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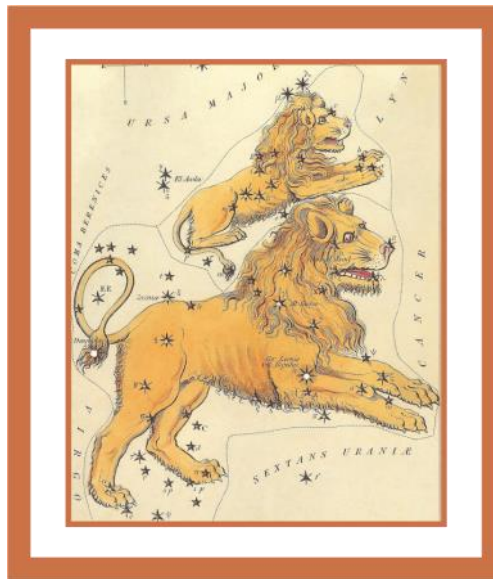
Leo: Harnessing the Power of the Sun

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*“Any Accomplishment Truly Worth While
Requires the Exercise of Courage.”*

Looking at the picture that depicts the constellation Leo, there are two Lions, not one. Is the smaller Lion atop the larger one the Ego or the little voice of reason that directs the actions of the body, or the mind that controls the body?

The ancients knew the necessity of a higher, spiritual aspect of the Sun than just the physical, embodied in the archetypal Greek God Apollo in his horse drawn chariot.



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Spiritual Astrology: Leo—I Will

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The fifth sign of the zodiac is Leo, which translates as “the lion” (Merriam-Webster, 2024). According to Hickey (1992), Leo is a positive (active), fixed, fire sign ruled by the Sun. The key phrase for Leo is “I Will.” Leo extends from July 21 through August 21 of each year.

Before entering upon an explanation of Zain’s (1997) interpretation of the sign Leo, it is worthwhile to describe the general characteristics of the Sun, the celestial body which traditionally holds rulership over this

sign. If you wish to understand the symbolism of the Sun, an informative avenue is to consider its physical appearance, its physical properties, and its function in our solar system.

According to NASA (2024), the Sun is a yellow dwarf star that is approximately 4.5 billion years old. It occupies the heart of our solar system, creating a gravitational field so expansive that it binds together our entire solar system. The Sun is unimaginably large; its mass comprises 99.8% of the entire solar system. Taken together, all of the planets,

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Consider that ...

Courage is: “Strength of mind to carry on in spite of danger or difficulty. Etymology: Middle English corage “the heart as a source of feelings, spirit, confidence,” from early French curage (same meaning), from coer “heart,” from Latin cor “heart — related to CORDIAL.”

— Merriam-Webster

“Courage is fire, and bullying is smoke.”

— Benjamin Disraeli



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“Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love.”

— Mother Teresa

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Editorial

Margaret Joscher, President

*"What makes the muskrat guard his musk?
Courage!."*

— The Cowardly Lion

While contemplating the essence of the sign of Leo, my thoughts repeatedly circle back to the virtue of courage. It's a quality I deeply admire.

In the case of the Cowardly Lion from the Wizard of Oz, despite the adorable bow adorning his mane, courage was what he most desired (and later discovered he possessed all along). The lion has historically symbolized courage and bravery, depicted as majestic, powerful, and unafraid, often appearing as a heraldic symbol on coats of arms or representing groups (such as the Lion of Judah) or individuals (like Richard the Lionheart).



*The Cowardly Lion
From Warner Bros. Entertainment
The Wizard of Oz*

In our world, there are instances of astonishing courage—individuals who stand by their convictions even at great personal cost or who selflessly sacrifice for others. Conversely, there are acts of cowardice—those who remain silent and passive to protect their own safety and comfort. Zain points out Samson's moral cowardice in his inability to resist his wife's manipulation. As a child, I couldn't help but wonder how Samson remained oblivious to his wife's deceit or why the Philistines failed to anticipate the eventual regrowth of his hair.

Perhaps Samson's unwavering physical strength obscured his understanding of true courage. While we often lionize individuals of extraordinary courage as heroes, there are also countless quiet acts of courage in everyday life: the anticipation of becoming a parent, caring for an ailing loved one, standing up to bullies to protect others, leaving abusive situations, and numerous others. Each of these embodies the lion's heart of courage and, akin to the Wizard's medal of bravery, bestows upon us a treasure of spiritual fortitude





photo of watercolor mural study for Apollo by Louis Grell
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“THE Chariot Allegory of Plato, which appears in the Phaedrus, is a very important part of the Western – and World – spiritual and philosophical tradition. It presents a rich metaphor for the soul and its journey. Everyone with a soul should read it!”

— John Uebersax

Horses symbolize thoughts we have. Horses with wings are thoughts with the power to fly to lofty heights.

In an analogy in Plato's Phaedrus¹, the soul drives a chariot drawn by two winged horses, one black to represent our darker, ignoble thoughts,... the other white, for the purer, noble thoughts. The Soul, ever being subject to the pull towards one direction or the other.

The physical attributes of the Sun are not enough but to provide us with Nature's bounty each year for our physical sustenance. The Muses through whom Apollo makes manifest in man the arts and creativity, we may use to explain the inspiration received, like that on a fine summer's day, when everything seems to be going our way, is this when the essence of Leo displays kindness.

What if then it becomes the overpowering, prolonged, unchecked year of drought? The physical Sun bearing down upon all like a tyrannical leader. Instead of bounty, it becomes like captain Blye of the ship Bounty? This leads to a mutinous crew of discontented thoughts that

are leaderless and lack inspiration, like a drought.

To utilize our carefully selected crew of thoughts for any endeavor, we have to be really, really sure of our intentions. Even summoning the Will to seek answers from divination. I never take to this lightly, like a whimsical thing. It's a sacred thing that takes courage like that depicted by the Lion, the king of beasts, or the ruler of thoughts. It should not be used willy-nilly. If, like me, you may be of the opinion that some things are better left not known. Perhaps it is better to depend upon our own merits from the thought built crew based upon the wisdom of contemplation that Athena gives us.

The Temple of Apollo at Delphi had the famous motto “Know thyself”, and like the female Muses of Apollo through which we emotionally acquire inspiration for our artistic pursuits, the oracle was delivered by a virgin female priestess². Like an untampered, tempering of the male principle, something that regulates the possible headstrong, ego driven direc-

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Apollo and the muses. John Singer Sargent (public domain)



tion that would otherwise become the domineering ruler.

In *Personal Alchemy*, Zain has it that the neophyte should develop an invincible Will, but the direction of the desire energy must be carefully selected of intent and guarded against from diverging, or distraction as will lessen the reaching of the desired goal. Like Odysseus, Theseus or Samson and many others in allegorical

stories, led astray by femme fatale representing the subconscious.

Any endeavor selected in whatever field of life requires courage to see it through, but if after applying all we may have to see it fulfilled, sometimes we must have the courage to admit that maybe the intent was selfish, or that the desired result was beyond our powers of achievement. Maybe like some world leaders, or Empires have been in the past, adopting the Lion symbolism in hope to harness the power of the Sun. The Sol invictus.

“The secret to happiness is freedom...And the secret to freedom is courage.”

— Thucydides

But the lion chasing its quarry may find itself surrounded by an insurmountable pack of hyenas or wild dogs, the unaccounted for, factor of fate.

“Any Accomplishment Truly Worth While Requires the Exercise of Courage.”

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- 1 Plato’s Chariot Allegory: <https://www.john-uebersax.com/plato/plato3.htm>.
- 2 Muses: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORKCWfbrY8k>.



