



The Silver Key

Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card Part VIII ***The Conqueror***

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One or more thirty-degree section of the orbit of the sun among the stars bears a close affinity to the influence of each planet. Thus does Jupiter, the planet of religion, have an influence most similar to the Sagittarius sign, which in turn is natural ruler of the ninth house of the chart of birth, where the individual more publicly expresses his views, and airs his philosophy of life. That philosophy, to him, is a most important thing; for it determines what he will do when confronted by various exigencies.

When the ancient masters of wisdom, therefore, wished to explain how the individual could live to his highest — for the longing thus spiritually to live is most strongly associated with Sagittarius — they drew a rather complex design in pictograph. Instead of placing a red man and a white man at the feet of a religious potentate, as they did when explaining the significance of Jupiter, thus pointing to more general moral principles, they presented a conquering hero riding in a square-formed car.



Sagittarius is an executive sign, and the broader principles of spirituality which its ruling planet advocates, in this picture are shown to have been carried out in action; and complete explanation is given in the design as to the methods the conqueror has used in the victory which so plainly he has gained. True to his sign, he has carried into action the precepts he has learned.

The square car, in which he travels, of course, is the physical world over which each person seeks dominion. The sphere sustained by the two outspread wings on the front of the chariot, is the symbol of the flight of his soul through the infinitude of space and time, of which the present moment is but a single cross-section. This war chariot of the physical world wherein he travels, is surmounted by a starry canopy sustained by four columns. These columns represent

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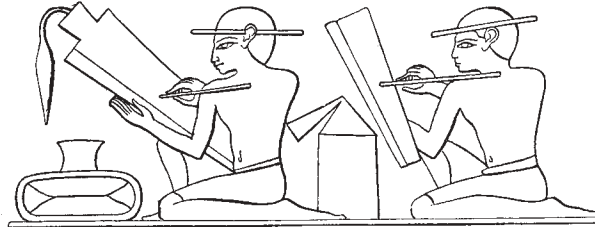
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 Editorial

A Hero Is?



 Vicki Brewer

The dictionary defines a hero as a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for brave deeds and noble qualities.

There is a tendency to think of heroism as a public feat. The conquering hero who at personal risk saves the life of another is celebrated. He or she is regarded as standing above others in bravery and courage. With a slightly different take, the lesson of Arcanum VII suggests that each of us has the opportunity to be heroic in everyday moments. It is a heroism born out of accepting the challenge to fully participate in the life you were born to live. This happens best when Self Conscious Awareness is fully formed.

In *The Ritual of Egyptian Initiation*, which is the story of attaining self conscious awareness, the moment of courage comes when standing at the abyss, not knowing where the next step leads, there comes the Dweller swooping out of nowhere trying to knock you off your balance. Staying the course and remaining true to self requires a great act of courage.

Sagittarius is an executive sign. To be a Conqueror implies an executive decision to do so. There are as many versions of heroism as there are people. For some of us, a truly heroic act is choosing to face the day with a positive attitude. For others it is choosing to look for opportunities to act with kindness. For some it is providing food and shelter for those we love or to a stranger in need. There are so many moments that go without notice. Yet, each is a moment to open our heart to a personal celebration of a VICTORY achieved.

To grow in self awareness, each victory, large and small, must be celebrated. Each time this feat is acknowledged something very special is nurtured. Within each of us is the “wee unconscious” self that longs to be acknowledged and engaged in living life to its fullest. It is a powerful source of energy. It wants to play in the game of life. Each moment of celebration opens the door to conscious connection with the inner self. It becomes a safe space. A tremendous source of energy is tapped. It doesn’t matter what it is called...the soul, the inner self, the subbie, butch... whatever it is, it’s there and when we experience it we KNOW. The surprising result of connecting with this energy is the tendency to shift into a space where greater love and respect for self is experienced. Paradoxically, to the extent that we are able to tune into this vibratory frequency within ourselves are we able to

appreciate others...in fact, there is a burning desire that others experience a fuller measure of LIFE, LIGHT and LOVE.

Benjamin teaches that the three stars in The Conqueror’s crown represents the use of three types of intelligence.

The first is using intelligence in the proper selection of one’s environment which is best achieved through the application of astrological principles. It is represented by the square car in which *The Conqueror* rides. So also the physical world offers a vehicle through which we travel through time and in which we attract material opportunities that help us develop consciousness or self awareness. The harmonies and discords in the birth chart help define a useful map to navigate one’s personal path.

The second star represents using intelligence to make changes in one’s character. This is the process of Alchemy in which one learns to rearrange the thought elements of which the character is composed. Symbolized by the up-raised sword, the implication is that great courage and action is required. However, not just any action will be successful. Intelligent application based upon understanding one’s astrological makeup will lead to greater efficiency and potency in overcoming obstacles and challenges.

By and large the first two stars represent effort that may be considered reactionary. This is not bad...for *adaptation* is a key component of survival. However it is possible to go on the offensive. Herein lays the potency of the third star. It is the process of learning to tune one’s vibratory frequency to a plane where new perspective and broader vision places life’s experience in an entirely new space. It is the space from which David can engage Goliath and win. There is an amazing source of power that exists outside and within all at the same time. It is like the phototropic power of the sun’s energy whose warm and healing rays encourage all life to fuller expression of its inner potential. It pulls us forward. This aspect of intelligence is represented by the intentionally raised scepter pointed toward the heavens. Dialing into this space or vibratory rate is achieved through such things as prayer, meditation and ritual. Fueled by energy from this region we are better able to employ Directed Thinking and Induced Emotion because we have a clearer picture of why we might not want to indulge in a discordant emotion. We more clearly see the causal connections between seemingly

coincidental events. From this space we are more buoyant and better able to stay on top of the discord that will naturally come our way. From this space it is possible to move into the executive space where we are better able to accept responsibility for each moment of our life and where choice is a causal factor in determining the type of life it is fitting we should live.

As a Stellanian, you have entered into a community of souls who will celebrate with each of you as you overcome adversity.

YOU are a Hero each time you say yes and face the moment with courage and responsibility. So, let's celebrate together!! Perhaps you have something that others need to hear. You can be a hero not only in your life but for another as well. We welcome each of you to share your story. 🐾

Observations

The Occultist: Where Religion and Science Are One?

By Wm. H. Jeffrey, Hermetician

Dorothy Fast Wissler suggested I “say what I’m going to say; then say it; then say what I said.” Okay, Dorothy, here’s what I’m going to say:

First, the only place that religion and science are one is inside a being with enough consciousness. Second, such a being can be called an “occultist.” Third, an occultist is a person who combines in him or herself the best of the religious and scientific worldviews and methodologies. Fourth, an occultist pursues the path he or she does in order to evolve personally and become ever more able to participate in the universe as a constructive, consciously evolving being.

As to the first statement: Religion and science require people to do them. A Bible is not religion. Ditto, any other holy book or teaching. Without a person to study and practice the teaching presented, there is no religion—only a potential. (If a holy book sits in the forest and no one reads it, does it help anyone?) The same goes for science. What can come out of an empty laboratory? Can the Book of Nature be read if there is no reader?

