♂♃ (3 rd)	RASH OF CAR-BOMBINGS ROCK OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
06/15	♅♂♂ (6 th)	REPORTS OF SERVICEMEN WITH MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS DENIED
06/01	♅♂♀ (9 th)	SEX SCANDALS TARNISH TOP MILITARY BRASS
07/08	♅△♅ (12 th)	OCCUPYING FORCES WORK TO BUILD LOCAL POLICE STRENGTH
08/01	♅△☉ (8 th)	KIDNAPED OFFICER IS DISCOVERED ALIVE
08/08	♅♂♃ (11 th)	U.N. HEATS UP OVER MILITARY COURT ACTIONS
09/06	♅♂♃ (5 th)	TOP STARS ENTERTAIN TROOPS
09/25	♅♂♂ (12 th)	AMBUSH STARTLES, TROOPS BELIEVED MISSING IN ACTION
10/08	♅♂☾ (6 th)	NEW BENEFITS ANNOUNCED FOR MILITARY FAMILIES
11/25	♅△♃ (3 rd)	REBEL COMMUNICATIONS STRONGHOLD BREACHED
12/01	♅♂♂ Asc	INSURGENTS ATTACK KEY POSITION

**Jupiter Cycle
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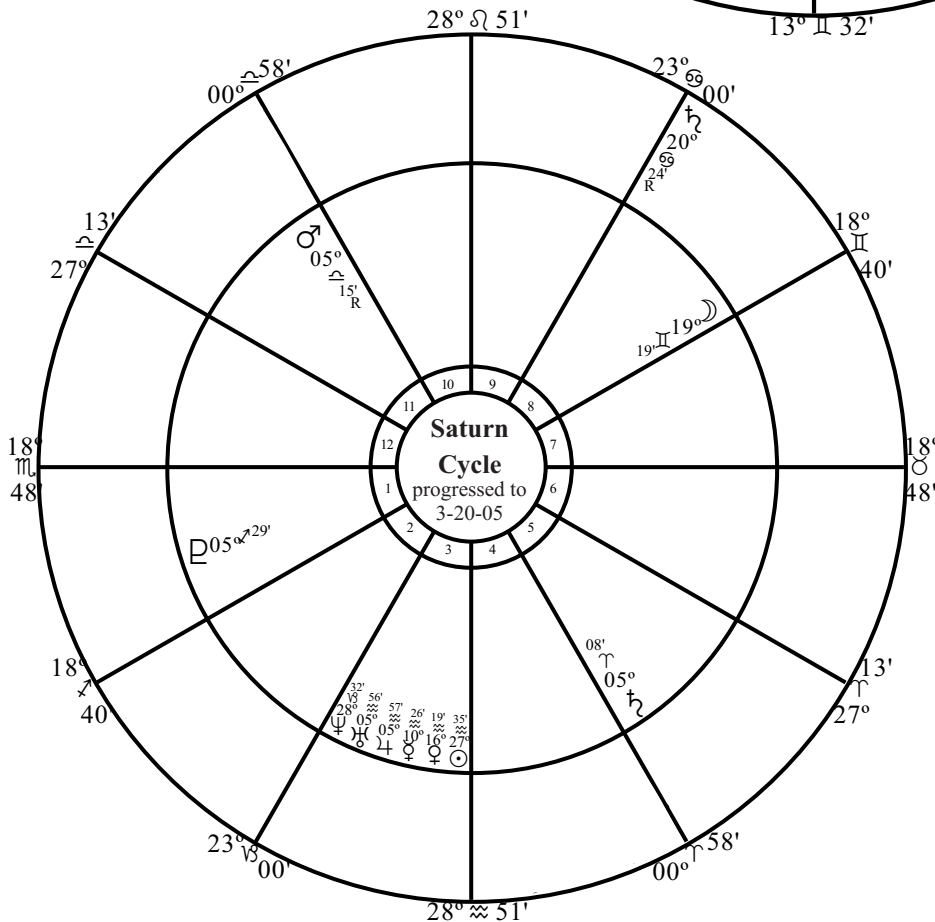
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♂	09N10	
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MC	22S25	
ASC	11S08	



