



The Silver Key

The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part XIV The Reaper

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Those of the olden time, as well as investigators more modern, had become convinced that life is an unending succession of experiences in constantly evolving new forms. The destruction of the old was, in reality, also the commencement of the construction of the new; and both destruction and construction, in their more active expressions, were ruled by the same planet, Mars. This is the planet of energy, relating to war. But it equally relates also to the healing art and to surgery, by which those who otherwise would perish may be given opportunity to live.

This is not just a theory derived from symbolism and tradition; for The Brotherhood of Light, in the analysis of 100 birth charts of people whose time of birth is known, and who also know the date when they suffered some rather serious accident, found that at the time, 78 of them had a progressed aspect to Mars in their charts. And the analysis



of the progressed aspects present when people undergo surgical operations, irrespective of whether they recover or not, reveals that at the time, there is practically always a progressed aspect to this planet Mars.

Mars energy may express as life or it may express as death. But even when it thus does result in the dissolution of one form, a new form immediately springs into existence. Those of an ancient day watched the passing of the seasons. In the autumn they witnessed the grass dry and wither, and many trees lose their foliage. But with the coming of another spring, the earth that had appeared so dead, again grew verdant, and the bare-looking trees put forth new leaves. These things coincided with the annual progress of the Sun.

But their interest was not confined merely to existence in the physical. They traced the advancement of life also upon the four-dimensional plane. Their psychic perceptions witnessed there the con-

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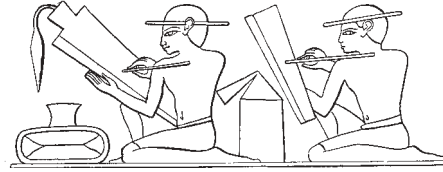
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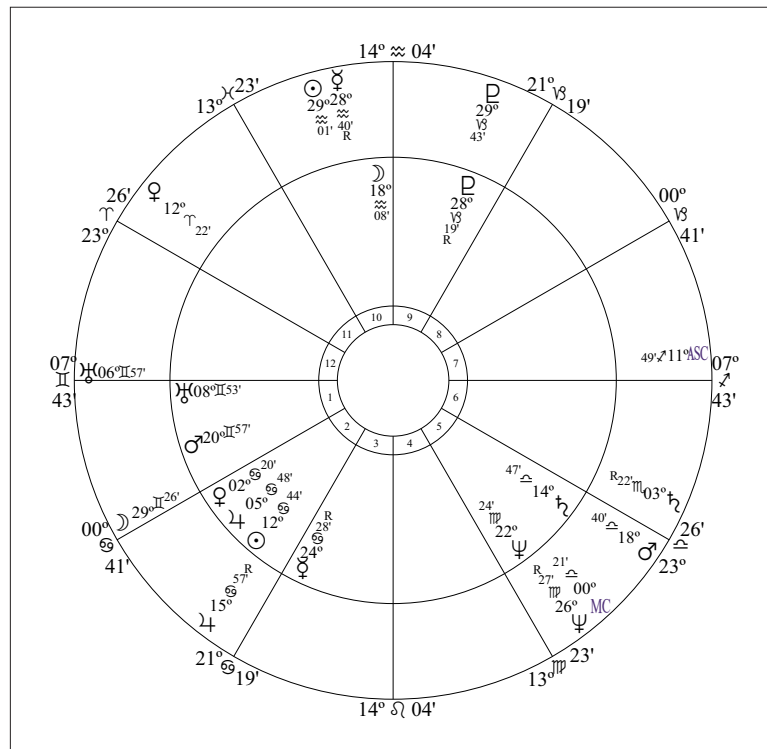


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The cover story of this Quarterly is an archival article written by Elbert Benjamine in 1938 for American Astrology Magazine. In this article the author explores the correspondences of Arcanum XIII *The Reaper* to the astrological influences of both the sign of Aries and the planet Mars both considered to be influences of aggression and war. The author relates the symbolism of both the sign and the card to the idea that “death of one form always constitutes the birth of another.” This concept holds true especially when you look at the Earth as a closed system. For example, there is always the same amount of water on earth. The form of that water which can be found as fresh, saline, frozen or vapor may change but the sum total of water upon the earth more or less remains the same. To some degree this is true of the other atoms of matter in our system, we may be bombarded by varying intensities of solar rays and occasional meteorites but the sum total of matter remains the same.

When a tree falls in the forest it is slowly decomposed by the termites, bacteria and fungus that thrive upon its organic matter. When an animal dies it is quickly beset upon by carrion birds, maggots, scavenger beetles and bacteria which consume all but the most durable skeletal portions. Each of these other creatures derives its life from the death of another form. Ancient man placed great emphasis on the observance of the vegetative cycles of life and death. Religious holidays and observances developed around the corresponding seasons and the continued reinforcement in the natural world that out of death comes life.

Whenever I come across nature programs on public television I am always reminded of the innate violence present in nature, with one life form feeding on the other. As human beings we are on top of the food chain with few natural predators. Occasionally one does hear reports of death from shark attack, mauling by lions, tigers or jaguars. However, for the most part it is the smallest organisms such as viruses and bacteria that bring about our death.



United States Chart Progressed to June 28, 2004

From the astrological perspective, the planet Mars is life-giving in his expressions as passion and procreation. He brings death in his form of aggression and war. To some degree Mars can be summed up as “sex and violence.” When Mars is prominent in the chart of an individual it can indicate a bellicose and passionate nature. The same should hold true when Mars is prominent in the chart of a nation. At the time of publishing we will be coming up on the 228th anniversary of the founding of the United States. In Course XIII of the Brotherhood of Light lessons *Mundane Astrology*, C. C.

Zain gives us the birth chart of our nation as July 4 1776 at 2:13 A. M. in Philadelphia, PA (39N57; 75W09). This chart gives us Mars as the dominant planet (12.1%) at 20° Gemini in the first house. If the rules of astrology ring true then from this information we can infer that the United States culture will reflect a propensity for violence and death.

According to Bureau of Justice Department statistics between 1993 and 2001, there were 160,396 murders and non-negligent manslaughters of persons age 12 or over re-

PLANETS

	Power	%	Harmony
☉	44.63	7.4	-4.36
☽	68.12	11.3	14.97
♀	28.59	4.7	-5.87
♁	55.98	9.3	8.86
♂	72.73	12.1	-1.50
♃	53.99	9.0	24.84
♅	47.31	7.8	2.79
♁	53.01	8.8	7.64
♃	25.43	4.2	-8.39
♁	41.19	6.8	-3.12
MC	62.60	10.4	14.16
ASC	<u>49.51</u>	<u>8.2</u>	<u>5.68</u>
	603.09	100.0	55.68

HOUSES

	Power	%	Harmony
1	189.54	20.3	8.88
2	188.66	20.2	36.82
3	62.65	6.7	1.61
4	22.31	2.4	-2.18
5	87.03	9.3	-8.54
6	42.23	4.5	3.85
7	26.99	2.9	12.42
8	23.65	2.5	1.39
9	64.84	6.9	-1.73
10	155.80	16.7	31.73
11	19.85	2.1	4.11
12	50.36	5.4	1.46

SIGNS

	Power	%	Harmony
♈	36.37	3.9	-0.75
♉	14.00	1.5	2.22
♊	189.54	20.3	8.88
♋	251.31	26.9	38.43
♌	22.31	2.4	-2.18
♍	39.72	4.3	-11.32
♎	75.30	8.1	7.22
♏	14.24	1.5	-0.58
♐	26.99	2.9	12.42
♑	88.50	9.5	-0.34
♒	155.80	16.7	31.73
♓	19.85	2.1	4.11

Astrodynes - USA Chart

ported to the FBI (this number excludes the events of September 11, 2001). In 91 percent of these crimes a weapon was used. In the United States violent crime accounts for more death, injuries and loss of property than all natural disasters combined. Approximately thirteen million people or 5% of the U.S. population are victims of crime every year.

On September 11, 2001 our nation was shocked by the nearly 4,000 dead from the Pentagon and World Trade Center bombings. Our populace was so outraged by the attacks that it prompted our nation into war with Afghanistan and later Iraq. Surprisingly, no public outcry was heard that year for the approximately 16,000 citizens who died by homicide.

In the United States, regions and states with higher rates of firearm ownership have significantly higher homicide victimization rates. We must ask ourselves, "Is the rate of violence higher in the United States compared to other developed nations?" A recent effort by the International Collaborative Effort (ICE) on injury statistics provides some insight into this question. In research comparing the available data from 11 countries the difference between the United States and the other nations is conspicuous, with the United States having a rate of homicide four times the amount of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Scotland.

Homicide rates peaked in the early 1930s, 1980, and 1991. The lowest rates of homicide were observed in the late 1950s. This could be an interesting research topic for determining astrological trends in the frequency of homicides. Another interesting correlation gleaned from Bureau of Justice Statistics was the number of executions conducted in this country were at their peak during the 1930's (the peak being 1935 at 199 deaths). Between 1965 and 1983 only 21 executions took place. Although at present, the homicide rate in the US has been in a period of decline since 1983 the rate of executions has increased. There is some irony in the idea that we try to teach people that killing is wrong by killing them.