Let me offer a quick description of the scientific and religious worldviews as I see them, and as I am using those terms in this article. First, the current aim of the scientist is to investigate a subject while totally objective. The scientist tries to stand apart from the experiment. (This view is changing at this

time, and it is becoming obvious that it is impossible to stand apart from an experiment.) The scientist tries to put his or her opinions aside long enough to take the experimental next step toward Truth. The scientist’s quest is for an ever more accurate description of reality, with the Truth being a goal drawing the scientist onward.



Although religions vary greatly, they seem to operate from the inside out, that is, subjectively. As an example, if I am a Christian and I have a perception of reality that contradicts the Bible, I either will have to discard my perception or find out if my understanding of the Bible is incorrect. In the end, if the Bible and I disagree, I am wrong. As a follower of a religion, I am willing to put aside my opinion for the sake of Truth.

Before you roll your eyes, imagine a doctor has told me I am dying of a cancer for which there is no known cure and no known survivors. I can accept the doctor’s statement and make out my will. Or, as a Christian, I can accept the Bible’s teaching that I have the covenant right to be cured, and that God wants me cured. Then I can take the steps the Bible recommends to effect my cure.

Look again at those last two sentences. They describe the elements of “faith.” (“...faith without works is dead.” James 2:20) They also sound suspiciously like hypothesis and experiment. I believe I see something in the Bible (or other holy book or Book of Nature) and then act on it. I hypothesize that such and such is true, and I do an experiment, fully expecting to get closer to the Truth.

Think what happens if I refuse to believe something, either in the realm of science or religion. If I refuse to believe that heavier-than-air flight is impossible, I never will try to make a flying machine. If I believe astrology is baloney, I never will cast a horoscope. If I believe that my belief is unassailable, I never will question or test it. Is that a problem? Remember David Koresh and Jim Jones? If I have an alcohol problem, but refuse to believe it, I will not take the twelve steps necessary to free me from my addiction. If I don't believe there is any hope, I will not try.

Do you see how the boundaries of religion and science are blurring, and the two ways are being shown to be one? Peter Ouspensky wrote understanding is the result of combining theory with corresponding practice. (Hypothesis and experiment. Belief and action.)

As for both religion and science existing inside such a person, it is not a matter of being scientific at one time and religious (or mystical) at another. It is not about a scientist going to her lab and later to her church, but keeping the two experiences separate. This is not about tolerance. Tolerance implies separation. Instead of separation, religion can be scientific, with the scientific quest including the entire cosmos, the inner and outer planes, the true nature of the practitioner and his or her relationship to God. Science can show a belief to be inaccurate and that can bring rejoicing because another veil of delusion has fallen. To pray and have an inner vision open further than a scientific model claims is possible is more cause for rejoicing, because the quest is for Truth and intentional progressive evolution.

Going further, how much is enough consciousness? Let's just say that a person who buys into and never questions the insanity and emptiness of the general worldview has not evolved enough. Before you accuse me of something, the previous sentence is logically self-evident. Think about it.

C.C. Zain wrote, “Animals have a certain capacity for devising the means to attain an end, but in general seem incapable of considering themselves as distinct creatures unique from the rest of the universe. It would seem that they are unable to consider their own mental states as objects to be thought about; nor do they commonly make use of conceptions. Conceptions imply the use of symbols as counters of thought. The impressions animals receive no doubt are superimposed, and there is little doubt but that they recognize similar attributes in all trees, in all stones, and in all other animals. But they do not give this quality an abstract name and mentally refer to it by this collective symbol. The ability to do this, to analyze one's own mental processes, and to communicate the results

of such introspection by means of language, indicates the presence of self-consciousness. Because all normal men possess this ability, we are safe in assuming that the chief function of life in the human form is to confer SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS.” (Cs 3, Spiritual Alchemy, Ch 5, Serial 53)

The chief function of life in the human form may be to confer self-consciousness, but using C.C. Zain's above definition, how self-conscious is a person during road rage? Or while totally going along with a culturally-inherited-but-never-questioned value system? Or while acting in totally contradictory ways and not noticing the contradictions. Surely we all have work to do in this area of gaining self-consciousness. And if we have not gained sufficient self-consciousness, we will not be able even to question or perceive deeply enough to gain the knowledge we need to progress. In fact, many folk never even perceive there are such questions to ask and such knowledge to gain. That frightens me. How about you?

George Gurdjieff said most people suffer like dogs. When people begin to become more self-conscious, they still suffer like dogs, but at least they know it. Only after sufficient and effective work on evolving, said Gurdjieff, do people have the possibility to stop suffering like dogs and start suffering like humans. (How does a human suffer? Like a Spiritual Alchemist, who uses his or her suffering to gain the purified metals of experiences needed to build an immortal spiritual body.)

As to labeling as an “occultist” a person who has enough consciousness to live concurrently both religiously and scientifically, there are sufficient reasons to be able to do so. The first is semantic. If we are going to be able to communicate using words, we need to agree on definitions. I am not saying that my definitions are the definitions, but only that we need to agree on terms. Second, the entire Brotherhood of Light teachings could be described as a course for the development of ordinary people into occultists, (and from there into adepts).

Here are a few things C.C. Zain wrote about occultists:

“...man instinctively looks for a future life and strives to prepare for it. The occultist, urged on by instinct, prepares for a life immortal, a life of never-ending progression; and by the development of his individual faculties explores its realms, and while yet on earth gains knowledge of its laws.” (Cs 1, Laws of Occultism, Ch 1, Serial 39)

“The practical occultist...very early in his application of occult laws, makes a study of his own temperament and abilities, with a view to determining just what work he is best fitted to do in the cosmic organization.” (Cs 14, Occultism Applied to Daily Life, Ch 1, Serial 151)

“Only through knowledge of himself, and of the powers and forces by which he is environed, can he expect to

progress. And it is for this reason that the occultist applies himself to the acquisition of such knowledge.” (Course 1, Laws of Occultism, Ch 1, Serial 39)

“The occultist...maintains that the real man is spiritual and immortal, that external experiences have no value in themselves, but are the means through which real values for the soul may be created. That is, an experience may be made the means of spiritual progress, but this value lies not in the experience, but in the soul’s attitude toward it.” (Cs 2, Astrological Signatures, Ch 7, Serial 20)

“The Occultist differs from both the material scientist and the mystic. In fact, he may have qualities of both; but this he does, he uses all possible means, internal and external, to check the accuracy of his knowledge. Like the mystic he may imagine something. But before accepting it as a reality he devises ways and means of testing its truth.” (Cs 5, Esoteric Psychology, Ch 11, Serial 66)

“The Occultist, in his research, makes use of such methods as are reliable that are employed by both the material scientist and the mystic.” (Cs 5, Esoteric Psychology, Ch 11, Serial 66)

Putting these together, we can see some characteristics of occultists: They study themselves unflinchingly. They study

the Book of Nature. They believe and act on their beliefs, and examine the results of their actions. They are the laboratory and the experiment. Their God reveals a new face with each newly perceived truth. They have the courage that comes of verifying the true nature of their immortal being in an evolving universe of dependable law. They have the love that comes from experiencing their connectedness with all life. And as they actively walk their evolutionary path, their capacity to experience all of those characteristics expands.

How could such a person want to do anything but do their utmost for universal welfare?