**Saturn Cycle
Washington D.C.**

February 16, 1997
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♁	19S10	
♂	00N00	22N01
♆	19S21	
♇	20S02	
♁	08S48	
MC	11N52	
ASC	17S25	

Uranus and Neptune Cycles

The outer planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are very slow-moving. The current Uranus cycle chart became active March 26, 1969. The previous cycle began 41 years earlier on February 21, 1928. Neptune's current cycle chart commenced March 7, 1944 - 81 years after the previous cycle began in 1863. The Aspects formed by these planets are long-term and show up as societal trends. Rather than expressing as a single newsworthy event they may appear as repeated topics in the news over long periods of time.

Uranus Cycle Chart

Uranus governs the avant garde and the ultra progressive. The tendency of this planet is to provide opposition to the status-quo and defy conservatism, it therefore can be considered in any generation to be ultra-liberal or radical in expression. The trends of Uranus to break from the

predictable can inspire original thinking, inventions and unusual methods. In the current cycle chart which began in 1969 Uranus can be found in the 12th house of research and development, institutions, prisons, hospitals, charities, detective work and livestock. Some of the topics we might see in the news could include privacy issues related to the internet, prison reform, greater use of DNA in releasing prisoners from death row, cloning of livestock, bio-engineering of food, and high-tech solutions for infiltrating terrorist cells.

Neptune Cycle Chart

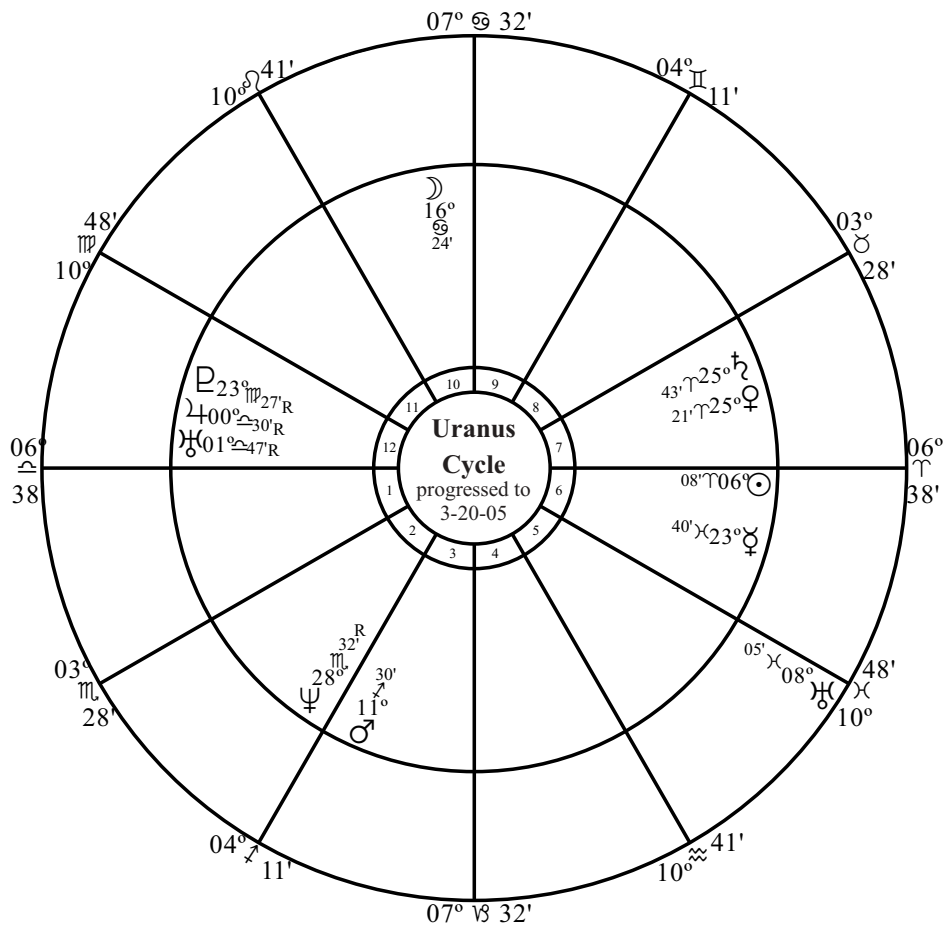
Neptune tends towards the psychic, mystical and the ideal. He favors schemes and promotions which often promise more than they can deliver. In the current cycle chart Neptune is placed in the 5th House of gambling, speculation, stocks, entertainment, the motion picture industry, schools, and the birthrate. We can expect gas and oil speculation, schools, and prominent entertainers to be in the news. ♆