The Delphic oracular priestess or Pythia
Oil painting by Tim Prichard 1989



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dwarf planets, asteroids, and other celestial bodies comprise just 0.2% of the total mass of the solar system! As if this weren't impressive enough, here are some other mind-boggling statistics regarding the Sun: it is 100 times wider than the Earth; it would take 330,000 Earths to match the mass of the Sun; and it would require 1.3 million Earths to equal the volume of the Sun. It is the only star in our solar system, providing our celestial neck of the woods with every photon of light and heat. Therefore, it is not an overstatement to say that the Sun is the *sine qua non* of Life, Love, and Light as we know it. Truly, the Sun is easily and without question the largest, strongest, and most powerful celestial object in our solar system.

In terms of its symbolism, then, the Sun represents energy, fatherhood, reason, constancy, and the supernatural world. In this sense, it stands in direct contrast to its heavenly consort, the Moon, which represents matter, motherhood, intuition, changeability, and the natural world. Together, these two Lights (Hickey, 1992) act as a Heavenly King and Queen, exercising dominion over the affairs of Earth. Interestingly, as was explained previously in my article on the zodiac sign, Cancer, while the Sun and Moon are extraordinarily different in terms of absolute size, with the Sun being approximately 400 times greater in diameter than the Moon (Cain, 2008), since the Sun is also approximately 400 times further away from Earth as compared to the Moon, from

our vantage point here on Earth, they both appear to be about the same size. Figuratively, the Heavenly King and Queen rule our planet with a just, faithful hand, appearing to their subjects here on Earth as being of equal strength and glory in their complementary roles.

Fascinatingly, as Dobin (1977) elaborates, the border between Leo and Cancer also serves another crucial celestial purpose. It defines the axis of the zodiac itself (see Figure 1 below). That is, just as a king and queen might rule over a country here on

“A man with outward
courage dares to die; a man
with inner courage dares to
live.”

— Lao Tzu, Tao Te
Ching

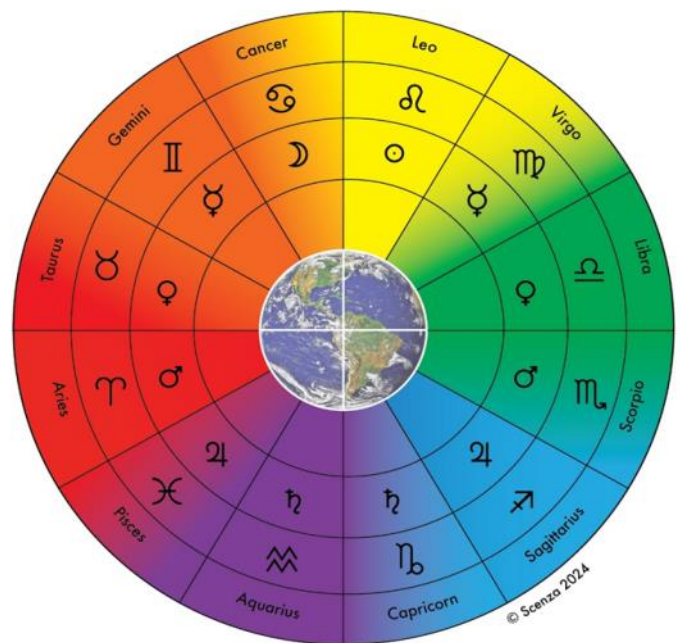


Figure 1: The zodiac is symmetrically constructed along the Leo-Cancer axis.

Earth, the zodiac is designed such that the Heavenly King and Queen—that is, the Sun and the Moon—sit aside each other, enthroned at the zenith of the zodiac, exercising dominion over Leo and Cancer, respectively. In like manner, the remaining signs of the zodiac are symmetrically ruled by the five inner planets. The next two adjacent signs, Virgo and Gemini, are directed by the Heavenly Messenger, Mercury. Adja-

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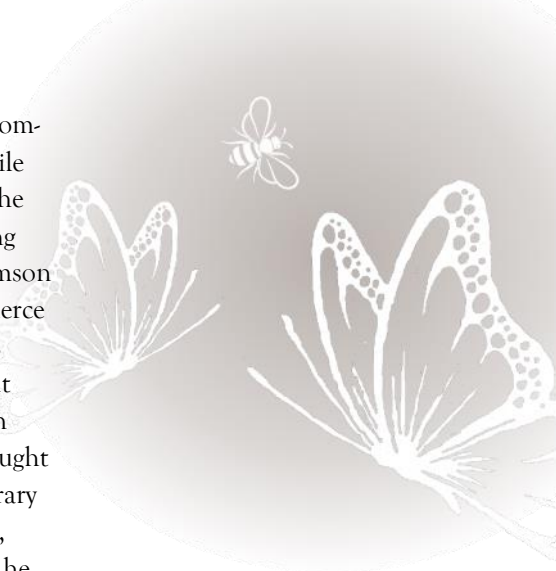
cent to these two signs, the Heavenly Maiden, Venus, presides over Libra and Taurus. Similarly, the Heavenly Warrior, Mars, provides defense and protection by overseeing the next two adjacent signs, Scorpio and Aries. The Heavenly Philosopher, Jupiter, offers inspiration and aspiration through his lordship of Sagittarius and Pisces. Finally, the Heavenly Merchant, Saturn, transacts commerce of all sorts through his governance of Capricorn and Aquarius. In this manner, the Celestial Royal Court of the greater and lesser Lights (Hickey, 1992), in combination with the five inner planets, divides both space and time in a sensible, ordered way that reflects the coherence, stability, and sanctity of the universe itself.

Having described the general influence of the Sun, the planet that rules the zodiacal sign Leo, we can now turn our attention to The Story of Samson, the tale which Zain (1997) most completely analyzes as a metaphor for the message and meaning of the heavenly lion. The Story of Samson is depicted over the course of four chapters in the Book of Judges (*King James Version*, 2024, *Judges* 13-16). As is often the case with biblical heroes, Samson's birth is shrouded in mystery and wonder. An angel of the Lord visits Samson's mother, who was heretofore barren, and proclaims that she will conceive a son who shall begin to deliver the Israelites out of the hand of the Philistines. Samson's mother rushes to her husband, Manoah, who prays for the angel of the Lord to return, in order to instruct them both as to the manner by which Samson should be raised so that he might fulfill his mission. The angel of the Lord returns and offers guidance in this direction, before wondrously ascending in the flame of the altar before the eyes of Manoah and his wife. Thus was the birth of Samson foretold, and thus was he raised according to all the angel of the Lord had instructed.

Samson grew to be a young man of incomparable physical strength. One day, while journeying to Timnath in the land of the Philistines, Samson came across a young lion. Though completely unarmed, Samson rent the lion in two, overcoming this fierce beast in its very prime. Samson and his parents continued on their journey, but Samson did not tell them of his feat. In Timnath, a young Philistine woman caught Samson's eye. Even though it ran contrary to the mores and traditions of his time, Samson demanded of his parents that he be allowed to marry her. As would be expected, his parents protested, but Samson refuses to bow to his parents' wishes, and marries her anyway. On his way back to Timnath to marry her, Samson comes across the lion he slew earlier. Curiously, he finds a beehive brimming with honey inside the carcass of the lion. He eats of the honey and also feeds it to his parents.

Samson's father, Manoah, throws a great feast to celebrate the marriage of his son to his Philistine bride. At the party, Samson challenges thirty men of the realm with a riddle. He wagers with them that if they can figure out the meaning of the riddle within the seven days of the feast, he will give them thirty sheets and fine garments. However, if they cannot, then they must instead give him thirty sheets and fine garments. Samson puts forth a riddle related to his conquering of the young lion thusly: "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." The thirty companions try again and again to figure out the meaning of the riddle, but to no avail. On the seventh day, they threaten Samson's new bride, a fellow Philistine, saying that if she doesn't help them solve the riddle, they will burn her and her father in their house. Frightened for her life, Samson's new bride weeps before him, pleading with him to tell her the secret to his riddle, which he ultimately does. Wanting to save herself and her father, Samson's

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"It is not the strength of the body that counts, but the strength of the spirit."