War and terrorism are two other forms of death and violence that figure prominently in today's news. According to the official FBI definition terrorism is "the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives." However, there is no universally accepted definition of terrorism. Depending on your point of view one man's terrorist is another man's liberator. Countries like Algeria, Ireland, Israel and Tunisia, might not have become independent republics if not for terrorism. When freedom loving people believe in a right to self-rule they will do whatever it takes to achieve that goal. Unfortunately those actions often bring death and destruction to many innocent people.

Many politically motivated terrorists, who want to bring down an existing government or regime, attack those that they see as attacking their religion, or gain publicity for a cause. Suicide terrorists almost always have had at least one relative or close friend who has been abused, maimed, or killed by an enemy. This is a case of violence breeding more violence. In countries and cultures where there has been intergenerational and inter-communal war many adults become trapped in righteous indignation and never outgrow the vendetta mentality. Terrorists generally believe there's a difference between right and wrong, and feel justified when they perpetuate a terrorist act. It is simplistic thinking reflecting a stage of emotional development called retributive justice which believes in "an eye for an eye."

There is a process for social change that chooses life over death. On August 15, 1947 India gained her independence from the yoke of colonialism through

the efforts of Mohandas K. Gandhi. The Mahatma or “Great Soul” who is honored by his people as the father of the Indian Nation believed “an eye for an eye will blind the world” and he helped free the Indian people from British rule through nonviolent resistance. His chart can be found in Course XX of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons. During his years of activism in South Africa and India Gandhi developed methods for obtaining political and social goals based upon the principles courage, nonviolence and truth called **Satyagraha**. Gandhi saw human society in a role of ceaseless growth, undergoing an unfoldment in terms of spirituality. He believed that the way people behave is more important than what they accomplish.

Gandhi showed the world that there is an alternative to the traditional patterns of death and destruction, and that powerful, life-affirming, political and social change could be brought about through non-violent methods. In *Cosmic Alchemy*, course XVII of the Brotherhood of Light Lessons we learn that mankind is evolving as a whole and steadily moving towards greater perfection. We are evolving from our animal nature to a more spiritual nature. As human beings we will eventually be able to make social and political choices so that all people of the world and not just a privileged few have the opportunity for economic, intellectual and spiritual progress and can gain this progress without having to resort to violent means.

Writing in 1946 at the end of WWII C. C. Zain the author of the Brotherhood of Light lessons wrote

“Long before a world can be built in which there will be freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of expression and freedom of worship, and long before a world organization can be constructed in which specialization of parts, division of labor and effective cooperation between the parts contribute to man’s physical, intellectual and spiritual progress, an organization can be formed to perform the essential functions necessary to prevent further wars.

“But such an organization, or one providing still greater benefits, can only be constructed if there is sufficient public sentiment throughout the world favoring it. If public sentiment is strong enough, leaders will be found and selected with sufficient skill to form and handle such a United Nations Organization. Therefore, the cosmic alchemist works with unflagging zeal to create a worldwide sentiment for a United Nations Organization that can and will abolish war.”

The Brotherhood of Light lessons offer a means whereby we can not only promote our own personal spiritual growth but also reflect upon the means by which society can embrace change. As we alter our own personal habits, transmuted anger and revenge into love and mutual assistance the world can become a better place one person at a time. Let us consciously choose the habit systems that promote life over those that promote death. ☛

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tinuation of the life-form which through physical death had passed from the earth.

On this inner plane it underwent a period of gestation, and after further experiences with four-dimensional life, it returned to earth to occupy some higher form for which its experiences now fitted it; or in case of a human soul, to an interior realm in which the opportunities for expressing its ideals, thoughts and emotions were immensely greater than it could ever hope for under the limitations of an environment of only three dimensions.

Thus the Ancient Masters came to look upon what we call death as merely the completion of one cycle of life, which was also the commencement of a new cycle of existence. Birth into a physical body resulted when a cycle of four-dimensional experience had been completed by the life-form. And, as they had amply demonstrated that the vitality of the body, and therefore its recuperative power, is ruled by the Sun in a birth chart, they correlated their teachings about the cycles of life with the cycles of the sun.

The celestial equator, coinciding on earth with the earth’s equator, divides the earth astronomically into north and south polarity. And it has been found experimentally that the relation of the sun to this division of the earth, determines the relation of the earth to the various sections of the field of force through which the planets move. In other words, the signs of the zodiac owe their peculiar vibratory quality to the definite section of the heavens they occupy relative to the positions of the sun and earth. And the determining factor in this is the distance along the apparent path of the sun from the point where it crosses the celestial equator, and thus changes polarity.

The sun each year apparently moves north from the southern celestial hemisphere to the northern celestial hemisphere, bringing with it the summer season. It does this because its path, the ecliptic, is inclined at an angle of 23 degrees, 26 minutes, 51 seconds to the plane of the earth’s equator, the projection of which in the sky becomes the celestial equator.

That is, as the ecliptic and celestial equator are not identical and not parallel, they must meet and intersect each other.

The line of their intersection is called the equinoctial colure. The points where the sun, following its path, the ecliptic, crosses the celestial equator, are called the vernal equinox and the autumnal equinox. They are called equinoxes because when the sun reaches these points the nights are equal in duration to the days.

While this may seem a bit technical, everyone is familiar with the changes of the seasons from winter to spring and from summer to autumn. These are caused by the sun changing polarity in crossing the equinoctial colure, crossing from the southern celestial hemisphere to the northern celestial hemisphere about the 21st of March each year, and from the northern celestial hemisphere to the southern celestial hemisphere each year about the 23rd of September.

Of these two points, it was noted by the ancients, as well as by moderns, that the one where the sun crosses the celestial equator in spring is the most important, and constitutes the commencement of the zodiac. Although it is a circular belt in the sky along the apparent path of the sun, the zodiac thus has a definite starting point. This starting point is not determined by any of the stars or constellations, but by the place among the stars and constellations, during any given year, where the sun crosses from south declination to north declination. This is called the vernal equinox, and also the First Point of Aries.

As the beginning of the sign Aries marks the change of polarity of the sun which ends one astronomical year and commences another, and as the sun was known to be the ruler of the vital forces of life, the ancient wise ones who designed the tarot felt it appropriate to explain, in association with this sign of the sun's annual birth, their findings that the death of one form always constitutes the birth of another.

Furthermore, as the most important cycle influencing the events which happen to cities and nations is mapped at the exact moment the sun changes polarity, and thus enters this sign, in the tarot design relating to the sign Aries, they also sought to convey knowledge regarding the influence of cycles in Mundane Astrology.

Circling the zodiac, the sun each year returns to the commencement of Aries. Its crossing the celestial equator to enter this sign, cuts off the old cycle of its life, even as in tarot Major Arcanum XIII, THE REAPER cuts down with his scythe the ripened grain. Aries is a Mars sign, and the cutting of the harvest by the grim skeleton, portrays in the language of symbolical pictograph, the destructive influence of Mars upon the vitality of the cycle of the sun just completed. Death, as pictured by the skeleton, inevitably claims its own.

This, however, is but one aspect of the picture. The other shows the bow of bright promise in the sky; while in the wake of The Reaper there are human hands, representing works, human feet, representing understanding, and human heads, significant of thoughts. Here we have, not merely the

destruction by Mars, but the promise also of its constructive power. The sun, entering the Mars sign, Aries, has had the vitality of its previous life-cycle cut off; but this gives birth to a new cycle of life, birth to new thoughts, birth to new understanding, and birth to new works, which the sun now has commenced to vitalize.

Thus is there pictured in Major Arcanum XIII a philosophy which denies that death is the end, and which gives to the thoughts and works of man a significance in the realms of the future. Not only will the vital forces represented by the sun acquire a power and increase when the individual is born through so-called death into the afterlife, but it will be springtime also for thoughts and understanding, and for the work which he will start in that region.

But in addition to a philosophy regarding the life of the soul being a succession of cycles, each in a more progressive form, Major Arcanum XIII also explains the important factors which should be used in the practice of Mundane Astrology. The death and birth there pictured relate not to one individual, but as plainly indicated by various types of human heads, to groups of people. And Mundane Astrology is the science of the influence of the heavenly bodies as they affect the world, nations, cities, communities and other groups of people.

Any organization of individuals functioning under a common governing authority constitutes an entity. As such it attracts to itself fortunate and unfortunate events in a manner quite similar to that in which like events are attracted into the life of man. Both have birth charts which, if known, correctly map their characters; and both are influenced by picking up, radio fashion, four-dimensional vibrations through changes in their finer structures, such as are mapped by progressed aspects.

As indicated by the heads in Arcanum XIII, the individuals are the thinking units within the body of the community, even as the thought-cells are the intelligent units within the unconscious mind of man. And when, through progressions or other positions of the heavenly bodies, certain of these units receive an additional energy supply, this causes them to be proportionally more active, and thus pronouncedly to influence the thoughts, the behavior, and the events attracted, into the life of the individual or group of which the units form a part.

The community birth chart indicates the character of the community as a functioning whole. As progressed aspects form to the birth chart and progressed planets in this community chart, thought trains are released. These link certain individuals of similar motives and ideas together in a manner that enables them, and the thought-forms they generate, to perform the same function performed by a temporary stellar aerial stretching across the astral body of individual man. Through this thought-chain, and those persons who act as receiving terminals, because they have so completely tuned in on certain planetary vibrations, additional plane-

tary energy finds its way to various members of the community. These feel in a particular way in reference to community effort, depending upon the type and harmony or discord of their respective characters, and the type and harmony of the new energy thus received from the planets.