Uranus Cycle Washington D.C.

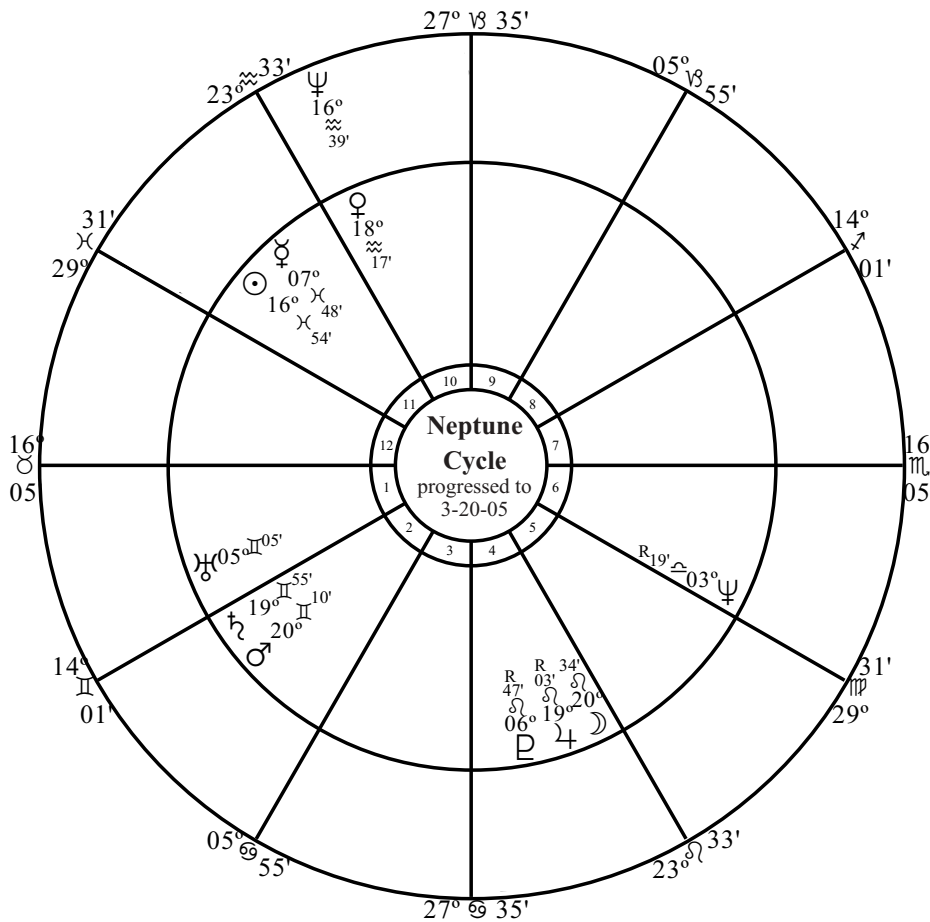
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♁	07N50	
♂	00N00	09S13
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♁	17N13	
♁	23N14	
♁	02S38	