— J. R. R. Tolkien



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new bride shares his secret with the thirty men of the realm, who offer the solution to his perplexing riddle as, “What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?” Enraged that he has lost his bet and that his new bride had betrayed him, Samson goes down to Ashkelon and slays thirty innocent men, stealing their fine garments, and using them to repay his debt. Still fuming at his wife’s betrayal, Samson seeks her out at his father-in-law’s house. However, assuming that Samson would want nothing more to do with her, his father-in-law has already married her off to another man. Even more enraged than before, Samson ties torches to the tails of 300 foxes, and sets them loose in the Philistine’s fields, destroying their harvest. In retaliation for this act, the Philistines capture Samson’s wife and her father, and make good on their threat to burn them alive. Not one to be outdone in the way of vengeance, Samson then smites the Philistines with a great slaughter. The Philistines flee, taking refuge in the land of Judah, overcoming and ruling over them. Three thousand men of Judah then arrive to take Samson captive, and to deliver him into the hands of the Philistines, in order to appease them. Once in the Philistine camp, Samson tears through the new ropes that bind him as if they were mere threads, and slaughters 1,000 men.

Some time later, Samson travels to Gaza, where he lies with a prostitute. While he lay with her, the Gazites plotted his demise, but he once again relies on his superior physical strength to escape their clutches. Then Samson falls in love with yet another woman outside of his faith, another Philistine woman named Delilah. As he had before, Samson insists on courting her, even though it runs counter to his faith’s commandments. As before, the lords of the Philistines whisper in Delilah’s ear, tempting her to discover the source of his incred-

ible physical strength, that they might once and for all defeat him. For this betrayal, the lords of the Philistines offer her 1,100 pieces of silver each. Delilah approaches Samson, entreating the source of his peerless strength. First, Samson tells her that if he were bound with seven green switches he would be unable to break free. Accordingly, Delilah binds him with seven green switches. However, when the Philistines fall upon him, he easily rends the switches and defeats them. Next, Delilah approaches Samson, entreating him once again for the source of his peerless strength. This time, he tells her that if he were bound with new ropes, he would be unable to overcome them. Accordingly, Delilah binds him with new ropes. However, when the Philistines fall upon him, he easily tears through the new ropes and defeats them. A third time, Delilah approaches Samson, entreating the source of his peerless strength. In this case, Samson tells Delilah that if she were to weave seven locks of his hair to the loom, he would be unable to break free. Accordingly, Delilah weaves seven locks of Samson’s hair to the loom. However, when the Philistines fall upon him, he runs away, carrying the loom and all. Finally, Delilah approaches Samson, entreating him once and for all for the source of his peerless strength. Samson confesses that as he is a Nazirite, his hair has never once been cut in his life. He intimates that if his hair were to be cut, all of his supernatural strength would flow out from him, and he would become as a mortal man. Accordingly, when Samson falls asleep upon Delilah’s knees, she calls for a man to shave all of the hair from his head. This time, when the Philistines fall upon him, he is powerless to overcome them. They blind, bind, and imprison him in Gaza. Exultant in their seeming victory over Samson, the lords of the Philistines host a great celebration. They bring Samson out from prison so that he can entertain them, lashing him between two great pillars. Little do they know, how-

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“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I’ll try again tomorrow.”

— Mary Anne Radmacher

ever, that in the meantime, his hair had begun to grow back, and with it, his super-natural strength. In a final act of vengeance, Samson topples the pillars, causing the house to fall down upon the lords of the Philistines and their thousands of guests, but also effecting his own demise in the process.

The Story of Samson is a perplexing one to say the least. On the one hand, Samson is described as a hero of Israel, having begun to deliver them out of the hand of the Philistines. His birth is also heralded by an angel of the Lord, communicating that he is a personage of more than mere mortal ability. Furthermore, it is stated on at least two separate occasions that he judged Israel for twenty years, indicating that Samson occupied a position of power, prestige, and prominence during the course of his lifetime. And of course, the exploits of his superhuman physical strength are legendary, placing him on a par with the Greek hero, Hercules. And yet, the imperfection of Samson's character in many ways overshadows his heroic status. Samson wantonly abuses his power on multiple occasions, marries outside of his faith (in those days, a serious infraction of Moses' instructions to the Israelites), lays with a harlot, is guilty of gambling, acts out of terrible rage and wrath, slays innocents, and behaves in vicious and vengeful ways. At best, Samson represents the tragic hero, who is at once immortal and mortal, divine and yet all-too-human. In short, he represents well the archetypal Leo, who like the Sun is powerful and sometimes strident in character, imposing and looming, strong and forceful, domineering and mighty; and yet who simultaneously is necessary for the survival and welfare of all those who depend on him. Analogously, he is like the majestic lion, standing as an awesome testament to Nature's strength and subtlety, yet dangerous and terrible to those he despises. The Lead-

ing Text for this sign is, "Any Accomplishment Truly Worth While Requires the Exercise of Courage" (Zain, 1997, p. 115). In the Story of Samson, we witness both the good and the bad, the happy and the sad as relates to the archetypal Leo personality. When leonine personalities are tethered to spiritual aspirations, they can sublimate their massive energy provisions to become unprecedented forces for good. However, when they allow their incredible power and strength to become untethered to uplifting aims, they stalk as the lion at twilight, a danger and a constant threat to those around them.

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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

— Winston Churchill



The Sign Leo

Keyword—I Will

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Mick Jagger

Leo personalities possess an unmistakable presence. They don't simply enter a room; they make an entrance, radiating charm, pride, dignity, and warmth. Ego is evident, but it's a natural extension of their exuberance, illustrating a magnetic and charismatic demeanor that leaves a lasting impression.

Leo's Keywords are: Affectionate - Arrogant - Cheerful - Childlike - Courageous - Domineering - Dramatic - Energetic - Flashy - Generous - Leadership - Loyal - Noble - Snobbish - Strong Willed - Theatrical - Trusting - Unrelenting - Vain - Vitality. Mick Jagger embodies all these traits and more.

He was born on 26 July 1943 @ 2:30 am GMT, Dartford UK, (A rating). His versatile talent as a rock star, singer, songwriter, actor, filmmaker, dancer, and businessperson has excelled him to fame.

Mick Jagger has consistently demonstrated his unwavering determination to excel in all his endeavors. Even at the age of 81, he continues to serve as the frontman for the Rolling Stones, showcasing remarkable longevity in his career spanning over six decades. Widely regarded as one of the most popular and influential front men in the history of rock music, his distinctive voice and dynamic stage presence embodies Jagger's unique and influential contribution to the world of entertainment.

Jagger's powerful Leo stellium reflects his energetic drive. His Sun's conjunction with



Mick Jagger—live Italy 2003
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Jupiter and Pluto in his 3rd house highlights his communicative style, particularly as a singer and songwriter, embodying the charismatic showman characteristic of Leo. Nevertheless, Rolling Stones Richards has said that Jagger became unbearable over the years, he would call the imperious leader "Your Majesty." He described him as a "snob" but added, "I still love him dearly."