So, as I promised you, Dorothy, here’s what I said: First, the only place that religion and science are one is inside a being with enough consciousness. Second, such a being can be called an “occultist.” Third, an occultist is a person who combines in him or herself the best of the religious and scientific worldviews and methodologies. Fourth, an occultist pursues the path he or she does in order to evolve personally and become ever more able to participate in the universe as a constructive, consciously evolving being.



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the four quadrants of heaven, and the canopy is so conspicuously marked with stars that it is obvious it is intended to convey the thought that the stellar bodies above are the powerful influences in his life.

Upon his breast are traced a T-square and two trying squares to indicate the aspects which, forming among the orbs above, make their impress upon his behavior, upon his thoughts, and upon the events that are attracted to him. And in front, drawing the chariot of his physical existence, are two sphinxes, one white and the other black. A sphinx, as composed of the four emblems of the zodiacal quadrants — lion, eagle, man, bull — indicates the passage of time. The white sphinx thus signifies fortunate periods, such as tend to be attracted when progressed aspects are favorable; the black one denotes periods of adversity, such as tend to be attracted when the progressed aspects are discordant; yet both of which, according to the picture, have been harnessed by the conqueror, and compelled to do his will.

Because they believed the highest function of religion was to enable the individual to master his destiny, rather than submitting limply to what the stars seemed to foretell, when the sages of old designed the explanation of the function of Sagittarius on Major Arcanum VII, called THE CONQUEROR, they sought to give practical information on how the individual could utilize the planetary energies to enable him to live the kind of life he sought to lead, and to

attract to himself not those conditions which would cause him to do less for others, but which through being fortunate for him, also could be used to the benefit of all. Unwittingly to attract misfortune is to lose that much of power to benefit the race. It may even cause others terrible suffering. But to be able to rule one’s destiny, in spite of the stars, is to gain a power by which the highest ends of religion can be attained.

For man to rule his stars and thus determine his own destiny, which the initiates of old considered to be essential to the highest type of religious life, for only by so doing could he lend most spirituality to his behavior, his intelligence must be directed to solving three different types of problems; therefore, as a five-point star indicates dominion of matter by intellect, they crowned the Conqueror with three such stars. Their proximity to his brain reveals that they relate to thought.

The first of these problems is signified by the square form of the car in which the Conqueror moves; the square is the emblem of the physical, and thus as one great aid to ruling the stars, man can use his intelligence in the proper selection of his environment. That is, he can do this if he is conversant with astrology, as the Conqueror is shown to be; for conspicuous immediately above his head are pictured the stars.

The earth is subject to different weather conditions simultaneously in different regions. And the energy delivered to the

thought-cells in a certain compartment of the astral body, and therefore influencing that department of life, is in the nature of an astral condition affecting one region strongly and perhaps another region not at all. That is, either a birth chart aspect between the planets, or an aspect by progression, may affect money, yet have no influence over the health or affections.

Thus may one take heed of storm warnings in a particular department of life to prepare the external conditions so little damage will result, and turn the attention to some other region where the sun is shining.

Or to state the astral storm indications in terms of energy and work: The activities of the stellar-cells from the four-dimensional plane can only bring such events into the life as the physical environment makes possible. If the physical environment is so arranged that a certain type of event can not happen, it will not happen, no matter what the birth chart and progressed aspects are. That is, the thought-cells can only do as much work from the astral plane as they have energy to accomplish. And if the environmental resistance to a particular event is sufficiently high, they do not acquire enough energy, and an event that they otherwise would attract does not happen.

The positions in a birth chart which indicate a predisposition toward a given condition or event are called the Birth Chart Constant. Each Birth Chart Constant really maps the thought-compounds and their relations in the astral body at birth, which if later given additional thought energy brings the condition or event into the life. That is, a Birth Chart Constant is the thought organization of the astral body at birth, which gives the predisposition toward some particular misfortune or toward some particular fortunate event.

The events themselves, as there is ample statistical evidence to prove, to the extent they are noticeably either more fortunate or less fortunate than the normal trend of life, are attracted only at such times as the thought-cells relating to the department of life affected receive new energy. This new energy gives the stellar cells thus involved additional power to work from the four-dimensional plane, to stimulate objective thoughts of a similar nature, and to influence the physical conduct.

The more common sources of such additional energy supplies are mapped by the progressed aspects of the planets. Planetary energy picked up, radio fashion, by the aerial developed across the astral body when a progressed aspect is formed, is made available for the use of the thought-cells and stellar structures at the terminals of the aerial. But the event is not attracted by the new supply of planetary energy thus made available; it is attracted by the thought activities then stimulated. The stellar cells work with such intelligence as they possess, and with the energy supply thus made available, to bring events of a certain nature into the life.

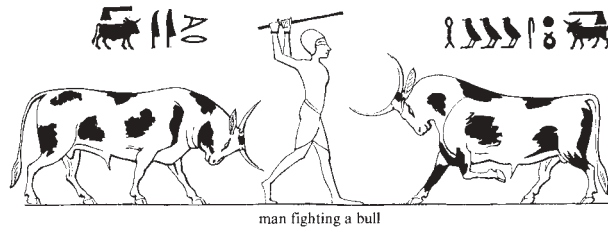
In addition to Birth Chart Constants, which reveal the predisposition — due to the thought compounds in the astral body at birth — toward certain conditions, the Progressed Constants for a great number of events have been worked out statistically. These represent the type of thinking which when given additional energy through a specific progressed aspect, brings the event into the life toward which the Birth Chart shows a predisposition.

Events, apart from the normal trend of life, are attracted only at those times when thoughts of a particular type become unusually active. During the time when an important event is thus attracted through additional thought-cell activity, a close acquaintance usually can notice the change in the individual's habitual attitude. But, because these more than normal thought activities have been worked out in close detail for many varieties of events, it is more convenient to acquire this information from the Progressed Constant in its relation to the birth chart. The Brotherhood of Light in its Research Department has worked out a great many astrological constants, and the American Astrological Association, Inc., is working out more, and publishing them in this magazine each month under the heading, "Research."

The individual, therefore, who is conversant with his own birth chart and progressed aspects, and who is familiar with the Birth Chart Constants and Progressed Constants for various conditions and events, is in a position to know just about what will be attracted into his life at any given time if he does nothing special to counteract the planetary influences. And being apprised of about what thus will happen, if he desires to encourage it, and give it emphasis, he can manipulate his environment so that the thought-cells working from the four-dimensional plane will find little resistance to their endeavors. But if the event is such as he deems to be detrimental, he can select such an environment that it will offer so much resistance to the operation of the thought-cells from the four-dimensional plane that it is impossible for them to bring the event to pass.

The events which come into the life are attracted through the four-dimensional activities of the thought-cells within the unconscious mind. These thought-cells, or stellar-cells, as they also are called, can move the physical environment either in the direction of fortune or misfortune only to the extent they possess or acquire energy. And with the same amount of energy at their command the degrees in which they can move the physical environment depends upon the weakness of its resistance. The environment may be such that no amount of energy the thought-cells can muster can overcome its resistance and bring into the life some particular event. And it is such an environment that the individual should select when his progressed aspects threaten an event which would mean misfortune.