2004	Aspect	SAMPLE URANUS CYCLE HEADLINE
04/05 – 08/19	♃ ⊥ ☉ (6 th)	MORAL DEBATE STIRRED BY NEW COMPANY CLAIMS TO CLONE YOUR FAVORITE PET
04/17 – 08/06	♃ ⋈ ASC	NEW DNA EVIDENCE EXONERATES DEATH ROW INMATE; SEVERAL STATES PLACE A MORATORIUM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
05/16 – 07/05	♃ △ MC	ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES DEFEAT OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS TO BE MAIN GOAL OF CIA, FBI



**Neptune Cycle
Washington D.C.**

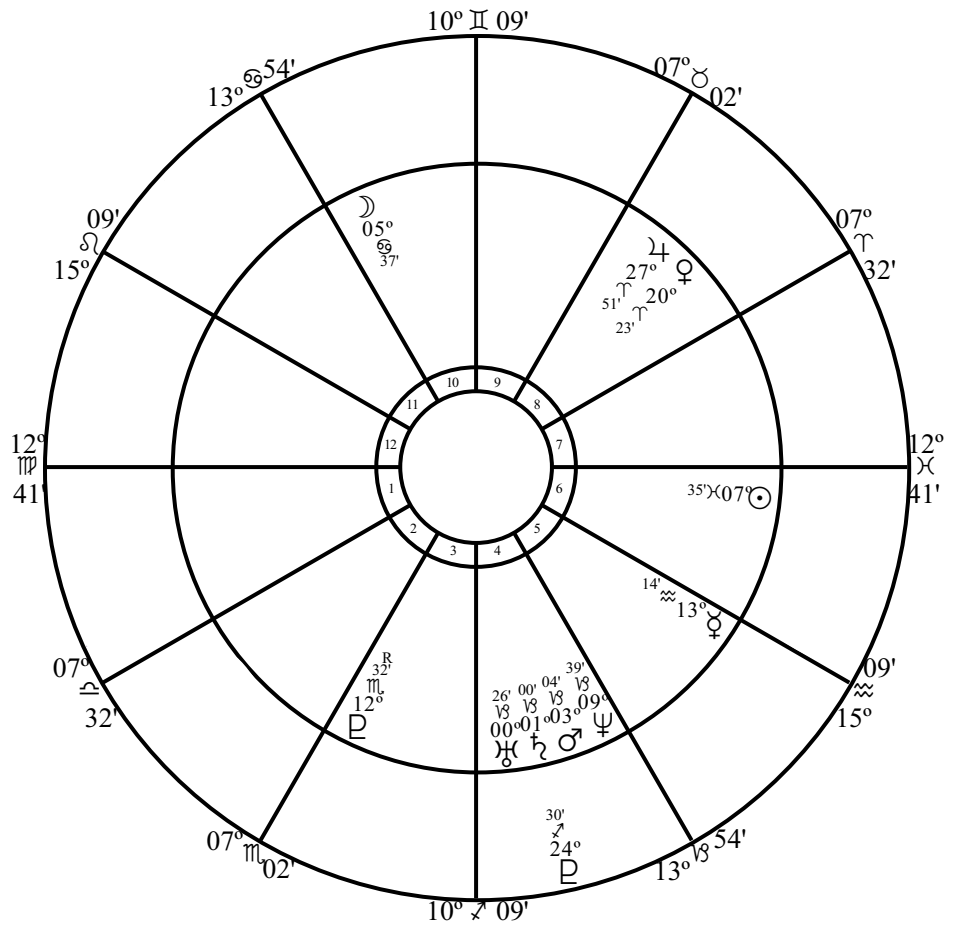
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♁	15S57	
♂	25N20	
♃	16N09	
♅	21N55	
♃	21N05	
♆	00N00	15S57
♁	24N01	
MC	20S39	
ASC	16N39	

2004	Aspect	SAMPLE NEPTUNE CYCLE HEADLINE
02/06 – 09/07	♆ ♀ (10 th)	NEW TESTIMONY TO BE HEARD IN INSIDER TRADING SCANDAL OF DESIGN DOYENNE
02/26 – 08/04	♆ ☽ (4 th)	D.O.E. PUSHES FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN PROTECTED WILDERNESS
09/04 – 12/11	♆ ⋈ MC	PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATION REFORM PACKAGE BARELY GETS A PASSING GRADE

	Natal	Trans
☉	08S44	
☽	28N28	
♃	15S30	
♄	08N29	
♅	23S38	
♆	09N44	
♇	22S19	
♈	23S37	
♉	22S08	
♊	00N00	15S09
MC	21N59	
ASC	06N48	



From the C.C. Zain Lessons

Cosmic Consciousness....