It is according to the way they feel and think and act, in response to the new energy thus picked up from the planets, the determines whether the event attracted through their activities is harmonious or discordant. And it is according to the department of life which then becomes the object of their thinking and their activities, that determines that this department of community life is affected chiefly, instead of some other.

Yet a nation, or a section of the country, responds so pronouncedly to Cycles, such as Arcanum XIII indicates, that even when the birth chart of a nation is known, these should receive special consideration. And as the correct birth charts of most countries and cities are unknown, in the astrological determination of the events which will transpire in relation to them, we are compelled to rely upon the current planetary aspects in the sky, the charts erected for major conjunctions, which have an acute and precise influence, but only over a very limited period of time, and upon the cycle charts of the various planets.

The cutting off of the old influence and the birth of a new regime, as pictured by THE REAPER, takes place in so far as the sun is concerned when, through passing from southern declination to northern declination, it changes magnetic polarity. It does this not because it enters the sign Aries, but because the sign Aries ever must start at the point in the heavens where the sun thus changes polarity.

The rainbow above in the picture shows the promise of that which is to come, and in so far as things in general are concerned, a chart erected for a given place for the moment the sun crosses to north declination, about March 21, reveals what will happen affecting a city, nation, or other group entity, whose governing authority is at that place, during the following year.

For instance, in 1938 the sun crosses from south declination to north declination on March 21, 1:35 A.M., L.M.T., Washington.

The chart erected for this time and place, among other things, shows Pluto, the planet of coercion and cooperation, in the house of foreign countries (seventh). The general influence of Pluto is to divide into two composing groups; and thus may we expect our country to be divided upon the question of participating in foreign affairs. But as this position even more affects other countries, the world also will be so split into rival groups, and the coercive power upon us will be so great, that we will be forced to cooperate with one faction to protect our interests from the aggressions of the other.

Thus also each house of this chart, as representing a different department of our national life, may be considered in turn, and the whole sum up the different general trends of events during the coming year.

But the bow of promise in this pictographic explanation of the influence of cycles, clearly is not confined to the action of a single planet. There are really seven distinct lines in the bow, showing that each naked-eye orb, at least, must be considered as having a cyclic influence of its own. And other than the moon, which revolves around the earth and commences its Cycle when it makes the conjunction with the sun, observation proves that each of the planets, as well as the sun, commences a cycle when it crosses from south declination to north declination.

The sun and moon and the things they rule are so important in human life that from the Sun Cycle for each year and the Moon Cycle for each month it is possible to determine much of what is going to happen in a country or city. But if dependence is placed exclusively upon the Ingress Map (as the Sun Cycle commonly is called), and the Lunation Maps (as the Moon Cycles often are termed), some of the most outstanding events will be overlooked; for these relate chiefly to the influence of things ruled by some other planet.

Unlike the Cycle Charts of the sun and moon, the Cycle Chart of one of these other planets does not indicate the influence of a wide variety of things on the affairs of the locality for which erected. Its influence is narrowly confined to that which it is there possible for the things ruled by the planet for which the chart is erected to exert.

A Mars Cycle — of which a new one commences January 31, 1938, 1:55 P.M., L.M.T. Washington — reveals the influence exerted by mechanics, by manufacturing and the military profession, and by aggressive action; but it does not reveal the influence of orthodoxy, of land and basic utilities, of conservatism, or of the farmer and miner. Such a Cycle Chart is the birth chart of the type of influence indicated by the planet for which it is erected. This birth chart continues effective until the commencement of the next Cycle of the same planet.

The commencement of a Cycle also tend at that time to stimulate the influence of the things ruled by the planet for which the chart is erected, upon the affairs of the work. Thus the last of January and the first of February, as the new Mars Cycle comes into influence, strife and warlike matters will come into prominence. And as Mars is in the house of the Administration and business it indicates an increased and aggressive influence of industrial workers upon the affair of our land.

This, or any other Cycle Chart affecting groups of people, is like a birth chart of definite influence over a stated period, revealing the events that will transpire due to that particular influence, but not due to those of other types. And, as in the birth chart of an individual, the time when the indicate

events will happen is revealed by progressed aspects. But unlike the progressions in birth chart, only the planet is progressed for which the chart is erected, and it only as it moves forward by transit to make aspect to the positions the planets occupy in the Cycle Chart.

For instance, in the new Mars Cycle of January 31, Uranus is 9 Taurus 48 in the house of Congress (eleventh), and co-ruler of the house of the navy (ninth). On March 2 1938, Mars reaches 9 Taurus 48, and therefore comes to the conjunction of Uranus bringing sudden events of an explosive character, disturbing some members of Congress profoundly, bringing death to the fore, arousing labor difficulties in industry, causing anxiety over violence in foreign lands, and arousing concern over the strength of our navy and the welfare of our shipping.

A Mars Cycle, however, does not indicate the events which relate to safety, economy and poverty, or to the influence of ultra conservative thought, strictly orthodox religion, or to the power in politics of the farm and miner. For these, and measures relating to security, we must look in particular to the Cycle of Saturn. The last Cycle Saturn commenced March 2, 1922; but the will be a new one start when Saturn cross from south declination to north declination March 5, 1938, 9:04 A.M., L.M.T., Washington. It will show the influence of the things just mentioned until May 1967.

And during this period the outstanding events due to cautiousness, conservatism, economy, and fear will coincide with the aspects Saturn makes, as it moves through the sky, to the positions of the planets in this Cycle Chart. Jupiter, for instance, in the new Saturn Cycle, is 17 Aquarius 30, in the house of business (tenth), and on July 5, and again on August 25, Saturn reaches 17 Aries 30, and then makes the opportunity (sextile) aspect to this position of Jupiter. Thus a move may be expected near these dates, not merely to increase business and afford relief for those in distress, but which has for object greater business security in the future.

It will be seen from these illustrations that no difficulty should be experienced by anyone who becomes even slightly familiar with the use of progressed aspects in Cycle Charts, in foretelling with precision the times when widespread interest in events of each planetary type will be exhibited, and within a day or two, when important events of each planetary type will come to pass. In fact, by also considering the New Moon Cycle, or Lunation, such events can be predicted to within twenty-four hours of the exact time they actually transpire.

At the commencement of a Cycle the influence is more pronounced while the planet is close to the exact line between north and south declination. But because the physical envi-

ronment, by its resistance or lack of it, may require accumulated planetary pressures to manifest as a given event, the condition indicated by the changing polarity pictured in Arcanum XIII, may develop somewhat before, or somewhat, after, the exact moment of change of declination. There is an orb, therefore, of one degree of movement by declination, within which events signified by the Cycle may take place before the Cycle actually starts.

In a like manner the progressed aspects which form to the places of the planets in the Cycle Chart, also have an orb of one degree from the perfect aspect, within which the event signified happens.

In the Moon Cycle, which is set for the conjunction of the Moon with the Sun, and not for change in declination, because the Moon moves so rapidly, an orb of 24 hours is allowed within which the event signified by the progressed aspect of the Moon happens. Any event which transpires outside of the orb of one degree from perfect, or in the case of the Moon, more than 24 hours before or after the perfect aspect, should not be attributed to the commencement of the Cycle or to the aspect.

The detailed application of this knowledge in predicting the events which will come to pass within a community or nation, of course, presupposes a knowledge of common astrological practice; that the progression of the planet through a house causes its influence to be felt in a certain department of life, rather than in others, and that its progressed aspect to a planet in a certain house, causes the things represented by that house to be affected. It is to be recognized, also, that the influence of a progressed aspect to one planet is different than that of a progressed aspect to another planet. These matters, however, are common knowledge to those who practice natal astrology.

But in addition to that which pertains to natal astrology, the ancients, through Arcanum XIII of the tarot, laid down for us the principles of using Cycles in Mundane Astrology. They associated the start of such Cycles with the pictographic explanation of the sign Aries, because the most important Cycle, that of the Sun, commences when that orb enters Aries. And they indicated by the seven promises of the bow, that each of the other planets could be used in a manner somewhat similar.