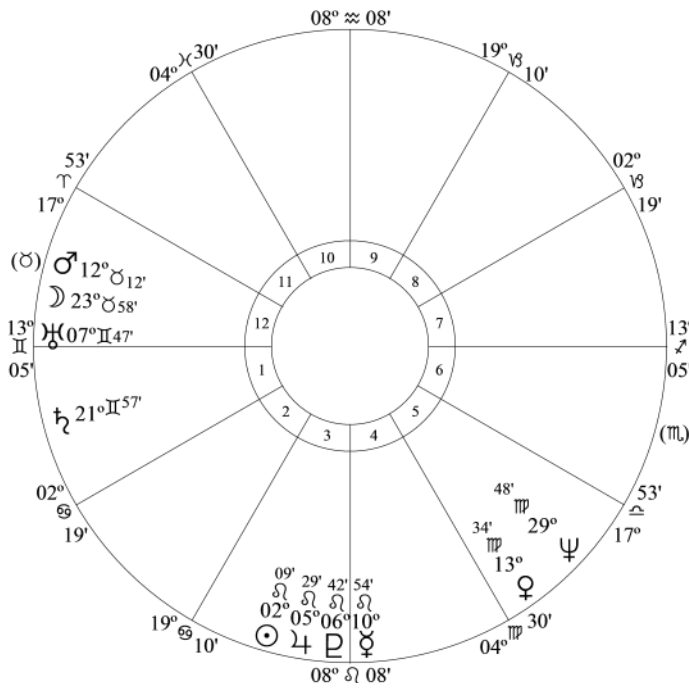
Mercury in Virgo, analytical perfectionism is part of this tight stellium with his Sun, his self-worth. Mercury is his most prominent planet. His intellectual prowess gave him an uncommon advantage in the world of rock. In 1971 Jagger assumed control of the Rolling Stones business affairs. Jagger demonstrated effective rulership by surrounding himself and the band with capable executives. From 1989 to 2001, according to Fortune, the Stones generated more than US\$1.5 billion in total gross revenue, surpassing the revenue of U2, Bruce Springsteen, and Michael Jackson. In 2007,

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Leo

"Even as the Lion, which pictures among the constellations the influence of this sign, is the king of beast, is noted for its courage, and is especially solicitous of its offspring, so Leo people aspire to rule, are courageous, fond of their children and will defend them regardless of the cost."

— Elbert Benjamin
Beginner's Horoscope Reader, Chicago Press, 1943



Mick Jagger

July 26, 1943; 2:30 a.m. GMT (A rating); Dartford, UK



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the band grossed US\$437 million on A Bigger Bang Tour, earning the band an entry in the *Guinness World Records* for the most lucrative music tour ever.

As of 2021, estimates placed his net worth at £310 million (over \$393 million USD). The semisquare between his 1st house Saturn to Jupiter, considered the business planets, along with Pluto (exact) and Mercury, suggest a potent mind for achieving business success. Furthermore, Saturn involving his 1st decanate Leo Sun, indicates an innate ability to become a self-made individual due to his discipline and adept control over his actions.

This man exemplifies Leo; take note, his 1st decanate double Leo Sun not only conjuncts the three planets noted above, his Sun semi-squares his Venus, sextiles his Uranus on his ASC, is opposite his MC and semi-sextiles his ASC. His heavily aspected Leo Sun granted him a position of

royal status, being knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2003, granting him the title of Sir Mick Jagger. The trine of Uranus to his Midheaven (MC) signifies his detached and innovative approach to success. Note the title to his autobiography published in Nov. 2016, *Mick Jagger: Rebel Knight*.

Mercury in the 4th house signifies an early recognition of the importance of home and a commitment to his family which he maintained despite having eight children with five different women. Governed by Mercury, his 5th house reveals a strong desire for creative self-expression, but also a close connection with all his children.

Since his early career, Jagger has embodied what some authors describe as a "Dionysian archetype" of eternal youth personified by many rock stars and the rock culture. Describing Sun semisquare Saturn aspect, Linda Goodman quoted Virginia Woolf, "I don't believe in aging. I believe in forever altering one's aspect to the Sun." His Leo

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Arcanum XIX—Leo

"Expresses in the spiritual world, supreme heaven. In the intellectual world, true happiness. In the physical world, sacred union."

— C. C. Zain

CS VI,

The Sacred Tarot

Mick Jagger, Rolling Stones performance in the Feijenoord Stadium, Rotterdam
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"The Fiery Triplicity embraces the signs, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. People born under this triplicity—meaning primarily the Sun being in this triplicity, tend to the sanguine temperament.

They possess self-reliance, enthusiasm, zeal, courage, daring, the ability to command others, and a love of activity. In the sense of being able to arouse in themselves and communicate to others initiative and enthusiasm, their characteristic quality is **INSPIRATION.**"

— C. C. Zain
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Astrological Signatures

stellium is his signature of his inner child, his free spirit. He has had the 'courage' to follow his own heart and maintain a youthful outlook on life. As CC Zain repeats many times, one's thought processes on life governs the success or failure of that life.

Jagger gained notoriety for his romantic involvements and illicit drug use, earning a portrayal as a countercultural figure, as can be seen with Uranus on his Ascendant sextiling his Sun and trining his Neptune. He could handle the press and the public with ease and confidence; he marched to his own tune. With Uranus conjunct his Ascendant, Jagger embodies mental agility, versatility, and exudes nervous energy. His slick and individualistic expression is evident in his gestures and movements, radiating rebellious electricity, although he himself never perceived himself as a rebel. "I wasn't trying to be rebellious in those days; I was just being me. I wasn't trying to push the edge of anything. I'm being me, an ordinary guy from suburbia who sings in this band, but someone older might have thought it was just the most awful racket, the most terrible thing, and where are we going if this is music? But all those songs we sang were pretty tame, really. People didn't think they were, but I thought they were tame."

His Leo creativity is fortified with Venus located in the natural 5th house of the Sun forming a tight trine to Mars in Taurus. His artistry finds expressions in his love of music and dance. Moon in Taurus can enable one to process their emotions in a controlled manner and are likely to manifest abundance, creativity and sensual comfort in their life. Quoting Mick Jagger, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find, you get what you need."

Mick Jagger has often been regarded as a "poster boy" for healthy living (Venus in Virgo). As of 2006, he was reported to engage in a rigorous fitness routine under the guidance of a personal trainer, running 7.5 miles a day, practicing kickboxing, weightlifting, cycling, ballet, and yoga. It's estimated that during an average show, he covers between five and twelve miles on stage, displaying not only his vitality but also the strength of his physical condition as he struts and shimmies through performances at high speeds. In 2010 he revealed that he has a daily meditation and Buddhist practice.

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Mick Jagger has the courage to step out of his comfort zone. In 1991 he established Jagged Films, and in 1995 he founded the film production company Lip Service. Jagged Films inaugural release was the World War II drama "Enigma" (2001), featuring Kate Winslet as one of Bletchley Park's Enigma codebreakers. Creative Neptune in the natural 5th house of Leo showcases his artistic endeavours beyond music, which includes Jagger's involvement in the film industry.

Billboard, acknowledging his unparalleled presence in the rock genre, ranked Mick Jagger as the greatest rock lead singer of all time. They highlighted his distinctive moves, voice, image, fashion sense, and enduring charisma, stating, "no one has moves like Jagger." Even after many years, Jagger continues to embody not just the Rolling Stones but also the essence of rock music itself, solidifying his fame and iconic status in the music industry.

"As long as my face is on page one, I don't care what they say about me on page seventeen." Mick Jagger.

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*"The dance is strong magic.
The dance is a spirit. It turns
the body to liquid steel. It
makes it vibrate like a guitar.
The body can fly without
wings. It can sing without
voice. The dance is strong
magic: The dance is life."*

— Pearl Primus



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Mundane Astrology 2024

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ASTROLOGY is the science
of the influence of the
heavenly bodies as they affect
the world, nations, cities,
communities and other
groups of people.”

— C. C. Zain
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Sun Cycle Overview:

The astral weather for the 2024 United States Sun Cycle indicates a stormy year ahead.

The disagreeable astral weather settles on an environmental stage primed for stress and anxiety. It’s an election year filled with angry, polarized people and myriad domestic and foreign tensions: the southern border, Ukraine, Israel/Gaza, congressional stalemate, tribalism, January 6th, climate, and gun violence. Discontent permeates every corner.