The Universe Is An Organic Whole Depending For Its Progress Upon the Cooperation Of Its Intelligent Parts

"Reaching this new vibratory level, he no longer needs pain to spur him on. His intellect and his intuition, informed of what is going on about him, keeps him posted as to dangers and possible advantages. Furthermore, he deliberately and gradually becomes conditioned to finding pleasure in all the activities which his intellect and his intuition inform him are beneficial to himself and to cosmic welfare.... This does not mean that man, arrived at the vibratory level of cosmic consciousness lives a life of leisure. Nor does it mean that he no longer attracts difficulties. On the contrary he lives a life of intense activity. And when difficulties vanish he ceases quickly to progress. Wherever in Nature you observe a life of ease, you witness the commencement of deterioration.

"But when man arrives at the vibratory level of cosmic consciousness, or even approaches this level close enough to perceive that there is a uniform and universal code of morals which is applicable to all souls in the cosmos, he no lon-

ger needs to be driven forward to the development of his abilities by pain. Instead, he endeavors to learn in what direction the cosmos is expanding, and what abilities he possesses which still more highly developed will be valuable in aiding the cosmic organization in its further progress.

"... changing environment is sure to bring to him, as to all life, obstacles and difficulties. But instead of sensing these difficulties as painful things, or waiting until they do produce pain, he views them as opportunities. That is what they actually are; opportunities to develop ability. But viewed as opportunities, even though they are painful in the sense that the grueling training of an athlete is painful, yet because of the glow of pleasure experienced in the knowledge of developing abilities each and every one of them may become conditioned so as to yield only pleasure." 🐾



Membership Room

Congratulations:

Member Sue McBroom was married to John Ludden on November 29, 2003

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First Meal



Birth Announcement

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Member Q & A

Question...

“I have been reading lesson #20 about the life after death. There is a part about the astral worlds being very quick, having a variety of experiences, with the power to have more mental faculties. So I am confused about why a SOUL will decide to incarnate in the physical being that, as is mentioned in the lesson #20, a slower place than the heavens above, almost retarded in many ways. So what is to be gained by having physical experiences if astral experiences are superior?”

Answer...

The Soul having been evicted, so to speak, from the “Garden of Eden” is endowed with the Urge to move along the evolutionary path. Progress along this path is propelled by the Spark of Divinity (the solar Ego). The way back to the garden with Self Conscious Awareness is via the material plane. (see illustration on page 23)

As you read the BofL lessons you will also be introduced to the concept that to incarnate on the material plane is a Treasure beyond price. The reason for this is the many opportunities it offers to develop character and acquire useful qualities that can only be gained through the friction of interacting on the material plane. I would not describe it as retarded...it is dense and slower to allow you the opportunity to grow. Maybe the best analogy is the difference between a hot-house flower or plant and one that has learned to adapt and overcome the strife of environmental conditions and forces...struggling and overcoming obstacles develops qualities that are much more functional in the grand scheme

of things. You will learn in Alchemy that transmuted Gold is far more valuable than “natural” gold...in fact; it is through transmuted gold that the spiritual body is built and the second death is overcome.

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Sample from trip itinerary:

April 14th - Thursday - Day 06 - Tel El Amarna

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April 15th - Friday - Day 07 - Tel El Amarna/Cairo

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Come and join us in New Mexico during 2004 for three day-long intensives exploring astrology, alchemy, and tarot. Special emphasis will be placed on the practical application of esoteric knowledge in our daily lives. These “hands-on” workshops will be taught using the Hermetic teachings of the Brotherhood of Light. Facilitators Meg Dissinger, Aggie Damron, and Christopher Gibson are Brotherhood of Light trained and have more than three decades of experience in metaphysics, tarot, and astrology.