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In Memoriam

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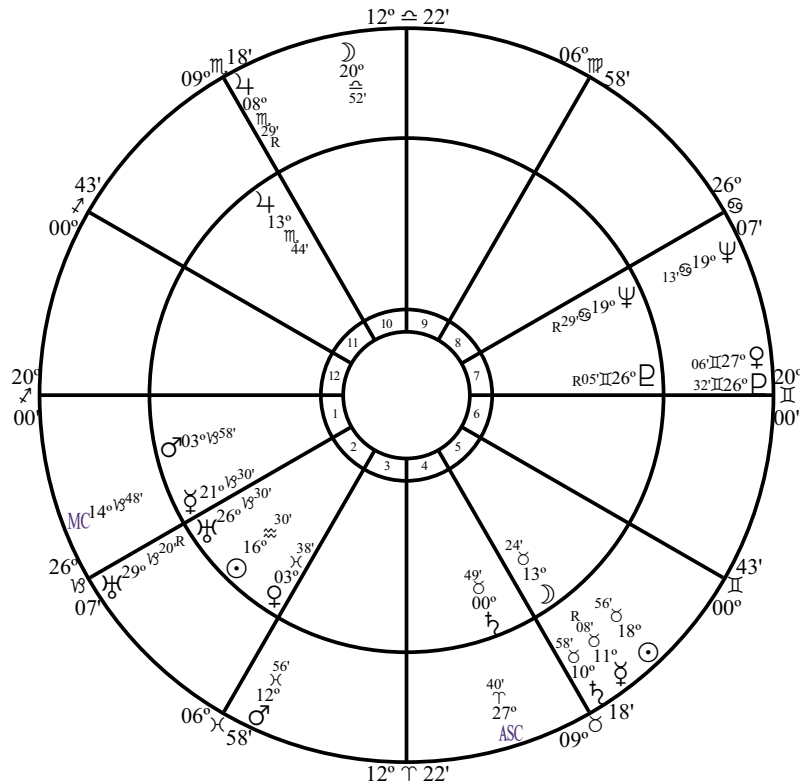
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In a sunset ceremony June 11, the body of Ronald Reagan was laid to rest at his presidential library in Simi Valley California. Tony Blair, Mikhail Gorbachev, Margaret Thatcher, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford were among the dignitaries who attended a funeral service at the National Cathedral in Washington earlier that day. Reagan died June 5 at his home in Bel-Air, California, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ronald Reagan was one of the most admired Presidents of the 20th century. He won two national elections. In 1980 Reagan enjoyed a victory of landslide proportions against incumbent president Jimmy Carter receiving 51% of the popular vote and 489 electoral votes. In the 1984 elections, Reagan scored an even wider margin against Walter Mondale than in the 1980 race.

Over two terms, from 1981 to 1989, Reagan reshaped the Republican Party in his conservative image, tripling the national debt to \$3 trillion in his efforts towards the demise of Communism. While seeking and achieving arms control agreements with the Soviet Union he built up the U. S. arsenals of war to unprecedented levels.

His detractors consider his policies as being responsible for many of the ills that plague the current administration. He sent Donald Rumsfeld to Iraq to reassure Saddam Hussein that he had the support of the American People and provided support for Osama Bin Laden and Taliban leaders in Afghanistan. Even with all the scandals that beleaguered his administration he was called the "Teflon" president as none of the ills ever stuck to him.



*Ronald Reagan: February 6, 1911. Tampico, Illinois
Rectified to 3:43 A.M.*

Born in Tampico, Illinois on February 6, 1911, he was the longest-lived U.S. president. Reagan's birth time is considered "dirty-data" as there is no birth time listed on his birth certificate. According to the Astro Data Bank, over the years astrologers have calculated his birth chart based on times varying from 1:56 A.M. to 5:51 P.M.. The chart used in this article was rectified to 3:43 A.M. by Joan Quigley, Nancy Regan's astrologer during the White House years. Below I provide a brief list of biographical events for those students that might want to try their hand at rectifying his chart. The rules and procedures for both rectifying and progressing a chart can be found in Course X-2 *Progressing the Horoscope* by C. C. Zain.

Reagan Chronology

- 1911: February 6th: The younger of two sons born to Nelle and John Reagan
- 1932: Graduates from Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois
- 1932-1937: Works as radio announcer
- 1937: Makes film debut with "Love Is on the Air"
- 1940, January 26th: Marries Jane Wyman, actress
- 1940: Plays "the Gipper" in "Knut Rockne: All-American"
- 1941: Daughter Maureen, born
- 1942-45: Serves war effort by making air force training films
- 1945: Adopted son Michael, born
- 1947: Daughter Christine, born four months premature and dies the next day
- 1947: Becomes president of the Screen Actors Guild
- 1949: Marriage to Jane Wyman ends in divorce in.
- 1952, March 4th: Marries Nancy Davis, actress.
- 1952: Daughter Patti, born
- 1954-62: Works as host and performer on General Electric Theater, tours as speaker
- 1958: Son Ronald, born
- 1962: Formally switches to Republican Party
- 1964, October 27th: Gives speech in favor of presidential candidate Barry Goldwater
- 1966, November 8th: Elected California governor
- 1968: Makes last-minute bid for Republican presidential nomination
- 1970, November, 3rd: Elected to second term as California governor
- 1976: Challenges President Ford unsuccessfully in the Republican primaries
- 1980, November, 4th: Elected president over incumbent Jimmy Carter
- 1981, January 20th: Sworn in as 40th president of the United States. Iranian hostages released
- 1981, March 30th: Wounded by a would-be assassin as he left a Washington hotel after giving a speech
- 1981, July 7th: Announces nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor as the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court
- 1981, August: Fires more than 11,000 air-traffic controllers after they go out on strike against the Federal Aviation Administration
- 1983, October 25th: U.S. troops invade island of Grenada after a leftist coup
- 1984, November 6th: Re-elected President in landslide victory
- 1985, November 19th-21st: Summit in Geneva with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev
- 1986, April 15th: United States launches an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin ten days earlier
- 1986, October, 11-12: Summit in Reykjavik, Iceland, on arms reduction and U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative
- 1986, Nov: The Iran-Contra affair becomes public
- 1987, October 23rd: Senate rejects Reagan's nomination of Robert H. Bork for the Supreme Court
- 1988, May 29-June 2: Moscow summit Reagan and Gorbachev ratified texts INF treaty
- 1989, January: Returns to California after second term ends
- 1990, November: Publishes memoir, *An American Life*
- 1991, November 4th: Reagan presidential library dedicated
- 1994, November 5th: Discloses Alzheimer's diagnosis
- 2001, August 8th: Daughter Maureen dies of cancer
- 2004, June 5th: Reagan dies at 93 the longest-lived American president ☛



Mundane Astrology

A Chart for Iraqi Self-Rule

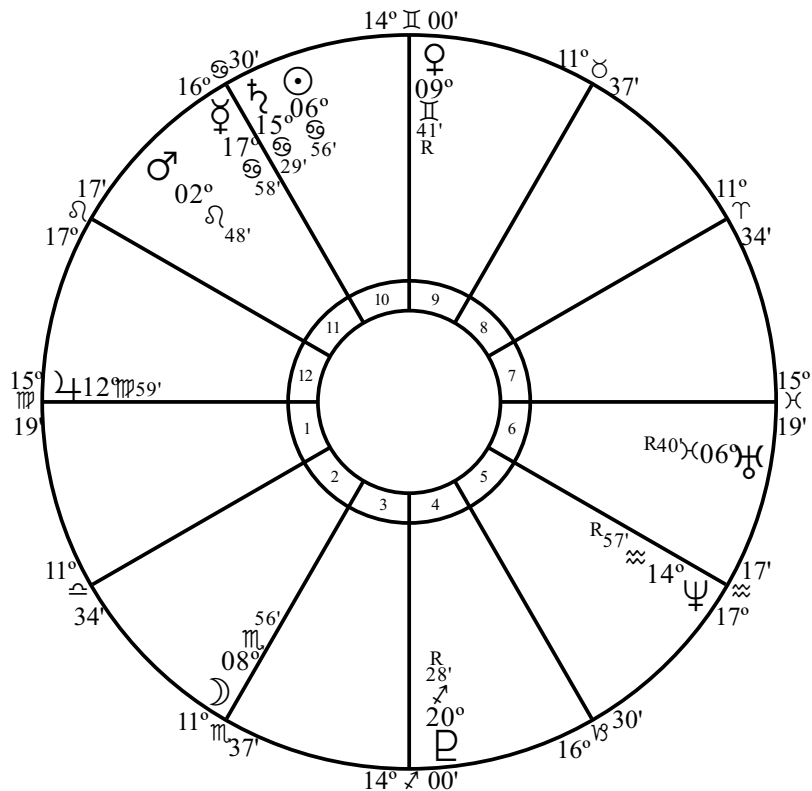
Christopher Gibson

On Monday June 28 the world was surprised to learn of the transfer of sovereignty by the U. S. – led coalition to an interim Iraqi government. This low-key ceremony, shrouded in secrecy took place at 10:26 A.M. in a Baghdad office building formerly used by the Iraqi Governing Council. This transfer came two days earlier than planned in an apparent bid to surprise insurgents who may have tried to sabotage any steps towards Iraqi self-rule. The transfer which was broadcast only on Iraqi and Arabic satellite television brought little public celebration.

In this heavily-guarded ceremony, which was attended by about a half dozen coalition and Iraqi officials, U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer handed over the documents of sovereignty to the hand-selected interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. Bremer then quickly exited Iraq on a U.S. Air Force C-130. As the highest authority in Iraq, Bremer has issued more than 100 unpopular orders such as giving U.S. civilians immunity from Iraqi law while working in Iraq. Unless rescinded or revised by the interim government his laws will remain in effect after the occupation. Prime Minister Allawi promised to hold public elections in January 2005 providing the security situation improves. News

reports indicate that some Iraqis feel the transfer of power is a step in the right direction; others view it as meaningless, as the population chafes and grows restless under U. S. occupation.