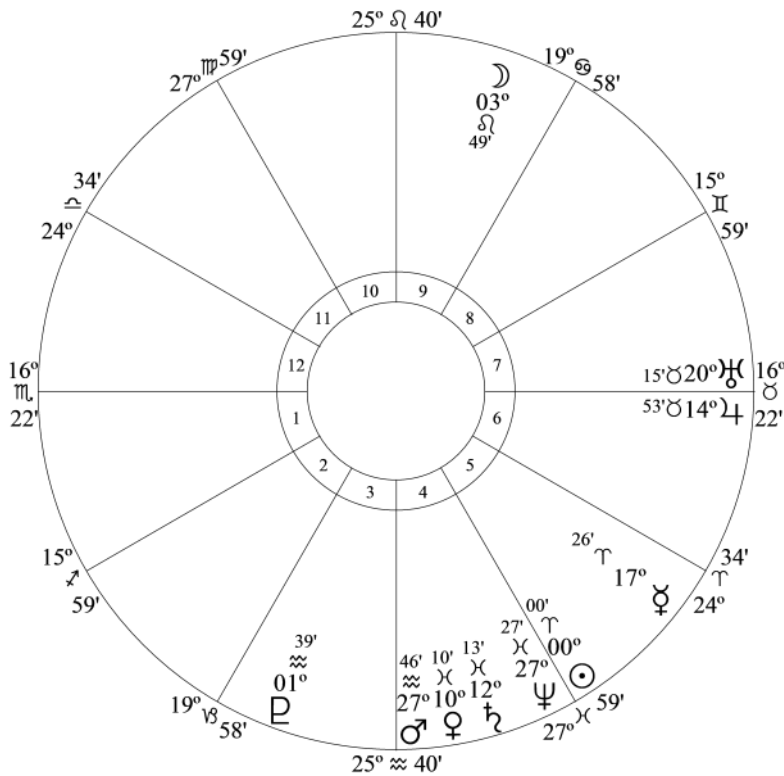
Source of disagreeable weather:

- T-square from Uranus in the 7th house to Mars in the 4th house, and MC suggests foreign interference targeted to stoke violence at home and harm credit and reputation;
- Highly discordant ASC squares Mars in the 4th and opposes Uranus (7th) and Jupiter (6th): open enemies stoking internal division and anger about the homeland—border issues—and the economy.
- All this is compounded by Pluto in the 3rd opposing the Moon in the 9th for added intensity to the growing sense of political tribalism and justice system stressors.

Drum roll the drama. This angry script calls for social disruption, radicalization, and mob-like behavior, but we’re Stellarians. We’re not helpless, and we’re not stuck with this script. We can be hopeful because we have the tools for managing inclement astral weather. We can be like our hearty, adaptable Icelandic friends who claim, “There is no bad weather, only bad clothing.” Our adaptability comes from knowing how to adjust our attitude. We are familiar with the Law of Correspondence which reminds us that “Like attracts Like” and our job is to transform the dross into gold. We know that storms come and go. The aftermath depends on how we prepare and clothe ourselves. We may be unable to control external forces and sometimes need reminders to find the eye of the storm. Still we have a fighting chance with the tools of induced emotion, directed thinking, conversion, and alchemy!

Our Stellarian version of this script acknowledges the discords are powerful, but the chart also maps harmony. By closing the door to fatality and focusing on the harmonious aspects of the 2024 chart—such as the love of Venus, vision of Neptune, kindness of the Sun, goodwill of Jupiter, discernment of Mercury, and nurturing embrace of the Moon—we

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Sun Cycle, Washington DC

March 20, 2024 3:07:12 GMT

District of Columbia, Capitol Building, 38° N 53' 24"; 77° W 00' 34"

Data: Multiyear Interactive Computer Almanac (MICA), US Naval Observatory



“...the Sun Cycle chart...thus serves the purpose of a natal chart for the year, for the place where erected, and should be read in all details almost precisely as if it were a person’s birth chart. The only difference in such reading is that, because it relates to national or municipal affairs, some of the houses attain a peculiar significance.”

— C. C. Zain
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can transform the angry chaos to benefit not only self but universal welfare.

First house.

“...the people; their temperament, disposition, health, general welfare, and personal affairs as distinct from their foreign interests.”

The first step in managing our fate mandates that “We the People,” acknowledge our role in the chaos. The most energetic point in the chart is the discordant Scorpio ASC. The people are troubled and in an angry, anxious state of mind. The discord stimulates the worst quality of Scorpio—TROUBLESOMENESS—a characteristic that tends to trigger the blame game. As C.C. Zain aptly notes in CSX-1, *Delineating the Horoscope*, the Scorpio person “should early realize that his advantage is in concentrating his energies on the solution of his problems, and in overcoming the obstacles to his success,

PLANETS	Power	%	Harmony
ASC	52.92	11.8	-11.11
♃	49.59	11.0	-3.38
MC	40.52	9.0	-17.72
♀	39.15	8.7	18.49
☉	38.73	8.6	9.02
♁	38.51	8.6	-12.29
♃	37.77	8.4	8.67
♂	37.41	8.3	-11.14
♄	36.50	8.1	13.07
♃	28.37	6.3	0.98
♁	25.38	5.7	-4.54
♀	24.15	5.4	2.73
	448.99	100.0	-7.21

Harmonious planets highlighted.

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PLANETS				HOUSES				SIGNS			
	Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony		Power	%	Harmony
ASC	52.92	11.8	-11.11	4	184.68	27.8	13.13	♁	143.81	21.6	33.62
♃	49.59	11.0	-3.38	5	81.44	12.3	17.19	♊	95.86	14.4	5.63
MC	40.52	9.0	-17.72	1	68.61	10.3	-15.03	♈	88.25	13.3	-12.24
♀	39.15	8.7	18.49	10	59.88	9.0	-13.21	♌	84.82	12.8	-19.59
☉	38.73	8.6	9.02	7	58.09	8.7	-3.04	♍	81.58	12.3	6.18
♆	38.51	8.6	-12.29	6	56.48	8.5	3.10	♎	68.61	10.3	-15.03
♁	37.77	8.4	8.67	3	50.17	7.6	-6.23	♏	24.80	3.7	-1.69
♂	37.41	8.3	-11.14	9	42.56	6.4	1.46	♐	19.58	2.9	9.25
♀	36.50	8.1	13.07	12	19.58	2.9	9.25	♑	18.89	2.8	4.33
♄	28.37	6.3	0.98	2	18.89	2.8	4.33	♒	14.19	2.1	0.49
♁	25.38	5.7	-4.54	8	12.07	1.8	1.37	♓	12.07	1.8	1.37
♃	24.15	5.4	2.73	11	12.07	1.8	1.37	♈	12.07	1.8	1.37
	448.99	100.0	-7.21								

Natal Astrodynes, sorted by power and highlighted for harmony.

rather than in insisting upon the proper conduct of others.” Embracing a mindset of personal RESOURCEFULNESS informed by facts proves far more protective and constructive than indulging in the blame game.

Two aspects involving the ASC contribute significantly to the discord. Firstly, there’s opposition from Uranus (disruption) in the 7th house (open enemies). Uranus governs technology. The astral weather offers an open door to foreign adversaries aiming to sow discord into the people’s discourse—directly or indirectly. The intention is to undermine American democracy by making us believe we can no longer trust one another. Common interests are no longer shared or binding. Instead, there is chaos and radicalization. This

aspect warns against opening that door to external emotional incitement to thinking your friends and family are your enemies—practice recognition of extremist thinking flowing from the environment. Embrace Scorpio’s resourcefulness and Uranus’ originality with creative solutions for problems. It’s not necessary to

“The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.”

— Eric Hoffer

	☉	♃	♁	♀	♂	♁	♃	♆	♀	♁	MC	ASC
☉		△ 6.17 6.17			∇ 0.77 0.58	∠ 4.89 -2.44			♂ 10.46 0.00	* 5.34 5.34		□ 3.63 -3.63
♃									△ 3.63 3.63	♂ 8.83 -8.83		
♁					∠ MR 0.33 -0.41			∇ 0.19 0.19			△ 1.77 1.77	♁ 1.93 0.00
♀			 3.45 0.86			* MR 2.29 4.00	♂ 9.95 -2.49		MR			△ 3.80 4.75
♂			MR					□ 2.48 -3.10	∇ 2.69 2.02		♂ 9.90 -12.38	
♁				MR			* 4.34 4.34	♂ 6.63 3.32	∠ 2.58 -1.29			♂ 10.52 -5.26
♃			 9.35 -4.67	 6.56 -1.64						∠ 0.57 -0.85		△ 5.86 2.93
♆											□ 4.58 -4.58	♂ 8.12 -8.12
♀				MR						* 2.80 2.80	♁ 1.22 0.00	□ 1.09 -1.09
♁												
MC					 7.37 -1.84							□ 0.69 -0.69
ASC								 2.28 0.00				

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tear down existing structures to make them better. Nature teaches us that diversity of ability is Nature's way of adaptation and survival. Be curious and willing to listen. Develop clever ways to get and give a little. Common ground expands opportunity for success.