Cimarron, New Mexico

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.

Registration: Rev. Christopher Gibson

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CYCLE OF NECESSITY

DIVINE SPHERE OF
THE INFINITE

Divine Spark of the Ego is differentiated

CELESTIAL WORLD

Reunion of Soul Mates with Ego in "7th Spiritual State" — the attainment of Adeptship or Angelhood prior to permanent evolution to Celestial World

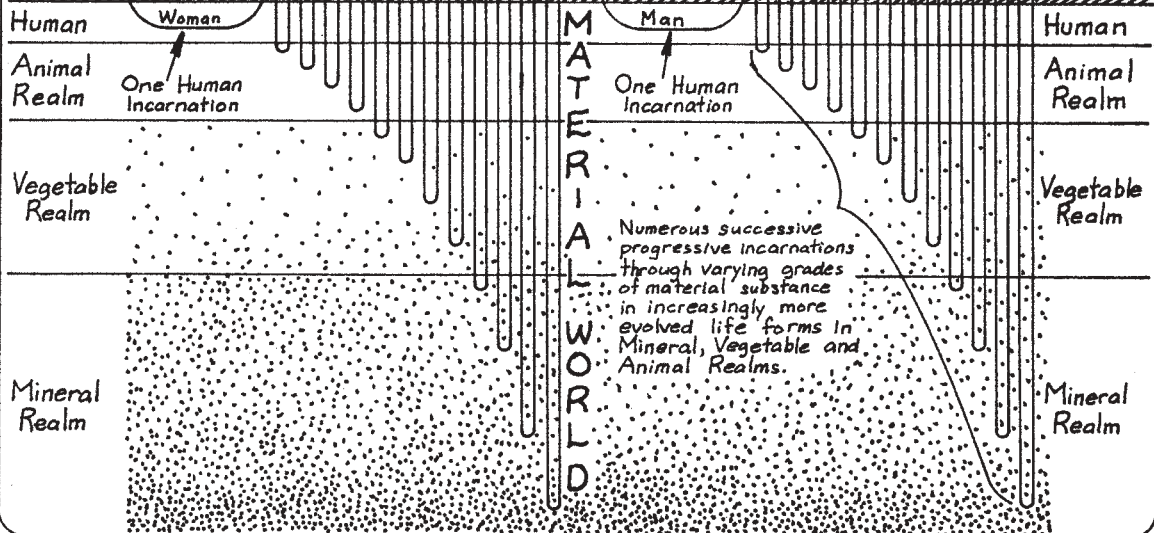
Ego projects the twin soul monads upon involution to "7th Spiritual State"

SPIRITUAL WORLD

ASTRAL WORLD

Progressive experiences on various levels of the Astral World

Periods of "astral sleep" to assimilate Material World experiences.
Note: As Soul's dominant vibratory rate increases with each successive progressive incarnation, the Soul gravitates to Astral World level having similar frequency



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Building a Better World with a Better Vision!

The Church of Light Vision for the 21st Century

OUR MISSION

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

WHAT WE TEACH

- There is a loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness expresses through undeviating natural law.
- There is a Divine Plan in which each person has a unique and important role.
- The Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution.
- There is a universal moral code - Contribute Your Utmost To Universal Welfare - which, to the extent adopted by each individual, will make the world a better place to live.
- The Religion of the Stars will evolve by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.
- Astrology is the Golden Key that unlocks the door to understanding the Soul's true character and potential.

- The safe development of extrasensory perception (extension of consciousness) is the best tool for realizing each individual's mission in the Divine Plan and for verifying the after-life and the survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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

- Providing reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;
- Seeking out reliable and verifiable information regarding life on higher planes of existence, especially in regard to the transition we call death, and the nature of the next life;
- Developing increasingly advanced tools and training in astrology, extrasensory perception, directed thinking and induced emotion, toward the end of maximizing each person's happiness, usefulness and spirituality;