The birth chart for the new Iraqi government is so favorable that one might suspect that an astrologer actually chose the time. In a land that was the birth place of Western Astrology this is not so surprising. Benevolent Jupiter is seen rising in the 12th house in conjunction with the ascendant. Prime Minister Allawi is calling national unity “a sacred duty.” There is a grand trine in the chart involving the Sun in the 10th house, Moon in the 2nd house and Uranus in the 6th house which favors the economic recovery of the nation. The 10th house of



*Iraqi Self Rule: June 28, 2004. 10:26 A.M. Baghdad, Iraq
33N21; 44E25*

ruling authority is the most prominent house in the chart (25.5%) with the Sun and Saturn in a wide conjunction which will favor a conservative government, possibly based on “Shari’ah” or Islamic Law. One of the most troubling sectors of the chart is Pluto in the 4th house opposing the Midheaven. This tends to indicate that the nation will continue to experience insurgencies and underground efforts to topple the government. Mars in the 11th house can point towards continued conflict with neighboring nations. The Sun is the most harmonious planet in the chart and ultimately favors the nation’s leaders and their ability to gain respect both at home and abroad. ☾

Mundane Astrology

Elections 2004 – Who will Inhabit the White House?

Christopher Gibson

Every four years United States citizens have the opportunity to participate in a regime change. This “bloodless coup” comes in the form of elections for a new President, Vice President and his cabinet of advisors who move into the White House.

Our Constitution dictates that an election shall be held every four years on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. Since the Founding Fathers did not completely trust the electorate, the outcome is not determined by popular vote but by an Electoral College. These Electors gather in their respective State House on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December to cast their votes. The Electoral College has not always followed the popular vote. Since 1936, the Presidential inauguration has taken place on January 20.

The power of the executive branch of US government is vested in the President, who also serves as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces. The Vice President, who is elected on the same ticket as the President, serves as President of the Senate and becomes President if the President can no longer do the job. The President selects Department heads who advise him on issues and help carry out policies.

Any US Citizen who is over the age of 18 is eligible to participate in selecting the President, however little over half of adult citizens actually participate in choosing who will lead the country. According to statistics provided by the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, during the last 80 years a little over 55% of eligible voters actually cast their ballot in presidential elections. The highest turnout of US voters (62.8%) took place in 1960 when Democratic candidate John F. Kennedy defeated Richard M. Nixon by a very narrow margin of the popular vote. The lowest recorded voter turnout during this 80 year period (49.0%) was in 1996 when Democrat Bill Clinton ran against Republican Bob Dole.

The astrological rules for determining the outcome of an election can be found in the Brotherhood of Light Course XIII, *Mundane Astrology*. In a section titled Gauging Elections, the author states:



“The method followed has been to obtain the birth charts of the contending candidates and carefully weigh one chart against the other, special attention being given to the progressions in the chart of each at the time, and immediately following the election.”

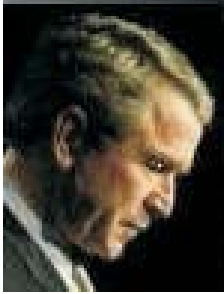
A look at the charts of the chief candidates and their current progressions can reveal clues to the outcome of the 2004 elections. The incumbent president George W. Bush is an oil millionaire, owner of a baseball team, and son of U.S. President George H. W. Bush. In 1994 he became the governor of Texas, the second largest state in the U. S. He became the first man since John Quincy Adams to follow his father into the White House.

George Walker Bush was born July 6, 1946; 7:26 AM EWT in New Haven Connecticut, (41N18 29, 72W55 43). He is a self-described “compassionate conservative” which can be attributed to Sun and Saturn in the sign of Cancer in the twelfth house of his chart. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1968 and a MBA from Harvard University in 1975. In 1994 he won the Texas Governor’s race against Ann Richards on an educational reform platform represented by Neptune, the Moon, and Jupiter in Libra in his most harmonious house, the third.

Mercury is the dominant planet in Bush’s chart and his oratory skills have clearly improved since becoming president.

Venus in his first house makes him social, well-liked and has contributed in his past to his reputation as a “party animal”. During the late 60’s and early 70’s he was notorious for his drinking and carousing. In 1977 he met and married a West Texas school librarian, Laura Welch who introduced him to Evangelical Christianity. Upon turning 40 in 1986 he underwent a profound idealistic life change abandoning drinking almost overnight. During this period his progressed Sun was in conjunction with his natal Venus, while Venus was in conjunction with Neptune the planet ruling drug and alcohol use and the co-ruler of his ninth house of religion and philosophy.

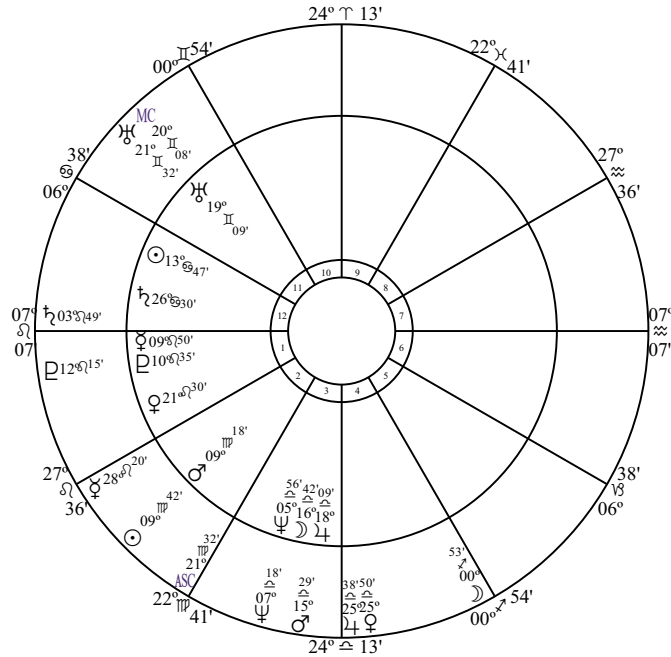
His decision making appears to be permeated by religious belief, appealing strongly to the religious right. He appears



to have blurred the lines between the separation of church and state by encouraging government funding for faith-based initiatives, his support for keeping the word “God” in the Pledge of Allegiance, and his desire to change the Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage. In reference to US involvement in the Middle East he was quoted in a CNN report as saying: “The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain. Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them.” The 2000 presidential elections were followed by public outcries to abolish the Electoral College. During these hotly contested elections Al Gore received 48.39% of the popular vote compared to George W. Bush’s 47.88%. These elections were followed by 36 contentious days of vote recounting and legal maneuvering in Florida, governed by his brother Jeb. Bush eventually won a 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court. This decision effectively made him the president-elect.

Progressed aspects involving the Sun (power urges and politics) and the Midheaven (honor, reputation and career) are extremely important in gaining positions of significance either by election or appointment. At the time of the 2000 elections Bush had a variety of progressed aspects to both the Sun and M.C. Some of the key aspects in orb that year are as follows: Progressed Sun parallel progressed Jupiter, progressed Mars Square natal Sun, and Progressed Midheaven trine his natal Moon.

From the number of aspects we can see that there was sufficient power astrologically to win the election, yet enough discord for the legitimacy of the election to be brought into question. During his first year in office his progressed Mars, an indicator of war, continued to square his natal Sun. It was barely eight months after Bush took office that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center precipitated a call to war.



George Walker Bush: July 6, 1946; 7:26 A.M. EWT
New Haven, Connecticut

For the upcoming November 2004 elections the President’s chart shows powerful indicators of his ability to campaign strongly and to win votes. His progressed Sun is sesqui-square natal Midheaven and might indicate that issues related to an escalation in Iraqi prison scandals might negatively impact his reputation. However, with his progressed Sun conjunct natal Mars, a show of military force or unexpected improvements in the economy could bolster his strength at the polls

The opposing candidate Senator John

Forbes Kerry was born December 11, 1943 at 7:10 AM MWT in Denver CO, (39N44; 104W59). Kerry who holds a Bachelor’s degree from Yale University, and a law degree from Boston College, spent much of his childhood in boarding schools in Switzerland. John Kerry entered the Navy after graduation, became a Swift Boat officer and served on a gunboat in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War. He received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and three awards of the Purple Heart for his service in combat. Both his valor under fire and later anti-war activities can be signified by the Sun in Sagittarius in his first house opposing Mars in Gemini in his seventh house. In April 1971, while testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he asked the following question, “How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?” No doubt his ability to act as Commander in Chief while the nation is at war and his past anti-war activities will be a key point for his detractors on the campaign trail.

Kerry’s career includes his work as an attorney, assistant district attorney, Massachusetts lieutenant governor, and U.S. senator. He is running on a platform promising to lead America to better jobs, quality health care, energy that is clean, renewable, and independent. His campaign quotes him as saying “From the moment I take office, I will stand up to the special interests and stand with hardworking families so that we can give America back its future and its ideals.”