The second aspect exacerbating discontent is the opposition to Jupiter (abundance) in the 6th house (labor). There is a disconnect from relatively good fortune regarding job opportunities and financial stability (Jupiter is the co-ruler of 2nd, the people's money). It's good to remember that compared to global standards, Americans are incredibly fortunate. Most of our problems come from attitude, not opportunity. Still, the people's focus will tend to veer towards concerns about grocery prices (6th house) rather than the broader objective economic outlook that promises a bright future.

Second house.

"...wealth, personal property, money, expenditures, national treasury, banks, non-speculative bonds, securities, financial transactions, and places where money and securities are handled."

Jupiter in the 6th house is harmonious overall with 8.65 harmodynes, but the opposition (10.56 astrodynes; 5.28 discordynes) described in the first house section gets all the attention. People feel pain in their pocketbooks when they go to the grocery store. Pain overwhelms the generosity of Jupiter. Rebuilding thought cell structures to focus on relatively good fortune requires seeing your situation from a larger perspective—not from discordant Jupiterian conceit that convinces you that you deserve more! Find creative (harmonious Uranus) ways to focus on

what you can personally control. Remember, you are not alone. If you reach for them, resources always show up. Focus on personal power over environmental circumstances.

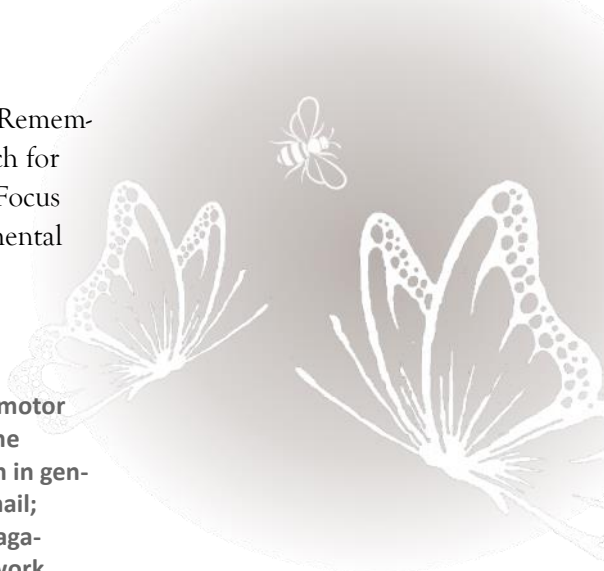
Third House.

Transportation, railroads, roads, motor busses, automobiles, local airplane traffic, local traffic/transportation in general; telegraph, telephone, and mail; printing, newspapers, science, magazines, other periodicals; literary work, intellectual activity, the thoughts of the people; neighboring countries.

2023 found the third house governed by discordant Scorpio. 2024 sees a similar influence with Pluto, one of the co-rulers of Scorpio, exerting a discordant influence over the people's thinking and communication. Pluto says you are either in or out, black, or white, friend or foe—there is no middle ground! Discordant Pluto tends toward conspiracy, coercion, and gang-like thinking. In Aquarius, the most discordant sign in this chart, discourse tends to argumentation. Though Pluto is relatively weak, the Moon's opposition in the 9th house amplifies its impact. The people's Mentality (Moon) and conversation (3rd) focus on the courts, religion, philosophy, and higher learning (9th). A healthy response calls for vigilance to recognize Pluto's coercive side. Yes, groups can make you feel secure, but if you suddenly notice you've adopted an "Us" vs. "Them" attitude, it's time to reevaluate.

It's also good to remember we live in a digitally curated world. Emotions are monetized with interest-based advertising, measured by clicks. Biased news cycles rile our emotions with incessant, repetitive messaging. This leaves us open to

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Conversion concentrates on the best quality of a planet or sign—KNOW THESE BY HEART.

"Conversion is reconditioning the desires of the thought cells."

— C. C. Zain
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easy and psychologically effective social media exploitation.

Fourth House.

“...land, homes, buildings, hotels, rooming houses, farms; weather, agriculture, ground crops, natural resources, mining; political party that is out of power but opposed to the ruling party.”

Powerful Fourth House (the Homeland) – Wow! It’s packed and is the most powerful house in this chart. It is the second most harmonious house in the chart but also houses discordant Mars on the cusp.

Mars, the planet closest to the cusp, is in Aquarius and is involved in a T-square. It opposes the MC (administration, President) and squares Uranus (foreign disruption) in the 7th house. This aspect describes the angry border issues (homeland) that will continue to be a source of strife and tool used by the party in opposition (4th) to the current administration.

Mars, co-ruler of the Scorpio ASC, contributes to the troublesome disposition of the people. With Mars in Aquarius, action turns into furious, stubborn, wasteful argumentation (fixed sign). Again, pointing fingers and blaming others for problems exacerbates the discord and drains the energy to find creative solutions to America’s urgent needs.

Also in this house is Venus in Pisces, the sign of its exaltation. The planet of love is in the sign of brotherly love and makes the trine aspect to the ASC. The trine isn’t particularly powerful, but Venus is the second dominant planet. There’s hope for finding a compassionate solution to our border problems and the people’s troubled disposition. Of course, this

will require a desire to find common ground when the political winds are not blowing in that direction. However, a populace hungry for harmony and willing to embrace a compassionate state of mind can foster common ground and work to create a constructive home life. Conjunct and parallel Saturn, Venus’ natural antidote, suggests some are willing to roll up their sleeves and begin the hard work of healing through unification, a preferred outcome to Saturn’s natural leaning to loss.

Saturn is the dominant planet of the chart, just behind the ASC in power. It is barely discordant (-3.36), which for Saturn is almost the same as being harmonious! In Pisces, conjuncting Venus—its natural antidote—is a hopeful sign. Saturn rules by fear and loss, while Venus soothes the frightened, suffering spirit with gifts of beauty, love, and mercy. In the 4th house, Saturn also rules the weather. More weather-related crop failures and property damage are in the offing. That Venus is conjunct Saturn indicates finding loving, gracious ways to assist one another—first, there is finding the Will to unite.

Neptune (idealism) in Pisces (brotherly love) is at home and should be able to find ample opportunity to express its best qualities. Neptune isn’t particularly powerful in the chart, but it is conjunct Sun in Aries, giving it a little boost. Having someone promote a vision of unity and a brighter future would be very helpful. This configuration suggests the President (5th house Sun in Aries) will be a subtle influence and visionary leader, invoking the spirit of universal brotherhood and providing emotional support and leadership.

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“Directed attention makes possible critical analysis and the separation of facts from the beliefs encouraged by desire.”

— C. C. Zain
Course V,
Esoteric Psychology

Fifth House.

“...entertainment, theaters, amusement places, speculation, stock market, foreign ambassadors, children, schools, and colleges.”

The 5th house is the chart's second most powerful and harmonious department. The Sun (administration) mitigates the opposition between the 9th-house Moon and the 3rd-house Pluto. The sextile to Pluto in the 3rd and trine to Moon in the 9th provide an opportunity to unite opposing forces. The configuration suggests the president (Sun in 5th, ruler of 10th) and other influential people associated with 5th house matters (children, entertainment, speculation, foreign ambassadors) can intervene between the people's communication (social media) and the courts. Finding a vibrant voice to amplify constructive work will be difficult, but a Sun trine Moon increases the volume.

Sixth House.

“...illness, food, laboring people, employees of the people, places where food and drink are dispensed, and small animals.”