On the other hand, the environment may be such that almost no effort must be spent by the thought-cells from the four-dimensional plane to bring the event to pass. What



happens on the physical plane is never dependent upon the four-dimensional energies alone, nor upon the physical environment alone; but upon the resistance or its lack, of three-dimensional factors to four-dimensional energies. Therefore, when the progressed aspects indicate the approach of some special fortunate event, the individual should select his environment so that the thought-cells will have a minimum of work to do to bring it to pass, and will encounter conditions that will assist them to bring it in more abundant measure than they otherwise could.

It should not be lost to sight, however, that what takes place in an individual's life is due to the action of his character upon environment. The second five-point star in the Conqueror's crown, instead of designating the use of intelligence to select an environment suitable to the ends sought, indicates that the most effective of all ways to rule the stars and handle destiny is to make intelligent changes in the character itself.

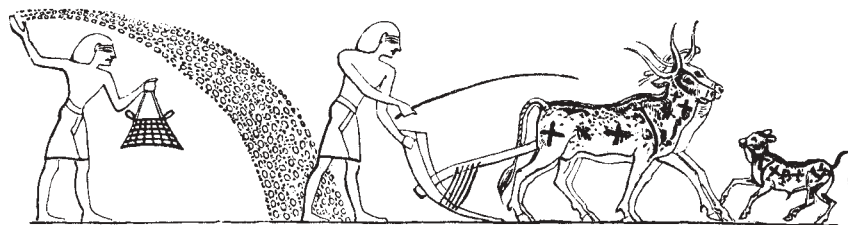
The lines through the astral body, such as the birth chart and progressed aspects map, are not due to planetary positions, but are due to Associations between different groups of thought organizations within the astral body. Such associations are not merely energy relations between groups, but these energy relations have caused the mental elements at each terminal to enter into a type of compound characteristic of the association. The aspect thus points infallibly to the type of compound in the stellar cells, unless something special since birth has been done to change it.

As the line across the astral body mapped by an aspect is not due to planetary positions but to the thought-cell composition and the thought-cell organization, if the thought-cell composition of the stellar cells is changed, and a different organization effected, the line across the astral body which is the outgrowth of the original compounds and relationships also will be changed. Through rearranging the

thought-elements, a compound such as is mapped by a square aspect between planets, can thus be transformed into a luck compound, such as is mapped by a trine aspect between planets.

The sword presents the appearance of two lines crossed, and therefore, like the cross, has been used extensively as a symbol of change and of union, except that it has a more aggressive and militant significance in the changes thus signified than does the cross. And thus in the Arcanum picturing Sagittarius, the Conqueror holds aloft in his positive right hand the weapon of change. To change the composition of the thought-cells within the unconscious mind, so that whatever energy they receive through progressed aspects, they will nevertheless work from the four-dimensional plane in a more harmonious manner, is the positive method of mastering destiny as taught by ancient initiates.

Whether the compound within the unconscious mind is mapped by a square or by a trine, the same thought-elements are present in each in about the same proportion. But they have been Conditioned at the time of the formation of the obstacle (square) compound so that they have arranged themselves in a manner to express a type of desire which works energetically to attract obstacles into the life. Yet when they are Reconditioned, as indicated by the Conqueror's lifted sword, through giving the thought-cells at either terminal of the aerial harmonious associations of greater volume and intensity of energy than was given to them discordantly in their building, the thought-elements become rearranged in the thought-cells, and the old line across the astral body is dissolved. In its stead there is gradually built as an outgrowth of the new compound, another line, not mapped in the birth chart, but which acts quite as effectively in its capacity as an aerial to pick up planetary energy as the old one did.



This new, deliberately built, stellar aerial picks up the energies broadcast from the same two planets that the old one did. But it picks them up only in harmonious vibratory rates, such as when delivered to the thought-cells at the terminals intensifies their desires to work from their four-dimensional plane to attract fortunate events into the life. That is, it gives them the additional energy they need, and in the harmony they require, to enable them to perform on the astral plane work of the character they represent which is beneficial to the individual.

In spite of the kind of energy reaching them through progressed aspects, as the nature of the work done from the four-dimensional plane by the thought-cells and thought organizations within the astral body is determined chiefly by the thought compounds of which the thought-cells are formed, changing these compounds gives them a different type of activity. When the attempt is made chiefly thus to rearrange the thought-elements already present within these compounds, the process is called Conversion.

Yet there is another type of change which also is designated by the Conqueror's uplifted and curved sword. For even as when certain chemical elements are added to a chemical compound already formed, they unite harmoniously and readily with one or more of the elements present, converting what was before a dangerous compound into one highly beneficial; so there are mental elements, called Mental Antidotes, that when added to a compound containing another specific mental element, unite with it and quickly change the compound into one harmless or even beneficial. The thought-cells then act differently when they receive energy either from the aerial mapped by a birth chart aspect, or from a temporary aerial mapped by a progressed aspect, because they have changed their substance into a very different psychoplasmic compound.

The third star above the Conqueror's brow relates to the use of intelligence, not in changing the thought compounds within the astral body which react to the energy received by them, but, as signified by the peculiar scepter which he holds up among the stars, to tuning in on the type of energy which will give the thought-cells those activities which will attract more fortunate events.

The nervous system of man, through the electric currents flowing over it, is tuned by his thoughts to pick up, radio fashion, the type of planetary program corresponding in harmony or discord and in type to these thoughts. That is, the individual can tune himself and feel rather intensely in a certain way, and the etheric currents flowing over his nerves then pick up energy of this quality radiated from one or more of the planets.

Such electric currents also serve as conductors carrying the astral energy thus received to all the stellar aerials of the astral body. So long as a particular state of feeling is maintained, the chief astral energy received by the stellar cells at

the terminals of all the aerials is of this particular planetary type, and of this harmony or discord.

Thus can be controlled, to the extent the individual can direct his feelings, the type of planetary energy, and the harmony or discord of that energy, which is transmitted to the stellar cells in his astral body. As it is easier thus to keep the consciousness tuned to some aerial already present in the astral body, mapped either in the birth chart, or by progression, than merely to develop and hold a certain feeling, birth chart aspects and progressed aspects, as indicated by the circle, trine and square of the scepter held among the stars by the Conqueror, may be used to indicate the Rallying Forces, as they are called, which are easiest of cultivation.

As inharmonious birth chart and progressed aspects also map aerials that may tune the consciousness in on discordant Rallying Forces, these indicate clearly what feelings should be avoided to prevent discordant energy being delivered to the thought-cells.

A certain feeling developed and maintained tunes the person in so completely on a specific wavelength and program, that other wavelengths and programs are not strong enough to make their influence felt at the receiving sets. This does not to any extent change the composition, and therefore the basic desires of the thought-cells, but it does temporarily cause them to feel either better or worse than usual, and gives them energy with which to do more than the usual amount of work.

Furthermore, not only our human associates by their thoughts, but all objects and conditions of our environment, are radiating astral vibrations which are similar to those that reach us from the planets. Such astral vibrations not those of thought and not those from the planets are called Character Vibrations. And any such invisible energy reaching the astral body of the individual stimulates into additional activity the thought-cells of the astral body having the same vibratory tone. Names, numbers, tones, colors, types of environment, etc., radiate definite vibratory rates and thus influence those with whom closely associated. They may, therefore, as well as Rallying Forces, be selected for the specific effect they will have in furnishing a definite kind of energy to the thought-cells.