Kerry’s first marriage ended in divorce in 1988. He has two daughters from his first marriage and three stepsons from



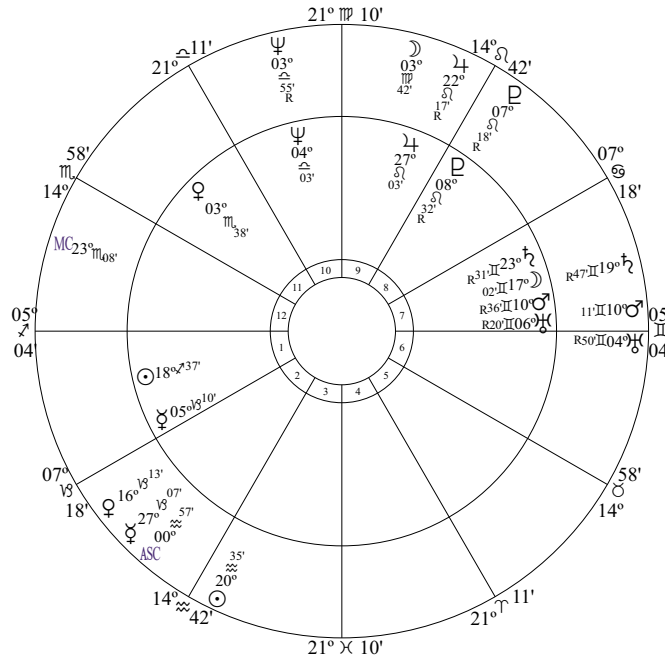
his second marriage to ketchup heiress Teresa Heinz who is reputed to have assets of over \$600 million.

John Kerry was raised in the Catholic faith and continues to be an active member of the Catholic Church. However, Kerry supports ideas contrary to Church doctrine such as a woman's right to choice, gay civil unions and divorce which clearly show his willingness to act on social issues from the dictates of his own conscious.

A look at Kerry's aspects involving the Sun (his dominant planet) and Midheaven both before and after the elections is quite revealing. His progressed Sun forming a trine progressed Saturn might herald record Democratic turnout at the polls. His progressed Midheaven square progressed Jupiter might attract obstacles from religious leaders for his liberal positions on abortion or gay marriage, or this might express concerns about his ability to conduct foreign policy. He also has his progressed Sun semi-square natal Mercury, which might attract friction in the press for his alleged waffling on issues concerning the Patriot Act and U.S. involvement in Iraq. His progressed Sun forming an inconjunct to his natal Midheaven figures favorably for his increasing popularity from June through Election Day. However, June 2005 - March 2007 his progressed Sun will be opposing progressed Jupiter in the ninth house, which, if he is elected, could indicate a drop in public opinion polls.

This comparison of the candidate's charts shows much more powerful stellar energy at the time of the upcoming elections. However, the progressed charts alone do not give a clear indication as to who shall win therefore we may need to look at the astrological rules that govern which party is more inclined to win in an election. In Mundane Astrology C. C. Zain writes;

"If on Election Day there is a good aspect in the Jupiter Cycle...it indicates that the Republican Party will poll a heavier vote than expected. If on election day there is a good aspect in the Saturn Cycle...it indicates the Democratic



Senator John Forbes Kerry: December 11, 1943; 7:10 A.M. MWT
Denver, Colorado

However the Saturn Cycle Chart has two aspects in orb on Election Day. With Saturn parallel Neptune, rising oil and gasoline prices may play a last minute role in voter's choice. Also Saturn forms an inconjunct with the Sun which favors Democrats through mail-in and absentee ballots.

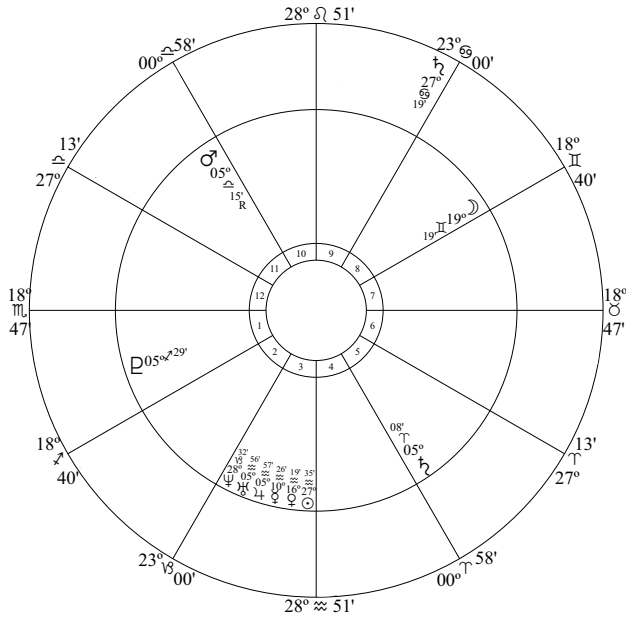
Thus the Cycle Charts indicate a favoring of the Democratic candidate in November 2004. If, however, through a close study of the progressed charts of the candidates and the current aspects in the Cycle Charts at the time of elections do not provide enough clues, there is yet another option for gauging elections. A Contest Chart can be erected for the day and time that the polls open. In CS. VIII *Horary Astrology* C. C. Zain gives the rules for judging contests, political elections and games.

"The first thing, then, in deciding which side will triumph, is to determine which side is represented by the east side of the chart and which side by the west. Such a chart may be erected for the moment the contest begins, or it may be erected for the moment a horary question is asked. If the chart is set up for the moment the contest begins, because he takes the initiative, the challenger is represented by the east side of the chart and his opponent by the west side."

The problem I encounter in choosing a Contest Chart for Election Day 2004 is which chart to use. Traditionally a chart is calculated for the opening of the polls in the District of Columbia. However, the first polls to open in the U. S. are at Dixville Notch, New Hampshire. I will provide the data here for each location for those students interested in doing

party will poll a heavier vote than expected, many changing at the last minute to vote Democratic. But a discordant aspect in the Cycle Chart tends to influence things adversely on the last days, or during the time the aspect is operative, for the party ruled by the Cycle planet."

The Jupiter Cycle Chart cast for February 24, 1999 at 6:41 A.M. EST Washington D. C. (77W00; 38N53) has prominent aspects both before and after the elections, but no exact aspects in orb on November 2. This could indicate a poor showing for Republicans in the polls.



Saturn Cycle Chart: February 16, 1997, 12:27 A.M. EST Washington D.C.

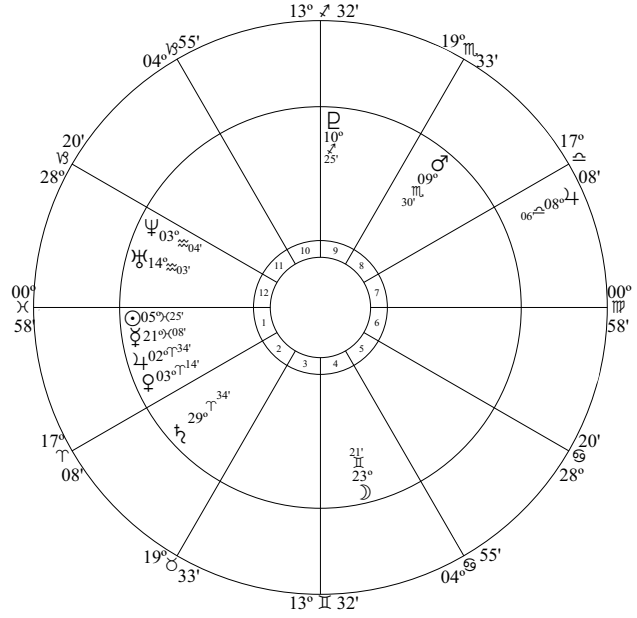
some comparative research on their own. Polls will open in the District of Columbia (77W00; 38N53) November 2, 2004, at 7:00 A.M. EST. Polls will open in Dixville Notch, NH (44N52; 71W18) November 2, 2004 at 12:00 A.M. EST. Without going into any great detail, each of these charts has a powerful eastern hemisphere and favors the Democratic challenger.

The last option for gleaning information about the upcoming elections is the Luration Chart prior to the elections which will take place October 13, 2004 at 10:48 P.M. EDT in Washington D. C. (77W00; 38N53). Zain describes the effect of the Luration Chart as;

“The New Moon preceding an election also has considerable significance; although its trend should be considered in connection with the charts of the candidates. If the Tenth house and its ruler are powerful and harmonious, it indicates the party already in office is well entrenched. If the Fourth house and its ruler are powerful and harmonious, it indicates that the opposition to the party in office has much power.”

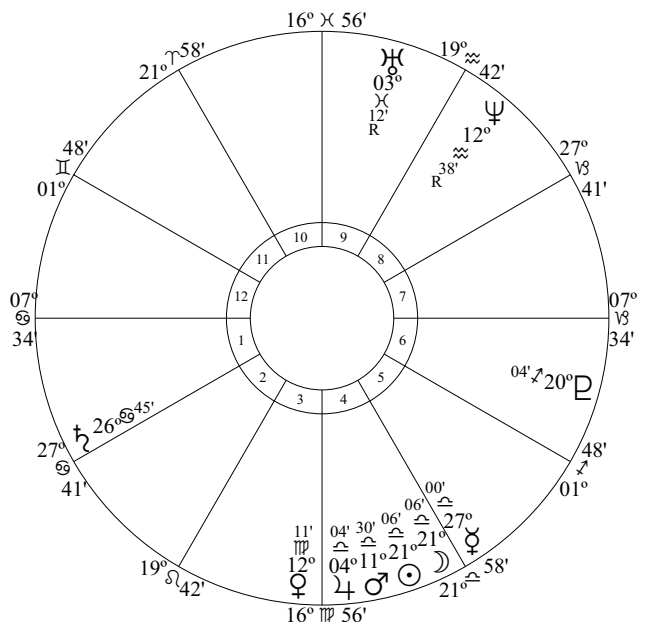
The Luration Chart strongly favors the opposition candidate to the incumbent President. We find in the fourth house Jupiter, Mars, the Sun and Moon all in the sign of Libra. This house contains 29.6% of the power of the chart as compared to the tenth house which has only 5.5% of the power.