With Jupiter, the planet of abundance, expect continued good employment numbers.

Seventh House.

“...foreign nations, war, international disputes, marriage and divorce.”

With discordant Uranus in this house opposing the ASC, expect continued disruptions in foreign relationships. Mars in the 4th squaring Uranus could be home-grown violence against the administration (T-square with MC)—primarily related to and stoked by foreign influences.

Eighth House.

“...deaths, foreign debt, tariffs, taxes, insurance, pensions, President's cabinet.”

Weak Mercury in the 5th house rules the 8th house matters and suggests little activity.

Ninth House.

“...interstate/international commerce & traffic, navy, foreign shipping, electronic messages, air traffic, law, lawyers, supreme court, churches, religion, preachers, teachers, lecturers, publishing, advertising, books, lectures, places where public opinions are proclaimed.”

Moon in Leo opposes Pluto in the 3rd house: The people's mentality (Moon) focuses on matters related to the courts. Numerous high-stakes matters are before the courts for a decision. Social media (3rd house) gives a platform for voices opposed to the structured order of the justice system. While the opposition to Pluto aggravates discord and disagreement, the trine to the Sun offers an off-ramp for resolution. Executive action or influential people related to children and entertainment (5th house matters) could play a vital role in achieving a harmonious resolution.

With this configuration, be particularly sensitive to negative thinking about 9th house matters: the justice system, publishing, religion, and institutions of higher education. Fluctuation and changeability regarding these institutions lead to greater instability. The Pluto mindset wants absolute control and only sees the world through a black-and-white lens. Constant repetitive attacks challenge the justice system to its limit.

By their cumbersome nature, adaptable institutions are rare. Holding extreme

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Four Factors to Consider...

Factor 1: “Planetary Cycle—We do not expect the Uranus Cycle to reveal the influence of orthodox thought, land and basic utilities, or the miner and farmer; because these things come under the rule of Saturn. But we do expect it to show the strong influences of ultra progressive thought, of invention and complicated mechanical devices, and of radical politics.”

— C. C. Zain
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points of view makes it even more difficult for institutions to adapt (Moon’s best quality). They adapt by being tested and corrected from diverse input, compromise, and patience—the need to tear them down completely is rare. The Moon is trine the Sun and Neptune. All three planets are harmonious in the chart.

Choose to see a vital, adaptable, and nurturing vision for the future.

Tenth House.

“...administration, President, nation’s credit and reputation, business and influence in world affairs, famous persons, and those possessing unusual power.”

The MC is the most discordant point in the chart. The rest of the world wonders what happened to the shining city on the hill, as Ronald Reagan referred to America. With Leo on the cusp, the credit and reputation of the country are also ruled by the Sun (President) in the 5th house (gamesmanship and strategy). The strongest aspect made by the Sun is a conjunction with Neptune and trine to the Moon. With this aspect, if the President and executive branch (10th) wish to impact the people positively, their leadership (Sun in Aries) will project a powerful vision (Neptune) of what is possible when the country unites to achieve democratic ideals.

Eleventh House.

“...legislature, aldermen of a city; and foreign ambassadors.”

The 11th house is ruled by the weakest planet in the chart, Mercury. As a result, the 11th is the weakest house. The 2023 118th Congress was the least productive in decades. It undertook 749 votes, of which only 27 bills became law. 2024 will

likely see more of the same. That Mercury is in the 5th house and the sign Aries, we might expect the legislature to attempt a leadership role regarding issues related to the entertainment aspect of social media—a very real need. But Mercury is associated with talk and controversy. Not much real problem-solving can be expected due to Mercury’s weakness.

Twelfth House.

“...prisons, hospitals, asylums, workhouses, charitable institutions, relief work, crime, criminals, detectives, secret societies, spies, secret enemies of the people, and large animals.”

Venus, in the 4th, exalted in Pisces and relatively robust, rules the cusp of the 12th house. By her nature, Venus is not inclined to seek out problems to solve. That she is in Pisces bends toward social concern and charity. Charitable institutions will be active and influential. Women (Venus) will likely play a notable role in the compassionate care of those unable to adequately care for themselves, especially regarding housing.

According to AHDanalytic.com’s criminologist, Jeff Asher, major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and auto theft) in the US was at a 50-year low in 2023.

Cycle Charts for 2024

Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto

We post the annual Cycle Charts for the benefit of mundane astrology students. The charts are on pages 21-23. The cycle-chart planet is progressed to March 20th, 2024—except Mars, which begins a new cycle on May 4th.



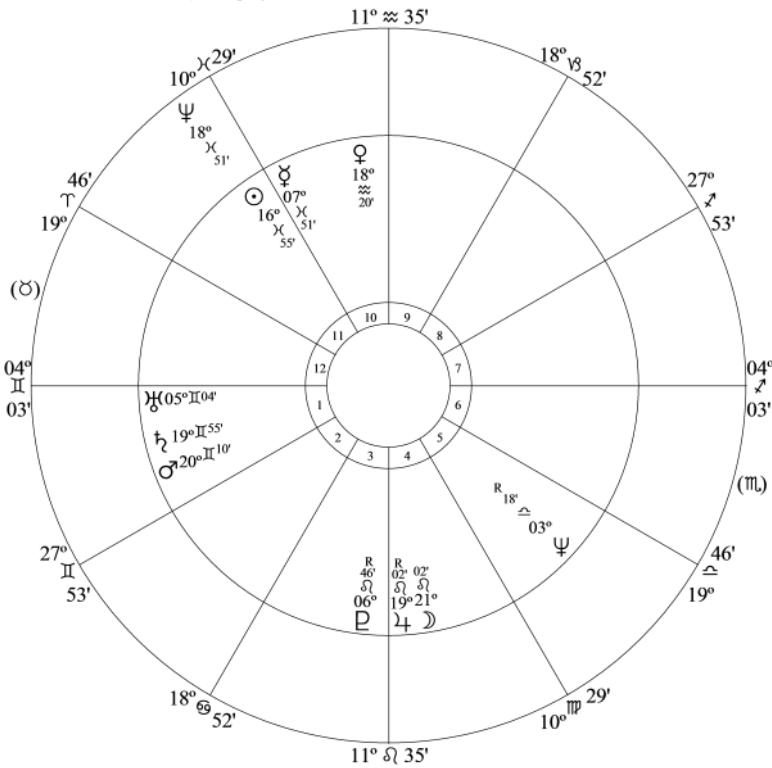
Four Factors to

Consider...

Factor 2: “House occupied by planet receiving the aspect—When an event comes to pass it relates chiefly to some particular department of life...And the department of life thus affected is chiefly to be judged from the house occupied by the planet receiving the aspect.”

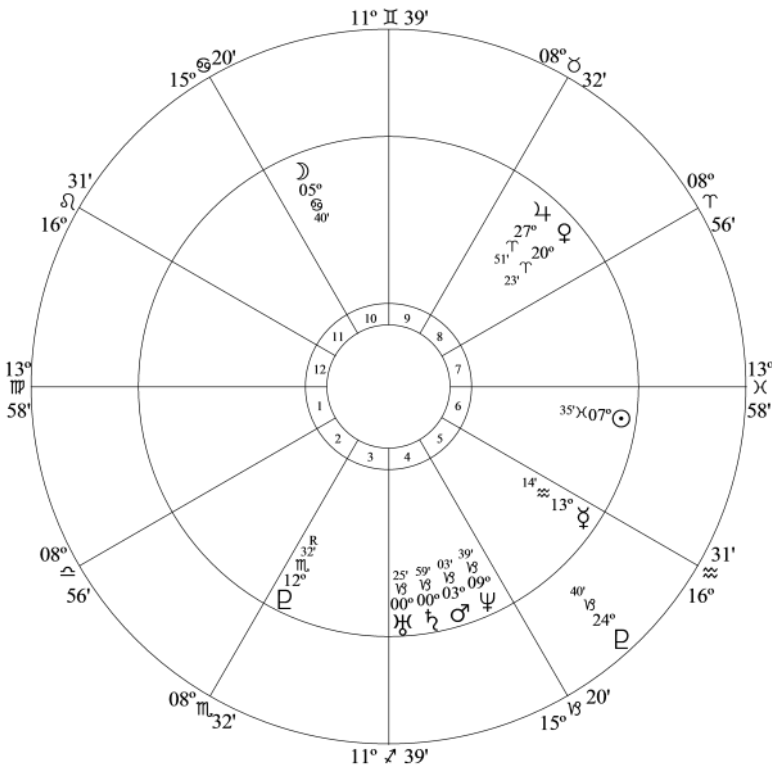
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Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

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Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

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"History doesn't repeat itself
 but it does rhyme."