According to the Sagittarius Arcanum of the tarot, man has three broad avenues through which to rule his stars: As indicated by the square shaped car, he can manipulate his physical environment; as indicated by the uplifted sword, he can change the basic desires of thought-cells which constitute his character, and thus planetary energy reaching them will cause their activity from the four-dimensional plane to be of the kind he selects; and he can determine the kind of planetary or other invisible energy which is permitted to reach the thought-cells which constitute his character, and thus influence them to work to attract such events as he desires into his life. ✨ Copyright 2001 The Church of Light

Heroism

A Neophyte Meets The Test

The Rising Star: Originally published by Mildred Schuler in cooperation with students of
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By a Minister of The Church of Light

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The lack of tobacco was a source of intense discomfort to most of the fellows (later we had fair supplies both from the Italians and from the Red X) and being a smoker myself I had for a few days suffered, but had been compelled (in order to stop this discomfort) to apply myself vigorously to controlling the desire, and when I had seen the state some were reduced to through lack of a smoke I had devoted a whole lecture to that subject. It was something that they could do that affected them in their immediate distress and thus they caught on. Before leaving Italy I found many chaps who had heard this lecture and who had applied it and gained complete control over the habit. It was by thus showing the fellows how they could apply the principles of psychology to their immediate problems that I believe my lectures became so popular.

When we settled in a permanent camp I soon had a class together and from *Esoteric Psychology*, I led them through to *Mental Alchemy*, and the advanced class (I finally had three different classes running) soon became adept at tracing back from external effects to inner causes. Also several became quite good at ESP. I know positively that a few hide-bound materialists changed their viewpoint and found a philosophy of a constructive nature. It was natural that I had many problems to deal with, of an individual nature for different fellows.

With a few thousand fellows together from all walks and grades of life, obviously only a small percentage were sufficiently interested to attend classes and train, although large numbers would attend a general lecture. The balance presented a problem which intrigued me. Apart from the few whom nothing would rouse out of depressing lethargy, there, thought I, must be some avenue of expression. An idea, occurred to me. I billed a meeting and addressed the few hundred that turned up in the following manner:

“You all have interests of some sort, you all have time on your hands. Get together in your interests and hobbies, business and spare time interests. All chaps interested in photography get together over there, select a leader and ar-

range to meet daily for discussion. Amateur gardeners over there, anglers over there.”

The idea caught on, fellows in different lines of business called for others with similar interests and so on. After that one could walk through the camp daily and see various groups together discussing their hobbies and hotly debating various ideas. If their activities did nothing else, they at least took their minds off hunger and stopped them from fretting. Also I arranged for a series of lectures by different fellows who had knowledge along various lines. We called it the HOBBIES GROUP CLUB, and it became quite a force in the camp,

In spite of my classes and other activities, still I found much time hanging heavily and during these periods a tendency to find my thoughts wandering along depressing lines. So I added a chess club, called a meeting of those interested and in a few weeks we had a club some hundred strong. We found a champion among the fellows who had played some of the masters. The club was organized, classes given, tournaments arranged and competitions started. The lack of chess men was overcome by getting enthusiasts to cut men out of old food tins and make boards out of old Red Cross parcel boxes. One tinsmith manufactured a really nice cup out of old tins. It was mounted on a base, inscribed and played for by handicap. The inscription was done with the point of a nail and a large stone. The result was really excellent.

Apart from the above activities I polished up my knowledge of French, spent half an hour daily with a shorthand expert taking and giving dictation and in return gave him private help in psychology and mental alchemy. I have heard from this chap since my return and he is continuing his studies. Such spare time as I had left was devoted to practice in visualization; this was done purely and simply because I had to keep myself occupied to prevent the inroad of negative thoughts and emotions.

When we left Italy and were taken by the Germans into Germany I lost contact with the fellows who had been with me and finally found myself in a working camp of some 250 men employed by the German railway. As I said, most of these fellows were strangers to me and I kept myself pretty much to myself. We were working twelve hours a day and I hadn't much time to spare. It was, therefore, a great surprise

to me after about three months, when the fellows approached me one lunch time with the request that I should become leader of the camp as they were dissatisfied with the present leader. I asked them to give me time, as although the physical conditions were hard — working outdoors in blizzards and intense cold — yet I found a certain satisfaction in fighting this bodily discomfort, and becoming hardened up.

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During work in Germany I met all nationalities from the occupied countries and it was interesting to be with them. A remark passed by one of the chaps to the effect that someone ought to take the camp over who would DO something for the fellows and not just be a “YES” man to the Germans, as was the present leader, decided me.

I took over the camp. My knowledge of psychology enabled me to overcome the antagonistic attitude of the German officer in charge who was greatly annoyed at losing the previous leader (owing to the fact that he never gave any trouble), and to hold the balance between the German authorities and at the same time obtain for our fellows what was their due. In fact this officer became quite friendly and finally I could obtain almost anything within reason that I asked for. It was a struggle at first, chiefly due to the fact that the previous leader had let Jerry have his own way. But when I had schooled the Germans to a point where they realized that I wanted my pound of flesh for the fellows (and a few ounces over when I could squeeze it out of them) and that they got no peace unless I got it, they reeducated themselves to my way of thinking.

And when the officer found that the camp ran much smoother when he let ME run it, I found myself doing nearly all the running. As an example, the fellows were due on parade for work each morning at 6:15 a.m. The previous leader remained in bed and let the German sentries get them out, and this was invariably accomplished with the butt end of rifles and much bullying, to which naturally the fellows responded by becoming more bitter and sullen. The first morning of my leadership I arose and watched their process, and decided that if that could not be altered I wasn't much of a leader.

So after the officer had had his usually fifteen minute yelling and shouting at me about lack of discipline, etc., etc., plus several personal references to my ancestors, I responded that as a leader of men he should know better, and after a short discussion during which I pointed out to him the many advantages that would accrue to him if I were successful, he agreed to let me handle the men entirely alone for one week and ordered the sentries not to interfere in any way.

That evening I gave the fellows a heart to heart talk, asking them to back me up and said if they didn't there was no point in my being leader. The final result was that parade went off smoother; there was no word from the sentries and every-

one was happier. One thing led to another and finally the officer left the running of the camp in my hands, asked me to go out and try to settle matters when there was trouble between the men and the Germans at work (this in order to stop a report to the higher military), and in return gave me almost any facilities I asked for.

The men gained in many ways. Bad conduct reports from the railway became negligible (as I stopped the matter at source), and finally the German commandant in charge of the whole area congratulated our camp as “being the largest in the area yet with the best conduct,” and as a result my chaps received many liberties and privileges which made their lot happier and smoother. There was an increase in the quantity and quality of the food received, and better distribution. It was not easy, but I finally got my way in everything of importance for which I asked or strived.

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My adaptation in Germany was entirely different to that in Italy. My efforts to assist my comrade, took an entirely different line, and although I would have been happier ministering more directly to the needs of the soul, yet circumstances forced this responsibility on me and I had perforce to accept.