In summary, you can see that the process of determining the outcome of an election can be somewhat complex. However, by following the rules so clearly outlined in the Brotherhood of Light Lessons on Mundane and Horary Astrology we can glean information from a variety of charts in order to draw our conclusions. The Cycle Charts, Contest



Jupiter Cycle Chart: February 24, 1999, 6:41 A.M. EST Washington D.C.

Charts and Luration Charts all indicate a more favorable outcome for the Democratic candidate. However, the individual progressed aspects in each of the candidate’s charts are more inclined toward Bush holding political office. With his progressed Sun in a conjunction with Mars, war or the declaration of martial law could become a last minute campaign strategy. Perhaps we will see a repeat performance of the 2000 elections with the Democratic candidate winning the popular vote and Bush receiving the majority of the Electoral College vote. We will all be poised on the edge of our seats waiting to see who ends up in the White House in January, 2005.



Luration Chart: October 13, 2004, 10:48 P.M. EDT Washington, D.C.



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The Tablets of Aeth

**Tablet The Tenth
Capricorn ✎**

“A deep, black ground, o’er which shimmers a phosphorescent light; at each side an aurora borealis rises, mountain like; above all, a tiny star.”

*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

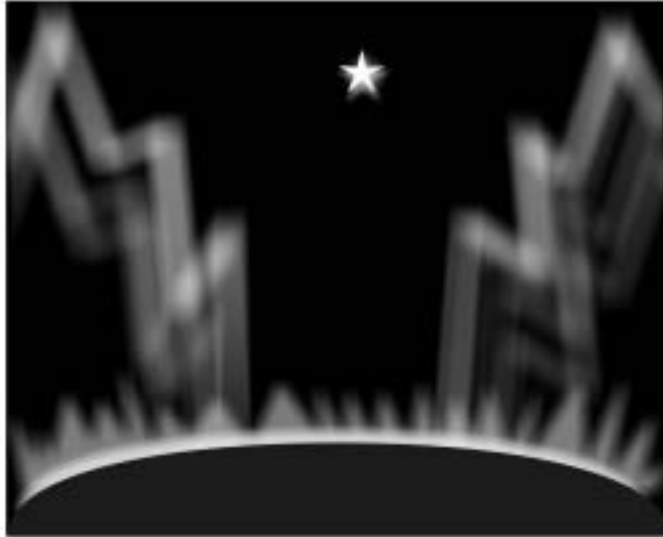
The Cosmic enlightenment of the Earth is such a serious business. It is thought that achieving oneness must be so complicated. Then, at the moment of enlightenment, one realizes that the opening of the mind was always so close. Silence helps, as does a quiet mind, separate from the burdens that the self imposes, to relax enough to possibly forget about oneself long enough to embrace and admire the beauty of existence.

For some spiritual enlightenment comes like one moving swiftly through deep mud. Think of all the possibilities and in pausing to do this many possibly do not move or maybe even do not desire to move at all. And then come along those who try to help us by trying to tell us what not to think about, but accomplish just the opposite and then we think about nothing else. The fear, the worry, the sorrow, the depression, the regret, the criticism: it would be better to be so busy as to not have time to consider it or to be too consumed with constructive work as not to notice.

For a moment, being too tired to do another thing, the silent pause takes place as the body finally rests to allow the soul to balance and do other and necessary things. It is that time between sleeping and waking that the soul sparkles. But it is that Cosmic voice that speaks that unites all things and awakens the Inner Light within. It is this realization that the soul climbs to finally reach the top of the mountain and then realize that it is the first mountain peak before endless mountain peaks before the path of life. ✎



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"A deep, black ground o'er which shimmers a phosphorescent light; at each side an aurora borealis rises mountain like; above all, a tiny star."

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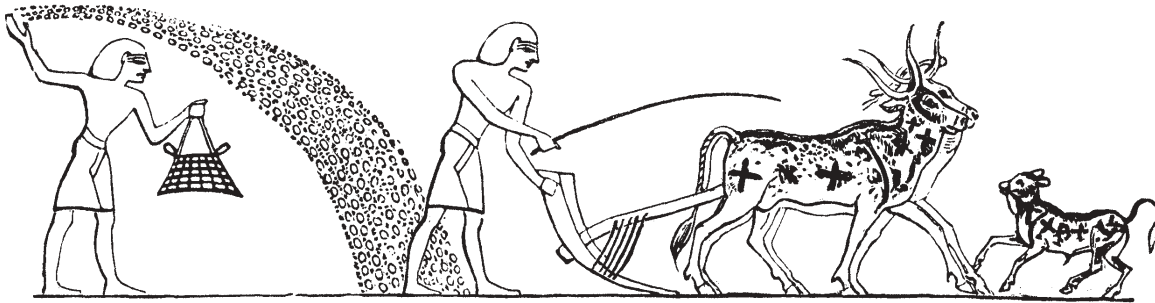
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Here is revealed the symbol of the messenger of the Most High. The star hovers over the phosphorescent light cast on the darkness as the spirit hovers over the blackness of matter. The aurora borealis stands as the emblem of the magnetic attraction of Earth on spirit, the Christ soon to be born in the manger of the Goat; the descent of the Holy Ghost into material form, so that heavenly truth may illumine the drear speculum of earthly thought with the Divine iridescence of celestial light. It is the lowest arc of the cycle that reveals the new birth of death unto life — the divine egg of Brahma, containing the promise of the new law: "Peace on Earth, good will towards men."

O child of Adam! Be thou the star, and not a dweller of the outer darkness, and "Let your light so shine before men, that, they may see your good works." ✨



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Your Tarot Horoscope

Reading the Meaning of Numbers

C.C. Zain

World Astrology Magazine, April 1939

By means of numbers we estimate the influence both of things and forces. The value of a material object; or instance, such as a house, is commonly expressed numerically in dollars and cents. The power of an engine is expressed numerically as so many horse power.

When, therefore, we approach the study of the influence exerted by invisible energies, we quite naturally expect that they also should be expressed, in their power to cause changes, by means of numbers.

These invisible energies may all be classified under three categories:

1. Character-vibrations, which are the radiations of a thing or an intelligence due to its organization.
2. Thought-vibrations, which are the radiations of an intelligence due to thought processes.
3. Astrological-vibrations, which are the radiations from the heavenly bodies and the zodiacal signs.

The vibrations of physical substance within a certain range of frequencies give rise to tones or sounds. And the vibrations of the ether within certain range of frequencies give rise to colors. Likewise the range of frequencies of astral substance which has an influence upon human life gives rise to similar types of energy, producing effects comparable to physical tones or etheric colors. Because we are more familiar with physical vibrations, it is convenient to refer to astral vibrations as tones. There are thus astral tones arising from the signs and planets, from character radiations and from thoughts.

Now thoughts also have each a given tone quality. A thought having the same tone as some particularly prominent vibratory center within ourselves, when it reaches us

repeatedly, may set up a terrific vibratory intensity in that section of our astral body. That is, a specific thought reaching us from others, constantly being radiated to us by everyone who thinks about us, if it has the same tone as some section of our astral body, stimulates the thought-cells of that section of the astral body into unusual activity.

Either a name or a number, as such, is merely an abstraction, and has no energy to do anything. But when a name or a number is thought, that thought is a definite energy radiated toward the one then thought about. As such it has also a specific vibratory key. Its influence, thus, is not to be measured by the sound produced in speaking; for the influence is quite as pronounced if it is only thought and not spoken. It is measured by the voltage, so to speak, of the thought; that is, by the energy supplied the thought by the thinker; and by the key to which it vibrates.

The Hebrew, Chaldean and Coptic square-formed letters served not merely as letters, but also as numbers. That is, there, were no separate characters for numbers, each letter being a number. We thus have the numerical value of the letters of these ancient alphabets; that is, the vibratory quality ascribed to each by the early masters of occult science. And these values, as tested out today prove correct.

And in tabulating the correspondence between the English alphabet and the is the ancient square-formed letters, the effort has been made, not merely to

follow the precedent of translators of languages, but accurately to select the English equivalent in its thought-vibration quality of each of the ancient 22 letters. Thus we are able, by substituting the numerical vibratory equivalent of each English letter, to find the number which has the same astral vibratory rate as any name.

When the numerical equivalent of the name is thus found, the Key to which the name vibrates can be determined by



finding the Key of the number. This Key found by Theosophical Involution. That is, the digits of the number are added together, and this repeated, until a number results which is below 23. This gives the vibratory key of the number, and thus the vibratory key of the name.

By this method the vibratory rate of any name, whether it is associated with an individual or not, may be determined in a positive manner. And with this information at our disposal for determining the key of any name or any number, we have at hand a rather complete measure of all the astral forces that can have an influence over human life.

Character-vibrations are determined by finding the astrological signature — that is, the astrological rulership of the subject.