— Mark Twain



Membership Room

Remembering their Light...



Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. — Buddha

*Fear can only grow in darkness. Once you face fear with light, you win.”
— Steve Maraboli*

Yvonne Diane Donais Fortin Bonner Wise
April 25, 1941–November 21, 2023

Linden Leisge
March 22, 1944–December 10, 2023

Lloyd Matthiesen
April 14, 1936–December 25, 2023
Memorial Service for Lloyd is scheduled for
July 4, 2024 in Luverne, Minnesota

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Introducing 2024 Convention Speakers

Meg Dissinger is our MC for this year's Convention. She is a Hermetician who began her journey with The Brotherhood of Light Lessons in the early 1970s. Along this path, she became a Missionary Teacher. This simple act evolved into a lifelong dedication to teaching the principles of The Brotherhood of Light. She holds a master's degree in Community Mental Health and was a secondary teacher for the Cimmaron, NM, public school system.



Yvonne Aivaliotis is a Hermetician and earned a BS in biology and chemistry from SUNY Albany. After Montessori teacher training, she taught science, math, biology, and chemistry. Since retirement, she has been deeply involved in genealogical research—especially the astrology of her ancestors. She will introduce us to the history of alchemy.



Chelsea Hessel is a Hermetician, and Certified Teacher. She studied chemistry at the University of Oregon, and has worked in public administration and environmental science. Currently she is developing a stress management practice using mindfulness meditation. For the convention, she is enthusiastic about teaching us about the metals and their corresponding planets. Her workshop will focus on identifying the alchemical metals in the birth chart—which ones are strong, and those needing more work.



Erin MacLean is a Hermetician, Mindfulness Meditation Teacher, trained facilitator of the Work of Byron Katie, and a conflict resolution lawyer. Yvette Fortin is a Hermetician with a BS in Anthropology and AA in Accounting. She is also a Weather Observer at Kirtland AFB. Her passion is studying and teaching esoteric principles. Erin and Yvette will present a class and workshop focused on the Mental Alchemy of identifying which metals need greater fortification and understanding.



Pat Ramsey is a Hermetician, Certified Teacher and Membership Minister with the Church of Light. He is an ordained Metaphysical Minister and Doctor of Metaphysics associated with the University of Metaphysics. He will conduct the Sunday Service. The theme is Cosmic Alchemy.



Mark Doubleday is a Hermetician, Minister, and Mason. He has a passion for and is a lifelong student of history, religion, and philosophy. His major areas of study in western philosophy and comparative religion. His studies exposed him to many people's religious and cultural ideas and practices. Mark's lecture is on Spiritual Alchemy, and his workshop focuses on how to build a spiritual body.





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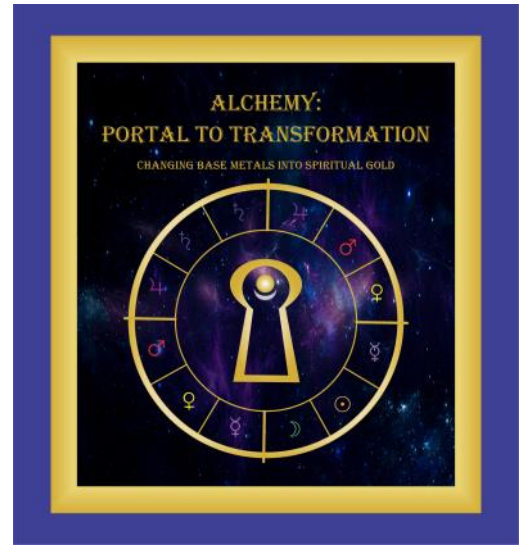
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Our goal is for you to leave
the convention
fortified with the tools and
enthusiasm you need to make
great strides in
increasing your Happiness,
Success and Spirituality.

*“I alone cannot change the
world, but I can cast a stone
across the waters to create
many ripples.”*

— *Mother Teresa*



Friday, June 28th

We commence with the Opening Ritual and Annual Membership Meeting at 11am, during which the status of the Church and its future is discussed.

Afternoon free time.

Friday evening you are invited by The Order of the Sphinx to witness and/or participate in initiations for new members and incremental grade achievements for existing members. The evening concludes with a celebratory reception.

Saturday: June 29th

Focus is on learning how to alchemize the planets in your chart.

The day begins with a comprehensive exploration of Alchemy in the context of the Hermetic teachings of The Brotherhood of Light lessons presented by Yvonne Aivaliotis. This is followed by a discussion led by Chelsea Hessel on how to identify the alchemical metals and their relation to the Alchemical Laboratory. The lecture is followed by a workshop titled “Where are My Metals?”

Lunch buffet is provided by The Church of Light.

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Yvette Fortin and Erin McLean will then discuss Mental Alchemy. The lecture will focus on using your birth chart to find your discordant and restricting thought compounds. The lecture will be followed by an associated workshop on “How to Apply Corresponding Mental Antidotes and Conversion Techniques.”

On Saturday evening, we gather for an Awards Banquet Buffet including a playful round of Occult Jeopardy, hosted by Peg Joscher.

**Sunday: Focus is on learning how to strengthen
the weakest planet in your chart.**

Sunday morning begins with a Spiritual Service on Cosmic Alchemy, led by Rev. Patrick Ramsey. After the service, Mark Doubleday delivers a talk on “Spiritual Alchemy - Building Our Spiritual Body.”

Lunch buffet, courtesy of the Church of Light.

After lunch, there will be a raffle, followed by a Spiritual Alchemy Workshop by Mark Doubleday, asking the question, “Based on Your Birth Chart and Experience, What Essential Metal Do You Need to Build and Balance Your Spiritual Body?”

All in all, a weekend of camaraderie and enjoyment culminating with the Church of Light Closing Ritual.

Hope to see you here!

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Speakers or topics may be subject to change.

*“There is immense power when
a group of people with similar
interests get together to work
toward the same goals.”
— Idowu Koyenikan*

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*Where Science and
Religion Are One*

The Church of Light Vision For the 21st Century

OUR MISSION:

To promote Universal Welfare and the exaltation of humankind through the teaching and practices of the Religion of the Stars as outlined in the writings of C.C. Zain.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

A loving Cosmic Intelligence, of which we are all a part, whose infinite goodness guides us through undeviating natural law.

A Divine Plan manifests through progressive evolution in which each soul has a unique and important role.

A soul is completely moral when to the maximum extent of its abilities it adheres to the universal moral code: Contribute Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.

The realization of the soul's Mission and the attainment of Self-Conscious Immortality is the goal toward which each soul moves.

Love is the way to life. Unselfish Love alone makes immortality possible.

Through the proper exercise of one's mentality using Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion, it is possible to control one's own life and destiny, both here and hereafter.

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 survival of the soul after death of the physical body.

Religion is the sister of Science, and it evolves by incorporating new information as it is discovered and verified.

OUR VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:

We are a powerful force for good and for spiritual enlightenment and expand the reach and experience of our members because:

We provide reliable and verifiable information regarding the nature of the soul and its relationship to Deity and other life forms;

We seek 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;

We develop 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;

We promote the importance of the four essential freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion;

We build a sense of community and spiritual purpose which uplifts and inspires our members to Contribute Their Utmost To Universal Welfare.