While I could write a large book of events and point their lesson, yet I believe I have now accomplished my object. I have shown that whatever environment one finds oneself in, a philosopher grounded in truth that is an integral part of one's nature, enables one to adapt oneself and perform some constructive work which inevitably reacts favorably on the evolving soul on all planes.

I repeat, my adaptation was by no means perfect, My chief regret as I look back is that I did not (in the years prior to this experience when material matters were comparatively easy) make greater use of my opportunities for development, for then I should have been able to accomplish a great deal more when nature flung me into the testing environment. Yet I am satisfied. Satisfied that at my present state of evolution I used what abilities I had on the material then available. Now I have the fixed determination to utilize my environment and abilities to the utmost so that when further opportunity presents I shall have NO regrets.

In conclusion, one final thought: One man brought into manifestation for this age the HERMETIC philosophy. Out of the thousands of his students I was one. I managed to bring the torch into the environment of a PRISON CAMP, and each man who derived any benefit, each man who had his aspirations lifted for one minute, each man who had his conditions eased in the slightest way, each one I repeat, owes this one man his gratitude. In my camp of 250 I know each man received from that one man through his one student, many benefits, probably not one of that 250 realize it — and I know the greater percentage could not grasp the fact mentally — yet each one is indebted to that one man.

That one man is the PRESIDENT of THE CHURCH OF LIGHT. The writer of this owes him personally a great deal for personal help given years prior to these events of which I have written, and the writer feels that his efforts have in some degree repaid him, for the writer knows that the main concern of the PRESIDENT is for the betterment of the

struggling life in the cosmos. Hence in all humility I say "MAY THE LEGIONS OF LIGHT EVER PROTECT AND GIVE YET GREATER POWER to the author of the teachings of the BROTHERHOOD OF LIGHT, C. C. ZAIN." Copyright 2002 Church of Light

Hermeticism & The "Real" World

Building a Bridge



Paul & Vicki Brewer

Throughout the BofL Lessons, Zain quotes from various scientists of his day. By doing this he firmly links the Stellarian religion to studying nature's laws. This act liberates the Stellarian religion from the bondage that shackles many of today's religions.

It is said that "the truth shall set you free". The BofL lessons are dedicated to that principle. Every branch of knowledge has a history. What we learn by studying history is that information and what we know to be "true" about anything changes over time. Effectively following one's personal path mandates that each of us must have the freedom to grow and change. A healthy religion will support that principle.

Human nature is interesting. We all have a "higher", more spiritual self and a "lower", animal self. The "animal nature" in each of us seeks security. Often feeling secure comes from adopting the attitude that what one thinks and feels is "the way"... "the truth" and that those who are not in agreement are "bad" and represent a threat of some sort. Just look around at much of human social behavior. It is obvious that it is normal for us to seek others who think and feel the same way we do. When surrounded by agreement, the world seems less threatening. Many religions operate from this level. Inside the "fold" your are safe or "saved". Outside the fold there exists threat from evil and the "infidels".

Probably the one constant all life shares is that of change. A religion that serves the evolutionary needs of humanity and calls upon the "higher nature" would incorporate this fact into its teachings. It would teach that the key to survival on this plane and the next is the ability to adapt. Successful adaptation requires good information. It requires "Truth". Differences are not to be feared. Rather they are to be revered because they lead to better adaptation.

To be WHOLE and useful to the people of earth, religion and science need one another. Religion focuses on information about the inner planes. Science focuses on the outer (material) planes. Outer plane "facts" are easier to observe,

study and agree upon. Finding religious agreement can be terribly difficult. Just look at the planet earth's history of religious conflict. There is much greater hope that the future can be brighter if the people of earth find space where what is conjectured to be true about religious and spiritual life can be balanced with the patterns that are observed in the material world. The material world is not EVIL...it is the work of the CREATOR. The inner, spiritual world and the outer, material world are magnetically linked one to the other: "As Above, So Below...From the Inward Doth the Outward Flow".

When religion and science are partnered, there is always room for a question! Surely if nature is a manifestation of Divine patterns of energy then studying nature can lead to greater understanding of God, Creation and the Divine Plan. The finger of Deity leaves Its signature in things like DNA, physics, cosmic patterns, social patterns and earth's strata.

Not long after publishing of the BofL Lessons, much of the science that Zain quoted went through a period of rejection. During the second half of the 20th century, as Aquarian eyes were opening to a new day, the scientific world was full of itself. It became convinced that the world was mechanical and everything could be explained by "objectively" observed and measured phenomenon. Anything else was pseudoscience and subjected to ridicule. Fortunately, quantum mechanics has taught us that all is not what it seems.

The knowledge base of both religion and science spirals. The cycle of progress where the old can be seen in new light applies to both religion and science. Much of what Zain wrote is solid science. However, his words must stand in new light. Effective religion rests on progressive evolution. As we move further into the Aquarian Age this will become increasingly more important to adapt what we observe to be "truth" or "facts" in the light of new information.. For the builders of an Aquarian Age religion, incorporating the scientific process can be very helpful. It can provide a basis

upon which greater numbers find agreement and solid ground for progress paved. In a sense, it is truly a non-denominational religion and universal in its application.

Learning to patiently measure inner plane theory against the “pole star” of truth one increment at a time is preferred. It is by this measure and a faithful love of “truth” that differences may be resolved. The *pole star* of truth is the means by which we will find our way home. This is the function of religion. At the end of every day when we lay our heads on the pillow, isn’t it that feeling of peace and “being home” that we all seek?

From time to time, in the spirit of material and spiritual progress, the *CofL Quarterly* will be including interesting information that sheds new light on our religious philosophy. The following article is an excerpt from the August 30, 2002 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*’s “Science Journal” by Sharon Begley. After a long dark spell during which the scientific community closed its eyes to the possibility of the “unconscious” we find in this article that a ray of light is reaching into the darkness and that the closed world of the scientist is opening to the possibility that there may exist an unconscious after all. Not only might it exist, it just might be a pretty smart cookie! The article is entitled:

“Follow Your Intuition: The Unconscious You May Be the Wiser Half”.

“According to Plutarch, the inscription at the Delphic Oracle advised, ‘Know thyself.’ To which Timothy D. Wilson, professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, responds, ‘Good Luck.’

“Dr. Wilson is one of a growing number of psychologists and neuroscientists whose research is showing the importance of the unconscious — ‘mental processes that are inaccessible to consciousness but that influence judgments, feelings or behavior,’ as he puts it. But this isn’t Freud’s unconscious, that maelstrom of primitive emotions and repressed memories.

“Instead the unconscious being excavated by scientists processes data, sets goals, judges people, detects danger, formulates stereotypes and infers causes, all outside our conscious awareness.

“In fact, there is a growing consensus that the unconscious is a pretty smart cookie, with cognitive capacities that rival and sometimes surpass that of conscious thought. How smart is the unconscious? Two experiments probing the power of intuition sold me.

“In one, volunteers watched a computer screen divided into quadrants. Whenever an X popped up, the volunteer was to push a button indicating which quadrant it occupied. Unbeknownst to the volunteers, the appearance of the Xs followed strict and somewhat arcane rules (the X never appeared in the same square twice in a row, for example, and never reappeared in its first location until it had shown up in two others).