Thoughts are either abstract or concrete. Concrete thoughts are those that concern doing something, or which revolve about some definite object or action. We do not possess as yet any method of determining the tone of each separate thought in a thought-train. If we did we could chart any thought-train on a musical staff of 11 lines and 11 spaces. But we do possess a method of determining each separate tone in any name or any number; for each letter, or number, is one of 22 numbered thought-tones.

The really important thing about a thought-train, or about a name or number, is the key to which it vibrates as a whole. This key to which a thought-train sounds can be determined by an analysis of it.

Such analysis of a thought-train, or an emotion, reveals it to vibrate chiefly to the Domestic Urges (Key 20), to the Power Urges (Key 21), to the Safety Urges (Key 15), to the Intellectual Urges (Key 1), or to some of the other keys. From this the influence of the thought-train or emotion is made known.

Here, however, we are interested in abstract thoughts, such as names and numbers. The name FRED, for instance, when not associated in the mind with some particular person, is a mere abstraction. Yet when you, or anyone else, think the name FRED, there is radiated from the mind four thought-tones—17—20—5—4. No matter who thinks this name, the same thought-tones are radiated.

But in thinking this name, or any other name, the various tones composing it are blended, just as the tones of a musi-

cal chord are blended, and the whole name as thought vibrates to a dominant key tone. And this key tone, the vibratory key of the name, has a far greater power than any tone embraced in it. Thus, 17 plus 20 plus 5 plus 4 gives 46 as the number of the name FRED. Then as 46 is above 23, we add 4 plus 6 which gives us 10 as the astral vibratory Key of the name. No matter who thinks the word Fred, his thoughts send out a key-tone which vibrates to 10.

The meaning of this 10 tone, standing by itself, and unrelated to any individual, can be had by referring to the 10th Major Arcanum of the tarot. Its divinatory significance is there given as Change of Fortune. Its meaning is also there indicated in the spiritual world, in the intellectual world, and in the physical world. And still further information about it can be had from the detailed explanation of the number 10 tarot.

But as affecting human life things do not stand alone. Instead they exert an impact upon character. How the character is affected, depends not merely upon the vibration reaching it from without, but also upon the nature of the character thus reached.

Therefore, if we are to have a positive science — as distinct from a divinatory method — of invisible vibrations as affecting human life and destiny, we must have a chart of the influencing vibrations, and also a chart of the character influenced.

So far as human beings are concerned, I know of no method of accurately determining the various vibratory rates — their power, their harmony and discord, the department of life they affect, and the lines of energy exchange between them — that reside in the character, other than through the use of an astrological birth chart.

Any invisible energy, whether character radiation, astrological radiation, or thought radiation, reaching the astral body of the individual stimulates into additional activity the same tone to which it vibrates as this tone exists already in the astral body. That is, it gives the thought cells of the astral body new energy. How this affects the individual then can be determined by the map of the astral body which is the astrological birth chart.



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Annual Membership Meeting

To be held at 1: P.M. on Friday September 24, 2004

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*Dinner in the Garden
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Educational Seminars in New Mexico



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Educational retreats exploring astrology, alchemy, and tarot have continued in New Mexico. Special emphasis is placed on the practical application of esoteric knowledge in our daily lives. These “hands-on” workshops are 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. Recent additions to our programs have included Sunday morning Church of Light services and initiations for new members, grade changes and Hermeticians.

2004 Retreats

Alameda, New Mexico

September 25 & 26 - 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.



*Meg Dissinger - Initiation and the Hero's Journey
Tarot Retreat, June 2004*

2005 Retreats and Conventions

Cimarron, New Mexico

January 15 & 16 - The Alchemical Laboratory: Life's experiences provide us with ample opportunities for transformation and change. In this weekend retreat in the mountains of northern New Mexico we'll discover the formulas of the alchemists which lead to the development of spiritual gold. Learn the use of antidotes and conversion, directed thinking and induced emotion. Using the astrological chart as a map of our thinking we'll use experiential techniques for turning discord into harmony.

2005 Retreats & Conventions

Retreat: Tarot, Astrology & Numerology:

Alameda, New Mexico

March 19 & 20 - In this weekend retreat we'll ponder the knowledge of the ancient Kabalists to discover the relationship between a name, the tarot arcanum and your astrological chart. Find a name that brings out the best in you.

Convention: Hermeticism in the Modern Era

Albuquerque, New Mexico - June 23 - 26

Discover how best to practice Hermetic science in the 21st Century. Gifted teachers from around the country will share their knowledge of Tarot, Astrology and Alchemy. This convention will include a preview party, two days of educational programming, with Church of Light experts, an awards banquet, and more. Participants who plan to come to town in advance of the conference can join us in sightseeing tours to archeological sites, Indian pueblos, and museums.

For registration or to volunteer as a speaker contact:

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A Member Writes

I have just started reading The Laws of Occultism. I just wanted to say that I truly believe that I have been searching for this knowledge my whole life. I am not very religious, but deeply spiritual. I have been all my life and have always been fascinated by stars, even as a child when I would sometimes speak to the ones I could recognize. I just wanted to pass on my appreciation to you. I believe that with the knowledge I can learn, I will soon know how to better fulfill my true purpose in this world. - D.

Passages



Welcome - Member Christopher Castoe announces the birth of his granddaughter Alea Marrie McBride born April 23, 2004.

In Memoriam - An anonymous donation was made in the memory of Rosanna (Geishi) Culp.

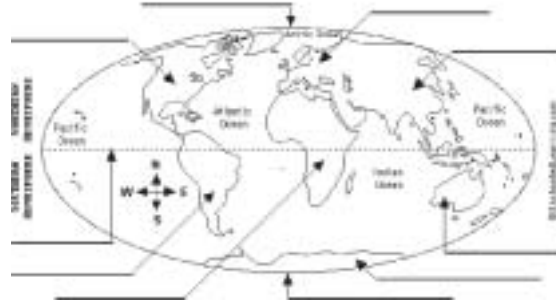
Alea Marrie McBride

Some Members Need Sponsors

If you are considering sponsoring another person's study please let HQ know either in writing (111 S. Kraemer Blvd., Suite A, Brea, CA 92821) or by e-mail (churchoflight@light.org).

Sponsorship involves purchasing books and making exam donations. Some 1/2 price books are available.

Publishing for the 21st Century



Exciting things are happening around headquarters. We've recently teamed up with BookSurge the leader in print on demand technology to insure that all the Brotherhood of Light Lessons and related materials remain in circulation in the 21st Century. It is a long project to get all of our materials formatted electronically and indexed, however it will be well worth the effort.

There are many advantages to applying print-on-demand technology to our publishing business which includes the capability of offering books in paperback and hardbound editions; no longer having to maintain thousands of dollars in inventory on slow moving titles; being linked to one of the largest distribution networks that insures booksellers will know about our products; printing and distribution capabilities in Europe will reduce shipping costs to members abroad.

The printer offers order fulfillment and shipping which will free up employees at Headquarters so that we can focus on membership services and educational programs. ✨

“Return to Spirit” Tour Ready to Begin! Win One of Three Souvenir Books on Ancient Egypt!

As many of you have learned via mail and email, we are very excited to say that all the arrangements for our “Return to Spirit” Tour to Egypt for next April 2005 are complete, and you may now begin to register for the tour. Space is very limited, and a number of spots on the tour are already spoken for. Make your commitments and deposits early, so that you will not miss this historic opportunity to be part of the Brotherhood of Light’s first journey back to Egypt!



As you enjoy the following excerpt from the itinerary for our tour, peruse this newsletter in search of the symbol to left:

The first person to find the symbol hidden in the newsletter and to notify us in writing will win the book “Nefertiti and Cleopatra”, about two of Egypt’s most powerful and prominent ancient Queens!

There will be more chances to win in future newsletters. Happy hunting, good luck and enjoy this preview of our tour!



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

Today, you drive through the Egyptian countryside and arrive in the afternoon to visit Tel El Amarna. When the Pharaoh Amenhotep IV experienced a spiritual awakening that gave birth to the ideal of monotheism (predating Moses by more than a century), he changed his name to Akhenaten, “one in service to the Aten”, the name he was given for the One God. The tradition of the Brotherhood of Light acknowledges both Akhenaten and his father Amenhotep III as members of the spiritual order that was driven into hiding after the schism that ended the reign of Queen Netokris in 2440 BC. The order thrived in secrecy for 1100 years; Akhenaten is credited with being the first to bring it into the public arena. Akhenaten moved his family and the capital of Egypt away from Thebes (Luxor) and the intricate es-

tablishment of the state religious order to Amarna.

Legend tells us that, sailing down the Nile, Akhenaten observed the sun setting through a portal in the horizon line (“akhet”), and named the site for his new city “Akhet-aten”. The “akhet” is still visible en route to the site today. While much of his city and temples were robbed by Ramesses II for construction elsewhere, it is here that archaeologists unearthed the workshops of the sculptor who created the now world-famous bust of

Akhenaten’s beautiful wife, Nefertiti. After a brief 17-year reign, Akhenaten and his new spirituality were all but erased from the landscape of Egyptian history. He was eventually succeeded by his young son, Tut-ankh-aten, whose name the high priests changed to

Tut-ankh-amun.



Win a Book on Ancient Egypt!

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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;
- 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.