“The volunteers got faster and faster at pressing the right buttons. That suggests they anticipated the X’s appearance correctly, or at least know where it wasn’t going to be. But none could verbalize this—or even tell the scientists that there were hidden rules. They just seemed to know intuitively what was going on.

“In another study, researchers led by the noted neurologists Antonio Damasio of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, had volunteers draw from four decks of cards. Each card was marked with an amount ‘won’ or ‘lost.’ Two decks had big wins and losses and, if played consistently, yielded a net loss; the other two had smaller wins and losses and, over time, returned a net gain.

“Almost all the volunteers learned to avoid the risky, losing decks, though as in the game of X’s, none could articulate why the losing decks gave them a bad feeling. But if the conscious part of their brain was confused their body was not: choosing from the losing decks increased skin conductance, which measures minute levels of sweat and correlates with stress.

“Volunteers with damage to the brain areas called the ventromedial prefrontal regions, however never experienced a rise in skin conductance and never learned to avoid the bad decks. Our ‘gut feelings’ reside behind our forehead, not in our digestive system.

“...This sophisticated system operates under the radar of consciousness not because it has something to hide, as Freud argued, but for the sake of efficiency. We need to process so much information to survive that some of it has to occur unconsciously, much as a computer runs on machine language that no one wants to see on the monitor. Even while our mind is otherwise engaged, we can profit from unconscious calculations.

“The adaptive unconscious also sizes up peoples’ motives, character and intent—judgments crucial to reach quickly. It even seems to have its own personality. Although conscious personality influences deliberative responses the adaptive unconscious guides responses made unthinkingly.

“Do you regularly snap at underlings who mess up in meetings? Blame your unconscious personality. After rumination, do you invite them into your office for a helpful chat? That reflects your conscious personality. Do you hold doors for old ladies but swear at drivers who cut you off? Your conscious personality is kind, but your unconscious might have an angrier, aggressive bent...” 🐾

You can learn more about the research this article is based upon by going to the website for Dr. Timothy D. Wilson at the University of Virginia <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~tdw/>. You may also wish to go to Dr. Antonio Damasio website at the University of Iowa <http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/med/neurology/neurology/damasioa.html>.



*Patrick Ramsey,
Membership Minister*

The Tablets of AETH

Tablet The Fourth

Patrick Ramsey

Cancer ☾

“A woman’s face unconscious, in trance, surrounded by clouds.”

I feel the things that warm the heart and comfort the soul because I have learned that it is best to do so. I embrace you with my being and hold you close to my heart as I feel you nurture my love growing stronger and more secure.

We feel our beating hearts as we hold each other close. Like flowing waters between tranquility and chaos, so our emotions remain intermingled in harmonic motion. I choose to maintain this balance.

In the city I move amid the people and internalize the various waters of their emotions. I glance into the eyes of the souls and I feel their hearts. I remain silent. I wait as I continue on my way for an embrace, like a similar glance of recognition that all are indeed one.

You might pass me by and think that I am in a trance, but perhaps it is actually you who are in the trance, unable to completely feel another human being or unwilling to do so. Indeed perhaps you should consider before you expand your consciousness enough to feel another human being what mix of emotions you will find there and how you will respond, if at all.

I have decided that I am at home no matter where I go. Perhaps someday you will arrive and join me so that we may be home together. One day you shall pass from this Earth. Go fourth through the center of your heart and find me in your moments of truth and love. You find me and you are once again home. 🐾

Here beginneth Chapter 2 of the Book which is called "The Tablets of AETH,"
wherein is transcribed the Second Quadrant of the Twelve Mansions

"How they struggle in the immense Universe!
How they whirl and seek!
Innumerable souls, that all spring forth
From the vast world-soul.
They drop from planet to planet,
And in the abyss they weep
For their forgotten land.
These are thy tears, O Dionysus,
O Spirit vast, Divine One, Liberator.
Draw back thy daughters to the breast of light."

"Ah, love! could you and I with him conspire
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire,
Would we not shatter it to bits? And then
Remould it nearer to the heart's desire."



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



II

"A woman's face unconscious, in trance, surrounded by clouds."

Cancer

REFLECTION

Part II: TABLET THE FOURTH

The dreaming woman, whose brooding thoughts shape the coming man. The race is never any farther advanced than the average thought of the woman. She is yet sleeping, knowing not her powers. So, not until she awakes and recognizes herself as conceiving by the Holy Ghost and the mother of the incarnate God, will that God be brought forth into universal knowledge.

In this is the great lesson to woman: Ever remember thy creative power as the mother of the humanity of the future. The sun in thy mansion exerts its highest power. Awake, therefore, O soul, and eclipse not its brightness with thy dreams of sublunary power.

O child of Adam! Ever honor the womb that gave thee birth, and know that all thy earthly greatness received its seed therefrom. A fountain cannot rise higher than its source."





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Thank you!

Without YOU the CofL is like a bell sounding with no melody. You give its message form and direction. To all of you who have shared your life and resources in some measure please keep up the great work... **you make a difference!**

Building a Better World

Our CofL Community took action to "Build a Better World" by making a donation to the "Heifer Project". Together, we purchased a goat and a flock of chicks that will be given to families with need. The theory behind the Heifer Project is the proverb that you can feed a person a fish and the hunger will be satisfied for the moment. If you teach the person how to fish, they will be able to feed themselves for a lifetime. To all CofL members...thanks for holding this level of consciousness!

Here is one story of a family with need:

"Dear Heifer Friend,
"It was a Sunday when my mother told me we were going to get a goat which would give us milk. We were already prepared for the goat. We planted grass and built its house. We stood near the road singing, dancing and clapping waiting for the goats. We saw a big lorry coming full of fat, healthy, good looking goats. Then my mother was given one brown goat and we took it home. We name her 'Mugisa' (means luck). We gave her grass and clean water and mineral salt.

About two months later our goat gave birth to two male kids. My mother milked Mugisa and got four liters of milk a day.

Time passed, our kids grew, and mummy sold them and got a lot of money - \$200! We had never received so much money. We built a very good house roofed with iron sheets. Before that we used to live in a grass thatched house. There was also money to send me to school.

I was happy to go to school. Mummy bought for me a new blue pinafore and a yellow blouse as my uniform. She also bought books and pencils. I polished my shoes and I cut my fingernails short. I was so very happy that night. I was in my bed wide awake peeping through the ventilators, waiting for morning to come. I was first to wake up. I bathed, brushed my teeth, combed my hair and put on my uniform. I took a cup of tea with milk from Mugisa and mummy took me to school.

It was the best day in my life!



I wish to send a special thanks to you all the donors who send farm animals around the world to help needy and hungry ones —especially children like me. This project has surely helped me and my family. Thank you very much for this work you are doing. Finally, I wish you all God's blessings to help more children in need.

Thank you!
Yours Beatrice Biira
From Uganda

Doris Chase Doane shares the following...

Grace Notes

The music we are about to consider has nothing to do with the dance. Let's inch our conception up a few spirals to the music of the spheres. The price of hearing these heavenly tones is developing a vigorous spiritual body.

Sometimes the best way to "be good to yourself" is so simple and obvious that it is overlooked. Daily grace is one of

these things. The Church of Light Grace drew an interesting question from one of our readers. We repeat the words:

“O thou eternal spirit, in whom we live, move breathe and have our being! Consecrate this food we are about to partake of, to our bodies, to our souls, and to ministers of thine who may be present. May peace be ever between us! So shall it be!”

One reader wrote, “We do not understand the Grace. What is meant by any minister of thine who may be present? Does this indicate unseen ministers, and do you mean they are real or Church of Light Members? We just don’t understand how food could help unseen ministers. Please elaborate for us.”

The wording is “to our bodies, to our souls and to ministers of thine who may be present...” This refers to those of the Legions of Light on the Inner Planes who are, like ourselves, working to assist in the Divine Plan of Eternal Progression.

The aid is not from the food itself, but the thoughts of cooperation we send them and receive from them. They (Elbert Benjamine among them) have dedicated their lives to carrying on the work of the Inner Planes, even as many of them did on the physical earth. Consequently they are Ministers in the highest sense. The food enables us to continue living here and to continue cooperating with them, hence the consecration.

If you are a student of The Brotherhood of Light Lessons, you already know the importance of EME. Course I, as well as all of the others explains how it is the medium belt making possible the transmission of energies from the physical to the astral, or from the astral to the physical plane. Without it, there would be no contact between the conscious and the unconscious mind. We would never remember anything, because our recall depends upon the EME [electro-magnetic energy].

It is the grace notes that put character into a melody. Saying grace is an aid to character building because if said with the right thought and action emotionally, a higher dominant vibratory rate of the soul results. Then the enjoyment of the music of the spheres becomes a possibility.

The importance of this activity is explained in Brotherhood of Light Course XIV:

“If such habits have been formed that the stomach and the bowels do not perform their functions properly, it is well to use the law of suggestion to advise them just what is expected and just what they should do.”

“Remember, these involuntary functions are all under direction of the subconscious mind or soul. Through negligence, or because of improper treatment, they may become lax in their duties. But if, before each meal, they are talked to in a firm manner and told precisely what work is expected

of them, they will respond, take the orders, and again become excellent workers.”

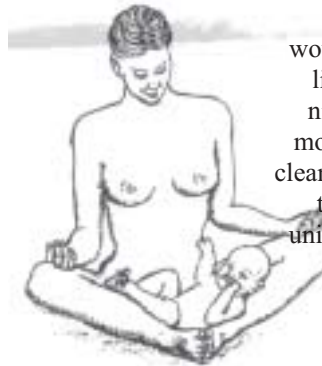


*A CofL member sends
Something to think about...*

- When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.
- Kind words make good echoes.
- Don’t give up. Moses was a basket case too!
- Failure isn’t falling down; it’s staying down.



Randahl Lloyd Purchase sends these thoughts:



If there was a Goddess, she would be naked, for the truth must be naked, not veiled or concealed. She would be beautiful like a clear starry night or a golden morning fresh and clean. She would be the center of the universe for all the family revolves around her. The heart and love, the physical world the body and the moon would be her symbol. God the spirit would love her so strongly he would die for her, just to show his great love for her. And if she fall in love with the spirit, new life would be born, born of the heart.

Brother Angelo Chirban writes....

This is an excerpt from an article that will appear in the next issue of the Quarterly...be on the lookout!

“The Conscious Mind

”The Conscious mind is described by the Master Elbert Benjamine as “that small, keen, bright, clever reasoning peak of the soul.” In particular, it is that aspect of the Soul which is responsible for developing self-conscious awareness. It is the controlling mechanism responsible for dealing with the “realities and the responsibilities” of the Physical World. It is the collective and changing “I” that we are all familiar with from day to day life. It is rational (usually), subjective and deductive. According to modern science, it is linked to the functioning of the left side of the brain. There is some evidence that some of the higher animals such as some dogs, horses and apes have had a rudimentary conscious mind, but in the main only humans possess this capability and it is only in the human stage where this mind manifests. According to Hermetic teachings, this conscious mind resides also on the astral plane, but has instantaneous access to the left side of the brain.”

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Prayer: O Thou Eternal Spirit in Whom We Live, Move Breathe and Have Our Being! We know there exists a person with a desire to contribute their utmost to universal welfare, who recognizes the power of the Quarterly who is competent, artistic, progressive thinking, vital and cooperative. Help them joyfully step forward to manage the Quarterly with powerful Hermetic

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Mark Your Calendar!

Weekend beginning Friday June 27, 2003, 3:05 p.m.
Annual Business Meeting and Conference. See next page for additional information.

CofL will have a booth at the AFA conference from July 9-14. The location is the Westin Kierland Hotel in Scottsdale AZ. Please stop by our booth.

An Opportunity To Contribute Your Utmost

The CofL Healing List has proven to be a very powerful tool for good. With setting the goal of having a completed deck of Tarot Cards by the 2003 CofL conference, the time to properly attend to the weekly E-Mail Healing List has been compromised. We know how important it is to keep this energy and connection with the inner planes active and energetic. If you think that you have an extra hour a week for the next six months, the desire to work on a healing ministry and access to a computer, please let us know. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY!

If you read this notice and find you are interested, please contact Vicki Brewer at churchoflight@light.org.

Stellarian Honor Guard

Some of you will notice the absence of The Stellarian Honor Guard....it will resume with the Spring 2003 Quarterly. Thank you for your kind patience.

Quarterly on the Web:

Look for the **Quarterly** on the CofL web site at <http://www.light.org>.

AHA News & Views, published by The Academy of Hermetic Astrology in Canberra ACT Australia. Remember to look for their newsletter on the CofL Home Page: <http://www.light.org>. Its link is located on the CofL Home Pagein the stardust next to the CofL Quarterly. ✨

The Religion of the Stars teaches that every person in the world should have Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion. And, to obtain these in proper measure, each must become familiar with the Facts of Astrology, the Facts of Extra-Sensory Perception, the Facts of Induced Emotion and the Facts of Directed Thinking. Rather than working to accumulate all that one can

for himself or herself, each must learn to take pleasure in “**Contributing Your Utmost to Universal Welfare.**”

The Church of Light was incorporated to teach, practice and disseminate *The Religion of the Stars*, as set forth in the 21 lessons covering each of the 3 branches of occult science, as written by C.C. Zain under the auspices of *The Brotherhood of Light*.

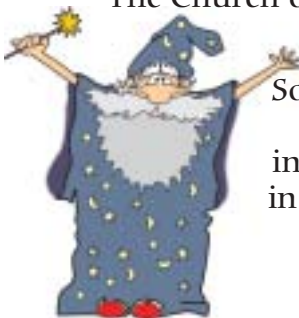


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The Business meeting will commence Friday June 27 at 3:05 pm. The Saturday and Sunday Conference schedule will be filled with workshops, luncheons and a banquet.

The Conference is scheduled to coincide with the release of the new, updated Brotherhood of Light Tarot Cards. We hope to provide the convention attendees with a complimentary copy of the new deck and perhaps a silk scarf for wrapping the cards.

The Church of Light is excited about preparing a conference that will have something for everyone!



Sounds impossible but when MAGIC is present anything can happen... including movement within that connects you in a new way to the power that resides within.

We look forward to seeing you here.
Look for details to follow soon!

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.

